

Results: Quality of Life - Living in Truckee

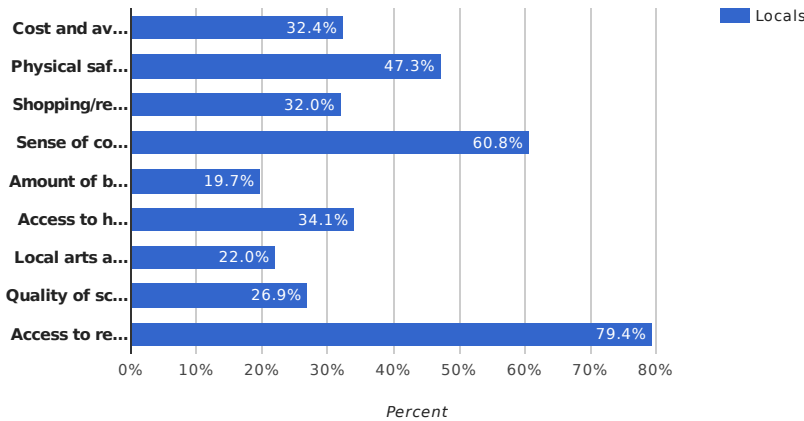
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These FlashVote results are shared with local officials

<h2>639</h2> <p>Participants 629 of 1404 initially invited (45%) Margin of error: ± 4%</p>	<p>Applied Filter: Locals only Participants for filter: 540</p>	<p>Response Time (ho...</p>	<p>Started: Apr 25, 2018 11:29am Ended: Apr 27, 2018 11:03am Target Participants: All Truckee</p>
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Q1 Which of the following aspects of life in Truckee are MOST IMPORTANT to you, if any? (You can choose up to FOUR)
(528 responses by locals)

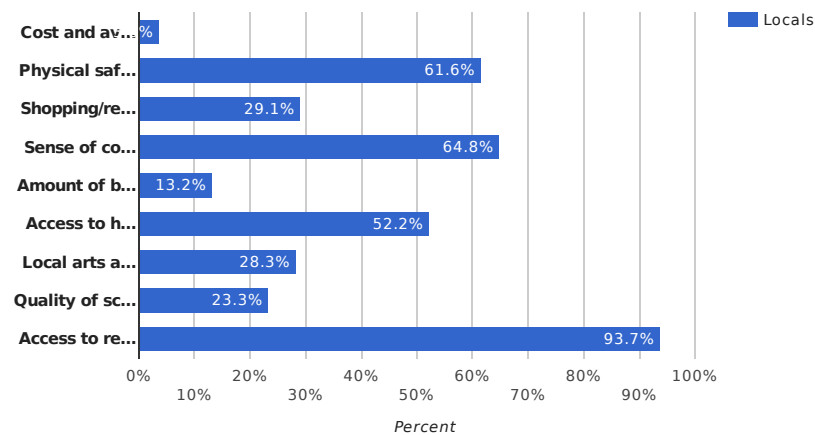
Options	Locals (528)
Cost and availability of housing	32.4% (171)
Physical safety and security	47.3% (250)
Shopping/restaurant options	32.0% (169)
Sense of community	60.8% (321)
Amount of blight (rundown buildings, graffiti, etc)	19.7% (104)
Access to hospital/healthcare	34.1% (180)
Local arts and cultural offerings	22.0% (116)
Quality of schools	26.9% (142)
Access to recreation/amenities	79.4% (419)



Q2 Which of the following things, if any, do you think are a STRENGTH of Truckee? (Choose all that apply)
(523 responses by locals)

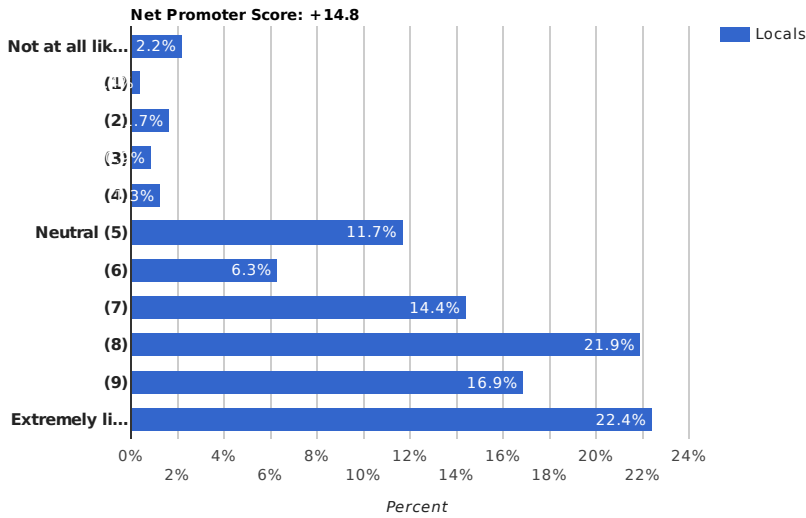
Options	Locals (523)
Cost and availability of housing	3.8% (20)

Options	Locals (523)
Physical safety and security	61.6% (322)
Shopping/restaurant options	29.1% (152)
Sense of community	64.8% (339)
Amount of blight (rundown buildings, graffiti, etc)	13.2% (69)
Access to hospital/healthcare	52.2% (273)
Local arts and cultural offerings	28.3% (148)
Quality of schools	23.3% (122)
Access to recreation/amenities	93.7% (490)



Q3 How likely are you to recommend living in Truckee to a friend or colleague?
(540 responses by locals)

Options	Locals (540)
Not at all likely (0)	2.2% (12)
(1)	0.4% (2)
(2)	1.7% (9)
(3)	0.9% (5)
(4)	1.3% (7)
Neutral (5)	11.7% (63)
(6)	6.3% (34)
(7)	14.4% (78)
(8)	21.9% (118)
(9)	16.9% (91)
Extremely likely (10)	22.4% (121)



Q4 If you could change anything about living in Truckee, what would it be?
(359 responses by locals)

truckee like people better town traffic
develop area house high afford
park options downtown costlive

Unfiltered responses

More paved trails for greater bike and pedestrian connectivity.
Improve the schools through more local control and less control via CA BOE and feds.
More affordable housing and/or more options for higher-wage employment outside of the construction or resort industries, also better transit (more frequent service, service that goes into neighborhoods, service that operates late at night) -- traffic worsens every year and could be addressed by better transit
Accelerate the removal of blighted properties and development of mixed use properties.
Achievable housing for the missing middle would strengthen the Town, so would better broadband internet service, and increased support for local media coverage of issues, radio, print and TTCTV.
Less emphasis on tourism and development; more emphasis on keeping a neighborhood feel. Even for part time residents; who are not necessarily tourists anyway.
Traffic congestion. Counties and developers need to be accountable for the increased traffic from developments and come together for a solution.
Enable the people who work here to live here. Make it possible for people to retire here on a reasonable budget.
More diverse economy and population
Cost of housing
Cost of living
A Trader Joe's store would make Truckee perfect.
More infill, less sprawl
Cost of living and lack of professional level jobs
Better parking areas near the new bike trails. Seems like I have to park in gravel areas.
public transportation needs to be more accessible. cost of living is high.
A wider range of restaurants
Fewer visitors during peak weekends. Roads that allow traffic to get to Squaw and Alpine without going downtown or thru the two roundabouts.

