

ALBANY COMMUNITY SURVEY - 2008

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Table 2V: If you were to name one thing about living in Albany that you particularly enjoy, what would it be?

**Small town atmosphere**

Size.

Small town atmosphere.

It's a small town but has good shopping.

Not too big - population.

The people and size.

The smaller town feel.

Sense of community.

Remain as is - livable.

Small town atmosphere.

Small, unencumbered, proximity.

Being a small community.

Quiet mostly, traffic fine.

Small town atmosphere.

Small city, less traffic.

Ease of shopping; has small town feel.

Small size.

Small town feel yet with good services.

Small town.

Small enough town, close enough to larger cities.

Though it has grown to over 45,000 from less than 7,000, it continues to have a small town flavor.

The river and semi-rural locale.

Small town.

Small town life!

The small town feeling.

Small town atmosphere, great health, fire and police departments.

Small town.

We have some good restaurants and the city is not too big.

Small town atmosphere.

The small town feel.

Size of town.

Nice size, not bad traffic. Good newspaper.

Small town atmosphere.

Small town feel.

Small town friendliness.

Still has a small town feel, downtown.

Small town atmosphere, but it's changing.

Its size; not too big.

I have enjoyed the country atmosphere of N. Albany; too much building/developing going on.

Small town feel.

Small town atmosphere.

Small still.

Not much crime and a small town.

Clean, quiet community, but improving in downtown and shopping, restaurants.

The open space of N. Albany.

Smaller size.

Small town feel and country type setting with larger town shopping and services.

Small town atmosphere in convenient location.

Being a small town.

Rural aspect of North Albany.

Rural feel.

Small town feeling, historic areas.

Small.

Knowing where everything is.

Small town feel.

Small town.

Small town feel.

The size of the town.

Small town that has most everything.

The size of the town.

Small town feel with decent businesses.

Size and location.

The feeling of a small town yet with ample shopping and activities.

Size and location; not too big or too small.

Still a small town.

Small town.

Small town feel.

Small town "feel."

Small town feeling.

Small town feel.

Confluence of rivers and small town appeal.

Small town feel while near good shopping.

Fairly quiet town, good schools.

Smaller town.

The size, has what I need, but not too big.

It still has a small town flavor.

Low population, but still has most of the nice things that cities have.

Quiet.

Small town appeal.

Small town.

The size is great, but I am retired and expect most young folks want more growth and jobs!

Small town feel, friendly people.

Small town atmosphere, but wide variety of recreation, cultural and shopping, educational opportunities.

Small but all the amenities of larger city.

Small town feel.

Secluded small town feel with good options for shopping and restaurants.

Its hometown feel.

Small town atmosphere.

Quiet.

The feel of a small town.

The size, and the police force.

Smaller population with all the needed services.

Minimal traffic problems.

Small size.

Small town, easy to get around, not crowded.

Low population.

Small size.

Not so big a city. Best church (VCF) in northwest.

Small enough to be friendly.

Convenience of town, small city and environment.

Clean, friendly, nice downtown, historic, and small.

Small town atmosphere with adequate services.

The small town feeling.

Small town.

Small town feel with good shopping and restaurants.

Has most businesses you need without all the traffic.

Small town and less crowded.

Size of our city.

Small town.

Climate - size of town.

Small town feel - ease of getting around.

Size and location.

Small town.

Small town- under 50,000.

Small town.

The right size. I can buy practically everything I need within 20 minutes of my home and very little traffic.

Small town, friendly environment.

Small friendly town and people.

Small time/town feeling.

Quiet.

It is still small enough.

N. Albany is beautiful. I like the sense of community and rural feel.

Quiet and peaceful.

Relatively unpretentious.

Small town.

Small town friendliness.

Size.

Small town way of life.

The size of the town.

Small town.

Size.

City but small town living.

Small town feel.

Its size.

The country feel of living in N. Albany.

Small town.

Location and size.

Not a "big city" but also not too small (plenty to do).

The size - not too large.

Small town atmosphere/friendly people.

Smaller town feel.

Rural/city mix.

Small town feel in the center of everything (mountains, beach, big cities).

The small town feel.

Uncrowded.

Close proximity to mountains, ocean, but still a small town!

Small town with enough fun things to do.

Small town.

Small town convenience.

It isn't too large yet.

Smaller city atmosphere with everything here we need.

Relaxed lifestyle, geographic location.

Comfortable. Not too big. Not too small. The trees, flowers, etc.

The rural feel - N. Albany.

Small town, ten minutes from anything. Good people.

Ease of getting around; lack of traffic.

It's still a small American town.

Small town.

Small town atmosphere.

No traffic jams.

The small town feel.

A nice size town, not a city.

Smaller area, rural feel, but close to Salem, Eugene, Portland, mountains, coast.

Living in N. Albany with grass fields, sunsets, open spaces, parks, beauty of nature, "country" feel, but close to city amenities.

The town is small enough to be friendly, but big enough to have options.

Small town atmosphere.

Serenity of N. Albany area. Close to town with a country feeling.

Our semi-rural neighborhood.

Location, and it's big enough to offer good shopping, but it's not too big.

Small town feeling.

Small town.

Less congestion, traffic and human, less crime.

Small town.

That there is no Wal-Mart!

Less traffic than large cities.

We love the city parks, excellent upkeep! We love that there is not much traffic; police officers have been great with traffic issues.

Nice town to raise a family.

Slower pace.

The "hometown" feel.

Small town feel.

Small town feel.

Small town atmosphere.

The size.

Small town feeling, large city services.

The small town atmosphere.

Location - proximity to coast, mountains, Portland, Eugene. Size of community.

Small town, but you can find at least one of anything you need. Boys and Girls Club.

Not too big of a community, but close enough to bigger cities and to outdoor activities.

Small town atmosphere.

Small town atmosphere.

A smaller community, but large enough to have most services available.

Small town proximity to downtown and shopping areas.

Size - access to shopping, cinemas, restaurants, etc., but not too big. Still has somewhat of a small town feel, but not a small town, and proximity to Salem/Eugene.

A smaller town.

Quiet small town.

Small town.

The small community feel.

Small town atmosphere.

Easy going lifestyle.

Small size.

The small town atmosphere.

Central location. Small enough to enjoy life but close enough to many city and recreational opportunities.

A smaller town atmosphere but with larger dreams for shopping and health care.

Lack of traffic. Moved from San Jose, Ca.

No traffic jams.

Small, easy to get around in.

Not too small - not too big.

Small town feeling.

Small town look and feel.

Still has the small town atmosphere.

Little traffic.

North Albany.

Small town feel.

Small town feel.

Small town atmosphere.

Sense of community.

Small town with fair shopping.

Small town.

Small town atmosphere.

Size.

Small enough to be friendly and livable.

The relaxed atmosphere.

Small town.

It is big enough to have everything you need but yet maintains the small town feel.

Small town, "go anywhere" in a few minutes.

Small town so stores are close.

Traffic is manageable.

Smaller in city size, but with a variety of things to do.

Its rural nature.

Small town feeling, yet Albany offers convenience for shopping.

### **Location/ Accessibility**

The climate, it is close to I-5, Portland, Eugene, the coast.

Convenience of location to activities and opportunities.

Family friendly, Monteith Park summer concerts, easy access to I-5.

Its central location to the coast and mountains.

The location.

Handy to coast, mountains, and shopping.

We are close to shopping.

Access to fishing.

Ease of getting around, short commute times.

Close to ocean, Portland, Eugene. Concerts in the park.

Small, unencumbered, proximity.

Location.

Convenience.

Accessibility of goods and services.

Being in the center of the Willamette Valley.

Central location.

Convenience, businesses, etc.

Close to the coast, mountains, and other cities (Eugene/PDX).

Accessibility to many services.

Close to family.

Proximity to the coast, mountains and Portland. Plus climate.

Small enough town, close enough to larger cities.

Easy access to areas within, and surrounding the area.

I enjoy the library programs and easy commuting.

Proximity to the beach and mountains. Easy drive to Portland or Eugene too.

The central location to most things in Oregon.

Convenience.

Close to the mountains - close to the ocean.

Location/friendly people.

It is in a good centralized location to many things/places.

Close to lots of places (towns, cities, beach).

The proximity to surrounding areas.

Family, close to casino.

Location.

Located 100 miles from coast, mountains, Portland, Eugene.

Quick access to I-5.

Stores and central location for travel in any direction.

Location.

It's closer to where I work.

Location.

Central to Portland, Bend, and coast.

Everything is in a close proximity.

Central location to Portland, ocean, mountains.

I like the central location.

Its regional location.

Central location.

Convenience to get where you need to go.

Small town atmosphere in convenient location.

The location, the weather.

Location - close to I-5, coast, and schools. Great weather.

Central locations and a community that's pleasant to live in.

Access to mountains and coast.

Friends and family are close by.

Close to work.

Its proximity to coast, mountains, larger cities.

Kids and children live here. Central location to many destinations.

Central location.

Its location in the Willamette Valley.

Two hours to almost anything.

Convenient location in a quiet part of Oregon, easy to travel.

Centrally located.

Location.

Size and location.

Proximity to shopping, recreation sites, travel routes.

Size and location; not too big or too small.

Proximity to other areas. Diversified economy.

Location: close to OSU, LBCC, family. Good secondary schools. Cost of living, housing, manageable traffic.

Location to mountains, ocean, big city, high desert.

Easy access to variety of resources and activities.

Convenience.

Activities, things to do in and around the city. Convenience: shopping where I live, near Fred Meyer, Heritage Mall, etc.

Stores and shops generally in central location.

Location.

Close proximity to I-5 and Summers at the Park shows.

Moderate weather and close proximity to I-5.

It is easy to get to the store you want to shop at.

It's not too far to travel for any needs.

Its location, one hour drive to coast or mountains or Portland or Eugene. Most needs are found in Albany.

Central location.

Close to my job.

Closeness to the ocean and mountains. People are nice.

We are close to the mountains, ocean and Portland and love the churches in Albany.

River Rhythms, senior services, central location for recreation, friendly people.

Close to Portland, coast, and eastern Oregon areas.

Central location.

Location, close to mountains, countryside, Eugene, etc.

Location, close to beach, mountains, lakes.

Albany is close to everything, beach, mountains, hunting, fishing, golf, family, friends, church, shopping.

Everything I need is just a few minutes from home.

Close to stores and activities.

Convenience of store locations; city water quality.

Location - close to freeway, large cities, coast.

Size and location.

Close to my work.

Being able to get anywhere in about 20 minutes.

Everything being so close as in shopping and groceries and restaurants!

Good access to anywhere.

Accessibility to services and recreation.

Proximity to I-5.

Close to family.

I-5 access.

Central hub location in mid-valley, allowing access to practically any point in Oregon.

The close proximity to outdoor recreation.

It is a good central location between the bigger city's "Salem, Eugene."

Friendliness of people. Ease of travel. Most services available.

Location - close to freeway.

Location and size.

Central location to coast, mountains, Portland, Eugene.

Close proximity for commute Corvallis or freeway.

Small town feel in the center of everything (mountains, beach, big cities).

Close proximity to mountains, ocean, but still a small town!

Everything is compact; you don't have to drive 20 miles to get across town.

People are nice; close to the freeway.

Accessibility to stores and freeway.

Close to the river and the walk.

Close to the ocean, mountains or a big city.

Proximity to coast and/or mountains.

Proximity to mountains and ocean.

Location.

Everything is located within short distance of each other.

Relaxed lifestyle, geographic location.

Access to medical, shopping, recreational, leisure activities.

Easy access to south.

Small town, ten minutes from anything. Good people.

Ease of getting around; lack of traffic.

Friendly people. Easy access to stores, doctors, etc.

Location is good.

Convenience.

Smaller area, rural feel, but close to Salem, Eugene, Portland, mountains, coast.

Living in N. Albany with grass fields, sunsets, open spaces, parks, beauty of nature, "country" feel, but close to city amenities.

Central location to major cities and coast.

Location.

Centrally located between coast and mountains.

Location, and it's big enough to offer good shopping, but it's not too big.

