

# Lynnfield Visioning

Community-Wide Survey Results

July 2023




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# Survey

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- Available online and in paper form
- Open from mid-April to mid-June
- 855 people accessed the survey (number of responses varies by question)

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# Survey Analysis

Significant subset of survey responders were seniors (aged 65+) or newcomers (moved to town less than 20 years ago, since the last Master Plan was completed)



Icons show where these subgroups showed unique preferences

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# Who Took the Survey?

**94%**  
residents



Almost half have lived in  
Lynnfield for 20+ years

**8%**  
identified as  
people of color

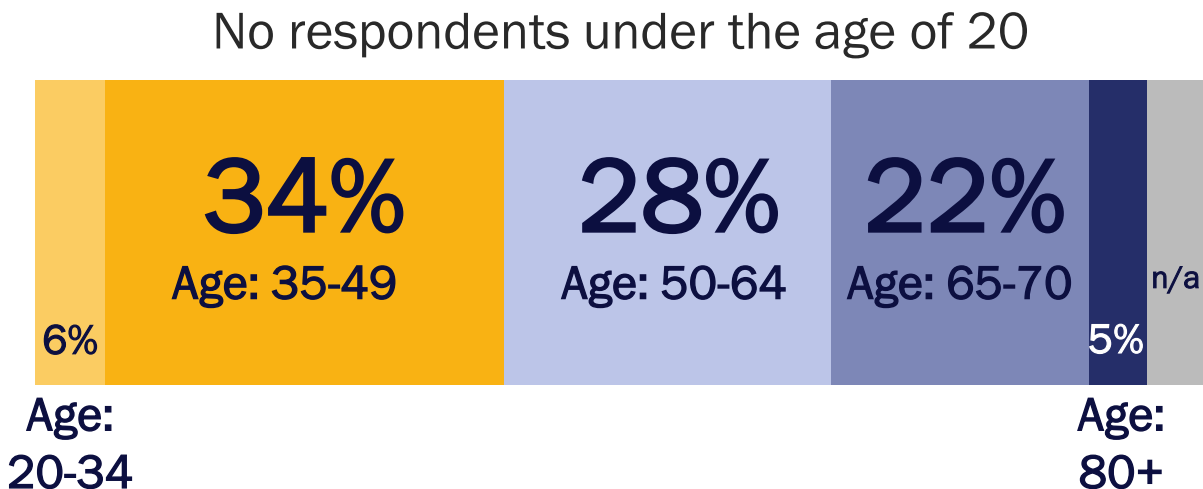


14% of Lynnfield  
residents identify as POC

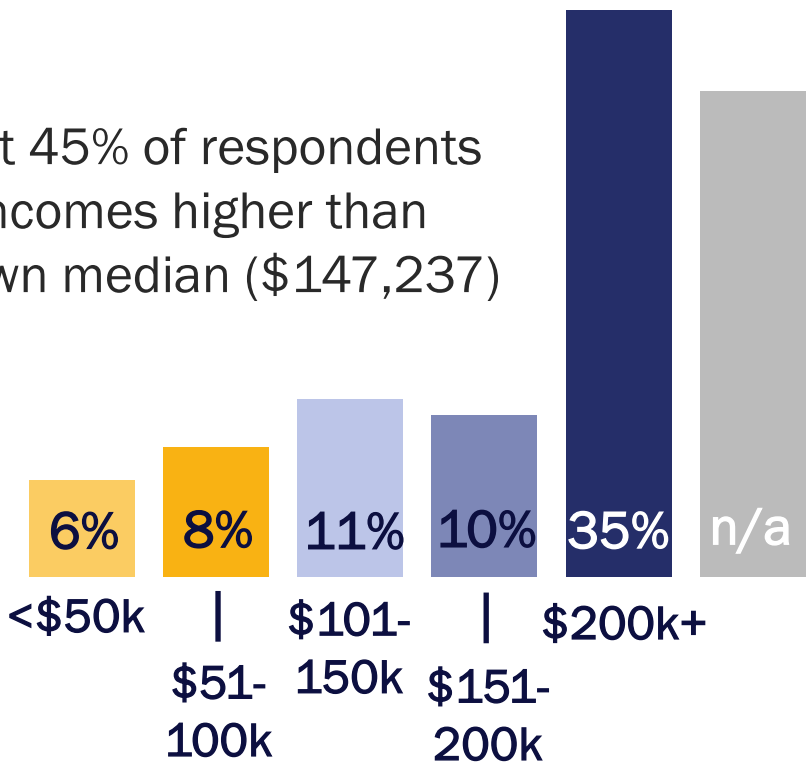
**5%**  
renters



15% of Lynnfield  
residents are renters

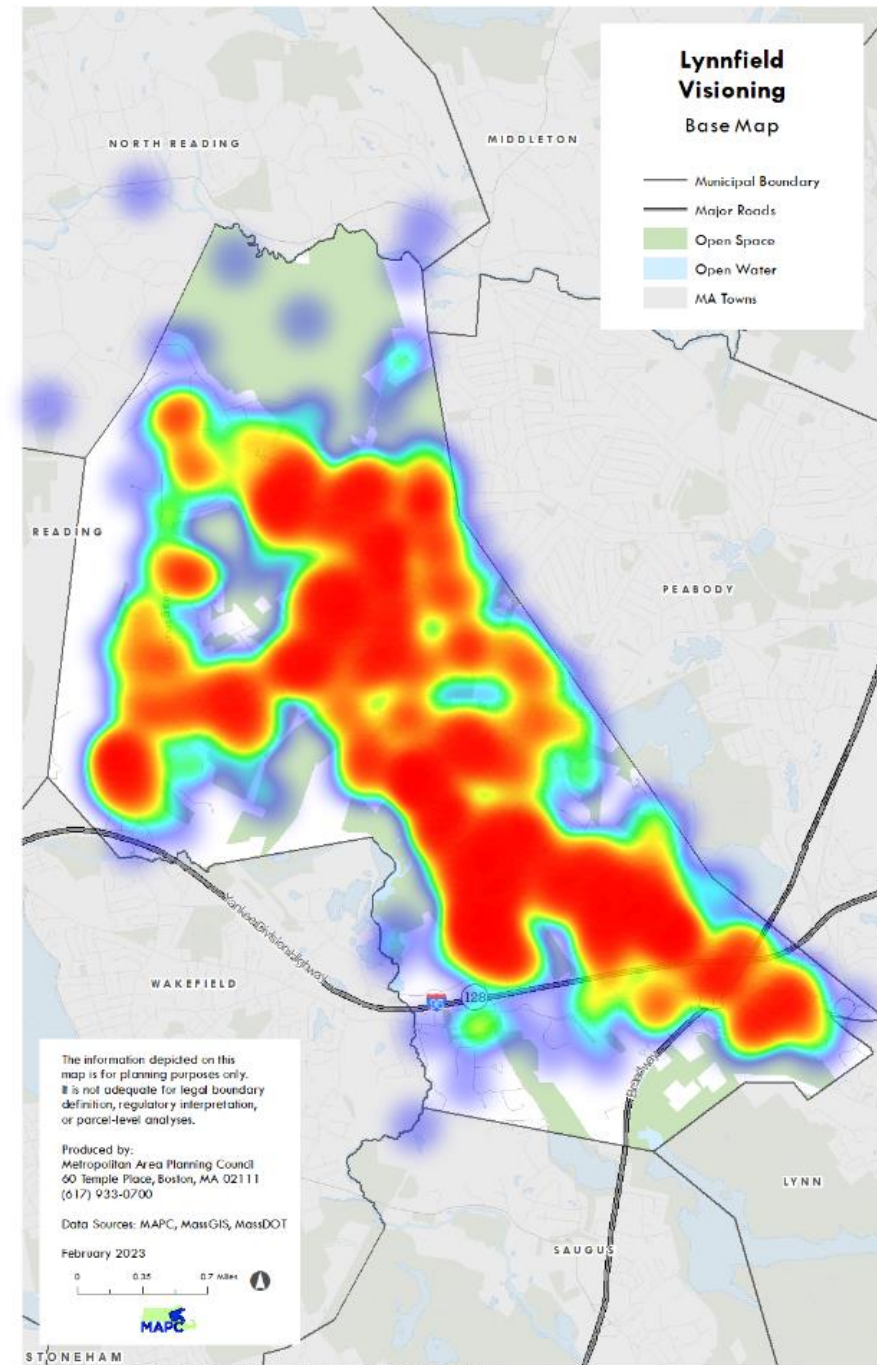


At least 45% of respondents  
have incomes higher than  
the Town median (\$147,237)



# Where People Live

- Good distribution throughout town
- Lower turnout in South Lynnfield



# Importance of Community Issues Not Addressed in 2002 Master Plan



Public health and safety



Social opportunities for youth, seniors, others



Community-wide communication infrastructure



Access to health and social services



Shared services with neighboring towns

Climate adaptation and resiliency

Racial and social equity

Multi-modal transportation options

Diversify the local economy



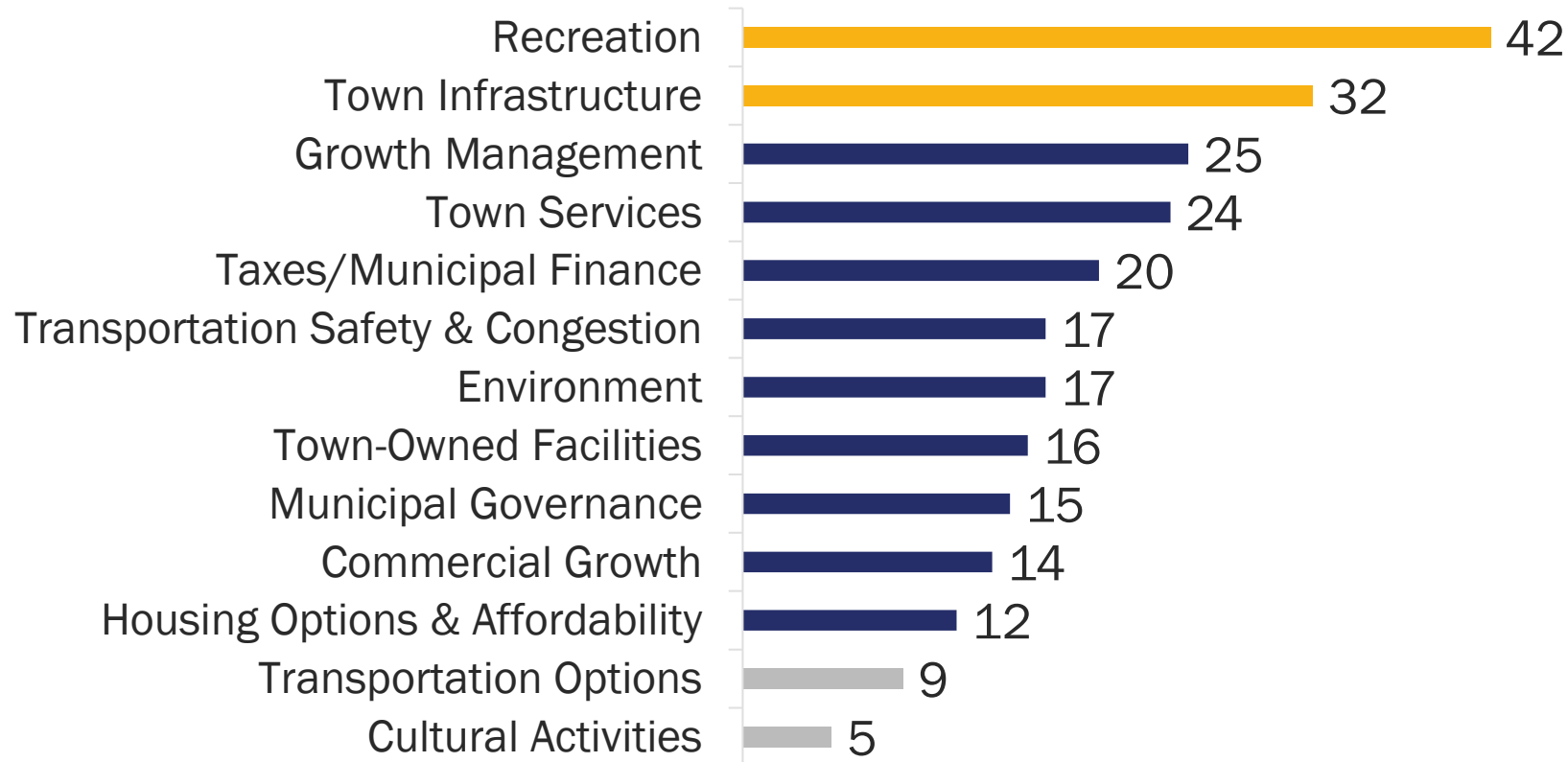
Identified as “Important”  
or “Very Important” by  
79% of respondents

Identified as “Not At All Important”  
by 28% of respondents



# Other Important Topics or Ideas to Explore

Categorized written comments to open-ended question:



Lack of sidewalks and bike paths for **safe travel**

Concerns with sustainability of **water infrastructure**

Support for speedy **rail trail** completion

Need for diverse **recreation options** for all ages

# How Well is Lynnfield Doing in These Aspects of Community?

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## Doing Well

- Access to local restaurants
- Access to local retail
- Accessible Town services (e.g., recreation, senior center, library)
- Access to local personal services



## Needs Improvement

- Vibrant Lynnfield Center
- Affordable cost of living
- Vibrant South Lynnfield (excluding Market Street)
- Parks and trails



# Importance of Community Features



Well-functioning Town government

Accessible Town services

Open space and natural resources

Community where all can thrive



Parks and trails



Vibrant Lynnfield Center



Community-wide communication



Access to local restaurants



Affordable cost of living

Easy to get around (transportation)