I would work on improving the streetscape in West Truckee through good planning and collaboration with property owners and developers. I would add more paved bike trails. I would implement some kind of resident parking pass. I would keep working on making affordable housing happen. Finally, I would be very careful about which new large development projects are approved. Railyard - yaaay! Infill mixed-use in and near town - yaaay! New subdivision of mansions - maybe not so much.

Control the increase of Short Term Rental properties

with more people come more regulations and with more regulations come more regulators and public officials and those new rules both require higher taxes (to pay for "regulators" and enforcement) and yet may not necessarily make sense for the majority of homeowners who actually own and pay taxes on homes in the area.

Balancing adding affordable housing with preserving the outdoor opportunities

Traffic during holiday/weekends and the run down buildings downtown.

Limit growing congestion ... outside of shoulder seasons, the weekends are becoming unbearable. Striking compromise of tourism and weekend/holiday quality of life surely isn't easy but would be my highest priority.

Clean up of buildings, new businesses, more quality restaurants and more civic activities such as art and music fairs on the week-end. Love Truckee Nights but Thursdays are too hard for us to get too.

The cost to actually live here. I have student loan debt on top of my regular expenses and barely get by with a pay rate much higher than starting rates here.

Affordable Housing

Cost of living!! Opportunity for young locals in a wider variety of fields. Less crowded!!!

BUILDING DEPARTMENT IS UNPLEASANT TO WORK WITH: UNWILLING TO THINK LOGICALLY; MORE INTERESTED IN SPOUTING OUT RULES AND LAWS RATHER THAN GIVING GOOD CUSTOMER SERVICE.

Cost of living

More culture/entertainment options. Music, movies, theater.

More options for casual, affordable dining; more options for innovative (yet affordable) groceries.

Availability and affordable housing

Cost of living. I would reorganize and implement a Town of Truckee tiered home tax/building fee structure program based on the size of a home, income of the family. Versus charging the same fee for a family who wants to build a 1500 square foot home vs. a 4000 square foot home. In addition, create a land trust fund that donates open space for middle-class family homes to level out the cost of homes inventory and create supply.

STR businesses

Less people on the weekends

Reduce cost of housing and fuel. Manage traffic

Stop all the new development, specifically the Railyard Project and Grocery Outlets. Infill development along West River if necessary but don't keep taking away more open space with designs that do not represent what Truckee is as a community.

Better schools, more k-12 choice in education.

More housing and shopping options close to downtown, and completion/connection of trail system.

More reasonable gas prices and more pedestrian and bike pathways/improvements through downtown.

there needs to be more affordable housing so that there is a cross section of individuals/families living in the community

Median income must be comparative to median household price in order for this community to be sustainable. Pay people more or lower housing costs. This is an unavoidable truth.

It would be nice if the Legacy trail was completed along the whole river front. Transportation needs to be a bit better here and I'm up for biking if that trail was completed. We also need more companies in town that can employ people. Not companies with 100+ employees but if we had like 10 companies that could employ 1-20 people in a variety of job types.

The astronomically high cost of living

Increase the self-reliance of its people. Too many in Truckee are looking for the world to take care of them, rather than working hard and taking care of themselves. Our California government willingness to hand out 6+ months of unemployment and Medi-Cal benefits every off season doesn't help. I would love to see a decrease in the flakiness of residents, where everyone is truly working hard together and committed to a better good... not just waiting for the next good deal or handout to arrive.

The growth, I like it because it is a "small" town.

More affordable, low cost housing so that the people that work in Truckee could live here. More/better road circulation so that we are not so highly impacted during high tourist/travel times. More public transportation so we could decrease using cars to get to work etc.

COST and regulations

The exorbitant cost to add on to a small house! Permits

Make access from Donner lake to hwy 89 a priority, and complete a road on the south side of I80.
I chose to make sacrifices to be able to afford living in Truckee. The cost of housing is by far the most significant cost affecting affordability.
Cost of living ... housing, groceries, gas
Put limits on development of open areas. Open space is the primary attraction to our area. Encourage transferring large acreages to public entities that will allow open access.
We would have fewer dogs and people.....
More choices of restaurants and shopping.
Eliminate the bitchiness from Nextdoor.
Fewer short term rentals
Gasoline affordability
Better Transit system and more interconnectivity of bike/walking trails. Ped Bridges over the river and under the tracks. Traffic and parking is a major issue and we need to make it easier for people to use alternative transportation options.
(a) limit housing growth in the area (b) continue to support a robust parks and recreation department (c) improve transportation options to/from Sacramento and Bay Area (i.e. express trains).
More long-term urban planning, which includes pedestrian areas and bike trails and really excellent public transit (Park City has *free* and frequent trolleys and buses, with bike racks!,over short distances in the town core and to outlying neighborhoods, ski hills and shopping options). The parking requirements by the ToT mean that we are devoting a significant portion of our town to parking, and the asphalt that goes with it. If we had public transit that was actually effective, efficient and comprehensive, it would be a desirable alternative to driving and parking. I would like to see us discouraging cars from the downtown core and encouraging biking, walking, and public transit. This aligns not only with our commitment to the environment, but also allows for a less congested, more aesthetic downtown and better community experience. Ultimately, visitors and locals alike are here for the natural beauty Truckee affords, not the parking spaces. Let's be progressive on public transport!
Increased full time employment opportunities driving economic growth
Less development. No grocers outlet on Donner pass road.
Restrict growth. Restrict traffic in and around downtown area. Reduce noise pollution in downtown area
Increase availability of affordable housing.
The expense. There's no justification for the high cost of EVERYTHING. Food and gas should not cost so much more than in Reno or Sacramento. Truckee is not out in the sticks with high transportation costs to bring goods and services. It's on an interstate. I don't "buy local" because the other locals charge me like I'm a tourist. Local loyalty cuts both ways. I'd like to buy local but it's prohibitive.
The availability of housing is very challenging whether renting or purchasing. I would love to have a Trader Jo's in the community rather than a Grocery Outlet. I feel that store will bring the wrong type of people to the area. I was born and raised in Southern California and moved here to get away from the unfriendly people, gangs, graffiti, air pollution and commuting for hours to get to work. I like the small community feel of Truckee and plan my trips to Reno to do specific shopping when needed. I appreciate that the community is careful about growth to keep its charm and cleanliness and I hope in taking steps of progress Truckee never diverts from what draws people here. I do not want it to become overly commercialized like some of the other large ski resort communities around the country.
Better schools with excellent teachers and staff with a drive for high quality education to prepare our kids for the future. New high tech teaching equipment (no more paper worksheets!!), mindfulness training, great counselors, excellent outdoor playgrounds/nature areas, outdoor education, etc. Get kids out of the classroom with field work to explore nature in Truckee.
improve traffic situation
cost of living,
More racial diversity
More affordable housing for long-term renters and for locals to purchase homes.
Housing is a real problem.
More cultural and food shopping opportunities.
stop development
I am worried it might grow too big too fast.
Easier transportation access (i.e. all of the road closures and traffic on 80 is the worst!)
Needs to be upgraded not just status quo
more affordable housing and more professional job options
Reduce holiday population density
Get rid of short term rentals
Greater access to affordable housing