The proximity to Salem and Eugene.

Being close to shopping, restaurants, recreation.

Location.

Central location to areas of interest.

Location, as far as the mountains one way, the beach/ocean the other.

Closeness of shopping/businesses.

Location - proximity to coast, mountains, Portland, Eugene. Size of community.

Central location to Eugene, Corvallis, Salem, Bend, Newport.

Location. Close proximity to coast and Cascades.

Not too big of a community, but close enough to bigger cities and to outdoor activities.

Small town proximity to downtown and shopping areas.

Size - access to shopping, cinemas, restaurants, etc., but not too big. Still has somewhat of a small town feel, but not a small town, and proximity to Salem/Eugene.

Parks, LBCC, schools, location midway between coast and mountains, close to major airway.

Centralized location in the valley.

Its location and shopping.

I used to say, small friendly town in a central location. Now the only part of that statement that is true is central location.

Central location. Small enough to enjoy life but close enough to many city and recreational opportunities.

Proximity to freeway and Amtrak station.

Location.

Close to mountains, coast.

Location in the valley.

Albany's location near coast and large metro areas.

Getting from point A to point B.

Geographic location.

It's easy-quick-access to I-5, to go to Portland and Salem. As I do most of my shopping there, there is just nothing here!

I-5 access.

Location - central to beach, mountains, and cities.

Being central to so many things. Good medical care, parks, and concerts.

Where we live in our location.

Location.

Close to work, schools, and freeway.

The distance to places.

Easy to commute to Salem and Eugene. Close proximity to I-5.

Location, not too far from the coast, mountains, and big cities.

Proximity to everything I like - mountains, coast, sports, recreation.

Close to coast, Salem, Portland, Eugene.

Convenience.

### **Parks & Rec Activities**

Library. I love the beautiful country and farmland surrounding it. Stores are close by; I love the parks and trails, LBCC, Waverly Lake.

Beautiful parks.

Family friendly, Monteith Park summer concerts, easy access to I-5.

All the activities, many at no cost for us. (Summer concerts, Tel-a-Tend Program).

Close to ocean, Portland, Eugene. Concerts in the park.

The parks are excellent.

Parks along river, historic districts.

The parks and recreation department.

Waverly Lake 3 the Duck.

Parks.

Many parks, one every few blocks!

Parks.

Park and recreation activities.

Their parks system.

Great public parks. Especially the new park on 53rd!

Sports.

The large number of parks in town.

Trail from Simpson Park to Bryant Park.

Parks, recreation, and concerts.

Parks.

Great parks.

The parks.

The assortment of City parks.

The beautiful landscaping in town and the city parks.

The parks.

All the bicycle paths and nice parks.

Swimming pool.

The parks are beautiful, maintained!

River rhythms.

Greenery and flower islands, parks, library.

The parks.

Parks and hiking trails.

Parks.

Parks, bike path.

Concerts in Monteith Park.

The parks, downtown revitalization.

Timberline Park.

Pop's Branding Iron; good neighbors; city parks; River Rhythms!

Summer concert series.

Parks in summer.

Concerts in the park.

The library and summer concerts.

Free concerts in the summer! Good shopping.

All of the wonderful parks and art projects.

The city parks.

River Rhythms, Art & Air Festival, car shows, Veterans Day parade.

State parks and city ones.

The parks.

Close proximity to I-5 and Summers at the Park shows.

Takena Trail.

The parks.

City parks (riverfront).

Parks.

Trees and flowers (parks).

The parks.

Parks and summer music programs.

Activities like music in the park.

The river and parks.

The park system.

The parks.

The recreational classes and activities offered for all ages through the Parks and Recreation department. I have participated in things since I was a young child.

River Rhythms in summer.

Library, many fine parks, selection of stores.

Great parks.

River Rhythms.

River Rhythms, senior services, central location for recreation, friendly people.

River Rhythms and the library, both. Christmas decorations on downtown streets and summer flower baskets.

The City parks.

Parks.

The bike paths.

Lovely parks and nice people.

All the City parks.

Open areas, parks and bike paths etc.

Concerts and other city gatherings for the family.

Concerts and activities that are family friendly.

Timber Linn Park; running with dog, playing with family.

There are so many beautiful places to see. Concerts in the park.

Park system.

Parks.

The parks.

Park trails, our neighborhood (Madison St. SE and 13th).

Summer concerts in Monteith Park - wonderful!

The parks.

Summer concert series.

Free summer concerts.

Community events like River Rhythms.

The amount of parks around the city and how well kept they are.

I like the farmers markets, River Rhythms, and downtown events.

Parks.

The parks.

Parks.

The parks.

The downtown historic area, summer concerts, parks.

Nice downtown, historic storefront, parks and neighborhoods.

Albany's downtown and historic districts, parks and community events.

Parks are well maintained.

Albany has nice parks.

We love the City parks, excellent upkeep! We love that there is not much traffic; police officers have been great with traffic issues.

Number of parks.

Parks, events.

Parks.

The parks that are available.

Parks.

People, summer concerts.

Timber Linn Park.

A lot of parks.

Shops and parks.

Monteith Park, Farmer's Market, Parks and Recreation Projects.

Concerts in Monteith Park.

Parks, LBCC, schools, location midway between coast and mountains, close to major air way.

Parks.

Parks.

The parks!

Timber Linn Park use. Plus the pool at South Albany.

Concerts in the park during the summer.

Summer outdoor concerts at River Park.

It has very nice parks.

Parks and Recreation services.

River Rhythm.

Downtown farmer's market, summer concerts in the park. Activities offered by Parks and Recreation Dept.

Parks.

Monteith Park in the summer.

The parks and events at the parks.

Being central to so many things. Good medical care, parks, and concerts.

Summer music program at Monteith Park and Farmers Market.

Parks, downtown ambiance, people.

River Rhythms.

### **Downtown/ Shopping**

Excellent shopping facilities.

Library. I love the beautiful country and farmland surrounding it. Stores are close by; I love the parks and trails, LBCC, Waverly Lake.

The restaurants.

It's a small town but has good shopping.

Friendly people and restaurants.

The mall.

Library, mall.

Convenience, businesses, etc.

Ease of shopping; has small town feel.

Shopping variety.

Small town feel yet with good services.

Retail.

Downtown.

Shopping and weather.

Fishing and also all the stores are easy to go to.

Great shopping locations.

The most important businesses are centrally located for shopping efficiency.

The shopping/retail opportunities. Big name stores.

We have some good restaurants and the city is not too big.

Large box stores.

Stores and central location for travel in any direction.

Shopping.

The upgrade-renovation of the downtown core area.

Shopping.

Still has a small town feel, downtown.

It has everything Portland has without the hassle.

Clean, quiet community, but improving in downtown and shopping, restaurants.

Small town feel and country type setting with larger town shopping and services.

Selection of major retail merchants; never have to go to Salem.

The parks, downtown revitalization.

Downtown shops.

The downtown area and promise of upcoming improvements.

Pop's Branding Iron; good neighbors; city parks; River Rhythms!

Variety of stores.

Downtown.

The many shopping stores and restaurants.

I like the river nearby. I like the shopping.

Small town feel with decent businesses.

Proximity to shopping, recreation sites, travel routes.

The feeling of a small town yet with ample shopping and activities.

Free concerts in the summer! Good shopping.

Activities, things to do in and around the city. Convenience: shopping where I live, near Fred Meyer, Heritage Mall, etc.

Convenient shopping.

Stores and shops generally in central location.

Small town feel while near good shopping.

I enjoy the old downtown.

Shopping is fairly centrally located.

Shopping at our Heritage Mall!

The variety of stores.

Library, many fine parks, selection of stores.

Small town atmosphere, but wide variety of recreation, cultural and shopping, educational opportunities.

Weather and eating places.

Small but all the amenities of larger city.

Secluded small town feel with good options for shopping and restaurants.

Close to stores.

River Rhythms and the library, both. Christmas decorations on downtown streets and summer flower baskets.

Smaller population with all the needed services.

Close to shopping.

Clean, friendly, nice downtown, historic, and small.

Family is here. My husband says - the Sizzler.

Small town atmosphere with adequate services.

Small town feel with good shopping and restaurants.

Has most businesses you need without all the traffic.

Shopping convenient.

Close to shopping.

Albany has it all.

Downtown.

Availability and services.

Lots of opportunities; i.e., shopping, activities, restaurants, etc.

Historical houses and downtown building.

Good shopping.

Shopping.

Good shopping.

Shopping.

Smaller city atmosphere with everything here we need.

All the flowers and landscaping the City does.

The new businesses and restaurants Albany welcomes such as Costco and Panda Express.

Choices for purchasing and eating.

I like the farmers markets, River Rhythms, and downtown events.

Very good stores of all kinds.

The town is small enough to be friendly, but big enough to have options.

Nice downtown, historic storefront, parks and neighborhoods.

Downtown and historical homes.

Clean and refurbished downtown; exciting city activities, carousel, Albany theater.

Albany's downtown and historic districts, parks and community events.

All the necessary businesses available for my needs nearby.

Shopping close by, lots of stores to pick from.

A smaller community, but large enough to have most services available.

Shops and parks.

Its location and shopping.

Starbucks coffee.

Convenience, good stores to shop in.

Shopping.

The stores are close together. You don't have to drive very far to shop.

Small town with fair shopping.

First assembly of God Church, the mall, Old town.

Parks, downtown ambiance, people.

Small town feeling, yet Albany offers convenience for shopping.

Downtown area.

Albany has just about everything you need commercially.

### **People/ Neighborhoods**

The friendliness.

The people and size.

Friendly.

Friendly people and restaurants.

Friendly community.

Friendliness - welcoming of citizens to all.

People friendly, especially store clerks.

Improvement in attitudes - West Albany won state football title. Sportsmanship was great when we lost too.

Good neighbors - at this time.

Generally warm welcoming. Supportive community.

Location. Friendly people.

People.

My church.

Low crime level/great people for the most part.

I live at Mennonite Village; I find this very pleasant.

Good neighbors.

Friendly people.

Climate and people.

Pop's Branding Iron; good neighbors; city parks; River Rhythms!

Friendliness.

People.

Folks are so nice, unassuming, and not uptight.

Our neighbors and the great citizens.

Friendliness.

People.

Very few blacks.

The neighborhood.

Small town feel, friendly people.

Good neighbors.

Closeness to the ocean and mountains. People are nice.

Everything, climate, people.

The people.

River Rhythms, senior services, central location for recreation, friendly people.

The people.

My neighborhood.

Clean, friendly, nice downtown, historic, and small.

Lovely parks and nice people.

Friendliness of people.

Friendly community.

Mostly friendly people.

Friendly people.

Very friendly area.

The people.

Small friendly town and people.

People.

Courtesy within neighbors.

Nice, friendly people.

Friendly people.

Friendliness of people. Ease of travel. Most services available.

Diverse blue collar population.

Having the same address for over 44 years.

Friendliness of people.

Small town atmosphere/friendly people.

Park trails, our neighborhood (Madison St. SE and 13th).

The friendly people.

People are nice; close to the freeway.

Community.

Volunteerism.

Small town, ten minutes from anything. Good people.

Friendly people. Easy access to stores, doctors, etc.

The people and "used to be" small town atmosphere.

Friendly people, nice pace of life, sense of community.

The people: community involvement and sense of responsibility.

The people.

Sense of community.

Nice downtown, historic storefront, parks and neighborhoods.

Nice people.

People, summer concerts.

It's mostly a safe, friendly city.

The people I've known for 25 years.

Nice people.

How friendly people are.

The people.

Community involvement.

Working where I work for the best boss in the world, Tim Smith. Anywhere I go I know someone. I feel at home in Albany.

Friendly people, good jobs.

Parks, downtown ambiance, people.

The people.

Friendly neighborhood.

## **Historic Districts**

Parks along river, historic districts.

Historic area.

Historic district.

Old vintage houses.

Small town feeling, historic areas.

The Historic District.

The Historic Districts.

Historic preservation seems to be a priority and it shows in West Albany/Downtown.

Historic neighborhoods.

Historical homes and districts.

