

## Q1 Tell us a little about yourself. (choose all that apply)

Answered: 334 Skipped: 8

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I live within the city limits of Philomath	73.35%	245
I live close to Philomath but in unincorporated Benton County	22.75%	76
I work within the city limits of Philomath	13.47%	45
I live in a nearby city	2.99%	10
Total Respondents: 334		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	7 miles west of town	12/19/2023 7:47 AM
2	Own commercial property in Philomath; live in Blodgett	12/14/2023 8:00 PM
3	I live outside the city limits, in the urban growth boundary.	12/12/2023 8:31 AM
4	Live out on the outskirts of town.	12/10/2023 4:44 PM
5	Our address is Philomath, but we live outside of the city	12/5/2023 9:41 AM
6	Just outside city limits. I'm also an employer in Philomath.	12/5/2023 7:18 AM
7	Business Owner in Philomath	12/4/2023 12:51 PM
8	Live in Grand Oaks, Corvallis but use local farm & restaurant, ur pharmacy, True Value, Arc, farmers Mkt, Mex Restaurants in Philomath	12/4/2023 12:48 PM
9	Own a four plex in city	12/2/2023 8:15 PM
10	Pioneer Village	12/1/2023 9:28 AM
11	I live within the urban growth boundry	12/1/2023 9:27 AM
12	6 miles out on Alsea Hwy.	11/30/2023 8:42 PM
13	I live just outside city limits	11/30/2023 8:13 PM
14	Kids go to philomath schools	11/30/2023 11:32 AM
15	Retired	11/30/2023 10:15 AM
16	I live outside Seattle but visit Philomath	11/22/2023 3:25 PM
17	I live in Fly.	11/21/2023 7:42 PM
18	Lived here my whole life--65 years	11/21/2023 5:45 PM

## Q2 If you live in Philomath, which park do you live closest to?

Answered: 315 Skipped: 27

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I do not live in Philomath	16.19%	51
City Park - S 23rd Street	15.87%	50
Mary's River Park and Natural Area - S 11th Street off Applegate Street	15.56%	49
Reservoir Park - end of Applegate Street near Benton View Drive	9.52%	30
Flossie Overman Discovery Park - N 11th Street	8.57%	27
Newton Creek Park & Path - Applegate Street (west of 27th Street)	7.62%	24
Paul J Cochran Veterans Memorial Park (coming soon) - College Street at N 16th Street	6.67%	21
Pioneer Park - Pioneer Street near N 13th Street	5.71%	18
Triangle Park - College Street near N 7th Street	5.40%	17
Westbrook Park - Jade Place near Topaz Street	4.76%	15
Dale Collins Park - Applegate Street at Philomath Blvd (reader board location)	4.13%	13
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>315</b>

### Q3 How many years have you lived in Philomath or been part of the Philomath community? (choose one)

Answered: 342 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Over 20 years	47.08%	161
10 years to 20 years	19.30%	66
5 years to under 10 years	15.79%	54
3 years to under 5 years	9.36%	32
Under 3 years	8.48%	29
I previously had Philomath connections but do not currently	0.00%	0
I have never had connections to Philomath	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>342</b>

## Q4 Please indicate how important each of the following reasons are for your decision to live in Philomath.

Answered: 340 Skipped: 2

	VERY IMPORTANT/IMPORTANT	NEUTRAL/NOT IMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Safe community	96.75% 327	3.25% 11	338	1.03
Quality of housing	85.12% 286	14.88% 50	336	1.15
Quality of schools	84.00% 273	16.00% 52	325	1.16
Sense of community	82.58% 275	17.42% 58	333	1.17
Cost of living	82.14% 276	17.86% 60	336	1.18
Affordable housing	74.33% 249	25.67% 86	335	1.26
Close to jobs in nearby cities	66.77% 223	33.23% 111	334	1.33
Access to shopping and entertainment	63.25% 210	36.75% 122	332	1.37
Near family or friends	61.68% 206	38.32% 128	334	1.38
Attended Philomath schools - sense of hometown pride	56.07% 171	43.93% 134	305	1.44
Retirement	53.68% 175	46.32% 151	326	1.46
Employment opportunities	44.41% 147	55.59% 184	331	1.56

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Close to good medical care	12/30/2023 4:37 PM
2	proximity to Oregon State and easy drive to the coast	12/27/2023 7:20 PM
3	Corvallis and OSU	12/24/2023 11:06 AM
4	Actual access to affordable housing would be nice.	12/21/2023 12:13 AM
5	Safe biking and walking routes	12/20/2023 8:46 AM
6	Parks	12/14/2023 8:39 PM
7	No stores to shop at.	12/10/2023 4:44 PM
8	no homeless, that are visible	12/9/2023 1:36 PM
9	I like the small-town vibe and was able to find a comfortable, relatively affordable place to live.	12/7/2023 4:21 PM
10	access to trails and forest and outdoor recreation in McDonald Forest, Mary's Peak, Starker, etc.	12/6/2023 7:05 PM