I spend a lot of my time and money in Reno for shopping for everyday items that are not available here. I wish I could spend that money in my local community.

Chamber of Commerce STOP Promoting Truckee as a Destination

Affordable Housing

I would address blight in and near downtown Truckee. Would also increase dining and shopping options as well as "cultural" offerings. For example, Truckee is not a particularly festive place around the holidays. Some lights and holiday-oriented activities would add a lot.

Moved to Truckee 30 years ago, wish it could remain the same! Love hiking with my dogs off the leash and so many people coming from the Bay Area want to bring their rules with them, not Okay!

The availability of affordable housing.

Prices of everything are too high. Including housing, restaurants, gas, groceries, and retail.

cost of living and rentals. luckily we own but I feel horrible for the people that help Truckee run but yet can't afford to live here or can't find anything that meets their needs.

More MFR development. Add 2,000 "upscale" mobile home lots for the \$250k - \$400k buyer.

Affordable housing, no diversity, too much traffic on weekends and tourists raising prices of basic goods. Pay for parking downtown - it is silly and a deterrent. (small)

DOG PARK

Less traffic + local workers living in the community + public transit options

Easier parking downtown

Implement measures to cap growth, grow smart and defend open space as done in Boulder Colorado with the famous Blue Line Plan: http://www.coloradodaily.com/ci_13128555

Have more work opportunities in the Hi-Tech space.

Drop all talk about adding marijuana sales to the mix. It's a bad idea to promote or allow a Federally prohibited drug to be used in the Town of Truckee.

The dense traffic and impact of tourists during the Christmas and July 4th seasons.

Allow short term rental without charging a high tax rate to the owner.

Get a Trader Joe's store

Cost of living

the cost of housing

Improve public transit to ski resorts from Tahoe Donner

Less snow! Obviously not something that anyone can control but I'm from So Cal.

affordable housing...better access.

Better access to doctors. In my experience doctors are not taking new patients or accepting Medicare. If you're lucky enough to get an appointment you may have to wait a few months.

Have a bigger, better public library

Manage impact of short term rentals in the entire city,

Cost of living, free parking, and better consistent public transportation to all neighborhoods and regions of North Tahoe

Extortionist parking fees 7 days a week. Discourages us from going downtown.

Surprise surprise....housing affordability.

I recommend looking at moving the blighted housing on Donner Pass Road near Northwoods Blvd and regentrifying the area across from the high school.

An indoor and/or outdoor theater for larger bands and live music. Better public transportation, roads, or something to fix the winter ski traffic.

More available housing for the middle class. Eliminate vacation rentals. Limit the time that they can be rented as vacation rentals to between 14 and 30 years. Those of us that live in residential areas should not have to live next door to a hotel.

Provide more public parking/shuttles. Secure a lot downtown for a 3 story parking structure (one below ground). Possibly the lot on Jibboom across from post office

More public transport from villages to downtown and ski slopes

Limit Transient rentals. (Short term vacation rentals) Treat them as hotel, motel, B&B commercial businesses. Turn Jibboom or bridge street into a pedestrian (no cars) zone. Create a better way to access West River Street from commercial row.

More careful consideration when approving house developments, new stores and or giant supermarkets in order to preserve the small town like atmosphere. Please do not make Truckee another bay area city/town.

Stop the proliferation of roundabouts

I feel that Donner needs to have the people that don't take care of their house do so. It's not fair that some homes are kept up and others are not. And put the lines under ground would be nice

More affordable housing especially for those who work here.

Even out the disparity between standards of living...improve the low cost housing and limit or tone down the mega-million dollar building.

Less focus on Tourists and their money.

I would want housing to be more affordable so that people could establish lives here and contribute to the community in some way.

Get a decent grocery store, like Raley's. Be stricter about night sky compliant lighting. Be stricter about enforcing leash laws.

more affordable housing Better public transportation

Traffic safety at the intersection of Northwoods and Northwoods from runaway vehicles sliding on icy roads

More affordable housing for that actually work and live in Truckee.

life is good

Affordability. Availability of parking downtown.

Get a Trader Joe's to open a store.

End short term rentals

High cost of gas.

add high density / affordable housing near downtown

Improve Town enforcement of laws

Get rid of Suddenlink in favor of Xfinity. Internet connection service is unreliable, but essential for my job. No internet = low productivity for me and compromises my income stream.

Reduce the bureaucracy. Liked it better when it was a sleepy little cowboy town - getting too upscale for me.

Get rid of short term rentals; they do nothing to forge a sense of community. Community relations are better when you know your neighbors.

Traffic mitigation

Better housing, stronger central core, more diverse dining, and more walking, biking and public transit

Cost of living (food, gas, dining, etc)

Health care / insurance options very limited. High ratio of unoccupied to occupied homes in my neighborhood. Wider range of grocery shopping (would love a sprouts, or trader Joe's.)

Lower cost high speed (i.e., >50 Mbs) internet service. Currently the only high speed internet service is through Suddenlink and because they are the only ones offering it, they can charge a lot (\$90+/month)

Better shuttle system

Limit growth, limit size of government, enforce speed limit in Tahoe Donner, get more cable and internet choices

Strictly enforce speed limits in neighborhoods and around town.

Cultural offerings, housing for the missing middle

Affordable Housing. Change of culture due to Martis Valley.

Parking meters, Lack of a heart unit at the hospital that can do angioplasty

Eliminate short term rentals and cannabis grow houses in residential areas.

We have chosen to live in Truckee because of the lifestyle as retirees. We do have grand children here do we are very interested in their education and safety.