Clean, friendly, nice downtown, historic, and small.

Historic district.

The large number of historic homes.

Historic Downtown.

Historical houses and downtown building.

All of the historic houses.

Living in the historic district.

The historic districts.

Preservation of diverse architecture.

The downtown historic area, summer concerts, parks.

Nice downtown, historic storefront, parks and neighborhoods.

Downtown and historical homes.

Albany's downtown and historic districts, parks and community events.

Historical homes.

## **Activities/Things to do**

Many family events.

Senior center.

All the activities, many at no cost for us. (Summer concerts, Tel-a-Tend Program).

Summertime events.

All the activities for kids - pumpkin patch, raspberry fields, OSU/LB activities.

I like the summer activities.

Summer activities.

Something for everyone of all ages.

River Rhythms, Art & Air Festival, car shows, Veterans Day parade.

Activities, things to do in and around the city. Convenience: shopping where I live, near Fred Meyer, Heritage Mall, etc.

Small town atmosphere, but wide variety of recreation, cultural and shopping, educational opportunities.

Concerts and activities that are family friendly.

Not a "big city" but also not too small (plenty to do).

The return of the timber carnival.

Small town with enough fun things to do.

Community activities.

Abundance of activities.

Clean and refurbished downtown; exciting city activities, carousel, Albany theater.

Summer concerts, Little Theatre, Senior Center, and Heritage Homes.

Parks, events.

Summer events/activities.

Large variety of free or low cost things to do.

Smaller in city size, but with a variety of things to do.

## **Weather**

Lack of severe weather.

The climate, it is close to I-5, Portland, Eugene, the coast.

Proximity to the coast, mountains and Portland. Plus climate.

Shopping and weather.

Rain or variable weather.

Weather.

Climate and people.

The location, the weather.

Location - close to I-5, coast, and schools. Great weather.

Moderate weather and close proximity to I-5.

Weather and eating places.

Everything, climate, people.

Climate - size of town.

Weather.

Four seasons and climate.

The weather.

Weather.

I like all the grown trees and the summers are not too hot.

Climate.

The weather: I love the rain, fresh air, the snow, and the beautiful summers.

Weather!

Weather.

### **Low Crime**

A peaceful existence.

Law enforcement being active on the fight against drugs.

Low crime level/great people for the most part.

Not much crime and a small town.

Lack of major crime.

People obeying traffic laws/rules when driving.

I feel extremely safe living in Albany.

I live in North Albany and it feels safe and peaceful.

Safety; I see police driving around especially in scarce areas.

Very little violent crime.

I like that for the most part you feel safe being out and about alone.

A safe, clean place to raise a family.

Low crime.

Less congestion, traffic and human, less crime.

Walk most streets at night.

It's mostly a safe, friendly city.

Safety.

### **Natural beauty**

Library. I love the beautiful country and farmland surrounding it. Stores are close by; I love the parks and trails, LBCC, Waverly Lake.

The rivers.

The river and semi-rural locale.

Willamette River runs through it.

The beautiful trees and flowers.

I like the river near by. I like the shopping.

Confluence of rivers and small town appeal.

The area.

Colorful.

River.

N. Albany is beautiful. I like the sense of community and rural feel.

There are so many beautiful places to see. Concerts in the park.

Comfortable. Not too big. Not too small. The trees, flowers, etc.

Nice green spaces.

I feel like I live in the country, and love it.

Affordable, beautiful, easy community.

The deer coming through our yard.

### **Public services**

Small town atmosphere, great health, fire and police departments.

Better transportation for seniors.

Transportation (bus line).

A solid infrastructure that supports services and economic development.

Services.

Has very good emergency services, fire, ambulance, hospital care. Great police department. Fairly good bike riding; need more.

The services that the City provides (roads, libraries, parks, etc.).

Street repairs and cleaning.

Bus service.

River Rhythms, senior services, central location for recreation, friendly people.

The size and the police force.

Mail services.

Newspaper.

Convenience of store locations; city water quality.

Senior citizen center.

It is what Albany doesn't have that I enjoy. I drive daily without police harassment.

The many available programs for senior citizens.

### **Cost of living**

Cost of living.

Location: close to OSU, LBCC, family. Good secondary schools. Cost of living, housing, manageable traffic.

Cost of living.

Albany is an excellent middle class community.

Cost of housing is great.

Lower housing prices.

Affordable housing.

Affordable, beautiful, easy community.

Affordable single-family homes.

### **Library**

Library. I love the beautiful country and farmland surrounding it. Stores are close by; I love the parks and trails, LBCC, Waverly Lake.

Library, mall.

I enjoy the library programs and easy commuting.

Greenery and flower islands, parks, library.

Library.

The library and summer concerts

Library, many fine parks, selection of stores.

River Rhythms and the library, both. Christmas decorations on downtown streets and summer flower baskets.

### **Family**

Family friendly, Monteith Park summer concerts, easy access to I-5.

Family, close to casino.

Family oriented.

Kids and children live here. Central location to many destinations.

Family is here. My husband says - the Sizzler.

Having family all near by.

It is my hometown. My brother and I were born here.

### **Schools**

LBCC.

Location: close to OSU, LBCC, family. Good secondary schools. Cost of living, housing, manageable traffic.

Fairly quiet town, good schools.

Small town atmosphere, but wide variety of recreation, cultural and shopping, educational opportunities.

Parks, LBCC, schools, location midway between coast and mountains, close to major air way.

North Albany schools.

### **Clean**

Very clean.

Clean, quiet community, but improving in downtown and shopping, restaurants.

Clean, friendly, nice downtown, historic, and small.

A safe, clean place to raise a family.

The cleanliness of the parks and streets.

Clean air.

### **Outdoor recreation**

Fishing and also all the stores are easy to go to.

Has very good emergency services, fire, ambulance, hospital care. Great police department. Fairly good bike riding; need more.

Not too big of a community, but close enough to bigger cities and to outdoor activities.

It is a good place to get out and walk.

To run.

Outdoor activities.

### **Economy**

Proximity to other areas. Diversified economy.

I am a 5th generation Albanyite. This is my home - I love the way it's growing.

Friendly people, good jobs.

### **Everything**

Everything.

A little bit of everything here.

## **Nothing**

Nothing in particular.

Leaving every morning, sadly.

Moving away.

Nothing.

Nothing.

It was great until it got so big.

There is no one thing, we are just stuck here.

## **Other**

Cut down on so much attention to the Spanish language.

99% of store signs are still in English.

It's a great city.

Lack of government intrusion.

North Albany home.

My home.

Home.

## **Don't know**

Don't know.

Don't know.

Not sure.

Don't know.

Don't know, not just one thing.

## **Refused**

N/A.

Table 3V: If you could change one thing about living in Albany, what would it be?

**Crime/Homeless/Law enforcement**

Too many transients.

Decrease in gang activity, and meth activity.

More police officers. More clothing stores.

Not so much attention to the illegals.

Reduce homeless population.

The crime. The homeless drinking by Albertsons.

Add more police.

The meth problem.

The drug problem, which is very bad.

To have our parks a safe place for summer evening picnics.

The homeless should not take over at the bus stops.

The drugs and immigrants.

Youth shelter and center.

Too blue collar, too much crime, drugs, gangs.

The drug/meth problem.

Junk - as drug house Hwy. 20 and Scenic Dr. Why so long to clean up? Property owners can't afford; the city should do it.

Crime/Drug problems/Theft - Don't feel safe going to the parks because of the addicts and homeless.

Homeless/transient people/big trucks in neighborhoods.

High crime rates.

Poor kept landscaping and we need more police!

Drug problem.

Getting rid of gangs and drugs which = crime.

The problems with meth crimes and homeless panhandling.

Transients! Too much new housing (subdivision) homeless shelters.

The drug use must stop - tweakers steal.

The traffic and increase of sexual predators! Too many Mexicans.

Homelessness.

Have more police officers and have all police officers with a "to protect and to serve" attitude.

Crime and the drug problem.

Not having a homeless shelter in the code of the city.

The ongoing meth problem and the theft that it causes.

Homelessness! They're everywhere!

Homeless people.

Get rid of all the teenage thugs running around town.

The Albany Police Department, they are not community friendly. They have to be respected and they're not.

Eradicate meth and problems it causes the community.

Improvement for the homeless.

Less crime.

No gangs or drugs.

Two things: urban sprawl and police attitudes.

Need better service from law enforcement to deal with crime and drug issues.

Need bright lights on bike path behind our home between Grand Prairie and Queen St. Gang activity is occurring, and we are concerned! When trees are planted by the City, they need to be tended to, not left to die with zero attention or water.

Less crime.

Illegal aliens.

Drug intervention and theft/crime.

Get rid of all the druggies.

Get rid of traffic cops.

The bums that walk the streets.

Less police harassment.

Too many drug crimes (theft and homeless people).

Druggies, county commissioners.

Have ZERO tolerance for drug/alcohol abusers.

Reduce crime (drug issues) and low socioeconomic status of many.

Resolve the homeless situation. Visiting retail stores, walking streets and visiting parks, we are constantly concerned about our wellbeing around the homeless.

Reduce tolerance for crime.

Reduction of property crime.

Homeless problem, transients all over town.

More police.

Get rid of all the dopers and sex offenders and get some cops who would work to do this.

The homeless shelters attracting undesirable people.

Less drug activity.

Nip any possible gang affiliation before they get a fast hold.

Stop the meth problem.

Get rid of illegal immigrants; speak English (language of USA).

Meth prevalence in the community.

Make drivers pay their traffic fines when ticketed, or else impound their cars when not paying.

Everything. That the cops, judges and lawyers followed the same laws, not their own, and get rid of the polluting of our waters.

Homeless population and resulting problems. Metal theft.

A greater discount in water/sewer bill for low income homes. Bigger penalties for drug offenses and uninsured drivers.

Less crime, but every town has it now.

The homeless people sleeping on concrete outside the homeless shelter.

Gangs, drugs.

Overly efficient parking ticket provider.

We need hiking/biking trails. Less crime/drug problems.

The illegal drug problem; it brings crime and poverty.

Drugs and crime.

Crime and gangs, get a handle on this!

Homeless increase due to Helping Hands.

The crime.

Crime and drug reduction.

Get rid of dopers.

Amount and prevalence of drugs.

Meth problem and related crime.

The amount of drug use in our city.

Bad drug and gang activity.

The meth problems.

The drug problem! And homeless people!

All the local drug use of meth and the dumpy part of Old Salem Road.

Get rid of all the meth addicts!

Clean up crime, drugs and homeless.

Immigration enforcement.

Theft.

The homeless problem.

Less transient population.

The weird bike riders with flash lights taped to the handle bars and drunk people in public.

People that are caught for drug crimes are let out of jail almost immediately. Also, no incentive for existing businesses.

Lower drug use.

I would like to see more focus on stopping drug abuse.

The homeless.

Take down the Gestapo cameras in 2 intersections. A real harebrained idea.

Less small crime.

Maybe the youth and young adults in the area "clean up" and get educated.

Crime related to drug and alcohol use. Availability of city work of a reasonable wage where I live.

I would wish we had less homeless people. It is so heartbreaking.

The crime rate.

Get rid of the drug dealers.

Appearance of buildings and homelessness.

Meth problem.

Solve the meth problem!!

Decrease crime and transient activity.

Evaluate Albany City Police Force (I hate being followed!!!)

Homeless, meth houses, gang activity.

The high population of meth and drug users.

The amount of drug use and availability.

More shelters for the homeless.

The abundance of strung-out criminals.

Reduce crime!

Drug problems, run-down areas of living around town.

More follow-up from Police Department.

More foot patrol, bicycle patrol by police to fight crime.

Too many homeless/drug users.

Reduce crime and homelessness.

Influx of illegals and gangs.

Better police protection, better streets.

Reduction in the drug problems.

Crime rate.

Meth.

Homelessness, drug problems.

Get the gangs out of the schools and out of the city, or at least stay on them.

Police do something about drug and gang problem without involving homeowners directly.

The crimes that come/follow a drug-filled mind.

Better enforcement of city ordinances, more timely police responses.

