



**AGENDA**  
**for the Planning Commission**  
**of the Town of Palisade, Colorado**  
**341 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street (Palisade Civic Center)**

**October 18, 2022**

**6:00 pm Regular Meeting**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3320075780>

**Meeting ID: 332 007 5780**

- I. REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00 pm**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. ROLL CALL**
- IV. AGENDA ADOPTION**
- V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**
  - A. LEAF PICK-UP** begins Monday, October 24, 2022, and will run through the first week of December, weather permitting.
  - B. TOWN CLEAN-UP DAY** is Saturday, October 29, 2022, from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm or until the dumpsters are full.
  - C. TRICK OR TREAT STREET** is Monday October 31, 2022, from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> and Main Streets.
- VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - A. Minutes from September 20, 2022, Regular Planning Commission Meeting**
- VII. PUBLIC COMMENT – For items not on the Public Hearing agenda**

*Please keep comments to 3 minutes or less and state your name and address. Neither the Planning Commissioners nor staff will respond to comments at this time. The Commission may direct staff to look into specific comments to bring back as an Agenda item at a future meeting.*

  - A. PUBLIC COMMENT REMINDER:**

All emails are to be sent to the Community Development Director at [brusche@townofpalisade.org](mailto:brusche@townofpalisade.org). Emails for public comment on a specific agenda item received prior to the day packets are published will be included with the staff report. Emails received after the packets are posted will be forwarded to the Planning Commission. Any member of the public who wishes to have a statement or email read into the Minutes is required to appear in-person at the meeting and make said statements to the Commission directly.
- VIII. UPDATE ON THE PALISADE GAME PLAN (Comprehensive Plan update)**

**From Community Planning Strategies (CPS)**  
[www.PalisadeGamePlan.com](http://www.PalisadeGamePlan.com)
- IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
- X. ADJOURNMENT**



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
PALISADE PLANNING COMMISSION  
September 20, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission for the Town of Palisade was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair Amy Gekas with Commissioners present: Riley Parker, David Hull, and Don Bosch. Vice Chair Leora Ruzin attended via Zoom. A quorum was declared. Also in attendance were Community Development Director Brian Rusche and Administrative Assistant Shelley Kopasz.

**AGENDA ADOPTION**

*Motion #1* by Commissioner Bosch, seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve the agenda as presented.

A roll call vote was requested  
Motion carried unanimously

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None were given

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Motion #2* by Commissioner Hull seconded by Commissioner Parker, to approve the Minutes from the August 16, 2022, Regular meeting of the Palisade Planning Commission, as presented.

A voice vote was requested  
Motion carried

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None was offered.

**UPDATE ON THE PALISADE GAME PLAN/COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE**

Kris Valdez of Community Planning Strategies launched a presentation of the Town of Palisade 2022 Game Plan and delivered the Project Status Summary to the Steering Committee.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Community Development Director Rusche announced a new vacancy on the Planning Commission with the resignation of Commissioner Prinster, resulting in a total of two (2) vacancies open. He stated that he will be working with additional appointments.

*Motion #3 to adjourn* by Commissioner Bosch, seconded by Commissioner Parker at 7:04 p.m.

X

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Amy Gekas  
Planning Commission Chairperson

X

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Shelley Kopasz  
Administrative Assistant

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## Town of Palisade

### 2022 Game Plan

#### October 18, 2022, Project Status Summary

##### Project Summary:

The Palisade Comprehensive Plan (the "2022 Game Plan") is a planning document providing a framework for future land-use decisions in Palisade to ensure the vision developed through community engagement is created. The 2022 Game Plan allows the community to collaborate on Palisade's future. Once adopted, the 2022 Game Plan will supersede the 2007 Palisade Comprehensive Plan (the "2007 Plan").

##### Summary of Completed Tasks to Date:

Below is the list of tasks completed since **September 20, 2022**, when the last Project Status Summary was provided. The table also identifies what section of the project proposal the task relates to.

Task Description	Task Number in the Project Management Strategy
1. Posted the Week 16 community question on the website.	Task 1.5: Community Engagement
2. Continued drafting Chapter 6: Capital Projects.	Task 2.1: Draft Plan Elements
3. Updated the project summary for the September 20, 2022, Steering Committee Meeting based on Brian's comments.	Task 1.3 Steering Committee
4. Developed the presentation for the September 20, 2022, Steering Committee meeting.	Task 1.3 Steering Committee
5. Created the packet for the September 20, 2022, Steering Committee for delivery on September 16, 2022.	Task 1.3 Steering Committee
6. Posted the Week 17 community question on the website.	Task 1.5: Community Engagement
7. Presented at the September 20, 2022, Steering Committee.	Task 1.3 Steering Committee
8. Posted the Week 18 community question on the website.	Task 1.5: Community Engagement
9. Presented the draft maps for Chapter 2: Land Use to Brian when meeting at the Colorado APA Conference.	Task 1.3 Steering Committee
10. Discussed the project schedule and deliverables with Brian when meeting at the Colorado APA Conference.	Task 1.3 Steering Committee
11. Posted the Week 19 community question on the website.	Task 1.5: Community Engagement

12. Continued drafting Chapter 6: Capital Projects.	Task 2.1: Draft Plan Elements
13. Updated maps for Chapter 2: Land Use based on meeting at the Colorado APA Conference.	Task 2.1: Draft Plan Elements
14. Updated Chapters 1 to 5 based on comments from the Steering Committee and Stakeholder groups.	Task 1.3 Steering Committee
15. Posted the Week 20 community question on the website.	Task 1.5: Community Engagement
16. Delivered Chapters 1 to 5, with maps by Friday, October 14, 2022.	Task 2.1: Draft Plan Elements
17. Delivered Project Summary and attachments for October 18, 2022, Steering Committee meeting by October 14, 2022.	Task 1.3 Steering Committee

**Summary of Completed Community Engagement to Date:**

The [2022 Game Plan website](#) continues to be updated and revised based on comments from the community and Palisade staff. The feedback included organizing the library of documents with the most recent documents at the top of the list. All community comments received since the September meeting have been added as an attachment.

Timestamp	What is your favorite festival in Palisade?
9/8/2022 17:01:45	I don't think the Farmer's Market counts as a festival, but it's our favorite! We want to love the Peach Festival, but it was way too busy and unorganized at the entrance last time.
9/16/2022 11:16:31	The Honeybee Festival
9/16/2022 12:08:16	The Lavender Festival, especially when it was held at Veterans Memorial Park.
9/16/2022 12:57:46	Sing up the Sun
9/16/2022 18:50:29	I do not like the festivals and plan to be out of town when they happen.
9/19/2022 12:50:27	I don't go to them. I let the tourists come and I leave :)
9/20/2022 10:21:45	This doesn't help us build a game plan for Palisade. This is another fluff question!
9/22/2022 10:21:15	Lavender
9/23/2022 10:51:01	The Bluegrass Festival 😊🎸❤️
9/23/2022 19:16:21	Lavender
9/23/2022 21:16:20	Wine fest
9/27/2022 10:06:43	Lavendar
9/27/2022 10:30:45	The small local ones that residents can actually attend w/o being run over by out of towners

Timestamp	What is your favorite time of year in Palisade?
9/16/2022 11:17:25	April and September
9/16/2022 12:11:41	Anytime I need to decompress, Palisade is my first choice.
9/16/2022 12:58:27	Christmas time. Love the Olde Fashioned Christmas. I'd love to see more locals events in Spring and Fall when the weather is nice.
9/16/2022 13:59:04	Fall is my favorite time of year! The weather is cooler and the craziness of harvest, peaches, and the peach festival have passed. There are fewer tourists, so it's easy to get into the restaurants in town and the traffic has calmed down a bit.
9/18/2022 17:13:48	Fall - the colors are changing, the farmers' markets are blowing up, tourist season is winding down, and it's starting to cool off. Spring is a close 2nd for many similar reasons
9/20/2022 10:31:14	Why so many fluff questions? We live here so we love it here. We need to be working on a plan. These questions are a waste of time! We need to ask the hard questions. Why are our roads so bad? What road is going to be paved next? Why don't we have sidewalks? What's the plan to improve walking around town? When is the Clifton sewer plant taking over? I thought it had a deadline? Why does our drinking water taste & look so bad & when are we going to improve on that system to insure quality drinking water? Why do we have such a large expense going to staff salaries but less is done around town? What is the plan to conserve Ag land? What is plan to keep the small town feel? What is the game plan??? When can we contribute to it? Stop with the fluff questions. Can we talk about improving our town for the next ten years?
9/23/2022 10:51:30	Autumn
9/23/2022 19:16:50	Spring
9/23/2022 23:02:09	I love summer for paddle boarding and fall for hiking and running
9/27/2022 10:07:46	Spring and Fall.
9/27/2022 10:31:10	Any time the tourists GO AWAY!!!
9/28/2022 18:18:27	Spring
10/10/2022 13:52:02	Fall and spring