Add a movie theatre

More permanent, good paying employment opportunities.

Try to have more affordable housing.

Cost of living and overcrowded.

Cost of living and salaries.

Make it easier to walk around Truckee. More sidewalks, a pedestrian/bike underpass at the railroad tracks at downtown area near Bar of America so that you can walk over to the West River side of town. This would immediately increase retail options and pedestrian traffic on that side of old Truckee.
Affordable housing options would make life in Truckee just about perfect.
Cost of living / housing is really growing out of proportion of wages.
More connectivity for biking as transportation without having to be on roads. It's scary on them...
I would never recommend anybody move to Truckee because housing is already at a premium so that would just make it worse. Or housing is a must and should be given first dibs two people currently living up here.
Cost/availability of housing
The NUMBER ONE issue regarding Truckee is the proliferation of short term rentals. Turning residential neighborhoods into motel zones is definitely impacting the quality of life.
Less tourists, 2nd home owners
Keep working on the affordable housing concept. My husband and I make \$200k a year and buying is still a stretch for us.
Lack of Diversity - cultural and economic
Short term rental market is overloading the infrastructure during peak season. I would very much like to see it phased out residential areas or at leSt addressed with fines to both the renter as well as landlord like south lake implemented to address noise
More affordable housing.
More trails.
I would make sure that the snow plows go ALL THE WAY UP TO THE TOP OF SKISLOPE WAY!!! We are often ignored and the plows don't come at all, or they come very late. NOT ACCEPTABLE!
Availability and cost of housing.
The number of multiple home homeowners there are that grossly inflate the real estate market. It's out of hand that after 14 years of owning a home I cannot move out of the house I live in and buy another one of equal value. Even the estimated value of my house is over inflated in my opinion. I'd be willing to sell for less if I could make a lateral move but it's financially impossible. That's simply ridiculous.
Reduce number of second homes and increase mid-range housing and low-cost housing for local employees.
Introduce a noise level restriction on all activities max 80db Bloody parachute operation!!! Consistently & repeatedly operating @ 100 dB all summer unacceptable!., Light pollution The stars do not shine brighter in Truckee any more "railyard project" Improve the traffic flow join the small number of roads & gates to allow perimeter traffic flow! Put a ban on any commercial scale marijuana growing within TOT
More reasonably priced eateries that are fine dining.
The town of Truckee building process and costs are ridiculous. It drives up the cost of housing. We built a \$700,000 house and all of the fees and permits were \$52,000.
Housing is a BIG problem. 36 years in the basin and I was forced out to Truckee. It opened my eyes to what was lost in the basin over time. We lost the community. I would not move back, I'm loving Truckee because of the community. Hold on to it with everything you have. Stop the rental blight.
Too expensive
The tourism has impacted the cost of living and also the quality of life for the locals. It's gotten to trendy and hip for it's own good. Sad!
More affordable housing and better enticement for weekday tourism.
Affordable housing, there is no where for the service industry employees to live. Everyone deserves to live and work in this beautiful place and not all of them can afford to purchase a house.
less weekend crowds
The high cost of housing. People who work in Truckee should be able to live here.
Less traffic
Better traffic enforcement (speeding and street parking) in the neighborhoods. Most streets have little or no speed limit signs. With the large number of part time residents, renters and service people this is becoming a key issue.
More affordable housing options
more services for disabled and seniors
We need a shift to a support system for businesses that are not traditional bricks and mortar or construction.
please limit further large development. Traffic has become almost intolerable during busy times of year [holiday periods]
Get rid of the cracks across the road on the biking routes around Tahoe Donner. At least one foot free of the crack would be enough.

traffic has become unbearable. Affordable housing is non-existent, mainly because the city and county have raised the fixed costs so much that there is not incentive for builders to build starter homes. \$800k+ homes will not be turned into long term leases.

Improve transportation to ski resorts. Traffic during ski season has been terrible for many years.

Free parking options downtown. All parking downtown is pay (now) except for a lot on Jibboom that has signage saying you can park there free after April 15, but it isn't open (it is now April 25). I hardly ever go downtown anymore. Parking is a pain and running a quick errand is almost impossible.

more types of housing options at a variety of income levels...not just expensive

High taxes, high gas prices (totally out of line within 60 miles of any stations in Truckee). Some of the roads are in deplorable shape. Parking has only been made worse by what is available, especially in Brickelton.

More traffic/crowd control, easier/better access to Squaw/Alpine Meadows, more bike-friendly roads

Improved walkability from Sierra Meadows/Brockway Road into Town (sidewalks, trails) Affordability/Cost of Living More arts and culture events that highlight diversity

Improve the rate of pay or income level, to be comparable to SF/Bay Area because that's what it costs to live here.

Keep low cost housing away, preserve our mountain community at all costs, stop building excessively, roads are too crowded now and our infrastructure is not there to support it

More better paying jobs for residents.

Need more restaurants

Bring a higher end grocery store like Whole Foods

Put limits on STRs in neighborhoods - we are not a business district. Actually enforce speeding - and not just targeting mid week locals. Tourists are ridiculous.

Fewer short term rental to provide more housing for local workers

Lower cost of living

Reduce traffic speed and noise on Northwoods Bl. Parking meters are a hassle - inconvenient

Don't like paying an HOA fee for living in Tahoe Donner. Would rather not pay the fee and not use any of their amenities.

Keep a good balance for all to enjoy the town.

Lack of downtown parking Too much development downtown without regard to parking and traffic. Too many concessions to developers. Developers renegeing on employee housing commitments.

Public transportation to all the subdivisions, in order to commute to work and town. Our centralized town area too many cars, congestion, not enough parking.

Cost of living

More vibrant arts scene

Dogs are out of control on trails (legacy) and in neighborhoods

Less traffic, or at least better traffic flow. Less aircrafts, especially jets. More bike trails, especially along 89 to Squaw where the river trail begins.

Improve the roads enough to accommodate the tourist traffic.

Cost of housing

Property costs/rental costs especially for the minimum wage earners.

More affordable housing

I would like to see more river clean up and access, and extending the Legacy Trail

Slow down development, it is out of control in my opinion. I realize if a property is zoned for development, the owner has a right to develop it. However, I don't believe our current infrastructure can handle the pending projects that have been approved. Gridlock and no parking is not why I live here and as a result we are looking at moving, I have been here 25 years and my wife was born here. Truckee is not going in the direction we feel benefits our community.

Cost of housing. Young families need to be able to buy and rent homes unless we want to become the next aspen. The town should start by implementing progressive accessory dwelling unit policies. Tiny homes as single ADUs are now allowed in Fresno, despite state zoning laws- why not here?

traffic controls, speeding in local communities, piss poor attitude that recent locals think they own the community, and disrespect the seasonal tourist

Stop trying to be Aspen and think more about locals than wealthy visitors.

