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Yes	the county fair. The history and culture	Has a haunted hotel. Has TriCAP	A Kwik Trip. Free bus rides from TriCAP	The culture. Kindness of the citizens.				
Yes	Band Shell	Parks	Streets	Welcome Signs				
Yes	Sinclair Lewis Park. Wednesday Concerts.	Small town feel. Large town store options.	A community center.	Lived here 50 years. A more welcoming feel for new people from other cultures is needed.				
Yes	Parks and splash pad. Great activities for kids. County Fair. TriCAP.	History. Small town feel. With plenty of shopping and other businesses.	More outdoor activities for kids and families.	Any events we have the locals are very friendly, helpful.				
Yes	There are several places to go for lunch	Small town friendly atmosphere	Add more retail stores	Since 1969 (54 years). Great Chamber of Commerce, and friendly, welcoming churches.				
Yes	The small town flavor with big town amenities	Progressive: i.e. a second industrial park and another housing area	It would be nice to have more housing set up as associations, as the population ages the need is there.	We have lived here 54 years. In those years we have seen the town be more diverse and accepting of others. That in itself makes newcomers feel welcome.				
Yes	Nice parks & 3 golf courses.	It seems nice and clean. We have Sinclair Lewis notoriety.	I think we're short on housing.	I try to befriend new people myself. But collectively, I don't know.				
Yes	Happy to have Stearns County Fair here. Park for Campers. Fishing opportunities.	Our intersection of many main highways and Interstate 94. the Band Shell.	Feel Sauk Centre tries to do a good job with the Community Events.	Friendliness and helpfulness when going into the businesses.				
Yes	Sinclair Lewis Days	Main Street. Sinclair Lewis.	Safer crosswalks. One more stoplight on Main Street.	I lived here for 88 years.				
Yes	The park, Sinclair Lewis Days, Excellent police/fire/EMS, clean and maintained neighborhoods	Original main street, Sauk Centre campground, park and bandshell	Not low income housing but housing for the average family (\$70K to \$125K)	I have live here for 58 years with a few years gone for work/college. Maybe a greeting committee that drops off a bag of community coupons or deals				
Yes	lake, the arts, park and some eateries	Sinclair Lewis!! Special events	Getting the city to be more involved in promoting our city	I've been coming here since 1997. Brown info signs on the highways, signs, phone number postings where info can be found.				
Yes	Golf, lake, tennis courts, museum	Sinclair Lewis, Stearns Co Fair	Improve downtown including the creamery	I've lived here since 1986 - more info about Sauk Centre				
Yes	I like the smaller community and feel Sauk has a variety of activities	People in general care about each other. We have a good school system	More dining with different cuisines	I've lived in Sauk Centre for 27 years and have always felt welcome				
Yes	Sinclair Lewis! From the boyhood home to the museum there are hundreds of reasons to learn and reflect on the life of a very unique man. Just a thought - how would Sinclair Lewis fill out this survey? Had he been born in Freepport or Albany, think how this town would have turned out.	Creativity and history. Visitors come to the lake and golf courses, but enjoy the murals, the shops, and the museum. We are a small town with access to the arts and history that make life more worth while	Commitment by the city and citizen to historical preservation. Celebrate the history of Sauk Centre. Re-route 71 around Sauk Centre - eliminate the heavy traffic downtown. It's scary to park and cross the street now	Offer a gift pack to new residents that reflect the best things they can experience in town. The Sauk Centre Visitors guide is great; very inviting and tells me 'I want to live here'.				
Yes	Small, rural community. Location is good!	Don't really feel that we are unique; I would tend to think we are quite stagnant	Would hope that we can become more progressive! We seem to be quite stagnant; don't seem to encourage any new industry or business	We've lived here 44 years. Don't really feel we do much to welcome newcomers outside of what the churches may do.				
Yes	Small town feel and centrally located	Number of golf courses	More up scale dining	I've lived here 20 plus years. Nice people				
Yes	Location	Small town with a variety of things to do within an easy drive		Information packet about community				
No					I volunteer for various organizations	small town with everything you need		I live in a neighboring town but spend more time in Sauk Centre than some residents

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No					Chalk festival	Splashes of art (murals and book benches) Quaint		A husband
No					Chalk Festival	Connected to town (memories), art and murals		College here or closer
No					Visit family and escape to lake life	Beautiful small town feel		Maintain a cabin on Sauk Lake for summer use
No					Visiting family	Nice		Happy people
No					Visiting family	Cute community and talkative		Events and business
No					Chalkfest and visit a friend	Friendly		Nothing. I live in the suburbs and have a home
No					Chalk festival and donuts	Organized event and active		Nothing specific
No					Church and concert in the park	Liked it. Lake, bandshell, nice businesses, clean, nice parks, need museum district		Nothing. We will stay where we are
Yes	Visiting the history museum, library, and Sinclair Lewis Park	Sinclair Lewis boyhood home and museum. Keep adding more murals, benches, etc and please return the statue to the fountain in the park	More family friendly dining and a community center	This was taken away from us with the destruction of the south entrance to Sauk Centre by changing the park-like atmosphere to Caribou and Taco Bell. They are ugly and I will not go there. It's depressing to drive by.				
Yes	Small community		More dining	Website/newspaper to post upcoming events				
Yes	Dining out and social clubs	It has historical buildings	I would bring in a Home Depot or Lowes	I've lived here for 2.5 years.				
Yes	Small town feel. Local shops vs corporations. Beautiful views. Great connections/avenues for kids	School programs, great community events	Better mental health options. Community/youth center with adult and kids programs. Sidewalks that extend to the Truck Stop and Walmart. Offer after school options	Engage and ask questions, open the doors to everyone.				
Yes	Sinclair Lewis Park Geyermans The art around town	We stand out as being a very clean town, having good schools, and medical facilities	Lodging and sit down dining	Developing the rest of the property by the freeway				
No						I like the community	Library Coborns Jitters	I'm staying where I am
No					To visit family	I noticed the sign promoting art. I was surprised to see the new Caribou Coffee and Taco Bell. I'd rather see small town cafes. I really love the hanging flowers		I have three kids, so knowing the school district will offer academics and sporting opportunities for my kids to excel.
Yes	Sinclair Lewis Park, playground, and band shell	Access to the lake for fishing, swimming, boating Recognition of Sinclair Lewis	Additional 'dry goods' shopping Shopping for clothing is limited	The town is clean and homes are well kept; has a pleasant appearance. Friendliness of businesses is beneficial				
Yes	Sauk is very friendly and small enough that you know a lot of people	It's a faith filled community full of caring, loving people	Traffic flow going down Main Street. Access to senior citizen exercise places	The people				
Yes	Main Street Theatre Bakery Concerts in the park	Old school eating like the Ding Dong	Add community Center to include holy family and sauk centre public schools	Friendly people to greet everyone				
Yes	Sauk Lake and Jitters	Small town and resort town feel at the same time	More dining with a variety of food options. More teen activities	I've lived here 4-5 years. More community wide activities				
Yes	Sinclair Lewis Days, Stearns County Fair, Murals, Jitters, Chalk Fest, Splash Pad, Theatre, concerts in the park	Very good Chamber that brings unique things to town.	More activities for teens, more patio/lakefront dining, bring back kayak company for weekly rentals in the summer.	I've lived here all my life				
Yes	The lakes (Sauk and Fairy) and Sinclair Lewis Park	The people. And there are lots of events to appeal to all	That's difficult. I've lived here my entire life.	Being welcomed into the community in person				
Yes	Sauk Lake, Sinclair Lewis Days, small but not too small	Clean, lots of art, nice size population	More restaurants and outdoor dining	I was born here. Left for college then came back. Lots of activities for newcomers to meet people				
Yes	Flowers on Main Street in the summer	Sauk Lake	No methane plant in/around city limits	Welcome flyer				
Yes	Great schools, many people have a lot of passion and pride in the town - which makes it better for everyone.	Small town with close proximity to larger cities	Community center and or more family activities in the winter	I've lived here for 11 years. We felt more welcomed when we moved into our neighborhood				
Yes	Welcoming! Feels like home. Excellent ambulance and fire crews	Community involvement. Care for the community	Better access to health care	I've lived here 13 years				
Yes	I love all the local shops downtown, including Jitters, Sprinkle of Joy and quilt shop	The dedication of the citizens to constantly improve the community	I would love to see a continued or increased focus on the youth and giving to the arts/sports	Live here 35 years				

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Yes	Sauk Lake	Small city with many amenities, farms, and lakes	Improve parks and fields	live here 14 years. Connect people with other families				
Yes	The lake and its beauty	Small feel, but still so much to do		Welcome bags and/or welcoming committee				
Yes	Sauk Lake	Sauk Lake	Add more family based restaurants, no fast food	I've lived here 19 years. I feel most people have a friendly/welcoming attitude and are approachable.				
Yes	Family atmosphere and school system	Sauk Lake, trucking and manufacturing, golf courses	Minimize the impact of government. Roundabout	Maybe they have the problem if they don't feel welcome				
Yes	Small community	The people and the ability to get to know people	Community center with walking track	Have lived here for 13 years. Use realtors to welcome and explain amenities to newcomers...like churches, school, how to volunteer, etc.				
Yes	All of the amenities: library, hospital, movie theatre, many parks, lake, county fairgrounds, art lab, community garden, museum, civic arena, public and private school, variety of churches, variety of retail.	Our location is unique.	More accepting of other races/lifestyles. I believe we are missing out on potential business/recreational/cultural opportunities by not being more welcoming of 'outsiders'.	I feel Sauk Centre can be tough to infiltrate, not unlike many small, rural communities. But I also feel our bark is bigger than our bite! Once you crack the exterior, I feel like our community is incredibly kind/generous.  I feel it's getting better as people are able to make connections via multiple means now, compared to the past. I also feel it's up to the newcomer to make the effort to join groups, meet people, inject themselves into the community. If you wait to be taken in, you might be waiting awhile!				
Yes	Church. Enjoy music	Good location. The lake. Park is beautiful. Camping.	Welcome center by Red School House or city hall.	Disappointed with Taco Bell and Caribou Coffee. Should have put city hall and/or welcome center there. Don't do a bypass.				
Yes	Sinclair Lewis	Library	Nothing					
Yes	Ninja park, splash pad. Chalk in Sauk and similar events	So many different events besides sports	Nothing, we love it! More bands at the bandshell	We've lived here for eight years				
Yes	Taking kids to the park	Peaceful and friendly	Integrate Latin community	You already are friendly				
Yes	Splash pad, Ninja park for our kids. Sinclair Lewis Days is my favorite	Small town feel. Lots of programs. Good community involvement	Get more restaurants	Just say "Hi"!				
Yes	School sports	Main Street and Sauk Lake	Add a rec center	Chamber does a great job				
Yes	The lake	Small town atmosphere	More businesses on Main Street. Better communication. Stop with the murals and bright colors	I've lived here since 1976				
Yes	I do like the Sinclair Lewis Park and bandshell area for events	Small town feel, the lake, access to I-94	Make a small business grant/loan to help businesses grow and get started	Could have a welcome center in downtown				
Yes	Walkability	Historic charm and friendly people	Community pool and more restaurant options	Have lived here five years. Community events are great				
Yes	Small town community that comes together in times of need. Favorite place: Sauk Centre Legion	Has most amenities of bigger towns, but still small	Lower taxes	Provide more access points to information of what's going on in town				
Yes	Downtown shops, lake, movie theatre, schools, proximity to other communities.	510 Art Lab, Artify Sauk Centre, and faith communities all seem engaged, schools seem better organized than other communities, movie theatre, orienting back toward the lake instead of away from it.	Community mixers. Central dashboard for events/volunteerism/schools that isn't tied to City/Chamber/School/Church. Community center.	Our neighbors were friendly. Organizations were friendly. Just need to get out there and meet them, which can be hard with or without kids, with introverted people too.				

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Yes	The emphasis placed on arts in the community, and the nonprofit organizations that work diligently to enhance life for others within SC and the surrounding area.	There is an energy within SC that is not found in every community within MN. There are many exciting efforts underway by civic and social organizations that provide great potential for the future growth of SC. Let's continue to build upon this energy to help put SC on the list of most desirable places to live in the US. Often it is the intangibles of a community that make a difference. The overall general positive dispositions of our residents have a luring attractiveness that SC can build upon.	<p>--Encourage more events and activities to better recognize those in or serving the SC Ag sector. The SC Ag community is an important part of our local economy and often taken for granted.</p> <p>--Celebrate all of the authors from SC---building on the awareness for literacy created by Sinclair Lewis. Numerous residents and former residents have authored books and stories. Place a spotlight on the other authors, too.</p> <p>--Capitalize on the visitors that spend time in SC (summer lake homeowners, campers, etc. with welcoming invitations and incentives to help them better support the local economy.</p> <p>--Explore any nonprofit voids that might make SC an even more desirable place to live. Would SC benefit from having more local groups, clubs or chapters for example like Sertoma, United Way, etc., if we do not already have a club locally.</p> <p>--We could do more for seniors in the community or at best make better known what services are available in SC to help them. Senior citizens are frequently forgotten about, which needs to change given the aging of America and its baby boomers.</p> <p>--Activate a more robust economic development effort in SC similar to those of other growing cities utilizing proven successful methodologies. Local business leaders working in tandem with SC government may have a greater opportunity for success than just leaving this endeavor to the city administration or the city council.</p> <p>--More restaurants and hotels would help immensely in order for SC to recruit future businesses and residents. We have gathering places and venues, but do not have the necessary supporting accommodations or dining facilities, which stifles growth driving diners and potential businesses elsewhere.</p> <p>--A comprehensive future plan for SC developed by a group such as the SC Community Foundation working collaboratively with other social and civic organizations could be an effective way to strategize a meaningful road map for a more robust community.</p> <p>--Acknowledge and celebrate local volunteers and philanthropists with an annual awards banquet that recognizes their efforts and contributions.</p>	It must be difficult. New residents are looking to make friends and establish new relationships. Coupons and discounts at local businesses are nice, but everyone needs to find a welcoming circle of SC residents who have similar interests and values. It would be wonderful if we could develop a formalized "Welcoming process" for all new residents, even those returning to their birthplace.				
Yes	I appreciate the small business community -	I think the variety of small businesses is unique.	More affordable housing, supports for families at risk of being homeless, outpatient counseling outside of CentraCare, adolescent activities ( a bowling alley, increased arts-community connection places)	It took time to build connections with other families outside of work. People wanted to know who you knew in town and why we moved here...we live outside of the city limits and have created a strong neighborhood community which supports each household as needed.				
Yes	Having a theater, downtown, good police, ambulance, hospital. Good schools. Variety of shops on main street.	Having a theater, concerts in the park in summer. Near lakes.	More restaurants open in evening. Put in roundabouts so we can learn to use them.					

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Yes	Small town feeling	Three roads coming into town	Facility for all ages recreation	Friendly people throughout town				
No					Adoration and grocery shop	It's a pleasant community	I come to Sauk weekly.	No intention of moving to Sauk. I live in osakis and work in Alex.
Yes	Movie theater, splash pad, activity park for kids	the band shell where bands play, home of the Stearns county fair, little red school house	Traffic going through town. It can be super busy some days	Small town that's very welcoming and has just about everything you need				
Yes	The sense of community	Movie theater Parks Catholic school Sauk lake Eagles Nest	Like to see more businesses in town	Small town life with caring people				
Yes	The People , The movie theatre, & the restaurants also Walmart.	Small town feeling	Nothing	Very welcoming & friendly				
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Yes	Location	Park	I would like to see Family restaurants ( not fast food chains). I would like to see city ordinances enforced and really clean up the neighborhoods as they are starting to look very trashy!	That's a hard question it really depends on where they are coming from.				
No					Go to Holy Mass	I can't remember my first visit.	Mass	Small local owned businesses attract me to Sauk, not chains and corporations.
Yes	Nice park areas, lake, dam. A nice amount of businesses and places to work. The fair.	A main intersection of roads. Opportunity for work and play.	A nice sit down restaurant	Inviting				
Yes	Lake, Park, access to daily needs (Coborns, Walmart, restaurants)	Lake Woebegone Trail, Sinclair Lewis tributes (murals, book benches, library, Boyhood Home)		quaint town with some neat history				
Yes	Schools, churches, small town atmosphere & variety of activities offered to residents	510 Art Lab- Not many towns our size have an art lab. The Chalk in Sauk is a UNIQUE event not seen in many towns in Minnesota or the United States.	I would like to see a Multi-Purpose Area Center which would provide additional gym space for high school athletics, adult recreational activities (walking path, pickle ball, basketball leagues etc.) and host wedding receptions, concerts, & conventions. I also would like to see empty buildings utilized somehow. Our community attracts visitors because of the variety of businesses. Empty, deserted buildings become eyesores and creates an aura of failure.	I imagine it is difficult to fit in and meet new people. I don't know if Sauk Centre has a hospitality committee. Because so many people are related to each other, newcomers have complained to me about how our community isn't very welcoming. I don't think it is intentional but we need to be more aware of new folks coming to our town.				
Yes	The People , The movie theatre, & the restaurants also Walmart.	Small town feeling	Nothing	Very welcoming & friendly				
Yes	I love the location of Sauk	Climate	Nothing much but add some shops or something next to tacobell it's very empty	Probably like a normal town I don't see it as a touristy place				
Yes	The hometown feel. And for the most part the well kept houses.	I love the scenes painted on the walls. And the benches. The band shell is fabulous . And the hanging flowers on the poles in the summertime	Maybe getting more unique shops and no empty storefronts	I think they think it's cute but a little small. And the shops we do have are nice but there are not quite enough of them for us to be a shopping destination like Nisswa.				
Yes	Small town with everything you need	I love that ever though it isn't a huge town it has it's own movie theater	Need more family sit down restaurants	I was a nervous reck when I moved here, but after meeting some people, it was great. These individuals treated me like family and made me feel welcome.				
Yes	The lake and movie theatre	Movie theatre	More sit down restaurants	Nice				

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Yes	We have a good mix of businesses. Sauk Lake and park. Good schools, both public and private. The bike trail is a good asset.	The campground and bandshell with summer concerts. The Art Lab, Chalk Art weekend, and the murals around town create a unique atmosphere. Sinclair Lewis festivities.	We need a sit down restaurant with food choices other than bar food. Reinvent Elmer's and make it a destination. The Old Mill would be an excellent spot for a restaurant/bar. Get some outdoor seating. A place where young adults can engage in activities, especially in the winter months. Make better use of the hockey arena. Have some sport camps. Bring in people specialized in track & field, football, etc. More open skate times and better communication with the community about those times. Get the historical museum up and running. Building is an eyesore! Constructing a new building would have been a better choice. Construction of a new baseball diamond.	I think we could do a better job of welcoming newcomers. Many young people have returned to our community which is great, but sometimes they tend to continue to hang out with the same friends they knew in high school. We have lived and farmed in this community for 50 years and this is the first time we have been contacted for our opinion on anything to do with the city. In conclusion, the city has a long way to go in welcoming newcomers AND making sure all the people who call Sauk Centre home feel welcome and needed.				
Yes	My kids love the parks, splash pad. I haven't gone downtown in awhile definitely need to go again		Would love for more fun things to do for kids. More fun activities	My family and I moved to Sauk in June of 2022. For a newcomer it took a little while to adjust, but so far it's been good. Still finding new places to do things.				
Yes	I love how accepting all kids were to my child when we moved to Sauk!	The splash pad and all the things that go on in sauk	I would like to be more involved and easier way to find happenings in town	Welcoming				
No					I work part-time and do the majority of my shopping in Sauk Centre.	When I first moved up, Sauk Centre had activities that families could enjoy together such as the race track, bowling alley, etc. For a small community it was a great place to shop and visit.	I would like to see more activities for families, friendly employers and employees who truly care about their customers not the dollar, otherwise I oly work and shop there.	I would not move to Sauk Centre as I live in a town close by and am happy with the school district I am in and their innovative ways they are working with students to give them the skills to succeed after high school. Maybe if rental properties were more affordable to what people earn and more of them then it could be a consideration.
Yes	The lake and the businesses.	Movie theater and art programs.	The local politics restricting the growth and development of our community.	Great opportunity to enjoy many different activities around the area. When looking to add to the great list of activities and developments local government is not willing to be open to minded to new ideas.				
Yes	community garden	510 art lab, movie theater .	It would be great to see a community center.	Not the easiest community to "fit in". Not very welcoming to newcomers.				
Yes	I love everything about it. I especially like the nearness of all the services we have: hospital, doctor, dentist, automotive service, grocery stores and many more.	For a small town as we are, I am proud of all the services, and I especially like the artwork on display.	I would like to see all the church communities do things together so that we can become one Christian entity, as much as we can do.	Welcoming.				
Yes	Small-town feel.	Classic marquee movie theater	More diverse restaurants choices. Thai, Japanese, etc.. More housing and more spaces for small businesses, with better locations. A bypass of the city of Sauk Centre for Highway 71. Too many people have been hit by cars in the downtown area.	Easily forgettable. Passerby's on 94 have all that they need at the exits. They get what they need and then they passed Sauk Centre bye				

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Yes	<p>I used to LIKE the fact that Sauk was easy to get around in, but now 71 is impossible to cross. It used to be you had to wait to cross only on the Friday afternoon of a holiday weekend, but now it's constant.</p> <p>Our PUC is a pleasure to work with. They are always happy in the office, and when the guys come around they have always been so willing to help and alert you to any potential problems.</p>	<p>The fact we have a group like yours. You seem to see that we, the town and residents, are caught at a time of change and need to adapt. I hope you can break down the wall of stodginess. I do though have to criticize this survey. I feel as if I'm entering an essay contest and not completing a survey aligned to gathering quantifiable information. Others have shared the same reaction when they have opened this link, and many closed the tab and didn't come back for this reason. The fact I've taken time to bore you with my cranky opinions, shows I support your mission.</p>	<p>Break the old boys network. For example, you can sit in on Planning Commission or City Council meetings and watch as the outsiders/unconnected are turned down on their applications for variances or other similar requests yet almost in the same meeting established locals are summarily given theirs. Once I even witnessed this concerning identical requests. In fact, I will go out on a limb and predict that once rooftop solar becomes less expensive and convenient and begin to seek permits, they will meet resistance. The powers that be will block homeowners' plans to install not because it will be unsafe or ugly but because it is seen as something environmentalists might do. It won't be the first time city leaders have done something to spite citizens they judge to be on the other side. Witness the 2nd Amendment proclamation or opposition to simple covid mitigations during the pandemic by the city council.</p> <p>The seeming arrogance of our city council and SOME staff members. Ask any resident who had their life disrupted by these mandatory road redos in recent years what kind of response they got the city or project engineer when they needed help.</p> <p>While on the city, can there be a worse website? It's almost never updated. Try to find recent minutes from boards. The front desk secretary will do a wonderful job getting you a copy but no one seems to be able to put it on the website in the first place and save her time in the long run.</p> <p>A better newspaper. Currently we have a shopping guide doing stenography for the city and school district. I have sent tips about issues concerning the above entities where they may be in violation of a law or policy (I also send a link to the statute), but no follow-up, journalism or investigation, is done. For instance how many voters were aware the construction at the school includes air-conditioning? I've shocked a couple residents when I informed them. The paper dutifully copied (and buried) "de-humidification systems" from the district and its consultants. AC is a valid need these days, so I'm not bothered, but the paper is not helping make things transparent for the public. Sports coverage is top-notch though, and if you're interested in science-fiction, there are sometimes tidbits.</p> <p>Rental properties need to be reeled in. Too many older, once, single family homes are being carved up into multi-unit apartments causing all sorts of parking and noise issues for adjacent residents. Supposedly the city has an ordinance or license system but . . .</p>	<p>A bewildering and frustrating maze of hypocrisy. Constantly caught in a vise between the typical effects of MN "ice" and the almost mafia like local parochialism. Where newcomers soon learn they have to be better than just to be considered equal. Though if they are an accomplished team sport athlete, they will be tapped and moved up. Nothing against athletics, but I've seen too many smart and energetic young people, who would have contributed wonderfully to our community, come and go because of this coldness and literally being constantly glared at. If they speak up at a meeting with a unique perspective or idea, many locals will view it as an insult and that person will always be known for that particular impropriety.</p>				

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Yes	the lakes	The many paintings in town	More restaurants that have evening dining	The flowers are nice on main street. Shops are cute.				
Yes	The family friendly events	More things to do than other towns of similar size.	Downtown more walkable and more connected to the bike trail by the bike bridge.	I heard lots of newcomers complain about how awful the drivers are. Loud vehicles, people don't stop for pedestrians etc...				
Yes	its location- less than 2 hours from the TC metro area, short drive to larger cities for shopping (Alex and St. Cloud), is close to lakes and the Lake Wobegon trail	it has a beautiful and busy downtown, has several parks, has a lake and dam	PLEASE, can we have better/more restaurants?! Restaurant food choices in Sauk Centre lack diversity and are not healthy, for the most part. I would love to see our town have a baseball diamond similar to Elrosa MN- I believe this could boost the baseball programs in the area and give the Sauk Centre Titans a nicer field that could attract more spectators and out of towners.	I hope newcomers find our town bright and friendly.				
Yes	Kid Connection program at the school & summer rec	Campground/park/splash pad by the lake	More daycare options/ or more daycare facilities	Family oriented				
Yes	The schools and community events	The welcoming feel of its residents	I would love to see a community swimming pool added. The town I grew up in had one and it's a great opportunity for residents to get outside and enjoy summer  I would also like to see a budget friendly indoor fitness or activity center added so we have an affordable place to work out and remain active indoors in the winter	It's tough for newcomers to integrate into the established lives of multigenerational residents with exhausting friend groups but this is true of all of Minnesota. If a newcomer hangs in there long enough though, you eventually connect as well and find the friendships are worth the wait. As a transplant from Idaho 15 years ago, I have firsthand experience with this				
Yes	Not much	No progress No restaurants No business developments	Developer land around freeway with new gas station convenience store and name sit down restaurants	To be disappointed				
Yes	The safety of a small town and our schools are great.	As a small town we do a great job of promoting the arts.	More quality restaurants and downtown shopping. We could use more senior housing.	They probably feel that the school system is good if they have children.				
Yes		I-94, Hwy 71 and Hwy 28 all run through sauk centre. And a Great Lake to offer the community and tourists and visitors.	Sauk Centre has so much potential, but it's not taken advantage of. We severely need someone in charge of economic development and community development. Whatever the current situation is, isn't getting it done.	I'm not sure, but we could make it a true "destination" city.				
Yes	The community is fantastic! Support for local is always at the forefront!	The theater is great! But we have do many local organizations who push us forward with arts and amenities!	It would be a dream to have a performing arts venue similar to the Ledge in Waite Park or Bluestem in Moorhead.					
Yes	The kid friendly spots!	The events hosted	More ethnic food options: Indian, sushi, middle eastern, korean	Friendly!				
Yes	The events at the park and the recreation spots for kids	Chalk Sauk	A sushi restaurant!	It was relatively friendly!				
Yes	Small town close to highway, friendly people and diversity.	Newer to town	I would like to find more opportunities to serve others and more outreach to new comers.	It can be a bit intimidating not knowing where to connect with others outside of a church, bar or bar event.				
No					Shop	Nice place to tour	Retail, events, movies	Perhaps for retirement if more housing became available
Yes	The churches	Small businesses. Can get most anything you need locally. Country feel. Good people. Good schools esp Holy Family School. Beautiful murals. Campground.	Needs nice family restaurants that are open for evening dinner like Pizza Ranch.					
Yes	The bike trail	The lake	there needs to be more vegetation, if possible near the highway part of main street, and around the Walmart part of town altogether.	Just Another small town with the most notable thing being a bigger hospital. The town feels somewhat barren like I said before.				
Yes	The thing that I love most about Sauk Centre is that it is a good place to raise kids. There are good schools, parks, library, etc.	Sauk Centre seems to be continuing to expand and offer new opportunities. Some other small towns appear to be more stagnant and adverse to growth because growth means change.	I would like the residents of Sauk Centre to still be more open to people with different view points and lived experiences than them.	I imagine that if you are from a stereotypical white nuclear family it is a pretty inviting place, but if you are not, then I am not as confident that it will be, unfortunately.				