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11	Questions are interesting, because while affordable housing, quality housing and cost of living are very important, the cost is so unaffordable for most people in Philomath, so while it is relevant, people who want "affordable" are probably not able to "decide" to live here.	12/5/2023 9:41 AM
12	Entertainment for teens to keep them occupied with good and healthy activities	12/4/2023 8:27 PM
13	In 2006 there was affordable housing. Now there is little. Also was a grocery store, not now.	12/4/2023 4:02 PM
14	Close to outdoor activities: cycling, hiking, Oregon Coast	12/4/2023 12:51 PM
15	Wud be nice to have a sm grocery store.	12/4/2023 12:48 PM
16	We were able to purchase twice as much house for the price in Philomath when we moved here	12/2/2023 5:34 PM
17	Easy access to nearby Corvallis, Albany, Eugene, Salem & coast.	12/2/2023 4:56 PM
18	Quiet. Neighbors are curious. Very rare horn locking of cars etc.	12/2/2023 9:42 AM
19	Access to locally owned businesses	12/2/2023 9:09 AM
20	We need a full fledged grocery store	12/2/2023 6:56 AM
21	Queer friendly	12/1/2023 8:09 PM
22	I don't really have a choice. I wouldn't live here if I did	12/1/2023 6:29 PM
23	Small town feel. Friendly neighbors.	12/1/2023 3:45 PM
24	What shopping or entertainment?	12/1/2023 12:18 PM
25	Walkability throughout the town so a car is not necessary.	12/1/2023 7:57 AM
26	Philomath needs a grocery store!	12/1/2023 5:43 AM
27	We still really a grocery store	11/30/2023 10:46 PM
28	This survey assumes family with kids.	11/30/2023 10:22 PM
29	rural feel while still being close to town and city services	11/30/2023 9:20 PM
30	Honesty and transparency in local government.	11/30/2023 8:29 PM
31	Would love to see large grocery store in town	11/30/2023 7:09 PM
32	vision for the future, planning and yearly evaluation of progress	11/30/2023 4:00 PM
33	Moved for attendance at OSU, stayed for employment	11/30/2023 3:18 PM
34	If I have to live in a city this is close enough.	11/30/2023 2:46 PM
35	Groceries	11/30/2023 11:36 AM
36	It still has working-class vibes and values, and I feel like I can trust my neighbors if/when I need help.	11/30/2023 9:49 AM
37	Grocery store is needed.	11/30/2023 7:32 AM
38	nearby recreation and hiking trails	11/29/2023 12:31 PM
39	It's more affordable that corvallis but still ridiculous	11/26/2023 8:07 AM
40	Access to trails and nature within city limits	11/22/2023 8:43 PM
41	Can we please get a small grocery store?	11/22/2023 7:49 AM
42	LOL on access to shopping and entertainment. :)	11/21/2023 8:57 PM
43	Access to bike trail	11/21/2023 5:26 PM
44	I've lived in Benton County for over a decade and when deciding to buy a house went for Philomath because it's cheaper than Corvallis by far and as a quiet little town, it has some nice highlights without feeling too crowded. :)	11/21/2023 5:17 PM
45	Proximity to major university. Proximity to walking/biking path system. Easy drive to coast.	11/21/2023 5:11 PM

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Historical and ongoing commitment to education. We are “lovers of LEARNING,” not lovers of logging.

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## Q5 How would you rate your overall satisfaction with each of the following major Public Safety and Public Works categories of services provided by the City of Philomath.

Answered: 339 Skipped: 3

	VERY SATISFIED/SATISFIED	NEUTRAL	DISSATISFIED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
City parks, trails, and open space	79.94% 267	13.77% 46	6.29% 21	334	1.34
Public safety, law enforcement and traffic control	70.83% 238	13.99% 47	15.18% 51	336	1.43
Customer service you receive from Public Works employees	73.21% 205	21.07% 59	5.71% 16	280	1.48
City water utilities	59.26% 176	28.28% 84	12.46% 37	297	1.69
City streets (NOT county roads or state highways which include Applegate, Main, Philomath Blvd., Chapel)	47.63% 161	25.44% 86	26.92% 91	338	1.78
Enforcement of city codes and ordinances	41.44% 121	42.81% 125	15.75% 46	292	2.01

## Q6 Which TWO of the items listed in the previous question do you think should receive the MOST EMPHASIS from city leaders over the next two years?

Answered: 311 Skipped: 31

Choose 2 in any order			
	1	2	TOTAL
Public safety, law enforcement and traffic control	67.91% 127	32.09% 60	187
City streets (NOT county roads or state highways)	42.58% 66	57.42% 89	155
City parks, trails, and open space	47.97% 71	52.03% 77	148
City water utilities	38.98% 23	61.02% 36	59
Enforcement of city codes and ordinances	33.33% 16	66.67% 32	48
Customer service you receive from Public Works employees	42.11% 8	57.89% 11	19



## Q7 How would you rate your overall satisfaction with each of the following major categories of services provided by the City of Philomath.

Answered: 341 Skipped: 1

	VERY SATISFIED/SATISFIED/NEUTRAL	DISSATISFIED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Municipal Court services	97.11% 168	2.89% 5	173	1.03
Customer service you receive from City Hall employees	96.76% 239	3.24% 8	247	1.03
City communication with the public	89.81% 291	10.19% 33	324	1.10
City economic development efforts	79.75% 252	20.25% 64	316	1.20
Building and Planning permit processes	79.73% 177	20.27% 45	222	1.20

## Q8 Which TWO of the items listed in the previous question do you think should receive the MOST EMPHASIS from city leaders over the next two years?

Answered: 289 Skipped: 53

Choose 2 in any order			
	1	2	TOTAL
City economic development efforts	55.41% 128	44.59% 103	231
City communication with the public	52.41% 98	47.59% 89	187
Building and Planning permit processes	40.57% 43	59.43% 63	106
Customer service you receive from City Hall employees	60.71% 17	39.29% 11	28
Municipal Court services	27.27% 3	72.73% 8	11

**Q9 Please rate each of the following street maintenance/service items. These are for city streets only, NOT county roads or state highways which include Applegate, Main, Philomath Blvd., Chapel, etc.**

Answered: 319 Skipped: 23

	EXCELLENT/VERY GOOD	GOOD/NEUTRAL	POOR/VERY POOR	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Maintenance of streets in your neighborhood	24.23% 71	54.61% 160	21.16% 62	293	1.97
Maintenance of major city streets	20.06% 63	56.37% 177	23.57% 74	314	2.04
Accessibility of public transportation options	17.42% 46	59.47% 157	23.11% 61	264	2.06
Alternative means of transportation such as transit, bicycling, walking	17.39% 52	59.20% 177	23.41% 70	299	2.06
Availability of safe pedestrian ways on streets and routes	17.83% 56	54.46% 171	27.71% 87	314	2.10

## Q10 Which TWO of the transportation and infrastructure items listed in the previous question do you think should receive the MOST EMPHASIS from city leaders over the next two years?

