

Survey Results: Community Needs

 Survey Info - This survey was sent on behalf of Village of Ruidoso to the FlashVote community for Ruidoso, NM.

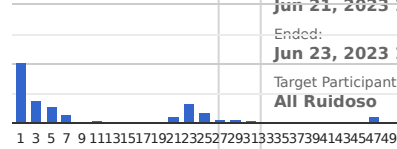
These FlashVote results are shared with local officials

157
Total
Participants

153 of 347 initially invited (44%)
4 others
Margin of error: $\pm 8\%$

Applied Filter:
Locals only
Participants for
filter:
111

Response Time (hours)



Started:

Jun 21, 2023 11:06am MDT

Ended:

Jun 23, 2023 11:00am MDT

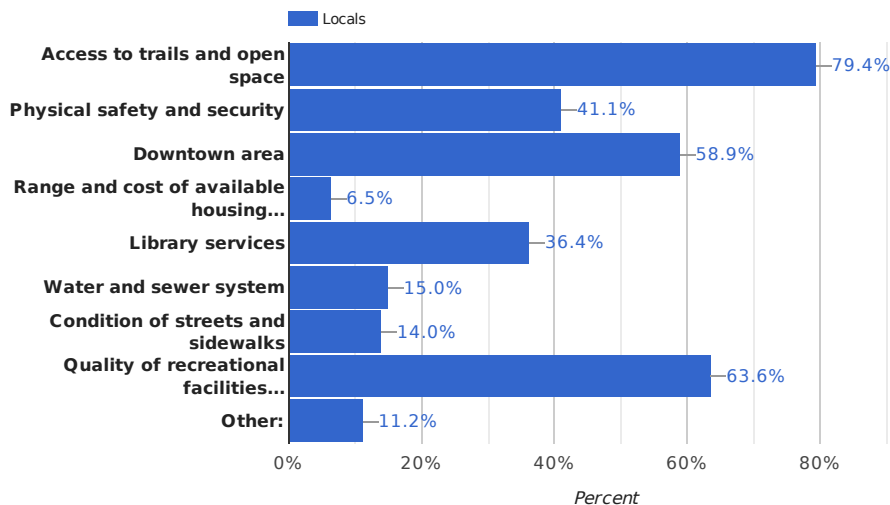
Target Participants:

All Ruidoso

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

(107 responses by)

Options	Locals (107)
Access to trails and open space	79.4% (85)
Physical safety and security	41.1% (44)
Downtown area	58.9% (63)
Range and cost of available housing options	6.5% (7)
Library services	36.4% (39)
Water and sewer system	15.0% (16)
Condition of streets and sidewalks	14.0% (15)
Quality of recreational facilities and parks	63.6% (68)
Other:	11.2% (12)



use walking enjoy life improvement windstream sidewalk etc
 bars
 fix graffiti weather nmdot sign areas
 forest
 quality also need races trail
 repair boxes
 oddly
 clean climate people great
 perfect friendly sudderth signage links
 black hospital restaurants

People also enjoy the races

Great quality of life

NMDOT repair Sudderth/Graffiti on Windstream boxes, signage/Sidewalk clean/fix/Hospital black sign.

None of the above. All areas could use improvement.

Restaurants and bars, entertainment venues, etc.

The National forest

This question is worded oddly. Are you asking do any of the above options need to be strengthened?