Better long term decision making on the part of the Town Council. All the values, open space and access to recreation is being chipped away. Decisions seem to be more for the benefit of businesses/ developments with deep pockets instead of staying true to the vision and values of Truckee.

Affordability. But that doesn't seem likely.
Stop building condensed housing
More full time residents
lower housing costs
Lower cost of living (day to day costs) and get contractors that don't rip you off.
The cost of housing needs to be lowered since pay is low. Get rid of Airbnb/one to two night rentals. 3 days or more. Finding housing is difficult especially if you have an animal.
Less crowded during Holidays
Live in an area that did not have a Home Owners Association
Affordable housing. More rental units.
Lack of integration between Hispanic and rest of community
Down town parking/improved recycling (meaning accept more recyclable items) traffic flow during high tourist periods
Cost of living is high and families are moving to Reno.
Cost of healthcare.
Congestion both on the streets, at events and at stores. Seems half of the Bay Area comes to Truckee some weekends.
All businesses would support local nonprofits and everyone would support the arts, so that we can grow into a healthy arts-rich community, with our community valuing arts and culture, not one where art still has to "compete" with sports. The town needs to work together with the school district to build a 4,000 seat theater on TTUSD property that would be a feather in everyone's hat and generate funds. Truckee needs ONE online calendar source to go to for events. The competing events are a huge problem. I know that's not one idea, but all of these are equally important.
Dog owners allowing their dogs to roam unattended
Cost of living, traffic, aggressiveness when crowded, too much tourism
Affordable rental housing in Truckee is in crisis. I am a homeowner and live here year round. But I also work in management of an independently owned business and it is near impossible to hire employees for 2 reasons. Little to no housing available and high cost of living
Attitude of "locals" ~ People who have been here 5 to 50 years who are anti-tourism, anti-Downtown, just plain mean and rude.
More diversity of people. more affordable housing.
More access to affordable housing options or decreasing the number of homes used for short term rentals.
Having housing available for the locals to be able to live in the community and not commute
Future real estate development.
Less VRBO's and more affordable housing options.
Better job opportunities/pay
Control of growth, affordable housing, limit short term rentals, clean up downtown shanties
Can't really think of anything.
Change the parking fee to the first hour as free then charge after the first hour.
Affordable housing including apartment complexes, duplexes and other small affordable by design units not covered under state or federal affordable housing.
Allow cannabis lounges
Shuttle service
Cost of living and fewer tourist people
Cost of living and availability of housing for middle income individuals (1 or 2 bedroom apartments that are not designated for low income)
I always recommend Truckee to good-hearted people, but keep the nasty ones out of here and stuck in the traffic on the 101. I would love to see the entire town be a safe sanctuary for bicycle riders and a richer offering of arts and culture.
Need a convenience store and gas station at corner of 89 and 80
Vote out conservative factions that have no inclusive sense of community
Cost of housing. Availability of long-term rentals. Limitation on short-term rental properties. Off leash dogs.
Get rid of parking meters-a lot of us do not go downtown because of them. Town council shouldn't spend our tax dollars on sculptures everywhere. The landscaping looks fine. Traffic is an issue!

Work with the town and counties to place less emphasis on sprawl and development. When is the amount of development enough? Fast track policy to reduce the cost of living for locals, regulating AirBnB's, allowing secondary dwellings, incentivize secondary dwellings.

traffic

Affordable housing Maintain its appeal.

airport noise

Housing availability and storefront availability for businesses

More sidewalks and walkability. More curbs. More outdoor eating and drinking downtown. Work with the railroad to develop more space downtown including the other side of the tracks. More trails. More bike paths. More access to the river. Safer bike lanes along busy roads. More open space preservation. Fewer chain stores and more independent retailers and coffee shops/bookstores. Discouragement of outlet stores.

regulating the air bnb and verbo type rentals. The over use of short term rentals makes Truckee a party town instead of a community.

High prices on gas, food, and housing

traffic during holiday weekends and summer. Downtown parking fee.

Attitude: everyone should respect each other and more importantly respect our natural environment

Reasonable housing availability, more lines, underground utilities

Continue or expand arts and community events in Truckee, manage the housing situation in order to support more affordable housing (too skewed towards second homes or higher end of the spectrum), continued support of schools, but expand support for youth activities.

More ways to get to/from Truckee from Bay Area = trains, buses, etc...

Just the blight! More workforce housing.

Access to healthcare insurance plans. Currently, the options for healthcare insurance plans are minimal and this makes no sense to me. We apparently have awesome doctors and facilities but only one or two insurers.

1. Provide builders more opportunities to create medium or high-density residential living solutions for low-wage workers. 2. Make it easier for homeowners to build accessory units on land to provide more options for renters looking for housing.

More diversity in the population

cost of living

more entertainment options; movie theatre, bowling alley, etc. Also, restaurants that cater to families.

Cost of housing, gas prices, lack of grocery stores, things for teenagers to do besides sports and recreation (places for them to hang out), ENFORCING THE LEASH LAW

I wish certain groups in our community would stop complaining about lack of opportunity and call things the way they are. Truckee isn't perfect but it's SUPER awesome. It takes a lot of sacrifice to make it happen here (career, housing, family, etc). Those who complain about the inherent challenges of living in such a desirable area sound like a bunch of privileged elitists frustrated that they can't live the dream. Suck it up and work harder, take risks, and follow a good leader (or lead yourself); everyone can make it happen in Truckee.

A general plan that is focused on downtown, traffic efficiency, alternative energy and NOT sprawl. I would also make it more walkable: between West River, 1882 and gas station intersection: pedestrians are not safe and it is confusing to have sidewalk closed on one side of railroad tracks, but then no crosswalk to get over the open side.

To have more work force housing for our Service Industry workers. Restaurants/Retail/Mountain workers. Traffic Mitigation during Peak Tourist periods.

more affordable housing, less commercial development

more mass transit to ski areas, utilize amtrak to bring tourists in, cheaper tickets.

Improve bike friendly roads, paths and lanes. Improve recycling capability. Enhance ability for more clothing retailers in area. Most shopping has to take place in Reno.

2 things: Less costly housing options and an improved wildfire safety strategy. Our very expensive real estate is at high risk of burning down. The insurance companies know this and are cancelling policies all around town.

More affordable housing. Stop building mega mansions that stay empty 90% of the year.

If we are going to add a grocery, please do not add a Grocery Outlet, bring in a Trader Joes!

Affordable housing.

Slow down growth, especially sprawl

Wish it was in Nevada to avoid the CA taxes and regulation.