Timestamp	Where is your ideal spot in Palisade?
9/21/2022 15:06:13	On our front porch... ;) Followed closely by gazing at the Milky Way from our yard.
9/22/2022 19:22:56	My front porch and side yard
9/23/2022 19:17:30	I just love downtown
9/23/2022 23:02:57	The top of Mt. Garfield. No contest.
9/26/2022 21:39:46	<p>These questions don't help with a comprehensive plan for our town! Why all the fluff? Why don't you ask real questions? Why do we have so many water problems? What is T.O.P. doing to address our water outages, breakages &amp; poor infrastructure??? I've lived here over 13 years &amp; the water has never tasted &amp; looked so poorly ever before. What is T.O.P. going to insure that problem doesn't continue? Is T.O.P. going to put in irrigation lines in the alley ways to improve residential properties? Or at least share in the cost?</p> <p>What is T.O.P. doing to improve quality of life for the residents who pay taxes? What is the plan for all the roads that are crumbling? Sidewalks? Sewer? Building codes? Just saying my favorite spot in Palisade is not as important as the real issues we are facing but T.O.P. is not addressing &amp; has no plan! Or least hasn't shared the plan. I'm not sure why this is called a game plan when no plan has been shared. Am I missing the plan? Where is it? What is the game plan????</p>
9/27/2022 10:08:06	Wherever the tourists aren't!!!
9/27/2022 10:08:13	My house
9/27/2022 10:32:18	There is currently NO "ideal" spot in Palisade outside of the sanctuary of my home. My quaint town has been marketed to death, we are overrun with tourists who act like assholes!
9/28/2022 18:18:40	Riverbend Park
10/11/2022 9:26:44	Too of stage coach trail

Timestamp	What would a perfect day in Palisade look like to you?
9/28/2022 18:19:17	Isn't this a repeat question?
9/30/2022 17:11:40	Enjoying a cool sunny fall day and walking to Slice of Life Bakery in the morning, and then having dinner in one of the restaurants that evening.
10/1/2022 11:18:23	<p>Having nice roads &amp; nice continuous sidewalks would be a good starting point. Having water line that don't break &amp; poor tasting water fixed is equally important. It would also be nice to bring in irrigation lines down the alley to the residences so they're not using the treated tapwater to water their lawns. It sure would be nice if the town looked out after the tax paying residences instead of tourists.</p> <p>Having the poop pond removed from beautiful Riverbend Park would also help the number one Park everybody likes to visit.</p> <p>Having a Parks and Rec program back again where there's other things to do in this town besides drink and some thing else for the kids to do would help.</p> <p>Using the old high school gym as a place for theater, arts, performances and dances would be a great way to bring the community together.</p> <p>Have a game plan that included keeping our agricultural heritage &amp; small town feel as a priority by implementing building codes and requirements that are actually followed by staff would be helpful.</p>
10/4/2022 12:28:50	Good friends, good food, good wine, good entertainment. Small and low key.
10/10/2022 23:28:38	coffee downtown, hike, then early lunch snack before hitting up a winery then dinner at Fidel's or Peche.
10/11/2022 9:27:58	Float the river then brewery or distillery

Timestamp	What kind of activities do you think would support local businesses year-round in Palisade?
10/6/2022 13:07:30	I don't understand what you mean. We would support local businesses year-round, but that's because we live here. The typical tourist season is fine and doesn't really need to be expanded.
10/10/2022 11:47:40	More academic/artistic opportunities for our citizens that are not relegated to bars. It would be amazing to have some theatre/dance, storytelling, lectures etc... It would also be amazing to have a dedicated space for these events which could also offer classes and workshops. A Palisade Community Enrichment Center! Discounts at our local festivals for entry to our locals or a pre-festival dinner/evening just for locals would be amazing. Maybe the Chamber could offer a local's discount card that could be used at area businesses? I also think an advisory board dedicated to the unique needs and input of the farmer's and business owners that are in the 81526 zip code but lie outside town lines. Their input and contributions are so important and they often feel unseen, unheard, and unappreciated. Palisade would not have the same magic without them.
10/10/2022 13:26:16	More activities in the downtown area that are JUST for Palisade residents. Old fashioned Street Dances, Pot Lucks, Neighborhood BBQ, Game Nights, Flea Market/Craft Sale. Also, it would help to get some of the non-retail businesses out of the downtown area and open those very limited spaces to retail and restaurants thus being able to diversify options for shopping and eating.
10/10/2022 13:35:18	We need businesses that have items people need/want year round. We also need a better variety of restaurants that are actually open during "regular" hours during the "off-season."
10/10/2022 13:51:42	Spring children's festivals, summer guided history and farm tours, fall/winter ski swaps and film screenings. Ice skating rink in winter.
10/10/2022 14:03:48	More affordable activities and festivals
10/10/2022 23:26:50	Winter festivals.
10/11/2022 9:31:07	The art show in the park was a great start. Markets summer and winter.

# Question of the Week!

Palisade 2022 Game Plan

COMMUNITY PLANNING STRATEGIES JUN 16, 2022 03:04PM

## What makes Palisade special to you? (week 1)

ANONYMOUS SEP 26, 2022 03:56PM

Small town vibe makes Palisade special

ANONYMOUS SEP 26, 2022 03:56PM

charming, small town feel but with amenities and walk ability. the best of all worlds

COMMUNITY PLANNING STRATEGIES SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Please see previous responses in the Community Forum below.

*The agriculture* — ANONYMOUS

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**Palisade is unique , every street you walk, no two houses are the same .Cookie cutter subdivisions need multiple floor plans ,60 homes =30 designs . Plus a tree for every other house**

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**Small town vibe who value local business and residents**

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Small scale, agriculture based, pedestrian friendly, friendly.

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

The combination of small farm town community, with seasonal economic boons via tourism.

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**what makes Palisade Special to me**

I love the small town, safe feeling of living on Palisade. Thats why I moved here and that why I have stayed here. I do not want it to become a large subdivision of GJ or big like Fruita. I love the agricultural aspect of it. Please keep the orchards!!!!

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

The small town vibe! Feeling safe letting my kids walk and bike around town because traffic is not heavy. The beautiful orchards.

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**Small town feel, it's a great place to raise kids. I feel safe letting my kids ride bikes around town, to the pool and stay out until the street lights come on. Childhood lived outside on a warm summer day, just like it should be. Makes me nostalgic for times gone by, not in Palisade, parents have that for our children here.**

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

The small rural tourist flavor, where golf carts or scooters for old farts and bikes for kids is safe. The natural beauty,the bookcliffs, the parks, the river etc. Please don't allow high density housing ruin our town!

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**The availability of produce!**

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

I love the small town feel with some new thriving businesses. There's produce, great restaurants, a bank, a vet. Everything that you need. A great day is one where I don't need to drive to Junction.

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Riverbend park is a gem. I go there at least 5 days a week.

# What would you like to see less of in Palisade? (week 2)

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 28, 2022 01:48PM

Festivals, tourists!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 26, 2022 03:56PM

I would like to see less medium/high density residential developments

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 09, 2022 04:04PM

## Less gatekeeping

This is an amazing town with so much opportunity but it has a dreadful NIMBY vibe where newcomers are made to feel unwelcome. Palisade does not live up to the stereotype of small towns being friendly. This is a cold-hearted, insular community that sucks up to tourists due to the revenue they bring but ostracizes anyone "new" who attempts to set up roots here and support local businesses. I often wonder how long you have to live here before the locals stop treating you like absolute pond scum.

**COMMUNITY PLANNING STRATEGIES** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Please see previous responses in the Community Forum below.

*Corporations like Dollar Store* — **ANONYMOUS**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## Chain stores and large developments

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## Week 2

Eliminate the streetlights in the middle of blocks. We don't need them and it's inconsistent throughout downtown. At the very least, they can be barn-doored to just point down. Let's promote night skies and save the town some money too!