WEATHER

Water main breaks are horrible and need to be addressed immediately

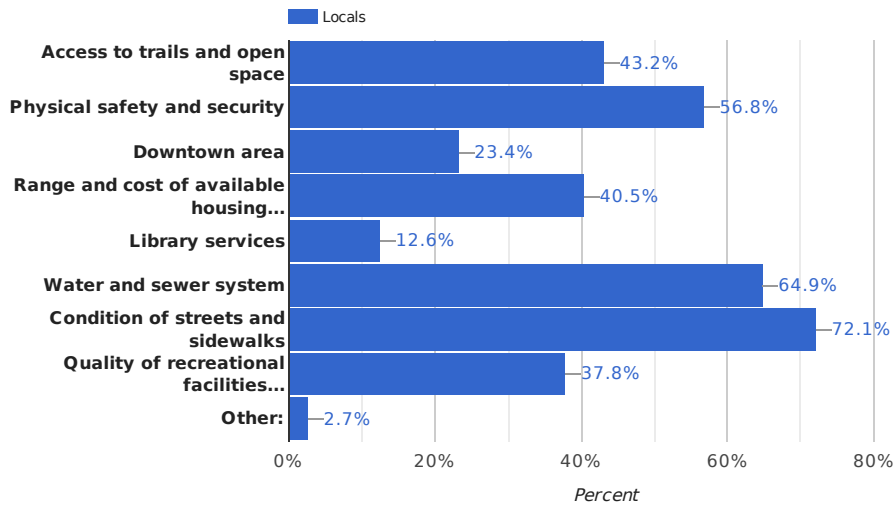
Weather

Wildlife

Climate and scenery

Q2 Which of the following are most IMPORTANT to you, if any? (You can choose up to FOUR)
 (111 responses by)

Options	Locals (111)
Access to trails and open space	43.2% (48)
Physical safety and security	56.8% (63)
Downtown area	23.4% (26)
Range and cost of available housing options	40.5% (45)
Library services	12.6% (14)
Water and sewer system	64.9% (72)
Condition of streets and sidewalks	72.1% (80)
Quality of recreational facilities and parks	37.8% (42)
Other:	2.7% (3)



oeopk roads decent ideal rapidly golf
 pay ruidoso courts alcohol
 focused great responders children
 growing events draw
 limiting courses tourism first
 pickleball additional streets
 inclusivity community sport

Additional Pickleball courts. Ruidoso could be the ideal draw for this rapidly growing sport. Oeopk

Community inclusivity with events not focused on children or alcohol

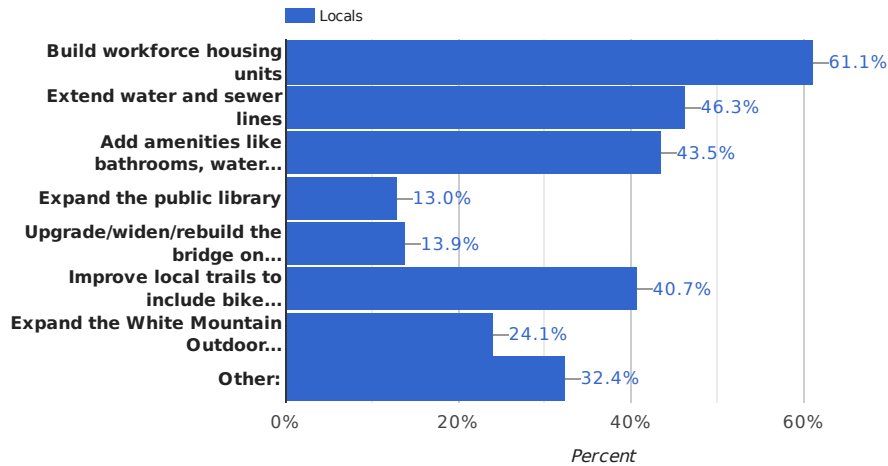
Limiting tourism

Q3 Which of the following projects do you think are most important to invest in here, if any?
 (You can choose up to FOUR, if any)

(108 responses by)

Options	Locals (108)
Build workforce housing units	61.1% (66)
Extend water and sewer lines	46.3% (50)
Add amenities like bathrooms, water fountains, shaded areas to existing parks	43.5% (47)
Expand the public library	13.0% (14)
Upgrade/widen/rebuild the bridge on Gavilan Canyon Road	13.9% (15)
Improve local trails to include bike lanes and paths along public roads	40.7% (44)

Options	Locals (108)
Expand the White Mountain Outdoor Recreation Complex	24.1% (26)
Other:	32.4% (35)



Add a paid parking garage in Midtown instead of restructuring traffic lanes

I would like to see a dedicated walk/bike lane in the Upper Canyon for safety

Add more public art so that it becomes more of an attraction in itself, possibly a sculpture garden

Add quality recreational attractions

Build a youth center/community building for our locals to use. We need to take care of OUR youth!!

Curb AirBnBs to workforce & no more workforce trailers. Too many speeders everywhere!!

Fix manhole divots and patched areas on Sudderth & Meander-

Fix our roads,perk canyon rd. Etc.

Fix roads and increase amount of sidewalks to allow for safe alternate travel

Fix the neighborhood roads. Like Ponderosa Heights or Upper Canyon. Its Hell on my car!!