It's too expensive to actually live here. There are too many SF 2nd homeowners that drive up the prices of homes for those of us who live and work here.

Traffic

More affordable housing and dining
Too many people!
More frequent passenger rail service between Sacramento/Bay Area and Truckee
More affordable housing options
We need much more affordable housing.
have more public transportation to ski resorts
More restaurant and cultural options would be appreciated. Encourage local small business development in all comercial parts of truckee. Affordable housing is a major problem but I'm lucky enough tonown a house. Continued emphasis on paved and I paved bike trail connectivity.
Continue improvements downtown and along River. Replace junky, rundown buildings. Better specialty clothing boutiques. Add a movie theater.
Target, Trader Joe's, Home Depot. All the things we need but have to go to Reno for. Mountain Hardware is very expensive and they don't have a huge selection of, say lighting or flooring. New towels or sheets. I know everyone wants to keep the small town feel, but think of all the tax dollars this would bring.
lower property taxes
Eliminate or strictly control and manage Short Term Rentals. These activities disrupt, disturb, cause problems for local permanent residents and communities.
More high level job opportunities
Free parking downtown for locals.
It would be great for housing to be more affordable, but I am not sure how to make that happen
Cost of housing and less development
cost of housing
More cultural/art/concert/play options. Currently go to Reno or Bay Area for some of these things.
I recommend living in Truckee IF you can afford the housing.
That it would be easier to link into the community. It's very isolating, since there are so many "second" homes. I can't find ways to connect with other locals.
Traffic
Cost, availability, and dependability of service/repair people.
Stronger Community. More welcoming to diversity (still predominantly whites).
Enhanced downtown area that somehow takes advantage of the rail road frontage while adding stores and restaurants on that side of Donner Pass Road.
The influx of development which includes the so called improvements that have now forever changed the historical, visual, and old character of our town. One could now ask, "What the hell happened to Truckee?"
More full time, long time residents
More cultural forums, improved downtown development (the town needs to make it affordable for developers to tear down or upgrade the run-down downtown buildings (e.g. west river street, brickletown, etc) to improve our town's aesthetic
Great place to live
The number of second homeowners, it changes the balance of the community and causes an artificial increase in property values. I do not like the overly conservative attitude of our town council during the cannabis dialogue. It bordered on paranoia.
Is it possible to change costs associated with living here (housing, rent, food, gasoline, community services (electric, water, sewer)???? And those things that can be purchased...Reno?
Allow "open market" apartments to be built instead of these "income restricted" ones where people have to make less than poverty level income to qualify. Truckee barely has any apartment complex options to choose from. Apartments are the rest of the country's definition of "affordable housing."
Rather than having to go to Reno to get adequate prices, adequate prices in Truckee!
Improve Internet connectivity options for better remote working
Me moving up to Truckee as a permanent resident
Better control of noxious activity (trash and clippings bags)
Stop telling everybody what a great place it is!!
wages that support the cost of living here

Access to department stores
More affordable housing
need more affordable housing need more community events
Stop building large box stores! Build affordable housing
I have lived in Truckee for over 30 years and been happy with most of the progress I've seen come about. Unfortunately, the cost of living and lack of community (its a charade and superficial) will prevent us from retiring here. I also have heard from visitors how entitled and resort-like Truckee has become and that is not a compliment.
West River St. needs renovations on most of the buildings which will hopefully tie together the downtown area. This includes the empty lots or buildings like the ones Diego's used to be in. A connection from downtown over the tracks to West River St. would be great.
Broader economic base. Fewer extremely high-end housing developments.
more diverse economy---to strengthen middle class
I would like to be able to drive my golf cart from Pine Forest to Gray's Crossing and Tahoe Donner golf courses. I would like to see the various bike and walking pathways completed.
Affordable housing
Better traffic flow when traffic stopped on 80 during snow storm
The cost of living is so high!
Stronger higher education presence. More diverse economy with greater variety of job opportunities.
More signage of clean up after your pets.
Make the utility companies like the sewer district more responsive to and respectful of property owner's rights and the importance of preserving the natural landscape. Its manager is abusive.
More affordable housing, better roadway network/transit system
Year round farmers market - like food hub store! A restaurant with healthy food that is reasonably priced - like Laughing Planet Public transportation that works An actual stadium with lights at the highschool Affordable housing - both rentals and owned for workers Town willing to allow secondary units on properties - they are ridiculous Clean up west river st - its embarrassing and a total waste of our precious river
Allow in law units with kitchens.
Encourage more housing by working with HOA's to allow second dwelling units
more convenient, better and affordable transportation from Bay area (air, train highways)
Somehow develop affordable housing for the workers
Not something easily done but my main concern these days is how crowded, traffic infested and invaded by entitled wealth CA residents
fewer STRs
Affordability of housing
Housing costs are too high, and options limited, to create a diverse, vested, full-time community.

Q5 Any other comments or suggestions about living in Truckee?
(172 responses by locals)



Unfiltered responses

- Work collaboratively with neighboring jurisdictions like Placer County to come up with 'regional' public transit solutions like development of park and ride facilities.
- The Follies is the coolest local production anywhere.

Think the town of Truckee is working too hard to "develop" in an effort to increase their tax base. In the long run, it will make Truckee much less desirable and will end up hurting the people who live there.

Stop developing every empty space. Open space is very valuable.

I like that public officials are available and open to input.

So many white people!

I feel blessed every single day to live here!

Great place to live

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

Move our city/town building from Placer county to Nevada county.

what about a Truckee heritage day where we celebrate the history of Truckee.

Long Term rental housing needs to be addressed. New developments should be required to build out their required lower cost housing requirements before completing their market rate units. Possibly a subsidy, funded by transit occupancy tax, could be paid to owners of STRs who change to long term rental.

I was born and raised here and would very much like to stay here.

It's paradise -- not always easy, not always cheap, but I couldn't imagine myself anywhere else!

Great community, but cost of living is too high.

Continue to support community events. Be a welcoming community . Reduce housing costs by increasing options!

A grocery outlet store across from Safeway is a really bad idea

Don't come up here without expecting to work at least one full time job, with a huge dog and expect to find somewhere cheap to live and then complain about your entitlements you're not getting.

In regards to education - It would be nice to work with Sierra College on implementing certificate programs. For example, a person living and working in Truckee can take night program to get a certification in public relations, marketing, photography, writing, real estate, management, etc.

Nope, love the town, I would say that while housing is not a personal concern of mine, it is a concern of mine on behalf of the town.

Median income must be comparative to median household price in order for this community to be sustainable. Pay people more or lower housing costs. This is an unavoidable truth.