*YES! 100% agree with this. We have a street light right across from our house and it takes away from our enjoyment of sitting on our front porch at night. There is absolutely no reason for it to be pointing on the street and into my house. Not to mention it's an outdated HPS light which isn't the most energy efficient lighting technology anymore. 100% on board for becoming a Dark Sky community!!!* — **ANONYMOUS**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Bright lights! (Require dark sky compliance). Less tear downs downtown.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Reduce the amount medium to high density residential zoning. quality over quantity needs to be prioritized.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## what I want to see less of

I do not want to see a lot of big store Corp built here, and I do not want to see more orchards lost to homes. Palisades charm is its SMALL population and small town feel due to that. Please NO more festivals added!! Traffic is horrible already!!

*Without tourism income and without housing growth where do you propose the money will come from for infrastructure improvements?  
I suspect you are not for tax increases either?* — **ANONYMOUS**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**I was born and raised in Palisade . When I visit there now there isn't much left of the place that I loved. I was so disappointed in all the housing and how many orchards have been destroyed for new housing. Very sad to see how it has changed.**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Less chains and cookie-cutter subdivisions.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

I would like to see fewer large subdivisions.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**New home construction, chain stores/restaurants, promotion of tourism in the "off" season, let the locals take a breath and enjoy quiet winters.**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Cut down on streetlights near Taylor Elementary - Its not Fort Nocks! Keep Orchards! - offer sellers to use land trust, not create KOA housing trailer parks

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**Ok, I will just come out and say it... drunk people on bikes riding 3+ deep and swerving all over the place! Somebody is going to get ran over.**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**Promotion and marketing of Palisade. While we all enjoy the tax dollars we are also dealing with the ramifications of the recognition our town is receiving. Horrible traffic/parking issues, RUDE visitors, increased crime, etc. There has to be a balance.**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## **Marijuana dispensaries**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

People moving to Palisade bringing with them the failing policies from where they just left!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Tourists

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Chain stores. Residential cookie cutter subdivisions.

## **If you sent a postcard to your future self, what do you hope Palisade is like in the future? (week 3)**

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**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

### **Dear self....**

I'm so glad the town board decided to minimize development in Palisade in the year 2022 or we would have no water! What they did saved the people that rely on it for agriculture and living, even though the developers were desperately trying to develop every strip of land they could..thanks Palisade for protecting our most precious resources!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**I would like to see thriving local businesses and a healthy community that has not outgrown its infrastructure. I would love to see that there are no chain stores and a downtown farmers market where you always see your friends, neighbors and local business owners.**

*Right! Not a million strangers struggling to push through the shoulder to shoulder crowds. – ANONYMOUS*

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## **Postcard for 2054, dated 2022**

Dear self,

It's hard to believe that 32 years has passed since I sent myself this postcard from the summer of 2022, and Palisade is finally celebrating its 150th anniversary of becoming a town! Isn't it wonderful that we have maintained our small town feel, and aren't the surrounding orchards and vineyards amazing!? The town founders and growers would be so proud to see that what they built has lasted 150 years and is as vibrant as ever. Happy Sesquicentennial, Palisade!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## **future Palisade**

I want it to be the SAME!! Charming- safe- low noise and traffic !! That is why I moved here!!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

### **Dear self,**

It's July and another gorgeous day here in our special little town. Went for a stroll this morning to the Farmer's Market and saw several kids riding bikes along the way. One kid even had a lemonade stand. Price was \$1.00. Can you believe that? I'm so grateful we've still got that low-key small town vibe here. New development has been carefully considered and appropriate for the size and culture of this place. We only have one stop light at Elberta and the Hwy. Downtown boasts no chain or box stores. Us old-timers still gather at Slice O' to watch the tourists rent bikes and go exploring. Dolce Vita!

*so glad the town did not fall for more growth and big time developers years ago! Its so wonderful to have that small town safe feel when everyone else is letting their towns grow out of control! We still have good water, safe streets, and not all that big town riff raff from overdevelopment!! – ANONYMOUS*

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## **Cycling**

I am so grateful that Palisade kept it's small-town feel and invested in open space, parks, children's recreation, preserving orchards, and strong cycling and walking paths. It's a safe place to ride around and take in the beautiful views.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**I hope it has retained and even reclaimed some of it's "Mayberry" charm.**

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## Don't lose our charming ' unique Town

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

I sure hope Palisade started investing in it's youth and celebrating it's senior population by offering Recreation programs to keep everyone engaged and active in the community!

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## Still quaint, full of orchards, small town feel

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

SMALL!!!

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Mayberry

*I hope Palisade retains it's small-town feel, without any chain-stores or franchises, good cycling infrastructure throughout town, and ample recreational opportunities out my door. — ANONYMOUS*

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

I would hope that it is the same that it is now. Some tourists. Some small festivals. Friendly people. Bikes and river floaters. Great restaurants.

## Which are the three most important issues for you and for Palisade right now? (week 4)

ANONYMOUS SEP 28, 2022 01:48PM

INVEST IN YOUR RESIDENTS!!! Tourism \$\$\$ are nice but it's ultimately our property taxes that keep this Town moving forward!

ANONYMOUS SEP 26, 2022 03:57PM

## Bike lanes especially on f road

ANONYMOUS SEP 26, 2022 03:57PM

## Maintaining small town vibe, vineyards and farms, strong infrastructure

ANONYMOUS SEP 26, 2022 03:57PM

balanced growth, infrastructure, careful future planning

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## Infrastructure, Responsible Growth and tourism that is economically sound with sustainability efforts towards the impact of the town.

*Vague buzzwords & broad aim. Elaborate a little... — ANONYMOUS*

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## Top Three Things

In no particular order:

- Maintaining small town feel
- Protecting the vineyards and orchards from city-sprawl
- Infrastructure improvements for current residents of Palisade

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**1. Preserve the historic character of town- create a historic preservation district and design standards. Fear- tear downs or major remodels that will change the character of the buildings. 2. Preserve the agricultural heritage 3. Allow for more short term rentals to keep people in town and increase lodging taxes which can be used for a bigger pool, community center and other needed amenities, street and infrastructure improvements.**

*ST rentals needs more exploration and definition. Usually more construction goes hand in hand with rentals. What is the owner occupied timeframe requirement before something can turn rental? — ANONYMOUS*

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## Water, Infrastructure, Growth Management

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Providing a sensible development and growth path for the Town of Palisade that allows development of residential areas, but also puts the burden of infrastructure development on the developers. Not the town.

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## most important issues

Right now the Traffic is #1 to me. I cant get out of my street most days now. We need roundabouts or stoplights on Elberta from 1-70 to Highway 6. Flashing signs for speed is a waste of money- nobody heeds it!! I think a roundabout somewhere off 1-70 to slow

traffic- maybe at Golden gate area, then a traffic light or roundabout at highway 6 from Elberta- you cant even get across it most days June-Oct. too many streets with frontage roads, and too much traffic on highway 6.

#2nd We need MORE Police activity. Where are they? I see them once a week- rest of the time, everyone knows they arent around- its a known fact to the townspeople.

#3 We need Animal control badly. Either a contract with Mesa County, or our own Animal control officer. Loose dogs are out of control here.

#4th Doing more for Residents than the tourists. residents feel like we dont matter anymore. Its all about the tourists.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

- Sustainable Tourism and community involvement
- Action regarding agricultural water rights and climate change
- Town infrastructure improvement

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## **1.Update infastructure; roads, water and sewer, bridges, etc.**

2. Create recreation programs for residents, specifically youth.
3. Keeping Palisade a small, safe, tight-knit community.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

1) A return to a focus on the needs of residents for town capital improvements and infrastructure, and impacts on residents of new development; 2) examine and evaluate all tourism-related activities (current and future) against metric of "is this appropriate or beneficial to our town;" 3) revisit and update building and construction codes - ones for new construction or flippers and perhaps another set that are more suited for in-place (and long term) residents on small to medium-sized improvements to their property. Not one size fits all.

