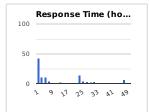


Survey Results: Community Priorities

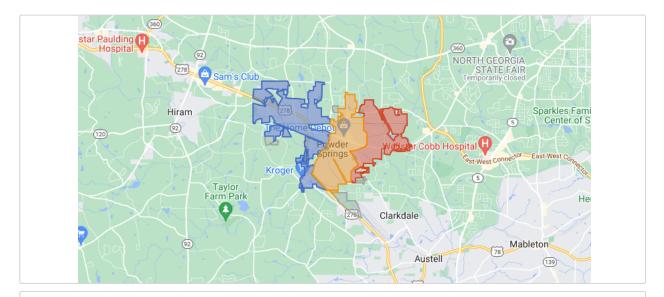
These FlashVote results are shared with local officials

Total Participants
95 of 239 initially invited (40%)
20 others
Margin of error: ± 10%

Applied Filter: Wards
Participants for filter: 79



Started:
Feb 8, 2023 11:07am EST
Ended:
Feb 10, 2023 11:00am EST
Target Participants:
All Powder Springs

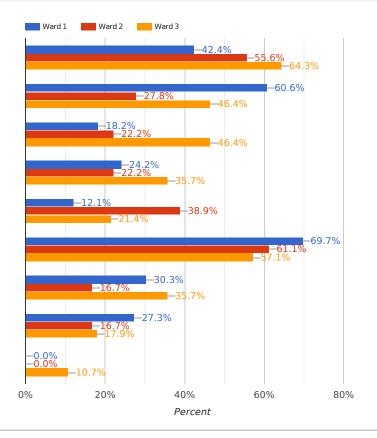


Q1 Which of the following things do you think are a STRENGTH of Powder Springs, if any? (Choose all that apply)

(79 responses by)

Options	Ward 1 (33)	Ward 2 (18)	Ward 3 (28)
Community events and programs	42.4%	55.6%	64.3%
	(14)	(10)	(18)
Physical safety and security	60.6%	27.8%	46.4%
	(20)	(5)	(13)
Sense of community and inclusion	18.2%	22.2%	46.49
	(6)	(4)	(13)
Range and cost of available housing	24.2%	22.2%	35.79
	(8)	(4)	(10)
Businesses and available services	12.1%	38.9% (7)	21.49
Parks, green space, and trails	69.7%	61.1%	57.1%
	(23)	(11)	(16)
Cleanliness of streets and highways	30.3%	16.7%	35.79
	(10)	(3)	(10)

Options	Ward 1 (33)	Ward 2 (18)	Ward 3 (28)
Attractiveness of neighborhoods and business areas	27.3% (9)	16.7% (3)	17.9% (5)
Other:	0.0%	0.0%	10.7%



None - needs cleaning up and more thought put into beautification and security

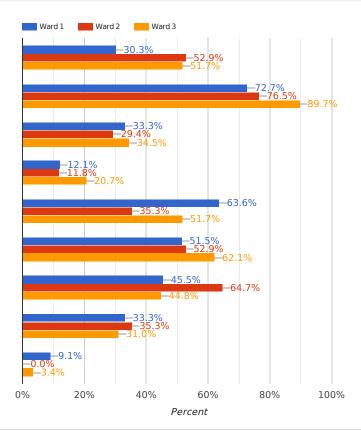
More small businesses down town

Q2 Which of the following aspects of Powder Springs are most IMPORTANT to you, if any? (You can choose up to FOUR)

(79 responses by)

Options	Ward 1 (33)	Ward 2 (17)	Ward (29)
Community events and programs	30.3%	52.9%	51.7%
	(10)	(9)	(15)
Physical safety and security	72.7%	76.5%	89.7%
	(24)	(13)	(26)
sense of community and inclusion	33.3%	29.4%	34.59
	(11)	(5)	(10)
lange and cost of available housing	12.1%	11.8%	20.79
Businesses and available services	63.6%	35.3%	51.79
	(21)	(6)	(15)
arks, green space, and trails	51.5% (17)	52.9% (9)	62.1 ⁹