Answered: 291 Skipped: 51

Choose 2 in any order			
	1	2	TOTAL
Availability of safe pedestrian ways on streets and routes	46.10% 71	53.90% 83	154
Maintenance of major city streets	73.08% 95	26.92% 35	130
Maintenance of streets in your neighborhood	42.53% 37	57.47% 50	87
Alternative means of transportation such as transit, bicycling, walking	30.67% 23	69.33% 52	75
On-street bicycle infrastructure (bike lanes/signs/arrows)	46.38% 32	53.62% 37	69
Accessibility of public transportation options	56.90% 33	43.10% 25	58

## Q11 Please rate each of the public safety items listed below.

Answered: 319 Skipped: 23

	VERY SATISFIED/SATISFIED/NEUTRAL	DISSATISFIED/VERY DISSATISFIED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
How quickly police respond to emergencies	94.88% 204	5.12% 11	215	1.05
Involvement in schools	94.25% 213	5.75% 13	226	1.06
Parking enforcement services	93.44% 228	6.56% 16	244	1.07
Response to property crime	90.00% 180	10.00% 20	200	1.10
Level of community outreach	90.46% 256	9.54% 27	283	1.10
The City's overall efforts to prevent crime	89.19% 264	10.81% 32	296	1.11
Response to drug control	86.02% 160	13.98% 26	186	1.14
Response to issues with transients	83.90% 172	16.10% 33	205	1.16
The visibility of police in the community	80.77% 252	19.23% 60	312	1.19
Enforcement of local traffic laws	65.03% 199	34.97% 107	306	1.35

## Q12 Which TWO of the public safety items listed in the previous question do you think should receive the MOST EMPHASIS from city leaders over the next two years?

Answered: 277 Skipped: 65

Choose 2 in any order			
	1	2	TOTAL
Enforcement of local traffic laws	63.48% 73	36.52% 42	115
The visibility of police in the community	61.46% 59	38.54% 37	96
The City's overall efforts to prevent crime	51.76% 44	48.24% 41	85
How quickly police respond to emergencies	46.15% 24	53.85% 28	52
Response to drug control	34.00% 17	66.00% 33	50
Response to issues with transients	51.02% 25	48.98% 24	49
Level of community outreach	41.46% 17	58.54% 24	41
Response to property crime	42.86% 12	57.14% 16	28
Involvement in schools	23.08% 6	76.92% 20	26
Parking enforcement services	0.00% 0	100.00% 5	5

## Q13 Please rate your satisfaction with enforcement of each of the following code enforcement items.

Answered: 317 Skipped: 25

	VERY SATISFIED/SATISFIED/NEUTRAL	DISSATISFIED/VERY DISSATISFIED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Sign regulations	91.57% 228	8.43% 21	249	1.08
Mowing/trimming of grass, trees and weeds on private property	80.52% 215	19.48% 52	267	1.19
Cleanup of litter and debris on private property	76.86% 196	23.14% 59	255	1.23
Parking/storing of vehicles, boats, RVs and trailers	74.44% 198	25.56% 68	266	1.26

## Q14 If you called, emailed, or visited the city with a question, problem, or complaint during the past year, how was your experience? (choose one)

Answered: 299 Skipped: 43

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I have not tried to contact anyone at the City during the past 12 months.	52.84%	158
My issue was resolved quickly and professionally.	33.44%	100
I was treated fairly but my issue was not resolved.	8.36%	25
I was treated poorly, and my issue was not resolved.	5.35%	16
TOTAL		299



## Q15 Please rate your satisfaction with the City’s leadership.

Answered: 303 Skipped: 39

	<b>VERY SATISFIED/SATISFIED/NEUTRAL</b>	<b>DISSATISFIED/VERY DISSATISFIED</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>WEIGHTED AVERAGE</b>
Overall effectiveness of the mayor and City Council	87.45% 230	12.55% 33	263	1.13
Overall effectiveness of the City Manager and appointed staff	81.64% 209	18.36% 47	256	1.18

## Q16 How satisfied are you with:

Answered: 304 Skipped: 38

	VERY SATISFIED/SATISFIED/NEUTRAL	DISSATISFIED/VERY DISSATISFIED	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
The City's efforts to help residents feel connected and integrated into the community	79.87% 242	11.22% 34	8.91% 27	303	1.56
The City's efforts in creating a diverse, inclusive, and fair community	75.25% 228	9.90% 30	14.85% 45	303	1.84

## Q17 How would you rate each of the following items that may influence your overall perception of Philomath.

Answered: 306 Skipped: 36

	VERY SATISFIED/SATISFIED/NEUTRAL	DISSATISFIED/VERY DISSATISFIED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Overall feeling of safety in the community	93.11% 284	6.89% 21	305	1.07
Quality of services provided by the City of Philomath	90.91% 260	9.09% 26	286	1.09
Reputation/image of the City of Philomath	82.89% 247	17.11% 51	298	1.17
Value that you receive for your tax dollars and fees	73.40% 207	26.60% 75	282	1.27
Availability of training or educational opportunities in the community	73.45% 166	26.55% 60	226	1.27
Development across the city	71.17% 195	28.83% 79	274	1.29
Availability of job opportunities in the community	69.17% 166	30.83% 74	240	1.31
Appearance of the city	68.32% 207	31.68% 96	303	1.32
How well the City of Philomath is planning for growth and development	63.44% 177	36.56% 102	279	1.37
Quality of new development	56.88% 157	43.12% 119	276	1.43

## Q18 Please rate the Philomath community with regard to each of the following.

Answered: 306 Skipped: 36

	EXCELLENT/VERY GOOD	GOOD/NEUTRAL	POOR/VERY POOR	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
A place to raise children	64.54% 182	32.98% 93	2.48% 7	282	1.38
A place to live	61.51% 187	36.51% 111	1.97% 6	304	1.40
Overall quality of life in the city	42.72% 129	51.99% 157	5.30% 16	302	1.63
As a place to connect and interact with your neighbors and community	30.67% 92	55.33% 166	14.00% 42	300	1.83
A place to work	27.06% 69	51.37% 131	21.57% 55	255	1.95
A place to play or recreate	22.33% 67	60.67% 182	17.00% 51	300	1.95
A place with a variety of housing choices	13.56% 40	56.95% 168	29.49% 87	295	2.16
A place for dining and entertainment	10.60% 32	54.30% 164	35.10% 106	302	2.25
A place to enjoy art and culture	6.64% 19	58.39% 167	34.97% 100	286	2.28
A place to shop	1.31% 4	23.61% 72	75.08% 229	305	2.74