*wanting the town to remember the residents live here and moved here because it was small- not getting carried away with the tourism and festivals that get bigger and bigger. leaving the orchards and vineyards which make this little town unique* — ANONYMOUS

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

- 1) Fix the intersection of Elberta and Front St. It's awful turning there and dangerous.
- 2) Reinstate Children's Parks and Rec Programs or consider a community center.
- 3) Large sidewalks and cycling pathways.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## **Build a Waterpark near where the sewage ponds are after they are removed ; Repave our streets; Build homes that are not 5 feet apart**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## **Roads, sewage & over spending**

We have all this money & all these grants but little has been done. The roads are awful. The street sweeper continues to peel up the asphalt that's falling apart. Our timeline to improve our sewage is closing plus it stinks up our park & neighborhoods. We have more town staff with higher wages from just a few years ago but a lot less is being done around town. I believe we could be doing a lot better then what we have been getting.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## **Figuring out a balance between tourism/tourist's and retaining residents. Too many tourists in town being terrible visitors are going to make residents fed up and want to leave.**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**Please remember that some of us actually live in town, having made conscious decision to do so many years ago. The last few years, it seems that the entire focus has been on more tourism: more people, more traffic, more live (loud) music, more alcohol, more festivals/events. Business owners have come here to plunder and maximize profits. They give nothing back to the town, yet their businesses have a huge negative impact upon actual residents. Drunks on rental bicycles, food trucks/trailers, and the proliferation of alcohol consumption has not had a positive impact upon those of us who actually live here.**

For the benefit of those of us who live in Palisade, it would be extremely beneficial if at least one of the three parks could be designated as requiring dogs be on a leash. It has become unsafe for senior citizens, walking small dogs on leashes, to use any of the three parks. Some of our neighbors now drive their dogs to Canyon View Park in GJ in order to be safe for their animals and avoid confrontation from the off-leash dog owners, many of them very aggressive, who insist they have a right to all three of the park areas. Residents are no longer the focus of the Town, it is all about

tourists, music, festivals, and alcohol consumption.

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

1. Growth related to housing prices; 2. Ensuring future viability of agriculture 3. Ensuring tourism is thriving but not taking over

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Only 2:  
Infrastructure  
Making sure us residents don't get run out of our own town, or become so forgotten we choose to leave. You're getting close Palisade!

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Responsible use of water, a bike lane along North River Road which goes around and back up Hwy 6 & 24, Responsible growth.

Do you want to see more housing in Palisade and if yes, what types? (week 5)

ANONYMOUS SEP 28, 2022 01:48PM

Jesus, NO!!!

ANONYMOUS SEP 26, 2022 03:57PM

No thank you

ANONYMOUS SEP 26, 2022 03:57PM

Some nice rental locations but NO high density housing

ANONYMOUS SEP 26, 2022 03:57PM

I'd like to see careful planning in housing that fits with the existing community feel and will bring people that will support current and future businesses.

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

yes. absolutely. towns must grow in order to survive. Palisade needs avoid the pitfalls of high density, and even some medium

density residential developments. Or ToP risks becoming East Clifton.

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

housing

No- Palisade needs to stay SMALL, Agricultural, and Charming. This is why people come here!!! If we keep building homes- its no longer a small charming town- it will just look like every other place!!!

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Palisade does not need any more housing, especially no high-density housing near the orchards or the heart of town. I could see an apartment building out by I-70 as being a benefit, so that there would be an option for people of varying incomes, but it's not a top priority. Another hotel out by I-70 would be nice so that the tourists could spend the night in town more easily, rather than giving their money to Grand Junction, but it's not necessary. In this case, smaller is better, in my opinion.

No more housing in that there's already strain on the sewer systems, traffic and water. In addition, the places to grow involve using agricultural land. More houses mean less green space, hotter weather. — ANONYMOUS

Additional housing isn't necessary for growth. Economic growth, or equilibrium means that cost of services is commensurate with town income. More growth means more services. — ANONYMOUS

Too many Denverites already. — ANONYMOUS

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

NO, NO, NO, HEEELLLL NO!!!

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

No but some realistic rent costs would be nice.

Rent is out of control everywhere. So for Palisade's to go below market, it would have to be subsidized or controlled somehow. Which a slippery slope to bigger government and govt assisted. — ANONYMOUS

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

No more housing. The old houses are what gives the town it's charm and makes people want to live and visit here. No need to turn it into suburbia.

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Nope!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

No high-density housing of any kind! We are not a suburb of GJ. We are a stand-alone thriving small community consisting of primarily single family housing. IF more housing is proposed/planned it needs to be appropriate in size and style to the neighboring environment, matching the culture of the town -- i.e. smaller homes; no starter castles; no townhome style communities. Further, any new housing needs to meet green building standards.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## Fix up run down houses that already exist

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## Maybe some, but not a lot - Palisade is unique because of it's smaller size.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

NONE!!! Most of us who have bought homes in Palisade have done so BECAUSE Palisade is a small community!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

I think it's unrealistic to say "no more housing development" but I do not like the idea of high density development.

## Do you want to see more commercial uses in Palisade and if yes, what kind of commercial uses would you like to see? (week 6)

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**ANONYMOUS** SEP 28, 2022 01:49PM

Could we get some "real" restrauents? One's that are open daily, serve "regular" food, not some fancy 2 bite plates that cost a million dollars. I'm talking regular mom and pop, greasy spoon, diners!!! Mcuh like 357 but with food that is actually edible.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 26, 2022 03:57PM

I would like to see more retail vs. office growth but that's a function of increased population base. I like having restaurants and little shops but it's hard for owners to sustain that if the population is "over controlled" -

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## Restaurants that are actually affordable and OPEN regularly, more local mom and pop shops

*They need to make \$ in order to be staffed and pay utilities and rent/mortgage to be open. Which isn't sustainable year-round. Especially if the townspeople don't want more tourism (those people shop) nor more residents. Current residents need to shop small and be willing to curb trips to GJ and online shopping. This is a complex issue.* — **ANONYMOUS**

*I would absolutely shop and dine out more in Palisade if there were decent shopping and dining available. Most of the retail space available in our very limited downtown area is occupied by business offices and quite frankly it shameful. Those spaces should be reserved for retail and dining only.* — **ANONYMOUS**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

No we are close enough to a major town for any commercial needs

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Commercial services and businesses in the form of locally owned arts and crafts that will cater to the tourists and locals alike. We need shops so that walk-by traffic will stop in.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

We feel that the restaurant options could definitely be expanded in Palisade, especially during tourist season. Many times the current restaurants are full, and the locals who just want to pop over for a meal without a reservation are out of luck. As locals, we'd frequent more restaurants, even during the shoulder season, if they were available.

As previously mentioned, another hotel by the interstate would be helpful.

Other than that, we don't want to see any more commercial businesses in Palisade. We prefer the small town feel and enjoy the little local businesses we have. (Yes, we know we can't have it both ways... but you asked!) ;)

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

More affordable local restaurants. Encourage small busines start-ups to stay here.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Paddleboarding at Riverbend.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**NO!**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Yes a few....For restaurants, we've lost the "locals" café now that Fidel's has focused it's marketing and menu to tourists. The "greasy spoon" kind of place you find in most small towns in America where locals meet and talk and have an affordable and standard breakfast and lunch items without TV. Thank goodness for Slice O'! Other retail could perhaps be a locally owned bookstore specializing in local recreational books/maps -- could also host readings. Perhaps a gourmet foods shop that has an olive/cheese/cracker selection where locals can shop for fresh items (not available at FFT) and visitors can build a box lunch for their day's adventure. I miss the kind of gift shop like Lupita's (housed in the bank building a few years back) with some smaller, unique home furnishings, cards and gift items.

*I miss Lupita's Bizarre Bazaar too!!!* — **ANONYMOUS**

*A speciality foods store with cheese and sandwiches would be fantastic!* — **ANONYMOUS**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## Clean kitchen

No one asked for a clinic. But a lot of people wanted a small business incubator type place. Where they could rent space with a clean kitchen to make all kinds of items. Palisade is a blue collar community & the town doesn't support us. Instead they focus all their efforts into tourist. But if it wasn't for the local crafts, amazing fruits & vegetables & adult establishments the tourists would move on. Let's find ways to support & encourage our diverse community instead of finding new commercial businesses.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## Clean kitchen

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**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**Sure, year-round restaurants would be great, and honestly more establishments that serve food in general (they don't have to be chains, local is great). I think there's too much alcoholic establishments and too few food establishments.**

*Agreed!* — **ANONYMOUS**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

This is kind of a laughable situation in Palisade. We market the hell out of it to get people to visit and then have little to no options for dining, lodging and shopping. Seems a\$\$ backwards to me.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

I don't feel we need any more commercial use. We pretty much have what we need at this point in time.