Options	Ward 1 (33)	Ward 2 (17)	Ward 3 (29)
Cleanliness of streets and highways	45.5% (15)	64.7% (11)	44.8% (13)
Attractiveness of neighborhoods and business areas	33.3% (11)	35.3% (6)	31.0%
Other:	9.1%	0.0%	3.4%





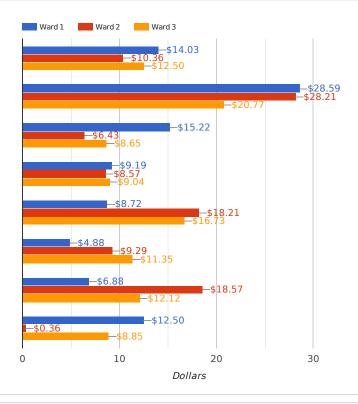
Neighborhood/business attractiveness, available services, and community events are important too

Fiscally responsible use of tax payer funds, which is not happening now.

Q3 If the City could make additional investments, how would you allocate \$100 across these options?

(72 responses by)

Options	Ward 1 (32)	Ward 2 (14)	Ward 3 (26)
More curbs and sidewalks	14.0%	10.4%	12.5%
Residential recycling collection	28.6%	28.2%	20.8%
A recreational facility	15.2%	6.43%	8.65%
Easier bikeability and walkability	9.19%	8.57%	9.04%
More enforcement on property maintenance	8.72%	18.2%	16.7%
Better stormwater management	4.88%	9.29%	11.3%
Faster police response times	6.88%	18.6%	12.1%
None of these	12.5%	0.357%	8.85%



Q4 How would you spend up to \$10,000 on a project that makes Powder Springs better?

(Please be specific and realistic enough that your idea(s) could guide future City activities. Low cost and high value projects are especially interesting.)

(54 responses by)



More up to date fields for kid's recreational sports

The trash around Macedonia Rd is very concerning. It is not respectful to the residents that the city will leave it for so long. It should be cleaned more often and would make the area much more pleasant.

More youth programs

I would create a public community event to attract new businesses to Powder Springs. Businesses that are interested in coming to Powder Springs would set up booths so it would also create income for the city since the businesses would pay to participate. Residents could get to know the new businesses and the city could use the \$10,000 for setup, supplies and advertising.

Free community wifi/hotspots

I think powder springs would benefit by putting \$10,000 towards the green spaces, ie the passive area connected to powder springs park that is at this point simply a flooded eyesore. I also read that they were building a dog park at powder springs park but at this point all that has been done is another pavilion.... There's already one there and I hardly ever see it in use (maybe sometimes on game days)

City dog park near the square

Incentives for new dining and entertainment options

Turning area in front of the library to an edible green space like Dekalb county is doing.

Start tearing down all those low income rentals that are adjacent to downtown powder springs. They are an eye sore.

Rain gardens, trash cans at park, doggie waste bins on Silver Comet

Side walks. Return to recycle ${\color{olive} \circ}$. Less litter next to my house.

Better Family friendly eatery's similar to downtown Woodstock, Roswell and Marietta square. Also, a recreational center for children with activities.

Verifiable personal observation of k-12 classroom and in school teaching material, admin directives, club information, access to school board meetings to have honest open discussions about unacceptable findings.

City maintenance to anything other than city government property

more parks and playgrounds for the children

Not sure how this would be done but something to cut down on the speeding of cars and the littering.

I may use it to update running track in Powder Springs Park with a more impact absorbing surface or repurpose an old building into a youth learning center

Maintenance and beautification of major intersections. Most intersections are not clean. As I sit still at any intersection I can see trash, cigarette butts, debris from car accidents etc. It seems like it would be beneficial to have clean debris free intersections. Perhaps develop an "Adopt An Intersection" similar to 'adopt a mile'

A recycling center that lowers city of property taxes (Kirkwood, Mo)

The amount of trash on the streets is shocking, to me. I get out at the entrance of SSV and clean up trash but that's not enough. I don't have the time, energy or how to dispose of the trashbags to clean up Richard D. Sailor.

Double Railroad Signal hand near Angham Rd and Powder Springs Dallas Rd

Seafood reataurant grant for start up costs

Getting more businesses in the area, something different that we don't already have in the area.