Access to local retail

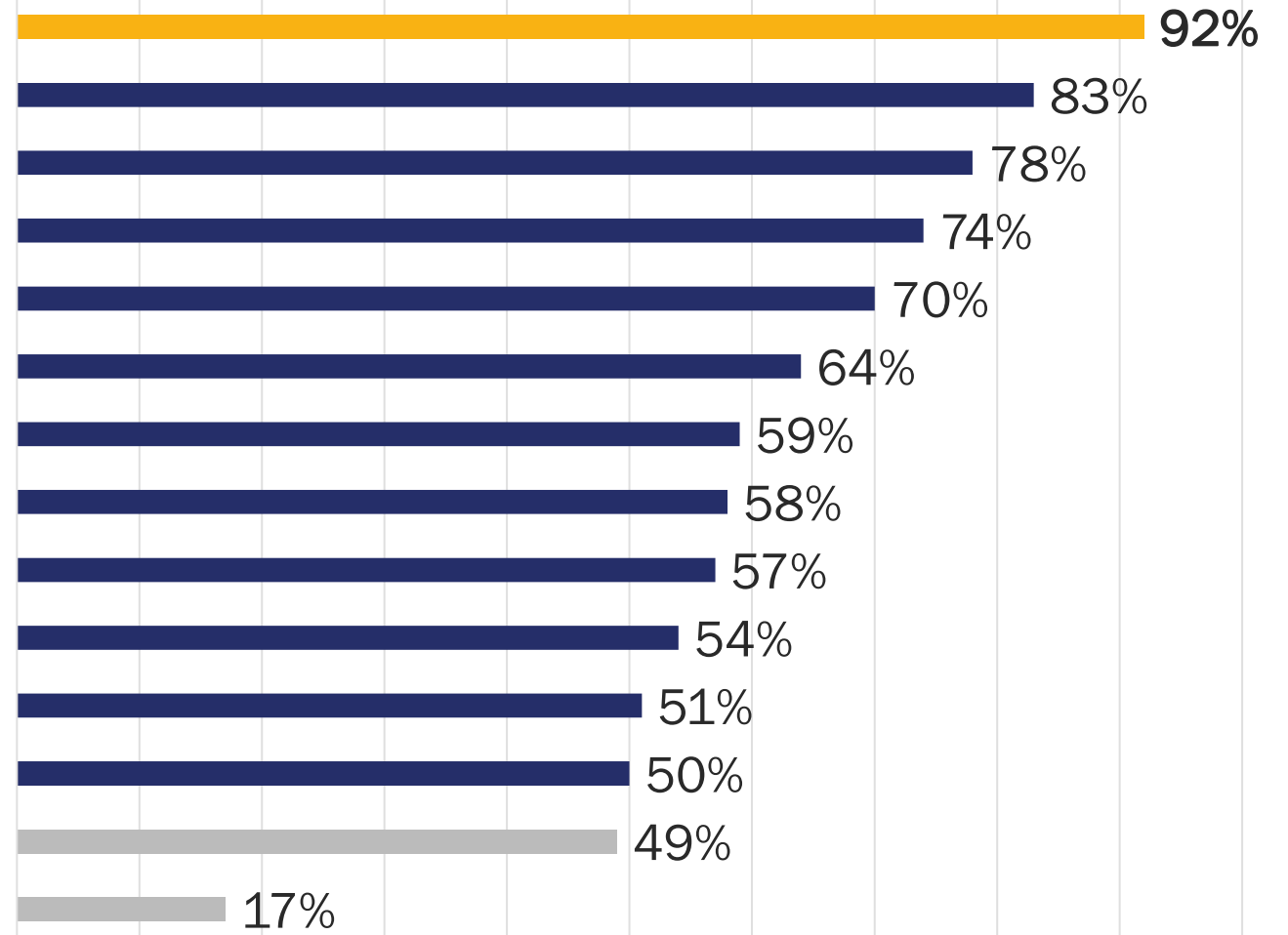


Access to local personal services



Vibrant South Lynnfield

Access to job opportunities



# Evaluating Sense of Belonging

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## Lynnfield is welcoming to...

- Families with young children
- Seniors
- Young people (age 19-35)

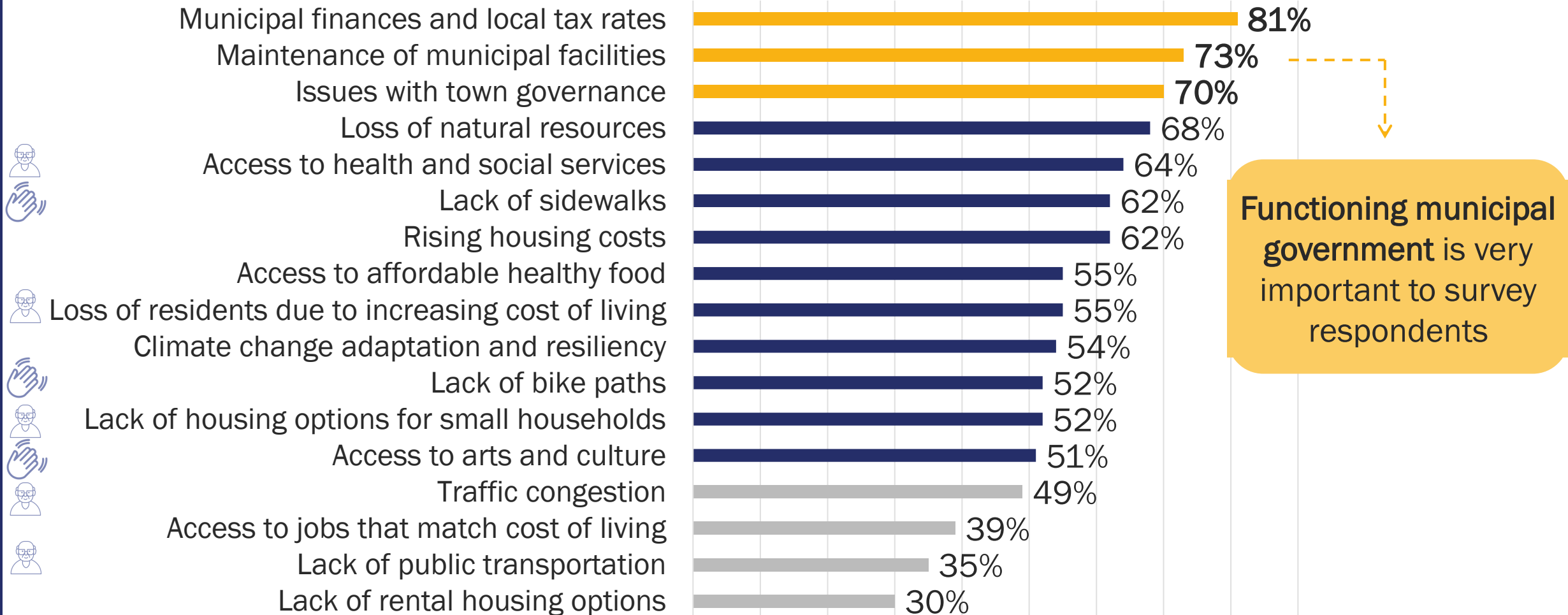
→ Only 39 respondents were in this age group

## Lynnfield is not welcoming to...

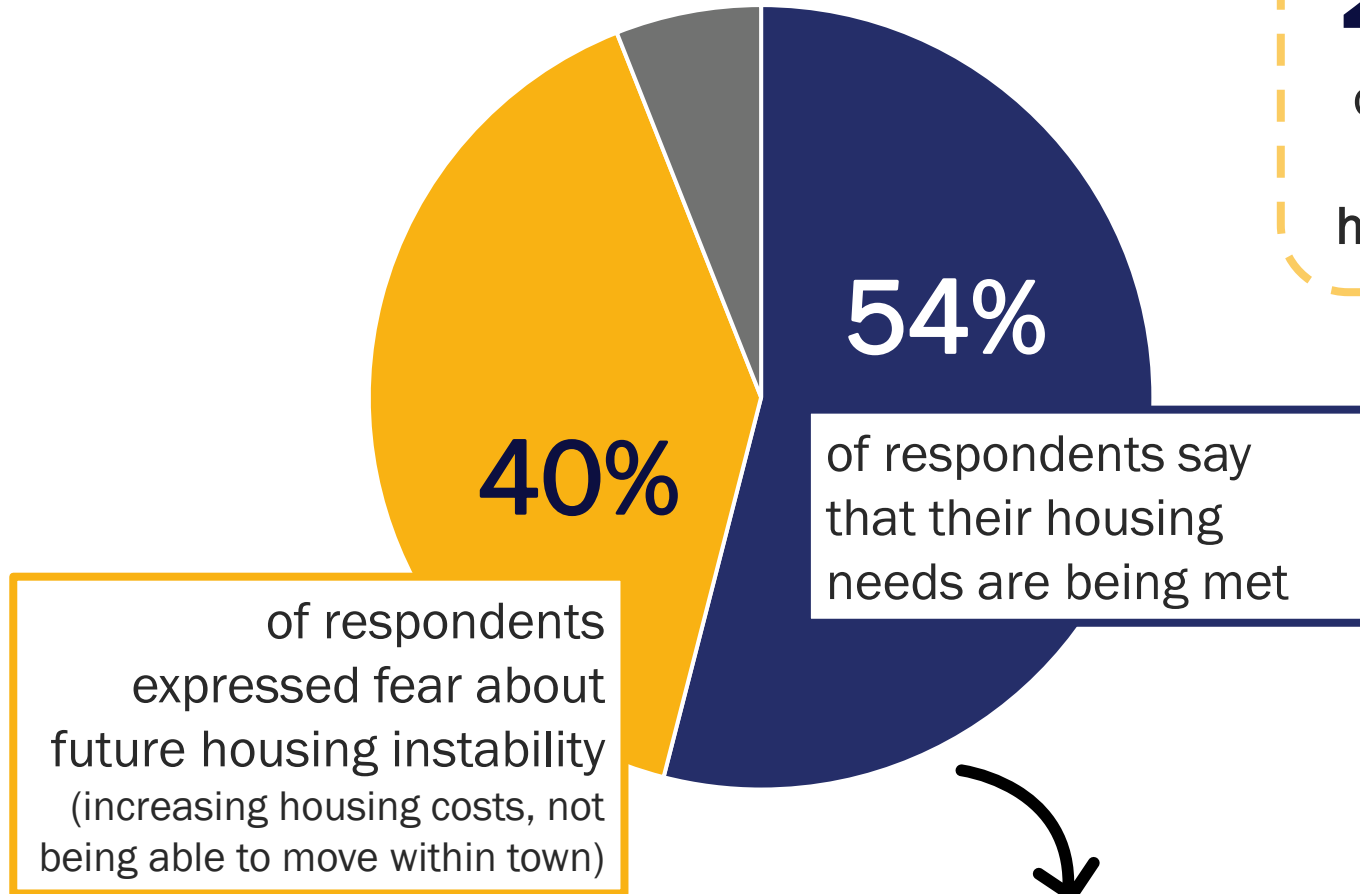
- People whose primary language is not English
- People of color
- People with lower incomes

→ Only 82 respondents are in a household that makes \$100,000 or less

# Lynnfield's Greatest Challenges



# Housing Needs



Seniors are more likely to experience housing instability

2/3



of people who moved to Lynnfield  
in the past 3 years  
had a difficult time finding housing

## Respondents want housing options for:

- Seniors who want to in downsize or age in place
- Multigenerational families
- First-time homebuyers
- Young professionals

# Survey Quotes

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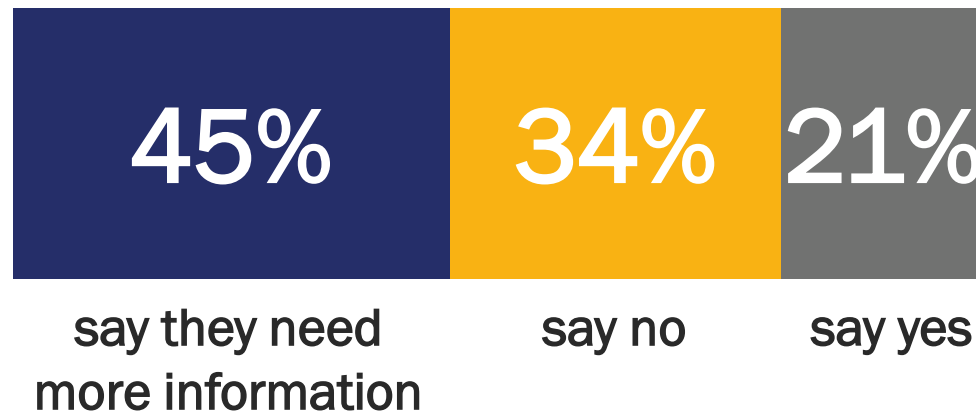
“I bought my home 30 years ago and cannot afford to move within the Town.”

“The only people I went to school with (K-12 in Lynnfield) who will be able to afford to have their own place in Lynnfield (not their parents) are people who are in VERY well-paying professions.”

“[I’m leaving Lynnfield] because I still live with my parents and want to move out on my own now that I’ve graduated college. There is nothing at all within the budget of either my current job or my immediate job prospects.”

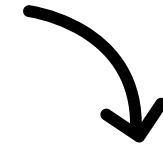
# Economic Development

People are open to the Town pursuing opportunities to expand available jobs in Lynnfield



**42%**

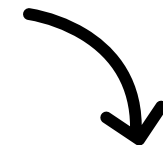
say being able to live and work in Lynnfield is not important



35% when controlling for seniors

**48%**

work remotely from Lynnfield some or all of the time



57% when controlling for seniors



“[I envision] a **bustling town center** that has numerous different businesses (not 3 banks) that give residents a reason to go there and spend their money.”

# Visions for Lynnfield

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“There are **excellent public schools** and most kids safely **walk or bike to school**. People of every generation **enjoy music** at Town Center at summer concerts and **see their neighbors** at block parties. **Lynnfield Center** has a new cafe and restaurant.”



“A town that serves well the needs of **citizens of all ages**, in ways that **encourage health and wellness**.”



“I would like to see the Town **retain its character**. Neighboring towns such as Middleton have become so overcrowded and congested with traffic that I breath a sigh of relief when I get back home after driving through them.”



“Town leadership in which **all voices are heard** and people are **treated with respect**.”



“Community that **takes pride in itself** and in taking care of each other - not just the majority but all our residents. Inclusiveness is important to me as a resident.”



# “What do you hope for Lynnfield's future?”

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A word cloud representing hopes for Lynnfield's future. The words are arranged in a cluster, with some in blue and others in orange. The most prominent words are 'fiscally-responsible', 'natural', 'welcoming', 'sustainable', 'walkable', 'inclusive', and 'healthy'. Other words include 'business-friendly', 'equitable', 'active', 'bikeable', 'water', 'dog-friendly', 'charming', 'accessible', 'community-oriented', 'affordable', 'prosperous', 'rooted', and 'destination'.