Fix the roads like Upper Canyon, Brady Canyon, and Porr

Improve roads in existing neighborhoods

Improve side streets and start communicating when street improvements are planned.
Improve the streets, so many need repairs
More lowrent housing for service people that EVERYONE needs. Restaurnts, builders, etc.
More wheelchair accessible areas
Properly repair existing infrastructure, instead of discount Dan mentality while pissing money away
Put money into the Links Golf Course as it is the only public course available
ROADS/RECREATION FOR LOCALS/FIRE SAFETY
Repair the abysmal roads and improve traffic flow.
Repave residential streets torn up by expansion and repairs of sewer system (like in Pinecrest)
Resurface streets and improve sidewalks. (*Brady Canyon Road/Ponderosa Hts*)
Roads, road lines
Smooth the roads.
Stop all the speeders I neighborhood.
Stop charging year-round locals to see nature
The streets!
Tree abatement on Paradise, Gavilan, etc!! Make residents do it so should you all!
Upgrade shopping area, clean up and add flowers like Telluride....
dumb question
fiber optic that's not windstream
fix the roads...too many bumps and potholes
stripe the roads
Not enough low cost housing in good condition, especially seniors who live here permanently
Restrict nightly rentals so affordable housing is available.

Q4 What is a relatively small project, maybe up to \$25,000, that would be really valuable to Ruidoso residents? (Please be specific and realistic enough that your idea(s) could guide future City activities. Low cost and high value ideas are especially interesting)

(63 responses by)

splash space pad activity adult allow use
 path town local events kid bench
 fire new like area road place bike
 around need park street cost
 provide food midtown take truck walking
 speed add trail tourist along sudderth
 people safemoneykeep canyon shade

Line the lanes coming out of the Upper Canyon to Mechem! It's anybody's guess right now!

Wingfield Park is awesome but out of the way. I know space is limited but an area or three on Sudderth in Midtown with picnic tables, restrooms and playground equipment, specifically interesting to the young ones, would allow the adults to take a break between shops and entertain the kids extending shopping trips, adding tourism and commerce. Our tourists get crammed in and exhausted too quickly and puts them in our way of getting errands done. That affects revenue the village needs to keep costs down for the rest of us. It's not that we don't have enough quality parks, it's their locations. The altitude and distance between things here are unforgiving to our mostly Texas crowd. To get from one place to another takes time and usually required driving which adds to the congestion everywhere. Let them relax a little where they are so they're willing to spend more time and money. Utilize multiple floors, rooftops. A well-lit, paved walking trail along the river also sounds amazing.

1. Please hire a code enforcement agent and get some of these neighborhoods cleaned up. More specifically Ponderosa Heights. Some of those places should be torn down and hauled off as they are vacant. White Mountain is another one that looks horrendous.

A park or nice area that is dedicated to food trucks. Spaces for approximately 4 trucks (Village could charge space rent), shade and picnic tables/benches. This could be done very tastefully.

A street crossing skywalk in midtown-

Add Fish cleaning stations at Grindstone and Alto Lakes

Add crosswalks on Sudderth to facilitate safety for tourists.

Add more public art to attract more people to the area. The murals are great but perhaps consider funding more of them or investing in a sculpture or 2.

Adding a park on back side of new parking area in midtown (canning property)

Affordable housing for working people.

Allow food trucks at one of the parks on weekends, provide music

Allow food trucks to operate in permanent locations in midtown. Provide shuttle service to Ski Apache during the ski season.

Better roads on Brady Canyon Road

Bike lanes

Care for wildlife by NOT feeding them!

Community advocacy resource center for small to medium businesses, providing low cost, or no cost, avenues for start-ups. Including real estate, financing, and local investment initiatives.

Community arena for all the horse people, could be used for education with school kids, 4H, FFA activities

Community garden facilities

Compile a database of all activities and events for local business owners could access to understand how to staff and advertise accordingly.

Donation to police force to keep our streets safe.

Fix the worst potholes

Fix walking path around the golf course

Get the Digital Kiosk working in Midtown

Hire someone to enforce cleaning up and maintaining your street front on Mechem and Sudderth.

Improve boat ramp at Grindstone.

Improve the grounds of the dog park

Increased messaging at the north end of town. Maybe an electronic sign where the message can be easily changed as needed. Fire restrictions, water restrictions, community events, don't feed wildlife, etc.