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Yes	The park has many things to with the splash pad, skate park, kayak rental, music in the park, wonderful shops on main	The Palmer House	For an extra winter activity, provide a drive-through Christmas drive through display through the Campground. Maybe sell spots to local businesses or groups to decorate similar to what Fargo does	It's a nice friendly community				
Yes	The parks, the community events	The art, the opportunities for businesses to grow in a small town	More sit down restaurant options	A welcoming, growing community with plenty to do for a small town				
Yes	The lakes, the school, community support, golf courses, the location along the interstate	Movie theatre and small town businesses	I would add the following items: A business like Chicken N Pickle A facility with mini golf, virtual reality, sports simulator, lawn bowling and an arcade Pickle ball court Bike shop Brewery/winery Supper club Restaurant on the lake Gas station on the lake	There is nothing fun to do here if you don't enjoy going to a bar.				
Yes	The school, the lakes, parks, downtown businesses, golf courses, and a great location along the interstate.	Movie theatre, art murals, bands in the park, the trail, the wine bar	I think adding the following would be beneficial to Sauk Centre: supper club; a business like Chicken N Pickle (would be great for families or company outings); a facility that includes mini golf, virtual reality, arcade, and a golf or other sport simulator (great for all ages); bike shop; Cafe Zuppas long the interstate; and a brewery/winery	Right now it is boring. Not much for family entertainment, nice sit-down restaurants, or places for young people to hang out. People don't "cruise" Main anymore. :)				
Yes	I love the size of the city, the variety of shops, fast food places, and things to do.	It has many city amenities with a small town feel.	I would like to see more condos and townhouses, not more apartments. It would be nice to have places where older people who do not want to live in apartments but no longer want to take care of lawns and snow removal could live before going into assisted living.	It depends on your tax bracket I imagine.				
Yes	Most of the people are really nice	Movie theatre, hockey association	Change of local leaders.	I moved here because my wife's family is here.				
Yes	The fact that it is not BIG city	The variety of offerings	Try to fill in the vacant buildings uptown	The feel of small town friendliness				
Yes	Small town friendly atmosphere, I think as born and raised here and still a resident here.	I love that most areas are taken care of as far as much needed up keep on the older buildings I love the murals.	Our school but that's more of a district thing.	Friendly small town feeling				
Yes	Convenience to all locations	Movie theater	More inclusion with sports and openness to the families	Adventurous				
Yes	Wonderful Catholic school, many different activities for the kids, Sinclair Lewis Days	Artwork on the buildings, 510 Art						
Yes	Small town living	Centrally located in MN, striving to grow community culturally such as the arts	Continue to encourage various businesses and more opportunities for aging population communities or housing(ex: patio homes, etc)	Small town feel, less congested driving				
Yes	Small hometown feel, teachers are very helpful, community members are friendly and welcoming.	I love the shops, theatre, art shop, music in the park weekly in the summer	More healthy restaurant options	I found it to be very welcoming, community members are warm and friendly. Love the weekly music in the park and all the activities held in the summer.				
Yes	Lakes and variety of activities to do	Theater wobegon trail lakes beaches	Trail head parking, better restaurants like a steak house	Active town with good people				
Yes	The next door bar.	The owner of the Nextdoor Bar, Eric.	The roads	Small town living				
Yes	Downtown and the bars and restaurants!	The trail and nextdoor barn	Better roads specifically mainstreet	Very nice small town with big city attractions				
Yes	Friendly people	Children's garden/ Arts	System to assure garden rental plots are only accessed by those who paid their rent. I think we need a chain link fence to protect the rented plots.	Friendly people , open to change. Learning to be open to other cultures.				
Yes	purple parlor	movie theater	have a fencing class	?				
Yes	Being close to the lake, cute downtown shops, my sons friends	Movie theater	To do better with bullying in school					

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No					I will not physically be in Sauk Centre today but will communicate with family and friends that live in my home town.	I have many fond childhood memories of Sauk Centre including visiting the dime store on main street with Grandma, Sinclair Lewis days and of course the fair. Fishing, camping and parks are part of both childhood and adult visitor memories	Family and friends are key. Look forward to camping, cabins, airbnb, parks, and visiting shops on the original main street. Number one need is available fast charging for EV. We own an EV and Sauk Centre is a desert for ev charging.	Affordable senior housing options and full spectrum of supports for over the course of aging. Affordable and available public transportation for people that don't or no longer drive.
Yes	Just the town in general. Everybody is so nice and it's a very inviting.	What make Sauk unique is we have a lot of history here for being a small town.	I feel we are trying to be bigger than we are with all these new restaurants and how we had to move the little red school house from its original spot. Felt it should of stayed where it was.	Warm and inviting.				
Yes	Because it's a security city	The people	I would like the trailer park to be improved because its streets look very dirty	pretty				
Yes	Lakes area, small town but some chain store and restaurants. Good local coffee shop. Theatre. Schaefer's meats. Bakery. Flower store. Community Banks. Snowmobile / Bike trails	Art scenes, historical buildings and connection to Sinclair Lewis.	Too many bars and not enough non-fast food restaurants. Would love a Qwik Trip. More jobs to get young families	Friendly and nice size. Not too big and not too small				
Yes	The lakes and downtown stores	Definitely the movie theater and the bakery	A place to eat with an outdoor seating area	Very welcoming				
Yes	the size and small town feel	The splash pad and ninja park are GREAT!	I would put the fence back around the splash pad and ninja park. They are great but the road is too close and that part is not safe.	hmmm not sure - I don't know how welcoming we are.				
Yes	Easy access to I-94 and ability to quickly get to Alexandria and St. Cloud.	Walmart and Coborns (as opposed to a place like Long Prairie or Osakis).	More restaurants, housing (an apartment development on the lake would be great), better traffic control at the DMV intersection where people turn off for the hospital.	Parochial but livable. The remarkable trait was its low cost of living while giving access to larger cities. That has been greatly diminished with the bump in housing costs and limited supply.				
Yes	People care about one another. People who pray and love God. Excellent priests who provide the sacraments, restoring life to dead souls (Penance), giving us Jesus himself (Eucharist), and teaching the true faith. Police are friendly, kind, and try their best, despite the horrible pressures they deal with.	Friendliness Honesty 24 hour Adoration Excellent small businesses	It would be so good to have a home for pregnant, unwed mothers.	People were very welcoming, especially at Our Lady of the Angel's Church. People were very kind, generous, and helpful.				
Yes	The school sports.	A variety of sports.	More stuff for youth to do.	It is very small.				
Yes	How close our company is at times	The kindness of our community	Equal funds for sports and fine arts	I imagine it is welcoming with new experiences				
Yes	The sports activities!!	We are a big family!	More support for hockey from the city!					
Yes	Close to interstate. Small town community	Movie theater, 510 art studio and the many programs it holds. The Library a Carnegie	Advertise more - we have some unique store, but many people are not aware in and out of our community - move forward beyond Sinclair Lewis as our main focus.	average small US town.				
Yes	Lots of activities in and out of schools for people of all abilities and interests.	Small town feel downtown, yet has all amenities you might look for in a city.	We moved here in 2018, we had a hard time integrating into the community. We missed some opportunities the first few years because we didn't know where to look for activities / events etc. Maybe there could be a welcoming group that explains all things when new families move in?	As stated above it was difficult to know where to go for things like registering kids for baseball, opportunities for connecting with other people etc.				
Yes	Sports	Different people everywhere	Adding a community center or another gym that is always open year round	A smaller town than they would be used to				
No					groceries, post office, gas, liquor store, Jitters,	Home Town comfort.	pizza hut. more fine dining	Keep making our city crime free And Safe.

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Yes	Living on big Sauk Lake	Small town atmosphere with decent lakes	Better access to more restaurants. More options for entertainment, music, arts, restaurants, shopping, a Sam's Club, an option for working out, access to a YMCA type facility. Options to meet people in the community, I am not from here originally and I have no options for meeting others in the community.	I can tell you what it is like, it's isolating, it's lonely and it's boring. I am originally from St Cloud so I drive back there at least 2-3 times a week to shop, options for groceries is very poor and limited in town, as is shopping in general. I am spending my dollars in another community that I would rather spend here...				
Yes	The parks are clean and well kept.	Has unique parks for kids.	The friendliness...as a new resident of a little over a year, I haven't experienced the "Minnesota nice" that I'd thought you'd receive in a small town.	"Stuffy"				
Yes	The spirit of community and cooperation that makes so many great things happen.	The history and the energy of the town.	A nice sit down restaurant.	Very welcoming				
Yes	Small town feeling Knowing many people	All the different ways a person can travel through Sauk. I-94, highway 71 and 28.	A family restaurant A community pool Handicapped playground equipment at all parks Adding another assistive living place for residents with Dementia so they can continue to be close to family members while fighting this disease. Maybe a rehabilitation center that focuses on making sure people are taking the correct medication for their illness. Looking at Staples or Onimia MN and what they offer families	Overwhelming due to the small clicks Doesn't always feel welcoming or friendly to current residents Safe				
Yes	Living on the lake, bike trail, parks, history, recreation, art, library, downtown businesses	Intersection of major highways, Sinclair Lewis, lake	Community center like in Monticello, expand Art lab or add makers space, better restaurants/bar scene, indoor activities for the winter months	A town trying to grow beyond a farm community and increased tourism destination				
Yes	Movie theater, fleet supply		I wish there was a community education for adults. For instance a shop class.					
No					Put gas in my car.	It is a friendly town.	Walmart	I would like to see a field house to support our local high school sports/activities.
No					Go to weside liquor	Nice town	??	Fine where i live
Yes	The lake is a plus! The schools and many varied activities throughout the year keep everyone active. The movie theatre is a big plus! We are fortunate!	Movie theatre, murals, great library, great parks and campground are just a few of great things!	Continued shopping sites in downtown.	It is probably overwhelming for a non-native- SC born. With so much tight There is a family emphasis. Someone without immediate family may feel some disconnect.				
Yes	The close community	The Sinclair Lewis campground being right in town	Put a stop light at the freeway exit on 71, almost impossible to take a left hand turn some days	Just a cute little town				
Yes	Friendly people	Lots going on for small town	Better restaurants	Welcoming				
No					Nothing today. Food share tomorrow, maybe splash pad, but haven't been there in a couple years.	It was old.	Discount movies in November, free food share on Fridays, Walmart for groceries,	Lake property at the right price, however, I did look at property in your town prior to moving to Osakis, but I didn't find anything in my price range and my children are in the Osakis school district now. I had tried subbing over ten years ago in Sauk Centre, but it is so clinkish. It was just not accepting of new people. At that time, Brooten and Osakis had me sub, and they were very friendly and accepting. Gave tours of schools prior and principals would stop by the classrooms to see if I, as a sub, was doing ok. Ended up teaching in Brooten for six years because of their openness. People from the community said you have to have the right last name
Yes	Everything is close to home. Groceries, car up keeps, school most importantly	Our small town and its very friendly residents. Sun Claire park	More housing options for those wanting to move here .	At times stressful when they can't get what they need. Housing being #1 and 2 language barriers . Overall we are welcoming				

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No					Get oil change	I like the small town friendly people. convenience of the stores	The movie theater	Would not move there... I own a house elsewhere
Yes	Friendly people	Lots going on for small town	Better restaurants	Welcoming				
No					Pick up groceries from Walmart	Born and raised in SC. It's a very Catholic oriented town and a community that doesn't like change.	My job or if there was a decent restaurant to eat at that wasn't fast food.	Nothing. Moved out of the town due to the constant hypocrisy of the Catholic community who doesn't practice anything that they preach unless you're willing to be someone that you're not.
Yes	I love the small town feel that Sauk Centre offers without feeling "too small" like they are "behind the times".	I think it is very unique how so many people really care about Sauk Centre and its success. I love that there are people who have started organizations like SCACF, LARKS, youth sporting organizations, etc. just to ensure the residents are getting the experience they deserve.	I would love if there was a Community Center of some sort for the public to enjoy. Something that would allow for indoor walking, pickleball courts, etc. Maybe even an indoor playground where parents can let their kids play while they enjoy some time walking or playing pickleball, etc. I absolutely LOVE living in Sauk Centre but sometimes don't like thinking that because we are a small town, we can't have access to the same things that living in a big city would offer.	I would hope people would feel welcomed but I honestly don't know how a person can really get to know people in this town without getting involved. I have served with several different non-profit organizations throughout my 13 years in Sauk Centre and that has really assisted me in getting to know many people in our community. It also helps to have children in sports as you get to know other parents with athletes of the same ages.				
Yes	Park	Movie theater	Hot topic and Starbucks	I was in 9th grade when I was a newcomer to the town.				
Yes	Relatively safe and quiet.	Nothing	More parks like the parks in the splash pad area. More family resources.	Private/shut off from them. A lot of either born here or foreigners type attitudes.				
Yes	The schools, activities, shopping, people	Different things to do like the movie theatre, ice cream shop, etc.	More things for littles to get involved in like art lab or other classes/groups	Welcoming				
Yes	Small town atmosphere. Contagious energy to make life better here across all ages and interests. The murals and community art. Concerts in our beautiful band shell. Lakes, trails and parks. Our wonderful movie theater.	Our community arts environment is noticed by grant organizations and other communities. Our bandshell in a picturesque lake front park.	Restore the Creamery into an attractive retail and restaurant space. Transform the alley behind the Creamery and Ungers building into an attractive outdoor space. Turn the Ungers building into condos.	Being accepted is a two-way street. Visibility is credibility—when we were new in town, we joined community groups and got involved in life here. That helped to overcome the innate cautiousness of local residents to newcomers and change.				
Yes	Small(ish) town but close proximity to Alex, St Cloud. Hwy 71 and I94 make travel by car easy. Number of lakes in the area.	We have a nice mix of Ag business and Ag production along with commercial manufacturing for a town our size.	We need to get something in the old Gerard's and Unger buildings; that's a lot of space going to waste and buildings not being used fall apart quickly. We need some good sit down, steak and potatoes type of restaurants. Something like the Rivers Edge, JT's, Hannington's and the like.	A town that seems to be infatuated with an author that didn't like it. Don't get me wrong, we need to preserve history, but I don't think he should be the focus he seems to be. We have way more to offer potential families than Sinclair Lewis.				
Yes	I love the small town feel located close to larger cities. Also, the lakes are a large draw. School district is good.	Sauk Centre is still a small community, but with amenities of a larger city. We are located on the intersection of two of the busiest highways in the state. We have a little bit of something for everyone.	I think Sauk Centre could use a wellness center in the community with access to a pool, walking tracks, weights, cardio equipment, etc. We need to also keep our schools up to date with building updates along with course offerings and extra curricular activities.	I think Sauk Centre is a great community for newcomers. There is some industry in town, plus we are close to larger communities that have employment opportunities. We have high speed internet in the majority of the area for people that work from home. Our schools are good. There are several things for families and people of all ages.				
Yes	The atmosphere, schools and Lake :)	Movie theatre	More things for kids to do	Welcoming				
Yes	The economic development that comes with being on the I-94 corridor. This increases the chances of prosperity in a growing community.	The unique portion of Sauk center is the forward thinking and growth minded leadership that helps guide the community.	To turn away from a Sinclair Lewis aspect and more of a tourist and destination spot with a minimalist approach to Mr Lewis.	I moved to town when Walmart was just opened so my thoughts were that Sauk center was a growing community that corporations chose to invest in and that a future growth was extremely strong.				

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Yes	Location, school district, the revitalization of down town and locally owned businesses.	Art and community culture/events, movie theater, developed/maintained parks	More inclusiveness of new people moved into the community, continue to update and improve our public school system, more affordable childcare options, Also more prominent marketing of community events. Continue to develop the downtown and fill shuttered businesses (unger building) with family-friendly options.	It was difficult initially — found it to be very cliquy. Unless you know someone, you can feel like an outsider for quite sometime. Sauk Centre has so much to offer already with even more potential. It is already a destination for smaller communities surrounding.				
No					Visit friends	I really love the nature and small town feel	Good movies in the theatre	More shopping
Yes	It's a pretty safe town for the most part	Sinclair Lewis history, the Palmer house history and fame and tutti fruiti kitchen and farm because of the uniqueness. No other place that I know had a restaurant and vegetable stand on their farm.	The c*** and gossip that comes with living in any small town. Everyone knows everyone's business even when it's not true. And I feel people are way to quick to judge here without knowing all the details.	Very friendly town with interesting and unique little mom and pop shops				
No					Shopping	Good downtown stores	Sit down family restaurant like Applebees	If the housing was more Reasonable and available.
Yes	School system	Agricultural background	Nothing	Small and country town, exactly what I grew up in				
Yes	The Community and the lake	Main street	I would like to have more options to shop produce and meat from local farmers and sustainable ressources	I am a newcomer				
Yes	Fairy lake and the shops up town!	Movie theater, out door skating rink	More variety in restaurants	Welcoming				
Yes	Location, lake, size of town	Availability for small town biz wise	Lower tax rate, especially property tax	Welcoming overall, takes time to meet people				

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Yes	Sauk Lake, the docks at the park, the wine bar. I love that you are expressing curiosity and how we can improve our town. There's a lot of potential and much to capitalize on/boast, but it's just not being tapped into.	Murals on the buildings; docks at the park to allow for boat traffic	It's known as a sleepy town with little to no growth over the decades. Get rid of old mentality ("nothing needs to change or be fixed") and adopt a growth mindset...how we shift to that as a society involves community leadership and change management. Add Tesla Superchargers...not other charging brands since legacy automakers are adopting the Tesla adaptor...plus it's the largest, fastest, and most reliable network (it's inevitable with the transition to EVs and will attract more revenue from those passing through to charge...we just need host businesses to allow Tesla to install them). Clean up the city - better enforcement on yard and home maintenance. Expand the farmers market! Repair roads. We need many more GOOD, emphasize GOOD or better, dining options. No more additional bar food, fast/commercial food. High class, high quality, unique food options and a brewery is needed (look at Alexandria, for example: Garden Bar, The Lure...consider rooftop dining overlooking the city). More entertainment options for families, kids, and adults alike. Give I-94/Hwy 71/Main Street/Sinclair Lewis Ave/downtown a face-lift (first impressions matter...hold businesses/property owners to a higher standard that have "trashy" appearances such as awnings in disrepair, window treatments broken, exteriors needing maintenance, etc), fill vacant buildings and give incentives to attract new business, better communication on happenings (including better details - don't assume everyone knows where everything is at or where "so and so lives"), add turn lanes at the stoplights (everyone illegally uses the parking lane, including the cops) and cops need to hold people accountable for those that pass on the shoulder (SO dangerous for pedestrians!!), better traffic management by I-94...it's getting increasingly congested there, improve zoning (goes with the face-lift part, but to add, prime real estate in the aforementioned areas shouldn't be repair garages/construction material storages/vacant asphalt lots, etc.). Play into the nostalgia - there's lots to benefit from here and would set us apart.	Sleepy. Boring. Uninspiring. Lonely. Uninclusive, meaning the new people feel uninformed because established residents assume those that need to know, know already.				
No					Eat	Pure joy	A mall	High paying jobs
Yes	Downtown shops.	Band shell and park area.	Mores restaurants	Not sure. Depends on where they are coming from.				
Yes	Fairy Lake, Sauk Lake, movie theater, ice cream shops		I wish there was a family sit down restaurant. I wish there were more for kids to do. I'm tired of always having to drive to Alex or St. Cloud.					
Yes	Everything	All the events for family	If they fix the road	People are friendly and welcoming				

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Yes	Special education program at public school is phenomna!! Help Me Grow program through the school district is also amazing! We love HFS also for our neuro-typical child!	We LOVE movie theater and the great Catholic Faith community.	Greater handicap accessibility. Many buildings (ie HFS) are not wheelchair accessible. Slide walks in winter & spring are not regularly cleared making it very hard to bring our son certain places (ie to the movie theatre) several months out of the year.	Largely welcoming.				
Yes	Close to home	Small town	I want a safer school I want to see metal detectors in the school doors					
Yes	Small town with a lake and farms	Variety of events throughout the year	Get involved with other communities like parades or organizations	Once your kids are in school you get to meet a lot of parents				
Yes	Small quiet town too many illegal aliens	The schools gives in school suspension to violent students that body slam little girls	Real penalties for violent offenders	Free food and home				
Yes	The town	Art scene	Better roads	Nice and calm town				
Yes	The lake	A decent commercial district for a small town	Traffic Safety. Eliminate the uncontrolled intersections thru the residential neighborhoods. Eliminate semi truck traffic thru downtown with a reasonable bybass. More downtown parking.					
Yes	Old town feeling	Old town	More history	Amazing				
Yes	Your neighbors look out for you & your kids!	home town with little city entities - a nice variety of churches and good faithful people	We need a bowling alley!	When I first moved hereI was intimidated by the closeness of the people- the store cashiers talked to the customers like they knew them- I now understand- it's because they did and they do today!				
Yes	Purple Parlor, movie theater, and the parks	Purple parlor	More sit down restaurants	You have to find the "group" of people you fit in with. No one else gives you the time of day				
Yes	The lake, closeness to natural landscapes(state forest, prairies, wetlands, rivers/creeks). I am a big fan of the art festival during the summer. If it is possible to grow that, I think that would be neat.	Major arteries run through this town, offering it a chance to bring in outsiders.	Need to take more pride in the water body that wraps around this community. Need to make efforts to promote water quality. We have a watershed district that is nothing more than a ditching authority. We have a bandshell next to the lake, we need more concerts! Bring in different food trucks. This town needs a brewery/distillery/tap house. I love that we have a wine cafe, love where they put that, we need to encourage more growth in that industry. While I'm on my soapbox, we need another pizza option or restaurant in general. Obviously this is a big ask, but small towns need to get creative with ways to promote growth in these areas. Small business loans? Any city owned property that could be donated to someone that submits a business proposal?	Lots of small town politics, and lots of typical rural positions/beliefs. I am from a small town originally so this wasn't too much of a culture shock to me.				
Yes	The small town feel, while at the same time all the conveniences of things you need. If there isn't a store you need to get something at, it's about equal distance to Alex or St. Cloud for specialized items. I personally live here in Sauk but work in Alex. I would never prefer to live there though and my daughter loves the size of the school here.	The movie theatre and campground with a beach, playground and splash pad. Can't find that many places.	More sit down restaurants. I truly think a community center would be an amazing addition for not only the kids and teens in the area but also the adults.	I hope it's welcoming and feels like a place that can be called home.				
Yes	The lake, the theatre, how clean the town is	The art around town	Better streets, lower property taxes and lights in the alleys	The town is clean and friendly				
Yes	Art and people of community	The art that's involved in the community	More small town shops and less cigarette shops	Cute little town				
Yes	Just a good, solid, (mostly) conservative community with a lot of good faith filled, friendly people.	Our school nickname. The MAINSTREETERS!!	Not sure.	My wife is not from here, and she's said it takes a little time for Sauk Centre people to "warm up" to "outsiders".				