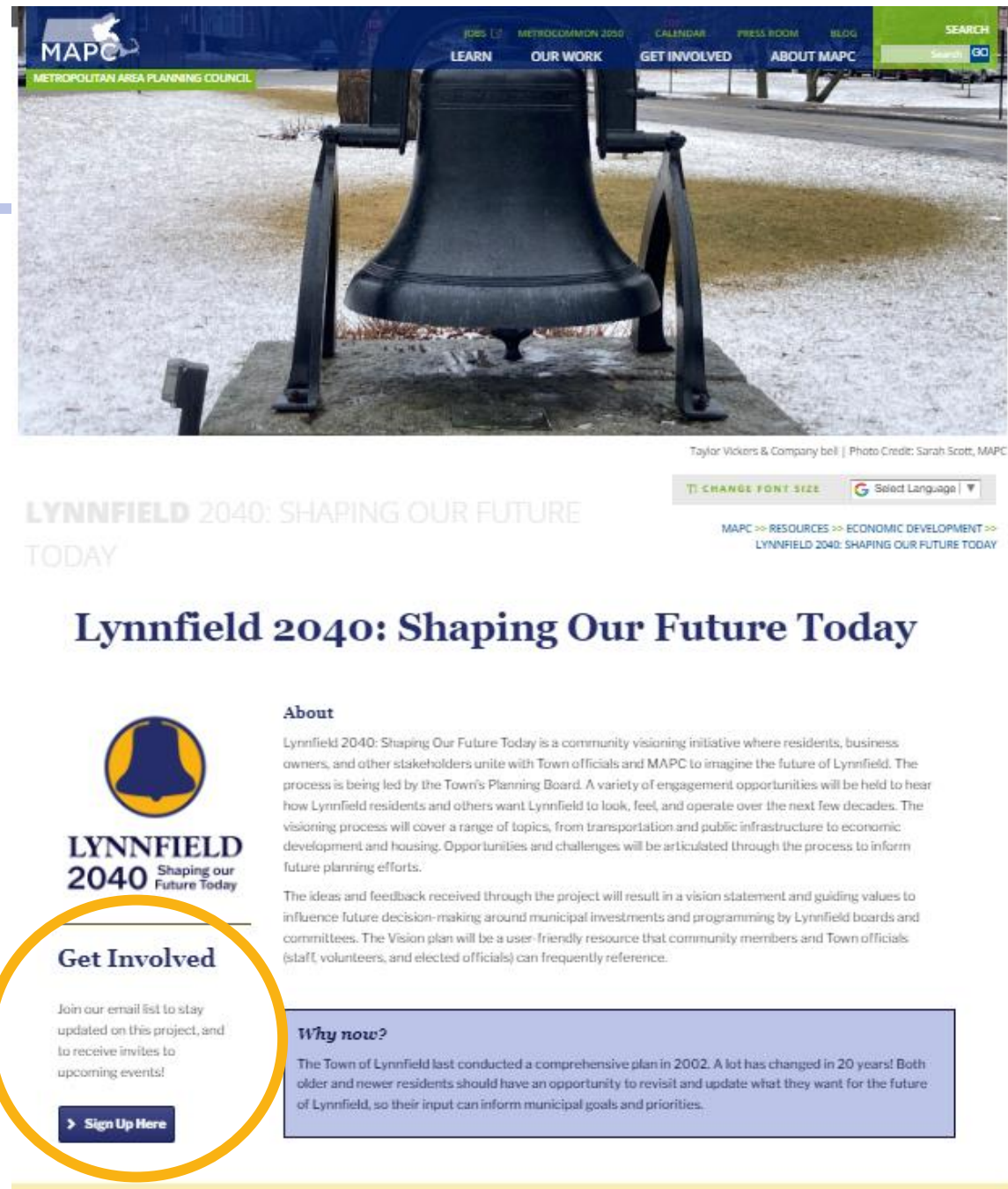
business-friendly  
destination **healthy** **inclusive**  
equitable **sustainable** bikeable  
**active** **walkable** water  
**fiscally-responsible** dog-friendly  
**natural**  
rooted **welcoming** charming  
prosperous **accessible**  
affordable **community-oriented**

# Project Webpage

[mapc.ma/LynnfieldVision](http://mapc.ma/LynnfieldVision)

- Upcoming events
- Recaps of past meetings
- Survey results and other project materials

Sign up for project updates!





# LYNNFIELD 2040

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## Community-Wide Visioning Survey

*Final Results – July 2023*

**What is your relationship to Lynnfield? Check all that apply.**

#	What is your relationship to Lynnfield? Check all that apply. - Selected Choice	Percentage
1	I live here.	94%
2	I work here.	8%
3	I operate a business in Lynnfield.	3%
4	I come here for services or amenities (e.g., shopping, recreation, worship).	12%
5	Other	2%
	Total	855

### Other - Text

Summer residence

I volunteer on several boards and committees

I grew up there.

Active in the Lynnfield Art Guild. A Board Member on the Lynnfield Senior Center

Shop Saugus , Middleton

I lived ther from 1942-1965

Looking for a home in Lynnfield right now enjoy services as a nonresident

senior center

I lived in Lynnf

I grew up here

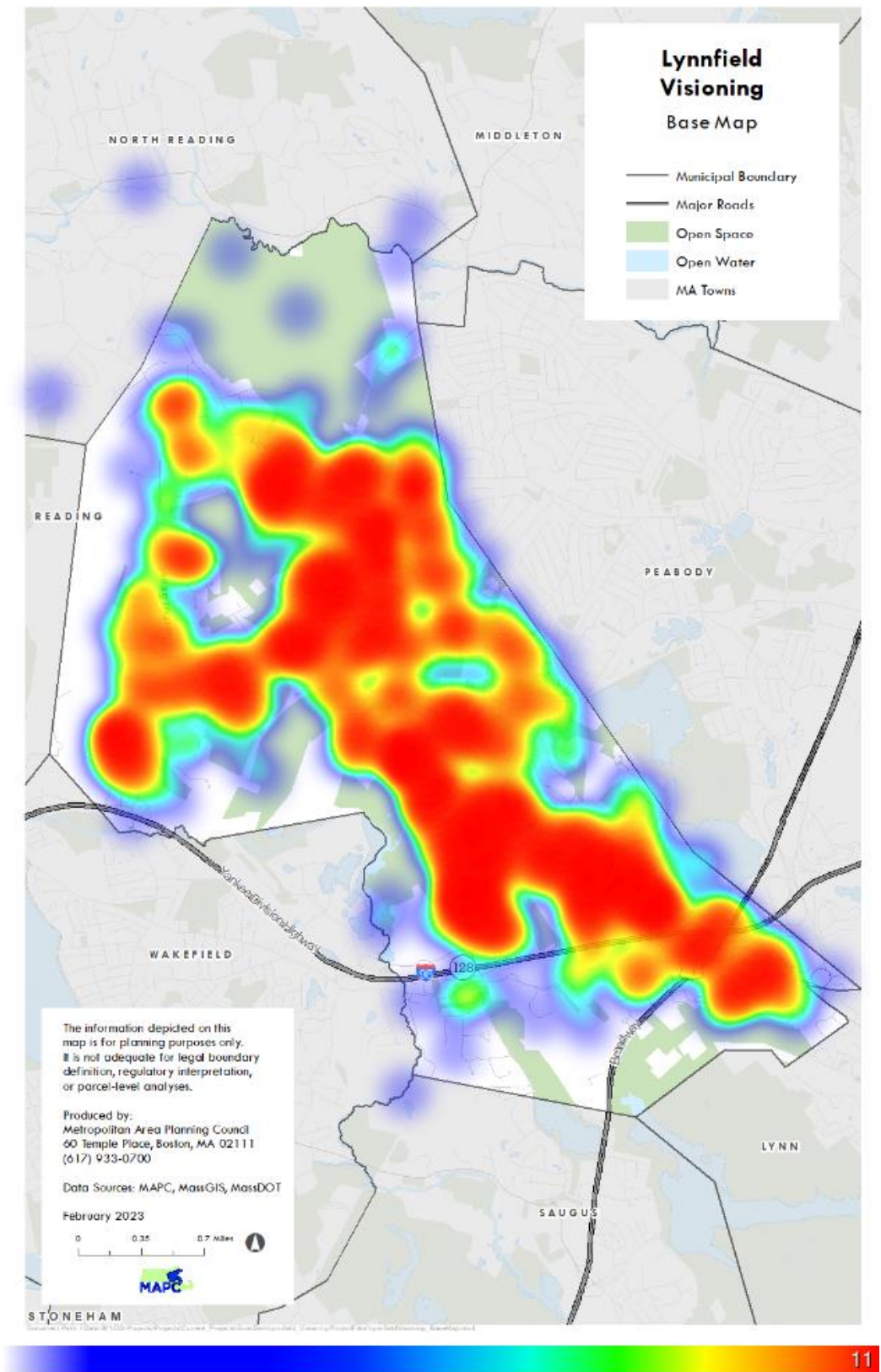
I grew up in Lynnfield

test

For how long have you lived in Lynnfield?

#	For how long have you lived in Lynnfield?	Percentage
1	0-3 years	8%
2	4-9 years	19%
3	10-19 years	23%
4	20+ years	44%
5	I do not live in Lynnfield	5%
	Total	855

In what area of Lynnfield do you live? Use the "+" cursor and click approximately where you live in Lynnfield.



**The 2002 Master Plan did not address some community needs and challenges that have emerged over the last two decades. How important is it that Lynnfield address these topics?**

#	Question	Not at all important	Somewhat important	Neutral	Important	Very important	Total
1	Variety of Lynnfield jobs to diversify the local economy	24%	20%	28%	21%	7%	738
2	Public Health and Safety	3%	10%	8%	37%	42%	739
3	Climate adaptation and resiliency	14%	13%	17%	30%	27%	736
4	Multi-modal transportation options (including walking, biking, and public transportation)	19%	12%	14%	29%	26%	743
5	Racial and social equity	16%	10%	19%	26%	28%	738
6	Opportunities for shared services with neighboring towns to lower municipal costs	8%	11%	19%	38%	25%	738
7	Access to health and social services	7%	11%	20%	36%	28%	737
8	Social opportunities for youth, seniors, and others	3%	11%	11%	39%	37%	739
9	Community-wide communication infrastructure	7%	9%	17%	40%	27%	727

## Are there other topics or ideas you would like Lynnfield to explore in this Visioning process?

Town pool would be great!

Developing multimodal access to public transportation systems within town.

1. More shops and cafes (Reading and Danvers) in Center and Post Office of S. Lynnfield - mall does not count. 2. Solution for traffic on Walnut Street near mall. 3. More stand alone condos built for seniors.

More physical activities for seniors.

Protecting environment

We would love to see an ART & CULTURAL Center in our town. Art & Cultural space that is beneficial for all age groups. Such a center is crucial for teaching, displaying, events and gathering place for the whole community! A lot of our neighboring towns have this for their residents and Lynnfield desperately needs this!!

How to turn the town centre back into a viable and attractive place. It is embarrassing how run down it is. We need stores, bakeries, etc there and not three banks.

Ride service

Variety of programs for older middle school and high school kids during vacation weeks and summer. Other than sports, enough sports! More science, engineering, creative programs. Fun programs.

Reduce or better balance the budget, stop constant increases in property taxes (our bill has increased 20% in 3 years....). Repair sidewalks in neighborhoods.

education excellence

decrease taxes

This maybe covered about but there is so much building in town. The classrooms are larger in the schools. The animals do not have space and I see them on the roads during the day which did not happen 10 years ago

Yes, consider the people who live here. Listen and help them as constituents and don't be all about development and commercialization as a means to fulfill personal and/or other "interested (but not vested) parties' agendas and the almighty buck. Balance the hits residents take and don't dump it all in one place. Stop the disparity. Most of all HELP the residents in need of relief before creating even more undesirable situations with disastrous effects to proximate residents.

Leadership needs to be more transparent about their decisions for the Town.

Roadwork and adding sidewalks needs to ne considered as only one side is done to a certain point on Main Street. Bike paths are also incredibly important due to close calls on the main roads with children and adult bike riders. This town also needs to do a much better job of making People of Color feel more welcomed.

Lower taxes, more trees, better schools

Getting back to the basics like safe and smooth sidewalks and roads

Over development

This survey seems very misleading

Lynnfield community pool

Over development and better zoning so no huge houses on tiny lots

Water cost, pressure and quality

Bike paths or even sidewalks to help protect bike riders are so important. Children are almost hit on the major streets in town while riding their bikes.

Stop the excessive building of enormous single family homes

Drinking water quality

More accessibility and parking for the pond. Not enough public accessibility. Not everyone in Lynnfield live on the pond.

I think we need to offer higher density housing. Every new house that goes up in this town is a six bedroom McMansion. How about some condos, mixed use residential options? I love living here but I also don't think you should have to be a lawyer or a doctor to afford to buy a home in Lynnfield.

Full time fire protection

Crosswalk Safety with Flashing motion lights



Parks, Walking trails through the conservation land

Yes, building more playgrounds and community centers - such as one with an indoor pool for young kids.

FIX THE WATER PROBLEM, make a dog park, another cemetery, and allow for a funeral home

Cutting spending

Water quality and infrastructure

Logan Express drop off at Goodluck Farms parking lot off 128 rotary

Taxes have gone up too much in the 50 years I've lived here

Speeding up bike trail

Elderly housing/help ,if needed,monetarily with

More recreational areas for dogs (ie Dog Parks)

please dont focus on fads. lynnfield has been around for 400 years... stay true to the core values.

Quality of Schools

No

No

Dog park

Update facilities in addition to schools. Fire and police service town residents and real estate tax maintenance fallen behind. Library neglected. We need a new library.

How can citizenship be encouraged and caring about our community members.

Transportation for seniors

More community and more open space opportunities

Water all around-reliable, safe water in plentiful supply and proper drainage in residential areas. Plus improvement of the business areas outside of market street

Recreation - bike path, when is that coming? / Senior and / or more affordable housing.

Recreational facilities

Lowering taxes and improving efficiency and accountability

Education

Looking forward to the long overdue bike path to connect towns and invite more recreation to the town. More affordable senior housing options.

New Cemetary, more senior housing, maybe allowing a few two family homes, Senior outside exercise park like Lahey has on Mall Road, Burlington, lower taxes for retired teachers and police, sidewalks in Glen Meadow have tree uprooting the sidewalks,limit building new houses as they are so huge and use too much water, allow at throughway from Canterbury up to the apartments

Relocating DPW and freeing up that space for fields etc

Build proposed rail trail and plan for additional pedestrian paths

Build the Rail Trail ASAP! We need a safe, health place to recreate that will welcome all citizens of our town, at all ages, and all abilities.

Zoning! Stop allowing small homes to be purchased, torn down and replaced by MEGA MANSIONS!!! - Resist the temptation of higher real estate taxes at the expense of the character of the town!

Real estate opportunities for seniors.

Maintain character of community - reduce developers tearing down homes and building mansions

the town moves too slow with everything. finish projects please. What is going on with the rail trail? The vote for a new police and fire station was woefully low on participation because no one knew about it which I am guessing was by design. Almost 70M for a police and fire? Couldn't do a 40M remodel? I like this town but man my property tax is through the roof and it just seem to be more of the same around here. The roadwork needs to be greatly improved in this town, especially the side roads. Also, sidewalks and bike paths are so important as children and bike riders are regularly in actual traffic which can be a major hazard.

Art and culture

Conservation (open land, animal habitat), noise & traffic safety

please finish the rail trail that was voted in several years ago.

I would like to see Lynnfield explore other less grand ideas for the library, less meeting rooms and closer to center of town.

Stop building apartment buildings- schools are too crowded

improved planning processes. Less clearcutting of large house lots for McMansions. More appreciation of and access to our environment and protection of our natural areas and trees. incorporating water needs in development and enforcement of water restrictions to protect our drinking water. Water restrictions are routinely ignored by most residents and by LCWD. Consideration by the town in purchasing property adjacent to the Pond on summer street. The owner is recently passed. Conversations with her family should happen to gain a great pond access point and potential spot for canoe rentals, fishing equipment rentals and sales etc. The pond was viewed as a slum in years past and residents who live near the pond (who are charged extra taxes for the pleasure) were called "pondpeople". The town should treat the pond as the jewel it is by protecting it, properly managing it and opening up and supporting access for people-powered vessels.

Rail trail, access to commuter rail

We have invested in public safety, sports, and youth. Please consider culture for all ages and lifelong learning. The library has been on the list for a long time.

Bike paths are so important. When driving on the main roads including Main Street and Lowell Street, bike riders are always on the roads and cars are always trying to drive around them, causing near accidents. It's also incredible that there aren't any sidewalks on BOTH sides of Main Street. What is going on with the Planning Board and DPW evading this quite obvious problem?

housing limits as it relates to water availability and usage

Cut municipal spending, municipal employment and all taxes

Bike lanes and bike racks to lock to in more locations.

