

# Public Open House – Small Area Plan Comments September 5, 2018

What Makes Fairfield Awesome?
Arts, Theater, Culture
All the activities that Fairfield does for its residents
Growing, diverse population
Proximity to everything
Community center and programs
High end restaurants
The arts, concerts
Free Wi-Fi in the Village Green area
Low crime rate
The library
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Best library
Town center
Good services like snow removal and sidewalk maintenance
Free dumpster service
Fine arts center and CAC
Town center with library, art center
Good place to raise a family
Lots of programs and the parks
Parks
Variety of parks
Aquatic center
Schools
Parks



# A Game Changer for Fairfield Would be...

- Develop river connection
- Connect Marsh Park to Lakeside Drive
- Better Restaurants Not fast food
- Hotel
- Growth
- Develop Marsh Park
- Make the former Forest Fair Mall filled again or open it up
- Build a dog park
- Quality restaurants
- Better restaurants NOT fast food
- Services for victims
- Trail development Miami 2 Miami
- Providing services for Spooky Nook
- A white tablecloth restaurant
- Teen center like the senior center
- Better enforcement of homeowners maintaining property
- Sponsor political training for young activists
- Cloth napkin restaurants
- Free Wi-Fi
- High quality restaurants
- · More restaurants, too much fast food
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- Airport transportation
- Connect land to west of river
- Public transportation
- More things for 2-5 year old to play in at Huffman Park
- Better, more interactive website with online registration and live links
- Maintain property enforce
- Group for handicapped adults by age (20-40, 41-60, 60+)
- Outdoor environmental education center
- Better restaurants
- Less apartment buildings
  - Create a more interactive, engaging with government with format using Peter Blockls work
  - Better eating places
  - Entertainment district
  - Shopping and restaurants in a walking district
  - Brewery (like Municipal Brew Works)



## What is Fairfield Doing Well?

- School system, advanced since I attended
- Drug/alcohol free parks
- Parks, activities, snow removal, stick and leaf removal, operation dump truck, sidewalk enforcement, zoning enforcement
- Good snow removal
- Water works department and services provided
- Fiscally responsible with budget/expenses
- Excellent police/fire, great snow removal, free dumpsters for yard waste removal
- Good snow removal, brush removal, fire and police
- Good schools
- Community works well together to solve issues
- Redevelopment of Harbin Park, Marsh and Route 4
- Great parks, outstanding police and fire, kid curfews, management of city budget
- Great library and community arts center
- Good schools
- Good schools, lots of events, classes, programs, nice parks
- Village Green amphitheater and music
- Youth led prevention of promoting a safe, healthy, drug-free community
- Engaging youth in discussing and solving community issues
- Good branch and limb pick up
- Proactive city
- Many "secret" rural spaces that are hidden gems
- Great schools
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- Good police and fire
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- Clean, pleasant parks
- Good immediate response with safety services
- Great police and fire service
- Great police and fire service
- Police, public servants very responsive
- Good police department
- Snow removal
- Friendly, open library employees
- Fire, EMS, Police
- Snow removal and grass cutting
- Snow removal
- Garbage, brush and leaf removal city services in general