## When it comes to managing growth, would you rather have future buildings go up in height in specific areas of Palisade to use less land or for growth to extend further out to maintain the view corridors? (week 7)

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**ANONYMOUS** SEP 26, 2022 03:57PM

**I only care about keeping farmland. I'd contribute to conservation easements. Future generations will need food**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 26, 2022 03:57PM

I like the idea of going up as long as it is planful. When lots are small and land is limited, up is the only option.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Keep the expansion limited. Be mindful of the views and also night light-pollution.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

We cannot infringe on the views that make Palisade so amazing. The tourists are here because of the small town atmosphere. Agriculture wine and the views. They want to escape the city, Unless tourism is not driving the economy here?

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## Neither!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**If we are more selective about what occupies the spaces we currently have, neither of these options will be necessary.**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Certain areas are currently an eyesore. Perhaps start with raising standards of maintenance. Maybe limited shorter multi-housing by the interstate where views won't be compromised. Set limits on orchard development and developers must fund some green space/town beautification. But we know developers will pass that expense on to buyers, which will continue the home price increase.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## Growth

Keep the growth Further out from our town please! Keep the Palisade corridor open land with orchards and vineyards. Put growth east towards Clifton!!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Could there be a growth plan from this process that makes this question unnecessary? Let's instead improve the management and development of those already targeted zoned areas and existing commercial areas. Use the elements of this new plan to manage those very areas first. No tall structures ever please! Maintaining the view corridors is essential to the culture and integrity of our small community. Would instead encourage the purchase the development rights of any properties east of town to come up for sale to extend our green belt between Clifton and Palisade.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## KEEP AS IS

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## Don't ruin the views

Our views make Palisade special. Offering a sweet deal to one lady to remove our only public restroom to put in a several story hotel while tax payers pay for parking along the train tracks shows how our current town administrator runs a buddy system and doesn't follow the current codes. The town attorney insures the town administrator gets what she wants. I miss the days when the former town attorney represented the citizens & safe guarded the town so we were not in so many lawsuits.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**Stop trying to "expand" Palisade! No one wants that, we all moved here because it's a small Town. If we wanted to live somewhere larger we would have bought homes in GJ!!!**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

No tall buildings. Palisade is all about the views.

## What is your favorite natural amenity in Palisade? Why? (week 8)

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**ANONYMOUS** SEP 28, 2022 01:48PM

I would say our wonderful spring fed water up until recently....shame on you Palisade!!!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 26, 2022 03:57PM

## Parks and walking/hiking areas

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 26, 2022 03:58PM

the river access

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

The Rim Trail and Riverbend Park are both stunning places to spend time.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## River, Mesa , Orchards

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

We love the Palisade Rim Trail, views of the orchards, vineyards, Bookcliffs, Grand Mesa, and even views of the Monument off in the distance. There could be a more extensive hiking trail along the river without a negative impact.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Riverbend Park. It's the "gold mine" of our community. Accessible, partially developed to meet many recreational needs. It is treasured by our town residents and treated respectfully in keeping it clean. For many, it is the social center of Palisade. Leave the west end undeveloped and rough. Proceed with caution on any more development and more festivals/events please.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

# Riverbend Park

What a great park. The only thing that needs improvement is the west end. It was suggested years ago to preserve the old pads that once had the picker homes. Instead the trees & weeds continue to degrade our historical site. It's completely neglected. There is one sign that talks about the history. We say we want to preserve the agricultural history & this would be the perfect place to do that. One picker home would be a great addition! Please don't let it continue to fall apart. It's part of our history!

*It would be so cool if the historical society and the town were able to turn that area into an educational spot with recreated homes! I've seen similar setups in Breckenridge, Frisco, and Delta at Fort Uncompahgre.* — ANONYMOUS

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**River Bend Park. Sure would be nice to add a swim area and swim beach now that a lot of the Tamrisk has been cleared.**

*Ability to paddleboard on the pond would also be awesome!* — ANONYMOUS

*Agreed 100%* — ANONYMOUS

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**Our world class drinking water!**

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Hard to beat Riverbend Park

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**The views of Mt. Garfield and the Mesa (oh and the National Monument actually)**

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Water

## What is your preferred park in Palisade and how do you use it? (week 9)

ANONYMOUS SEP 26, 2022 03:58PM

**Peach Bowl**

ANONYMOUS SEP 26, 2022 03:58PM

**Peach bowl park first, riverbend second**

ANONYMOUS SEP 26, 2022 03:58PM

I use them all for different reasons...I love having them

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**I like the playgrounds at Peachbowl Park for my small children and I like Riverbend for taking walks. The only park we generally don't utilize is the one by the skate park because of the older children and sometimes adults who are around. They are not always kind to me or my children and my kids are often uncomfortable there.**

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**Riverbend. River access, walking trail, picnics, fishing.**

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**A thought about Peachbowl Park...what a waste! Thos park is a wonderful space but is grossly underutilized because no one seems to care for it. The baseball park is in shambles which is a shame! Kids should be able to use the space for a pick-up game of baseball, the volleyball pits are full of weeds and cat poop, the play grounds are tiny, the open space isn't used or marketed at all. There could be so much more happening there!**

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**RIVERBEND**

Great park with lots of activities. Could use some shade for parents watching children at the playground.

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Riverbend Park - we walk there

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**All three. We love Riverbend for it's size and trees. We homeschool, walk, bike and play there. My kids love running around at the playgrounds at peachbowl after swimming. And my son loves the skate park, he wants to go constantly.**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Riverbend. It's my sanctuary. I'm a 20 year resident and I use it all year-round. Dog walking, picnicking, quiet walks, meditation, socialization, bird watching, rafting, bicycling, and walking in sun/rain/snow. Hope to take up disc golf soon too!

*Riverbend Park for dog walking and various events and festivals.*  
— **ANONYMOUS**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

We love to walk and bike through Riverbend Park. The zipline at the playground there is great for kids as well. Peach Bowl Park has so much potential but needs to have some money invested into it to clean it up and the pool really needs to be expanded for how many people use it on all the hot summer days we have.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**Veteran's Park - my church meets there! I would use River Bend substantially more if I could do it as a running loop - I avoid it now because if you run it towards Clifton it just dumps you out on G road, where traffic is going 55 miles per hour.**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Veterans Park is beautiful and right in the middle of Town. It would be great if we could fix up the crumbling Community Center and have more community events there.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Why is all the grass at Peachbowl Park dead or dying? I know water is scarce but it seems like we could cut back somewhere else and keep our park facilities looking attractive. If not, could we instead invest in some Zeroscaping?

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

I love all the parks in Palisade. Please keep the homeless from inhabiting them like in GJ so we can continue to enjoy them!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**The bmx park is also wonderful but needs shade and potable water.**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Riverbend Park. I go there almost every day with my dogs. (...and yes, I scoop their poop along with any other that I see).

## **What is your ideal recreational activity in Palisade? (week 10)**

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**ANONYMOUS** SEP 28, 2022 01:49PM

All recreation in Palisade seems to be geared toward tourists! How about some REAL recreation opportunities in Palisade for the residents? Our youth need options for things to do, clubs to join, sports to play without having to drive to GJ. Would be nice to invest my \$ in programs that benefit Palisade rather than give all of my money for Rec participation to the city of GJ.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 26, 2022 03:58PM

## **Wine tasting**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 26, 2022 03:58PM

walking, bike riding and floating the river

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Biking around Town, though Riverbend Park, swimming at Peach Park, and paddleboarding.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

We love to walk around town after dinner. It will be even easier to do this when the sidewalk project is complete!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

We love to ride our bikes along the Scenic Fruit & Wine Byway, and around town. We would like to ride our bikes to the Palisade Rim Trail, too, but River Road doesn't have very wide shoulders. Would it be possible to widen the shoulders along River Road, Hwy 6 (and the roads that zigzag through the vineyards and orchards) to better accommodate cyclists & allow drivers a comfortable distance from them?

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## **Running! Second - paddleboarding!**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Wish I didn't have to drive so far for my kids to participate in organized sports!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Wish we could paddleboard on the ponds

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

the "ideal" recreation in Palisade would be any sort of recreation in Palisade that is geared towards residents rather than visitors, ie: Plunge, Hiking Trails, Wine Tours, River Floating. All great activities no doubt, but if we could have something, anything, more resident focused it would be appreciated.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**Biking, paddleboarding, walking and smelling the orchards! I also 100% support the option to take the bus into Grand Junction - yay Grand Valley Transit!**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

I walk in Riverbend almost every day, I ride my bike (would love a bike lane along North River Road and Hwy 6&24) and I float the river in the summer.