Public transportation

Preserving open spaces and setting aside conservation land

the center of town is hurting. We need a local gathering spot, i.e. a coffee shop or restaurant and need to work on getting a pharmacy back in town.

areas to include our pets

More bike trails apart from roads

traffic control

Accelerate Rail Trail build

Conservation and infrastructure improvements. Improving the high school and schools beyond just the athletic facilities, bring life and business variety to center of town, what happens to library improvement plan? And the rail trail. And can people stop cutting down all the trees that crest shafe

Employing a social worker

Bike paths are so important for riders as they are directly in traffic, including children. It's not safe for them at all as things currently are.

Leaving it a town and not making it into a small city.

yes, a new library. Thankfully a new Town Hall and Police Station are coming.

Adult Community Education and Social programs, including after work hours

I would like to see the mental health professional be available to go on applicable calls with first responders and work with the school resource officer. We are seeing an dramatic increase of mental health needs, in addition to serving our populations with development delays, disabilities or autism. I want to ensure our most vulnerable are supported by our town. I worry that some needs could be a drain on our local 1st responders. In addition they do not have the same training.

Stay away from woke politics and identity politics which cause more separation and more division.

Diversifying the town's political infrastructure

There should definitely be a plan in place for a bigger, recreation center. Some thing for the seniors to use during the daytime and kids after school and teens at night and on the weekends especially! We spend a lot of time as does the healthy Lynnfield coalition trying to keep these kids off of drugs and alcohol. But if they don't have an actual place to go, they are going to find the basement of the parent who is out for the night or willing to look the other direction.

Fix water system in town; should have grandfathered zoning laws

facility for public artistic expression

New Library!!!!

Maintain and develop Lynnfield's traditional appreciation for American values.

Text alerts

Yes lowering taxes as Market Street was supposed to do that and never ever has.

Support for the Arts!!! We have asked the Town,specifically Rob Dolan, for a place in Town for the Art Guild! We we have no place to store our materials and to be available for the Town!

IMPROVE QUALITY OF WATER, Revitalize Lynnfield Center, Dog Park

A permanent building where residents can enjoy, participate in, create, display art in its many forms for people in all age groups. Right now, there is no such place in z Lynnfield.

Public sewer

Define clear and non-negotiable goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Reduce by 50% by 2030 and by 100% by 2040.

Build the central federal standard Rail Trail we voted through in 2019 before any other project begins, 13 have come ahead of it mostly benefiting school age. Town center depleted because no real independent small businesses and no cafe or gallery or sports accessory store, shops are in disrepair, embarrassing message to youth with vape all over the front counter, cracked asbestos tiles on the floor. Delapidated. Find a cafe owner, hospitable spots where families might stop and pick up a gift or cake or bike reflector. And see other people. Saturday totally empty lot is scary, no place for decent cup of coffee is creepy message. Town shared space off school campus is locked or unavailable all the time, sad to see History Center locked all the time even for four consecutive Saturday town wide fairs. Seems like a few at Center Church think they own the town center library history buildings, and do not have a clue about running events or hospitality. Focal points are trash cans at the church or plastic sink tub in meeting house. Library is empty totally empty 5-8 every night and Saturdays staff not on duty, no new library needed. Reconfigure the old library take out the brown furniture and take down the staff only signs, rework the storage we'll be fine as is.

1) Analyze the town cost/ benefit in our Senior Center to improve services to our Lynnfield residents. 2) Analyze the library building project cost and a) determine ways to reduce brick and mortar services that could be made available online along with ways to share meeting space with proposed Rec Center b) compare cost/benefit /2nd opinion on potential existing library building construction along with potential opportunity to acquire property behind the library for expansion /parking and potential for adding 2nd fl that is currently open in main sitting area.. In favor of adding meeting space , improved digital book service and reducing building book space.

Long term municipal infrastructure needs. Long term Financial Outlook. Long term tax policy.

It is so important that the children living in this town have an ability to safely ride their bikes out of traffic. My grandchildren are regularly riding their bikes next to traffic which is quite concerning.

more options for seniors, food, transportation, education, socialization

Traffic must be addressed in order to protect children riding bikes in the street. It's a great idea to have a bike path between schools as a safety measure for children.

Preservation of historical homes/sites

Establishment of walkable amenities for town residents.

The traffic has gotten so bad, it's so important to add bike paths as riders (myself included) end up riding on the street next to traffic.

Improvement of the conservation area including upkeep and creating walking paths

Improved cellular networks & towers

wetland preservation

A Rec Center would be invaluable

road infrastructure - too many roads continue to deteriorate

Road repair

Infrastructure (utilities and roadways)

Over development, zoning laws, teaching of CRT, teaching basic accounting & economics, eliminating sex education gender identity silliness

Rail Trail yes, buses/public transportation no

water

Better Restaurants and shops in town situated shopping areas

Town Maintenance

Public safety is number 1

Protecting open space from development.

Additional parks and playgrounds

Lowering Property Taxes

Wide representation of all, not just a small group of newer people who want the town to morph to them

Instead of a Rail Trail-let's think about a rec center for the kids.

There is enough dedicated these days to equity and climate we need more balance now than ever. Focus on streets and lowering taxes and local inflation.

Academic excellence and infrastructure excellence

A return to the town's New England roots. Residential construction is out of control

fix roads and dredge Pillings Pond
School Social Emotional learning with and RTI model
More coordination across town entities and organizations
Solar panels on Lynnfield water district land
places for senior activities ie Pickleball, rail trail
Facilities for senior activities (pickleball, bike/walking paths)
No
Less traffic, packing a very large amount of people in a large area is not a good idea for clean air
senior housing
Community Calendar of Events
Governance Structure
List of volunteer opportunities. Not enough
Affordable housing for 55+
The future of the Lynnfield Public Library.
Bike trail
Creating a thriving downtown business area that improved upon what currently exists in the center
resources and opportunities for middle and high school students
Being good stewards of the resident tax dollars and keeping; delivering a legacy to our children of being fiscally responsible and careful stewardship of public resources; maintain the simplicity of the town.
Yes - diversity of housing stock and community recreation facilities.
Preserve Lynnfield
promoting opportunities for small businesses i.e. local coffee shops, farmer's market, shopping etc. Better/consistent sidewalks along Walnut Street near Sparhawk. Better traffic enforcement in that area as well.
I imagine Education - given its outsized percent of the budget - is part of this 2040 Vision process yes?
Re-developing the town center, making more coffee shops, delis, another pharmacy etc...just making it more user friendly
Cutting spending
Water quality
taxes
over development
I would like our taxes to be lower and adding programs and increasing taxes should be carefully evaluated.
Central recreational/sports field, including a public pool.
Improved maintenance of existing roads, parks, public areas. Improved recycling and composting program
Transportation and infrastructure, we are isolated compared to towns around us and our sidewalks and common areas need attention. LITTER. Driving through town is embarrassing because there is so much trash everywhere, including right outside town hall, in our wetlands, etc.
School improvement, library improvement, public space/parks
I believe that we need a space to create a town recreation center for the kids to be able to go & "hang out" after school with their friends. They can play basketball inside & outside, have a game room with futbol & pool tables etc; a place to do gather & not get in trouble. The kids are going up to market Street in the town center and causing so much trouble and doing so many inappropriate things it's scary. I think if they had a safer outlet and somewhere to go after school maybe there would be less issues.
Natural resources, recreation, safety
The water. I know LWCD is a private entity, but this will be a town/property value problem soon.
Fire and Ambulance services
Adding more outdoor spaces for children - parks and playgrounds
Move the rail trail project forward faster
The town of Lynnfield must maintain its positive image among neighboring communities.

how to make the Town Meeting process less painful. I am sick of these people being allowed to talk and talk and talk. Most of them, are not speaking the truth but nobody at the town level ever reposnds to set the facts straight. if

Saving historical homes

Any steps that would prevent 40B from being implemented.

Moratorium on all building. Saving all trees. Using clean, renewable energy in all buildings.

community Center

Light pollution in neighborhoods

making ALL people feel welcome

Housing affordability and availability

Slow the over-expansion of local govt power. We don't need more cutting edge speed monitoring, or mandates, or govt panic. We need more hands off, fewer eyes on.

The cost of housing. The only people I went to school with (K-12 in Lynnfield) who will be able to afford to have their own place in Lynnfield (not their parents) are people who are in VERY well paying professions.

Access to educational opportunities and library resources.

Something that will lower taxes... we built market square taxes went up. Promises for a theater broken.

Fixing our roads and sidewalks

Communication and access to town management and resources in Lynnfield appears to have frozen somewhere in the 1950s. Scheduling and contact with town management must be brought up to modern standards.

Sidewalks are in very bad shape. Makes it hard to walk safely.

renovation of the town center....it is in deplorable condition and it's embarassing

Honest Town officials that work for the ENTIRE town including horrific traffic issues and safety issues at MarketStreet

Rebuilding the center, it's an embarrassment

Revisit recreation and measure what has been built in last 20 years is servicing the public as promised

Getting drivers down main st to slow down. And maybe development of the market place in the center. Could be attractive but now an eyesore !

High school upgrades

Recreational facilities for adults and seniors, maintenance and access to open space properties.

Infrastrastructure needs like sanitary sewers and other directional enviornmental needs

## Assess how Lynnfield is doing in different aspects of community.

#	Question	Needs a lot of improvement; unsatisfied	Needs some improvement	Don't know	Doing well meeting expectations	Doing very well; exemplary	Total
1	Access to job opportunities that meet my needs	6%	13%	52%	21%	8%	672
2	Access to local retail	3%	19%	7%	48%	23%	683
3	Access to local restaurants	4%	16%	5%	48%	26%	685
4	Access to local personal services	3%	20%	22%	42%	13%	678
5	Open space and natural resources	13%	34%	7%	36%	10%	679
6	Parks and trails	19%	32%	7%	29%	12%	684
7	Easy to get around (transportation)	15%	30%	15%	30%	10%	679
8	Vibrant Lynnfield Center	28%	38%	7%	20%	7%	679
9	Vibrant South Lynnfield (excluding Market Street)	19%	39%	18%	18%	6%	671
10	Community-wide communication infrastructure	11%	30%	28%	24%	7%	671
11	Affordable cost of living	25%	34%	15%	17%	8%	675
12	Community where all residents can thrive	10%	31%	21%	28%	11%	672
13	Well-functioning Town government	17%	25%	19%	32%	8%	678
14	Accessible Town services (e.g., recreation, senior center, library)	8%	24%	11%	43%	14%	681

## How important are these community features to you?

#	Question	Not at all important	Somewhat important	Neutral	Important	Very important	Total
1	Access to job opportunities that meet my needs	36%	14%	34%	13%	4%	618
2	Access to local retail	12%	20%	17%	41%	10%	617
3	Access to local restaurants	11%	17%	13%	44%	14%	618
4	Access to local personal services	10%	17%	23%	41%	9%	618
5	Open space and natural resources	3%	10%	9%	40%	38%	615
6	Parks and trails	10%	7%	12%	34%	36%	620
7	Easy to get around (transportation)	13%	10%	22%	35%	19%	620
8	Vibrant Lynnfield Center	9%	12%	16%	41%	23%	612
9	Vibrant South Lynnfield (excluding Market Street)	12%	13%	27%	34%	15%	613
10	Community-wide communication infrastructure	7%	11%	24%	38%	21%	613
11	Affordable cost of living	11%	11%	21%	33%	24%	619
12	Community where all residents can thrive	5%	8%	14%	41%	33%	614
13	Well-functioning Town government	1%	3%	4%	34%	58%	620
14	Accessible Town services (e.g., recreation, senior center, library)	2%	6%	8%	41%	42%	617



## How welcoming and inviting do you feel Lynnfield is to residents from the following groups?

#	Question	Very welcoming	Could be better	Not very welcoming	Don't know	Total
1	Seniors	42%	27%	9%	22%	632
2	Young people (age 19-35)	40%	29%	9%	22%	633
3	People with disabilities	22%	30%	15%	32%	637
4	People of color	26%	28%	25%	21%	641
5	People with lower incomes	18%	21%	39%	22%	640
6	Small business owners	24%	29%	14%	33%	638
7	Young families	64%	20%	4%	12%	639
8	People whose primary language is not English	19%	23%	27%	31%	641

## What are the greatest challenges that Lynnfield faces?

#	Question	Not at all important	Somewhat important	Neutral	Important	Very important	Total
1	Traffic congestion	10%	22%	18%	29%	20%	629
2	Lack of sidewalks	7%	17%	14%	34%	28%	628
3	Lack of bike paths	20%	12%	14%	22%	30%	635
4	Lack of public transportation	31%	14%	20%	20%	15%	637
5	Lack of housing options for households looking to downsize or purchase smaller homes	14%	16%	18%	27%	25%	637
6	Lack of rental housing options	32%	13%	26%	18%	12%	634
7	Rising housing costs	12%	9%	16%	32%	30%	629
8	Access to jobs that match cost of living	22%	10%	30%	24%	15%	626
9	Access to affordable healthy food	14%	10%	21%	31%	24%	628
10	Access to arts and culture	11%	14%	24%	34%	17%	628
11	Access to health and social services (including mental health and substance abuse services)	9%	10%	17%	35%	29%	631
12	Maintenance of municipal facilities	2%	8%	15%	42%	31%	626
13	Issues with town governance (e.g., lack of coordination, communication, representation)	3%	7%	20%	33%	37%	623
14	Municipal finances and local tax rates	1%	5%	13%	36%	45%	624
15	Climate change adaptation and resiliency	18%	10%	18%	27%	27%	628
16	Loss of natural resources	5%	11%	16%	29%	39%	627
17	Loss of residents due to increasing cost of living	12%	10%	22%	30%	25%	621

## How is your current housing situation in Lynnfield meeting your needs?

#	How is your current housing situation in Lynnfield meeting your needs? - Selected Choice	Percentage
1	My needs are being met.	54%
2	I am not concerned right now, but I am worried about my housing needs being met in the future.	14%
3	I am concerned about increasing housing costs.	12%
4	I am concerned about being able to stay in Lynnfield, if I decide to move from my current home.	14%
5	I don't live in Lynnfield, but I would like to.	2%
6	I don't live in Lynnfield, and I do not want to.	2%
7	Other	2%
	Total	639

### Other - Text

The water in this town is terrible. Everything about it quality cost and pressure.

Rising Taxes

The senior citizen or long many years of residency should have lower property tax

Local taxes are a burden on our retirement funds.

Maybe regulate the size of houses being built on small lots?

lived in town 25 years

I live in L.I.F.E. community

Taxes are getting out of control and making it difficult for regular, long time residents to live here. Everything that's been done in town over the last decade has cost tax payers more money instead of lowering taxes as promised. Market Street never brought lower taxes. Now we have more congestion. Need more police fire services up there. The addition of apartment buildings led to emergency school expansions. We have a lack of water on one end of town. Leave this place alone and stop trying to make it a small city like Melrose! Our streets are also a mess!!!! People live and move here to get away from city congestion.

Lynnfield Senior Center provides unhealthy food. Why can't they see that seniors need low salt and low sugar meals?