A degree of relief of homelessness.

Drugs.

The large number of the homeless that are moving to our community due to the inefficient management of the Helping Hands shelter, which the City seems to be encouraging by giving loans without a payment plan that is reasonable.

Improve animal control and safety.

Reduce/relocate the homeless/transient population.

Crime.

Crime, it is on the rise.

Get rid of meth addicts and thieves.

Homeless and drugs.

Less crime.

Eliminate the draw for homeless people.

Crime/socio economic conditions/lots of poor people (druggies).

Illegal drug use - put offenders away.

Police Dept.

Tougher on crime/youth held accountable for bad conduct (crimes).

Crime is a concern to me. As a woman I feel less safe on the street at night than I did 5 years ago.

Crime.

Drugs.

Police Dept. accountability - when someone breaks into car or homes - we do not just want a report # over the phone.

Stronger drug removal.

Get ride of all the homeless.

Drug problem.

Tougher on crime and get rid of Illegal immigrants. They are criminals.

Quit giving Meth addicts very little jail time or probation, put them in a locked drug treatment facility, and they don't get out until they're clean, and have a skill/means to support themselves.

Not so close to I-5 drug traffic.

Traffic congestion, methamphetamine issues, dumb city laws regarding cutting down trees on your property and cat ownership.

Stop the police from being so rude and harassing people that are innocent!

Homeless shelters, Rehab Center, all downtown.

### **Shops, restaurants, etc.**

More police officers. More clothing stores.

Better restaurants.

Better cable service.

Better shopping choices, better mall stores. Revitalize the downtown (like Corvallis) area before urban sprawl.

Put a mini-mall somewhere around LBCC.

Access to more things in old downtown.

More restaurants, chains. A Wal-Mart. Taxes are too high.

More culture.

More attractions, community events.

Congestion around mall/work on spreading out shopping and restaurants.

More activities for teenagers.

More dining, interesting restaurants and fewer railroad crossings.

Need for a grocery store on the west side.

We need more restaurants!

We need to increase our space and opportunity for youth sports.

Add Olive Garden.

Better restaurants and less fast food restaurants.

Quality restaurants - always find myself going to Corvallis for quality food.

Better shopping.

More things to do for the teens and pre-teens.

We need more variety of restaurants.

Good restaurant, steak house.

More activities for pre-teens and teens.

Get a Wal-Mart in Albany.

More for kids to do.

More vibrant downtown with better places to eat.

More shopping choices.

Downtown needs more revitalization with more restaurants.

Supermarket for downtown and West Albany.

Better restaurants!

Downtown parking, no more fast food restaurants. More sit-down, nice restaurants.

Stores open later.

More for teens to do.

A hardware store in North Albany.

Add a Wal-Mart.

More small, non-chain restaurants.

Less small grocery stores. A Mexican restaurant.

More better restaurants.

More all-purpose family restaurants - we have enough Chinese and fast fooders.

More shopping choices, less manufactured homes.

More grocery stores on the west side.

More recreational programs to provide positive leisure activities for youth and adults, including activities for people with disabilities. Positive activities help prevent crime and make the community a healthier place to live.

More seasonal events for adults; arts, music.

Access to a pool on north side.

More variety in locally owned restaurants. Retail, service suppliers.

More sit-down restaurants, no more fast food places.

There needs to be more for children to do to keep busy.

More things to do besides bars.

Needs nice restaurants. Too many quick food ones on every block it seems. A nice clothes shop - too many for young teens.

We need hiking/biking trails. Less crime/drug problems.

More things to do.

Get a Winco.

Better shopping.

Wish there was a Wal-Mart.

A lively performing arts center, seating on 1200, surrounded by and nourishing equally lively small parks and restaurants.

Move upscale shops and restaurants.

More restaurants; shopping.

Better shopping and restaurants and entertainment.

Less fast food more for the kids to experience.

We need more parks, bike trails, clean up the bike lane, and we need more shops/restaurants.

Better restaurants (steak house) more entertainment facilities (theme park).

I wish we could get some better restaurants. I think they're working on this.

Lack of grocery/retail store in SW Albany.

Olive Garden in North Albany.

Better choices with shopping entertainment.

More shopping.

Things for teenagers to do.

More kid friendly places that are low cost (children's museum, more water parks, etc.) Also I want a Wal-Mart.

Super grocery market in West Albany.

Need more retail stores and restaurants.

There is nothing fun for people to do at night...except go to bars and/or get in trouble (teens).

More local small shops (cafes) within walking distance.

To have a more vibrant downtown with more shops and restaurants (similar to McMinnville).

Have more for kids to do.

Nightlife (more), bigger downtown area.

Better movie theater.

More trails, bike paths to connect communities so people with kids and pets don't have to be out on the streets (N. Albany).

Add good restaurants.

Better restaurants.

A developed area like Corvallis along the waterfront. A pedestrian-friendly area with lots of restaurants, night clubs and shops.

More recreational facilities for families with children.

Toss up: we need a Wal-Mart on the south side of town; we need the lights adjusted so you don't stop for them all.

More unique shopping and restaurants.

More activities, family activities.

More desirable restaurants and open later.

More activities for families and kids.

Grocery and other shops on S. Pacific Blvd.

Have more things for the young people to do.

Traffic and better restaurants.

More restaurants, coffee shops, book stores.

More family dining choices.

A grocery store out in the SW area (near LBCC).

Not enough activities for young people, therefore they get in trouble.

A grocery store near LBCC.

All of the grocery stores in one small area.

Vegan restaurants, more kid stuff to do.

A "grocery" store on the west side.

Make downtown a shopping, strolling center. Currently if it's not in the 8 block area around Heritage Mall, it's not here!

A good grocery store near LBCC.

Have more choices in restaurants.

Improve downtown area.

There needs to be a gym/fitness center near Knox Butte. Not one of those places with just machines, a place with aerobic classes.

Restaurants/shopping.

More programs and activities for high school and middle school children.

Not enough nice restaurants; Olive Garden; Spaghetti factory; Desert House.

More bicycle paths and trails. City could stand to be cleaner.

More restaurants and entertainment that is non-smoking. Especially do more downtown and along river.

Get more industry and shopping into the city.

More original downtown activity.

A better hospital in a good location.

More shopping choices.

More variety in shopping and dining.

## **Traffic**

Better roadways, safer roadways in N. Albany.

Freeway (I-5) noise, impacts entire city.

Traffic congestion!!!

Noise - Santiam Hwy. gets much worse as years go by.

Homeless/transient people/big trucks in neighborhoods.

Less traffic congestion.

Congestion around mall. Work on spreading out shopping and restaurants.

Too much traffic.

The traffic and increase of sexual predators! Too many Mexicans.

Repair roads and traffic patterns.

The town traffic at some intersections.

Better control of traffic (lower water bills).

I would synchronize the traffic lights!

Pacific traffic patterns.

Better traffic law enforcement, especially speeding.

Traffic dispersion in certain areas.

Traffic congestion!

Do something about congested traffic problems.

Traffic flow and the way stores are centrally located.

We need an easier way to get from North Albany through town.

Downtown parking, no more fast food restaurants. More sit-down, nice restaurants.

Traffic.

Traffic.

Traffic congestion.

Traffic congestion and confusion.

Amount of traffic downtown during rush hours.

Have less traffic congestion.

Traffic signals coordinated better.

Traffic.

Traffic including truck traffic on Springhill.

Traffic.

Traffic on Geary between Pacific and Green. Especially where the apartments come in and out.

Curves in roads, and 9th and Geary bottleneck.

Heavy traffic.

Slow the traffic in residential areas.

Lower speed limits, especially on Pacific and Waverly Dr.

The crazy traffic interchange at 99E and Santiam Hwy.

Kids drive too fast by the school zone.

The traffic.

Streets and traffic.

Not living on Queen - Railroad tracks, need another access to Pacific would help the traffic off Queen!

Cut down bushes on street corners so we can see the traffic. Often we have to creep into the crosswalks to see if cars are coming.

Traffic.

Better access in and out of North Albany.

Traffic.

Traffic.

Traffic problems from law breaking drivers.

Take a look at dated speed signs and update; many are too slow.

Roads/traffic control.

Change school zones to flashing light when children are present.

To have the speed limits enforced, especially in school zones.

Pacific Blvd. and Santiam Hwy., roads and LIGHTS.

Traffic (amount and control).

Eliminate some of the traffic on the main streets.

Too congested around mall area (too late to change).

Public parking access downtown.

Toss up: we need a Wal-Mart on the south side of town; we need the lights adjusted so you don't stop for them all.

Traffic congestion.

Traffic congestion.

Less traffic congestion.

I would route traffic around town, not through it.

Traffic and better restaurants.

Better traffic control - too much speeding and running lights.

Traffic.

Better traffic coordination - let's not cut off the APD and Leso.

Less traffic.

Traffic, growth.

Less traffic or better flows.

Traffic - roundabouts, bulb-outs, what a mess. A stupid waste of lots of money.

The traffic.

Less traffic.

Better traffic management and planning.

Traffic congestion, methamphetamine issues, dumb city laws regarding cutting down trees on your property and cat ownership.

Traffic congestion due to trains and limited bridge capacity.

## **Growth**

Better shopping choices, better mall stores. Revitalize the downtown (like Corvallis) area before urban sprawl.

Sprawl.

Slow down growth until infrastructure catches up.

Too many housing areas cropping up; water/sewer rates.

Slow down the growth, particularly in rural areas.

Transients! Too much new housing (subdivision); homeless shelters.

Stop growth in north Albany. The roads there won't support any more traffic.

Population.

Return to the small town feeling.

Stop building houses too close together.

Stop people from California coming here.

Less building on country acres, no more subdivisions, and cluster housing.

Less developments (too many homes in small lots makes for too much traffic.)

Stop building apartment buildings.

Growing too fast. Need better plans for traffic growth, larger lots.

Two things: urban sprawl and police attitudes.

Stop new construction.

Slow down housing developments.

Too much growth with no infrastructure in place.

City officials, whoever they may be, doing everything they can to make things easier for developers without taking into consideration, or preparing for, the impact of that rapid growth. Meaning crowded schools, flooding on neighboring properties, traffic, not enough police or fire, infrastructure over usage and failure - our streets are a great example.

All good new growth only in East Albany. Do something with the land near 29th and Pacific.

Keep it the way it is.

Slow down growth.

Slow down building of houses.

Stop growth.

Over expansion.

Too rapid growth of North Albany.

Impose a building moratorium against residential growth.

Stop building apartment buildings.

Reduce the growth rate.

Incoming and seemingly inconsistent building and zoning.

I worry about the growth in housing.

Never stop building - way too many apartments and developments.

Overdevelopment.

Take care of existing roads, water, sewer and city controlled utilities rather than expanding.

Extreme growth.

Have N. Albany back out of city.

The spread/growth of new housing (i.e. North Albany).

Small.

Box stores, too many.

Expansion.

Less crowded schools.

9th street- limit housing.

Stop uncontrolled building - houses, etc.

Growth.

Increase park open spaces. No development! - i.e. YMCA.

Lower Hispanic population.

Controlled growth, preserve nature.

Moratorium on building.

It is getting too big. The countryside is being paved over.

Slower growth.

Make North Albany into a separate town.

Poor planning with subdivisions being approved without considering impacts on schools, roads, etc.

I'd like to see downtown to the river area find a plan for encouraging entrepreneurs, some growth, nicer restaurants, boutiques, etc. I'd like to see a slowdown of housing developments.

New constructed homes which all look alike in SE and N Albany.

Less people, nicer people. Kids are so mean; I cannot go for a walk anymore. Get rid of Helping Hands.

The looming possibility of Wal-Mart coming to Albany. No Wal-Mart!

Growth. City disregard to structure (street/traffic). They approve everything.

Better plan on the riverfront property, too many living spaces, no consideration about roads. Improve the walking path along the river.

Rate at which it is growing with the appearance of little foresight into issues the growth creates.

In the building of homes, not so close together.

The house building on all the urban growth boundaries.

Stop building houses.

Slow the growth.

Traffic - growth.