**How do you get where you need to go in Palisade? Does it work for you? (week 11)**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 28, 2022 01:48PM

Golf Cart! Don't take this away from the residents, we love it!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 26, 2022 03:58PM

**Walking and car**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 26, 2022 03:58PM

walk, golf cart, bike, sometimes vehicle

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

I walk to do all my errands in Downtown Palisade, eat at the restaurants, and walk around after dinner, and once the sidewalk project is done, that will be much easier. My husband likes to ride his bike, but the lack of shoulders on Highway 6 and River Road, etc, make that a little more complicated. For trips out to the south side of town, we usually drive. Wider shoulders for pedestrians and cyclists would make our job as drivers easier, too.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Mostly biking and walking and usually with my kiddo. It works for us, but it can be a bit scary since we lack sidewalks and there aren't really any dedicated bike lanes.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**Biking, walking, driving.**

Biking, walking, driving. Would like to see speed limits lowered and noise enforcement along front street, along with more pedestrian crossings. From the High School to Ace should be 25mph with nice bike lanes given the amount of kids and pedestrians in the area. Speed should also be lowered near the rim trail, lots of pedestrians, families, and cyclists and vehicles doing 60+ right next to them

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**Golf cart and YES!!! We absolutely love that we can drive our golf cart in Palisade.**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**I live very close, so honestly I walk most places, it's very rare that I drive anywhere in Palisade, and I LOVE THAT part of it. If it's a little farther I bike!**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

I live in town and I try to ride my bike and/or walk to wherever I need to go.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Walking everywhere. Yes, it does. The town can identify those sidewalks that need repair to eliminate tripping hazards.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**Walk**

I walk or ride my bike all around town. It is very unsafe especially with the increase in tourism. I would love to have a walkable town instead we have a lot of potholes, poor patch work, crumbling roads and lack of continuous sidewalks. Please beautify Palisade with long overdue infrastructure needs!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

I walk and ride my bike to do whatever needs to be done in Palisade. The side streets are not busy which helps and I like the neighborhood feel.

# If you could make one improvement to the infrastructure, such as roads, sidewalks, bike lanes, etc. to Palisade, what would it be? (week 12)

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**ANONYMOUS** SEP 28, 2022 01:48PM

Why pick just one? they are all equally important and far overdue to be made a priority by the Town.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 26, 2022 03:58PM

## Bike lanes

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 26, 2022 03:58PM

the roads are in horrific condition for the amount of traffic, in my opinion

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Where sidewalks are not possible, please widen the shoulders to accommodate cyclists, pedestrians, or slower moving vehicles.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**1. Sidewalks! We have a lot of unfinished areas without sidewalks (1st st comes to mind).**

2. Paint the roads!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## Roads

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Bury all of the overhead lines

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## One change

I would add a roundabout at exit 42 to slow traffic down and also allow people to exit their streets! Traffic is terrible and drives too fast no matter how many signs are out on Elberta!!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## Fiber Optics

I would make fiber optics available to each house in Palisade. Access to high-speed internet would enhance the quality of life of everyone here in Palisade.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Safer bicycle paths since Palisade promotes cycling!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## More pedestrian friendly for kids and cyclists!

Wide bike and pedestrian trails from the high school to Ace or even the rim trail. Slow down traffic by the rim trail. 25mph from highschool to Ace. Designated pedestrian crossings, especially to the pool from Riverbend across Front street. Bike lane to Clifton or connecting riverfront trail for cyclists.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**Sidewalks a long both frontage roads from the high school all the way through town to the bridge. And, NO more temporary orange fencing during festivals (not a classy look). So,maybe roses or hedges (beautiful natural deterrents) between frontage roads and the highway to permanently encourage crossing in designated areas.**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**Improve the pedestrian corridor from the wine country inn and golden gate gas station to the rest of palisade. There is no safe pedestrian crossing on the bridge because there is no sidewalk.**

*Especially important during food truck fridays.* — **ANONYMOUS**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

I would like to see a traffic signal at the Hwy and Elberta. We don't need a roundabout. It's not THAT busy. CDOT public meetings are coming for discussion on options. If that project moves forward, then my second would be to improve/modify street lighting to be less harsh and more conducive for night sky viewing. Could be installation of amber color bulbs and eliminating middle of block lights in streets town.

*Definitely less bright lights.* — **ANONYMOUS**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## Roads

Our roads are embarrassing, hazardous & long over do. Along with the sidewalks or lack of sidewalks. We want to promote a small town feeling but we do not take care of the residence who do walk, bike, push strollers around town but have to zig zag around the numerous obstacles to get from point A to point B. Typically if the road is going to be fixed that is a time you also add bike lanes and improve sidewalks so picking one seems to be a mute point.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## High speed internet service

## Do you have any suggestions to improve transportation services in Palisade? (week 13)

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**ANONYMOUS** SEP 28, 2022 01:49PM

PediCab sucks! How can we expect those renting bikes to follow the rules of the road if those guys don't? How about some enforcement when bikes aren't following the rules of the road? Or are we so concerned about the "revenue" that we turn a blind eye? Seems like rewarding a kid throwing a temper tantrum by giving them candy...

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 28, 2022 01:49PM

Palisade roads are terrible, please allocate money to fix them!!! We pay some of the highest property taxes in the County, I would like to see more of my \$\$\$ put where it matters, into infrastructure!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 26, 2022 03:58PM

## More sidewalks and sidewalk maintenance

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 16, 2022 05:16PM

Safer pedestrian crossings on Front St. from Riverbend area to Peachbowl area. Really need to slow down traffic in this heavily pedestrian area. People drive 40+ through there frequently.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Palisade is largely a pedestrian and biking town. Would like to see more sidewalks particularly from Iowa to high school, dedicated bike lanes and traffic lights that would allow crossing of highways that can be activated by people needing to cross

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

More bike lanes and sidewalks, please!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## Get drunk people with bikes off our roads

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Perhaps have the clinic opens, there would be a free shuttle/taxi service available for seniors to get to/from the clinic. Also enforcement by police of law signed by Gov Polis (May 2021) regarding off highway vehicles being driven in town. ATVs, four-wheelers, and side-by-sides are not allowed, but I've already seen some in town. (Exceptions could be made for those licensed vehicles used in fruit deliveries during season). We already seen evidence in other towns in CO and in Moab of the danger, nuisance and noise pollution they bring. Lastly, notices included with all bicycle rentals in town on cycling safety and CO laws i.e. reminders to use hand signals when turning and stopping at intersections.

*The Town Of Palisade as well as Mesa County allows ATVs and off-road vehicles around town. When you actually look at Moab it is a huge increase of revenue. Some may find it annoying while others enjoy the experience. Our speed limits in town are slow enough and we should encourage more of these alternative vehicles that use far less gas.* – **ANONYMOUS**

## How is the internet and cell service in Palisade? (week 14)

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**ANONYMOUS** SEP 28, 2022 01:48PM

WE NEED HIGH SPEED INTERNET TO STAY COMPETITIVE WITH...WELL THE WHOLE WORLD!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 28, 2022 01:48PM

Freaking terrible!!! Too bad our esteemed leaders don't seem to give a rats a\$\$

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 26, 2022 03:58PM

## Awful

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 26, 2022 03:58PM

Internet with Spectrum is just OK. Our service drops and comes back for seconds-to-minutes throughout the day...everyday. Frustrating. Service tech have been out twice and we've replaced equipment too. Whenever you call, the answer is the same - "we getting reports of outages in your area." Cell service via Verizon is fine. High speed fiber/internet throughout would be a real benefit.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 26, 2022 03:58PM

**I live in downtown and internet and cell service has always been fine for me. In places with above ground lines, it will never be perfect. If this question is leading to looking at a town wide fiber installation- those are multimillion dollar and multi year projects. Sure it would be nice to have that but those are in places with deep pockets like Fort Collins or resort towns typically. There are probably more immediate issues facing residents here today that should be the focus of the Town in my opinion. However, to start toward that direction, the Town could adopt a Dig Once policy requiring dark fiber to be installed. Many places have this and it's a simple and cheap way to start toward this goal.**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 26, 2022 03:58PM

I'm happy with the internet service but the cell service is awful where I live.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 14, 2022 02:08PM

**Terrible**

The power goes out in Palisade often. The cell service & internet is slow. Not sure if fiber optic would be better?  
The questions so far have been superficial questions. How does this help the people living here? How is this a game plan? How is this helping Palisade improve? What is the vision? How are we creating a comprehensive plan for new businesses, buildings, conservation of Ag land, infrastructure issues and so on???  
We all love the parks & such around Palisade which is why we live here. Can we move on to more pressing issues? Can we work through the challenges? We don't need more fluff questions about loving Palisade.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

PLEASE bring fiber optics / high speed internet to us! The service provided by Spectrum is okay at times, but it is flakey.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Reliable high speed internet is critical in this day and age. Remote working requires this, as does doing homework for the high school, not to mention how important this is for the businesses in Palisade. (Thankfully the school district has a 1:1 technology policy, but access to the internet is required to make this truly successful for the students.) We've seen information about bringing fiber optics to each house in Palisade, and this would be a wonderful amenity to this already amazing town.