I'm concerned for others

Rising taxes

## How easy or difficult was it to find housing in Lynnfield?

*Question available only to respondents who moved to Lynnfield in the past three years*

#	How easy or difficult was it to find housing in Lynnfield?	Percentage
1	Incredibly difficult	30%
2	Somewhat difficult	36%
3	Neutral	10%
4	Somewhat easy	12%
5	Very easy	12%
	Total	50

## For what different segments of the population should Lynnfield proactively plan housing? Check all that apply.

#	For what different segments of the population should Lynnfield proactively plan housing? Check all that apply.	Percentage
8	Multigenerational families (e.g., a grandmother living with a family of four)	45%
9	Young professionals	41%
10	First-time homebuyers	45%
11	Seniors interested in downsizing or aging in place	64%
12	People with disabilities	29%
13	People with lower incomes	32%
	Total	599

## Would you like to be able to both live and work in Lynnfield?

#	Would you like to be able to both live and work in Lynnfield?	Percentage
1	Yes, I already do!	20%
2	Yes, I live in Lynnfield, but can't find work here.	10%
3	Yes, I work in Lynnfield, but can't find housing here.	1%
4	Maybe, but it's not a priority.	28%
5	No, that's not important to me.	42%
	Total	616

## Do you work remotely (e.g., work from your home in Lynnfield)?

#	Do you work remotely (e.g., work from your home in Lynnfield)?	Percentage
1	Yes	25%
2	No	53%
3	Sometimes	23%
	Total	615

## Would you like to see the Town undertake more economic development initiatives to expand the types of jobs available in Lynnfield?

#	Would you like to see the Town undertake more economic development initiatives to expand the types of jobs available in Lynnfield?	Percentage
1	Yes	21%
2	No	34%
3	Maybe, need more information	45%
	Total	622

**What is your vision for the future of Lynnfield? For example, what does day-to-day life look like? What do you want to leave for the next generation? Include any good ideas that you think would make the Town better. Please try to capture your ideas in two or three sentences.**

Town pool, lower real estate taxes

If people want so much change they should move somewhere else we like it here as is.

Elected officials do what's best for the residents, not just to have more money flowing in.

Wasn't enough damage done to the town from putting the mall in. We noticed our taxes didn't go down. More crime, more police, more fire dept., more accidents and on and on.

Please leave Lynnfield as it is we moved here because it was a small town that's the way we like it

small town, small town, small town, small town

Suggestion only. How about putting washing machine and dryer in every building. For the seniors safety during rainy days and winter.

To maintain as is.

We moved here because it was a small town, now you want to change it!!

If Lynnfield is not vibrant enough for some, they should move to a city, which we are not.

Finish the bike path!

Live peaceful with all

Lynnfield needs a vibrant Art and Culture Center for all age groups. There is no community center for its residents either. A small town movie theater will be a bonus!! Nothing high end just 2 or 3 screens where kids and all residents could go for some entertainment:)

I'd like to leave a bustling town Centre that has numerous different businesses (not 3 banks) that give residents a reason to go there and spend their money.

I have lived in Lynnfliels since 1971. I love it!

Would be great if this was one of the many communities around us that offers mattress pickup with stickers - its a drag for seniors to afford the removal cost.

Leave Lynnfield alone

Leave our beautiful town alone.

We moved here because it was a small town now you want to change it!

Let's try not to make Lynnfield something it's not, a city. We don't want a vibrant center in South Lynnfield we have enough vibrancy with Market Street. We want a nice quiet town we moved into.

Most of us like Lynnfield just as it is. If they do not, they should move to a city.

Go disrupt some other town!!

Maybe some people need to move somewhere else if they don't like it here.

Mostly keep on the current track with a great school system, low crime, friendly and walkable neighborhoods, maintain home values, provide recreation especially for the kids. Try to keep tax rates from getting out of control and keep town spending in check so families can stay for generations.

larger yard size, better sense of community, more respect for the history of the town and historic homes

stay the same - a small town

Smaller governance with better IT services.

Needs a great deal more work to be inclusive and welcoming of ALL persons and families.

We loved here because of the schools. We want Lynnfield to be a family town with parks and activities for children through high school. The sports teams are great but we would love to see more in the arts for youth. I would love to see the schools have "free play" after school, where an adult only gets involved if someone is getting hurt. Think of it as a 70ties childhood 😊

I'm horrified at what Lynnfield has become. Crisis situation with external disruptions created by town, residents EFFECTED and NEGLECTED. No help from town leadership or enforcement agency. No service for taxes paid. So upset what town has become.

There needs to be more transparency within the Town leadership. There is also a major need to protect bike riders and those who regularly use the sidewalks in this Town as there have been numerous near accidents. Children would greatly benefit from the bike paths between the schools as it would protect them from traffic. It's incredibly important to preserve water and other natural resources for future generations. Overdevelopment can disturb and ultimately destroy the concept of a Town if gone unchecked.

It seems the Town Leadership doesn't necessarily listen to its citizens which is concerning. Moving to this town, I was hopeful that there would be more transparency to the decision-making but was shocked at what happened at the last several Town Meetings. How can parents feel confident their children will inherit a town that preserves water and natural resources when leadership essentially lied about water availability. There is a MAJOR need for roadwork and added sidewalks as well as bike paths now that a grant was just awarded for paths to be built.

Lynnfield residents take an ownership and pride living in town.

Less government spending

Getting back to the residents participating in our town's needs. Too many feel that they pay for services and would rather things go without attention than to put any effort in themselves. Volunteering can be as simple as clearing the weeds away from the fire hydrant in front of their yard. An example is the old Worthens House on Main an Carter ... CAUTION TAPE strewn across poison ivy taking over the sidewalk ... shameful to take no responsibility

I'd like the water in all communities to be safe to drink

Nicer town centers, no rail to trail

Keep it small and stop over developing

Less signage. House sizes next others so imbalanced

Open spaces, fewer tear-downs replaced with McMansions, more accessible library and Town Hall.

Stop developing and protect trees and green areas. Keep it small and quiet

Protect more land and stop cutting down all our forests! Also change the bylaws to allow for more multifamily houses

Improve building/shops in town center. Could use coffee shop, deli, etc

A lot of recreational opportunities for families and children. Increased diversity in the community.

Clean and enough water. Stop building houses when you can't give the one you have a drinkable glass of water.

Please maintain everything as is. I moved here because of how it is and everyone has an opinion to leave if they dislike how it is. I will happily buy your house if you don't love this town as it is.

Open to everyone; no racism; tolerance of differing opinions

Stop wasting taxpayers money and give more tax breaks to Lynnfield residents not market street!!!!!!

Safe sidewalks throughout town. The sidewalks today are not usable

More local, non chain restaurants and local stores example a pharmacy outside of market street would be appreciated

Much better road conditions, safe sidewalks with safe routes the school. Water quality, quantity, pressure improvements, especially with the recent surge in costs from the new regime.

A more transparent town government that upholds ethics and standards. A town that is aware of its privilege as more diversity moves into the town and is attempting to make connections with others. A town that honors natural resources and protects essential resources, especially water, from over-development because without water, we will not survive.

We need to start finding ways for new families to feel comfortable and stay in Lynnfield. We have far too much focus on seniors, and while that is nice, it will not help to maintain the town going forward

I think the uniqueness of Lynnfield is it is not commercially over developed, nor it the charm of its neighborhoods lost with multi-unit housing. That should be preserved or Lynnfield will look like its surrounding towns - Reading, Wakefield

Stop over developing the town

Have drinkable water

Open space and affordable living conditions

Hold on to the small town feel with great education

Priority is open spaces and walking paths for families, community events for young professionals living in the town.

I'd like us to preserve more open space. Not every wooded lot needs to be turned into a McMansion. I'd love for us to focus on the future of Lynnfield in light of impending climate change.

More fiscally responsible

Lynnfield was planned as a "town of homes" That's why we paid a premium to live here.

I would like to see the Town retain its character. Neighboring towns such as Middleton have become so overcrowded and congested with traffic that I breath a sigh of relief when I get back home after driving through them.

## Family time and community to community

Keeping with the same structure we have currently

It's a place where you live, separate of work, that includes a wider socio-economic spectrum. Raising kids in Lynnfield, I do not like how the town appears to continue to predominately attract affluent residents. I would really like my kids to grow up with a greater range of socio-economic backgrounds. Would also love to see greater access to parks, trails, and areas where I can be outside with my family. Last, would like to see more non-chain restaurants in town and a better use of both Post Office square and Lynnfield Center. The stores do not really appeal to our family, would love to see kids activities, a gym, a local restaurant, etc.

The town of Lynnfield lacks small/local business and retail. it also needs more recreation areas for children. having moved from Virginia Beach, Virginia where every neighborhood had a playground and indoor rec centers for a fee.

FIX THE WATER PROBLEM, build another cemetery, allow for a funeral home, make a dog park; we voted For Market Street therefore we want NO MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, take down the telephone poles, put communications underground; Celebrate Christmas and Easter again, STOP teaching kids to reward diversity of appearance/Race and emphasize rewarding Merit and Excellence again regardless of appearance/race

For Lynnfield to stay true to its history. Not try and change to meet what we feel are important at the moment.

I believe the focus should be on the next generation, providing good education and activities for our children. Teaching them about our great country and how blessed we all are to live here.

Completion of the rail-trail, or other bike paths THAT DO NOT SHARE THE ROAD WITH MOTOR VEHICLES.

Logan express or some way we can drop kids/seniors off to go to Boston. Airport has Metro... it was discussed Good Luck farms was the best location years ago across from Duncan but nothing was ever followed up. This would be a game changer for the community especially for Seniors who travel.

Less taxes

Diverse town government ; social service agencies serving a variety of needs are welcomed and actively participate in Lynnfield

More conservation land

Maintaining respectful tone and high-quality volunteers in Town government

Cost of living needs to be kept under control. Water, electricity, and property taxes are very high and have increased faster than wages.

Just lower property tax for seniors or 30+ years ownership of property

Public Safety, Good Schools, Low Crime, No Drugs, Community, Welcoming.

Improve quality of streets and maintenance of them. Real estate taxes are too high for fixed income. Summer water restrictions ruin our lawn every year

A Rail Trail. An expanded library.

A town that serves well the needs of citizens of all ages, in ways that encourage health and wellness

I would like to see stricter regulations regarding the Lynnfield Center i.e. Centre Court reflect the character of the Town's colonial heritage.

More recognition of senior needs,improving infrastructure,relooking at how Lynnfield's 3 villages are run and maintained

Completion of the rail trail ASAP, more local business

Repurpose Reedy Meadows into a park/walking trails all can enjoy

I'd like to leave it the way I found it. a nice quiet community with some improvements but nothing radical or destructive to its new england charm.

Maintain infrastructure for future generations and rebuild when necessary. I definitely do not want any type of public transportation. I think the town is doing just fine meeting its residents needs.

Plant more trees

Bedroom community for quiet and safe living with abundant green space, walking trails, etc and limited commercial development.

I love the town for what it is today.

The development of Market Street is a huge success.

Dog park

Diversify housing stock - I bought my home 30 years ago and cannot afford to move within the Town. Revitalize Town Center - Centre Shops are a ghost town since Market Street was opened.

Cultural/intellectual opportunities for all age groups dwindling. Need a new library that serves as a cultural hub for Lynnfield.

Retain small town atmosphere with more town services.

It will remain a small town. Maintain the character and beauty. Stop the deterioration (corruption) of town government and town meeting. Improve faster infrastructure roads and sidewalks, academics in school.



1) Leave it as a beautiful SMALL town that is why we moved here. 2) Keep the current character of the town. 3) Wish the current officials were really looking out for the town residents and the town, I don't think they are.

Keep the town small like it is now. Maintain the town's current characterisations. Lynnfield needs a change in elected officials; someone who looks out for the town.

Would like to diversify town.

No worries about basic services like water!

Outside of MarketStreet, what is there to do in a Lynnfield? Would like more recreation opportunities- bike paths! / maybe a movie theater or something that gets people out of their homes.

Paths to ride and walk

a safe environment tp raise a family, provide excellent education, fiscal conservative goverment

To have the facilities and services covering all residents daily needs e.g. healthcare, outdoors, entertainment, sporting, housing

Lynnfield is doing a great job protecting our green lined streets. But it is so expensive to live here

No much changes, improved parks, trails for biking and run through the town

I would like the town to stop dragging feet on completing rail trail and plan for building more

I want to ride the Rail Trail with my kids. We have waited years and years and want to ride the Trail ASAP!

Honestly, much like today, but with additional options for kiddos - like a rec center for tweens (there was one in the 90s!), and access to a bike path. I hope it not to become overdeveloped.

Build the planned new library at Reedy Meadow as the cultural and social hub of Lynnfield Center.

Bike path. Continued Town scape and keeping Lynnfield beautiful

Do NOT turn Lynnfield into a city.

Preserve Lynnfield

Most people move to Lynnfield for the great atmosphere. They move here and they want to change it? (strange)

Good clean water. Should concentrate on the necessities of Lynnfield like clean water not the luxuries.

Better zoning! Look at the damage that allowing monster housing has done to the character and charm of our town over the last 20 years. Big home sprawl = big real estate taxes collected, but is ruining the look of our town.

Love to see a ban or restriction on loud gas mowers and leaf blowers - huge can't pollution - can't enjoy outdoors because of the racket. Also - we are losing too many street trees - too many trees being cut down - many streets are now bare - no trees, no shade

It would be nice to have some small amount of housing that is accessible to first time homebuyers. the upcoming Toll Bros. development is crucial to keep downsizes in town. would like to see a much more vibrant housing option at Market Street, but condominiums, not rentals. Luxury units.

The Town has to look into both current and 5-year needs. Looking into a 10-year plan is going to change 3-5 years from now. Look for 5-year plans is the best way forward.

Maintain faith in honest and caring government.

More intergenerational activities. Much more involvement in major holidays like Memorial Day and Veteran's Day. Should not be another "Sports Day."

We love living here as new senior residents. Economic stability is necessary. Care of the environmental critical, as is good public safety, i.e., police and fire. Excellent schools are critical.

green spaces, rail trails and nature walking areas, good schools, diverse small businesses, more cultures/races/socioeconomic diversity

I have lived in Lynnfield 64 years - it used to be a wonderful place to live! Now it is NOT wonderful - people who have taken over are ruining it!

Some type of affordable living features

Limit tear-downs of smaller houses

Keep the town small/simple. Avoid mansions. Maintain schools and open space. Maintain and make use of Town-owned buildings.

I think the town would benefit from some type of public transportation.

What are our elected officials doing to our beautiful small town

the town does a great job with a lot of things and generally you get what you pay for! The Lynnfield center stores need revitalization. The convenient store that is there leaves a bit to be desired and there isn't much else there. Not my area of expertise but maybe some incentives for a business to move in to those open areas would be great.

A town where the leadership is far more honest and transparent. For there to be a Level 3 water ban for LCWD yet they think there's enough water for a multi-million dollar 55+ development, someone isn't being honest. This will impact the town and the future generations to come and MUST be addressed NOW.

More people will recycle and more cars w/b made to not pollute the air and better Nursing Home care and their facilities.