Constant courting of developers at all cost.

Slow growth.

Its sprawling nature.

New development (want none).

Less population = less traffic = less accidents, criminal activity, drugs.

White trash, low income population is growing.

Fragmentation of city into E, W, N Albany units.

### **Economy/Jobs/ Development**

Bring more jobs and industry in.

Develop unused buildings and lots.

Less industrial, more technical jobs.

Downtown vitality.

Revitalize downtown.

There are so many run-down neighborhoods. Must be too much unemployment or low-wage jobs here.

Downtown improved.

Hate to see businesses downtown struggling.

Change reputation of being small, smelly town. Add more corporate jobs. This town scares away educated individuals.

Downtown area.

Need more employment opportunities.

Modernize downtown (what Corvallis has done), take advantage of the river, attract more businesses, and improve quality of education in schools.

Be more business friendly.

Allow Wal-Mart to come in because living on fixed income, we have to drive so far. Gas is getting high. When you get to save a little, it all adds up.

Renovation of Downtown and riverfront.

Clean up along river, allow residential and commercial.

New hospital on site off (?) Hill Rd.

More diversity downtown (more like Corvallis).

A more prosperous downtown.

Restore or demolish the eyesore, the old train station.

Reduce crime (drug issues) and low socioeconomic status of many.

More riverfront development.

Need better and more businesses downtown. Build up the waterfront, housing, businesses, a variety of restaurants and businesses, not just antique stores.

Better economic opportunities for businesses.

The lack of urban planning.

Increase number of GP physicians.

Concentration of big stores, chains in Fred Meyer neighborhood. More support for local businesses.

Economics - area has a lot of poor people, lot of people on Oregon Health Plan.

Less housing at high costs - lower costs of new homes for first time buyers - stop catering to Mexicans!

More renewal of downtown - keep historic flavor.

Riverfront needs to be developed.

People that are caught for drug crimes are let out of jail almost immediately. Also, no incentive for existing businesses.

Longing for a vibrant downtown.

More higher paying jobs.

Like to see waterfront improved.

Downtown Albany - we need a revived downtown with viable businesses, restaurants (proper ones, not dives, billiards, fast food, etc.), shops, activities, etc. (like Corvallis). A revamped riverfront with SAFE bike/walkways, restaurants, cafes. One sees downtown constantly struggle. There are a few very worthy shops, cafes, but not nearly enough or of the sort to be attractive to visitors, residents, and what about people wine-touring? They should be able to come to downtown Albany, and a choice of B&Bs, have a wine tour service or more to choose from to take them touring local wineries, and a GOOD, hip, decent choice of classy cafes, shops, restaurants to walk around to, sit down and eat or have coffee at, interesting shops to find quality antique goods at. Corvallis is an excellent example.

Maybe spread business out a little.

Let larger businesses come in.

More medical doctors.

Not enough bike lanes on roads. Downtown is not vibrant enough.

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boutiques, etc. I'd like to see a slowdown of housing developments.

More job opportunities.

To have a more vibrant downtown core, more variety, more cultural activities.

More good paying jobs.

Downtown revitalization or lead below EPA limits in water!

Low cost apartments.

More living wage jobs, industry.

That the out-of-staters quit complaining when a new business wants to move here. We need the jobs and the revenue!!

Bring more business into the downtown area, like Corvallis.

More jobs for people.

Better job opportunities - jobs that don't require a college degree but still have decent wage and benefits.

Need more jobs/companies.

Whenever the city lets in a new store they are always built smaller than you find anywhere else. Let them build.

More jobs.

Less empty stores downtown.

Revive the waterfront with vibrant, mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly development.

Get more industry and shopping into the city.

Multi-family living (apartments) are not evenly distributed. None in N. Albany, few in W. Albany, majority in S. Albany.

City should be encouraging more economic growth.

### **Taxes/Rates/ Fees**

Too high water rates.

Lower water costs.

Lower water rate.

Lower water rates or give a discount for retired/disabled people, especially summer months!!

Utility bill very high.

Lower water rates - pay back a little slower.

More restaurants, chains. A Wal-Mart. Taxes are too high.

High taxes.

Too many housing areas cropping up; water/sewer rates.

Be creative and keep property taxes at a minimum, so more people can own houses. Home ownership keeps crime low, safety on streets so citizens can jog and walk without fear.

Utility rates are too high.

High property taxes!

High property tax and all that flat tax that we pay on our water and sewer bill.

High property tax.

Cheaper property tax but....More emergency servers.

Lower the cost of water/sewer!

Lower taxes.

Water/sewer rates need to be lowered.

Reduce taxes.

Better control of traffic (lower water bills).

Lower water bill.

Taxes too high in N. Albany.

Property tax too high, Benton County/N. Albany.

City Council always willing to increase taxes and fees, i.e., Comcast, water, and garbage.

Lower water fees.

Water/sewer rates.

Water and sewer charges are exorbitant!

The city's excessively high water rates in comparison to much larger cities than Albany!

Overhaul the water/sewer utility service. \$740 a year for two people is outrageous. The water quality is so bad it stinks and tastes like dirty river water. It contains sediment. It has to be filtered to drink. Having lived in many states, this is the most expensive water/sewer rates we've experienced, and on top of that it is of such poor quality, the water can not be used for drinking out of the faucet.

Lower the water rates.

A greater discount in water/sewer bill for low income homes. Bigger penalties for drug offenses and uninsured drivers.

Utility rates.

The high utility bills.

Water and sewer too expensive.

City government and fees.

Less expensive water.

Worst is high water and sewer fees, particularly high on people with low incomes, and the brown lawns make Albany look like a third world country in the summertime (disgusting).

The high property taxes.

Water rates are too high!!!

I do not like paying Benton County taxes while being in the jurisdiction of the City of Albany.

Less expensive water/sewer.

Lower water rates. The high rates are not justifiable.

Reduce the cost of property taxes and utilities.

Property taxes are too high.

Property taxes to anyone over 40 years old as long as the money was put in a retirement account. And free tax after 65 years old.

Taxes seen to be very high.

Lower taxes - for North Albany - more schools.

Paying for the traffic circle.

Lower taxes in the Benton County Area.

Competitive cable service.

The hidden tax fees and astronomical water rates.

Price of water is way too high.

Lower water/sewer rates!!

Lower property taxes!! My taxes have gone up over \$600 in two years. It would be cheaper for us to move to Corvallis!

### **Streets/Sidewalks**

Better roadways, safer roadways in N. Albany.

Better street maintenance.

Simplify Geary and Ninth Streets, intersection driving instructions, signs.

City is rude. Running street sweeper at all hours ridiculous letting streets self destruct.

Repair roads and traffic patterns.

Bad roads.

Pacific Blvd's reducing to center lane. (Going west).

Fix some roads.

City street improvements.

Condition of City streets.

North Albany needs a bike path, especially along Gibson Hill Rd. School kids are walking home in dangerous groups along the side of the road. There are also many walkers and joggers who would benefit from a nice path.

We live in N. Albany; we need another bridge to get into the City.

The main road systems.

Repair roads.

Improve roads, buildings.

Better access to travel spots. Most are car dependent. Less politicking, more common sense.

Construct an overpass at Santiam, Pacific and Geary.

Street system.

Interchange, Geary St. - Pacific Hwy. - 9th St.

The potholes on the residential streets (example SW 6th St.).

Integrate bike and hiking and running pathways into Planning and Development areas.

The on and off St. Also the turning at lights. Some are not long, just 3.5.

Get rid of the round-about on Gibson Hill.

Quit letting all new streets cul-de-sac!! We need more through streets. You can't find any address when you first move here, and after you've been here 10 years.

The intersection between Pacific and Santiam. Put up sound barrier between I-5 and Edgewood Park.

Better maintenance of streets.

Curves in roads, and 9th and Geary bottleneck.

Streets and traffic.

More bike lanes!

Better street engineering!

Make N. Albany more accessible with additional access to downtown.

Off street paved bike paths.

Improved streets.

Another access to N. Albany.

Better police protection, better streets.

Not enough bike lanes on roads. Downtown is not vibrant enough.

Some infrastructure things: bridges, roads.

The poor shape of our streets. Not designed for growth. Railroad tracks by Queen/Prairie are poorly designed.

Stop lights that you can turn left only when it is a green arrow. They should all be made so you can turn left when no one is coming on the green cycle in addition to the arrow.

Main roads are too confusing leading to dangerous lane changes.

Clean up along overpass and Santiam and Pacific.

Geary street intersection horrible plan to begin with.

Intersection at Pacific, Santiam.

The traffic pattern going from North Albany to town.

Streets.

Roads.

Street/traffic configurations.

City streets wouldn't have so many potholes.

Get rid of "round-about."

Roads and improvements.

**City Council, Staff, Mgmt.**

Being kept abreast of more city happenings.

A City Council that listens to its citizens.

New City Council members.

Less money hungry government.

City is rude. Running street sweeper at all hours ridiculous letting streets self destruct.

City planning! Whoever planned: bulb outs, Pepsi, Wal-Mart, pool, train station, round-about, out-of-town contractors, lack of bio-swells in development, etc.

Having a more efficient city that avoids the "let's make a decision even if it's right" attitude.

Need bright lights on bike path behind our home between Grand Prairie and Queen St. Gang activity is occurring, and we are concerned! When trees are planted by the City, they need to be tended to, not left to die with zero attention or water.

City Council.

Better access to travel spots. Most are car dependent. Less politicking, more common sense.

The Christmas tree location returned to the Co. Courthouse property.

All the empty buildings - new ones are built instead of using the existing ones.

Join the Linn Co. Library District to expand services.

Druggies, County Commissioners.

Tree ordinance.

Change City planners.

The different rules on property use (setbacks, easements, etc.).

Taxes be spent more wisely.

The City Council.

Perception - City of Albany's inability to follow through.

City government.

Government.

Members of the City Council.

City Council.

The wasted money on the downtown area.

Officials listening and doing what taxpayers want.

Less government control.

The sense that city government really listens to its citizenry when making changes affecting livability.

Turn up our City Council's hearing aids.

Better city planning to match growth development.

Leadership.

The large number of the homeless that are moving to our community due to the inefficient management of the Helping Hands shelter, which the City seems to be encouraging by giving loans without a payment plan that is reasonable.

Growth. City disregard to structure (street/traffic). They approve everything.

How the community helps those in need.

NO support programs for non-documented immigrants.

City employees.

Have city leadership that cares about environment issues and actually plans for growth rather than try to fix the problems created after the fact.

Government interested in whole town, instead of just downtown.

To elect a city council that listens to citizens.

Idiots on city council making stupid decisions.

Corruption.

Traffic congestion, methamphetamine issues, dumb city laws regarding cutting down trees on your property and cat ownership.

### **Appearance of city**

Clean up older sections of the city.

More emphasis on cleaning up abandoned areas.

Poor kept landscaping and we need more police!

More "vibrancy." It is boring.

The run-down houses that seem to be all around town.

There are so many run-down neighborhoods. Must be too much unemployment or low-wage jobs here.

Encourage property owners to clean up their property, i.e., old cars, clutter in yards, etc.

Run down, dumpy looking properties, businesses.

More vibrant downtown with better places to eat.

Clean up along river, allow residential and commercial.

Make it greener.

Downtown area looks frumpy. I like the feel of Corvallis downtown better.

The aesthetics (weeds along the streets). I would add more grass and perennial flowers.

More beautification of city areas.

Improve image (landscaping) at entrances to Albany US 20 from I-5.

More shopping choices, less manufactured homes.

Some of the bad spots, where junk is seen.

The riverfront could use some spiffing up.

Clean up the city.

All the local drug use of meth and the dumpy part of Old Salem road.

Make Waverly more attractive.

Parts of Albany are very unattractive and undesirable. Salem Ave., Parts of 9th St. Businesses need to maintain buildings and landscapes.

Clean up unsightly or cluttered properties.

Appearance of buildings and homelessness.

Cleaner, more vibrant. Seem to be attracting problems to our area.

Nicer, cleaner houses and yard maintenance.

Drug problems, run-down areas of living around town.