## Q19 Where do you currently get news and information about City of Philomath programs, services, and events? (check any that apply)

Answered: 304 Skipped: 38

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Philomath News	74.34%	226
Utility bill monthly City newsletters	41.78%	127
City website	39.80%	121
Friends	36.18%	110
Other social media (Nextdoor, other Facebook pages, etc.)	34.21%	104
Official City Facebook page	27.96%	85
Gazette Times	20.07%	61
Weekly City email blasts	18.75%	57
Flyers or posters around town	11.18%	34
Public meetings	8.22%	25
Other (please specify)	3.62%	11
YouTube	2.63%	8
I do not get news and information about the City	2.63%	8
Radio	1.97%	6
Neighborhood Association	1.64%	5
Total Respondents: 304		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Neighbors	12/7/2023 4:30 PM
2	The electronic board driving through town	12/4/2023 8:32 PM
3	School emails	12/2/2023 6:29 AM
4	Word of mouth	11/30/2023 8:50 PM
5	Reader Board at 15th / Main	11/30/2023 10:29 AM
6	Family	11/30/2023 10:26 AM
7	Reader board	11/30/2023 10:22 AM
8	Reader sign across from credit union	11/29/2023 9:58 PM
9	Schools	11/25/2023 5:33 PM
10	City Councilor	11/25/2023 9:29 AM
11	my brother who is on city council	11/22/2023 3:31 PM

## Q20 From which TWO sources listed in the previous question would you MOST PREFER to get information from the City?

Answered: 276 Skipped: 66

Choose 2 in any order			
	1	2	TOTAL
Philomath News	75.00% 135	25.00% 45	180
City website	37.66% 29	62.34% 48	77
Utility bill monthly City newsletters	41.33% 31	58.67% 44	75
Weekly City email blasts	42.19% 27	57.81% 37	64
Official City Facebook page	43.64% 24	56.36% 31	55
Other social media (Nextdoor, other Facebook pages, etc.)	31.58% 12	68.42% 26	38
Flyers or posters around town	46.15% 6	53.85% 7	13
Friends	41.67% 5	58.33% 7	12
Gazette Times	27.27% 3	72.73% 8	11
Public meetings	0.00% 0	100.00% 6	6
Radio	33.33% 1	66.67% 2	3
Neighborhood Association	33.33% 1	66.67% 2	3
YouTube	100.00% 2	0.00% 0	2

## Q21 If you have suggestions for improving the quality of city programs, facilities, or services, please enter your suggestions in the space below.

Answered: 119 Skipped: 223

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Better police presence.	12/30/2023 4:57 PM
2	Please post these survey results! Please give us a fenced dog park and better pickleball court. Fix the road in front of Mount Union Cemetery so mourners don't have to drive through pot holes.	12/30/2023 11:18 AM
3	We really need a fenced dog park with at least three areas: one for large dogs, one for small dogs and one run for dogs to be alone with their people.	12/30/2023 11:17 AM
4	It's sad that Philomath's population has tripled in a very short period. Seems there is no end to the degrading of our prior beautiful small town appeal.	12/30/2023 10:06 AM
5	My concern about the city manager et al is directed specifically towards the city manager. I have seen him literally roll his eyes when women or people of color speak during meetings. while I 100% support city admin involvement in our schools, please be careful about the presence of police on our campuses. They have no training in education. They should never assume the roles of licensed teachers, counselors, vice principals, etc. There is significant data showing that the presence of school resource officers increases the school-to-prison pipeline - when the goal should be reducing that pipeline. Children (particularly those with disabilities or of color) are often arrested for noncriminal youthful behavior simply because there is a cop on campus. School resource officers also frequently introduce danger when they mishandle their weapons on campus.	12/27/2023 7:45 PM
6	Respond to transients, unhoused, etc with speedy access to a readily available continuum of services. Do not criminalize poverty, mental health issues, addiction. Remember that our community was founded on EDUCATION. I am deeply concerned about the historical revisionism that claims our founding and heritage is timber. While the timber industry fueled the economic system for many years, it is not our core heritage and historical purpose. We need to spend more time embracing and expanding our true heritage - schools, library, museum, etc - instead of wasting so much time and money on selecting trash cans that look like mill equipment. Our economic plans should focus more on the well being of residents, workers, consumers and less on the priorities of landlords and business owners.	12/24/2023 11:21 AM
7	Be more selective on where you allow people to put housing developments. I really don't know how or why you continue to let them build in the mill pond development, what a nightmare.	12/22/2023 9:42 PM
8	Fix the cracked sidewalks and add better street lighting for walkers.	12/21/2023 9:23 AM
9	Don't ever hire the people "fixing" the roads through town - people walked the entire Oregon Trail in less time than these yahoos have spent redoing curbs and corners on <5 miles of surface roads.	12/21/2023 12:25 AM
10	I jog/walk in Marys River park regularly. The new pea gravel that was added to the paths this past summer is VERY difficult to walk/jog on because it is so loose and will not compact, even after several months of traffic. The gravel is so loose that myself and the others I see in the park are often walking in the grass to the side of the path, especially older people. PLEASE consider replacing the loose gravel with crushed gravel that will create a more firm surface. Thank you!!	12/20/2023 9:17 AM
11	I'm 3rd generation Philomath. I love small towns. Keep it small. We do need more affordable housing to keep our hometown kids local.	12/19/2023 6:06 PM
12	Stop development without infrastructure. Too much new housing with too little thought. Overcrowding.	12/19/2023 3:52 PM
13	We need a place to buy quality groceries (organic, natural) and a good price, more places to dine and shop, more sense of inclusiveness and progressiveness and less hillbilly/Trump feel.	12/19/2023 10:49 AM