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Yes	Friendly people. Clean environment.	The people.	More stores	Comfortable and convenient.				
Yes	Great churches to support people of a diverse Christian spectrum.	A small town that has it all.	More support for small business. Such as the WSCEO initiative.	Easy to get to know people and fund a social group to belong to.				
Yes	The surrounding lakes and areas.	The creative art on the buildings.	That all parks and playground are smoke free areas. It is gross when your little one picks cigarette butts up. Yuck.	It is a unique little town.				
Yes	Community	Palmerhouse	School board & principal s listening to teachers & staff.	Friendly				
Yes	Campo	The lakes	Nothing	Good camunity				
Yes	The convenience, the community and the care people take of the town.	The variety of shops and things to do.	Having activities for kids under 5 there may be some and I just don't know about them.	Welcoming				
No					I went to Walmart and Fleet Supply	Not sure	The stores, food, and the school- I chose to have my kids attend Sauk Centre Public School	Family, stores, food, overall all of the options and places
No					Mis planes es que mi hija sea una excelente estudiante	El parque de agua donde juegan los niños	El ambiente que ay	En sauk centre vivo
Yes	Small town vibes	Still have family owned businesses	Parking issues around the stearns County fair	Small town nice but some bad apples. Not many places to eat that are mom and pops places. Splash pad and parks are great and even has a movie theater				
Yes	Laid back community, not super busy like st cloud, tons of things to do.	Street art was unique other than that not much	More for kids to do! A soap box derby would an awesome community event! The skate park needs a bowl and to be redone!!!	Retirement community				
Yes	The lake	Lots of opportunities	Better sports complexes. Every town around us has better and more baseball fields. Ours are garbage and not take care of.  Too many little wasted parks (Browns) that sit empty.	Good business but not much for athletes				
Yes	Small town feel	Shops	The exclusivity to those who didn't grow up here	Nice small town but very exclusive				
Yes	Small town atmosphere		Educate the young and don't sweep what is happening under the rug need to talk about it	Friendly and welcoming				
Yes	Small town living	Good people	Keep corporate America away	Welcoming				
Yes	It's a fun place to live and have many friends to hang with and see.	All the painting on the buildings	More variety of colored people... need more ethnicity in this town.	Something different for new person to move to but very friendly town.				
Yes	The school and the fact that we have everything we need in our town.	It's a small town with everything in it!	A nice sit in restaurant	Diverse and that nice hometown feeling				
Yes	The school	The lakes	Nothing	Awesome				
Yes	Everything!	Th skins people.						
Yes	SMALL TOWN!	THE PARKS DOWN BY THE SPLASH PAD N THE MAIN AREA OF THE PARK.	GET DIFFERENT COUNCIL MEMBERS THAT KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING.SHORT TERM LIMITS ALSO ON THE COUNCIL.	NOTHING SPECIAL.				
Yes	The community of people that are all working together to keep the town flowing! -Movie Theatre, Lakes, Campground, Bike Trail	The history and the current everyday life of Sauk Centre	Making the town more modern while keeping the history in tact!	A bit overwhelming and underwhelming at the same time. People are very welcoming but there isn't much of a nightlife in the fall/winter without including drinking!				
Yes	The people and their willingness to step forward with talent, time and often financial donations to improve our town.	Surely the theater and band shell. Both attract people from a wide area. 510 Art is a grand success for the area also. A good school system and a variety of churches are both assets.	A good restaurant serving a Midwest menu of drinks and dinner, like Hennington's on Fairy lake of bygone days would be welcomed.	It was over 60 yrs ago so not much to compare for your project. It was warm and friendly, hope it still is today.				
Yes	Sauk Lake, the community, the movie theatre, First Lutheran church	Sinclair Lewis Days, movie theatre	I wish we still had a bowling alley or a little theme park with mini golf/batting cages/bumper boats/jumping pillow, community pool/water slides	Quaint				
No					Work	It is ok	Golfing, grocery shopping, school sports,	A place on the lake
Yes	Small town that is still centrally located to bigger cities	Movie Theatre	More sit down restaurants like Applebee's, update playground equipment at parks	Quiet, small town				



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Yes	Swimming Splash pad Obstacle Course Downtown area Parks	Nice theater Sinclair Lewis Days Holidays		Hopefully welcoming				
Yes	When I leave.	The drivers...they are absolutely horrible and don't seem to be familiar with driving laws and speed.	The school needs major improvement. They spend too much money on needless projects and technology, while the kids walk out at the end of the day failing basic education skills. And they don't need more money to achieve that. Also, sauk centre public utility is scamming people. They need competition...they can over charge for basic services and there is nothing the resident can do. I've never had such high bills until moving to Sauk Centre. Terrible.	Hell on Earth.				
Yes	Small town but you can buy just about everything you need here							
Yes	Great Location (Hwy 71, 28 & Interstate I94); our community looks inviting as you drive thru.	3 Golf Courses, Lake, SL Park, Splash Pad, Doggie Park, Movie Theatre (our community has great things to offer) Unique but not for a good reason is the "lack" of bar/grill family restaurants to offer visitors	Need family bar/grill restaurant options					
Yes	Lake, small businesses, art district, family & community activities.	Art district, movie theatre, ninja park, splash pad, band shell.	Increase sit down restaurants that are not just bar & grill. Include an indoor playground center for winter months & a full community center would be a fantastic addition for residents of all ages.	Friendly, quaint, small town feel				
Yes	Small town community that supports each other; historic downtown; SC alumni who return to raise their own families in the town that they grew up in.	Historic downtown Sauk Centre	I believe we need to put more effort, focus, and money into youth activities and sports. Updates and/or new baseball fields will allow the baseball association to bring in tournaments to play on fields that we can be proud of. We travel to so many surrounding towns that are smaller than Sauk Centre, but their baseball fields are amazing and ten times more impressive and you can tell they take pride in them. Another hotel and more eating establishments would be great too. The hockey association hosts anywhere from 3-6 hockey weekend tournaments each winter that brings hundreds of families to our community. But we want them to want to come back and enjoy their time while in Sauk Centre. Unfortunately, we only have 1 hotel we can offer them, which pushes families to stay in other nearby cities and spend their money in those cities instead. These are just 2 examples of youth sports that already do and potentially can bring in a lot of traffic to Sauk Centre, which benefit the entire town because the families need hotels, gas, and eat out at restaurants. I know there are more youth sports and activities that could benefit from receiving a little help and support. We also want our youth growing up, graduating, and wanting to return back to Sauk to raise their own families because of what our community can offer their children.	Inviting				
Yes	The parks and school options. The lake and river activities. The many unique small businesses.	All of the shops and restaurants. Having a movie theater. Location near bigger amenities while remaining smaller.	More cultural additions as our area increases its Hispanic population	Welcoming				

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Yes	Friendly residents	How the community gets together to help in any way	Some Sauk Centre employees to be more concerned about there residents and understanding	Friendly fun helpful				
No					Walk around the Sinclair Lewis Park, go to a movie and get dinner and drinks downtown	I love how iconic and nostalgic the town is. You feel like the residents want to preserve the town as a destination and landmark	Post signs or plaques where Sinclair Lewis May have worked or visited or written. For example, "this is where Sinclair Lewis often drank his coffee while writing."	Work opportunities for hybrid working
Yes	Small town	That it's not a big factory town like long prairie or melrose	Have a big flea market at the fair grounds	It's clean				
Yes	The location and small town feel	Movie theatre	A nice place to eat not just bar food, brewery	Homey, and welcoming. Family friendly				
Yes	Small town feel, lots of community events, generally safe community	Local community involvement, local artists active in the community, community events and gatherings	Making sure it stays a Safe community for our kids; better structure, safety and leadership at public schools;	As a newcomer about 10 years ago, at first it was hard to feel like I fit in here since so much of the community is from here and is pretty tight knit. Attending the local community events and getting involved in the schools and church really helped me to get to more people and feel like I fit in here.				
Yes	The many activities for children and families.	Sauk Centre is unique because of its supportive community. Community members are always working together to make Sauk Centre a better place.	Something that would make Sauk Centre a better place is having more sit down restaurants! Sauk Centre used to have quite a variety of restaurants, but now has nothing.	I imagine Sauk Centre is a fun and welcoming community for newcomers.				
Yes	How friendly folks are	Outdoor community events	More youth oriented activities	Welcoming!				
Yes	The lake and downtown	The lake with several restaurants	Pizza restaurant and fine dining	Maybe hard because getting to know people can be tough				
Yes	Small town atmosphere	Stearns co fair	Not so much art stuff, all businesses important but didn't feel that when mine was open	Small town				
No					come stay at rv park		Rv park	full time vet,
Yes	The lake and downtown	All the murals and art events	Have more stores and be open on Sunday for people to browse.	Very friendly. People willing to help others.				
Yes	The location and natural beauty of the area	Location along several major highways	We need more sit down dining options.	It varies. Can be very friendly and welcoming but also not.				
Yes	The lake and downtown.	Main street	Clean up the lake, it is full of mill weed and scum.	Enjoying the park and main street was a wonderful experience when we first moved here.				
Yes	Summer	Movie theater	More activities for young people! Better communication about events taking place in the area.					
Yes	its a small town but yet close enough to everything	its location on hwys on beautiful lake	School and town need a rec center	welcoming				
No					My daughter attends the school as an open enrollment child and my youngest will also do the same. They both dance in town and we just live in grey eagle but spend 90% of our time in town.	Loved it	Yes	A decent house price I'm working in moving to town.
No					Coffee	Nice	Coffee golf Walmart	Live on little birch lake
Yes	All the parks and the downtown area.	The combination of location and amount of activities that the town has.	The continuation of adding things for people to do. Whether it is adding events, new places, or updating and improving what is already there. Also, when kids have a place to go and be kids, they are less likely to find themselves getting into trouble.	It was hard to get involved and to learn about what was going on in town. There is no good place to learn about all the different events/happenings that take place.				
Yes	Lake vibe and the new beach area at park	Small family owned businesses like movie theater Schaefers Meat market and purple parlor and Mexican restaurant to many small towns aren't able to keep these places open	Become more like a lake town such as Nissawa. More family fun affordable opportunities	Small in need of more opportunities for family fun				
No					Shop	Nice	Yes	Nice people
Yes	It has a strong sense of community and the people in it work hard to provide a balanced town for the residents	The lake,highways and agriculture community around it	Create an additional on/off ramp from I-94. East of the current on/off ramp. By the highway going to airport. Also create a bypass for hwy 71 going through down town Sauk Centre. Continue to grow the community for residents and businesses	A small town with lots to offer				

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Yes	The lake, downtown	The campground in town	More restaurant options	Depends how outgoing and age of children, if any. Having kids in school opens opportunities for making connections... winter is harder to get to know the community than summer. The established families and long time friends may make it tough for someone not having any connections to the area.				
Yes	Small town atmosphere, but has everything we need right in town.	Movie theatre is awesome!	More sit down restaurants	Quaint, friendly.				
Yes	The lake, small town atmosphere, downtown shops, parks, movie theater, churches	Murals, Sinclair Lewis house	There are quite a few trashy looking homes with long grass along ash street, and other locations, more activities for high schoolers, too many smoke shops	Welcoming				
No					Nothing. Going to Clotho pie and ice cream social	Nice town, very cute	Activities	Nothing,, I like my home
Yes	Not sure	Sinclair Lewis days	More places to eat that is NOT a bar/bar food. Another grocery store /other stores that would interest locals AND bring in those from other towns.	Typical small town atmosphere with cliques. Still that way, if you didn't grow up here, will never truly be accepted.				
Yes	Tourism, thriving small businesses and parks. Referendum passing for schools.	Main Street is alive!	Upkeep of crosswalks and more crosswalk features for safety. I am astonished at the lack of safety on a major Hwy.	Can be overwhelming with so much. can be clicky. school website is very outdated for things like PTA, etc. so as a newcomer misinformed or lack of information.				
No					Considering moving to Sauk Centre	Nice community	Family and friends. Lake life.	Would like to see a community center or YMCA with additional options for pool, group fitness and place for socializing. Might be helpful for newcomers to the community to meet people as well as bring people to Sauk from surrounding communities.
Yes	The lake, playgrounds and facilities for kids, vibrancy coming back to downtown	Opportunities for the arts (music in the park, sidewalk chalk festival, etc), small town feel while being a hub for many rural communities	Parking and public bathrooms close to downtown, like at the old feed depot store site.	People are kind, but reserved, so it takes effort to establish relationships with people. It is nice to have major resources in one spot (clinic, Walmart, coborn's, eye clinic, etc).				
Yes	People	Chalk in sauk	The old buildings	Old small town				
No					Visit with friends	That was a long time ago	When we need groceries	A free new house
No					Attend a friend get together at the Grubers	That was a long time ago.... I think now I can see evidence of Pride in the community	We go to Walmart for groceries weekly, but also like to go to the ninja park, purple parlor, and the skate park.	We are not currently looking to move, but I think larger lots (1 acre ish) with newer housing.
Yes	Lakes & community in general. Small town feel	All of our beautiful parks, splash pad & accessibility for walking & biking.	More places to bring youth in the winter, more dining options (not fast food) & more housing for all.	Small town community feel & somewhat welcoming.				
Yes	Los lugares de entretenimiento.	Que tiene un cine, walmart y parque de agua para los ninos.	viviendas mas economicas.	muy lindo, limpio, y seguro.				
No					Trabajar	Me parecio un lugar muy limpio y con muchos lugares para comer.	las tiendas y lugares para salir a comer.	Encontrar una casa para comprar en mi presupuesto.
Yes	the community	Movie theatre, the arts, the shops	I would change having a community center with 4 gyms in it, better ball fields and a community pool.	A town that is almost a great place to be, just missing a couple of things like some sit down places to eat..				
No					Trabajo en Sauk Centre	Muy bonita Ciudad	Mi trabajo	Un buen lugar donde vivir.
Yes	The parks, events, Main Street Theater, Purple Parlor	Main Street Theater, Purple Parlor, and all the small businesses coexisting with the large corporations.	Sauk Centre can be a bit expensive to live in. Price of housing and property taxes definitely make it difficult to live here if you also work in town.	It can be quite closed off to newcomers. It's not very welcoming to new people that move here. Especially if they aren't wealthy. Many of the people buying up the property are wealthy people from the city, and not young, middle class families.				

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Yes	Small, Fairy Lake, theater, outpost, homeschool community, rural, interesting local people, library	Sinclair Lewis and a love for the eccentricity and uniqueness of small towns	More local business. Stop new chains and big box stores. Sauk Centre is attractive for being a small town with a unique character. Clean up Sauk Lake of it makes sense. More community non-governmental organization around local interests, create working groups. I would like to see overt support for the constitution VS outside interests. I would like to see healthcare options outside of large corporate/government structures like Centracare. I would like to see support for common sense community health. I would like to see fostering of conflict resolution, mediation, and collaborate processes that can offer an optional alternative to litigious and court pathways. I would like to see respect for private property and reduction of regulations of private lives. I would like to see actual community reporting, perhaps informally and locally, outside of only human interest.	Lonely when you don't know people.				
No					Shop	Nice, small town	Movies, nice restaurants get my haircut	Affordable housing , Respite. . A college to attend.. B Friendly community.
Yes	It's size.	It has many attractions most small towns don't have.	Remove golf carts from our streets. Remove all signs from people yards, no more political signs, or supporting causes signs. It's an eye sore and causes tourists to complain and leave. Also get rid of people storing campers in their driveways. It's Mayor and the way it spends money. Traffic issues on summer weekends.	Busy.				
Yes	The Art Lab, the library, and the lakes	The Art Lab and artify Sauk Centre., Babbitt s and close to some attractions like the winery in Long Prairie and Redhead Creamery in Padua	Another restaurant where you could get good food and a drink.	Many residents can be quite insular. We met most of our friends through our kid's school activities and sports				
Yes	Small town safe atmosphere	Art scene	More beautify projects and having the ability to be involved in these projects.	Discovering what the town has to offer ie, food, shopping, the arts, music concerts etc				
Yes	I love the small town feel with the big city energy	The people	Get back to our conservative values and stop caving in to the woke mob b*****	Relaxing and safe				
Yes	The community support of the kids and schools.	The murals and Art Lab	The racism that's passed from generation to generation, and thinking that everyone should be Conservative and Republican.	It's hard for new people because of the "You didn't grow up here" mentality.				
No					I work and shop in town			
Yes	The Sauk Centre community has in the past included, and now also continues to include, members who have a good appreciation for the need to maintain and build up its culture and cultural opportunities. They foster and encourage concerted action, and there are many tangible examples of their success. These community members work charitably, for no compensation and often at their own financial expense.	Sauk Centre's uniqueness, likewise, lies in that culture of stewardship and giving which is lacking in many surrounding communities with similar history and attributes.	Just a little community education on a continuing basis -- to invite community members to join, and to generate awareness of how a community's culture can be elevated by the concerted action of its members so that the community is a better place in which they and their children can live and work.	I imagine that Sauk Centre is a good place to live and work, with friendly people all around, and that it is not cold and alienating as other places they may have experienced.				
Yes	The lakes the parks and the downtown area because of the the bars and nice shops	The area parks small town feel	Fine dining	Nice verity of things to do				
No					Camp	Love it	Art festival	I want to move to Sauk center

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Yes	Small town with easy access to St Cloud & Alexandria. Sauk Centre has all of the conveniences including schools, medical clinics & hospital, shopping, bike trail, park, lakes, etc.	Movie Theater, many lakes, small town environment—not too big but has everything you need without traveling far.	More restaurants with quality food. Chain restaurant with diverse menu. (ie, Denny's or Perkins)	Great community—small town that provides all the conveniences needed to live.				
Yes	parks are pretty good	the murals	less racists more cultural foods (asian food, european etc) the food selection is "what burger do you want tonight?"	unwelcoming unless your white				
Yes		Fairy lake	Make fairy lake better	Small town with lots of bars and not much to do				
Yes	Hate everything especially the county fair	It's disgusting how loud and terrible the county fair is every year	The stench and noise of the county fair	This place is the worst				
Yes	Small town community events, lake environment, ability to get around, and a safe community.	Park, band shell, Palmer house, Sinclair Lewis, The spelling of "Centre", early history of town, murals, Main Street buildings and some home architecture, Sauk river headwaters	Dining opportunities, marching band as ambassadors, bowling, Be known for something like a dance hall, contests like fishing or a water skiing team exhibition on Sauk lake, with 3 golf courses, combined golf event	Not as welcoming as anticipated. Only smiles to people who know each other. Strangers and newcomers are ignored, unless you count the two finger wave on country roads. We have visited many small towns where people greet everyone with a smile and hello. I believe it is a culture of a friendly town.				
Yes	Safe, slow-paced, friendly, kind, prosperous, the people! The strong, very strong, sense of community, our shopping district...EXCEPTION: parking and access to businesses is not good at all. The community events keep getting better & better...Thank you PAM, all that it has to offer splash pad, camping, major shopping businesses, providing all we need, the lakes, the location at 4 major highway intersect (194, US 71, MN 28 & MN 4.... very close proximity to The TC Metro and all it had to offer as well as Fargo ND I am sure that I am missing many things...It is a great community to live in! I have lived here all my life, and will do so until my time is up.	Included above	More favorable "We can make it happen" city Govt. And Administration. and decisions based on COMMON SENSE, instead of Obstructionist... "this is what the Ordinance says" Time to overhaul the ordinance and let common sense prevail... Also keep our city gov't. Out of Private Sector enterprise (eg) Why is the city in the residential land development business???? THEY HAVE OPENED A PANDORA'S BOX, IF ANYONE PROPRISES A NEW RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION... THE CITY HAS PUT THEMSELVES VERY CLEARLY, IN A CONFLICT OF INTEREST SITUATION!!! IN MY OPINION, THEY WILL NEED TO EXCUSE THEMSELVES OR FACE A VERY COSTLY, TO THE TAXPAYERS, LAW SUIT...	I do not know				
Yes	Park, school, lake	Sinclair Lewis	A theater group putting on plays in the school theatre based on Sinclair Lewis Books. More sit down restaurants	I imagine that Sauk become more of a tourist destination				
Yes	Art, Babbitt's, Purple Parlor, lake, Sinclair Lewis Park, splash pad, golf, movie theater	Art scene, Sinclair Lewis,	A pizza place (pizza ranch, Pizza Hut), nice baseball field where it's a destination with nice concession and seating	Welcoming				
Yes	Fairy Lake	Movie theatre	Less ultra right politics	Not friendly				

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Yes	I love the Bandshell. I love that we're turning our community TOWARD the lake and river with the Dog Park, Beach, Concerts, Fireworks, Sinclair Lewis Days, Wobegon Trail, Splash Pad, etc. I love that we have a thriving downtown. I love our business community - Chamber, Downtown businesses, Industrial Park, and the mix of Local+Big Box Retail. I love our public, private, and homeschool options. I love our churches even though I'm atheist. I love our social clubs and groups like the Lions, Rotary, Community Connections, Legion, etc. I love that neighbors are starting to come together and some areas are even doing neighborhood cookouts. I love Night To Unite. I love the Art.	I think the 'Carnegie' Library, Sinclair Lewis statue & home, Artfy Sauk Centre, the 510 Art Lab, the Purple Parlor, Main Street Theatre, the BandShell, the Wobegon Trail, the Splash Pad, Holy Family School, the active Chamber, the Rotary Club, thriving Downtown, the variety of Churches all make Sauk Centre unique.	I think Language Services need to improve to help our community integrate. I think Highway 71 needs to have a bypass around town like Willmar in order to make Downtown more welcoming for people to shop and live and create density. I think we need an EDA Director part-to-full-time in order to focus on bringing specific businesses and advertising specific spaces in town. I think we need more density downtown including mixed use living and business. I think we need more biking and walking infrastructure, like bike racks and a North/South bike path (Wal-Mart to or possible over the River to the Dog Park/Community Garden and on to the Hospital) to compliment the East/West bike path of Wobegon Trail. and connect them both at a southern (Fairgrounds) and Northern (HFS perhaps) point. I think we need a beautiful way to welcome people who come off the Interstate, as well as from the South and North to town - some way to show them who we are and to come downtown. I think we need more housing and jobs. I think we need more leaders, and that the Chamber, Rotary, Lions, Churches, and City all need to step up to foster those leaders. It would be good if we had set areas of town/neighborhoods and they were set up with some sort of 'starter kit' to welcome those coming into them and held annual/bi-annual cookouts or block parties.	Sauk Centre was a bit daunting as a newcomer, even only coming from Meire Grove. It was a bigger town. What really helped us get ingratiated was School, Church, Chamber, and Service Club. But we had to push ourselves to meet people and get involved in each in order to really be part of the community. We also made a point of meeting our neighbors.				
Yes	Fairy Lake	Sinclair Lewis	Add some singles activities	Boring				
Yes	Lake people artlab activities	Nothing but that is ok it is a small town with a lot to offer	More restaurants open during the week	Small quaint town. Nice area.				
No					Enjoy time at the lake and go to the county fair	Came here at age 6. Seemed like a town that had everything	I am a cabin property owner so I always come to visit and relax	Somewhat of a dual resident now
Yes	Small town, raising family around relatives	Arts scene and movie theatre	A community center	I grew up here but moved back. The town can be exclusive in some aspects. It can be challenging to be accepted if you aren't connected or work within the community.				
Yes	Small town friendly	Theatre,,great range of dining places,,the boy girl fountain and please put it back..the bandshell and free concerts and our murals	Nothing	Impressive				
Yes			SCHOOL TAXES ARE WAY TOO HIGH. LACK OF DECENT SIT DOWN RESTERAUNTS. WHY ALL THE FAST FOOD. I COULD NOT BELIEVE THAT THE BEST RESTERAUNT THE CITY COUNCEL COULD GET TO BUILD HERE WAS TACO BELL.	A DRIVE THROUGH CITY, OR A WALMART DESTINATION.				
Yes	Downtown, Sinclair Lewis park, Lions Park at Fairy Lake	Movie theater is awesome!! Best popcorn, and reasonable. Don't find this in the Cities!	PLEASE make a bike / walking trail out to the Fairy Lake Lions Park beach!!	Small town, not much here.				
Yes	Friendly small town	Theater, 3 golf courses, Sauk Lake, Sinclair Lewis, Walmart, Stearns County Fair, excellent Chamber director, Concerts in the Park, Eagle's Healing Nest,	A sit down restaurant like an Applebee's, a Home Depot store, more affordable housing	There are many options for volunteering, worship, etc. These options help new people become integrated into the community.				
Yes	The size of the community, the small town feel in a big state like Minnesota. Opportunities for our kids.	I love that the population is currently a palindrome. I love our little Main Street in town with the unique shops, eateries and local businesses.	I'm not sure. I would need to think on this a little more. Maybe the school mascot??	Depends on where the newcomer is coming from. Big city people see it as a small town, maybe even "hick". Someone from another small town might appreciate the small, quaint size of this community.				