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# Question of the Week!

Palisade 2022 Game Plan

COMMUNITY PLANNING STRATEGIES JUN 16, 2022 03:04PM

## What makes Palisade special to you? (week 1)

ANONYMOUS SEP 26, 2022 03:56PM

Small town vibe makes Palisade special

ANONYMOUS SEP 26, 2022 03:56PM

charming, small town feel but with amenities and walk ability. the best of all worlds

COMMUNITY PLANNING STRATEGIES SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Please see previous responses in the Community Forum below.

*The agriculture* — ANONYMOUS

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**Palisade is unique , every street you walk, no two houses are the same .Cookie cutter subdivisions need multiple floor plans ,60 homes =30 designs . Plus a tree for every other house**

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**Small town vibe who value local business and residents**

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Small scale, agriculture based, pedestrian friendly, friendly.

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

The combination of small farm town community, with seasonal economic boons via tourism.

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**what makes Palisade Special to me**

I love the small town, safe feeling of living on Palisade. Thats why I moved here and that why I have stayed here. I do not want it to become a large subdivision of GJ or big like Fruita. I love the agricultural aspect of it. Please keep the orchards!!!!

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

The small town vibe! Feeling safe letting my kids walk and bike around town because traffic is not heavy. The beautiful orchards.

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**Small town feel, it's a great place to raise kids. I feel safe letting my kids ride bikes around town, to the pool and stay out until the street lights come on. Childhood lived outside on a warm summer day, just like it should be. Makes me nostalgic for times gone by, not in Palisade, parents have that for our children here.**

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

The small rural tourist flavor, where golf carts or scooters for old farts and bikes for kids is safe. The natural beauty,the bookcliffs, the parks, the river etc. Please don't allow high density housing ruin our town!

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**The availability of produce!**

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

I love the small town feel with some new thriving businesses. There's produce, great restaurants, a bank, a vet. Everything that you need. A great day is one where I don't need to drive to Junction.

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Riverbend park is a gem. I go there at least 5 days a week.

# What would you like to see less of in Palisade? (week 2)

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 28, 2022 01:48PM

Festivals, tourists!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 26, 2022 03:56PM

I would like to see less medium/high density residential developments

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 09, 2022 04:04PM

## Less gatekeeping

This is an amazing town with so much opportunity but it has a dreadful NIMBY vibe where newcomers are made to feel unwelcome. Palisade does not live up to the stereotype of small towns being friendly. This is a cold-hearted, insular community that sucks up to tourists due to the revenue they bring but ostracizes anyone "new" who attempts to set up roots here and support local businesses. I often wonder how long you have to live here before the locals stop treating you like absolute pond scum.

**COMMUNITY PLANNING STRATEGIES** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Please see previous responses in the Community Forum below.

*Corporations like Dollar Store* — **ANONYMOUS**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## Chain stores and large developments

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## Week 2

Eliminate the streetlights in the middle of blocks. We don't need them and it's inconsistent throughout downtown. At the very least, they can be barn-doored to just point down. Let's promote night skies and save the town some money too!

*YES! 100% agree with this. We have a street light right across from our house and it takes away from our enjoyment of sitting on our front porch at night. There is absolutely no reason for it to be pointing on the street and into my house. Not to mention it's an outdated HPS light which isn't the most energy efficient lighting technology anymore. 100% on board for becoming a Dark Sky community!!!* — **ANONYMOUS**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Bright lights! (Require dark sky compliance). Less tear downs downtown.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Reduce the amount medium to high density residential zoning. quality over quantity needs to be prioritized.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## what I want to see less of

I do not want to see a lot of big store Corp built here, and I do not want to see more orchards lost to homes. Palisades charm is its SMALL population and small town feel due to that. Please NO more festivals added!! Traffic is horrible already!!

*Without tourism income and without housing growth where do you propose the money will come from for infrastructure improvements?  
I suspect you are not for tax increases either?* — **ANONYMOUS**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**I was born and raised in Palisade . When I visit there now there isn't much left of the place that I loved. I was so disappointed in all the housing and how many orchards have been destroyed for new housing. Very sad to see how it has changed.**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Less chains and cookie-cutter subdivisions.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

I would like to see fewer large subdivisions.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**New home construction, chain stores/restaurants, promotion of tourism in the "off" season, let the locals take a breath and enjoy quiet winters.**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Cut down on streetlights near Taylor Elementary - Its not Fort Nocks! Keep Orchards! - offer sellers to use land trust, not create KOA housing trailer parks

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**Ok, I will just come out and say it... drunk people on bikes riding 3+ deep and swerving all over the place! Somebody is going to get ran over.**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**Promotion and marketing of Palisade. While we all enjoy the tax dollars we are also dealing with the ramifications of the recognition our town is receiving. Horrible traffic/parking issues, RUDE visitors, increased crime, etc. There has to be a balance.**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## **Marijuana dispensaries**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

People moving to Palisade bringing with them the failing policies from where they just left!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Tourists

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Chain stores. Residential cookie cutter subdivisions.

## **If you sent a postcard to your future self, what do you hope Palisade is like in the future? (week 3)**

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**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

### **Dear self....**

I'm so glad the town board decided to minimize development in Palisade in the year 2022 or we would have no water! What they did saved the people that rely on it for agriculture and living, even though the developers were desperately trying to develop every strip of land they could..thanks Palisade for protecting our most precious resources!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**I would like to see thriving local businesses and a healthy community that has not outgrown its infrastructure. I would love to see that there are no chain stores and a downtown farmers market where you always see your friends, neighbors and local business owners.**

*Right! Not a million strangers struggling to push through the shoulder to shoulder crowds. – ANONYMOUS*

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## **Postcard for 2054, dated 2022**

Dear self,

It's hard to believe that 32 years has passed since I sent myself this postcard from the summer of 2022, and Palisade is finally celebrating its 150th anniversary of becoming a town! Isn't it wonderful that we have maintained our small town feel, and aren't the surrounding orchards and vineyards amazing!? The town founders and growers would be so proud to see that what they built has lasted 150 years and is as vibrant as ever. Happy Sesquicentennial, Palisade!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## **future Palisade**

I want it to be the SAME!! Charming- safe- low noise and traffic !! That is why I moved here!!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## **Dear self,**

It's July and another gorgeous day here in our special little town. Went for a stroll this morning to the Farmer's Market and saw several kids riding bikes along the way. One kid even had a lemonade stand. Price was \$1.00. Can you believe that? I'm so grateful we've still got that low-key small town vibe here. New development has been carefully considered and appropriate for the size and culture of this place. We only have one stop light at Elberta and the Hwy. Downtown boasts no chain or box stores. Us old-timers still gather at Slice O' to watch the tourists rent bikes and go exploring. Dolce Vita!

*so glad the town did not fall for more growth and big time developers years ago! Its so wonderful to have that small town safe feel when everyone else is letting their towns grow out of control! We still have good water, safe streets, and not all that big town riff raff from overdevelopment!! – ANONYMOUS*

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## **Cycling**

I am so grateful that Palisade kept it's small-town feel and invested in open space, parks, children's recreation, preserving orchards, and strong cycling and walking paths. It's a safe place to ride around and take in the beautiful views.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**I hope it has retained and even reclaimed some of it's "Mayberry" charm.**

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## Don't lose our charming ' unique Town

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

I sure hope Palisade started investing in it's youth and celebrating it's senior population by offering Recreation programs to keep everyone engaged and active in the community!

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## Still quaint, full of orchards, small town feel

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

SMALL!!!