Stop trying to turn it into Disney Land for just the tourists, and leaving locals screwed

Transportation... we need to focus on transportation. We are one of the only mountain resort towns, where you need a car to survive, let alone thrive. We need a free bus system that connects neighborhoods with the main spurs. It needs to run every 15 minutes to be useful. It needs to run all day and all year, even the "off season". One more thing... I would like to see the town of Truckee stand on it's mission and important pillars, not a political footing. I am one of the few registered republicans in the town, one that provides tremendous economic and personal support to the town, yet the town leaders frequently make me feel unwelcome. The good news is, I'm a resilient California conservative... I'm used to being outnumbered and disagreed with;)

Continue and expand shuttle services for Truckee Thursday and large events! Also place porta potty's along Donner lake rd for 4th of July! The areas in front of the sewer lift stations could easily handle 4/6 at each location, helping to ensure the visitors don't use the lake and it's surroundings as a toilet.

I love truckee

Limit the number of dogs a person can own. Have free parking downtown. We would quit trying to market our town and just make it a good place to visit.

Truckee is severely lacking more options for housing. Rather than so many \$ multi-million houses and high-end neighborhoods there should be more apartments and affordable housing and workforce accommodations.

Surprised that traffic and ways to mitigate traffic didn't find it in to this survey.

reduce town bureaucracy

Awesome location. I like being in a small(ish) town.

Lower prices for food and gas. More cultural and art options and better restaurant options like a healthy soup and salad restaurant.

Love living here!

Great place for outdoor recreation.

Keep the small town charm. Once that is gone, you cannot bring it back.

Turn into first class area

Beautiful community and lovely place to live

Fantastic place for the outdoors athlete. Buy a house now because real estate is only going in one direction.

I wish there was a way for locals to have free parking in downtown. Shoulder season is wonderful because there is always parking available but not so good for the businesses. I understand both sides of the full time resident versus occasional tourist debate - wish there was a way everyone can be happier!

Town Council and Planning Commissioners LISTEN to the Truckee residents about Changes

I do love it hear and thought we would retire here, but it is getting to be too expensive and too crowded.

Expand the TART into Glenshire

Thanks

A bus system on par with most of Utah and Colorado mountain towns. It's impossible to get around Truckee (the most spread out mountain town in the US) without a car. Start with a Glenshire to Truckee to Airport route.

Hard to get a doctor if you're over 65

Affordable housing

Terrific health care, esp. for a rural area

Truckee is an awesome place -

Support and encourage adding to the housing stock, at all price points, without burdensome disincentives such as deed restrictions on resale or overly burdensome exactions. Stay well away from the whole anti short-term rentals dogma that's becoming all too common in our press and among misinformed folks. STRs are not the problem, vacant second homes are closer to the real issue, with expanding the overall housing stock/supply is the answer. Indeed, STRs feed into our economy in an important, indeed vital way. The revenue from TOT collected by the Town is a valuable revenue stream. The money spent by STR tourists can be found in our bars and restaurants, retail shops, entertainment (both outdoor and indoor), and well beyond. The hotel rooms existing and planned could never backfill the loss of STRs as a lodging option. The restriction of STRs would do untold damage to our local economy, jobs, wages, and the attractiveness of our region as a positive vacation option.

town is too fancy. salting the roads all the time etc.

Need more access to doctors

Lived here 15 years. Great place. Traffic mitigation, school upgrades and planned developments are fine too.

It has become too "Aspenized". Community needs more livable wage jobs

The redevelopment plan for the railyards is a good balance of meeting current needs and adding relatively affordable housing. Keep up the "affordable housing first" policy - we have enough housing for the wealthy. One other thing - do not ignore the risk of creating a bear-in-trash problem such as Lake Tahoe associated with the Town's commitment to mechanized trash/recycling collection.

Appreciate efforts of law enforcement & emergency personnel, especially on crazy weekends with crowds and traffic!

Utility costs are awfully high

Affordable housing for workers is in crisis, need to address that issue. Several developments where approved on the condition on providing affordable housing, but did not have enforcement clauses by the town.....come on people!!!!

The CITY of Truckee does not represent its constituents, only the money that development and tourists promise.

Protect the open space... just because there can be a development does not mean there should be.

The best is the environment , which you have not mentioned. Shame !

I find it amusing that so many people move here because they love it, then immediately go about trying to change the Town into a place that is more like where they moved from.

nope

Goal of zero littering.

we have a great mayor

It's great!

Need to develop more housing for workers, lower income and individuals living on a fixed amount of income.

Traffic problems

No more subdivisions for STR's. Minimize new commercial enterprises; how many grocery stores do we need. Who is looking out for our local citizens?

More grocery stores please. Movies? Bowling?

All events on one calendar

Love the natural beauty and access to it.

Present campaign marketing Truckee as a basecamp for adventure is rapidly destroying all the things that make Truckee a great place (but it sure is bringing a lot of money to town).

Do away with VRBO's ann grow houses

Small town with amazing amenities..
Truckee is a great place to live, if you can afford it.
We love it here!! We need another large supermarket, Safeway is killing us!!
Housing is the only and main issue. We love this place and it's scary that if her landlord decided to sell we might just have to leave because theres nothing for rent here.
Keep investing in bike paths, trails, access to trails (including parking in winter) and open space! It's why we all live here!
Great place to live during the summer! You have access to a multitude of recreational venues. It's a short distance from Reno.
Planning Department and the City Council needs to look at the Town through the eyes of the permanent residents rather than always catering to the tourists and 2nd home owners . We need to have a base population that can sustain services to the visitors rather than importing employees from Reno.
I would like more control over loose dogs. It's only a matter of time till a bicyclist who is going way too fast down Skislope Way hits a dog or swerve to avoid hitting a dog, and that could be deadly for both. Cars are endangered, too.
Continue to seek & hear & listen to people who actually reside here
Paint the lines on the round a bouts more often and have flashing yield signs as you enter round a bouts.
Truckee has a good "live and let live" attitude. Let's not lose that, we don't need lots of regulations and laws. Let the bay area entitled and over needy sensibility stay in the bay area.
No
I'm pretty tired of Truckee Thursdays. They just block traffic, have a chaotic atmosphere and have lost their freshness. Please elimiate them.
ToT needs to be more resident friendly
good police force and fire dept. [feel safe in our town]
Its a beautiful area that is getting congested and big projects like Squaw Valley will negatively affect Truckee and the surrounding area.
This is a terrible place to be a vegetarian!!
I love Truckee!
Trickee's air quality, trails and lakes are awesome!
Keep low house cost housing away, preserve our mountain community, stop building and improve the existing infastructure before moving on
I think there is a relatively strong sense of community, especially given there are so many visitors and part time residents. I think this is key to building a safe, connected, economically thriving community.
It's the most beautiful place I've ever lived and the people are super friendly.
Lack of availability of lower cost housing that is required for artists.
Public access to tennis courts
Have good public transportation to and from SF
I totally support removing traffic signals and replacing them with either nothing or traffic circles. I do NOT support more houses in the high end price range. Local employees can't even afford to live here anymore.
We enjoy living in a diverse community. I would like to see more oppourtunities for middle to lower income people to actually live in the community
More concerts
Great during shoulder season but the powers that be want more special events. That takes away the season most of us live here for.
Fix the traffic problems.
Limit expanding
Increase in local work force. Make Truckee affordable to all workers
Make affordable condo/apartment that aren't just for single family, under poverty. Build apartment complex for anyone and allow pets with additional fee.
Eliminate the civic points part of these flash votes. It's not about who has time to compete surveys or who has the most points, it's about treating others fairly, with kindness and being part of our community. Having more points doesn't make you a better person and doesn't mean you're a better for our community. It just means you've done things that earn you points. The points system just seems like a scheme to try to get people to vote by shaming them into getting involved. I'd rather have people vote becuae they want to do the right thing.
Short term rentals are getting out of control.
Nope! Love it here! Just took me 11 months to find a rental.
Need another grocery store