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Yes	My family is here, I love that we have the small town feel. People are friendly and I do like out downtown, the fun events planned for everyone who want to attend or take part in.	We have our own Movie Theatre! Great campground right in town and accessible to everything, shops, lake, playgrounds & water fun for the whole family. I do love all the painting/murals around town too, I think they make our town special.	Have more for the TEENAGE kids to do.	Hopefully welcoming, and that you feel like you can find something for everyone in the family to take part in. Weather it be jobs, friends, events.				
Yes	I love the lake, the trail, splash pad, parks, and small businesses.	Movie Theatre, Sinclair Lewis Home, great people that look out for each other	It would be great if there were more activities for young people and places they could hang out with friends.	I feel Sauk Centre is a welcoming community with good schools, churches, hospital, emergency personnel, etc.				
Yes	The small town America feel	A lot of the people that live here were born here. Now they have stayed and keep this town moving forward.	We need a few sit down restaurants. We also need more shopping ie... department stores other than Walmart.	When you first get here, you do not get to see the real Sauk Centre unless you already know someone here.				
No					Growing up in the area, we now come home to enjoy the lake, golf, walk our dog at the park and stop at downtown bars.	I love it, its home.	We are home nearly every weekend.	We have purchased property. Would like to see a few more restaurants, not fast food or bar food.
No					Splash pad	Great	Community amenities	Diversity
Yes	The lake and Main Street Theatre! Jesse really is, in my opinion, a backbone of this town. His dedication to keeping the theatre up and running, and finding new ways to attract more people, is amazing!	We have our own movie theatre and the 510 Art Lab is fun and unique! I also think the murals are very unique to our town! I wish we could add more!	More diverse shops on Main Street. I feel as though it's all the same stuff...clothes.	I imagine people think it's welcoming!				
No					Work	I love the small businesses	A place to dine out that isn't a bar. A place to take my family for fun, during all seasons.	A gymnastics team. ;)
Yes	Sense of community.	The way organizations and individuals support each other.	A change in the governance of the city	Difficult to make friends and a feeling of being an outsider. I do believe it is getting better.				
Yes	Community.	We are smack dab in the middle of Minnesota.	Soccer field in the splash pad park	Small town feel but has everything a big city would.				
Yes	Community, art, the effort going into making it a great place for kids and families with the addition of the splash pad, beach at the park, ninja park, kayak rentals. Lots of family and kid friendly events.  Glad we are getting more businesses in town.		Would like to see more sidewalks. The area beyond the splash pad and down Hickman Drive doesn't have any and there are so many kids around there.  Would love to see a flashing pedestrian light at the crosswalk by the splash pad to make it easier to see when people are crossing from the campground. Also, no camping vehicles parked on the street. It is such a busy and tight area. Makes driving safely down there challenging during the day. Especially on the weekends.  An outdoor pool would be amazing for older kids. We travel to Parker's Prairie to use the one there. It has a climbing wall and diving board on the older side and a zero depth entrance on the younger kid side. The splash pad is nice, but its definitely geared toward younger kids.  Would like to see more sit down restaurants in town. We almost always go out of town for a family meal as there aren't a lot of options here.  A brewery could be really cool in town, too.	I work out of town and people have really great things to say about Sauk and the businesses here.  Side note.....I'm excited about the new bakery owners changing things up a bit!				
Yes	The private school option	I love all the art around town	Mainstreet traffic - it's horrible!	A great place				
No					Work	Nice size town	I work in town.	Affordable housing

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Yes	I love the support of our community members for each other and for small businesses.	Our town celebration, Sinclair Lewis Days, offers so many fun and unique things for all ages. The Chalk in Sauk event is a great addition over the past couple of years as well.	It would be so great to have an outdoor swimming pool in town! There aren't many of these in neighboring towns so it would be an awesome draw to bring more people here to visit. A great family restaurant to dine in at would be awesome as well.	Our downtown is beautiful with paintings and original buildings with welcoming, friendly people!				
Yes	Schools. *Community support for the schools. *Downtown businesses *Outside activities (campground, park, splash pad, multiple golf courses, trail)	I find it unique that the only place to get a pizza is from a gas station.	I think it is a tragedy how the city uses Civic Arena. The city leaders need to view Civic Arena as a community asset, not a money maker. The parks we have in this city don't directly make money. The upkeep and manpower needed to maintain them is not returned directly in profit. The money is returned to the city in residual income and happiness for our community members. This is the exact same situation that the Civic Arena is in. If the city would begin to invest and improve the arena, the money will return to the city in residual income. The community would see the value and find happiness with dry floor events, hockey events, etc.	Welcoming.				
Yes	People working together to improve our town.	Residents giving time and money to provide more opportunities to all	More housing-lots to build on and apts to rent.	Depends on your reaching out to get involved. Also makes a difference where you work or live. A welcome video on Facebook telling viewers of opportunities would be helpful. Might need several - young singles, young families retirees.				
Yes	Small town, easy to shop at and get around. Cute shops. Friendly people.	The beautiful artwork on the buildings. The Eagles Healing Nest - the volunteerism from the community.	Nicer options for people wanting to rent an apartment. Additional eating out options.	I think people like the small town feel				
Yes	My home at the lake. My local shops. My coffee shop. The active downtown. The parks, bandshell, and trails. The concerts in the park. The awesome local events. Sinclair Lewis Days! The rural community. The friendly people.	The confluence of three major highways has a huge impact on the survival of Sauk Centre. While other small rural communities are in decline, Sauk Centre is growing. Its location adjacent to Big Sauk Lake is attractive and important. It's historic background, both with the Sauk native peoples and Sinclair Lewis set it apart from many other communities. And younger local people are willing to invest in local businesses to help grow our community.	I would like to see a first rate Community Center built in Sauk Centre, perhaps in the field on the north side of town near Fairway Pines and The Eagles Healing Nest, or elsewhere. As our community ages, it would be nice to have a place to go to to swim, workout, and recreate. A place that could be rented for meetings and family gatherings. A place for blood donations or immunizations. A place that could supply shelter when necessary. A place to gather with friends. A place to play cards or other games, work on craft projects, maybe set up a golf simulator for winter play. There are just so many things that a modern community center could provide for our community. This is a project to which I would like to provide both funding and time to see completed. Also, I would like to see a tree planting program to line our streets once again with a canopy of leaves which we have lost to Dutch Elm Disease, storms, etc.	I hear many positive comments about our community from visitors as they pass through town.				
Yes	People caring for one another	Rhein intersection of two major highways, the artistic talent improved parking in downtown area	Improved parking in downtown area, an upscale restaurant or two	Very welcoming small town experience				
Yes	Diverse amenities. Clean. Safe.	Highways. Wide range of things to do.		Welcoming and big enough to offer something for everyone.				
Yes	The Lake, the small schools	Movie theatre	One thing that I think is getting better is just the advertising of things that always happen around town that a newcomer may not always know about.	As a newcomer I felt that Sauk Centre was an extremely welcoming town. It was something I appreciated to much!				



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Yes	The drive to continue to improve the look of Sauk Centre and what Sauk Centre has to offer. Lots of positive improvements. Ex. Sinclair Lewis park.	Multiple main highways. Companies both small and larger supporting the town.	Awareness/denial/ignorance on what our young people struggle with. Education for our school staff and our parents. Would love if the community, schools, churches, student activities, etc. focused more on the overall well-being of all of our young people. More focus on getting ALL our young people mentally strong so they are ready when it is time to transition to adulthood. Sauk Centre focuses quite a bit on individual groups of young people and individual areas of those individual lives, but much less time is spent on reaching all of them and much less on their overall well-being. We can teach how to be a great athlete, or an excellent musician, or academic student, but none of that matters if they are struggling with their mental health, or struggling with making good choices, etc. If we want a strong future Sauk Centre... we all need to help with building a strong next generation.	I would imagine a newcomer would feel it is your typical small town with the pluses and minuses that come with small town living.				
Yes	The lake, the shops, the movie theatre, the festivals	The people	More sit down restaurants and more restaurants in general	Welcoming				
Yes	Small town feel.	Golf course availability.	Restaurant selections are very limited.	Unique offerings like 510 Art Lab and nice campground right in town.				
Yes	Down town shops	Arts scenes	Get rid of the two smoke shops, and get a nice sit down restaurant.	Nice people and community, but not a lot of sit down food options.				
Yes	Lake & Downtown	A City on a lake is an awesome combination	Willingness to grow and bring more tourism to Sauk	Hopefully welcoming				
Yes	Small town feel	The people	Stop the if you didn't grow up here your not really one of us.	Like a comfortable pair of slippers.				
Yes	The people, unique and thriving downtown businesses, supportive community	The location keeps it diverse but still small town feel	School facilities	Hard to make friends if you don't grow up here. Not a lot to offer for hangout spots other than bars.				
Yes	It's a great place to raise kids.	2 major highways go through it, a great destination for any business.	Promoting to young people the need for them to think of ways to grow our town	Beautiful place to live				
No						Welcoming!	Church, groceries, other small businesses.	
Yes	The lake, parks, our police and fire services	The busy Main Street	Dining options, for the size of Sauk Centre there is a huge void in that area compared to other areas					
Yes	Downtown shops	Downtown murals and benches						

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Yes	People I know (I grew up here), parks, Lake Wobegon trail, small businesses, Sinclair Lewis connection, being close to some of my family, my house.	Sinclair Lewis, central location, great library, Jitters, Art Lab and murals, Splash pad and nice park.	More emphasis on our beautiful environment, education, learning, the arts; less crass commercialism from chains and corporations that have taken over small businesses and small farms. We need more venues for people to meet people informally, like a dinner restaurant, evening activities, a Newcomers club and welcoming committee. Maybe a fund-raising committee to replace the sculpture that was taken down from the fountain by the gazebo. And why did the City tear down our lovely park with the beautiful trees, picnic area, red schoolhouse, welcome center and museum about Sinclair Lewis!! This was absolutely a travesty. All for more city money. I'd rather they raised taxes on WalMart and the rest of the chains to support a visible place for tourists to learn about our town and feel welcome. To me, that would also help business. Our City Council needs to communicate big upcoming decisions and give more time for community input. We all have to live with their decisions, such as the noise from the racetrack for many years, and now possibly the biogester odor (?).	Pretty closed off unless the person gets involved in family activities. Social life in town is primarily centered around church and bars. Family-centered is good, but what if you're single, not a drinker or church affiliated? In the bars, some very toxic masculinity/homophobia, unwelcome for LGBTQ+. Anyone that's not of German or Scandinavian background--and not from the area--is suspect. I've heard long-time residents say that they can't be bothered with new people because they have too many obligations with their own family and friends here. They could participate, with their relatives and friends, in welcoming events. More open community events like the chalk fest, street dance, concerts in the park are good. I think community organizations could do more to welcome newcomers as well with community potlucks, garden exchanges, community reads, block parties, game nights, karaoke, trivia contests, dinner theatre events, etc.				
Yes	The lake & the community members that care about building up Sauk Centre	Sinclair Lewis history & the Arts / 510 Art Lab	Increased choices for food & bevq downtown & more enforcement against speeding especially semi trucks traveling through.					
Yes	I love the easy access to the lake and downtown stores	Having a campground and splash pad	Adding more family friendly sit down restaurants	Exciting, and also a welcoming atmosphere				
No					work	I can't recall my first visit, but I can say that I feel there has been amazing community growth and involvement since I've been working in the community.	yes	being on the lake
No					Work	Good time	Yes	No
Yes	The community	Downtown	more diverse restaurants	like going back into time				
No					We work in town and our kids attend Sauk Centre Schools and daycare in Sauk Centre.	I went and graduated from Sauk Centre Schools. I feel that this town is my home.	I come to Sauk Centre almost every day. I love the community. All are kind, hard-working, and make this town a priority.	A beautiful farm within the Sauk Centre district that I can watch my family grow up at.
Yes	You are able to know your neighbor and build relationships with many people from all walks of life.	three busy roads....94-71-28 all meet in a cozy little spot we call home	many business owners themselves don't get involved within the community they serve.	good old fashioned welcome wagon would be nice...i am a native so i kind of have to say i was born into the community				
Yes	The faith community	Movie theatre & the bike trail	So it's not so centered on sports but more focus put on the family life.	Welcoming				
Yes	Shaefers	510 Art Lab	Public school is old fashioned	We moved a few months ago and it feels unwelcoming.				
Yes	I like the location! The Wobegon Trail for biking and walking is great! The library is wonderful. The rich history of Sauk Centre is interesting. I like our downtown area with unique shops; would love to see more! My favorite place is the movie theatre!	We have several golf courses with many parks for outdoor recreation (swimming, fishing, biking, playgrounds) for various ages.	I would like to see our downtown developed further-include more restaurants; maybe even one that would include outdoor dining and some more shops-maybe a bike shop or even a bowling alley.	I hope they would enjoy the friendly and safe atmosphere with people who are caring, faith-filled and happy! Also, I hope they find our community offers a good education for children and job opportunities for people. Lastly, I hope it would become their permanent home.				
No					Stop at Holiday gas station.	It has a pleasant vibe, nice downtown, and seems to be thriving more than other rural towns of its size.	Maybe one or more restaurants added.	Great job and good housing selections
Yes	The small town feel that is family orientated	Active downtown	What would make Sauk Centre better for all is to keep inviting new businesses small and big in our town that want to better our community	For me as a newcomer 25 years ago it felt like a big enough town with all the amenities but also a small town feel. That is what I liked about it				

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Yes	I have only been here for 3 years. I'm not very familiar with places or people here. I don't think there's anything specific I LOVE. I do enjoy the downtown shops and they can get to know you directly. Many people can recognize you by just walking downtown frequently.	I love that there's an art studio. I wish I was part of it. The painted benches and murals are a beautiful touch around town.	More variety of foods and stores. A Target would be fantastic and I think it would be a great location and friendly competition.	People were friendly and inviting but I think it's easier for people who grew up here. You already have connections with everyone. I wish there could be an event to get to know your neighbors. I know you can do that with larger events that already occur but just for people that are specifically at an event to meet new people and new friends would be really cool and to target it with all the ages and generations. It could be over a life skill event to, like a canning class, planting or painting. Fun stuff like that				
No					I commute and work in Sauk Centre.	It's a cute, friendly little town	More community events, attractions and clubs.	More stores, restaurants and homes available.
No					Work	I'm originally from Alexandria. I thought Sauk Centre was a little claustrophobic. If that somehow makes sense. I do enjoy the small town feel but I do miss the variety of options like Alexandria.	More store variety, food variety. I'm so happy we got a caribou coffee and taco bell. I do wish that there were more events where it would be easier to meet people.	I live near melrose
Yes	The wonderful community of people who make this town a great place to live. The spirit of volunteering is high here and the sports programs in town that are possible because of volunteers.	The Ninja course, in town campground, Art lab and fun shops downtown.	A community center with a pool would be great.	I hope newcomers feel welcome and impressed with the wonderful offerings of our small town.				
Yes	Small community	Close proximity to many things	Smaller class sizes. Community center with gyms, etc similar to ymca					
Yes	The beach in town	the concert in the park on Wednesdays	A nice restaurant	Pleasant and lots to do.				
Yes	I love the lake, Sauk park beach and campground. I think it's becoming a more touristy area and I love that!	All the murals make it unique	We need a good family restaurant or 2. There's no where to take a family that's not a bar or far out. Something conveniently located	It think it's surprising. Seems like a town that doesn't have much but if you spend time here there's little hidden gems that make it special				
Yes	That we have a small town feel, but still have a lot of big town options. EX. Walmart, Splash pad, Movie Theatre, various parks. The town also puts on a great deal of family friendly events. EX. Art on the Avenue, Chalk in Sauk	The artwork that is on the buildings. When driving thru town I see various groups of people at the different buildings taking pictures of the artwork.	I wish we had a good sit down family restaurant.	Very inviting. We have a good variety of stores, parks, lakes.				
No					My husband and I have a seasonal site at the Sinclair Lewis Campground.	Our first visit was many years ago.	We camp here every year.	We wouldn't. But we enjoy being here during the summer.
Yes		Honestly nothing other than Sinclair Lewis and he did not speak highly of his time here	Need more sit down food option that is not primarily a bar. Most of our dine options all have various the same thing	Fairly boring but mostly safe. Expanded grocery options like a Tracer Joes or Fresh Thyme would be great and likely draw people from many miles				
Yes	I like the historical parts of town and how it's very present when driving around	Movie theatre in historic downtown	I'd like a formal sit-down restaurant chain of some sort Buffalo Wild Wings, Texas Roadhouse, Applebees, etc....					
Yes	Multiple NICE parks for kids. A lot of variety for stores (hardware, lumber, Walmart, grocery, restaurants, etc). The services for struggling families or people (food shelf, Ruby's pantry, eagles nest...). I feel the community does a good job meeting the needs of people.	Big small town feel. It's a small town with your big town conveniences (Walmart, restaurants, parks, trails, movie theaters)	A pizza place?	Nice kept small town that's growing/thriving. (I've heard this from others and partially why we moved here)				
Yes	The quiet areas to walk down the old railroad track and over by the lake	I am glad they have 510 Art Lab	More local patrols sometimes neighbors are loud late into the night.	My daughter in law doesn't want to move here not enough diversity				

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Yes	The friendly people, neighbors helping neighbors and looking out for each other.		We need a family restaurant (other than fast food) where you can dine with family (kids) without being in a bar. We need to clean up the yards in town, enforce ordinance to mow & trim lawn, remove old cars, campers, other debris, that is sitting on lawns and streets. The town has to look appealing when driving around in order to attract new businesses and young families to our community.					
No					I'm in Alec and don't drive.	It's a cozy place.	Either the lake, or AJs lol.	I really couldn't live anywhere smaller than where I do like 10 miles away.
Yes	The Lake, close proximity to the Wobegon Trail, the movie theater,	Our own Movie Theatre on Main St, having a hospital in town, having a City owned Ambulance. Being right on the freeway, giving easy access to larger cities with more job and leisure time options, still with small town vibes.	Property taxes keep going up-so lowering them would be good. Bike lanes on Main Street.  Main St traffic is continuing to increase, especially with trucks (sounding horns and engine braking) and golf carts. Building a truck bypass and enforcing noise and driving (golf carts) laws/ordinances would be good.  More side walks for walkers and the City taking over sidewalk maintenance and snow removal. Especially leaving snow removal to the homeowner targets the poor, elderly and most vulnerable of our citizens. In MANY other towns, even larger than Sauk Centre, this is the City's responsibility.	Newcomers see a town with some interesting amenities like the local Movie Theater and the Hospital. But they will forever remain newcomers. I have had people ask how long you have to live here before you are not 'new'. The 'original' families, some of whom have had all their children move away, are still considered more entitled than some of us who have been here 30 plus years and are/have been business owners. Like many small town regardless of many other attributes you have to have the right family name and family connections. This town is one big clique. There is also very little minority representation.				
No					Shop	Can't recall.	Golfing	Affordable housing
Yes	Tree lined streets, the lakes and the park		We need fewer chain restaurants and businesses another small sit down cafe with a great breakfast and dinner menu.	Boring. Bring in more small businesses with unique offerings, food truck events and live music downtown.				
No					jugar	maravilloso	hermoso lago	familiares cercanos
Yes	Small town feel	The murals	We should have more restaurants	Maybe more outreach to new families				
Yes	Not one d*** thing to love about this s*****	F*** Sauk center	The constant crime and violence and the lack of police presence	Absolute h***				
Yes	Small town feel with 'bigger' town opportunities, schools, bike trail, churches,	The fact that we have 2 major highways that run through our town. Artify, murals, Sinclair Lewis, the number of parks that we have, a lake in the middle of town, golf courses,	Downtown has a lot of empty buildings, the proximity of I94/hwy71 creates a drug/sex trafficking hub,	A bit distant in terms of feeling welcomed,				
Yes	Friendly people and hometown shopping	Main street theater	Fix the potholes					
Yes	Sinclair Lewis park, Main Street		Providing outdoor rentals for newcomers. With Wobegon trail through Sauk Centre and the lake, we can gain revenue by renting out outdoor equipment... placing a building at Sinclair Lewis park for bikes, vespas, paddle boards, kayaks, rollerblades, fishing equipment, fishing boats, paddle boats, etc. Many people come to camp and can't carry all those things with them. In the winter, snowshoes, cross country skis.					
Yes	Lake	Small town		Nice small towb				

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Yes	The whole community, it seems like everyone cares about their neighbors. We support each other the best we can when someone is going through tough times. We support our students through different things at school whether it be programs, fundraising, sporting events, and trying to be there for our young people.	Our beautiful murals through out our town	Some sidewalks and streets are in need of replacing. Maybe for people who move in or exchange students staying in our community offer a tour of Sinclairalewis home and discounts to businesses.	Friendly and helpful				
Yes	I love Catholic faith community, public school special education program, and HFS.	The small, friendly, and accommodating movie theatre.	Greater handicap accessibility. HFS is not very handicap accessible. Sidewalks are also often not navigatable via wheelchair during winter/spring due to ice and snow. It would also be nice to have more handicap parking spaces (ie on Main Street in front of business). Another Christian based preschool would be nice so that no children/families need to be waitlisted.	I found it to be very welcoming. I love the small town feel and general helpfulness of its residents. However, as mentioned above the lack of handicap accessibility is an issue.				
Yes	Everything	The park	More place to eat	Theater for me				
Yes	Small town but most things I need are in town!	The sense of community throughout the entire town!	More of anything for kids!	Welcoming				
Yes	Hometown feel	The central location of community	More businesses uptown to show and got tourism	Friendly				
Yes	I enjoy the splash pad!	All of the paintings on the buildings	I would like to see better roads	Nice small town feel				
No					I plan to work at my daily job and grab a bit to eat at a local business.	I felt that it was very small but inviting. There's so much to do in this town. Fun fact, I didn't even some places like the purple parlor and the art lab existed.	Some things that would make me visit Sauk Centre again, is having more events and promoting small businesses that don't get much recognition. More local food businesses, I mean I don't really want to run to St. Cloud or the cities for food. Besides, local food is better than some expensive restaurants.	Just having a nice and safe community, overall, events and business around Sauk Centre make this community more enjoyable.
No					Work and Water park for Kids	Love this town, Love the looks and activities	Activities	More restaurants a kids activities
No					Work, Eat, Shop	Small town with enough businesses to have what is needed with the exception of a good family restaurant in town that would have a liquor license.	Various items	Unsure
Yes	I like the environment here very much, and of course I would recommend it to my friends	I really like the living atmosphere here	I think we can effectively take the views of the tourists	The potential for the future is huge				
No						cute town, quant, clean for the most part	nothing; there was nothing else to do aside from hang around the lake for an hour. The public part of the lake (by the bandshell) was dirty, a lot of trash & rotting/dead fish parts	more to do? more & better shopping, more parks? Maybe you already have lots of parks but we didnt see any. And the lake seemed to be 99% occupied by private residences so kinda feels like that was for the "haves" in life & the "have-nots" got a small little beach carved out of it.
Yes	Perfect size	The theatre, Palmer House/ Sinclair Lewis	-have more attractions for the town. Sinclair Lewis is important but we need more things to do! -A cool retro roller rink or a full arcade! -More things to do: for all ages. Place for toddlers and young children to have play place/ center. Definitely some type of activity center (games, pool, darts, etc.) or full arcade or combo of both for pre-teen to adults. These types of places could have hours for age groups (ex: under 21 could be there till 8pm or 9pm and then 21 and over until 1am). - some healthy dining options! A juicery or more of a fresh fruit/veg/ salad place.	It's probably a cute little town but not much to do unless you come during certain times of year with events lined up.				