Initiate some form of media that would inform our tourists/visitors of the extreme importance of fire safety in the surrounding area. And prompt law enforcement/fire department to cite violators of all of the fire ordinances in place.

Keep street and road stripping in excellent condition

Maybe a park Downtown where grown ups can rest while kids can and play. Then when rested can finish going through shops. Maybe a place to leave kids at a cost (well supervised), leaving adults the opportunity to shop uninterrupted.

More activities for small children, 1-3 year olds. Splash pad

More benches along midtown. Possibly an area designed and dedicated to hosting food truck events. Games in Wingfield like horseshoes or croquet that people can rent. More shaded areas along midtown and definitely more trash cans. More signage on proper wild life etiquette for visitors Just a few ideas.

More events and spreading the events out

More green space/parks so locals have places to enjoy without tourist takeover.

More parking in midtown

More parking in midtown. Maybe a special lot for locals with a gate that needs a special card to open.....

More public dumpsters and recycling areas.

More recreational activities, such as lazer tag,Ruidoso days, sac runnin,bbq truck,egg races, to raise money for small kid organizations, how about a e sports team?from local teens.

Nothing comes to mind for actual residents

Off road vehicle area

Paths along Paradise and Gavilan Canyon Roads.

Plant trees along the walking path on Cree Meadows.

Put up a Traffic light on Sudderth, and the street that runs by SUBWAY!!!! It's dangerous there right now, not just during the summer months. Solar Lights at White Mt Complex for kids/adults to use in the evenings.

Small dog park sad. Dying Juniper tree, foxtails not picked up. Poor shade. Speeding everywhere when I'm out and about, rarely seeing a cop. Sudderth pink La Terraza (sp) building since '08 disgusting?! Dish building and surroundings disgusting/dangerous wall!! Check Sudderth/Mechem sidewalks fix/clean.

Speed bumps along roads adjacent to parks. I.e. Center, Wingfield, Grindstone.

Speed bumps to discourage speeding as wildlife is plentiful and a wonderful attraction to our tourists.

Splash pad

Splash pad

Splash pad for the kiddos ...

Trailhead development

Update the website or more parking downtown.

Upgrade the equipment at Two Rivers park

Upgrading trails and walkways

Water fountains down town

Wish you could get an upgrade for \$25k. forget that around here. Contractors around here are something else.

You could finish the MANY projects that you currently have. Especially before starting any new ones.

better signage about feeding the wildlife. stiffer penalties and enforcement of litter laws.

not low cost, but underground utilities would stop fires like the last one....there is no low cost.....Ruidoso needs more local housing that cost is reasonable.

speed bumps

More sidewalks/biking paths (much like the new path from Meechum to the library).

Enclosed trash can areas like one at cedar creek or behind alto store for sun valley residents. One drop off spot in different residential areas. Much more efficient and no more ugly trash containers on streets

Many of us use the dog park regularly. It would be nice to have some sort of a pavilion, a paved area under a roof so we would have shade. It would also be nice to have a sidewalk that goes up to the sitting area, it would not only be less muddy, but helpful for those of us who are beginning to have more trouble walking on uneven surfaces.

Painted designated Bike lane on Warrior Drive from Hull to Gavilan Canyon Road to accommodate student and adult bike riders to and from Ruidoso High School and Middle school

Q5 Any other comments or suggestions about community needs or useful projects in Ruidoso?
(44 responses by)



Maybe stock more trout in the streams.

Please don't attempt to fix the paved streets during winter. As everyone is already aware, they are worse since the repairs. I would rather dodge potholes than replace suspension and tires. The damage is unavoidable at any speed. If people are struggling with housing affordability, they can't afford major auto repairs on top of gas prices and other inflation. Ruidoso is notorious for being overpriced but since Covid, the cost of living is truly astronomical. Wasting taxpayer dollars and destroying our vehicles in the process is just shameful. Who wants to live here or come back to visit if simply driving down the streets ruins the experience? The work done isn't just costing us more, it makes us look bad to the tourists. Riding a bike through town is downright scary. It's no wonder the numbers were down during Aspenfest. With the amount of money and intelligence that flows through this place, we can surely make better decisions with what to spend it on.

Additional parking is essential.

Affordable Housing housing housing

Air quality.

Better hours by merchants/restaurants during tourist season.