No. I love it here.

The affordable housing thing could probably be solved if there was faith renters would take care of second home properties. Having been a landlord in the past, there's no way I'd rent my cherished home to anyone. I worked too hard for it to be destroyed by disrespectful renters. My brother worked ski resorts over 40 years ago as a professional patrol. He never thought he could ever afford to purchase a home, rented an apartment with several roommates and did fine. Some young people feel a sense of entitlement that they are owed affordable housing in a resort community.

Already wrote them above.

Control growth, traffic, and craziness during holidays and busy times

For decision makers for the Town of Truckee I recommend not letting the town get too exclusive on all fronts, housing, amenities etc, but still allow growth considering all aspects of life here. We need to support those who live here, not just vacation here.

Need parking Downtown, especially for employees. Need a Pro-Truckee Campaign aimed at "locals" who complain all the time.

Police could be more forgiving to fellow citizens on traffic violations.

Keep neighborhoods, neighborhoods and not fill up empty spaces with businesses.

Modify impact of dogs on Truckee's recreational areas- eg feces, unleashed dogs and subsequent human encounters Is it time for the Town or the Humane Society to build a dog park?

Rules/laws regarding pets should be reasonable and enforced.

Affordable housing for workers in services and trades

Keep Railyard as a planning priority

Affordable restaurants, shuttle from Tahoe Donner to downtown and beaches

Truckee has to be the best places to live on the planet. Am I right or wrong?

More support for seasonal workers to employ them around periods without work

no

gasoline price collusion, inappropriate grocery prices, traffic, Nevada and Placer County differences and issues

It's a special place and we feel lucky to make our home there. But Truckee shouldn't lose sight of what makes it special. The main drag should remain indie, inviting, historic, and cozy.

Truckee and Tahoe Donner needs to regulate the short term rental usage like South Shore has.

I am impressed and appreciative of the work the Town does!

Allow second-home owners to vote in local elections

Love it.

We love living in Truckee for all of the outdoor activities and community atmosphere.

No

Are we best prepared for a community crisis or tragedy? Do we have a shared vision for what Truckee should be or become especially given pressure from bay tourism and the ski industry...transportation, housing, etc? Are there creative and unique ways (Truckee-esque if you will) to deal with Truckee's problems? How could we further brand the Truckee experience...not so business focused, but more cultural or community oriented?

Love living up here! Quality of life is awesome!

Liking dogs is recommended

The cost of food at stores and restaurants is out of control. Wages do not match cost of living. On the positive side the amount of people and the time they put in to volunteer in this town, is amazing!

I would be a proponent for more mass transit.

Big employers ie Vail, Alterra, TD, should offer benefits for seasonal employees

We love it! downtown is super great, we love Tahoe Donner and all its amenities. Great hospital, love it all!

Please use the General Plan update process to reduce the regulatory and financial barriers to infill development, small scale multi family and other lower cost market rate housing options. Current plans for low density single family homes with subsidized affordable housing projects is not a sustainable strategy. Also please update/expand/improve fire safety plans. Thanks

Been here since 1978. Still my favorite place to live. Glad I bought my home in 1981 and am now retired. Glad I'm not looking for a job or housing today.

It's a great place to live but too expensive. Only 1 of our 3 children are living here and they barely make ends meet with 2 full time jobs.

Denser housing should be built downtown within walking station of the Amtrak station/transit center; more frequent bus/shuttle service should be available between downtown Truckee, Tahoe Donner, Lake Tahoe and north area ski resorts.

We need to curb the sprawl -
It is very expensive. But otherwise, I love it.
Enforce leash laws; Too many dogs running way out in front of owners. Scary for kids -- and adults, too.
A traffic circle at Northwoods and Donner Pass Rd is an awful idea.
No.
A "round a bout" at the bottom of North Woods Blvd, at Donner Pass Rd, does not seem like a good idea because of winter driving conditions coming down the North Woods Blvd hill.
Make more affordable housing available and gwntrify blighted areas.
Access to outdoor recreation is one of the best perks of living in Truckee.
Generally, very friendly community.
More arts/theatre; maybe an art museum.
Focus on local community. Not tourism or second home owner wishes/wants.
The quality of life has changed. The stars are not brighter in Truckee any more when neighbors and businesses burn their lights all night and the night sounds are filled with barking dogs.
The needs and well being of the current residents of the community need to get more consideration in the development process than the developers who are only in it to make money.
Considering moving...It's beautiful here, but expensive. Community money management programs????
Would spend more time in Truckee if had faster and more reliable Internet
Keep up the great work
Great police department!
I love this town
I feel fortunate to live in Truckee
The affordable housing efforts are not broad enough yet. We need to provide affordable options to all residents not just seasonal singles, (i.e. apartment living). Also, building an affordable project usually means higher density among people that are only moving here temporarily and have no vested interest in Truckee's community.
You've heard this one, but please don't build more if you can't allow for the proper roads, parking and transportation to accommodate the increase in population (even if its temporary increase in population like tourists coming on the weekends).
commercial rents don't encourage small businesses or creativity---always housing, housing, housing...wish we had more affordable options but we are getting there!!! trying!
I like Truckee.
We love the beauty of the mountains. We are opposed to overbuilding and building where it would impact animal migration
It's the best weather, recreation and community I have ever experienced
Streamline approval and plan reviews of new housing and developments.
We are 2nd home owners from Roseville and just love the peace & quiet, fresh air and golf.
need worker housing