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Yes	I love Sauk Centre as a whole! We have a wonderful downtown.. how many little towns have a fantastic movie theater or a bakery as delicious as ours. We have a wonderful library and so many other businesses that take care of our needs!! We also have a beautiful park with an iconic bandshell... our town is awesome!!	Our Bandshell in the park, Movie theater, Library all our amazing Murals		A real sense of community.. neighbors helping neighbors!!!				
Yes	small town feel safe	beautiful lake and park with Camp ground right there too	we need more sit down restaurants and also a Rec Center in the old Unger building would be greatbeau	who you are and who you know				
Yes	Parks/Splash Pad	Beautiful murals and benches.	A rec center with pool would be amazing. Finding indoor winter activities to keep the kids moving/entertained can be a struggle.	Cute town with charm once you get away from the freeway.				
No					Visit. I grew up in Sauk Centre/Melrose	As a child I thought it was the big city. As a teen I was bored. As an adult I am excited to share it with my daughter	Time, attractions and events	I currently live in Canada. I would like to see better gun control, education and infrastructure
Yes	The lakes	Movie theatre and Jitters	Make a place for teens to hang out and a place for adults to get together like a rec center	Maybe hard to meet others				
Yes	The way the community backs the school, the youth, community programs and spaces, etc.	The small town feel but also the continued growth and new opportunities.	More diversity and exposure to other ways of life and opportunities. Specifically educating the community about things like race, mental health, etc. that many are not privy to.	I was born and raised here so I love it, but I imagine it could be challenging to enter a new community like Sauk Centre if you don't know anyone. Especially if you don't fit the prototypical person in Sauk Centre.				
Yes	Location Sinclair Lewis Days Downtown shops Small business love	Better chamber and small businesses than most other small towns around here. Overall it's just a healthier city and community than our neighboring towns.	Center Blvd down main street! It would fit our town's downtown vibe so much! Please please make it happen with the hwy 71 project! Better developed Farmers Market - Melrose is rocking it!	A thriving small town with character, quality shopping and dining, and neighbors who support each other.				
Yes	The people everyone is warm and welcoming and helpful	The location of everything is very convenient. The history, the different parts of town.	We need more sit down family friendly restaurants	Welcoming, warm, a lot of helpful caring people				
Yes	The civic involvement	The very active art scene	Add More variety of eating out options	I think it feels like an alive community.				
Yes	I think the school is pretty successful.	The movie theatre is pretty great, and main street is kind of quirky.	I think it just needs a clearer focus. There seems to be a slight struggle between modernizing and keeping things small-town and traditional. The town needs to establish a more harmonious balance. It also needs to reflect on whether changes are just for the comfort and enjoyment of the citizens or to bring people in. Those are two very different ideas to be working with.	I think it has maintained that small-town feel, but I could also see it as feeling closed off to newcomers because of it.				
Yes	The trails that go through it! The little shops downtown. Jitters!!	Love our movie theatre!	It would be so nice if we could get a good family, sit down restaurant in town with healthy options.	Very welcoming. The people are wonderful!				
Yes	Small town atmosphere, where people look out for each other & know who everyone is.	The art around town, and the old buildings	GET RID of the smoke shops that just opened. Not needed at all! I would like to see certain neighborhoods cleaned up & more strict on presentability of property. Add a nice classy sit down restaurant for date nights or dinners.	Sauk Centre is/would be small town that can get busy over certain weekends. Gives you that at home feeling, but also can lose it's charm after awhile with the limited options for a nice dinner or going out besides 1 star dive bars.				
Yes	Downtown	Movie theater	A nice sit down restaurant.	A calm beautiful town				
Yes	The schools. Sinclair Lewis park, access to lakes	Palmer House, Sinclair Lewis history, bakery, movie theater	Add a community center	In a small town where "everybody knows everybody," I imagine it's intimidating for a newcomer and maybe at times exclusive				
Yes	The splash pad and the parks	The movie theatre	I'd love to see a family friendly sit down restaurant and an indoor play area for kids of all ages	A busy small town				

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Yes	Small town feel and sense of community. Rural areas seem to be the last hope for preserving conservative family values.	Historical aspects and geographical location.	If anything, I would love to see our community reject the cultural shift towards socialism and far left ideology. We should preserve our family values and protect our children	We have lived in Sauk Centre a long time, but when w first came we didn't feel like we connected with people because we weren't "from" Sauk. If we could change that aspect it would be a good thing.				
No					Splash pad and get ice cream	Busy	Family lives there	Family and work opportunities
Yes	The catholic school. Downtown shops. Jitters.	Movie theater	Community events for parents with babies/young kids	Small town with a lot of good community support for it's people				
Yes	Small town feel	Unsure	I want to see better sporting facilities for our kids! All the smaller towns around us put our baseball and softball fields to shame. Do more for the youth.	A welcoming town with endless opportunities for my children!! If it doesn't appeal to me for my kids, it doesn't appeal to me at all				
No					Stuff with kids, eating out	I was a kid and loved it but as an adult more indoor fun for kids!	More interactive inside places for kids (in the event its raining, to cols etc.) restruants to eat that is not bar food. More periodic family fun like sinclair lewis and lighting of the tree.. Maybe a halloween party	School system different
Yes	The park and campground	It has 5 bars on one street...or used to	I'd like to see bigger businesses come in for work. At one point I think they turned away gold n plump.	Have more things for the kids. Keep the kids out of trouble and off drugs.				
Yes	Sinclair Lewis campground - it has the lake, trees, nice bathrooms with showers, and personable care takers	The small community	The discipline at the school needs to be better. Less coddling and more consequences.					
Yes	It's home	The Palmer house	A steak house	Nice				
Yes	Small town feel and community support	Close to everything	More small business and fabrication business	Wonderful				
Yes	Close knit community and great place to raise kids.	Lake and downtown. Movie theatre. Location with 94 and 71 and 28.	Too many "nos". Both at school and city. Would like to see us promote the city more for jobs and growth. The city should hire a full time person to promote the city as a place to work and live and recruit business and families to come here. This position would more than pay for itself. The school is the heartbeat of our city. We have a great teaching staff but would like to see it become more of a community leader in taking charge with initiatives and purpose. Our community will only be as good as what our school produces. That said, parents play a huge role in this which is why our school will improve if we have better job options for young working families. Two-parents households who can make good incomes is the key to a healthy school and community. Would like to see the school and city work together in helping foster this.  Also - stock more walleye.  And a baseball park consistent with other communities in our region.	I imagine it is an intriguing option not just to visit but to set roots down and live. It's a beautiful town. Lots to offer. Especially great for retirees but we need to make it more of an option for young families to live. More industry = better jobs. We have the infrastructure. We just don't have anyone selling it as a place to call home. Ask a 25 yr old - would you move here? If so, where would you work? I don't think we have the jobs available outside of school and hospital needed for a young family to settle in. What happens when the Baby Boomers pass away...do we have the job infrastructure to recruit young families to buy these houses and the right school setting to attract young families? Are we leaders in either of these areas or just status quo? What sets our school apart? What sets our city apart?				
Yes	The lake	The lake and movie theatre	We need more and better restaurants	Hard to meet people				
Yes	I like the central location of the town and the overall welcoming community to me.	The the combination of traditional and modern areas throughout the town from the lakes, to main street, to the splash pad.	I think we should try to find a way to add a community center. This would be a positive way to connect the citizens of Sauk Centre that live here of all ages.	I feel it would be hard to get to know people. As I previously stated, a community center would be a great resource for newcomers to feel connected to others throughout the community.				
No					Shop and visit family and friends.	Cute, friendly place.	Activities on the weekends. Loved Chalk in Sauk.	Affordable homes in safe areas.

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Yes	The downtown area, it's so sweet!	The beautiful Sinclair Lewis Park and bandshell.	Wish Hwy. 71 didn't run right through the Main Street.	I was a newcomer 7 years ago. Found the town to be quite "clicky".				
Yes	Lake and wine bar	Movie theater, Sinclair Lewis name, Artify and Babbitts.	Need some sit down restaurants. Too much bar food.	Welcoming but not much to offer for restaurant options.				
No					Go to the library		More traffic lights	
Yes	The lakes!	Arts, variety.	More businesses downtown.	We have lived here for about 4 years and hardly know anyone.				
Yes	The paved trails, our community spirit, Sauk Lake, the wine bar, large oak trees,	Our location - intersecting 3 major roadways.	We need more housing!! Townhomes, Condos, &/or apartments - near Walmart would be a good location for them. Relocate the fairgrounds to another area of SC, & develop that property. Move the bus garage & utilize that space for school expansion (parking would be a good start)! Add a Full-time dedicated Economic Development Director to bring another quality hotel, fine dining &/or dit down restaurant, & redevelop the area along the River. We have so much that could be improved, but we need a dedicated EDD to make it happen. I would love to see more people engaged in our civic operations. Hold sessions on what it takes to run for & be on City Council & Mayor, various city boards, & local committees and non-profit organizations. More paved trails in our community for walkers, runners, bikers, & our youth (I do not allow my kids to venture on the trail outside of the city). Rock-climbing wall and walking track in a community center. More outdoor activities available to our older youth.	I feel our community is friendly and because of social media, many newcomers can find what they need by doing a search for existing pages on FB. However, existing residents do not know where to find newcomers either so I think it's a 2-part effort to find & meet newcomers and get them engaged. Let's be honest—we have lifetime residents who are not engaged and many would think they were "newcomers."				
Yes	Fairy Lake, uptown bars, Movie Theatre, Catholic Churches.	Art Murals	More restaurants	I've been told by people that they feel uncomfortable going to our bars because they get stares from the regulars. However I still think we have a lot of places that are welcoming.				
Yes	Small town feel	Easy access to freeway and hwy 71, Sauk lake, most homeowners keep their yards looking nice	Plant trees on boulevard where they were taken out during road and sewer projects, more restaurants, fix cement by bandshell	Quiet, friendly				
Yes	Friendly atmosphere. Small town feel. The community has many outdoor things to offer.	Historical setting. It is nice to have a movie theater in this size of town. Nice to have the murals.	It would be nice to have a nice restaurant. I hear people complain about lack of housing.	I think we are inviting, we maybe should be more inviting to hispanics.				
No					Spend summers here	The corner where the Little Red School House is ugly now. Looks like it could be any pit stop town along I94 and US 71. No longer quaint.	Family, coffee shop, Purple Parlor, splash pad, Hidden Treasure.	Family
No					Visit family	Not my first visit as it is my home town (gone since 1976)	It would be great to have advertising/billboards about some of the unique shops or sites to see in Sauk Centre.	I would say promote more about unique things about Sauk Centre, more than Palmer house & Sinclair Lewis.
No					Visit friends and Sinclair Lewis days.	Always have enjoyed sauk.	Friends. Events. movie theater. Stearns co fair.	Not sure. If life brought me this way I'd have no issues living in sauk.



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Yes	The variety of community things to do...Babbitt, shops, bars, theater, Jitters, purple parlor, Schaefer's, etc. so much to offer in the community.	Movie theater, big Main Street, lake right within the town	I think the old Cat Quest should be a cute scratch kitchen restaurant or a brewery. Babbitts needs a local neighbor that compliments	A hidden gem				
Yes	Schools and activities available	Our park and band shell	?? Not sure	Friendliness				
Yes	Sauk Centre is small enough to be personable and large enough to get everything you need!!! The lake is Ann added plus	Artist work around town Good school system Active clubs like Lions Club, Rotary, Conservation Club etc Sinclair Lewis Days	More places to eat, restaurants, but not fast food Another motel	Exciting. Lots to do				
No					Family picnic and Sinclair Lewis parade.	I grew up here so doesn't really apply.	Family, shopping, Sinclair Lewis days, school reunions	Small town, good schools
Yes	Fishing below the dam	The history of the town	Vegetation and spawning area destruction on the lake	Friendly neighbors that will help in any way and they should be able to find anything they need right in town				
Yes	Downtown, the crowd, the lakes	The paintings and book benches	More paintings, more events	Welcoming				
Yes	I love the way the community is encouraging the small businesses downtown.	Have the lake and park in the city	Enforcing yard clean up and lawn care. Neighborhoods look trashy if even one place is not at least semi kept up	I hope it is inviting and welcoming				
Yes	Fairy Lake Beach		Sit down restaurant that isn't also a bar.	As a person who was a newcomer 11 years ago, the locals are not welcoming. It's like being back in high school in my small home town. Sauk Centreites only watch out for each other.				
Yes	the small town feel	movie theatre, the lake and campground	need family dining not fast food more retail shopping	difficult. news stories are mostly about what has happened not what is coming up				
Yes	The people and the potential	Small town charm	Good restaurants	Cold				
Yes	So much variety for such a small town - movies, splash pad, parks	Art collages, splash pad and ninja park, Sinclair Lewis	Stop lights off the interstate, 2 lanes, let Sauk Centre expand with the amount of traffic coming in, a left turn lane and arrow for Sinclair Lewis Ave and Main Street. Lots of back up makes people not want to come back if they're visiting for food or rest. Very hard to get off the interstate many days. Indoor Rec center (for example, Rusted Rec Center)	Inviting, friendly neighbors, wonderful schools, options for school, options for churches, many events to meet new people.				
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Yes	opportunities for the retired, walking/biking paths, CentraCare, chiropractors, dentists	Art lab, Jitters Java, splash pad	place for receptions, more restaurants, retail clothing with reasonable prices	had to get out in the community to find things to do and meet people				
Yes	Parks. Neat and tidy. Has everything you need	Wine Bar, murals, park and camping on the water	Have rental cabins or more hotel options for guests.	Intimidating. Cliquesy				
Yes	Lake, downtown, PEOPLE, Greystone, lake, public spaces, proximity to the Twin Cities	Downtown, theater, great local business owners, Greystone, Palmer House, Sinclair Lewis Days,	More restaurants (even if it's a fixed menu and only open for dinner a few nights a week). Lake cleanup.	Small town feel - fantastic people and with a lot to offer				
Yes	The access to alot of different shops, grocery stores.	The pride of downtown!	Having a rec center, more mother and son actives in school and communityactivities (dances)	Was very off putting for a few years especially a new church and then just being money hungry.				
Yes	Small town, lakes, shopping	Are mainstreet shops are thriving	More events for kids and teenagers.	Great local shops.				
Yes	Majority of the people are willing to help others in need	Friendly staff at local businesses that great you, ask how your day is going, etc	Build a field house where multiple sports can utilize it (similar to Albany). We could host larger tournaments there, have indoor track for runners. It would help eliminate lack of gym space for sports. You could host community events etc	They maybe a bit surprised by what we all have to offer. Things they didn't realize when looking at Sauk Centre initially				

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Yes	That the town is right on the lake.	I feel that Sauk is good combination of old town and new traditions.	I think that some people take the rivalry between Sauk Centre and Melrose needs to put to the bed. We are now combined in several sports and the adults could help the kids with this task.	I would hope that they would feel welcome here.				
Yes	I love the Sinclair Lewis park, it's so peaceful and kept so clean. Our community is friendly and looks out for each other	The murals in town	I would like to see a more upscale sit down restaurant and also more industry	I would like to think we are a welcoming community and that we have a quaint Main Street				
Yes	Everything I need is within walking distance in town. Awesome neighbors. Top notch service folks with prompt service.	Downtown district	Fix the roads, alleys, and curbs	You don't know everyone, but everyone else does				
Yes	The people are friendly!! Location	Sinclair Lewis Park and Movie Theater	Would like a family restaurant like Olive Garden or Applebees	Hope everyone is friendly				
Yes	Community	Strong faith community. And murals.	More sit down restaurants. Less emphasis on sports. More emphasis on literature and art forms.	Generally welcoming. But clique to outsiders.				
No					Go grocery shopping.	Little bit run down. Not a lot to do.	Nicer sit-down restaurants.	Better outdoor maintenance of buildings. More places to dine out.
Yes	The small town warmth and friendliness from most everyone	The Catholic churches	More things for teenagers to do or even thing for families with teenagers to do together. Community Center would be amazing. We like going to the Y in Alex as a family					
Yes	I love the location - we can hop on the freeway to Alex or St. Cloud very easily. I also love the small town feel, the downtown area, and the people.	I love that we have a movie theatre and a library available. We have the splash pad for a small town for young families.	We would love to see more restaurants come to our town, and a sports complex for all ages to walk on the 2nd floor around courts below. Winters are long and it would be great to have a place to go to incorporate exercise, converse and watch kids working on their skills.	Welcoming				
Yes	The closeness you feel with most residents, even if you barely know them.	Sauk Centre has a unique backstory, and combined with the major roadways, it makes it a high-traffic area	I'd like more outdoor spaces for the community to enjoy. In general, I think the community would benefit if spaces for youth were made. It wouldn't have to be elaborate, but there are very few places with easy access (meaning that you likely wouldn't have to drive) for youth to go to.	I think Sauk centre is like most towns for a newcomer. Probably a little scary because it's new, but once you get to know people it's not too bad. There are quite a few places for adults to meet each other around here, so it's not hard to socialize				
Yes	Small town atmosphere, locally owned businesses, beautiful lakes and parks.	Palmer House, Library and Movie Theatre	A community center that could be used year round and access for young and old alike! Family restaurants and hotels would be a great addition!	Someone just moving here might say "it's a nice small community to live in and raise our children and there is potential to grow if the community works together "!				
Yes	The lake, parks.	Accessibility to major roads with a rural feel.	More destination places like unique pizza place, brewery.	Very pretty.				
Yes	The people... everyone helps everyone	Our historical building such as the movie theater, library, palmer house	More shops on Main Street we need to bring our downtown back	Friendly, a nice comfortable small town.				
Yes	The small town vibe! And it has everything I need I no longer have to drive to St. Cloud or Alexandria for errands. The downtown shops are wonderful!	For a small town it has a ton of events. There is always something going on. It has a great arts scene, family friendly events and so on.	For Sinclair Lewis days why isn't there anything going on Sunday. Saturday is such a whirl wind and because my husband or I has to work part of the day on Saturday. I would love it if a couple of events got moved to Sunday. Sunday is supposed to be a day for family anyway.	I have only been living in the Sauk Centre area for 4 years. Sauk Centre is very welcoming and again there are a lot of events to get to know the community. The people are wonderful.				
Yes	Lake	Murals	More law and ordinance enforcement with disrespectful residents and tourists.	It WAS a Faith filled welcoming community 25 yrs ago that has been invaded by money hungry and diverse implants turning it into a Sodom and Gomorrah.				
Yes	The lakes	The murals	A little miss Sauk Centre pageant!	I would imagine it is very welcoming				
Yes	Small town with friendly residents	Location.....intersection of 94 & 71. Main and main....potential destination for many travelers.	Sauk Centre has no identity. What are we known for? Why would I come to Sauk Centre?  Also, no decent restaurants.	Somewhat boring. Easy to just stay under the radar and not be known/recognized.				

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Yes	Lake and downtown and the wine bar	Small town. Easy access to freeway. Movie theater. Arts. Wednesday night concert series and wine bar!	Would love a good pizza place.					
Yes	Enjoy the lake and being close to my daughter and son in law and grandkids. Enjoy watching my grandchildren participate in school activities and church.	The campground is nice and the city park with the bandshell is nice and that they have music on Wednesday nights in the summer. The park benches that look like books around town are unique and nice.	More welcoming to newcomers.	Would have been nice when we moved here almost two years ago to have some kind of welcoming brochure, basket, etc with lists of businesses, churches and what the community has to offer for newcomers, along with some coupons to the different businesses or some little unique item from a business. When I moved to a new town 12 years ago I received a basket- was nice to have this as a reference on what the community had to offer and helped to get acquainted with my new town.				
Yes	Small mostly friendly town	Where it's centrally located	A good sit down restaurant	Mostly quiet easy to get around				
No					We have a vacation place on the lake - we like hanging out on the water and taking the kids to the park.	We love the town's potential. It lacks a draw to the town, which I assume is the purpose of your work. We've seen small towns, like St. Joseph, blossom over the last few years - would love to see Sauk head in that direction.	More places like Babbitt's! A brewery, a distillery, some bars and restaurants that are a draw!	Are roots are in the city. We have owned and renovated our cabin for the last few years. We love it but would stay forever if the town were to blossom a bit more.
Yes	The lake	That Sinclair Lewis lived here	Less smoke shops	A nice little town with everything				
Yes	Splash pad, music in park, schools/punkins & monkeys, sin Clair Lewis Days, music on the water	Art lab, 3 golf courses in a small town, Babbitt wine bar, movie theater	Better restaurants, brewery, community pool, update outdoor skating rink,	Very small town feel, seems like a lot people grew up here.				
Yes	Lake, downtown	Main Street	More restaurants	Small town feel				
Yes	Lake	Atmosphere of the community	Mark the shallow spots on Sauk Lake so I don't run my motor in the ground	Storybook downtown feel				
No					Enjoy the lake	Clean, neat, friendly.	Love the lake, movie theater, stores	Sorry. Nothing at this point. Maybe, down the road, senior housing
Yes	For a small town there is a fair amount of things to do.	Wobegon Trail & Sauk Lake	A couple of sit down restaurants that offer more than bar food.	Pretty welcoming, but it helps have connections here.				
Yes	Small town feels. Small class sizes. Being able to walk around downtown and having boutiques and fun stores to visit.	Our movie theatre, ice cream shoppe, The Sinclair Lewis park stretch with campgrounds, splash pad, beach, and playgrounds!!	Making downtown more boutique feel. Alexandria's downtown has such fun little stores to visit. A downtown park where unger furniture is with spots for food trucks to park would be AMAZING!	Welcoming and offers more than a they thought a little town could have.				
Yes	Small town kindness. The beautiful parks. The lakes. The Movie Theatre. Splash pad	The Movie theatre, the AMAZING murals, the bakery, the splash pad.	More sit down eating places	Hopefully welcoming				
Yes	I love the small town feel that has developed in our town. The feeling of community and knowing the town is willing to help you in times of need.	The art scenes that have adorned our buildings gives everyone a glimpse into our history and our future.	Sauk Centre needs to be open to all ideas of our members. We need to listen and share our ideas.	I was born and raised in Sauk Centre and after college really did not want to move "back home." However my husband to be felt that Sauk would be an awesome home. He loved to fish and wanted to have his own business. His destiny came true and over the years we learned much more about our small town.				
Yes	If I am not at the dogpark you will find me on the lake with some friends!	The culture and the people by far. Almost every week there is something going on downtown or at the park. If there isn't we have one of the coolest theaters around.	More garbage cans on the bike trail would be a huge help for people with dogs or children.	This one is easy; I grew up in the cities and instantly all the noise and fuss stops. You have time to slow down, drive slower enjoy a walk and get out to the lake, whenever you want!				
Yes	The Parks	Murals	Some of these properties in town that look like junk yards.	Welcoming				
Yes	The community of people that love and work here.	The lake, theatre, parks.		My husband was a newcomer and at first was taken aback by how friendly everyone is. He loves living here and sharing it with friends and family who visit.				