Worst is high water and sewer fees, particularly hard on people with low incomes, and the brown lawns make Albany look like a third world country in the summertime (disgusting).

The way it looks. There should be stricter codes regarding building and landscape maintenance, more trees, better street scapes, smarter city planning.

The neighborhoods - I would make some of the rougher parts of town better.

Greenspace preservation.

More trees.

Large sections of town that are rundown and unsafe.

More bicycle paths and trails. City could stand to be cleaner.

Fewer trashed out trailer parks.

## **Trains**

The railroad tracks at Queen.

Do something about the RR crossing at Queen and 99E.

More dining, interesting restaurants and fewer railroad crossings.

The excessive train horn noise; it is out of control.

Eliminate railroad crossing.

Route train around town.

Fewer trains!

Queen and Pacific railroad crossing.

Railroad car switch excessive time length at Pacific Blvd. and Queen Ave.

The RAILROAD! Not only is it unbelievably inconvenient, it is very ugly!

Train tracks on Queen.

Not living on Queen - Railroad tracks, need another access to Pacific would help the traffic off Queen!

Railroad crossings; noise and frequency.

The system of the way streets are track up all over town.

All the trains going through town.

Railroad crossing at Queen and Pacific.

Railroads in N. Albany area - reroute.

The poor shape of our streets. Not designed for growth. Railroad tracks by Queen/Prairie are poorly designed.

Fix rail crossing on Queen.

I would find a solution for the railroad crossing on Pacific and Queen without losing the rail jobs in the city.

Railroad crossing at Queen and Pacific.

Train on Queen St.

Move all train switching yards "miles away" and make Albany a "whistle free" zone.

Railroad tracks.

Traffic congestion due to trains and limited bridge capacity.

### **Industry/Pollution**

The smell from Wah Chang and paper mill.

The mill and the air pollution.

Everything. That the cops, judges and lawyers followed the same laws, not their own, and get rid of the polluting of our waters.

Stench on foggy mornings.

Industrial poisons, toxins, radiation.

Industrial area on I-5 - smoke.

Make Albany feel less industrial.

Move Wah Chang and paper mill further away.

Pollution - It smells so bad and sometimes it burns my eyes. It seems to come from the direction of Millersburg.

Horrible scrubber smell. Too much regulation.

I would get rid of the smell from the paper products plant.

Sometimes there's a weird smell.

Less pollution.

Not so much industry, as it will overpopulate our little town.

Downtown revitalization or lead below EPA limits in water!

The smell from the paper plant.

Make it a smoke-free city.

The taste of the water.

Smell of Halsey Paper Mill.

Odor from industry that sometimes occurs; especially when foggy.

The bad rap we get about the stink from the paper mill.

### **Transportation**

Bus service till 8 p.m.

Better bus/transportation system.

Earlier and later bus service on Price Road.

More public transportation, buses in particular.

City bus along 14th Ave SE from Geary to Waverly to Downtown.

Improved public transportation system.

Downtown transport.

Extended bus service.

More public transportation for the handicapped, more overall availability.

Transportation system.

Better bus system - frequency, routes, how routes connect.

We need a better transportation system.

### **Schools**

Better schools.

Modernize downtown (what Corvallis has done), take advantage of the river, attract more businesses, and improve quality of education in schools.

School attendance area - no open enrollment for sec. schools.

Better schools.

Smaller classes in school (warmer weather).

Diversity/multicultural education awareness and acceptance.

More schools.

Lower taxes - for North Albany - more schools.

School funding/improvements.

Also the Dem. Herald reporting. That Pat Bedore would leave Tim Smith where he is at. School district the perception of SAHS/ and how it lets kids transfer. How it's taken so long to get a new school built.

### **Nothing**

Nothing.

None.

None; I like it the way it is.

No change.

I lived in Portland from 1975-2002 so, I wouldn't change.

Nothing in particular.

Nothing.

Nothing.

Nothing.

### **Other**

Overcast sky.

Too conservative and does not value diversity at all.

Support for more cultural diversity.

To get my paper in the morning instead of the afternoon.

All types of solicitation!!

Change where I live in Albany; I currently live in flood plain.

Rain.

No city boys.

Attitude of local business people (and not the Nationals).

Free wi-fi for downtown.

Toss-up between burning law and cat law. Would like to see all burning (field, fireplace, and yard waste) banned. Cat law should state that all cats must be kept in owner's yard, just like dogs. People have no right to use my private property for their pets.

Just a tad more sunshine.

Better weather.

My family could live closer.

You have forgotten the lower end of SW Albany shopping LBC is down here.

The store front would last long.

DHS. They need people there who are more educated and are capable of making informed decisions.

Preserve Timberline Park. YMCA should relocate elsewhere.

Dick Olsen.

Cut down the noise.

No smoking ordinance, like Corvallis!

Also the Dem. Herald reporting. That Pat Bedore would leave Tim Smith where he is at. School district the perception of SAHS/ and how it lets kids transfer. How it's taken so long to get a new school built.

### **Don't know**

Don't know.

I have not lived here long enough to decide.

I don't know.

I can't think of a thing. Just a few of us were disappointed when Safeway moved from Pacific Ave. to 14th St., but I prefer Fred Meyer. (Don't Know).

Don't know.

Don't know.

Not sure.

**Refused**

Not applicable.

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Table 16V: Which three Albany streets do you think are in the greatest need of repair?

1100-1700 block SE Salem Ave.  
12 St.  
12th  
12th Ave SW.  
12th Ave. (East of West between Takena and Elm)  
12th Ave.  
12th by Takena Elementary School  
12th St.  
12th SW.  
13th St. in north Albany  
13th St.  
1st  
1st and Water near downtown and bridge  
1st Ave. (Main St. to Post Office)  
1st Ave.  
1st Downtown  
1st St.  
1st St.  
1st St.  
1st street downtown  
1st Street.  
1st  
20th between Geary and Waverly  
21st between Geary and Waverly  
27th between Waverly and Collingwood  
28th Ave. SE Albany east of Waverly Dr.  
28th Ave. SE  
28th between Hill and Geary  
28th St. SE  
2nd Ave. over railroad tracks by Feed Store is terrible.  
2nd St.  
2nd St. (Main to Wa)  
2nd St. by the tracks, brick church, dog chow co.  
2nd St.  
2nd Street (Railroad tracks near Big B feed store).  
2nd Street downtown  
2nd Street  
2nd Street  
2nd Street  
2nd Street  
2nd through 9th.  
2nd  
34th and Marion intersection needs a light.  
34th Ave (need more stop signs or a light)  
34th Ave.  
34th St.  
34th St.  
34th.  
34th.  
34th  
34th  
34th  
34th 35th between Columbus and Waverly  
36th between Waverly and Columbus.  
36th between Waverly and Columbus.  
36th by South Albany H.S.  
36th in front of South Albany High.  
36th Street by South Albany (It's not improved).  
38th Ave.  
38th Ave. on North Side of South Albany High School  
38th Hill St. to Marion

3rd  
3rd Ave (downtown by DHS)  
3rd Ave.  
3rd between Washington and Main  
3rd SE  
3rd St.  
3rd St.  
3rd St.  
3rd St.  
3rd St. between Ellsworth west  
3rd St. SE near train tracks  
3rd St. SE  
3rd St.  
3rd St.  
3rd St.  
3rd Street  
3rd Street (near DHS and big b feed store)  
3rd Street downtown.  
3rd Street  
3rd, 4th, 5th street railroad crossings - very rough, potholes - repair everywhere.  
3rd  
3rd  
3rd  
3rd  
400-800 block SE Main St.  
4th  
4th - Leth St.  
4th Ave. (also downtown).  
4th Ave. SE between Main and Lyons  
4th Ave.  
4th Ave.  
4th east of Lyons  
4th SE  
4th SE  
4th SE  
4th St.  
4th St.  
4th St.  
4th St. SE from Lyon St. to Main St.  
4th St. SE  
4th St.  
4th Street  
4th Street E. & 100  
4th Street  
4th  
4th  
4th  
4th  
4th 2nd  
53rd at Bridge  
5th  
5th  
5th Ave (Main to Elm)  
5th Ave west of Ellsworth  
5th Ave. leading to the hospital  
5th Ave. near hospital  
5th between Elm and Broadlin  
5th E from Lyon to Main  
5th from Ellsworth to Elm  
5th going west  
5th SE  
5th SE  
5th SE between 1st and 2nd and Jackson.  
5th St.  
5th St. - east end.

5th St. east of Lyon St.  
5th St. SE  
5th St.  
5th St.  
5th St.  
5th St.  
5th Street.  
5th Street  
5th  
5th  
5th  
5th  
6th  
6th  
6th and Main SE to Pacific Blvd.  
6th Ave.  
6th Ave.  
6th Ave.  
6th Ave.  
6th Ave. between Ellsworth and Washington SW  
6th Ave. downtown  
6th Ave. SW  
6th Ave.  
6th Ave.  
6th Ave.  
6th Ave.  
6th between Calipooia and Ellsworth by Pres. church  
6th between Ellsworth and Washington  
6th between Elm and Broadlin  
6th between Lyon and Washington  
6th between Washington and Ellsworth  
6th by United Pres. Church  
6th downtown  
6th downtown  
6th E from Lyon to Main  
6th or 7th by the hospital to Ellsworth or Lyons  
6th St.  
6th St.  
6th St.  
6th St. (too bumpy).  
6th St. between Ellsworth west  
6th St. between Ferry and Broadalbin  
6th St. between Washington and Ellsworth  
6th St. between Washington and Ellsworth.  
6th St. between Washington and Lyons  
6th St. Downtown  
6th St. Downtown.  
6th St. Downtown  
6th St. Downtown  
6th St. in Courthouse area  
6th St. SW from Broadalbin to Elm  
6th St. SW  
6th St. SW  
6th St. SW  
6th St. SW  
6th St. West of south bound arterial  
6th St.  
6th St.  
6th St.  
6th St.  
6th St.  
6th street between Ellsworth and Washington  
6th SW  
6th SW

6th SW  
6th W  
6th west of Ellsworth, many streets east side of Lyon.  
6th  
6th  
6th  
7th  
7th  
7th  
7th - Downtown SW area.  
7th and Broadalbin area  
7th and Ferry  
7th Ave. downtown  
7th Ave. near hospital  
7th Ave. SW  
7th Ave.  
7th Ave.  
7th Ave.  
7th Ave  
7th between Washington and Ellsworth  
7th E from Lyon to Main  
7th near hospital  
7th SE Main to Sherman  
7th St.  
7th St.  
7th Street  
7th SW from Ellsworth to Washington  
7th SW  
7th SW  
7th W  
7th  
7th  
7th  
8th W  
900 block SE Jackson St.  
98% of all the streets, sidewalks old parts are horrible.  
99 and Queen  
9th  
9th and Jackson area  
9th and Santiam interchange  
9th Ave (East to west - Takena to Elm)  
9th Ave. by Helping Hands  
9th Ave.  
9th between Broadway and Ellsworth  
9th between Liberty to Elm  
9th St.  
9th St.  
9th SW from Washington to Broadway  
9th SW  
A number of side streets  
A problem to be addressed by a properly trained engineer  
Airport Rd.  
All city streets very poor  
All downtown streets  
All no maintenance  
All of Main railroad crossings  
All of the side streets in downtown  
All of them  
All railroad crossings  
All roads in low income areas  
All streets are in need of repair  
All streets around city pool  
All streets maintenance  
Alligatored pavement throughout  
Almost all in the historic downtown