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14	The most important things to me when it comes to city government are; making sure the schools are providing the best education possible, keeping crime low and providing a safe place for everyone (especially kids), and standing up to the county and state to make sure they meet our standards when they build and maintain roads in our town (Main and Applegate have been terrible since the couplet and it makes our town look really bad)	12/19/2023 10:18 AM
15	The reason we moved away from the city was taxes and fees kept increasing, but so was population. does this mean the city grew to fast and couldnt afford the added demand or does this mean city officials can't manage and create a budget. with massive growth costs shouldnt increase as much as they have.	12/19/2023 10:07 AM
16	Loved the Christmas parade... warmed lots of hearts. Trunk or treat & frolic parade are wonderful. Dissatisfied with the way the city handled new development issues for owners- left them out to dry. Love the schools. The library & librarian are Philomath gems. Kids feel safe and loved there. Need more community work experience for middle/ HS. Like to see job shadowing in community- city management/ public works/ police/ library/ dax/ Pioneer options for our students. Even if it's just a few days. Suggest food trucks at the empty lot on main across from Chevron or the gravel lot by TV. Food trucks would be a huge asset. Love philomath- very important to retain the appreciation for the logging history & current operations. Pride in our community is what makes us a special place.	12/19/2023 8:10 AM
17	1. We need to bring in a fast food restaurant. Our high school kids have to drive in to Corvallis unless they want to go to DQ which is expensive. We loved when we had a Taco Bell. We need a Wendy's or Taco Bell accessible for kids to walk to. We have NO Christmas decor. A small town with Main Street should be able to be decorated in lights and be festive. 3. Our medians have rock! Horrible appearance. Can they at least plant nice perennial bushes that don't need upkeep?	12/17/2023 6:03 PM
18	Please give us a fenced dog park.	12/14/2023 8:48 PM
19	Creating too much bureaucracy as evidenced by this survey and higher taxes than Corvallis! Get back to basics - public safety, roads (including main roads!) and water- that's it. Get out of affordable housing, diversity, and all the extras that we are tired of paying for. Implement taxpayer cost savings!!!	12/14/2023 8:08 PM
20	More economic development, more housing, affordable housing, inCentivise grocery store	12/14/2023 7:47 AM
21	Plans to allow a supermarket to open.	12/11/2023 7:49 PM
22	start making bicyclist pay Insurance for riding in street or get them back on sidewalks. so they have to stop at stop signs	12/9/2023 1:48 PM
23	Philomath is a great place to live and we moved here all the way from Germany — more regular shoulder cleaning from wood on N 19 th would be appreciated to improve safety when riding a bike to OSU	12/9/2023 9:39 AM
24	I'm glad the streetscapes project is under way. Downtown Philomath looks run down - need to encourage more businesses to come here.	12/7/2023 10:19 PM
25	Add more green space.	12/7/2023 4:23 PM
26	the storage units butchered the wetlands. terrible quit building more houses, traffic and water problems the new curbs are ridiculously far into the street. pave Applegate and Main street and stop!!	12/7/2023 8:48 AM
27	Need a grocery store and better options for quality food	12/7/2023 5:22 AM
28	Please improve the appearance of our city by adding some landscaping to the road medians that are currently full of boring rocks and weeds. This would be an easy fix! Our property taxes are so high. It drives me crazy to see other comparable cities with more attractive city scapes like Sweethome, Sisters, Newport, Dallas, Silverton. We need to be better! The streetscapes project will be nice with a timbertown theme, benches, light posts, etc. But we need plantings, trees, bushes, etc. Something with more effort than just rocks. We also have too many rundown yards with 12-inch tall weeds, litter, broken cars, RVs, old boats and trailers parked along roads and in driveways. Come on people, take some pride in your city for crying out loud!	12/6/2023 7:37 PM
29	Love it here! Most awesome town. Also excited for the upcoming Christmas parade! Maybe in	12/6/2023 7:17 PM



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	years to come we can get the school bands involved!	
30	Monitoring stop sign and speeding traffic after school on Applegate and 23rd. Create lane marking and crosswalk marking for new section of parking at Clemens Primary.	12/6/2023 9:52 AM
31	Better control over new residential development especially apartments. Growth seems to be more rapid recently.	12/6/2023 8:13 AM
32	The street improvements are nice. Continue with improvements to attract more businesses. Consider beautifying the downtown core and making it pedestrian friendly and welcoming.	12/5/2023 8:00 PM
33	Three things: Water - the cost of water is extremely high in Philomath and this disproportionately impacts lower income residence; especially if we want to encourage gardens in the summers. Food Desert - Philomath has no means to provide healthy food for its residence and we must shop in Corvallis. Speeding - I'm amazed at how fast people drive in a town with only 25MPH speed limits; especially in residential areas.	12/5/2023 10:03 AM
34	Slow traffic down on Main and Applegate. Bring a grocery store to downtown	12/5/2023 9:54 AM
35	More parks are not necessary, improvement of current parks is a better use of funds. More transparency with regards to how special funds, like grants, taxes, state and federal money are utilized. Enforcement of traffic laws, particularly in school zones would be appreciated. Overall, it is still a great place to be with hard working staff.	12/5/2023 9:49 AM
36	NA	12/5/2023 7:36 AM
37	I feel like the police presence recently has been more visible and I am thankful for that. Having the weekly blasts from the city is great and reminds me where I can find info if I need. We are lacking affordable housing but that's not just our city - it's everywhere. Our water bill is extremely high compared to other areas and that's a lot on families.	12/5/2023 7:34 AM
38	Enforceable codes that affect image along Philomath Blvd/Main St. Too much bad signage and not enough landscaping. 19th/Main and True Value frontage should be a focus. It is the front door to our city and looks like a cluttered mess.	12/5/2023 7:28 AM
39	This has already been started in some areas, but wheelchair accessibility in crosswalks and in sidewalks. I have seen several different wheelchair users having to ride in the streets because the sidewalks are too bumpy in some areas.	12/4/2023 8:32 PM
40	Somehow need to evaluate the efficiency of the Police Department. It's not clear that the current service level is worth the dollars that are being spent to "Protect and Serve"	12/4/2023 4:19 PM
41	We need more bike pathways, bike lanes, and safe routes to school for children on bike or foot. I'd like to see more done to encourage destination businesses in philomath that will draw people in. (e.g. unique restaurants, art galleries, local shopping, entertainment, breweries/wineries). A walking street or plaza downtown with public events, music, etc. year-round would be great! Lastly, continued enforcement and ticketing of speeding motorists and big trucks on our main streets. We don't have to let the highway threaten the safety of our streets.	12/4/2023 1:02 PM
42	Main St. has been taking forever to get road work done.	12/4/2023 12:57 PM
43	Would love to have a bookstore and a grocery store in town. Would also like to see safer bike and walking routes between schools and west part of town. Could restrooms at Mary's River Park please be left open and available for use in the winter instead of locked?	12/4/2023 9:10 AM
44	Build the new skate park!!!! Stop talking about it and execute.	12/4/2023 7:18 AM
45	Didn't know these two existed until doing survey	12/2/2023 8:21 PM
46	All sidewalks and driveways in community need replacing for people with disabilities to walk safely through city or kids to play we pay enough taxes for city to pay for this. And keep trees from hanging in the streets for safety.	12/2/2023 6:17 PM
47	Get the water so it is drinkable without filtering andboiling and stop giving building permits in places where people should NEVER build.	12/2/2023 4:57 PM
48	When I first moved here, there was a community gathering at one of the parks every year. It stopped during Covid and never started again. It would be good to encourage neighborhoods to have neighborhood meetings.	12/2/2023 9:49 AM