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Yes	The many opportunities the town has to offer even though it's a small town. There is always something to do here.	The murals, theatre, bakery, downtown business culture, people and the ease to get to large towns quickly.	Sauk Centre needs a community center or place for people of all ages can gather and either hang out or exercise. Perham has a great facility like that and they are of equal in size to Sauk Centre.	It would be challenging to move to Sauk Centre unless you were active and joined organizations or boards. If you are active you would make friends easily and fit into the community with ease. If you are to yourself it might be challenging to develop a network of friends.				
Yes	The Lakes	Movie theater		Walmart				
No					I plan to attend Sinclair Lewis Days	I loved the lakes and downtown.	Some good movies in the theatre downtown	A larger shopping center and more restaurants
Yes	Friendly, safe	Movie theater, main street in general, truck stop	Fill the empty real estate on main with unique specialties that will attract visitors and locals.	Quiet and uneventful				
Yes	People here especially the elderly I've worked with in this community.	All the services they provide around here, example would be Hill village farm and the eagles nest, and they've learned to cater to some of the seniors here which I think is a plus.	I think the sense of community is not as good as it could be people need to reach out to each other more.	Some people think friendly and some people think that we're cliky around here that we stick to our own group but we don't let outsiders in, I found that not to be true but for some people maybe it is.				
Yes	We have a good school system, hospital and adequate shopping.	Sinclair Lewis Park with the lake and bandshell.	Would be nice to have a sit down restaurant.	Welcoming! Many different things to do in the area.				
Yes	Lakes, traditional values, hard-working people	Lots of parks, lake	more options for entertainment and dining.	Can feel "closed off" because alot of people are "close-knit" to each other. Makes it difficult to "fit-in" with a group.				
Yes	The small town feel without being to small.	The murals around town	Maybe add a community center? Place for adults or kids.	I enjoyed moving here, and everyone seemed very friendly and helpful.				
Yes	The lakes & the shops	A lake with great parks and scenery right in the middle of town.	More sitdown, unique restaurants!!!!!!	Kind of boring				
Yes	Small town, close to the interstate.	Sauk River, Hwy 71, 28 and Interstate 94	We need a new Economic Developer that will refresh our city logo/brand. Will aggressively pursue grants and opportunities to bring new, small businesses to our community	Safe to walk and play in our community. Conservative welcoming safe values				
Yes	The community.. the people..	Old vs new... and staying true to values of community and people	Finding positive solutions to not hurt downtown	Finding the spot where they fit it. becoming part of				
Yes	Lake & Bike trail, easily accessible highways and interstate	Friendly community	More housing availability and apartments - both are near impossible for people coming to the community. Eliminate the winter street parking ban!	Frustrating trying to find housing and apartments.				
No					Massage and library. Volunteer with Rotary at Sauk Centre Senior center.	Not my first visit.	Rotary	Just retired from here.
Yes			More business downtown	Being accepted				
Yes	Lakes and downtown	Art scene is above average! Love the park and bandshell	We used to be able to rent kayaks at the park. That was a lot of fun. Wish we could have this again	Vibrant small town with lots to do				
Yes	The community pride and how everyone works together to support and build the community up!	The movie theatre and fantastic fair! Also the lakes are wonderful.	Definitely need some more food options. A decent pizza joint would be nice!!	Small yet inviting with decent amenities!				
Yes	I like the feeling of a small community, I like that we're located in the middle of the state, and get to anywhere in a short time.	Some of the other buildings downtown, enjoy the movie theater,	Some more family restaurants, Something for the younger generation to get involved in	I have heard that sometimes Sauk is cliky if you're a new To the community.				
Yes	Location, the downtown	The movie theater	The cost of property taxes	It's hard to meet people if you didn't grow up in the area.				
No					Work	Impressed with growth	Family ties	Family
Yes	Small town convenience	Pursuing betterment of community living		Welcoming				
No					Shopping and eating	Needs yodatung	More shops with unique items	NA
No					Dentist appointment	Not a whole lot to do or places to eat and shop	A racetrack or dirt bike track	More amenities, lakes and trees.

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Yes	The lake, the parks.	The art. Music and painting.	Tell the cops to turn their lights on while driving and stop hiding on private property. The goal should be to prevent crime by being visible. Not just to catch people. Visible is safe. Keep woke liberal b***** out of the school	Depends. Can be clicky. Church crowd seems judgy. Overall I think it's a good place.				
Yes	The people really are the best part, but if I had to pick I'd say the events sauk centre holds	The size, it doesn't seem to really grow even with the businesses we have	The idea of Sinclair Lewis being some kind of hero to the town. We were like rocks and cows to him	Small with not a lot to do as far as attractions. You have to drive to alexandria or st cloud to do something for kids/teens/young adults				
Yes	The school and how people are friendly when you meet them	Its is unique for all the recreation we have whether it is indoor or outdoor such as fishing, hunting, bike trails, etc	I would like to see a sports complex similar to what Perham has. It would be a better facility for all sporting events such as basketball tournaments. Things like this would draw people to Sauk Centre to spend more money at restaurants, gas stations, etc.	They would see it as a family oriented place to raise their family				
Yes	The whole environment - born and raised	In this day and age is the environment	It would be nice if there would be a few more businesses in town. Also it would be nice if the school could be updated more to change with some of the times	Hopefully they see the small town atmosphere and potential for raising a family				
Yes	The overall sense of "community" I get being a resident of more than 30 years.	Location, location, location-We sit at the crossroads of I-94, US 71, and Minnesota-28.	Mainstreet/Highway 71 needs to get done-better lighting, sidewalks (actually sidewalks throughout the city and near the schools need to be looked at), etc...this has been discussed/talked about for over 30 years and it still hasn't happened.	I'm not sure-I imagine they might see it as a place of great choices and opportunities.				
Yes	Small town, friendly atmosphere. We have a variety of stores, offering different items - eliminating the need to go out of town for shopping!	Sauk Centre is soooo fortunate to have the Main Street Theatre. (I don't get there near as much as I would like to, sadly!) Also, the murals are incredible! I just spoke to a gentleman passing through town a few weeks back and he loved the older buildings. He was taking a photo of the Main Street Theatre marquee, so I was able to chat with him a bit. I gave him some directions to check out the murals and the Palmer House. (This was at about 7 in the morning or I would have given him a much longer list of things to check out!)	In an ideal world, a semi truck bypass around town. Working downtown, I see the amount of semi traffic we have. I think it would make the downtown a bit more desirable/safe for people who park in the center of the block and jaywalk to the other side. I cringe when I see elderly people doing it, or someone with a couple of young children. The stop lights aren't that far away, but people want the shortcut.	I've been here forever, so I would hope a newcomer would feel the support and be welcomed to the community with open arms.				
Yes	It's a perfect sized town and close to bigger towns. We enjoy the lakes for kayaking and fishing. Love that Caribou is in town!!	The pretty art on some of the buildings.	Not sure...	I'd think they would see how clean Sauk Centre is. Our community does a great job with keeping our town pretty.				
Yes	The historic downtown area is beautiful. I admire the architecture and cute shops/bars. We have alot to offer. The lake area is beautiful as well & keeps being improved!	Crossroads of many busy highways	More parking downtown!	Cute lil town with character and much to offer				
Yes	Jitters Java & the people	Love Main Street Theater & Scheafer's Market	It would be great to have a good restaurant	It was a clean nice town. It was kept up.				
Yes	My family is here. Also, the schools, medical options and the beautiful lake..	The murals, the painted book benches and the art lab.	More eating place options. More shop Sauk Centre promotion from the Chamber.	In the summer, if you are a camper, our town must be a gem! In the winter there is not as much to do. Another good motel would be a great addition.				
No					Chalk art	Unsure		Nothing
No					We have a lake home and spend many weekends in Sauk Centre			
Yes	The small town atmosphere	The involvement of the citizens when it comes to projects.	We need a sit-down restaurant to have a relaxing meal.	It can be imitating. A person needs to become involved, as in a church, organization or sport.				

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Yes	The movie theatre and other shops in town. The tight knit community. You can go somewhere and see a familiar face and everyone always says hi with a smile)	The murals and some of its history	Add a sit down restaurant. Have a restaurant be open on Mondays!	Once you get to know people, it is hard to want to leave. You find yourself comparing other towns to ours. Their ice cream shop vs ours, their theatre popcorn to ours, their schools to ours...we are doing pretty darn good!				
Yes	Small town. GREAT Parks. Neat and clean.	Paved trails. Lakeside camping. Murals. History.	More retail, hotel, conference center, restaurant, pool. Upgrade or remove mfg home park.	Hard to fit in when a newbie.				
Yes	The lake, the safety, and the people	Cool movie theater, love the Sinclair Lewis park area by the lake	A real disc golf course in town would be awesome	Welcoming but somewhat confusing if you don't have many connections coming in. Have to really work to find information on events and stuff happening.				
Yes	River of Life Church. The awesome area down by splash pad, obstacle course, park, beach, and lake. The people. Having a free brush and leaves city dump! The safety of our community. Friendliness/openness of the school staff. Having a Walmart in town, and other conveniences that one gets if you lived closer to the cities.	Movie theater, Jitters, old school library, cool looking downtown buildings, great access to the walking/biking path	More consistent communication from the city/chamber. Many times I don't feel like I hear about things until they are over. I'm not from here originally and so not knowing who to ask for events/things going on. Better sports programs for younger kids. Not just the community ed "sports daycare". But actual sports programs that help build young kids' confidence and teach them how to be team players. More businesses on actual websites vs just being on Facebook.	Depends on where they come from. For us, moving from the suburbs to rural MN was a big change. It was sometimes difficult to get over the lack of amenities and still is sometimes. But the people here are amazing and welcoming and super helpful. It can also be very difficult to find a home that fits your list of what you want out of a home in the location you want.				
Yes	Parks, murals, downtown; the general aesthetic vibe	Bandshell, outdoor art, Wobegon trail	More sidewalks on south end of 71 and near school. Highway 71 bypass would be great	Pretty easy to find most resources				
Yes	Lake activities. Art Lab		More variety in restaurants.					
Yes	Small town feel with all the amenities of a bigger city. The people here are great - very friendly and reach out to strangers with a welcome hand.	I really like the city park with the amount-theatre and splash pads.	I would love to see a decent sit down restaurant come to town.	Welcoming - smaller so easy to get around.				
Yes	The art installments	Anything Sinclair Lewis	Update from old times	Small				
Yes	The health of the community. The groups to help the community grow.	The niche small businesses. The artwork stuff.	We need things to do without alcohol on the weekends. More places to eat especially a healthy one.	There isn't much to do unless you go to the bars, especially in the winter.				
Yes	Small town atmosphere	Murals on buildings	More things for kids and teens to do, another nice restaurant	A nice place to visit but lacking things to do				
Yes	Friendly community, great retail shops, lots of fun outdoor activities	The art all around town! Such as the benches, murals, etc.	I would like there to be more activities or places for young adults to do things and meet new people! There's lots of parks and activities during the summer for kids, but I'd like to see more geared for young adults, especially since many come home from college for the summer! I know lots of young adults who would love to see more things too!	I imagine it's very welcoming, homey, and unique!				
Yes	THE safety and friendliness of living in a small town. Family orientated.	lakes, parks, groceries, medical facilities, churches, no need to go to a larger city if you don't want.	There is no "family friendly" restaurant. A Pizza Ranch would be great. Food choices with relaxed atmosphere. Please no more fast food. The	I would think it's a neat small town, with a homey feeling, except no place to sit as a family with children to enjoy a healthy meal.				
Yes	all	all	more acceptable to outsiders	nice town				
Yes	The lake	Art scenes	More business in this town especially on Main and Sinclair Lewis Ave...no empty buildings	I came from the cities so actually it was hard moving to such a small town and now with hardly any big businesses it is really hard				
Yes			Have more trails for walking and biking. Example a trail into town from the south side and a trail out to Fairy Lake.					
Yes	Small town feel with lots of things to do. Movies,lake,parks,music, etc.	Theatre, music in park, walking path, art lab, sprinkler park	When someone comes to town as in moves here, have a welcoming committee.	Nice but not sure of what is all available.				

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Yes	Parks and Trails.	Campground you can walk to downtown. Wine Bar. Theatre. Easy access to freeway. New businesses are frequently opening.	Need a good place to have a steak dinner on a date.	Cliquey. Can't fit in unless you are from here.				
Yes	The lake, bandshell and splashpad.	The lake and park are a somewhat unique feature to the town. The history (Sinclair Lewis) also sets the town apart from other small towns.	There's a disturbing lack of dining options in town. In order to have a meal in a nice restaurant (not a main street bar) we have to leave town or take a chance a dining establishment isn't open or is out of most menu items. Also, if there is one attitude I could change it would be the negativity and resistance to change. Things that happened 20-30 years ago still shape locals opinions.	I graduated from SCHS and moved away. I moved back in retirement about 5 years ago, so I don't have to imagine what it's like - I'm living it. It is definitely more parochial than other small towns I've lived in. It's very hard to meet new people.				
Yes	Sauk Centre residents	nothing	need to provide support for new businesses especially a Pizza Ranch in the old Gerads building, and job creator businesses in general.	Not that inviting				
Yes	Lake	Parks	Council favoring special interests	Friendly				
Yes	I like the lake recreational facilities. The fact that there are ART options for people. The downtown area is NOT dead. Good Chamber of Commerce activities, i.e. encouraging small businesses to give it a shot and help support them. It is not too far from the Twin Cities. Still has a News Paper! ANd the lake park and water park!! and skateboard park. Flower baskets!	See first question: New Paper, Theatre, Art works and art center. Historical Society, Carneigie (sp?) Library, Have a Legion. Several Restaraunts. Good Schools!! There are entertainment options in town. Host Sinclair Lewis Days.	We do need more housing... affordable housing too. More parks, green space, within the city so that neighborhood kids and gather more easily. It may mean buying up some existing housing in order to repurpose the land for parks. Be mindful when placing snow/salt mixtures in holding / melting areas so that the salts stay out of the lake.	Some people complained about the cliques. But that is everywhere. I imagine more housing, greenspace, more active storefronts, or businesses coming to our industrial part in the South end of town (which was a good idea building and zoning)				
Yes	It's a small but still cool town.	The murals! love them!	I'd like to see a pizza and/or hamburger place. How about a restaurant instead of fast food places?	Good question!				
Yes	Nothing really. Our family grew up in the area. We found land and built our home. Really don't have anything that we absolutely love about it.	Nothing. It has ugly murals on buildings.	Murals are ugly. More sit-down restaurants. The city administration needs to go.	Probably pretty boring				
Yes	Sinclair Lewis Park, the bandshell, obstacle course, splash pad, playground and beach are fantastic for summer! Good variety in the downtown shops. Community Concert series, the Margaret Shelby auditorium and of course our movie theater.	Beautiful murals on the buildings. Access to the lake in town.	It would be nice if the chamber had a more comprehensive list of activities on the community calendar. It takes a lot of searching to find information on dates and times for everything that is available. It is easy for people to miss out. Sometimes you have to know someone before you hear about things that are available. Also, would be nice for the newspaper to cover upcoming events so we know they are coming instead of just news after the fact.	I felt welcomed as a newcomer. We have many opportunities for people to connect and grow here.				
Yes	Friendly. Lake and parks.	Location.	More to do - especially in winter! There are parks etc for families to use in summer, but when the winters drag on for months, there is nothing much indoors to do. Surprised the town can't support any indoor parks/bowling/play areas or laser tag etc.	Friendly. Nice parks to enjoy in summer. But still limited for family things to do, not much food/restaurant variety, and very limited public transport.				
Yes	Hometown feeling. Perfect sized community. The lake. History.	Art appreciated by all.	Some better options for eating out - besides bar food.	Pretty friendly				
Yes	1. I love HFS, it's what kept me here. 2. I love the people. 3. I love the movie theater. 4. I love the Lynx 5. I love Hidden Treasures	Downtown in general. Theater, Palmer House, love the fun stores! Many of my friends come to shop downtown Sauk Centre.	Downtown staying open more, just a little longer or maybe Sundays for shoppers outta town. If love to see an outdoor pool!!	Small, welcoming (I hope), clean. Our city dept does an amazing job on the streets ESP CLEANING SNOW IN THE WINTER. THANK YOU.				
Yes	excellent health care options, parks	the murals	there is not always good communication about events in the community. Many times you find out about them in the paper after the fact.					

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Yes	The library and shops.	The iconic movie theatre and murals.	How about having a nice restaurant that serves liquor. How about making Unger Furniture into a Good Times Park such as the one in Eagan. Beltline Rd is an eyesore! Is there a wall to paint a 'welcome' to Sauk Centre mural?	I think we make a good impression except for the vacant store front downtown.				
Yes	Sinclair lewis day, different community events, friendly people. Concerts at high school.	Murals, benches, paintings.	More speciality shops.	A clean safe town.				
Yes	downtown	Jitters		Unique & interesting				
Yes	The people, the proximity to metro areas, airports etc...but the small town feel is what I REALLY love! Everyone willing to help out everyone!	A great movie theatre, golf courses, lots of options for cocktails and burgers.	I would love a more upscale, date night dinner option. Something in a moderate price range with EXCELLENT customer service, and a great chef.) (nothing like asking for the best...I figure if you are asking ...let them know what you want.)	A bit intimidating because everyone knows everyone. My advice to them is to get out there and get involved, volunteer, join organizations, make friends and make Sauk Centre HOME! I love it here-				
Yes	The lake	Small town shops, coffee shop,	The town needs a great restaurant, pickleball by the park, bocce ball court adult activities	Everybody was very welcoming				
Yes	This is a close-knit community. You see people you know wherever you go. It is also rich in natural beauty, and surrounded by agricultural land.	We have many amenities here: an excellent school district, many churches, concert series, lakes and rivers, hiking and biking trails.		We found Sauk Centre to be friendly and welcoming when we came to town in 1984. We joined a church, and my husband was very involved in the business community. I think if people seek involvement and take initiative to be involved in the community, they will find it welcoming.				
Yes	Sinclair Lewis park	Our murals	I think it needs to be updated	Boring				
Yes	small hometown feeling, the people, parks	sinclair lewis days, love the craft market	it would be nice to have a nice sit down family restaurant instead of all the fast food junk	I work with the public and a lot of our new comers are very happy with how kind our community is.				
Yes	The downtown	Movie theatre & downtown bars	Get more clothing stores downtown that are price ranged more for our community	Not a lot to offer when you see downtown stores except hairdressers & dentists. Need more shops				
Yes	The schools, the small town atmosphere, community events such as Chalk in Sauk, Sinclair Lewis Days and the Fair	Our history in the downtown area	It would be great to have more shopping and dining options in town.	If they are from the cities, it probably feels pretty small and quaint. If they are from around central MN, it probably feels very comfortable and familiar.				
Yes	The people and supportive businesses.	Located by two major highways.	Upgrade of facilities - never being satisfied with where we are at - always looking to make things better.	Welcoming people.				
Yes	Just having a small town as my home town for 70 years...I can leave to visit family in bigger towns but always nice to back.	Three major highways coming through Sauk Centre, making traffic slow down to see what we have to offer.	Add more walking and bike trails...read the book "Blue Zones" get people out walking to live longer. Also have a Bicycle Rideo, too many children and some adults are biking the wrong way on the roads. Also, Sauk Centre needs a sit down restaurant that serves more than bar food.	Hopefully they feel welcome in a church on the street and at their jobs.				
Yes	Sauk Centre has the lake, a beautiful park and camprground and alot of unique art (bandshell and book benches). Also during the summer the music in the park.	The band shell and the art around the city	People moving into the community receive a welcome basket with a list of all the businesses, churches, etc and a few coupons to let them know what the community all has to offer	As being a newcomer two years ago I was fortunate to have family here otherwise most people moving to the area/community would not know all that Sauk Centre has to offer.				
Yes	Small town and greenery	Art scene	Less moratoriums!!!!	Clicky				
Yes	Located on Hwy 71 & I 94, easy drive to Fargo or the Metro. And The Christian community.	Small community feel with benefits of a larger city, such as hospital, great school, shopping and a lake!	Sauk Centre needs a welcoming family eating establishment.	There's many opportunities to get involved with the community.				
Yes	Nothing really.	Movie theatre, bakery, lakeside park.	We need trees, trees, more trees -- we now have whole blocks with not a single tree on the boulevard. Green, shady avenues make a city lovely.	As you come off the freeway Sauk Centre looks just plain ugly.				



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No					Visit our cabin on Sauk Lake	Good, clean, busy	Great restaurant and shopping	Affordable housing
Yes	I love the small town feeling with places to go/fun arrivistes offered	The classes/events the art lab puts on, our awesome library, our the parks, the movie theater, the purple parlor, the good concerts in the park.	Keep having more events that bring people in town together that are family friendly	I think it is a nice and clean welcoming town				
Yes	Community life	Small town atmosphere	More family restaurants	Hopefully welcoming				
Yes	Small town friendliness, beautiful parks, bandshell, many options for outdoor activities, great schools and many churches.	The theater, the Palmer House, murals, the library, concerts in the park and many activities arranged by the Chamber.	A larger space for the Art Lab (Unger Building?). We need a nice sitdown restaurant, also an eat-in pizza restaurant.	I hope people feel welcomed.				
Yes	24 hour fitness center (Snap)so I can workout anytime	On 3 main highways	Less racism - more welcoming to all people regardless of race or color	Intimidating if you are a democrat or person of color/LGBTQ				
Yes	The small town feel.	The Art focus around town	I'd love to have a community center	Difficult to get to know people unless they have kids in sports or in the school district in general.				
Yes	Lake/beach Yoga studio, Lots of community events, community garden, ice cream parlor, bakery, Haunted and Historical Palmer House, Babbit's wine bar	There's a lake right in the heart of the town. I also think it's unique because it offers a lot of fun activities and a great location for a smaller town	A good restaurant where you get a steak or nice pasta dish etc.	It is hard to meet new people because there are some many multi generational residents. Sauk seems a bit closed off to change and new ideas but I think that's changing has more people move in from other states and towns.				
Yes	The small town feel of safety.	Having a campground right on the lake is fantastic.	Sauk Centre NEEDS more trail systems, Hickman Drive is a very dangerous place to walk and a trail along the river connecting the park to hwy 17 would be a nice addition.	Sauk Centre is very "clicky" and it was hard to get to know people.				
Yes	The lake, small town feel, and school.	Splash pad, concerts in the park, art bar, and all the small shops.	I would like to see a community pool put in and then concessions available down by splash pad.					
Yes	Small town, feel safe	Sinclair Lewis	More restaurants	Welcoming, quiet, easy to get to businesses				
Yes	The lake and murals	Murals, art lab, park	Better streets. Something done with the boy and girl with the umbrella (a replica) Something done with the little red school house, and the old creamery	Inviting and friendly				
Yes	It has solid ties to the agriculture industry and farmers. Its made up of good people who have a desire for keeping a small town feel.	down town	more help keeping taxes lower so small business could do better (new and older ones in the down town area)	it seemed so big and overwhelming at first. I moved here 16 yrs ago. I learned quick there are a lot of good small town people in what still feels like a big town.				
Yes	Small town feel with many opportunities	Artify SC, splash pad, obstacle course, lakes/ beaches, library, Catholic school, many churches, industy, I-94 access,	It bothers me that we have a drug /sex trafficking problem with our close proximity to I-94, weak (but growing) downtown,	I think we are a welcoming community with good schools, there is a constant effort to improve the community.				
Yes	The community, the historic factor, school activities (mostly Archery and wrestling but also baseball and summer rec).	We have the small town feel (like the movie theatre) but things that other nearby larger towns don't have (like the Ninja park and splashpad).	The lights by McDonalds and Holiday Gas station. Those have been a mess lately. Also, more dine in restaurant options open in the evenings besides fast food. The look of the businesses and road along Main Street (near Arvig and on the corner by Snap). Also, the dugouts at Jaycee Park and the Civic arena need to be redone to have shelter from the sun.	A quaint little town but not podunk.				
Yes	The small town feel. The Chalk in Sauk and events like it make Sauk Centre feel more like a community. I also love the county fair and how well the businesses support the community.	The Main Street is unique and starting to boom again.	I would want more events that bring the community together. It seems really hard to crack the "we are FROM Sauk Centre crowd group". Either you are originally from SC and you're in or you are considered an outsider.  I think it would be great to add some more attractions for out of towners to visit SC. A YMCA or community pool or water park would be awesome for the community. I loved the addition of Taco Bell and Caribou. I rarely go to either but it makes SC more of a legit stop on 94 for travelers.	Super hard. As a new comer I can say that it is harder to feel apart of the community in SC than it has been in any other town we have lived in.				