Low income housing for seniors over 60 . The state funded housing that is available now needs to be updated.

There are excellent public schools and most kids safely walk or bike to school. People of every generation enjoy music at Town Center at summer concerts and see their neighbors at block parties. Lynnfield Center has a new cafe and restaurant.

Everyone appreciating each other. Do not hate your neighbor. Celebrate diversity.

It's too expensive to live in MA period. Taxes need to come down, especially for seniors to able to stay in their homes.

I am looking forward to my daughter being able to commute to schools on the bike path.

I'd like employees who work for the town to be trained in customer service. I don't think most people understand their role in helping residents and/or I wonder if they work in an environment that is not supportive of them.

Keep our beautiful small town small, that's why we moved here

Leave Lynnfield as is

L.I.F.E. for housing has been a great idea. We need more places like Essex Village. Waiting list now 478 people.

a great school system, stop building apartment buildings

Creating a vibrant town center and South Lynnfield shopping area should be a priority. A community center to be shared with youth and seniors. Continue beautification efforts. Our town common looks glorious!

need better transportation, biking options limited due to poor biking infrastructure

A town that considers the health and well being of the entire town, residents and environment, not where to build the next mall and McMansion.

Some way people can live, work, shop, without driving. Improved town center- make it a place people want to work at, shop at, and walk or bike to.

Supply of clean drinking water. Keeping the town culture and avoiding overcrowding/over-building. Lynnfield Center development, restaurants/eateries, small shops.

Would love to see more diversity in town. More vibrant town center with things for people to walk/bike to. Rail trail!!! Also new library.

More welcoming community events!

The Town should address what it can and not grow for its own sake. Shared services, a dump that is open, city sewers and a cultural community make sense. Get a "circulating bus" service to the commuter rail. Do things that make sense and are efficient without raising taxes or building shopping malls.

#1 priority: ban leaf blowers. I have a beautiful yard and can never sit outside and enjoy it bc of the non-stop landscaper noise. and also need to keep all the windows shut on a beautiful day - such a nuisance.

More diversity, more public transportation, more housing opportunities (more smaller & more affordable new homes, apartments, condos, etc

There needs to be a leadership change as it's become quite clear the different boards aren't always working for the well-being of the Town. There has to be more honesty and transparency from leadership who are actively working to represent town residents and listening to what is being asked such as bike paths and road paving being done.

Stop adding dense developments, ie keep size of town the same

Like it was 50years ago

Keep the town small and avoid allowing developers buying up properties followed by tearing down these homes and building very expensive homes. Maybe have a town ordinance where anyone about to sell their property to a developer must first advertise the home with the preferred buyer being a family who will agree to live in the home as their primary residence.

Although the town is in build out an eye towards sr citizens, moderate income housing, and don't change the way the town has developed over the last 70 years That date in 1953 when our founding fathers determined to make it a small residential town should not change

Maintaining its prominence as healthy, kind, concerned community

More bike infrastructure that goes beyond leisure. Actual transportation planning that goes beyond cars. More electronic charging areas. Incentive and rebate to get e-bikes as a secondary/replacement vehicle.

Keep it clean, basic, don't try to do a lot of long range planning orchestrated by government authorities. Get the water fixed and build a rail trail.

Cost of living expenses for seniors on social security

Better participation among residents

Small town atmosphere. smaller type homes built ..

The same but better!

Stop the building of "mega mansions!" It is destructive and harmful to those who have more modest living accommodations.

I hope the town can set aside more open spaces and preserve more conservation land. Building the rail trail and creating more walking and biking paths will help the town be healthier, friendlier, more just, and more pleasant to live in. I think aggressive enforcement of speed limits would also benefit the town.

Maintain excellence of public schools, new library to be built ASAP for all ages to use well, public transportation access to MBTA commuter line

Clean water and air. More affordable options / codes for multigenerational families.

More gathering space, vital "small-town" feel in the Center with local coffee shop and restaurant, i.e. think Ipswich, Boxford - something that embodies small town values. That's really missing right now.

The schools, under the current superintendent, will slowly fail and not be a reason people want to move to Lynnfield anymore. If the schools fail, the housing market will plummet. Get rid of the Superintendent.

Reliable public transportation with adequate parking

more initiatives to support clean energy/public transport, increased availability of public spaces for community groups, more diversity/equity on all levels

Lynnfield needs to desperately improve the roads: Summer St, Walnut St, Main St. have terrible potholes. This is a disgrace to Lynnfield. Bikepath needs to go forward ASAP

Safe, able to ride bike for distance not on a road but a dedicated bike path, access to a variety of restaurant price points (not fast food)

Hope for open space and trees, too many McMansions . Maybe Town sewer?

I would love to see an effort to make public transportation available. There once was a bus that one could take into Boston. Transportation to Market Street would be helpful

When doing rework on sidewalks ect, facilities should be doing a better job of bringing dirt to match the grade. It wouldn't hurt to throw some seed down too. More cleaning of sidewalks and signs to post littering fines that are actually enforced is another area lacking at the moment. Other than that keep being the Lynnfield we love.

Access to natural resources/outdoor spaces; Town leadership in which all voices are heard and people are treated with respect.

Repave roads that are in need.

More outside activities

Hello, my husband and I have lived in Lynnfield for 34 years. We own our home and have paid taxes every year. We have never had children in the school system. Now that we are retirees we wish there were more benefits available to seniors. The Lynnfield Senior Center has some very nice programs but the meals are not healthy. In a perfect world the Senior Center could provide healthy meals, and not just lunch. They have the facilities to cook meals, why does it have to be just lunch? It could have prepared meals to go for example. Or why not have the Lynnfield School cafeteria have some meals to go for seniors, or others? It could be a money making venture too. Fortunately we are able to drive and get around but maybe in a few years, we won't be able to. To have healthy meal options, perhaps delivered, would be so nice for seniors. I don't feel the senior center takes suggestions seriously. Thank you for listening. As for the other questions, I don't know how to answer them. It would be nice to have more affordable housing, but where? There doesn't seem to be much land left. I don't know how the Town can foster jobs but it would be nice if they could but I can't imagine the salaries would be high enough to pay a mortgage.

More open spaces. Dog park, bike path, etc

Bike Path. Swamp walks. Best public schools. A pharmacy. Fix the potholes/road in front of my house.

Control tax rate control spending by town government

Improve access to area nature areas so I can ride my bike or walk my dog. Includes bike paths, rail trail and side walks. Reset a get to know your neighbors program. More environmental initiatives.

Hire social worker, new library and open space, new fire/police station, more community activities and businesses at Town Center, a welcoming committee

It would be wonderful see the Town embrace honesty and openness to policy as it appears each aspect of leadership has decided to essentially lie to voters for their personal agendas. Sidewalks and roads are beyond awful. Some locations don't even have sidewalks. Children are riding bikes after school in the streets which is a massive danger to both them and car drivers. Bike paths must be built to protect both bikers and car drivers.

I have lived on Pillings Pond for 65 years and have worked all that time to keep a decent, clean, recreation area for the abutters and town residents. Town does not seem to care about such a beautiful place.

A small town away from city congestion. Like it once was. Stop trying to make it a small city. I was for Market Street years ago but now I realize it was the beginning of the end. It's never enough for the developers and there's always another phase coming.

The Town Library is sad. Why can't it be updated? I know the Town Hall is getting updated but will that include a new phone system? The Town website is very antiquated. The Town needs an IT person on staff, even part time would be better than nothing.

Community that takes pride in itself and in taking care of each other - not just the majority but all our residents. Inclusiveness is important to me as a resident

Multigenerational needs being met. Lynnfield has become a great place to raise children, but what happens when the children leave home to aging parents. Can we maintain a healthy liveable environment that is multi-generational, rather than many seniors moving out of town. Bike path will have a very positive impact I believe. Some level of public transportation would be nice.

Maintain small town feel with lots of green space and accessible natural areas.

We are very much a suitcase community which I am fine with and part of the reason I chose to move here in the suburbs. Diversifying political positions so that more younger people have the ability to shape the future of Lynnfield and have their voice heard is extremely lacking in this community and needs to change. There should be limitations as far as how long people can hold positions of power and how many political affiliations they can hold.

I hate to say it but more trees. These new developers are cutting down trees and not replacing them. I am not a tree hugger but we are a small town and low of agriculture will turn out look very quickly to inner city.

A vibrant town center where small business can thrive, residents can gather and build community, and young families can build connections/relationships

bike path, good schools, updated clean parks, town resilient to pandemics and natural disasters, incentives for homeowners to be better to planet; town owned buildings more eco friendly too

Town center is horrible and needs changing. I know it's at the mercy of a California company but town should be pressuring them to make changes. We could have a much more vibrant town center.

I think greater structure for the recreation department/recreation center/library, as well as making better use of our town center. All of those abandoned office spaces behind the center, as well as the front of the center itself, should be re-hauled. it is perfect space to create places for community to come together for purpose.

more diversified community (race, cultural, economic)

Refocus efforts on improving our schools - smaller class sizes. We've been going down in education and this is a huge draw for our town and with effort to make housing for first time buyers or young professionals we could draw great new residents

Would love to see more vibrant areas in town and local transportation options that can help young teens and young adults be occupied and have entertainment

I would like to see us preserve and enhance our history and historic buildings. The colonial look of the town is what gives it its charm. While reminding us of our heritage

Revitalize the centers of town.

More green space, improved sidewalks and trails, vibrant town center and access to local small business.

expand opportunities for seniors and artists

More diversity

Lynnfield should be an affordable place for young professionals and young families can grow. Multiple generations should be able to thrive. Young professionals should want to stay, but not necessarily still live at home with parents.

Lynnfield is and has been a desirable place to live. Perhaps there are a few minor aspects of the "day to day that could stand improvement like street repair. to day that could stand minor to day" that

Great recreation

Better traffic management and roads.

Lower taxes! More housing for seniors!

Better Town Manageable position. Someone available and concerned

Please stop clearing land and building houses; Lynnfield was prime property years ago before MarketStreet was developed. It was the "country" now it feel like a "city"

The town is in the right path. Great schools, beautiful houses (with increasing value), and great resources.

Improved sidewalks, safer walking access to market street, bike trail, improved school buildings ie high school

HEALTHY DRINKING WATER, Strong Schools, Inclusive Community Activities including Arts, Revitalize Lynnfield Center

Bike path progress unnecessarily slow. Center of town not well laid out and desperately needs updating. Need more public transportation options.

I'd like to Lynnfield to maintain its small town charm which has sadly been slowly slipping away

Restoration of the town's center with a variety of businesses, activity facilities, eateries, pharmacy, as it was close to only 20 years ago. A small grocery store, more creative use of the town common to encourage residents to walk to and congregate around as a center should provide for.

Thriving town center and a bike path

Lynnfield needs to provide greater access to bike and walking trails both for recreational purposes but also to improve access to key areas in town with increasing traffic. Greater focus on open spaces and trails that residents can use for community activities and to move around town will not only address environmental concerns but also improve the quality of life in Lynnfield for all ages.

Move to a 5 person select board like most towns our size. Inhibits decision-making. Too much authority in the hands of a few.

It's upsetting that we feel no closer to a bike path than when it was voted in at town meeting. The sidewalks are terrible and kids often have to ride bikes in the streets. Either fix the sidewalks or make bike paths on the streets please!

A more vibrant downtown with a different traffic pattern. More small businesses (like a bakery). Better/broader unbiased communication.

Although many important items are being assessed in this survey, none is as important as the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. Or, in other words, if we fail to mitigate climate change none of the other goals matter. The town should establish specific and non-negotiable goals and work with State government to accomplish. E.g., reduce greenhouse gas emissions across town, citizens, and businesses by 50% by 2030, 100% by 2040. Convert 50% of local transportation to non-automotive by 2030. Phase out the use of gasoline powered lawn and garden equipment and gas powered recreational motorsports ASAP. Improve tie-in with regional public transportation. Help citizens fund their personal conversion through incentives and education.

Walkable safe off road central rail trail. Functional town center actual history & arts together with tour & programs, serving all ages often, center church lms age kids maker space, restore adult com schools programs at night at LHS LMS open up senior ctr to Life Center share the building priority for town residents their rec and social needs, open at night and weekends, invest in library where it is now, buy post office make that the rec building, provide reading garden in the back as intended years ago, don't destroy center golf course by buildings and pavement for retail facade of a 'new' library, mall expansion needs to stay in check. Return Town Rec to park program only no more babysitting fee and club cliques it is now entertainment and babysitting service for schools only. Summer and Huckleberry rework so one is pre k - 1 and other is gr 2-4 would unify town like Bedford does it.

Development of planned parks and trails, kinder and more pro active welcoming of new residents, walkable and complete sidewalks and transportation alternatives

Added facilities/events to socialize with community other than school sports events or restaurants. Add opportunities for live music indoors at market street and town center.

It it's not broke, don't fix it.

More affordable home for seniors, so they can sell their current home and stay in Lynnfield.

Please stop tearing down all the open spaces in town and developing every piece of land possible. Enough.

A town that embraces natural resources and provides adequate sidewalks, roads, and bike paths to enjoy the natural surroundings throughout the town. Bike rider safety is so important as the warmer seasons approach as well as for children to have an ability to ride from school to school without issue. It's also quite concerning as a long-time resident to see how dishonest the town leadership has become which also CERTAIN needs to be addressed as well.

I would like to see a diverse community that takes care of its residents. Community based programs for young & old. Don't assume everyone in town has unlimited resources.

Day to Day life consists of residents in a well-maintained, well-run, naturally picturesque, largely Bedroom community. Lynnfield has plenty of commerce with Rte. 1 and Market Street, as well as good access to highways; the rest of town should be natural and residential (except for the 2 town centers).

We need a senior center that provides healthy meals. The meals there are full of salt. they don't put the ingredients on the to-go meals and won't tell you the ingredients if you ask. They could provide more than a few lunches per week. They have facilities to do dinners and breakfasts too. We need a chef that caters to meals for seniors.

Reduced traffic, improved access to bike paths, and sidewalks, and town leadership is far more ethical and transparent in their agenda.

Keep the small suburban community feel. Good schools to raise kids.

I'm very concerned about climate change. Does Lynnfield have a committee of police/fire/medical advisors available to confront issues that may arise?

Clean, lots of clean & green open community outdoor space, bike trails, well kept business exteriors with clean well maintained signage, boutique feel within town, community events unrelated to social issues,

We need to improve our roads which are a mess and our water quality. We need better convenience store options and healthy food restaurants in center court and south Lynnfield.

The town's water department and other services need to be more available to the dangerous needs of our residents

Shift tax burden to market street retailers. Liked the quaint town feeling from 20-30 years ago, stop building in Lynnfield.

I would to have taxes lowered

The town government is horrible - they do whatever they want without regard to the residents. The town is being ruined by out of control development - huge houses that are ridiculous. This survey seems to want to bring industry or work into Lynnfield, I never wanted to live in the same town I lived in, nice to escape work.

Sense of community and inclusion

Walkable town with amenities, good schools and access to housing

A town that embraces nature and preserves land while also creating a sustainable bike path.

More transportation for seniors. Better housing for seniors. An area with a drug store or a small grocery store in the center of town.