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49	Focus on development of the downtown and other aread includes aesthetic (older building rehab, LEED certified building, etc.). Focus on open space protections to enhance recreation and livability.	12/2/2023 9:20 AM
50	More traffic stops for speeders Less growth (not all growth is good) Finish street projects How many years now?	12/2/2023 8:35 AM
51	Continue to work on city appearance (streets, sidewalks, lights) and parks. Business infrastructure also important.	12/2/2023 7:18 AM
52	I'd love to see our Flossie overman park actually taken care of. I use to be proud of its unique style. My kids and I would spend hours playing. Unfortunately it has not been maintained. Trees are dead, weeds have grown, and the sand is gone. The dog park down the street is well cared for but the nearest place my children can play is completely forgotten.	12/1/2023 9:03 PM
53	It would be awesome if power lines on main Street could go underground during road reconstruction. It would give our sad main road a facelift!	12/1/2023 8:25 PM
54	Whatever you do, please keep accessibility in mind when planning events or inviting the public to anything. I know it wasn't a city event, but the Dirt Road party this summer had road barricades that blocked the sidewalk ramps, which was very frustrating. We encounter blockages like this often when trying to attend things around the city. Maybe a reminder or something they need to sign when issuing permits for these things might help awareness?	12/1/2023 8:23 PM
55	We need the round about or other solution to stop trucks from using S 19th. I watch the sign showing speed for the school zone and they are upwards of 45mph. They use Jake brakes and traffic starts as early as 3am. It's dangerous and leads to poor quality of life. I understand that the S 19th issue is personal, but I may not have purchased my home had I known. Also talking to neighbors, they have moved away because of the trucks are why others won't stay. We are your 30 and 40 something families ready to keep the town alive. It would be great to be heard and feel like it's safe to walk across the street. Most all other aspects of Philomath are great, but the next big piece of quality missing is shopping and dining. These items would take the town to the next level.	12/1/2023 6:37 PM
56	Please enforce the speed limit on Main/Applegate. Cars fly down the street. ( Voluntary taxation?) Also, maybe add a 4-way stop on 9th and Pioneer to slow down vehicles coming over the hill and, also, a 4-way stop on 9th and Pioneer. When heading west on Pioneer (crossing 9th), it's difficult to see south and there's so little traffic coming from the north (compared to east/west) that we forget to look. Finally, we north of the pump on Pioneer get no water in a power outage. In the case of a fire, the hydrants may not be functional. A generator that would run the pump would be a good investment.	12/1/2023 6:27 PM
57	My biggest concern is traffic enforcement. I have young children and I am concerned with vehicles speeding on some of the streets (i.e., S 15th and Applegate). I love our community and the only thing that makes me feel uneasy and unsafe is how fast vehicles are traveling on these residential streets where kids are playing. Please increase enforcement for the safety of our children. Thank you and I love our town! Good job!	12/1/2023 5:16 PM
58	Follow existing environmental laws and regulations.	12/1/2023 3:56 PM
59	I love the small town atmosphere of Philomath, a very welcome respite from Corvallis and Albany. That said, speeding on Main St and Applegate has a HUGE negative impact on the quality of life in Philomath. It is very difficult to conduct any business in Philomath because it feels too risky to enter and exit stores and services. The bicycle lanes are VERY POOLY maintained and present a safety hazard as well, and have even before the start of current improvements. Administration of the contract for construction on Main and Applegate has been so lax that it exposes the City of Philomath to severe liability regarding personal injury lawsuits. As one example, I chose to collide with a sign placed in the middle of the Applegate bike lane two weeks ago rather than swerving into traffic to avoid it; no warning was given of closed bike lane. This disregard for bike traffic has been rampant throughout construction, as has been the maintenance of bike lanes before construction.	12/1/2023 11:05 AM
60	Absolutely need to control the speeding through town on main street. Also running red lights and ignoring stop signs. Stop the new building additions until a thorough study is done on the availability of enough water for the current population.	12/1/2023 9:57 AM
61	I would support additional economic development and an improvement of the overall "look/feel" of the city. Many parts that are seen from the main roads don't look attractive and inviting.	12/1/2023 9:49 AM