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Yes	The small classroom sizes.	The wonderful history of our town	I'd love to see some more options for children to do. We have a movie theater but maybe an arcade or maybe pool hall. Something for our teens would be great.	When I moved here 25 years ago, I was in 7th grade, the kindness of our town has always made me stay. I can walk into a business and be welcomed by my name I love that!				
Yes	The location	Palmer House and Main Street Theatre	Unger's Furniture Building put to good use	Hope they like it				
Yes	I love that I don't have to leave Sauk Centre to do anything. From shopping, entertainment, and food. Everything is here.	Sinclair Lewis, JC Park, and Lions Fairy Lake Park. They all let you slow down and relax right here in Sauk Centre	I want more people to get involved in different organizations. Many hands make light work. Everyone has a gift they can give whether it is their time, financial or organizational. How do we get more people involved??	Talking to people that have moved here from other places it is overwhelming as many people have been here for generations. The best thing is to get involved and meet some new people and that will snowball.				
Yes	Small town community	Our murals and the community	I wish there was more for teenagers to do in town	A great place. Small town feel while still having the conveniences of a larger town				
Yes	Trails	Nothing unusual	It's very Republican. Chamber of Commerce very Republican. I personally boycott any store I know is owned by a Republican. The paper is far right.	Terrible.				
Yes	The conveniences of having everything we need in a small town. The beauty of the lake and art. The people. The faith community.	Downtown. The lake. Golf courses.	Restaurants! We lose so many people and their spending because they go out of town to go out to eat. The bars are great but not for bringing families to eat. The Mexican restaurant is great but a great family eatery would be nice.	Welcoming to guests. Sometimes if you're not from here it can be hard to mesh.				
Yes	The variety of things to do, great people	The variety of things to do	A good restaurant	Open community				
Yes	The lake and community	Art scene, historical attractions	We need restaurants. We have several bars but I feel Sauk would do well with a good sit down restaurant. I would like to see more boutiques/ clothing stores downtown.	I was a newcomer in 2012. It was close-knit, warm, welcoming.				
Yes	The community.	That we have a lot of history here.	Nothing really	Welcoming				
Yes	Small town feel, the art, in between two different cities that have other resources if I can't find close by.	Arts scene	Providing enough child care. I've delayed and quit jobs because there is nowhere in town that is available. My family has searched for employment in different cities because of it.	Clean, layout of where the shops are don't make it feel congested, not a lot of people which is a plus.				
Yes	The Downtown area, parks, and trails	Access to 2 major roadways, small town feel but with a lot of amenities. Concerts in the park	A sit down family restaurant	Welcoming without being overwhelming.				
Yes	The community that always comes together	A small town with so much to offer. Babbies, movie theatre, performances in the park, great parks, splash pad, challenge park.	More places to eat, more stores.	A great small town atmosphere.				
Yes	Perfect size	Our downtown	Weekend traffic	Small town. Enough to do for a night or 2				
Yes	The splash pad and activities The movie theatre		Better restaurants, not fast food Better roads	Interesting if you like art and the history				
Yes	Small town home feel	The art	Would be nice if I could make a left hand turn onto Main St in the summer.					
Yes	It's purposeful plans to move forward.	Our movie theater is historic and iconic. The creamery is being renovated for the Sauk Centre Historic Society. The library is a Carnegie building. We also have 2 famous authors who were born here. A super Walmart brings people from out of town also. Eagle's Nest is also a unique feature in Sauk.	A traffic light by the library, as well as Ash Street.	Difficult. If you were not born here, it can be difficult to feel welcomed.				
No					Daycare drop, get coffee, gas	Great community. People invest in the future in Sauk Centre	Splash pad	Better home availability.
Yes	Holy Family School! A community that comes together!	Movie theater. Bakery that is back in business.	Some of the uncontrolled intersections. People do not pay attention					

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Yes	The small town feel .	I feel our nice theatre in a small town is unique . Our lake in town and a nice lake so nearby is cool. The park and splash pad are awesome .	WE NEED SOME RESTAURANTS !! I also think an indoor park would be awesome . It would draw in young families and visitors and add consumers to boost the towns businesses. EXAMPLE - <a href="https://www.goodtimespark.com/">https://www.goodtimespark.com/</a> Possibly it could be run by the city and not by a private person.  Also an eating and activity place for adults and families like this place in Victoria MN  <a href="https://www.theburrowmn.com/">https://www.theburrowmn.com/</a> I saw it on Twin Cities Live .  We have the old Elmerzs as possible site for these things or maybe the old Unger building .  We also need a wedding venue facility.  An added note, I think it was extremely sad that we lost all those big beautiful trees where the old interpretive center was!!! It was such a beautiful entry into Sauk Centre and now it's kind of ugly . I like the businesses there but it seemed like a lot to lose to have the two small businesses and a big ugly dirt parking lot. When all the trees got taken down, I heard so many people, so many people saying how sad they were, and how ugly it looked. So maybe spending some money to bring in some very large trees instead of the spindly ones that have been put there.	Not sure				
Yes	community events	lake area	more events in winter	welcoming				
Yes	Good School District, Hospital and Movie Theatre along with lakes and golf courses	Located off I-94, Hwy 71/28 - excellent location	A sit down eating/restaurants for a nice dining experience. Sports bar restaurant or a chain.	Quaint town with lakes and nice downtown.				
Yes	History, Lake, Honest, down-to-earth, hardworking, fun people! :)	Sinclair Lewis Days, Wednesday 'concerts in the park', compassionate people, Fair	boat/pontoon rentals for lake exploration & fishing Stop lights up by the DMV bldg (dangerous intersection!)	Fishing, music/bands, dining out, history of the town				
Yes	The Catholic Church community, the lake, parks, theatre, all offer variety of places to spend with family.	There seems to be a greater variety of shops and activities than most small towns. Babbits, Art place and Purple Parlor are most unique.	There is primary focus on young families...which is important, but would like to see more accessible options and community activities, choices for people over 60.	Yes...we are newcomers. When meeting someone from Sauk the first thing people seem to want to know is our last name. When it is not a "Sauk Centre" name it is challenging to be accepted.				
Yes	The campground, park and splashpad	The murals	The corporate businesses. It ruins the small town feel.	Fun and welcoming. Small town feel.				
Yes	The murals and art and how clean it is.	The murals and community involvement/opportunities.	Fewer corporate businesses/"big" stores and restaurants.	Welcoming with a small town feel but big opportunities.				
No					Work at Mn National Agency, and Rotary Music in the Park	Lovely town, with wonderful people	Yes	Affordable housing, closer to the twin cities
Yes	The community is amazing.	Love the concerts in the park and how people have an interest in Sinclair Lewis days.	Nothing. Keep doing what you are doing.	Being a newcomer a couple years ago. I was happy when people were welcoming.				
No					We are camping at the campground.	Nice community.	Camping	
Yes	It's my hometown. I love it! The people, the downtown, the lake, everything thst makes us special.		I think we need to grow the business area, the downtown has had some empty stores. I'd like to see more emphasis on downtown development. Not so much on big box stores and fast food out by the freeway. It's our small town atmosphere that makes us special.	I think we need to try to be welcoming to new people. New isn't bad, just different.				
Yes	Small community with strong connections	Arts scene, including the chalk festival	More white collar jobs offered, jobs with high earnings potential	Imagine it would be cliquish for someone who didn't grow up here				

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Yes	Concerts in the park,fair	Fair	Downtown is a dump, to many vacant buildings, housing is over priced,no sit down dining	Downtown is a dump, to many vacant buildings, housing is over priced,no sit down dining				
Yes	Small Town atmosphere in a bigger town	The local pride	Increase in restaurant choices and more community get togethers	Nice quiet town				
Yes	We love fairy lake and all of the small businesses	Our community is absolutely amazing at supporting everyone	Put stop signs or even a round a bout in back by the school areas where traffic gets congested	Welcoming! We moved here 4 years ago and we don't plan on leaving				
Yes	The lake, summer recreation options like the trail, parks, splash pad and campground. The library and Mexican restaurant downtown too.	Art lab, Purple Parlor, Challenge Park	Better schools, a multi gym facility to host sporting tournaments, eat in restaurant(s), social places (besides bars) open after 3pm	Hard to find housing				
Yes	The community groups that offer so much to the residents and the businesses that support and help make Sauk Centre family friendly	The community feeling with all the sponsored events from different groups.	More bike paths around town. A nice "trail head" that has decent parking, bathrooms and water fountains for people on the trail.	Welcoming. We could always find something to do to meet people				
Yes	The small town home feel trails.	Movie Theatre	More trails in parks and around lake/river.	small country town with interesting stores				
Yes	The stores	Unique buildings	Safer community for our children and better school programs. More to do for our kids for winter	Great at first then realizes how bad the town is getting				
Yes	Trails, parks, the campground by Sauk Lake, splashpad and the new wine bar.	Busy downtown	Better paying jobs and finding a place to live in town	Very welcoming but need more stuff for kids to do				
Yes	The fact that the town has so many options for things to do, places to eat, etc. In the last couple of years it seems there has been a good amount of new businesses opening that offer something new to the community. The people are also a great part of making the community what it is!	The movie theatre on Main Street, the Palmer House, and the history of Sinclair Lewis. Historic landmarks that bring tourism to town.	Maybe another hotel option for tourists/visitors.	Probably pretty simple, but they have mostly anything they would need when they visit. Lakes, entertainment, food, shopping.				
Yes	Small community		Nothing. Keep big city ideas away from this community	Inviting				
Yes	Movie theater Small shops Great fire/EMT's Parade-Sinclair days	Just 2 stop lights!	Fix the pot holes faster in the spring!	Nice- friendly Good school Lots of churches				
Yes	The schools, the people, the campground.	There is so much that is unique. This is a vibrant town where people care about each other and the community.	It would be awesome to have a place with a track and public pool—a community center type place.	I think it can be cliky.				
Yes	I love the small town feel. The Sauk Lake is a big asset to our community. The trail coming right through our community is a good thing and an opportunity to attract visitors. Our parks and campgrounds are very nice and attract visitors. I think are schools are providing a good education to our youth. We have two newer/unique very nice venues for weddings and parties.	The murals are unique and a nice addition to Sauk Centre. The Art Lab and Babbits Wine Bar are nice additions to our town. We have Tutti Fruitti which is a unique place to go eat. Purple Parlor is also a nice addition, although the signage is lacking. I don't think the signage stands out, so people know where these places are. Of course we are the Birth place of Sinclair Lewis which makes our community unique. We still have a movie theatre which is also unique for a smaller town.	One thing that has always bothered me is the Welcome signs to Sauk Centre. We travel all over and most towns have much nicer Welcome signs to their towns. Even many of the smaller towns have much nicer Welcome signs to their communities. First impression for me is the Welcome Sign to the community. If it's nice it shows pride in the community. It would be nice to have more shops downtown. Also the addition of a nicer place for a sit down meal.	I was born and raised here and I think we sometimes take things for granted. For newcomers, I would imagine they feel Sauk Centre is a very nice town.				

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Yes	It is a welcoming community that thrives on small town/local businesses. The lake/park entertainment has been a great addition to the community during the summer months.	It is a small community, however, there is always a lot of traffic because of highway 71 and the interstate, which makes it feel larger. The lakes, theatre, golf courses, splash pad attract people from all areas.	Sauk Centre has a wide range of residents from young families to retired senior citizens. The trails are always being used whether it be biking, running, walking, etc. This is a great resource to all residents during the spring, summer, and fall months but it would be nice to provide a space for others to continue to keep their health and well being a focus during the long winter months. A community center or space that would welcome all age groups would be a way for health and wellness to continue to be a focus throughout the whole year, but especially in the winter time.	I believe it is a welcoming community from the small businesses, trails, artworks, lakes, etc. it provides a feel that a community needs to thrive.				

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Yes	What I love about Sauk Centre is the hustle and bustle of the locals during the spring and summer months. There are so many lively spots throughout town like Sauk Lake, Sinclair Lewis Park, Fairy Lake and the local dog park. I also love the variety of parks that can be found all over town for the children. Sauk Centre has a small-town charm that I love with the local movie theater on Main Street, the beautiful architecture like the public library building and the Palmer House building. I look forward to watching our main street come to life every year during the Sinclair Lewis Days, the concerts at the band shell and 4th of July fireworks. I love how friendly the folks are when I'm walking home from work and we smile and say "good afternoon" or "Hi there". Seeing the murals around time is a relatively new thing I love about Sauk. I know for certain that the town is loved because of how clean/tidy it looks and how much effort goes into decorating the downtown strip lamps throughout the year.	I can think of a few things that make Sauk Centre unique to me: the art murals downtown, the home of Sinclair Lewis, the Splash park near the camp grounds and the awesome bike trail. The Palmer House also makes Sauk unique and it attracts so many people because of its "haunted" reputation.	I would find a way to promote the body of students to volunteer at a local business, nursing home, hospital, etc. because the youth are the future of our town! I would also promote our award winning author Sinclair Lewis by holding book clubs and writing competitions! I would create pet events at the local dog park because so many families have dogs, but it's more fun to take your dog out and socialize with other dogs. It's also a nice way to meet locals. Gardening is another big trend right now and we have a community garden, so I would build a place where the community gardeners can sell their produce to the town - I would much rather support the local gardeners and buy organically grown veggies to feed my family! I think a lot of us depend on our cars to get to around our small town, so I would create bike lanes to encourage folks to bike/exercise. It would also reduce our carbon emissions! I would create programs to help the businesses in town develop professionally. I have experienced many times where our local work force does not seem to care about how they conduct Customer Service or how they run their store because they lack professional business etiquette. For example, helping our local cooks obtain professional culinary skills or by helping our local store clerks develop their interpersonal communication skills. This also applies to the large corporations and franchises in town; hold them accountable for how they run their business. We should require them to invest in our citizens and provide the works with professional development. Money is often the root of an unhappy individual or an unhappy marriage. I would promote our local therapists and psychologists more, they can help so many of our citizens overcome child trauma and other mental health concerns. I guess what I'm trying to get at is the psychology of the local Sauk Centre citizen; an unhappy worker, is an unhappy citizen, which is also an unhappy family member and that results in an unhappy home in our community. By developing the citizens, the town is developing the infrastructure, the local economy and we reduce poverty which also reduces crime.	For newcomers, I think Sauk Centre is a wonderful experience of what small-town life is like in central Minnesota and one can see that this is a caring community with a Christian faith at it's very core. To a newcomer, Sauk Centre can be the opportunity to achieve the American Dream because there are so many small businesses ran and owned by our locals!				
No					Visit family	Dread	Family	Hell freezing over. Too much childhood trauma from bullies
Yes	Streets are clean and neat!	Movie theater most small towns don't have one anymore! Rite on the freeway and other main roads!	The nature shore line at the Sinclair Lewis park is ridiculous weeds and willows are running rampant can't even see the water if you wanted too! No citizen could leave there property in such condition! Want this addressed will be watching!	Different options for families to grow and I think a fairly safe atmosphere to live in!				
Yes	Small town with lots of amenities	Safe and clean - people care about newcomers and embrace change	Community center or family center that supports all families regardless of income or religious affiliation	I think if you're involved in social activities you're welcomed, but I don't know about those who can't afford to be involved				

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Yes	pace of life.		A trail offshoot from LWBT to Fairy Lake	The freeway entrance area is just like any gas/restroom stop anywhere in the country. Once you get north past Caseys, it shows its charm. Consider signage with verbiage such as "just one minute to historic downtown, park, lake" etc.				
Yes	All the shops, the lakes, the trail, the school and the people.	The band shell, the art, splash pad and ninja course.	More daycare options! More restaurants, more activities during winter- bowling or roller skating.	I've heard it's hard to know about sports for kids, the baseball isn't thru community ed....				
No					Shop, have lunch	I have been visiting SC my whole life, so unsure how to answer this question	Activities	Lower property tax rates
Yes	All three movie theater		Continue to be a friendly and welcoming community	Good schools				
Yes	Everything	down town. Movie theatre and the schools.	More family dining establishments.	Quiet, homey and relaxing.				
No					Run errands at Walmart and Dollar Tree.	I wish there were more boutique shops and Main Street was more quaint and kept up.	If there was more walkable boutique and cafes/eateries as well as prettier walking spaces.	More kids activities like an indoor playground or trampoline park. More robust community education programs. A nightlife scene for date nights. A feeling of safety and community. Some city ordinances about maintaining historical buildings and keeping lawns clean etc. Dog friendly parks and businesses
Yes	The small quaint city that extends itself to the city residents and visiting travelers traveling through our city.	Interstate 94. Residents who live in our community have access to the Mpls/StP Metro area. The city has a good foundation for education with our schools. It has a hospital and clinic. The above is important for new families moving into our community.	I would like to see better dining for other options...other than fast food and bar food. Possibly a supper club.	Difficult. My family and I moved to Sauk Centre and did not have children in school at the time. Difficult to meet new people/organizations. Once my children were in school we became active in various volunteering with groups in the community. I will share Sauk Centre has come along way in reaching out.				
Yes	Lake	Lake community in town with amenities	More restaurants, more bike and walking paths, update ugly areas of town, capitalize on the lake and boating communities	This town lacks diversity and many people, groups and religious institutions are exclusive.				
Yes	Lake, downtown, layout, proximity to major hwy yet rural.	Good old hometown feel.	More options to eat and play.	Small town that really requires you to go outside the town if you have kids.				
Yes	family centered , the lake -beach , boating , has a walmart	sauk centre festivals , demolition derby at fair	need a marina on the lake I more places to eat out good different options of food! hotels on the lake with water parks	small town , not much to see				
Yes	Small community with many family oriented activities.	The History stands out. Things such as the old creamery, the mills or dam. the on d was train station and how the railroad came through... The old houses and the preservation of the town.	More bike friendly and handicap accessible. Wish there was more transparency with the bike trail..	I'm sure such a small community and we all welcome them, they would be excited to be part of Sauk centre				
Yes	Lakes	Movie Theater	Unfriendly people	Very unfriendly				
Yes	The farming community on the south end and the lake community on the north end. You can really tell a difference in personalities when you find someone from the other side of the tracks that you grew up on.	The honor we have for Sinclair Lewis.	The school levies need to calm down and stop making it impossible to be a single income family in this town cuz taxes are so high because of needing to pad the pockets of the school all the time. The school needs to get better at not draining the community.	Pretty downtown, but hard to find out what there is to do around here.				
No					Shop, eat, and buy gas.	My first visit I saw a lot of similarities to the characters of Main Street.	A more progressive attitude.	I basically do live in rural Sauk Centre. Just not in the school district.

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Yes	I like that the community feels like it is moving forward and has a vision for the future. The growth of the campground, Arity SC, the challenge course, the revival of the lake and swimming beach, the trail, the school referendum passing, growing businesses, and great community leaders... There are a lot of great things about this community.	The movie theater is a big one. The downtown continues to thrive and I love to see the bakery growing again! The Splash Pad and Campground are big draws. We also seem to be growing as a regional hub.	A new Rec. Center. I think it could be a great regional center of activity and a draw to the community. Indoor walking space, an 8-lane pool upgrade, water slides, gym space, climbing walls... these would be great additions to our community. Another family sit-down restaurant would be great (not fast food). We also need to bring a brewery to town!	I think it is attractive because of the services and amenities we offer in Sauk. It would be great to do a welcome neighbor type thing to welcome newcomers to the community and share what groups and organizations people can be involved in.				
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Yes	Small town that you can find necessities. Cleanliness	Paintings all over town	Some type after school program where kids can go for homework help. Retired teachers, professionals or higher gpa high schoolers to assist. Would be nice to have a bigger discount department store like Dunham's for sports or active apparel.	It depends on the age but families probably have a hard time fitting in a small town where everyone knows everyone.				
Yes	The parks! The sense of community & how we come together to help each other! The wonderful store owners, doctors, chiropractors, etc.	Mainstreeter pride! You can find people in their 50s, 60s, & up wearing Streeter gear & attending ball games!	Maybe the condition of the dog pound area & who has to care for it. Also, our schools are sliding into the same habits many others are - lack of discipline, respect, & accountability (from students to administrators).	As a newcomer nearly 20 years ago, I was greeted with welcoming people, a warm church family, and that "Minnesota nice" experience! People were kind & helpful, & I've grown to love this small town! I have no desire to move back to St. Louis, MO.				
Yes	Small community, yet good hospital. A lake right in town.		Kinder to non locals. Don't spend so much time asking people what their connection to Sauk is.	Hard! Not being local is difficult in Sauk. I've lived here twenty years and still get treated like an outsider.				
Yes	Small town feel	Downtown	Make hwy 71 more user friendly. So busy, no turn lanes	Not the cities				
Yes	The lake, downtown, golf and refreshing.	Purple parlour, theatre, concert in the park	New hotels and business, willingness to change and welcome new business	Not too welcoming, needs a better community engagement resource.				
Yes	The atmosphere downtown and how this town comes together in times of need to support each other.	That we are no longer just a 'drive-through' town for those heading North to their cabins. We are now a destination with many national brands coming to town.	The head of the city has to go. The silly decisions they have made (the new waste emptying area just outside the campground they designed themselves rather than outsourcing - we can't even get our camper in and hit the curb every time! My rim is nearly shot and it's a 2 year old camper!, the dock that cost a fortune, but is frankensteined together with multiple brands, etc.) are starting to cost tax payers dearly. Given it is a city position and affects my tax dollars, there should be an election or public hiring process. They have to go.	Welcoming and vibrant.				
Yes	The small town itself. I'm not a city fan.	Probably the buildings.. the history in them alone and standing is remarkable.	Adding children at play sins in the bir h s neighborhood. Lots of speeders and people that don't pay attention from Casey's to main St.	I am a newcomer ! It's a very cute and peaceful town with all you need for the most part.				
Yes	The lake. The beauty. The walking trail. I love that we are a small town but still have all necessities here.			Welcoming				
Yes	I enjoy the community events - Sinclair Lewis days, chalk in Sauk, etc	The art everywhere is awesome	A chain restaurant would be nice that's open past 7pm	It was hard to move to Sauk Centre, unless you have the "name" you don't seem to matter. I am glad to see Sauk Centre expanding family things- the beach, park, challenge park, the splash pad, dog park				



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Yes	The closeness of people, always someone to help you out if needed. I think the schools are great including Holy Family.	The activities especially in the summer. The businesses owned and run by people of the community.		Like any town new comers need to join and get involved in things happening. It helps if they have kids in school who are in activities. Or church groups.				
Yes	Schools	Lakes	Build Main Street More for nkids and families to do	Pretty but not a lot to do				
Yes	The lakes and the fun events we have.	The small town feel. Almost out of a Norman Rockwell Painting.	It would be nice to have more options for shopping.	Fascinating and beautiful				
Yes	Small town and feel safe	The murals	Need for dine in restaurant	Might be hard to get to know people				
Yes	Small town but centrally located. Family friendly. School system. Church community. Park system.	Movie theatre, family owned businesses. Very active arts community (murals), chamber n visitors center.	Sit down restaurant ie Applebees etc. Sit down pizza place. Brewery with food. Traffic during the summer on Main Street. More housing. Reduced taxes.	They like the small town events, school system, theatre, the park. Friendliness n inclusiveness. The drawbacks are the lack of affordable housing. Main Street doesn't stand out. Paint the buildings or build unique storefronts so people want to stop. Fill up the empty stores.				
Yes	Downtown shops and great options for walks	Small town business owners taking care of their customers by going the extra mile	NEED community center; gym space available outside of the school day, indoor walking					
Yes	Small town with the Lake!	Many amenities for a small town	Some better options for restaurants besides fast food and bars	Not super easy to meet people				
No					Just hangout n maybe for a walk	Small but friendly people		
Yes	The lake, holy family school, strong Christian community.	We have a small town but at the same time we have many amenities similar sized towns don't have.	Sauk Centre is severely lacking a nice sit down restaurant. We have had a few in the past (Gerard's, JT's), but due to lack of signage and advertising, I don't feel these places reached their potential. Taco John's is a nice addition to the city, but I felt that would've been a great opportunity for the city to use that space differently.	I have always felt that the westbound exit ramp needs to be routinely mowed. The whole stretch from four seas to McDonald's. First impressions are everything, and a well groomed lawn would be much more inviting to a newcomer to explore the town instead of getting gas and continuing on.				
Yes	The lake, the murals, the community.	The murals, the beautiful park, the cute downtown.	More restaurants, especially fine dining and ethnic.	Safer than than the Cities.				
No					Bank, buy groceries, go to the park, and get ice cream.	Content that I can accomplish most of what I need.	Having more restaurant options.	Continuing quality education, having places to live that are affordable, with plenty of opportunities for entertainment and activities for family.
No					I work in Sauk Centre and open enroll my children in the school district.	I love the feeling of community in Sauk Centre and the welcomeness here.	I have family in town and nearby so I will be back often.	My family is currently looking to move to Sauk Centre. We are just struggling to find a house at the moment.
Yes	Lakes, HFS, community, activities to do	Local businesses and new businesses that have been added (theater, purple parlor, Babbits, etc.)	More/better safety. I think our local law enforcement does great with the resources they have but I think this is an area that can be improved upon. Also more access to childcare.	A great place for people with kids (minus the fact that childcare is nearly impossible to find). Fun and welcoming.				
Yes	Geographic location, for easy accessibility for visiting, vacationing or attending an event in our city. History and architecture.	Rich history. Regarding tourism, I think we have great amenities (that aren't included in marketing enough) that could make our city a larger draw. We absolutely could draw families to vacation here. There are plenty of things for kids to do (skate park, splash pad, fairy lake, frisbee golf, swimming, fishing, playgrounds, ice skating, ninja park, community garden, bike/walking trails, etc.) that are FREE. For a fee (and very reasonable, I might add) we have an amazing movie theater, a great variety of shopping (for a community of our size) and many more points of interest for adults, and kids, within an easy 25-30 minute drive in all directions.	Growing our "inner city" (which I believe is HUGE) camping. The amenities for children nearby would be a draw for families. Our downtown (by default) would have more exposure and (potentially) lead to less empty store fronts and a stronger business climate. The entire community wins!	As a visitor, it all depends where they land. If they are fortunate enough to visit our chamber or cvb, they would be VERY impressed and feel welcomed.				
Yes	The excitement of Sinclair Lewis Days, HFS	Murals, parks, movie theatre	More dining options.	I hope they feel welcomed				