Walkable square with ample parking. Trendy businesses that focus on good food and drinks. I'd also invest in a recycling solution for our community.

I would use it on saving the trees and nature resources.

I would use \$10K to fund a youth engagement program in Powder Springs, particularly for youth interested in one of two paths: 1) Government 2) Entrepreneurship. 8 youth ages 15-22 would be provided \$300 stipends monthly for 3 months (June-August) to shadow and work with mentors who serve in the local city government or local businesses. Youth would be given the opportunity to learn what the day to day is like for city staff and small business owners and their summer project would benefit the city government and local businesses for the long term. Every youth leader would be tasked with a leadership role at Powder Springs' Bringing the Sea to the Springs Festival. The program would begin with a 2 day orientation for the cohort to get to know one another and their mentors and end with a graduation honoring the youth leaders. Budget: \$300 stipends monthly (3 months) to 8 youth leaders - \$7,200 Orientation (meals, venue, swag) - \$1,400 Graduation (food, venue, DJ, certificates) - \$1,400

Please please please DO NOT build anymore housing. There are at least 5 new Subdivisions being built including an apartment complex on Brownsville rd which is going to make traffic in that area absolutely horrible. Please bring in more restaurants and shopping areas so I don't have to go to Hiram for these benefits

I would spend it on an art center that serves as a studio for artists, gallery, and venue for public events

Dog park and disc golf course

More sidewalks for safety and getting around would be huge; most neighborhoods don't have more one sidewalk on the main road, and I have small children and it's hard to get around safely sometimes. ALSO, recycling would be something I would make a huge priority, especially after promising such to the city members.

Expansion of roadways to Better the flow of traffic

Larger Electronic sign in place of existing located on Powder Springs Road, that can be seen in all 4 directions to advertise local business and Community scheduled events.

install a landscape median on areas down Marietta Street to get pass through traffic off of the road; install 'outdoor musical instruments' in the downtown park; remove all the grass/growth along the catch basins and islands to the commercial areas on Sailors Parkway; beautify Sailors Parkway; make sure the lights on the roadways are working; beautify the gateway signs; get the Post Office to fix their signs and clear off their dead landscape growth;

I would have a debris and trash clean up campaign, donate food to local schools for kids of low income, give bonuses to first responders in the area.

More retail space and parking downtown. Apartments downtown not wise.

A "people flow" study which identifies the most common biking and walking routes around the city. This would show where additional bike lanes and sidewalks would be most effective.

Bring more businesses into PS.

Continued investment in downtown powder springs

Build connection points between neighborhoods and the trail system for bicycles. Build dedicated, separated bike travel lanes on roads to major retail districts. Host an international Festival to promote inclusion.

Use the money to preserve the historic character of the downtown area rather than using it to add extreme density, which will likely lead to downtown becoming impassable.

Sidewalk on all of Florence Road. It will stop children from almost getting run over on Florence and open up walking to the Silver Comet trail access to all the houses along Florence, making the properties more attractive to home owners.

Bring back recycling it greatly reduces the amount of trash each family makes and keeps the streets neater on trash pick up days. Put in sidewalks that actually go somewhere. These sidewalks to no where are silly.

Business development education

Feature a community clock in Thurmon Park

I believe homeowners should be held more accountable for the state of their yards. It doesn't matter how much money you have, everyone can keep trash picked up around their homes to make the city look better.

Re-open the youth center and provide volunteer opportunities for the youth and young adults. Create a program that provide life skills that youth lead

sponsor two outdoor concerts

One of my main concerns is wider sidewalks and more lighting for New Macland Road. I see a few people out walking and jogging, and I think more people will invest in their health if the sidewalks are wider and more even (which is also a safety concern). I will also be better for the kids walking to and from McEachern High School. My husband and I would also love to feel safe walking from our home to downtown Powder Springs.

There need to be some type of places for the young people to go to. There also need to be better communication with the people of Power Springs and the city council.

Open a Starbucks

public electric vehicle level 3 fast charging station(s)

Residential recycling and monthly paper shredding opportunities. We had recycling in our neighborhood but it was discontinued due to cost. We have so much more trash now & miss our recycling bin!