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62	Affordable housing, road maintenance updates (including state roads: Applegate and Main), well-defined pedestrian crossings.	12/1/2023 9:28 AM
63	Would love to have grocery store and more small shops downtown.	12/1/2023 9:07 AM
64	A REAL grocery store is something this town needs since we have all this emphasis on growth. Perhaps the city could work to promote bringing one in.	12/1/2023 8:20 AM
65	Many times the events are posted after the fact in the City newsletter. I would love to know more about the development of housing in the area before it is built.	12/1/2023 8:04 AM
66	The way the city handled the development off chapel was a joke. There needs to be more accountability from city leadership. That situation has led me to have less trust in city leadership's decision making skills.	12/1/2023 7:30 AM
67	Grocery store	12/1/2023 5:53 AM
68	Gather volunteers (I'm in!) to help paint/reface/beautify the ugliest buildings along Philomath Blvd, i.e. Woodsman, Meet'n'place, lot 1390, LaRokita strip mall, etc	12/1/2023 1:47 AM
69	Any way to encourage restaurants to stay open later in town is much appreciated	11/30/2023 11:36 PM
70	Poor planning and remedy of area off Chapel where there are methane issues specifically. Why the hell was the builder allowed to do that?! How will it be fixed?	11/30/2023 10:54 PM
71	We take a lot of these surveys and are never given the results. It would be nice to see the actual responses.	11/30/2023 9:28 PM
72	Speed bumps for problem streets with stop signs. Cost effective?	11/30/2023 9:10 PM
73	Finish a senior center. Put the police back in the schools. Have the Philomath Police officers walk a beat once a month and talk to people. More parks. Plant more trees (replace the fabulous apple tree that was taken down in the Veterans Park). Get us a grocery store!! Do everything possible to make Philomath attractive to businesses so that we can thrive as a small town.	11/30/2023 8:47 PM
74	More restaurants or food carts. They'd keep us in town when we're dining out, and likely draw in more businesses in downtown.	11/30/2023 8:31 PM
75	I know the downtown will be cute and amazing when it's done, just so torn up right now!	11/30/2023 8:21 PM
76	I would like to see more trans parity from the city for new construction. It appears that the city has made decisions about new construction based on greed rather than the safety of affected residents.	11/30/2023 7:30 PM
77	Have our police do their job and stop speeding through town	11/30/2023 6:46 PM
78	Clean up houses that don't obey laws. Fine the owners. Embarrassing.	11/30/2023 6:16 PM
79	Would love to see more parks and walking trails. I would like to see a walking trail that follows applegate and 30th street which connects the city park to the C2C trail and to the intersection of Bellfountain rd. and Plymouth drive.	11/30/2023 3:09 PM
80	Focus on fixing what is already here and improving it. The city is far too fixated on development. If you can't tend to what you already have, then wasting time, energy, money and resources for development is only working to make money for developers, and does a grave disservice to the citizens of the town. Make the citizens your priority instead of outside interests driven only by greed.	11/30/2023 2:59 PM
81	Some side streets are very dark with no street lights, it feels unsafe.	11/30/2023 2:33 PM
82	We need a senior/community center.	11/30/2023 2:02 PM
83	Get the police to do their job, main street is a death trap and Applegate Street enforcement is non-existent. Bare minimum park the police cars at the south edge of their parking lot, the average speed will be reduced. Then if tickets are actually given get the one third revenue from the fines. The excuse that they are short handed tells me the budget is too much.	11/30/2023 1:52 PM
84	Improving the Sidewalks on south 13th street	11/30/2023 1:05 PM
85	We can't wait for the roads and sidewalks to be done. Hopefully there will be money available	11/30/2023 1:00 PM

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	to do street scaping.	
86	The current construction and design on the highway is not effective for safe turning onto streets or into highways. If a citizen writes into the city (good, bad, indifferent) always respond. The city works for the people.	11/30/2023 10:52 AM
87	I'm aware with the current ODOT project there is disruption for business parking, but feel this is an issue that will need to be addressed long term. Many of our local businesses have very limited parking, and as they grow and prosper, will need more availability.	11/30/2023 10:36 AM
88	We need a grocery store and a place that sells affordable kids clothing.	11/30/2023 10:35 AM
89	The field at south end of 9th street beside Mary's River Park is a transient hangout. Needs Police supervision.	11/30/2023 10:29 AM
90	Everyone who has a Philomath address should be treated equally. We have family that live outside of your official city limits, but their address is still Philomath and they identify as Philomath residents. I feel it's hurtful to not have the same access and information sent to them. They rarely get correspondence from the city and usually rely on us for information. They also don't have access to some city resources. Seems like you are excluding them. Not a good way to create a "community".	11/30/2023 10:22 AM
91	Please work on more transparent, proactive public communications. For example, share the rationale and strategy behind the Main Street expansion and road construction. How much is it costing? What's the cost breakdown and how are the funds allocated (to whom)? And what is the ROI for taxpayers? This information likely exists somewhere, but please be proactive in making it easy to find and consume. Consistent (basic) comms = trust. Thanks!	11/30/2023 9:58 AM
92	Affordable housing is an issue -- no different than any other Oregon community. City might look into establishing a Parks and Recreation Department if it becomes feasible to build a community pool in place of the one on life support at the high school.	11/30/2023 9:43 AM
93	Dog Park! Moved back to Philomath to raise a family.	11/30/2023 7:20 AM
94	Attract a grocery store, creative solutions to create local jobs and economic development	11/29/2023 10:28 PM
95	A grocery store would be great and a better location for the Philomath farmers market.	11/29/2023 9:27 AM
96	Code enforcement of fence at the corner of 19th and College St. Unsafe. Too tall. Must creep way out in intersection to see oncoming traffic.	11/29/2023 7:22 AM
97	None.	11/28/2023 9:25 PM
98	All things considered, City officials are doing a great job! When street scapes is completed, then a lot of the discussed issues should fall into place. It's all good-or will be!!!	11/28/2023 8:30 PM
99	Tack seal the asphalt joints on local streets to extend lifespan of roads. Repaint the hydrant side outlets back to original single colors - they look stupid with different colors, especially green on yellow hydrants - this is the original home of OSU. I love the community events like music in the park and farm market. This town is landlocked and will always be a sleeper town - there won't ever be hiking trails or industrial/art/commerce districts, there just isn't space or infrastructure and that's okay, put more effort into events, invite outside events, be willing to close streets for block parties and the like.	11/26/2023 8:22 AM
100	Stop the use of both middle and high school Native mascot!	11/25/2023 8:58 PM
101	If further developments are to be approved by the City Council and City Planning Department/Manager, ensure to the UTMOST extent possible that developers obey city code, enforce penalties for infractions right away, with zero leniency. Additionally, do not permit the City Manager and City Planning Official positions to be held by the same individual, such that conflict of interest is avoided (eg, Planning Official broke city code, reporting the code violation goes to the City Manager, who is the same person, nothing happens, etc.)	11/25/2023 8:20 PM
102	Please stop putting in more housing developments, we are becoming little Corvallis and we are loosing our small town feel and community Philomath has been known for. It also seems like the plans to expand are outpacing the expansion of infrastructure needed for so many new people	11/25/2023 5:33 PM
103	Weeding at City Park near the old train car. Leaving Camas to complete their life cycle before mowing at City Park, asis done at Bush Pasture Park in Salem.	11/25/2023 9:29 AM