More affordable housing. Electric charging stations for cars. Completion of the rail trail. Maintaining and upgrading recreational facilities.

I love living here! I would love to see some of the current projects like the library and rail trail actually completed and some life breathed into the buildings in Lynnfield Center

I'm very satisfied here; I just wish it was realistic for more families to be able to buy a home in Lynnfield. Also, my mother-in-law has been searching to buy a small house here, and there is nothing that even closely matches her roughly \$500,000 budget but we can't legally build an Inlaw apartment for her, so there seem to be no options. On a related note, I have left messages on the Center Village phone number probably five or six different times without getting a call back.

Lots of trees shading the streets, restrictions on all the new buildings going up, better maintained sidewalks, improvement of the conservation land so there are walking paths and the trash is picked up

Less commercial and more inviting place to live and be active in the community with biking trails and more outdoor activities options.

a town that is much more diverse that also respects nature

Better/larger walkable main sidewalks for families/kids; a town government that understands the importance of green building/improvements in municipal buildings both for the environment and reducing costs long term

We need to develop a sustainable infrastructure more focused on green technologies. Solar panels/roofs on most homes, residential battery storage, citywide bike paths, and well paying jobs local to the town.

A town that combines areas of retail jobs with areas of more professional jobs, all mixed into a large residential area.

Id love to see a more vibrant Main Street type area that provides an opportunity to shop locally and gather as a community. Id also love to see some permanent physical spots for younger kids - ex a rec or homework center. Finally I'd like to see Lynnfield be a part of the solution for offering better childcare access

I would love to see Lynnfield takes its environmental advantage to develop bike path and trail system, providing commuting options for young professionals that works in the city.

Rec Center

Stay the same

New rec center, rail trails, paved roads, maintain green space, limit development

Better outdoor space. Bike paths. Better quality sidewalks. Slower traffic on Summer Street.

Great rail trail system, multigenerational public use spaces and housing

Improve Lynnfield Center, South Lynnfield /Post Office Sq area and pay attention to improving traffic congestion

well run govt; protection of natural resources; maintenance of facilities; strong schools; support of arts; support of all ages of residents; need a dedicated youth center; need a new library with spaces to meet and socialize

Complete rail trail !!

More green spaces (parks, trails, wooded area), better public transit (buses, high-speed rail), better appreciated and more frequently used public services (library), more diverse population economically/socially/racially/etc., busier and more walkable downtown area, safer road crossings

Infrastructure and utilities - roads are crap and water resources are terrible

There should be more gluten friendly restaurants throughout Lynnfield. There should also be more jobs for young teens. Finally, I would like to see housing costs lowered.

New vibrant library of the future

Avoid over development and over-commercialization at all costs. This city was attractive because I could get away from that while being a reasonable commute to Boston.

Continue adding trees to the town and maintain the historic cemeteries. Continue to expand retail/restaurants

Study and implement best practices of quality communities; maintain roads and sidewalks, enforce motor vehicle (noise, speed) violations, promote tree foliage, measure progress instead of proclaiming progress, hold non-elected town officials accountable.

Lynnfield has housing for all family sizes; when people want to downsize, there are places to live in Lynnfield rather than having to move elsewhere. Developers don't clear-cut lots to erect McMansions.

Stop the subdividing of land, tearing down historical homes to preserve the towns original profile that makes it unique to surrounding towns.

Need the rail trail built. And more access to conservation areas.

Rail Trail, no traffic lights (except by market street)

Quiet small town feeling.

Bike paths, being able to get to Market Street on bike paths maybe connection between Pyburn and Alexandra Road; public transportation maybe by bus to connect to Wakefield; have the airport shuttle stop in Lynnfield; have a community center where classes can be offered

Plenty of bike trails, playing fields, hiking trails. No woke propaganda in schools.

Don't live in Lynnfield

My biggest complaint if rising taxes due to hefty property assessments and most of the tax revenue going to salaries and not towards town infrastructure. Most importantly, our roads and sidewalks are not maintained adequately by our DPW. They make things worse by some of the things they do.

I would like day to day life stay as is: a pleasant community. I want to leave for the next generation a functioning town that is safe and affordable with a superior school system. I think the town should make amends with the Historical and Society and Commission.

Do not ruin the town with overdevelopment. Water, open space and conservation need to be prioritized.

I would like to see the town be a quite town as it id, if that is possible in the future. Many want to live here for this reason. Hopefully the school system will continue to excel in the future. That there will be more affordable housing for generations to come.

I love living here. I'd like to strongly suggest that any town communications that are done via video have the text pasted to be read as well - as a young parent of 3 kids I dont have time to watch long videos to get important information (especially during COVID updates). I'd also like a centralized community calendar - definitely online but also perhaps a physical one in the center similar to Reading.

I would love a more diverse, walkable town with small, local businesses and great municipal services, like a new library, Rail Trail, well-funded Senior Center, and great sidewalks. A playground for kids near Town Center would also be great!

My vision for Lynnfield is a town where the leaders and infrastructure can reflect the more diverse and growing population in Lynnfield!

Small quaint town ! We do not need more apartments and condos but could use smaller homes for those who wish to downsize

Protect the natural surroundings like Reedy Meadow. Stop building on every square inch of vacant land.

The reason I moved here 18 yrs ago was Lynnfield s higher standard and perception...nice spread out quiet single family homes. I chose it as it was and did not move here to change it. °my kids are in the school systems and they have to stick to subject matter and stay away from politics. New families should not push their beliefs. Our town governance has to change from the current silliness. Otherwise, we are not Cambridge. Our water supply is our biggest threat with disgusting water that leaves stains on cars and showers and the a yearly water ban which people who want grass.also has cancer causing chemicals like pfas. Nothing in this survey addressed that. The water districts are a joke, dump them and go th mwra with plentiful clean water. This is the number one disgrace and very important news above all in this slanted survey.

Lynnfield might need to increase ethnic and economic diversity to thrive in the future. Maybe not be snobby about lower income families/seniors.

Full time fire department

as I age I would think that a downtown would be handily, but the community gas not supported this for 60 years. Lifestyles would need to change . Our mobility makes it always tempting to drive out of town for work, entertainment, recreation, and shopping. The electronic infrastructure has evolved to cut across if not destroy traditional life patterns; these have not reformed adequately as evidenced by levels of depression, sadness, violence, and low fertility rates.

Increase elderly assistance in all phases, clean up the nonsense and poor support of our failing schools over past 5 years!!

Safe sustainable community that maintains great schools and commerce to maintain cost of living

I would love to see more racial diversity in Lynnfield. This is a wonderful town and racial diversity will only make it better. I would also love to see more affordable housing scenarios such as condominiums for purchase and/or multifamily apartments for rent.

Better services like more frequent recycling and better access to yard waste drop off, more affordable retail shopping

MUST keep schools excellent. LCWD is suspicious and needs to be vastly improved. Improve roads and sidewalks. Lynnfield centre shops/building is no value add to the town.

More diversity, thriving town center with local businesses (no chains), that provides a place for a diverse group of town residents to gather or meet.

More jobs opportunities, more affordable housing, better access to community programs and services, a new library will help senior and families with free services and programs.I know a lot of people in this community who cannot afford after school or adult programs because it is too expensive in our town. In good condition side walk everywhere ,si you can walk or bike in our town.Access to Public transportation . I would love to see a more open minded Lynnfield town to new ideas who incorporate and benefits everyone in our community.

A vibrant town center would add to this wonderful community.

More vibrant/ interesting town center. More multi-unit housing options for those who need it.

More protected green space. 5 person board of Selectpersons to expand representation. Vibrant shops in Center & South Lynnflied

More affordable housing for seniors

We need fiscal balance. School and municipal project should be fully vetted before going public. Town officials know that the residents will always accept anything they put in front of them.

firefighters on duty at night

Pillings pond is a real gem

I think it is important for children and teenagers to have safe roads with sidewalks to walk on, safe places to spend time, plenty of healthy green space, and job opportunities as they get older. I also think it is vitally important that empathy and acceptance are imbedded in our community climate so that we can attract and support people of all different backgrounds.

This is a good, walkable, bikeable town that has access to public transportation into Boston. We formally celebrate our diversity and have a way to welcome and engage new residents.

town meeting questions on ballots delivered to all citizens, not everyone ( very few) go to town meetings, We all need to vote on proposals. I

do not think 2 ballots of questions is unreasonable.

With property values increasing and taxes following suit, too many people are being priced out.

Keeping Lynnfield the way it is love living and walking around Lynnfield I feel very safe.

I hope we will be able to hook up to MWRA water supply for cleaner, healthier water. Resurfacing of roads and completion of the rail trail.

I would love to see the Center of Lynnfield have more retail and restaurant options. We are missing a vibrant Center with say a coffee shop, places to meet other residents, etc. I would love to see a town that has more recreation options for children and seniors, i.e. make the rail trail happen.

More quality elderly housing so I can down size and pass my home to my children.

Would like to leave Good school systems and good emergency response and town resources. If people can't afford this town or don't feel there are enough jobs here there are many towns within a five mile radius that fulfills these things. Maintain the charm of the small town feel, not everyone needs to be able to afford to live here. They can move to neighboring Lynn. Please stop burdening the homeowners with outrageous property taxes. Since M Street opened it has not taken the burden off of residents. The retail spaces need to provide more money to support town services and the tax structure.

improvement to traffic management at intersection of Walnut St and Market Street. Improvement to roads, sidewalks and creation of bike path. Improved fiscal management focused on making Lynnfield affordable for all residents.

More vibrant town center, more cultural diversity, more emphasis on climate action, more recreational spaces (trails, dog park), health food restaurants

I want to see more options for kids to connect and play and use the town center. I want to see a vibrant community for children and adults to come together. I love what is happening at Jordan Park and what the Lynnfield Moms are trying to do. I want to see more of that.

Lynnfield has gone through a drastic addition of many new house and apartments, and has exhausted its available space in order to keep it a small town. The traffic is already a problem and clean air and debt reduction should remain its main goals for the next 10 years.

Better bike paths, walking trails, focus on families and a new, thriving generation in the town.

a more vibrant and robust center of town for community gathering and retail. better water!!!

Bike paths, better library, more family oriented activities/facilities

I think the Town, as a whole, is doing fine.

Keep the forests. Stop new developments

It would be great to have a vibrant community with young families as well as intergenerational collaboration. I appreciate the quality of the schools, but wish housing and taxes weren't rising at such a high rate. I'm concerned we won't be able to continue living in Lynnfield. Ensuring that local businesses in Lynnfield are paying their fairshare in order to keep tax rates down for residents in one way to ensure more diversity in the community. I also see a lot of local groups, but no town coordination. How do we do a better job of working together amongst all the groups with the town leadership to build a more cohesive message.

More bike paths and a town center similar to Wakefield, Reading, etc

Seniors affordable housing is important since many retirees can't afford to live!

I'd like Lynnfield to be a great town to raise a family and grow old in with social and recreational opportunities for all. I do not like the infighting between the Selectmen and groups like the Historical Society. This needs to be a town where people treat one another with respect.

Preserve woods and open land but still have more affordable housing options

Affordable town houses

Cheaper housing taxes

affordable housing for seniors and young families. also, more activities for teenagers

Please increase Sr volunteer opportunities

Need more affordable housing for seniors looking to downsize - the wait list for Essex Village, etc is nuts. Not sure why siblings and parents of residents are eligible before existing residents who are taxpayers liking to downsize

I love the small town feel Lynnfield has now. I do not want to see more building.

A residential community with good schools. We do not need any more traffic or any more commercialization..

A cab driver took me from Logan Airport to Lynnfield one late night and as he dropped me off he commented, "wow, it's quiet up here, this is nice". LETS KEEP IT THAT WAY. Lets look at our thrift and ingenuity as a virtue once again, after all, that is the old "Yankee" way. Common sense, lets exercise common sense implementing our plan for the future. For example, the "Learned knowledge of patterns" - lets take a common sense look at all the towns around that have not been responsible planners, that have not developed in a responsible manner and lets NOT DO WHAT THEY HAVE DONE!

More, and improved, community recreation facilities; more diversity of housing options, from starter homes to multi-unit senior housing.

Preserve Lynnfield, stop turning Lynnfield in to a city.



a town that has welcomed more small businesses, farmer's markets or family events. sidewalks that are safe/consistent to use throughout town and a rail trail.

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#### Preserve Lynnfield as is

In the future we may want more that is as it was. 1. Can walk or bike to the downtown more readily; 2. Use the community space (town meeting building) all the time (e.g. near-term on weekends a cooperative bakery or farmer's market; during the week as a wework type shared workspace along with a renovated library space; once a month in evenings as a tavern for opportunities to celebrate.) 3 - More trails and space for bikes to get around (not just rail trail, but on main roads). 4 - Ways for folks to age into the community (e.g. change tax rates so the longer you live in town, the less you pay in tax rate; or tie tax rate not (just) to price of home but to income). 5 - Towns nearby have small downtowns like us, but in them have a local place to grab a meal (e.g. The Black Cow in Hamilton.) The closest we have to that is a chain restaurant - 99. I'd like to either see one in Lynnfield Center or South Village - that feels and is local. (Market Street is nice, but does not have an intimate feel to it.) 6 - Give a 10% discount to Lynnfield residents to eat at Market street. (Or 15%-20% on days/times it's not as crowded.) 7. I live in South Lynnfield - there used to be a place near the rotary (I was told) that sold chicken. Now that place is an abandoned paved area (across from the dunkin donuts). It would be AWESOME to turn that into a local place for food trucks. It's already carved out and ready to go - it's used to quick traffic on and off - it has trees and places where you could set out tables to eat. It could become the local north shore place for food trucks to rotate through. It could provide an affordable place to get a meal in town (that doesn't take away from our local pizza places) and draw in folks from Lynn and anyone coming off the highway at the rotary. And it would turn a part of our town that is a bit beat up into a nice outdoor space. The homes behind it are very nice - let's add in a food truck space and transform it (completing the transformation of that part of town after Perley Burrill finally was removed).

Re-vamp the town center completely to make it more lively and make use of the dead space. Not ever allowing parking between the library and commons as it's so congested. Being able to make sure my kids aren't bullied for not being white as we still have racial issues/incidents with kids. Lynnfield doesn't feel inclusive still even though we have more diversity it's still a struggle. Making better use of the common to have more community celebrations and outings.

Zoning laws that promote single family homes with a min of 33,000 sq ft of land per dwelling. No public transportation. Let's reduce spending, live within our means, shrink the size of government, and promote individual freedom, self reliance and work ethic.

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#### Affordable housing and green space

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##### Better side walks

People could grow up here, move from parents home and live here if they wanted to.

More green spaces, develop the rail trail, stop developing every inch of land with enormous homes with huge lawns which require vast quantities of water and electricity.

town goverment spends too much money they think every person living in Lynnfield has a large yearly income. Some people who live here can not afford increase in tax rates etc. Town should focus on keeping the tax rate low get money tax income from Market Street so many businesses there making millions and the tax burdeen is on the lower to middle class

Well paved sidewalks for children and elderly to use without worrying about injuring themselves. Welcome committee or mailing with town information for new families

Improve the quality of the water, condition of roads and sidewalks, keep property taxes down, keep housing costs down. My children were raised here but can not afford to live here.

