



Conversations That Matter: Quality of Life in Johnson County

Participants Comments

1. Sabrina Hickey: concerned about road work on Main Street/US 31. Also pot holes in that parking lot (old Marsh) since people are using it as a parking lot or as an alternate route.
2. Sabrina Hickey: I want Johnson County to be seen as an open-minded, progressive community. I bring students from foreign countries. I want them to know that although we're small-town America, we're worth visiting and living here. We are the diamond of America.
3. Rob Shilts: You do not have to drive north to enjoy culture and entertainment.
4. Jill Hammer: Johnson County has so many amazing amenities. However, there is a shortage of low income housing that is safe and affordable throughout the county, and so, people's housing is unstable which makes it difficult to become self-sufficient and come out of poverty.
5. Beverly Martin: Johnson County is served by outstanding library districts in Edinburgh, Greenwood, and Johnson County Public Library in White River Township, Franklin, and Clark-Pleasant.
6. Nicole Austin: Bike paths.
7. Marian Calvin: I would like to see a nice tea room that older folks would enjoy. It would need to have easy access for walkers. The best thing about Johnson County is the retirement villages.
8. Karen Buckler: concerned with traffic flow on 31 as Meijer comes in and Kroger rebuilds. Love the parks in Johnson County, all the trails. Love the rebuilding and growth.
9. Katy Cavaleri: Great schools, many restaurants and shopping nearby.
10. Denise Speer: need start-up incubator work space (i.e. libraries, empty office building etc.)
11. Steve Powell: so much potential in so many areas that could make us one of the best places to work, live, and raise a family in the state.
12. Lori Davis: I love activity based places for my kids. I would love a rock climbing place for individuals and families and a trampoline (skyzone) like place to take my children.
13. Megan Philpott: I love all the locally owned businesses that are located in downtown Franklin. Our streets look great and are looking better every day! This place is truly one to show off
14. Ann Alexander: Recreate Mass Ave. in Johnson County to attract the thirty somethings. Boutique shops and restaurants
15. Debi Pierson: I love Johnson County and especially downtown Franklin. I hope that JC will become a destination like Brown County. We LOVE community events and working with other businesses and organizations. More of that!
16. Josh Herr: bike lanes and bike paths
17. Heather Tallman: we need more locally owned business, restaurants, and shops
18. Jane Howard: Want to see Franklin College as a major player to help encourage a better educated workforce, to encourage better paying jobs and to locate in Johnson County.

19. John Auld: Great people in Johnson County who volunteer and are involved. We need to promote ourselves!
20. Matt Tallman: Good schools, safe neighborhoods. Not unique with too many chains and not enough local business.
21. Unknown: I would like to see movies that are not targeted at young males. It would be nice to not have to go to Keystone Arts every time I want to see a movie. The trails in the parks are great, are there plans to extend them? Public transportation from Franklin to Indianapolis is needed.
22. Kimberly Smith: with the growth of seniors on the rise in our county, I am thankful that there is an agency that offers free door-to-door transportation, free DMC, free I an A and delivers food to seniors in need and at risk.
23. Jeff Owen: Would like to have a small business office and resource center in downtown Franklin. Would love to have a county orchestra that puts on a concert series. Would love to have a Broadway play series at Franklin Community HS Auditorium.
24. Elaine Thiel: There needs to be more low income senior housing, two apartment complexes are not enough.
25. Christian Maslowski: Love what Franklin did on the square! Excited about expanded transit coming to Greenwood, the red line.
26. Karen Wilkerson: Needs are better east/west corridors and pre-planning for growth. 55+ housing in White River Township, not much to choose from. Loves people and education opportunities.
27. Annette Wesemann: I love the Franklin Trails. Maybe promote activities along the trails.
28. Davin Kolderup: I would love to see a community symphony and strings programs in the schools.
29. Betsy Schmidt: Agritourism, nurseries, farmer's markets are wonderful in Johnson County.
30. Jennifer Baltz: I am very excited about the planned improvements to the area near 65 in Franklin. I had a bad first impression of Franklin when I first moved here due to the entry way and have since learned that it in no way matches up with the reality in Franklin.
31. Aleks Davis: I think an indoor rock climbing facility would be a great addition to the community. Is there a skateboard park? Food truck days would be fun too.
32. Janice Bullman: Welcoming community. Planned growth.
33. Samantha Bush: I love the school (Center Grove) and feeling of community.
34. Julie Ashmore: Connectivity and mobility of people between communities is important, including bike and walking trails. Fitness and transportation for the entire county is important and trails are part of that.
35. Theresa Koenigsnekt: We need more walkability, specifically Greenwood.
36. Kirsten Gent: I could not find an apartment that I could afford alone in Johnson County. I still work in Franklin and tried very hard to find a studio or one bedroom apartment, but could not afford it. In my research, the only affordable option was to find a roommate, which will not work for me.
37. Cindy Cook: I would like to have sidewalks and/or trails in my neighborhood (unincorporated White River Township) so I could walk to restaurants, stores etc. without walking on the road. Also would like mass transit into Indianapolis downtown and on to Carmel.

38. Jenny Moore: Very excited about Freedom Springs, would like to see the construction/traffic improve, closed roads are causing headaches during travel.
39. Teresa McClure: Johnson County is a great place to raise a family. Everyone looks out for one another and pulls together in times of need. The run down properties in Franklin are a concern, especially on Jefferson Street. Hotels in Franklin are embarrassing. What can be done? Downtown improvements in Franklin are awesome.
40. Ray Gonzales: Ride our bikes to libraries, restaurants and culture.
41. Mitzi Christian: Need one place to go to find events, programs, amenities, clubs, shopping etc. Via website, magazine, chambers, etc. Website would work best since it is a moving target.
42. Unknown: We need something like a trip advisor for Johnson County destinations that link these great places to visit.
43. Doug Wesseman: I like the direction the county is going. Schools are a subject of concern.