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104	Slow folks down before some kid gets killed. I would sue philomath for everything they got if my kid gets killed while they did nothing to slow anyone down. It's fixable yet no enforcement at all. Our children and community members deserve better leadership.	11/24/2023 7:23 AM
105	Equity in police response. Not all citizens are treated the same around here and that is total crap. Maybe it's citizens who are weaponizing the police against people they don't like, or maybe it's unconscious bias, but the preference towards the "philomath clan" or "philomath mafia" of old family's in the community treating anyone they want terribly with impunity is ugly. What philomath is most known for in mom groups is a group of 40ish women who graduated here years ago who've kept their mean girl vibes alive and well and continue to terrorize other people and their children. I don't know how the city gets ahead of this, but I've talked to three family's lately who don't plan to put their younger kids through what their older kids are dealing with. Also; the school still employs an ex administrator removed for being inappropriate with women and girls among a ton of other things. Shunting him to a new department protects no one [except him...]. And shows what's really up around here no matter how hard the city council tries to improve the image of the town.	11/23/2023 2:24 PM
106	Please have the Chamber of Commerce remove or upgrade the local business signs at intersections along Main/Applegate.	11/23/2023 8:51 AM
107	Downtown streets 19th / Highway. Hump Sideswalks nonexistent	11/22/2023 9:06 PM
108	There needs to be more emphasis on creating trails and open nature space to allow for community young and old to live an active life and improve happiness, we're surrounded by open fields that say no trespassing and are forced to walk on city streets. My children used to love walking by the chickens on applegate, the one interesting thing along applegate to encourage children to get out of the house and they were told to move them to their backyard. It's such a shame that animals and nature are not encouraged in town to get people and kids away from their screens and outside. I'm disappointed that it's not safe enough to have my kid bike to school because cars do not pay attention to bikers and walkers, the crossings are limited with no lights or visual signals/ cross walks with lights on applegate. The new development of storage units as you enter town confirms the towns lack of awareness or care for visual appeal and attention to the impact of decisions to make money but not improve quality of life for residents. We need community event spaces, trails, endless open space, parks, nature playgrounds, encourage small shops and businesses to grow here not store here. There is so much beauty in our surroundings it seems to be wasted. Hwy 20 should be a 2 lane road not two 2lane roads- there should not be a highway going through downtown, the highway should go past the post office in both directions, to allow for downtown to be walkable and bikeable! Logging trucks roaring through downtown will not make people walk through town to go shopping, ever! Widening the streets won't change that. Vincent street needs speed bumps, we are adjacent to the parks and trail and lots of children live here, people go down this street at 40mph, I made complaints and nothing was done. We need speed bumps to slow the through traffic down.	11/22/2023 9:02 PM
109	The city manager is a disgrace. He is inconsistent and an embarrassment to Philomath. Everyone has a horror story about working with Chris Workman.	11/22/2023 5:14 PM
110	Better bike option for those traveling east to west from schools	11/22/2023 3:52 PM
111	Dealing with the increase cost of water. It is amazing how expensive it is compared to anybody I speak to outside this community.	11/22/2023 3:22 PM
112	Regarding economic development, I would love to have a grocery store in Philomath.	11/22/2023 8:03 AM
113	Applegate and Main have been a disaster for as long as I've been in Philomath regularly. Assertion on behalf of the citizens with county, state, and railroad respective responsible parties to make infrastructure not owned by the City but overlapping not be in a completely awful state for years would be a start. Enforcing city ordinances would also be great. Part of keeping our community safe is small things like encouraging people to: Pick up pet waste Always leash their animals when not in an enclosure, before going outside No longer allow stray cats to roam	11/21/2023 10:59 PM
114	Deal with the out of control animal issues in this town, 50% of my neighbors are running noisy stinky rodent infested farms and 75% have unbearable dogs.	11/21/2023 7:20 PM
115	Stop the insane housing developments without infrastructure and resources to support it. Developers are building crap structures and running with it	11/21/2023 6:36 PM

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116	I don't understand why the public works building is not open to the public during business hours. It states on the door by appointment. This is a building funded by the tax payers and should be open during business hours.	11/21/2023 6:25 PM
117	Police should be involved in schools for the benefit of students, staff, and families - NOT for police PR. The appropriate response to our unhoused community members is to connect them to housing and other services - NOT to criminalize poverty. The city manager occasionally brings his religious beliefs (including misogyny) into his official conversations and committee work. He has also approved the use of city vehicles (and possibly city employees in uniform) at religious events on his church's property. This should never happen! I encourage the city to offer all council and committee meetings online (eg zoom). I know interest in this option has waned since the height of the pandemic, but it provides the opportunity for engagement from people whose schedules, transportation options, disabilities, etc make in-person attendance difficult. Protect and support our library! Publish the results of this survey - including every single comment. Many of us have thoughtfully participated in previous surveys only to be disappointed that our comments were hidden from the community.	11/21/2023 5:32 PM
118	Create spaces for all family activities including teens. Finish the skate/ action park.	11/21/2023 5:31 PM
119	What on earth is going on with the new housing development at Millcreek Crossing? I've driven past at a few points and have seen houses being built in what is clearly standing water...this feels like it cannot be up to code and is going to reflect very poorly on the city in the years ahead. My code enforcement questions largely come from this: who approved the development, who vetted the developer(s), and what oversight, if any, has the city given with respect to the environmental cleanup issue (this may also be county or state DEQ and I respect that!), the resulting fallout (standing water is a mosquito hazard, among other things), and the plans to move the development ahead? Watching them try to build in what is again, literally Lake Philomath at this point is unnerving and it feels like a lawsuit waiting to happen -- not only against the developers but also whomever in the city approved the permits for the build.	11/21/2023 5:22 PM