#### What Can Fairfield Do Better

- Enforce speed limits
- Website is embarrassing
- Route 4 is a disaster as far as managing businesses
- Enforce leash laws
- Engaging parents in a PTO/PTC at the middle school and high school level
- More community activity involvement Fairfield residents like to know what is happening in community
- Have Historical Society and Parks combine for tour of historic properties/houses in town 1 Saturday a month for tourism
- Notify when things no longer exist ex. dog swim at aquatic center
- Do a better job with Route 4 main entrance to city does not always look the best
- Take better care of golf course
- Enforce parked cars in street are only temporary. Note the rules
- Transform landscape property on Patterson Boulevard park like setting perennials/shade trees in park
- Splash park
- Please include safe, healthy community for youth
- Train and develop a victim program for abuse nothing here in Fairfield or Butler County
- Build dog park
- Enforce speed limit on Mack Road
- Trash collection on Friday is sometimes very early and other times very late
- Schools "mean some serious attention to bringing up the middle"?
- Underpass/overpass on Symmes Road
- Late rainout at Music on Green should post on webpage
- Submit income tax online
- In neighborhoods park cars on only one side of street
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion
- Racist school mascot
- Change school mascot to something more respectful
- Enforce lawn and yard maintenance at Fairwood Court and Mack Road
- Enforce Speed on Niles
- Founders Park focal area Hicks and Niles, clean up with landscape, perennials, user friendly for visitors
- Beautify neighborhood parks and other. Lions Park, good neighbors, park leaders, activities for kids
- Shorten red light at Pleasant and Evalie
- More consistent signage for businesses
- Reconsider roundabout on Gray Road
- More accessible website. Less steps to pay bill. Reverse front page
- Enforce no parking on main streets
- Enforce speeding on back streets
- Enforce zoning laws in residential areas
- Require businesses that look run down to do rehabs



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- Mail delivery could be at a more consistent time of day. Sometimes real early, and sometimes very late
- Right turn only out of Kroger gas intersection is too dangerous to left turn out
- Make bowling alleys accessible. Some have accessible alleys and not accessible restrooms and vice versa
- Bowling alleys not ADA compliant
- Kroger aisles too narrow for wheelchairs
- No more dollar stores!
- Encourage more restaurants, bars. Adult entertainment
- Website not good. Needs online registration for all events and programs ASAP
- Be sure to beta test (website) Shouldn't take 6 months to be up and ready
- Create incentives for better business growth
- Clean up old strip malls (like former Van Lunens)
- Need more exciting mascot to replace the Indian (school)

# What Can Fairfield be Doing More of?

- Enforce property maintenance clean up day
- Enforce zoning laws
- Enforce leash laws
- Property maintenance
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- More sidewalks and walking trails
- Sustainability increase tree cover, increase recycling, LED lighting
- Attract new restaurants destination area
- More duplex and senior houses near the Green
- More walking trails
- All new residential development should be required to have sidewalks on at least one side of the street
- Plan for smaller lot development for empty nesters!
- Shelters for the homeless and low cost housing
- Off of Becker cars parked off city street making travel crazy drive on wrong side of street.
- Any landscaping
- Have a style (Old English) instead of just standard strip mall style for any development
- Traffic enforcement at lights
- Accessible sidewalks without dips at driveways John Gray Road worse
- Be careful to not be left behind, attract more people, engage young people, don't lose to Hamilton
- Sidewalks everywhere!
- Sustainability
- Embrace our diversity be more inclusive of various cultures
- More restaurants (not chains or fast food)
- More trails! Recreation, transportation. They increase property values



## **What May Cause Potential Problems in the Future?**

- Medical/recreational marijuana dispensaries
- Young people who are at risk because of being orphaned or shuffled around due to opioid epidemic
- School-based substance abuse prevention (youth-led) Grades 7-12 ends September 2020
- Youth-led substance abuse prevention funding ends in two years
- Drug epidemic now marijuana and work force
- Find a way to push owners of Forest Fair Mall to either sell or knock down this eyesore
- I hope Forest Fair does not create a DORA like some neighboring communities have
- Drugs
- Federal funding for Drug Free Communities (Fairfield Prevention Coalition) ends September 2020
- Transportation for the elderly and the handicapped, state funded car rides
- Increasing population and aging population
- Community based substance abuse prevention will end September 2020
- Enforcing DUI with new marijuana laws
- Crazy development for By-Pass 4 completely avoid driving down there to set Bridgewater
- Drugs
- Too many allowed to occupy apartments (per apartment)
- Implicit bias (especially racial) at the Aquatics Center
- Unmonitored Section 8
- Growth of Hamilton Downtown, Liberty Center, urban living