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#### Inclusivity amongst socioeconomic and racial backgrounds

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##### Pass

The town that has welcoming to everyone and has opportunities for family and economic growth.

I'd like to see the improvement and upgrading of the residential landscape and facilities and services. There are still areas without gas supplies which should be the priority to solve the issue. The electricity posts and cables are just the ugliest you can see. These should all be upgraded. It just does not look like the most developed country in the world. The town should have a recreational center. It doesn't have to be as big as Lexington's but residents and neighbors can go if they want a public pool or a track field.

Clean, quiet, safe town for my children. Invest in our schools and existing green spaces.

A town where families can actually spend their time, that is well kept and has recreation and culture. We also need to free our residents of having to drive everywhere. It's time for connections to broader transportation options.

A town with even better school system (top 10-15 in the state), more resources available for young children, more parks and public spaces for all ages, better town center and park with stores and restaurants. I see Winchester and Lexington as good examples.

More opportunities to bring people together! Despite being a commercial center, marketstreet really does bring everyone together, by giving opportunities to socialize over a cup of coffee, a drink or meal, or just walking around into stores! Lynnfield doesnt need to become a retail hub, but more areas outside of marketstreet that can be used for local businesses to bring people together will only strengthen the community bond & bring a lively vibe to a somewhat othwise sleepy town.

It would be nice to maintain the country feel but still be in close proximity to Boston.

Welcoming to diversity and various cultures; More affordable shopping and dining; Social programs for kids/teens that promote community and kindness

Affordable housing so my young children can live in Lynnfield, much greater diversity in population, preserved open spaces and trails to walk

and bike

Dont overpopulate with condos, townhouses

Town recreation center for teens. People are the first to complain about the teenagers and them blocking all the parking spots at the town center with their bikes etc. but we have no space for them to go so it's not really their fault. I also feel like our downtown center on Main Street and South Lynnfield Should have local businesses, coffee, shops, boutique, he shops, local, Lynnfield shops, but the rent is so outrageous that people can't afford it so they're sitting empty right now. I was a small business owner who tried to get in both Main Street town center as well as South Lynnfield. I was not able to because everything went to Real Estate and then I was told that they were letting the police sit empty until they found a restaurant big enough to go into the old pharmacy. it's just taking away from the small town field at Lynnfield is supposed to be people would rather let space sit empty and promote business. That is local. Downtown could be a great town center but it really has nothing to offer. Would love to see a local restaurant or diner for Lynnfield residents.

The community is a bedroom community, keep it that way

I would love to be able to walk to... anything. Living in the northwest corner of town, walking to a store, a park, town center isn't really easy. Sidewalks are not great and there's no parks here.

We are the forgotten neighborhood: the wrong side of Route 1. Our fire station is closed at night. We have no parks/ playgrounds and must walk to Lynn for a playground. Haven't seen a police cruiser go down our street in over a year. Our elementary school is the worst in town.

stop expanding commercial businesses; it is a small town with a small town feel; people actually know each other; lets keep it that way

It would be great to expand shops at Lynnfield Center, since it is so walkable for many people. Keeping sidewalks maintained and safe. Adding the bike trail will be great. Expanding outdoor play areas for children (and adults)

More support for diversity. More books in the school libraries that feature non white characters. More transparency in town government - increase select board to 5 members. More diversity in town leadership (primarily white men - does not represent all citizens).

When I moved to Lynnfield over 24 years ago town was small quaint welcoming really nice people down now town is over built large homes everywhere town is losing its charm town government doesn't give a thought to struggling middle to lower class families. Just one sided for wealthy families individuals n to earth has changed so much property being over developed roads are a mess town government doesn't think of middle to lower income individuals and

While passive and active recreation is important, we have to make certain we don't go overboard with massive overcorrections, like dedicated bike paths on the town's major roadways.

Lynnfield would benefit from a more diverse population. Creating a more affordable housing stock would allow more people to move here. Public transportation would be a great addition.

Keep it a small bedroom community, that is what has made this town special

More affordable housing,

I feel too many large homes are being built. We need to restrict the number of homes being built. We are losing our small town feel.

Younger Lynnfield generations are having to leave Lynnfield to find affordable homes to purchase. We also need better services for children with disabilities.

keep up with resources and opportunities offered in neighboring communities

I think day to day life in Lynnfield is where it should be. The most important thing for me is maintaining a high quality of education and I don't know if that's the case any more. I think the fact that for the first time in Bob Cleary's memory SAT scores dropped below the state average is a huge problem that is not being addressed. A community (especially real estate) is only as strong as its schools. I am concerned that the costs of special education are forcing the elimination of programs for non-special ed students and there seems to be end in sight. I'm 66 years old but believe the key to having a strong community in which people want to live and work is the school system. I am happy with all the town has done to acquire open land and that massive 500 + acre Willis Woods project is phenomenal. The Rec youth and senior center programming is among the best anywhere.

Town needs kore control on additions, size of homes

The town is killing off its own Historical Society merely because the chairman of the historical Commission has a personal Vendetta against them. It is shameful that the select board and the local press have aligned against the society and have become complicit in his lies to ruin the reputation of a good and kind woman who has done much for the history of this town.

The Vision needs to prioritize the environment over the human needs. Earth will mean nothing to us if it is uninhabitable. It is an oversimplification to assume parks will fit this need; our present lifestyle has to change.

Remaining a small town, not frantically busy with people, buildings.

A community center in the middle of town for all

Safe for all, more community activities, more enforcement of speeding through town, especially Main St and Lowell St, better road maintenance and preserving our original town buildings such as our beautiful library. Our library is in a perfect location. Let's keep it in tact

Better roads... respect for neighbors..... enforcement of by laws

A town where all people feel welcome. As a single parent/person, its very difficult to "fit in". Not having alot of \$ is also a challenge to fit in. WHen selectmen think that \$1M senior housing will help address senior housing, he's not in tune with most citizens.

Lynnfield needs more small businesses like our neighbors in Wakefield and Melrose. Revitalize Lynnfield center with small businesses and subsidize rents for locally or minority owned businesses at market street to make market street less full of big box stores and more reflective

of our community.

Stay a welcoming community, take into consideration senior citizens who may need help and keep investing in education.

Senior housing

The town needs a dog park.

maintain small town feel

I envision a Lynnfield that somehow has more dense housing and greater socioeconomic, cultural, and racial diversity, AND expanded conservation areas for wildlife habitats.

I worry about too much expansion. The town is definitely losing something as we develop on every available space. Too much development, too many ugly McMansions, not enough listening to residents.

I'm uncomfortable with unstaffed fire stations

Safe, clean and safe!

I would like Lynnfield to be a place where the younger generations can continue to live and thrive. Currently, most people I went to high school with have doubts they will ever be able to afford a place in Lynnfield with their current career paths, with limited apartments and only very large homes being built. Lynnfield is also extremely unfriendly to those who for one reason or another are unable to drive/own a vehicle. Lynnfield of the future needs to embrace past traditions and strengths while positioning itself as a viable, moderate destination for families, businesses and organizations in the future. Capitalize on its location and proximity to Boston while looking for new ways to differentiate from other north suburbs.

Traffic is bad enough as it is. Adding a rail trail would add to congestion with more people coming in from out of town, more bikes on the roads, less parking, more disruption of the environment, fewer trees, more police and EMT services needed, and higher taxes.

I would love for the library to have space to expand on their programs - they are great but the space there is limited for groups/events. More sidewalks are needed, the town is not very walkable.

Town Leadership that actually upholds ethics and addresses the concerns of citizens, not outside corporations and businesses that do not care about the aftermath of their impact on the town. There needs to be a much better job of protecting WATER in this town as it will be impacting future generations including my grandchildren who may live in the Town when they're of age.

Residents seem to have to find information and activities on their own, especially those with young children. Would like an improved town website, that is easier to navigate and with better organization. Would like to see more recreational and educational activities for people of all ages and abilities. The library does a great job with providing some of these now, but would like a larger library to meet more of Lynnfield's needs. Lynnfield has residents with a high median income, yet resources for the community seem to be lacking (or communication about these resources is lacking). I think sidewalks or paths for biking is important for the next generation in Lynnfield, and more small businesses to support in town.

Bigger commercial tax base with commercial rate to offset residence. More amenities for all residents like a bike trail, dog par, recreation center, community center, walking and bike trails. More restaurant options (other than market street). Night life. More fields and facilities for residents other than those used by all of the youth sports leagues.

Bus T station drop off to Boston Logan at Dunkin Donuts/129 Rotary South Lynnfield a must! A senior center

Improving the center of town - coffee shops/ restaurants, places to walk to and enjoy. Adding more gardens/trees

A more inclusive town that spends money on something more than endless sports fields would feel more like home to many of us. Senior citizens do the majority of the work here on committees and as volunteers and their needs are rarely considered; nothing is built for them.

New all park could use a major revamp. The playground is falling apart. Better use of space is needed and updating old equipment.

A vibrant welcoming community with support for marginalized communities. A place to be able to walk trails and sidewalks safely. A town that takes pride in its clean environment.

More paved walking trails for strollers, playgrounds in South Lynnfield and a vibrant town center with local restaurants.

more 55+ housing; some sort of public transportation; a coffee shop or two in the center

Transparent Town leadership who honestly follows ethics and State law for a change.

Rebuild and revitalize the center- bringing more opportunity there for small business owners and creating more walkable resources.

More affordable housing so that people can downsize or people who start to work can by here

Retiring next year. Want to stay in Lynnfield and watch my grandchildren who live here thrive schools and activities important. More cultural opportunities. And more local places to gather would love a coffee shop in the center - you asked 😊 More plays concerts Local flavor less big commercial entities. Like market st but looking for more quaint

We need to invest in our high school building and curriculum

I'm happy here.

need some access to mbta

Affordable housing, resources like water, and a competent and moral leadership making decisions that benefit all, not just the select few

It looks like it looks right now. I would not change much.

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I want Lynnfield to build a new library.

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My perspective is as a life-long resident and retiree. I spend several decades commuting 40+ minutes each way to my career in another community. Now, I hope to find everything that I need in or near Lynnfield.

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Address gamut of life - more than sports and outdoors for families/residents as they age. Cultural, social and intellectual opportunities. Providing for families/individuals with disabilities and behavioral needs like autism - all age groups

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climate action plan that incorporates mandated new housing only in areas that can be redeveloped

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Improved climate resiliency and services for seniors and youth. Expanding access to after school programs and mental health/wellness resources.

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## How do you get information about what is going on in Town?

#	How do you get information about what is going on in Town?	Percentage
14	Town website	43%
15	School website/newsletter	25%
16	Automated town emails/newsletters	31%
17	Flyers available at schools	4%
18	Flyers available at library	11%
19	Flyers available at senior center	5%
20	Local access cable TV	7%
21	Lynnfield Villager	50%
22	Lynnfield Weekly News	68%
23	Social media - Facebook	48%
24	Social media - Twitter	4%
25	Social media - Instagram	7%
26	Neighbors/word-of-mouth	54%
27	Public meetings (e.g., Select Board, Planning Board, School Committee)	32%
28	Other	4%
	Total	625

## What ways would you like to stay engaged with this process?

#	What ways would you like to stay engaged with this process? - Selected Choice	Percentage
1	Events or meetings	40%
2	Project website	49%
3	Videos to watch on my own time	24%
4	Pop-ups at town events like the Arts Festival or Health Expo	25%
5	Email updates	63%
6	Other	6%
	Total	572

### Other - Text

Newspapers

Unable due to physical limitations

Social media feeds. Instagram and Twitter

if you have pop ups, you must have informed speakers to answer questions

Newspapers, twitter

Virtual meetings

TOWN WIDE FORUM NECESSARY include the housing mandate vis a vis open space which was number one in many surveys done in past.

town facebook account

Newspaper

Social media is a cheap and easy way to continuously update the public.

Newspaper

Communicate a measurement plan

newspaper articles

What project website?

Facebook page

ballots for everyone to stay engaged

I admittedly do not participate in meetings as much as I could. So that seems like a good thing for me to do more of, but... given I do not, taking a survey approach on a website (folks can contribute ideas via a forum, vote on them, "like" ideas - all sounds good. If there is perhaps even a "simcity" type game out there that lets town folks create their own future versions of the town (not sure a game like that exists) would be fun!

have public meetings by boards broadcast or streamed

Use the town web site

Town website up to date, not condescending

Text updates

Newspapers

Facebook

## What is your age?

#	What is your age?	Percentage
1	0-19 years old	0%
2	20-34 years old	6%
3	35-49 years old	34%
4	50-64 years old	28%
5	65-79 years old	22%
6	80+ years old	5%
7	Prefer not to answer	5%
	Total	624

## How do you identify your race and ethnicity?

#	How do you identify your race and ethnicity?	Percentage
1	Black or African American	1%
2	Asian	4%
3	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0%
4	Native American or Alaska Native	0%
5	Hispanic	1%
6	White	77%
7	Some other race	2%
8	Prefer not to answer	17%
	Total	619

## What is your gender?

#	What is your gender?	Percentage
1	Male	32%
2	Female	60%
3	Non-binary	0%
4	Other	0%
5	Prefer not to answer	8%
	Total	617

## Do you own or rent your house?

#	Do you own or rent your house?	Percentage
1	Own	90%
2	Rent	5%
3	Prefer not to answer	6%
	Total	618

## What is the average annual income of your household?

#	What is the average annual income of your household?	Percentage
1	Under \$50,000	6%
2	\$51,000-100,000	8%
3	\$101,000-\$150,000	11%
4	\$151,000-200,000	10%
5	\$200,000+	35%
6	Prefer not to answer	30%
	Total	614



**Do you or any member of your household match the following descriptions?**

#	Do you or any member of your household match the following descriptions?	Percentage
1	Child(ren) under 18	49%
2	Senior(s) age 65 or above	31%
3	Person(s) with a disability	5%
4	Person(s) who don't speak English very well	1%
5	Prefer not to answer	14%
	Total	546

**Do you expect to still be in Lynnfield in five years?**

#	Do you expect to still be in Lynnfield in five years?	Percentage
1	Yes	92%
2	No	8%
	Total	494

## Why might you leave Lynnfield in the next five years?

Will probably relocate to another state.

Cost of living

Too much change.

Town officials not doing what's best for town.

The nice quiet town is disappearing.

Government is out of touch with residents.

Job change

Deterioration of town government.

Too much change for a SMALL town.

Taxes too high; trying to change our beautiful SMALL town to a budding metropolis

I expect to be in the Forest Hill Ave cemetery.

Getting too big moved here because it was a small town

Move south where the cost of living is cheaper and the taxes aren't so high

Too much change, not for the good

You are ruining the town too big now

Better quality of life

house being sold

Taxes - not getting anything for them

Move to NH for political reason and less state tax.

Don't know

I do not currently live here, and I do not plan to move here.

boston

The select board participates in the historical commission chairman's personal vendetta to destroy a resident's reputation.

Because I still live with my parents and want to move out on my own now that I've graduated college. There is nothing at all within the budget of either my current job or my immediate job prospects.

Cost of Living. Will move once children are done school

Rising tax rates, not much value in living here without children in the schools.