Better striping of the roads. The existing lines do not last long and are very difficult to see, especially in the rain. Maybe use a reflective paint and a heavier coat than just a quick spray.

City has been promising to renew the walking path around the golf course for over two years but nothing has been done and the path deteriorates more each day. Fix it!!

Community needs lower property taxes

Consider building a indoor pool and diving facility and rock climbing complex . Like the one in Durango this could be used year around by locals and tourists!

Expand tourist attractions on same lines as a Branson type format

Fix the roads the poor people drive. We do the work that keeps the town going

Focus on infrastructure instead of tourism. A tourist industry will not survive or thrive if we keep having water outages, and the roadways are in terrible shape. Parking and traffic flow need significant improvement as well. Also need to promote businesses outside of just Midtown.

Focus on the people that live here year round and pay the taxes...need a community/health center with exercise room, indoor courts, indoor pool, etc. Use this to draw in young families that will support our schools, support staff and increase our quality of life here.

Food truck court

Housing for workers and low-income individuals should be the first priority of the Village.

Housing is a very problematic issue and residents need resources when dealing with substandard and dangerous rental living conditions. The Village must also address ADA requirements when building new infrastructure and make the community accessible for everyone by not installing light poles in the middle of sidewalks, for instance. The practice of filling the highest paying village jobs with friends and associates of the mayor from out of town looks very bad to residents.

Housing is so expensive. Most everyone is on subsidies to afford it but that also severely limits our income so we stay in the limits to keep our apartments, which limits how much we can put into the economy.

Improve trail at Two Rivers park. The segment across Robin Rd gets covered in mud during rainy season.

Lets move forward with the Wingfield Park Master Plan including moving and cleaning the purchasing warehouse. What an eyesore!

Limit the collection of our real estate going to out of town people for making into air bnb. We don't have enough property for locals. This will literally kill the village. Food trucks allowed in town.

More support for food trucks

No

Our community above all else needs affordable housing for the everyday work force.

PLEASE repave the roads in existing neighborhoods. Bike lanes would also be wonderful along paradise Canyon and Gavilan Canyon Roads. Enforce clean up of properties with abandoned and/or neglected housing ALL OVER RUIDOSO. The is long overdue.

Prioritize, locals, and residents for youth activities, instead of external groups

Ruidoso needs to value the local workforce and help.local families. There are not a lot of activities for locals, everything is pushed towards the tourists, which we need, but we won't have a town left if things aren't done for locals.

RuidosoNM is a nice place to live.

So glad I have lived here for 25 years! Thanks for your c9ntinued hard work.

Speed bumps in the residential areas. Lower speed limit to 20

Stay out of the housing business!

Streets and roads are in constant need of repair. There has been a lot of good work done lately but maintenance in the neighborhoods is lacking. Sending one or two men out to patch one specific hole that has been sent in by a resident is terribly inefficient. Put one loader bucket of asphaltic patch dirt on a small flatbed and fix many holes on the same trip.

Village is pretty proactive. Sometimes just too many people! Get forestry to take care of 2 150x150 lots on Dipaolo Street that have never ever been thinned!! Plus the others that there that have only been done once.

Village needs better oversight and transparency

We could use more new and exciting businesses, but we need to provide solutions for the workforce that operates them.

We desperately need sidewalks everywhere, but specifically along heavily used roads like Paradise and Hull.

We have over a million visitors a year- that seems like plenty- instead of focusing on attraction maybe focus on restoration & upkeep-

We need more exposure, for all the great amenities we offer as well as friendly people of midtown.

many of the interior/residential streets need re-paving. set a schedule, make it public, get it done.

remember to include the Gateway area in all advertising, not just Midtown. There are merchants in the Gateway area that are also members of the Chamber but they are often forgotten in terms of advertising Ruidoso.

stop baseball tournaments

the roads are in disarray and need to be improved across town - 3rd world countries have better roads than ruidoso - the water system is in jeopardy in the highwood addition and drastically needs serious infrastructure improvement - the water goes out all of the time - The village needs to focus in on existing infrastructure

The Village should look into how other resort communities are handling the nightly rental/Airbnb business to also create affordable housing options that are not build/funded by the Village itself. Many CO mountain towns have learned the hard way and are putting "rules" in place to make adjustments.

painted designated bike lane on Mecham from Sudderth Drive to White Mountain Drive