Don't know  
Don't know  
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Don't know  
Don't know  
Don't know  
Don't know  
Downtown  
Downtown 4th St.  
Downtown 5th St.  
Downtown 6th St.  
Downtown area  
Downtown side streets  
Downtown streets  
Downtown  
Downtown  
Downtown  
E 4th  
E. Hwy. 20  
Earl Ave. NE  
East 5th  
East 6th  
East Jackson at Queen  
East Water St.  
Ellingson at Pacific Blvd. (both sides)  
Ellsworth  
Ellsworth  
Elm  
Everything west of SW Broadway  
Fulton street South end of Clay St. at the north end by the lights at Bi-Mart  
Fescue  
Fifth - downtown  
Fifth Ave. in Hackleman District  
First Avenue  
Fix the "Bermuda Triangle"  
Front Ave. downtown  
Front on SW (might be Water St.)  
Front St. (from Geary to Simpson Park)  
Front St. north of Geary  
Front St. - sidewalks - none exist  
Front St.  
Front St.  
Front Street NE  
Front  
Front  
Front  
Fulton Street  
Fulton  
Geary - past Santiam interchanging to Bowman Park  
Geary (not the street, the residences)  
Geary at 9th and Pacific  
Geary from 9th to 34th  
Geary St. at Geary and Pacific Hwy.  
Geary St. on south end should get curbs and sidewalks

Geary St. south of Grand Prairie  
Geary  
Geary  
Geary  
Geary  
Geary-Ninth-Pacific intersections  
Get rid of speed bumps on Center  
Get some kid to time the lights at Santiam and Pacific  
Gibson Hill at Crocker Lane  
Gibson Hill needs a signal light at Crocker  
Gibson Hill NW  
Gibson Hill to Scenic  
Gibson Hill west of round-about  
Godfish Farm Rd.  
Gold Fish Farm  
Gold Fish Farm  
Gold Fish Farm Rd.  
Gold Fish Farm Rd.  
Gold Fish Farm Rd.  
Gold Fish Farm Rd.  
Gold Fish Farm Rd.  
Goldfish Farm needs to be widened  
Goldfish Farm Rd.  
Goldfish Farm Rd.  
Goldfish Farm Rd.  
Goldfish Farm Rd.  
Goldfish Farm Rd.  
Goldfish Farm Rd.  
Goldfish Farm Rd.  
Goldfish Farm Road (from dogwood to Santiam Hwy)  
Goldfish Farm Road beyond the new portion  
Goldfish Farm Road  
Goldfish farm, by Knox Butte  
Goldfish Farm  
Goldfish Farm  
Goldfish Farm  
Green Acres Lane  
Green Acres Lane - new surface (It is full of potholes)  
Green Acres Lane  
Hackelman District Streets  
Hall St.  
Halls in Pacific at 34th by YMCA  
Hard to say; there are bad ones almost everywhere except new developments  
Harder Lane  
Haskington S.W.: 34th Avenue  
Hill (34th to Queen)  
Hill at 28th  
Hill between 34th and Queen  
Hill St.  
Hill St.  
Hill St.  
Hill St.  
Hill St.  
Hill St. (34th to Queen)  
Hill St. (all)  
Hill St. 34th to Pacific  
Hill St. between 34th and 9th  
Hill St. between 34th and Queen  
Hill St. from Queen to 38th  
Hill St. south of Queen St.  
Hill St. south of Queen  
Hill St.  
Hill St.  
Hill St.  
Hill St.

Hill St.  
Hill St.  
Hill St.  
Hill Street  
Hill Street  
Hill Street Road by railroad tracks  
Hill  
Hill  
Hill  
Hill  
Hill  
Hill  
Hill  
Hill  
Hill  
Hill, Queen at RR tracks, Main  
Hill - between 34th and Queen  
Hwy 20 and Pacific  
Hwy 20 north of bridge  
HWY 20 to Knox Butte  
Hwy 99  
Hwy 99 by YMCA  
Hwy. 20/Santiam Street  
Hwy. 99 into N. Albany  
Hwy. 99 South  
I do not believe the streets need repair  
I don't drive enough through Albany streets to give a fair opinion. We picked pretty well on the last road. (Elm St. esp.)  
I don't know.  
I know there are several with potholes but I cannot recall which ones.  
I think 3rd or 4th, very bumpy.  
I think we have done a good job repairing the really bad streets down in old town.  
I-5 needs to be quieter.  
I-5  
In front of the Albany police station (Jackson St.)  
Industrial Way  
Intersection of Geary, Santiam and Pacific  
Intersection of Queen's Pacific Hwy  
Jackson  
Jackson  
Jackson between 23rd and Queen  
Jackson between Queen and 34th  
Jackson by the police station  
Jackson from 9th to 13th  
Jackson in front of Police Station, then toward RR  
Jackson near 9th  
Jackson past RR around curve  
Jackson SE  
Jackson SE  
Jackson St.  
Jackson St.  
Jackson St.  
Jackson St.  
Jackson St.  
Jackson St. - near police station especially  
Jackson St. (Queen to 24th)  
Jackson St. from 13th to 9th  
Jackson St. near Sheriff's and railroad tracks  
Jackson St. SE  
Jackson St. southeast between Queen and 24th  
Jackson St.  
Jackson Street in front of Police Station  
Jackson Street north of jail  
Jackson Street  
Jackson that goes around by overpass  
Jackson







Pacific by overpass  
Pacific Couplet  
Pacific Hwy.  
Pacific Hwy.  
Pacific Hwy/Santiam interchange  
Pacific near 34th and out toward the college  
Pacific near overpass and toward LBCC  
Pacific north of downtown overpass  
Pacific south of 34th outside lane  
Pacific southbound on overpass  
Pacific  
Pacific  
Pacific/Geary intersection  
Pacific/Santiam one ways  
Pacific  
Pacific  
Pacific  
Pacific  
Part of 99  
Parts of Hill  
Parts of Jackson  
Parts of Moraga  
Parts of So. Pacific  
Parts of Waverly  
Perfect Lane  
Pick one!!!  
Pine  
Pineview Place NW  
Portion of Hill St.  
Portions of 6th St. SE  
Potholes on Pacific  
Public parking lot by Wyatt's  
Queen  
Queen  
Queen  
Queen  
Queen  
Queen  
Queen  
Queen - railroad crossing  
Queen (east of Pacific)  
Queen (near tracks)  
Queen and Ave. RR  
Queen and Marion (stop light)  
Queen near RR tracks  
Queen and Pacific intersection  
Queen and Pacific traffic lights/train delays  
Queen and Pacific  
Queen and Railroad (terrible, disgraceful)  
Queen at Pacific  
Queen at railroad crossing is a nightmare  
Queen at railroad tracks  
Queen at the railroad tracks  
Queen at the railroad tracks  
Queen at the tracks  
Queen Ave. at RR crossing  
Queen Ave. RR tracks  
Queen Ave. at Pacific RR crossing  
Queen Ave. at railroad track  
Queen Ave. at SP Tracks (it's a mess waiting for trains)  
Queen Ave. needs to be closed at RR tracks  
Queen Ave. railroad track to Marion St. (East)  
Queen Ave. train crossing needs an underpass or something  
Queen Ave.



S.W. 6th and other streets  
Safeway lot  
Salem  
Salem  
Salem Ave.  
Salem Ave.  
Salem Ave.  
Salem Ave. (Geary four-way needs a light at Salem)  
Salem Ave. from Main St. to Waverly Park  
Salem Ave. into town  
Salem Ave.  
Salem Ave.  
Salem Ave.  
Salem Ave.  
Salem Ave.  
Salem Ave.  
Salem Ave.  
Salem Ave.  
Salem Ave.  
Salem Ave.  
Salem Avenue  
Salem St. between Geary and Main  
Santiam  
Santiam  
Santiam (9th)  
Santiam and Geary St.  
Santiam at Geary  
Santiam Ave.  
Santiam between Main and Geary  
Santiam Blvd.  
Santiam Blvd. near Bi-Mart Hwy. 20  
Santiam by Carriage House and Salvation Army  
Santiam east, Fred Meyer area  
Santiam eastbound at Staples  
Santiam Hwy.  
Santiam Hwy.  
Santiam Railroad crossing  
Santiam Rd.  
Santiam SE to Pacific Blvd. on Pine St.  
Santiam St.  
Santiam, from Main to Geary  
Santiam  
Santiam  
Santiam/Pacific through Albany and downtown/traffic  
Santiam  
Scenic (from Gibson Hill to hwy 20)  
Scenic (parts of it, 1st St.)  
Scenic between Hwy. 20 and Gibson Hill  
Scenic Dr.  
Scenic Dr.  
Scenic Dr.  
Scenic Dr. east of Gibson Hill Rd.  
Scenic Dr. in North Albany between Gibson and Hwy. 20  
Scenic Dr.  
Scenic Drive (Hwy. 20 to North Albany Rd.)  
Scenic Drive east of Gibson Hill Rd.  
Scenic Drive N. Albany Gibson Hill to Hwy. 20.  
Scenic Drive  
Scenic Drive  
Scenic NW.  
Scenic Rd.  
Scenic too narrow and patio near Gibson Hill  
SE 3rd (Lyons to Main)  
SE 4th Ave.  
SE 4th Ave.

SE 4th St.  
SE 4th  
SE 9th Ave. near Jackson  
SE Ferry St.  
SE Jackson  
SE Jackson (from 9th to 34th)  
SE Jackson at 9th/RR tracks  
SE Oak between Pacific and Queen  
SE Oak going north to 9th  
SE Oak St.  
Seems like eastside areas are worse than westside  
Several streets in East Albany (4th-7th Sts.)  
Several streets in South Albany  
Shady Lane  
Shortridge off of Santiam  
Side streets downtown  
Side streets with potholes  
Since O.M. Payton was screwed out of office  
Sixth Ave. downtown  
Sixth Ave. in Montieth District  
Sixth St. NW  
Sixth St.  
Sixth Street.  
Sixth  
Some in Knox Butte.  
Some of the number streets (4th, 5th, 6th) east of Albany hospital  
Some of the SE downtown streets, like 3rd to 7th St. SE  
South Albany  
South end of Columbus  
South end of Goldfish Farm Rd. (in the area of ODOT that stretch of road.)  
South end of Waverly St.  
South Jackson St.  
South Main north of Pacific  
South Pacific  
South Waverly  
South Waverly from 34th to Del Rio Ave.  
South Waverly St.  
Speed bumps in neighborhoods around LBCC  
Spicer Wayside  
Spring Hill Dr.  
Spring Hill  
Spring Hill Dr. (with bike lanes put in)  
Stoplights - better traffic control most streets  
Street by Pizza King  
Streets by Hackelman Park  
Streets crossing railroad tracks in NW part of town  
Streets in NE part of town  
SW 12th St.  
SW 3rd Ave.  
SW 4th  
SW 4th Ave.  
SW 4th  
SW 6th Ave.  
SW 6th Ave.  
SW 6th or SW 7th going toward the hospital  
SW 6th St. (Main hospital route)  
SW 6th St.  
SW 6th  
SW 6th  
SW 7th  
SW 8th  
SW Broadalbin  
SW Industrial  
SW Pacific  
The big mess at Pacific and Santiam

The Couplet  
The Hwy. 20 exit to city center/Corvallis - not visible  
The intersection at 9th and Geary  
The one that goes in front of the police department  
The ones with potholes  
The overpass on Grand Prairie over I-5 (needs to be widened)  
The roads I drive are fine  
The roads I travel are good  
The Y @ Pacific  
They all need work, stop wasting money on roundabouts, etc.  
Third St.  
Three Lakes Rd. from Grand Prairie Rd. to Home Depot (straighter)  
Three Lakes needs to be widened  
Three Lakes (need to widen)  
Three Lakes Rd.  
Three Lakes Rd.  
Three Lakes  
Timber St.  
Timber St.  
Timber Street south of Santiam (dirt)  
Too many new housing projects and houses too close together - fire hazard  
Too many to name.  
Tracks on Queen Ave.  
Traffic on Waverly  
Unpaved streets between Hill and Marion  
US 20 from I-5 - improve landscape  
Vine  
Vine St.  
Vine St., 17th Ave. SW  
VNK  
W. 12th  
W. 5th Elm to Lyons  
W. 6th  
W. 6th St.  
W. 7th Elm to Lyons  
W. Thornton Lake Drive  
Walnut SW  
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Water - 6th Ave Railroad track crossings  
Water - Main to Geary  
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Water Ave. along RR tracks  
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Water Avenue? Near Salem Avenue  
Water or Front St. (runs along Willamette River)  
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Water St. - east of Hill  
Water St. (near senior center)  
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Water, Scenic (from Gibson road toward Hwy. 20)  
Waverly  
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Waverly - pave and remove islands at Grand Prairie  
Waverly - SAHS to Grand Prairie north  
Waverly - traffic problems  
Waverly (36th to Grand Prairie)  
Waverly 39th - Grand Prairie  
Waverly Ave.  
Waverly between 34th and 36th  
Waverly between 35th and Grand Prairie  
Waverly between Grand Prairie and SAHS  
Waverly between Pacific and Santiam Hwy.  
Waverly between Santiam and Pacific  
Waverly between Santiam and Pacific  
Waverly between Santiam and Pacific  
Waverly by South Albany  
Waverly Dr.  
Waverly Dr. S. of Grand Prairie  
Waverly Dr. SE  
Waverly Dr. SE  
Waverly Drive and many others  
Waverly Drive between Pacific and Queen intersections  
Waverly from Grand Prairie south to out of town  
Waverly Pacific Blvd to Santiam  
Waverly Rd.  
Waverly SE

Waverly St.  
Waverly, close to South Albany High School to 34th St.  
Waverly, especially at Pacific and by the high school  
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Waverly between high school and Grand Prairie  
West 6th  
West 7th  
Westside area (1st-7th)  
Where Marion turns to Jackson by Police Dept.  
Whortam??  
Willamette

Table 22V: Other funding source:

**Use money more wisely/No more**

Not at ALL.