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Yes	Our beautiful lake, parks, our schools, churches, how our community supports one another and our small town. businesses!	Small town feel but with lots to offer! Love the Art Lab, Theatre, walking trails!	Would love to have a community recreation center/field house with gym space, walking track, weight room, pool that could be utilized by the school and community.	I would hope it is welcoming because we have a lot to offer. I feel like our town has a friendly feel and lots of people to help those when new.				
Yes	The art community, friendliness and willingness to help	Small town atmosphere	More more fine dining options, a desigpizza restaurant	Welcoming				
No					Nothing	History	Family	Housing
No					Shop			
Yes	The lake, we have lots of cute shops downtown. Most homes are well cared for. The community appears clean and well kept	I think our downtown is very well kept	We need several restaurants. Example: a pizza place and a fine dining	Not sure				
Yes	The small town atmosphere. Most people friendly.	Movie theatre!!!! Palmer house. The murals Our "new" bakery!	Truck bypass! Downtown is not safe. Anyone traveling by car, will come downtown if they want to shop and will be able to walk freely around, as will the locals.	Hopefully a wonderful experience!				
Yes	I love the small town feel with the convenience of fabulous stores from Coborns to Walmart, thrift, downtown stores/local, to having our own movie theater, and many more (hardware,HVAC, motor, etc). I also appreciate the dedication of our community organizations to update, build/remodel Fairy Lake to the Splash Pad/Challenge Park to the local beach at Sinclair Lewis Park. The murals/benches, library, history museum add a touch of extra beauty to as well as many businesses keeping the history still alive in Sauk.	Movie theatre, bandstand (all of Sinclair Lewis Park), churches, downtown, trail, local business to more big box, compost area, dog park, etc.	Truck bypass! Downtown is not safe. Anyone traveling by car, will come downtown if they want to shop and will be able to walk freely around, as will the locals. I would appreciate changing the landscaping of the Civic Arena---the mural painted on the outside of this building is spectacular.... let's add some beauty with more of a native garden area that attracts more birds/butterflies, etc. I would also like more trees planted or shaded areas near all of the ball fields as it can get miserably hot given our summers in Minnesota. I think it's great that our students are able to be more involved within our community with more hands-on for their courses as I would like this to even increase to even include more students that are into the arts possibly be involved with murals around town, or music or drama to perform at the bandstand, or those students who are into horticulture assist in planning/planting gardens/trees---if not for a class, then part of a "senior project/class project" done annually.	As a newcomer, I am proud of the Sauk Centre area with the commitment of our local organizations. I really appreciate how our local thrift store has staff from WACOSA.				
Yes	Shopping, lake, trail	Art,campground	More restaurants, maybe a mall	Rent is high,need more affordable housing, people are nice				
Yes	Small town life	Theatre	Community Pool					
Yes	The amenities	The events	Needs to be safer for peds and bikers. Drivers do NOT stop for people in the crosswalk. I've had to hit the crosswalk lights up to 3 times before vehicles stopped. There are no secure places to lock bikes downtown. The bike rack at the library is damaged and there are no other ones at the splash pad, the parks, or any business that are downtown.	It's not very welcoming of new people. Even after being here for over a decade people are so clicky.				
Yes	Small town feel	Our movie theatre and the beach, park, amphitheater	A larger restaurant selection	Quaint				
Yes	Lake, Park, church community, community activities.	The art community, music, and the friendly atmosphere.	Nice restaurant. Also more senior services such as an adult daycare and more memory care facility capacity.	I moved from a farm but the change went well. I like the closeness of Sauk Centre community. If you moved from a large city I'm sure you would be wondering what there is to do and may find it a little boring but at my age boring is ok.				
Yes	The Parks and Summer Activities (i.e. music in the park, Sinclair Lewis Days, Chalk Art)	The Murals & Art around town	More Art closer to the Freeway. Visitors from I-94 don't get to see the unique art work on that end of town.	Friendly & clean				

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Yes	I love that everything I need is here in town. It's a small town but also big enough to have access to what we need. The city does a great job maintaining city parks. We have a few amazing police officers that are always friendly (Dusty, Joey, Mark) and involved in the community. My family feels safe here.	Slash pad/fitness park Amazing Main Street with local shopping.	Hwy 71 bypass can't happen soon enough. More restaurants. We have a few but unfortunately when we go out to eat as a family, we leave town as we don't have options here in town.	Friendly faces no matter where you go.				
Yes	The people, and the enthusiasm they have to see our town thrive	The Arts and schools	The City Council Administration, I feel they need to really listen to the people, and not just do the opposite	I found it to be welcoming, but that was 30+ years ago, I try to remember how it was to be new when I meet newcomers				
Yes	Our town spirit. The paved trails in town -- wish there were more!! Sauk Lake and our bandshell.	Our location with three major roads intersecting it. The lake winding through the center of our community, our historic movie theatre, a challenge park next to a splash pad, and overall cleanliness.	I wish we could have a makeover of the old flour mill area across from conservation park. I think that entire street would be perfect for a great, long condo building with shops on the ground level. I also wish we had more paved trails (along the river/lake would be nice too) and a community center with an indoor walking track, indoor courts, meeting space, and more for people of all ages.	I imagine it is hard for a newcomer everywhere. No matter where you move to, you feel alone and like everybody knows everyone else. In a town of nearly 5,000 people, clearly that is NOT the case. It would be great for landlords and realtors to give welcome packets with information on all of the local faith groups, clubs/volunteer opportunities, where to find information on things to do, who to contact, etc.				
Yes	Friendly Community	County Fair	more communication on activities and clubs... or an easier way to reach information about it.	It was overwhelming...				
Yes	Lakes, parks, golf courses, walking trails	Bakery, theatre, restaurants on the lake	Community/activity center	activities are offered for all age groups (youth, teen, adult, seniors) but lack of gym space				
Yes	The lake and the people in the community. Many are always trying to make it a better place to live, work, and play.	The history.	Hmmm.....this is a tough question. I think having 71 going right through town can bring a lot of hoodlums through our community which sometimes makes it not feel very safe but traffic on 71 is also what helps many of our small businesses.	I feel our community is very welcoming for a newcomer. Our community has lots to offer.				
Yes	The large amount of different activities to do around town. We are blessed with a lot of things that other towns don't have. We have a movie theatre, a county fair, a beach, band shell, outdoor hockey rinks, farmer's market, and so much more right in our town.	Our colorful town- the beautiful art that is everywhere.	I would love for a handicap accessible park. One with the special tiled ground, wheelchair accessible swings, and other handicap friendly playground equipment. We have a number of children in our community that could benefit from a playground that can be used no matter their limitations.	I was a newcomer not too long ago so I can imagine! My first impression was what a beautiful and vibrant downtown we have. It is so nice to see local businesses thriving. All of the artwork on the buildings just makes everything that much more inviting.				
No					Not today, but we are former residents and often visit our family and friends. We love outdoor activities and events! Our dogs LOVE the dog park.	It's so artsy!	Keep the outdoor events coming! (Farmers market, chalk in Sauk, open dog park, Wednesday concerts in the park, public worship nights, etc.)	A homeschool co-op!
Yes	There is a variety of things to do for all ages	The wall art and benches around town. Our Theater and Our bakery. The Palmer House	I'd like to see our football field used more often for events. The grand stands at the fairgrounds, they aren't the safest and like to see it expanded to fit more people and make it handicapped accessible.	A great place to stay and many things to do.				
Yes	The lake and the parks.	I LOVE the art scenes!	Better traffic system in town, especially during the summer months. The traffic gets so congested on 71 and gets backed up when cars try to make left turns.	I imagine someone would think this is a nice clean town right off the freeway with lots to offer. I think they would be pleasantly surprised by the art around town and the different parks, wonderful campgrounds in and around town, and the splash pad!				
Yes	The lake, the school, the campground, splash pad, challenge park, movie theater, library		More sit down restaurants, also a sit down pizza restaurant. A community center with indoor walking track, pickle ball courts and pool.	Nice, but could maybe use a little more to draw people here.				

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Yes	Central location	Movie theatre	Make another road for large vehicles, so highway 71 isn't the only road going right through town. This would help minimize traffic, especially on the north end of town where trucks come into Sauk at 40+ mph.	It's somewhat cliquy feeling, as many people have been here for decades and it's hard to join groups/friendships as a newcomer.				
Yes	Splash Pad, fairly new focus on art such as murals, book benches, chalk Sauk etc, public library, the hanging baskets in the summer, Wednesday night concerts,	Art focus, multi suite movie theater,	Grow the Farmers Market bigger, taxi/Uber, develop a board game group, Kwik Trip!!!! I know Melrose is getting one but wish it were right here in town.	I think it depends on the newcomers occupation and family situation.				
Yes	The opportunities, the people, the proximity to other locations.	It is a smaller community, yet is continually looking to grow and improve its situation.	Having a family restaurant in a larger location, with adequate parking, to survive more than a couple of years.	As a former newcomer to Sauk Centre, I felt it was a little tougher to get involved in things, unless you knew the "right people". I felt it was cliquy, if I were to use a term. Also, in my business I have heard other newcomers to Sauk Centre having had similar feelings.				
Yes	The lake The friendly people Movie theater		We need some sit down places to eat!!!! Anytime we want to go out to eat we head to Alexandria or St. Cloud. I would rather support my town!	Friendly				
Yes	The active community.	Splash pad, movie theater, art on buildings.	I think a community center and/or field house open to the public.	Initially difficult to meet people but hopefully welcoming once you get a little involved.				
No					Attending the art exhibits	Very nice town	Special events	This isn't really a conversation at this point
Yes	The lake	Band shell, community	Would like to see more activities for older people Pickleball courts Bocce ball	Very welcoming				
Yes	Rural community		Needs a sit down restaurant All we have is bar food Restaurant out by the interstate					
Yes	Sinclair park, band shell, lake area,	First rate movie theater, the developing art environment.	Have the city more involved down town businesses	Friendly				
Yes	It's home	Small town feel/bigger city amenities	Nice sit down restaurant/pub on the other end of town. Dollar General.	Very friendly and welcoming				
No					Work.	That I was nice and warm in my mother's uterus.	Work and my parents.	I have been trying for 3 years, but rural housing has gone insane.
Yes	The park	Arts scene	The drugs. The school system following thru with bullying.	Old school fun historic town				
Yes	Downtown, the lake and restaurants	Obstacle course	More things planned around the area for families with all age children	Beautiful little town especially Christmas time				
Yes	The people HFS	Parks	Newcomers	Hard to get to know people				
Yes	The small town feel, our local movie theatre and businesses, the schools.	The local movie theatre with their marquee, art murals, stearns county fairgrounds, as well as the bandshell by the lake.	Sidewalks going up to Holiday and along 12th street and State Rd would make it much safer for the many residents that have to walk to work and school.	We moved here in 1999 because we felt it had a lot of charm and still had plenty of businesses that we could do most of our shopping here. We knew then we wanted to raise our future children here!				
Yes	Small town feel	Movie theatre, Tutti Fruitti	Nothing	Cozy small town MN				
Yes	The Art lab and music in the park.	Arts Scene	Not having to have a certain last name to be apart of stuff.	Fun with lots of different things to do.				
Yes	Small town feel but with good energy! It is so homey here!	Our sweet/charming mainstreet, bike trails right through town, and our beautiful art work. I also love the uniqueness of our offerings of functional health providers like Arrow Health, Arise Well-being and St.Michael Health.	Boosting up businessness on mainstreet/promoting small town ma/pa shops there. It is such a sweet setting but could use some promotion to encourage businessess there.	For us, we felt so welcomed here. I imagine its like that for others, at least I hope it is! I would enjoy hearing that when newcomers plant their life here they feel like this is 'home'.				

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Yes	Downtown; thriving small businesses and our community's commitment to support them; Sinclair Lewis Days; Chalk in Sauk	I think a lot of small towns are "dying," but I love that many people of my generation (millennials, I guess) are starting small businesses or taking over businesses from people retiring.	I would love to see some new restaurants that aren't just part of the bar scene OR fast food. Family friendly places and somewhere for date night would be awesome. Kid-friendly indoor activities (like an indoor playground) would be amazing because winter is so long.	My first real exposure to Sauk Centre was when my parents bought a cabin here in 2007 and I was in college. I remember thinking it was a cute town but there wasn't much that stood out about it. I think it's changed a lot since then—my parents moved here full time in 2012 and my husband and I followed in 2018.				
Yes	The small town. The people. The outside activities and parks.	The art scene, movie theater, and all the things available to do.	Get a tire shredder to make your own mulch in the area. It would help farmers and clean up the ditches. You can rent a large one and make it an event.	A welcoming place.				
No					Enjoy the chalk art, listen to music in park, pickle ball or bike ride	Husband grew up in Sauk centre		Keep up arts and activities for all ages
Yes	Location in the state, size of community, very active community service organizations, thriving art community, beautiful parks & campground	The art community, Lake Wobegon bike trail passing through town, 6 screen movie theatre,	Interesting and unique Restaurants casual and finer dining, a marina with rentable slips, rentable community rooms, on the north end of town add a round-about where 71 curves to go out of town,	We moved to town in 1988. It was hard finding friends as a lot of people were born and raised here and no one was "shopping" for a friend. I was looked upon as a transient for many years. I would hope, for newcomers, that isn't the vibe anymore.				
Yes	It's got a good mix of everything, from STEM to the artistic to the faith-based, all within an area where it feels like you know everybody without it being cramped.	Thus is kind of related to the above point, but it has new elements without feeling superficial—as well as old elements without feeling like it's going extinct.	It'd be nice to have an in-town sit-down restaurant (aside from the Palmer House or El Mezcal) or even a water park. The latter is kind of a pipe dream (pun sort-of intended), but honestly, considering the lack of water parks in the area, we'd stand to draw some more families in the summer.	The variety of events certainly help newcomers get introduced and feel more welcome.				
Yes	The events, the park/campground, splash pad etc...	Sinclair Lewis, history	Family friendly restaurants for dinner. More local stores.	Is hard to make friends kind of cliky.				
Yes	The schools, the shops, the people!	Movie theatre, cute shops, small town vibes with lots of activities and things to do	It would be fun to have an outdoor pool!	Welcoming!				
No					Art festival	Good	Yes	Yes
No					Chalk fest	Welcomes	Family, 501 Art lab purple parlor	Family, lake, shopping, events, health care
No					Be apart of the art scene by being a vendor at the Art on the Avenue event.	Everyone's friendly. Everyone seems to know everyone that's in the Sauk Centre community. However, it feels strange as an outsider because it's such a close knit community.	More events that draws in communities outside of Sauk Centre.	Welcoming atmosphere.
No					Vendor at Chalk Sauk	I think it's a very close knit town. I love the look of the downtown it's Beautiful	I'm not sure maybe to be a vendor again	I prefer to the in the cities. So, I probably wouldn't.
No					Grab coffee at Jitters, see the fun shops and visit the park.	It was great! It's a very artsy welcoming town.	The coffee and friendly community.	Local historic town that we love. Everything is walking distance which we love. Always amazing events that bring the community together.
Yes	The people. Lakes.	Movie theater. Close to bigger towns.	Working together with other close small towns. Not obsessing so much over sinclair lewis. Do we need that many statues, murals, buildings for him? He hated the town anyways. I think you can promote other things in town to attract people besides him. Like all the lakes or shops in town.	Depends when they come. Possibly boring.				

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Yes	Te small town flavor, seeing people we know. The look of rustic buildings with flair. The joy we take in building this community.	I love the buildings that still hold their roots yet live in this century. Our town has great buildings that serve as a cover story for our town story. Ours is unique as we could build off of that, grow our future story from the past because of these buildings.	Bring in more businesses that will help our town grow yet stay healthy, for instance, fill the unger building, ElmerZ buildings with businesses like Hobby Lobby, Crafts Direct... these are stores many people from the area drive to St.Cloud for...bring them here... fill the empty buildings in our downtown with flourishing yet wholesome businesses and watch our town grow.	Right now, Mainstreet needs to draw them in, spruce up our downtown...fill the empty stores with shops that attract people passing through to stop and browse. Variety of shops...but most importantly fill the empty stores...empty builds kill a town. When driving through a town one empty building can mean someone stopping to spend money in that town or driving on to the next town to spend their hard earned cash. Fill the empty stores with wholesome businesses.				
Yes	The community. Businesses wanting better for the youth and keeping them close to Sauk Centre. So many foundations willing to invest in our youth And future.	The way businesses and non profits invest in the community.	Not a lot. I love the arts, business, and non profits that invest in our community.	Enlightening, Exciting.				
No					Chalk at the festival and eat at the restaurants	It was great. Very quaint and love all the little shops	More activities and things to do	Unfortunately I am more of a big metro area type resident but do love visiting. I've been coming here for over 10 years as a guest
No					Art	Home-y	Art / events	
No					Chalk art festival	Very trendy and aesthetic	Lower rent prices then Northern California	A good art scene
No					Chalk Art	Joy, Excitement, Art enthusiasm	Art events, food	When I retire, it is definitely an option. Love the small town feel!
No					Work and shop	A "Get Away" community that offers many activities: lakes, camping, relaxation, shopping, music, etc. Simple times, away from the large cities, and family is important along with respecting our fellow person.	As stated above.	The Catholic churches... rooted in true faith; possibly other work opportunities.
Yes	Town activities; Sinclair Lewis Days, Chalk in Sauk, Snowmobile Racing, County Fair etc Our small-town businesses Art everywhere Fairy Lake, Splash Pad, Beach	Art Scenes, Lot of activities for families do to	This is not visitor related but there is a huge need for childcare in the area. We could use another daycare facility and school age summer program/camp. The cleanliness of Fairy Lake needs improving.	It is inviting because there are many food and shopping options and lots of things to do.				
Yes	Area lakes	Movie theatre and the multiple art opportunities	More employment opportunities	Quiet family or retirement community				
No					Go out for lunch and shop	I love that all the shop are within walking distance.	Specials sales at the shops and other events I could take in.	An affordable lake home.
Yes	Home feeling every where you go	The arts	Things we can do for kids	Nice things to do				
Yes	The beautiful downtown and park.	Crossroads to many areas of MN. Brings many people through our community.	Have more retail businesses in our downtown area.	Friendly community.				
Yes	Our school will be amazing once it is done. I also love our park, lake and bandshell.	We have a small town feel but still have all the amenities you need. I also love all the art work being added around town.	More sidewalks. The south end of main has none.	Sauk Centre has a lot of cliques and when someone new comes to town they aren't very welcoming. I'd love to see a welcome basket to anyone that builds or purchases a new home or business in town. Fill it with resources, brochures, flyers and maybe some gifts from businesses.				
Yes	The Lake, the people.	Our heritage	More open to businesses that are looking for a place. I turn more tax dollars.	Hopefully welcoming.				
Yes	We have our own bakery, movie theater and coffee shop. I also love that there is a private school that focuses on religion.	The art lab has beautiful murals spread all throughout the city.	I wish we had a nice sit down family restaurant.	Inviting, small town friendly people and you can find just about everything you may need in town.				
Yes	The park areas around the lake.	Bandshell/swimming beach	Clean up a little of the run down houses	Good amount of industry with a small town feel				
Yes	The pride and rich heritage of Sauk Centre. The vibrance of commerce and community organizations.	The parks and public arts.	Have a community area/community center with activities for people of all ages.	Sauk is welcoming but can be intimidating if you do not get involved in a service organization or the schools.				

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Yes	Sauk Lake, the campground, murals, splash pad, ninja park, trails,	Our murals, our campground in-town within walking distance to the theatre, restaurants, etc.	Make everyone more inclusive. Continue to support one another and grow.	I would love to think that newcomers love it, but I have heard they feel like they are an outcast.				
Yes	Location	Proximity to larger cities (St. Cloud, Alexandria, Willmar, etc.) & major metro areas (Twin Cities, Fargo-Moorhead, Duluth, etc.).		Overwhelming for someone who has not moved before, not from a nearby location, or does not have any friends or relatives nearby. For individuals who actively look for ways to acclimate, it is most likely a lot easier.				
Yes	Great, active community that is diverse in their interests		We desperately need a community center to bring the town together and help support healthy choices and healthy lifestyles for all.	Sometimes it can be challenging				
Yes	Great schools and churches! Our community cares and wants to make the town a better place to live in!	Multiple golf courses, art lab, beautiful lakes, amazing Sinclair Lewis Days and fireworks Sinclair Lewis home	Would like to see more sit down restaurants that serve more than bar food. Would also like to see a good pizza place. I would love to see a community center go up in town! I wish the city would be more invested in their parks and baseball fields.	My husband was from here so was easier to meet people. I absolutely love it here and like being involved in the community!				
Yes	Small town where you know pretty much everyone on a first name basis.	Centrally located in the middle of Minnesota.	We need a better restaurant option or options. People also need more housing options.	It is somewhat impressionable due to its older downtown area which is thriving with art and nightlife.				
Yes	The schools and golf courses	3 golf courses	Adding a community center or rec center	easy to get integrated if you're outgoing but tougher for people who are more introverted				
Yes	Sauk lake. Small town but not too small.		Bullying, in adults and on the schools					
Yes	The lake, movie theatre, holy family school, high school sports, greystone	Our location - 94 connects us to everywhere in the state yet we get to have a small town feel	We need a community center with basketball/pickle ball courts. Something like a ymca or a community center in sartell	Very welcoming - its up to the specific individual on how involved they want to be but there is plenty of opportunity				
Yes	Campground	Small town feel	Community center (they said to put it in all caps)	She didn't know but thought it should be welcoming				
Yes	Campground	Small town feel	More sit down restaurants and a community center	Didn't know				
Yes	I can't just choose one favorite thing about Sauk Centre. These would be my favorites: close proximity to work (3 min.), Sinclair Lewis Days (love the variety of activities), pickleball, bike trail for walking, biking & snowmobiling, church & faith formation	It is a small town where I recognize many faces, feel safe & it is just big enough to offer everything that I need.	There are a few things I would like to see in Sauk Centre. The youth do not have a place to hang out. When I was growing up, we had bowling, dances and arcades. My kids spent time at Trucker's Inn, DQ or at home when they were not participating in school activities. Summer provides more opportunities for outside activities (lake, fitness challenge & water park). Winters can be long and I wish there was something for them. Another thing I don't like to see are abandoned buildings in Sauk Centre. For example, the empty Unger Furniture building has remained untouched for a long time. There has to be a way to utilize this property. The empty Gerard's building is another example. Last of all, I would like to see a community center that could serve as an entertainment/athletic venue. This place could host athletic events, wedding receptions, conventions, etc.	I have lived here all my life so I feel very comfortable with my lifestyle and the opportunities Sauk Centre provides. However, I have heard from newcomers to the area that they feel like outsiders because of the closeknit family ties of this community. Personally, I don't try to exclude others but it is easy to settle into comfort.				

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Yes	Sinclair Lewis Days and the school district	It has the small town feel but also more amenities than your average small town (multiple grocery stores, movie theatre, restaurants, shops, etc.)	Adding a community center (gyms, fitness room, walking track, meeting spaces, pool, daycare center - like a YMCA). If a group of kids wanted to get together and play an organized indoor sport, we don't have the space to do so. Also, people could host bridal showers, meetings, parties, and more in the meeting rooms. They may feel more comfortable doing so there than at a place of business. A additional daycare center would help with the shortage in town.					
Yes	The lake	Art and murals	Better school system. Better food for the kids. More discipline for those that need it and more advanced education opportunities for the advanced students. Many kids seem to fall through the cracks (such as B students who do enough to get by without help) and those who are getting good grades should be pushed more with advanced classes, community programs, or at least information about where to find it for our own kids. I also wish the community education program included things like gun safety, ATV, water safety, etc.	I am a newcomer and have felt that Sauk Centre is very cliquy. There's a large population of people here who this is their hometown and as a newcomer, it's really hard to feel included without those deep roots established in the community. People seem to stay connected to those they have known forever and don't make a lot of room for newcomers.				