Powder Springs used to be cleaner. Now there is trash everywhere. Maybe a community clean up day.

Q5 Any other comments or suggestions about community priorities in Powder Springs?

(42 responses by)



Focus on family activity resources not dog parks

Thank you for the dog park that's in the works!

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We need new business and specifically new restaurants that ARE NOT FAST FOOD.

I can imagine that there is more planning for additional businesses in the downtown area, especially with all the housing! But I do hope that the plans take into account the large increase of car traffic that will occur with all the additional properties being built! The roads are not in the best shape and there will definitely need to be some widening of roads or downtown will simply be a NIGHTMARE!

Continue the investment in the downtown area. Make it an area where there is more activities, welcoming, and morden

Addressing affordable housing for lower income people

Maintain street light infrastructure proactively.

 $More\ attractions\ \&\ businesses\ that\ allow\ families\ to\ get\ out\ and\ enjoy\ themselves.\ A\ renovated\ cleaner\ Kroger\ grocery\ store.$

High occupancy development must prove the creation will not have a negative impact on the value of existing homes or business or property values.

Cap multi family housing, please. They often become rental properties and affect quality of life and housing values.

Just my previous answer..littering and speeding

I think that with the direction it looks like the city is looking to go a significant investment in infrastructure to improve roads, traffic management both vehicle & pedestrian, police services would be wise to support the growth they're looking to achieve. Also the city looks like two different cities the further you get from the C.H. James, i.e. when you're on the Macland Rd or. Dallas Hwy side of Powder Springs it feels completely different from the C.H. James side. One of the draws for us in buying a home in Powder Springs was that it didn't seem overcrowded the way Smyrna feels now. Unfortunately it appears that is going to change given that the plans for medium to large scale apartment buildings seem to be focused in that area. I get that everything has to grow, but pace and quality of growth matters. There are a lot of good examples of cities that have grown well (Suwanee/Woodstock) and managed to keep what made them attractive and those that haven't. Let's not be the latter

Of course we need/want to have really good restaurants... not BBQ or Mexican

Need more restaurant options - NOT FAST FOOD FRANCHISES

Bringing more businesses downtown is great.

Richard D Sailor Pkwy road need paving.

Better traffic management, especially at all way stops.

Focus on bringing more businesses that can funnel ongoing money into the city. Specifically those around food and drink. Non-chain restaurants and cocktail/wine bars instead of the 4+ carwashes in a 3 mile radius of downtown.

Let's get our downtown area back in order as soon as possible

I love this city and would love to become more engaged as a volunteer! Let me know what ways I can participate!

NO MORE NEW SUBDIVISIONS

Less carwashes and fast food chains. More local restaurants

We need recycling pickup services asap

Recycling needs to return with trash pickup or have a very easy to use recycling drop off center.

There has been a lot of frustration in my neighborhood and community about the lack of recycling options coming from the city, especially after promising to have options by the end of 2022 (it's February 2023).

Nope

Please continue Powder Springs curbside pickup reside with pride

Take care of the existing amenities and public areas.

I didn't select property cleanliness earlier because I feel the residential is fine, but some businesses could use some sprucing up, and for goodness sake quit building townhomes, carwashes, and fast food places.

When is Richard Sailors getting resurfaced? It's in pretty sad shape.

Bring back curbside recycling please.

Obtain grant funding to renew and refresh older homes in the community so we can take pride in our city and enhance property values

Quit trying to build a legacy and actually listen to the citizens.

Stop putting up developments and start putting up businesses. If it wasn't for the brewery downtown I would never go downtown as there is nothing there, yet for some reason every day more housing developments are being put in. All the people living in these new houses are just driving to other towns with their business.

Less housing in the immediate downtown area. Dedicate the land to small businesses to draw more people to our little little square.

Great progress! Just complete what has been started

We need more options for music entertainment downtown. Not just r&b but also some country and classic rock.

Community safety like watch program

Have additional parades and bizars

Restrict rental houses (companies come in and buy houses to rent out). Owner occupied houses are better maintained & residents have a greater interest in the community.

Please don't allow any apartments to be built.

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