Use extra money for street repair.

Percentage of city budget allotted to streets.

From current taxes; they are way too high now.

General fund.

Taxes already very high, getting higher.

Don't raise fees and taxes.

Cut cost!

Work within budget.

Eliminate spending not pertaining to infrastructure.

Cutbacks on spending.

Reprioritize general fund spending.

Property tax went up 10% last year! Leave it alone!

You can't manage the money you have. Why would I want to give you more?!

None; taxes too high already.

Our current property taxes!!! Where does all that money go????

Get rid of bloated City salaries and quit trying to raise taxes. It sounds like the City wants to increase employees, which cost too much money.

Need justification of where current taxes are spent before giving more.

We are on a fixed income; we can't afford higher taxes.

You collect too dam much money from us as is.

How about some accountability for funding collected for same in the past? No new taxes until this happens.

Cut unnecessary items and people.

None; we pay too much already.

Use what you already have.

None; we already pay a higher tax rate than anyplace we have lived in our lifetime.

Use the money saved from managing resources more efficiently.

No more taxes!!

Reduce city employee work force.

Review current budget and make cuts.

Use some of the money collected already, instead of using it for pet projects.

I would prefer to see businesses who get tax cuts not get them and that money be applied to road repair and road building.

We have to live within our budget; so should the city.

A better delegation of city funds.

Taxes are spent (in many cases) unwisely.

Use existing funding wisely.

Current taxes and added bond measures make tax load WAY too high.

Shave from some other, less needed projects.

Cut back government spending on surveys.

Maintaining streets is the responsibility of city government. Money should be spent on them before all of the "fun" things the city management can dream up.

Utilize current funding more efficiently.

Already get gas monies, why not use wisely.

General fund should pay for roads, police, fire, etc. All the rest should come via other funding means, not the basics.

Reduce government waste and eliminate prevailing wage.

Reduce city waste, reduce administrative hand count.

Use the funds wisely and have less people be able to suck off of the system. We have too many people not willing to get jobs who are able to work!

Wage decreases for city, county and state officials working in Albany. Stop lying about how much money the city has.

Better use of existing funds!

Existing taxes.

Start eliminating multiple levels of bureaucracy in city government.

Quit subsidizing illegal people.

Cut a few of the excess positions in city government. The overpriced salaries of 10 people should go a long way in street improvements.

I do not believe our roads are in bad enough shape to justify increasing funding. All we really need is proper allocation of funds and someone to take responsibility for that allocation.

Re-prioritize current city budget.

We already pay enough.

None. You have enough money but need to use it more wisely. It's called budgeting.

Quit useless spending and re-do the budget to reflect proper spending.

No more taxes of any kind!

I believe money is wasted on other projects, enough to repair the roads.

Existing revenues.

Use gasoline tax instead of administration. Gasoline tax in years past adequately kept the streets in top condition, paving resurfacing, etc. until money was allocated for street lighting and administration and Engineering Dept.

Enough already for older residents!

Re-evaluate full city budget.

The already appropriated monies that are not being used wisely.

Take some of the school bond money back!

Are you people crazy? Don't you know we are in a recession?

Higher fines for driving with snow tires when not necessary. Put entire city budget up for public approval and let public decide what projects it wants rather than politicians deciding.

Use what you have a little wiser.

I'm sick and tired of tax and spend management.

Cut government jobs.

Maybe using money for roads instead of paying for Advanced Marketing Research.

Use existing monies!

Re-direct present funds.

When things are tight we cut back on expenses. Such as bonuses cut down on crews.

The above all suck.

Use current funding course.

I'm being taxed to death!

Albany has bigger problems other than street funding.

Use existing budget.

Not funding until someone with common sense is in charge.

Use existing funds - reduce bureaucrats and engine builders.

Current funding should be enough.

Don't street repairs come out of the general budget? Why do we need another source of funding?

We already pay plenty - use it wisely.

Dude! I'm broke already!

No more increasing taxes! Use the money you have more wisely.

Money spent unwise!

### **Sales tax**

Sales tax. A variable tax that gets support from all who pass through a local area, not just residents. Income and property taxes in Oregon are too high.

Sales tax.

City sales tax.

Sales tax if income tax or property tax is offset.

Sales tax.

Sales tax. Will support a reasonable package and ongoing plan for future, not all of the above.

Sales tax.

A fixed sales tax on restaurant food.

Sales tax.

We need a State sales tax.

Sales tax.

Sales tax.

How about sales tax! Everyone would pay the same.

Statewide sales tax and eliminate property tax.

The two-legged stool in this state no longer works! Need a sales tax.

Sales tax.

### **Motor vehicle registration**

Charge more for vehicle licenses.

Interstate semi-trucks could be assessed a toll. Tax on new cars. Tax on new tires.

Raise license plate tags by \$5-\$10 each.

Vehicle registration fee (regional).

Business vehicle registration fee.

DMV fee and use funds from city parks (we have more than enough parks).

Increase DMV fees.

Vehicle tax by GVWR. No studded tires?

DMV-tags or new builders who bring in extra people.

License fee.

I would feel okay about paying a little more for my vehicle registration.

DMV fee for county.

Increase DMV renewal.

Funding should come from vehicle registration fees.

### **Business tax**

Business tax.

Businesses should help (be taxed higher).

Tax on oil company profits from Linn Co. income that is NOT allowed to be passed on to consumers.

Businesses using streets around their facility.

Local artists, growers, etc. sales % (weekly/monthly).

Gambling businesses tax.

Tax businesses and trucking companies.

Lottery money, big business.

Taxes on business. Large trucks that damage roads.

New developers, businesses.

A reasonable yearly fee for businesses, like Costco, Home Depot. Small businesses exempt.

A fuel tax and business tax to anyone within a quarter mile from any federal road.

### **Real estate development fees**

Real estate development fees.

New construction tax.

New developments should pay for new utilities and services.

Local improvement districts. Increase fees on new residential building.

Taxing new housing and business developments, and lottery dollars.

Out of town developers.

Construction companies.

DMV tags or new builders who bring in extra people.

Developers who help tear up the streets.

New developers, businesses.

Force developers to invest in bonds; pay as you go.

Alcohol/cigs./housing developers.

### **Bonds**

Bond measure.

Special bonds.

Bonds.

Bonds tied to balanced budget, and clearly communicated relative to impact of existing bond commitments.

What about a bond.

A bond issue for one time overall repair.

Specific bond for specific project.

Bond measure.

G.O. Bond.

Seek out bonds and partnerships etc.

Bond measure.

### **Fed/State/County funds**

Use county road funds that support rural farm roads.

Funding from the State. Not everyone who uses Albany streets lives there, so Albany residents shouldn't be required to bear all the cost.

Explore state/federal avenues for funds.

Federal, Linn Co., Albany combined.

Stop paying for BUshite's nutty war; use the savings for road maintenance.

Federal and State funding.

State and National taxes provided by taxpayers.

Lyon St. - State fund. RR crossing - railroads.

State.

Federal/state funds, grants, low interest loans.

Combine county and city funds for road repair. After all, the city is part of the county.

### **Cigarette/alcohol tax**

Increase alcohol and tobacco tax.

Tobacco and alcohol taxes, drunk/impaired driving fines.

Alcohol and/or tobacco tax increase.

Cigarette tax, air quality tax for industry.

Cigarette tax.

Increased cigarette and beer/wine tax. % of tax on eating out in restaurants. % of lottery tickets sold.

Alcohol tax and establishment.

Alcohol/cigs./housing developers.

Cigarette and alcohol tax.

### **Lottery money**

Lottery?

Taxing new housing and business developments, and lottery dollars.

Lottery \$.

Lottery?

You tried gas tax; that went by the wayside, so you should come up with something else. Go for the state lottery.

Lottery money, big business.

Oregon lottery, like it was supposed to be used.

Increased cigarette and beer/wine tax. % of tax on eating out in restaurants. % of lottery tickets sold.

Lottery.

### **Traffic tickets**

Additional \$ added to traffic tickets.

Increase traffic fines.

More red light cameras.

All the money from all the traffic tickets the police write.

Tobacco and alcohol taxes, drunk/impaired driving fines.

Revenue from the vast amount of speeding and running red light tickets the city could obtain if it places cameras all over the town. Driving practices are atrocious in this town, if not outright perilous. Tickets could be handed out right and left if the patrols were in place.

Higher fines for driving with snow tires when not necessary. Put entire city budget up for public approval and let public decide what projects it wants rather than politicians deciding.

### **Tolls**

Interstate semi-trucks could be assessed a toll. Tax on new cars. Tax on new tires.

No gas taxes. No increase in property tax. Toll maybe.

Toll for bridges.

Tolls.

### **Truck tax**

Interstate semi-trucks could be assessed a toll. Tax on new cars. Tax on new tires.

Tax businesses and trucking companies.

Taxes on business. Large trucks that damage roads.

Tax SUVs, large trucks, big rigs who do the most damage.

### **Grants**

Federal and state grants ("Development Charges").

Grants, NOT taxpayers' piggybanks anymore!

Government grants.

### **Hotel/motel tax**

Hotel/motel tax.

Room taxes.

Sales tax on lodging.

## **Fund raisers**

Special events like fund raisers.

Donations.

Ask for donations from the wealthy. No one else can afford to pay for it! I don't want more taxes if you have to tax us more, then don't even bother fixing the roads! They're the least of our problems!

## **Utility tax**

An increase in consumption tax (like electricity, water, etc.).

Water and sewer bill according to usage. This way, even renters have to pay their share.

Use excess water money to fix streets.

## **Renter's tax**

Apartment dwellers tax.

Renters need to pay property taxes!

## **Property tax on vehicles**

Property tax on vehicles.

Number of vehicles per household.

## **Bicycle license**

Bicycle license.

Bicycle licenses.

## **Income tax**

Monthly fee on higher income households and business \$50,000 plus.

Taxes on high income households.

## **Luxury tax**

Luxury tax (cable TV, large vehicles, motor homes, RV's, etc.).

Luxury tax.

## **City park fees**

DMV fee and use funds from city parks (we have more than enough parks).

Use parks money.

## **Tax on car parts**

No bond or property taxes. Tires, oil, all materials used to maintain a car/truck: 1-3% tax.

## **Other**

\$.05 cent pop tax, before tax.

A SMALL city fuel tax.

Provide incentives/options to increase carpooling, public transportation, commuting between cities (Corvallis, Eugene, and Portland) to ultimately reduce vehicles on roads as well as pollution and reduce natural resource consumption.

A length of time limit, not open-ended.

CARA.

#18 would be most likely.

**Don't know**

Don't know at this time.

Not sure but everyone should share, not just property owners. We have a lot of apartments, etc.

I don't know.

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