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Mayberry

*I hope Palisade retains it's small-town feel, without any chain-stores or franchises, good cycling infrastructure throughout town, and ample recreational opportunities out my door. — ANONYMOUS*

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

I would hope that it is the same that it is now. Some tourists. Some small festivals. Friendly people. Bikes and river floaters. Great restaurants.

## Which are the three most important issues for you and for Palisade right now? (week 4)

ANONYMOUS SEP 28, 2022 01:48PM

INVEST IN YOUR RESIDENTS!!! Tourism \$\$\$ are nice but it's ultimately our property taxes that keep this Town moving forward!

ANONYMOUS SEP 26, 2022 03:57PM

## Bike lanes especially on f road

ANONYMOUS SEP 26, 2022 03:57PM

## Maintaining small town vibe, vineyards and farms, strong infrastructure

ANONYMOUS SEP 26, 2022 03:57PM

balanced growth, infrastructure, careful future planning

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## Infrastructure, Responsible Growth and tourism that is economically sound with sustainability efforts towards the impact of the town.

*Vague buzzwords & broad aim. Elaborate a little... — ANONYMOUS*

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## Top Three Things

In no particular order:

- Maintaining small town feel
- Protecting the vineyards and orchards from city-sprawl
- Infrastructure improvements for current residents of Palisade

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**1. Preserve the historic character of town- create a historic preservation district and design standards. Fear- tear downs or major remodels that will change the character of the buildings. 2. Preserve the agricultural heritage 3. Allow for more short term rentals to keep people in town and increase lodging taxes which can be used for a bigger pool, community center and other needed amenities, street and infrastructure improvements.**

*ST rentals needs more exploration and definition. Usually more construction goes hand in hand with rentals. What is the owner occupied timeframe requirement before something can turn rental? — ANONYMOUS*

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## Water, Infrastructure, Growth Management

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Providing a sensible development and growth path for the Town of Palisade that allows development of residential areas, but also puts the burden of infrastructure development on the developers. Not the town.

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## most important issues

Right now the Traffic is #1 to me. I cant get out of my street most days now. We need roundabouts or stoplights on Elberta from 1-70 to Highway 6. Flashing signs for speed is a waste of money- nobody heeds it!! I think a roundabout somewhere off 1-70 to slow

traffic- maybe at Golden gate area, then a traffic light or roundabout at highway 6 from Elberta- you cant even get across it most days June-Oct. too many streets with frontage roads, and too much traffic on highway 6.

#2nd We need MORE Police activity. Where are they? I see them once a week- rest of the time, everyone knows they arent around- its a known fact to the townspeople.

#3 We need Animal control badly. Either a contract with Mesa County, or our own Animal control officer. Loose dogs are out of control here.

#4th Doing more for Residents than the tourists. residents feel like we dont matter anymore. Its all about the tourists.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

- Sustainable Tourism and community involvement
- Action regarding agricultural water rights and climate change
- Town infrastructure improvement

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## **1.Update infastructure; roads, water and sewer, bridges, etc.**

2. Create recreation programs for residents, specifically youth.
3. Keeping Palisade a small, safe, tight-knit community.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

1) A return to a focus on the needs of residents for town capital improvements and infrastructure, and impacts on residents of new development; 2) examine and evaluate all tourism-related activities (current and future) against metric of "is this appropriate or beneficial to our town;" 3) revisit and update building and construction codes - ones for new construction or flippers and perhaps another set that are more suited for in-place (and long term) residents on small to medium-sized improvements to their property. Not one size fits all.

*wanting the town to remember the residents live here and moved here because it was small- not getting carried away with the tourism and festivals that get bigger and bigger. leaving the orchards and vineyards which make this little town unique* — ANONYMOUS

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

- 1) Fix the intersection of Elberta and Front St. It's awful turning there and dangerous.
- 2) Reinstate Children's Parks and Rec Programs or consider a community center.
- 3) Large sidewalks and cycling pathways.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## **Build a Waterpark near where the sewage ponds are after they are removed ; Repave our streets; Build homes that are not 5 feet apart**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## **Roads, sewage & over spending**

We have all this money & all these grants but little has been done. The roads are awful. The street sweeper continues to peel up the asphalt that's falling apart. Our timeline to improve our sewage is closing plus it stinks up our park & neighborhoods. We have more town staff with higher wages from just a few years ago but a lot less is being done around town. I believe we could be doing a lot better then what we have been getting.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## **Figuring out a balance between tourism/tourist's and retaining residents. Too many tourists in town being terrible visitors are going to make residents fed up and want to leave.**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**Please remember that some of us actually live in town, having made conscious decision to do so many years ago. The last few years, it seems that the entire focus has been on more tourism: more people, more traffic, more live (loud) music, more alcohol, more festivals/events. Business owners have come here to plunder and maximize profits. They give nothing back to the town, yet their businesses have a huge negative impact upon actual residents. Drunks on rental bicycles, food trucks/trailers, and the proliferation of alcohol consumption has not had a positive impact upon those of us who actually live here.**

For the benefit of those of us who live in Palisade, it would be extremely beneficial if at least one of the three parks could be designated as requiring dogs be on a leash. It has become unsafe for senior citizens, walking small dogs on leashes, to use any of the three parks. Some of our neighbors now drive their dogs to Canyon View Park in GJ in order to be safe for their animals and avoid confrontation from the off-leash dog owners, many of them very aggressive, who insist they have a right to all three of the park areas. Residents are no longer the focus of the Town, it is all about

tourists, music, festivals, and alcohol consumption.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## 1. Growth related to housing prices; 2. Ensuring future viability of agriculture 3. Ensuring tourism is thriving but not taking over

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Only 2:  
Infrastructure  
Making sure us residents don't get run out of our own town, or become so forgotten we choose to leave. You're getting close Palisade!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Responsible use of water, a bike lane along North River Road which goes around and back up Hwy 6 & 24, Responsible growth.

## Do you want to see more housing in Palisade and if yes, what types? (week 5)

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**ANONYMOUS** SEP 28, 2022 01:48PM

Jesus, NO!!!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 26, 2022 03:57PM

### No thank you

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 26, 2022 03:57PM

### Some nice rental locations but NO high density housing

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 26, 2022 03:57PM

I'd like to see careful planning in housing that fits with the existing community feel and will bring people that will support current and future businesses.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

yes. absolutely. towns must grow in order to survive. Palisade needs avoid the pitfalls of high density, and even some medium

density residential developments. Or ToP risks becoming East Clifton.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

### housing

No- Palisade needs to stay SMALL, Agricultural, and Charming. This is why people come here!!! If we keep building homes- its no longer a small charming town- it will just look like every other place!!!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Palisade does not need any more housing, especially no high-density housing near the orchards or the heart of town. I could see an apartment building out by I-70 as being a benefit, so that there would be an option for people of varying incomes, but it's not a top priority. Another hotel out by I-70 would be nice so that the tourists could spend the night in town more easily, rather than giving their money to Grand Junction, but it's not necessary. In this case, smaller is better, in my opinion.

*No more housing in that there's already strain on the sewer systems, traffic and water. In addition, the places to grow involve using agricultural land. More houses mean less green space, hotter weather.* — **ANONYMOUS**

*Additional housing isn't necessary for growth. Economic growth, or equilibrium means that cost of services is commensurate with town income. More growth means more services.* — **ANONYMOUS**

*Too many Denverites already.* — **ANONYMOUS**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

### NO, NO, NO, HEEELLLL NO!!!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

### No but some realistic rent costs would be nice.

*Rent is out of control everywhere. So for Palisade's to go below market, it would have to be subsidized or controlled somehow. Which a slippery slope to bigger government and govt assisted.* — **ANONYMOUS**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

No more housing. The old houses are what gives the town it's charm and makes people want to live and visit here. No need to turn it into suburbia.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

### Nope!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

No high-density housing of any kind! We are not a suburb of GJ. We are a stand-alone thriving small community consisting of primarily single family housing. IF more housing is proposed/planned it needs to be appropriate in size and style to the neighboring environment, matching the culture of the town -- i.e. smaller homes; no starter castles; no townhome style communities. Further, any new housing needs to meet green building standards.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## Fix up run down houses that already exist

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## Maybe some, but not a lot - Palisade is unique because of it's smaller size.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

NONE!!! Most of us who have bought homes in Palisade have done so BECAUSE Palisade is a small community!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

I think it's unrealistic to say "no more housing development" but I do not like the idea of high density development.

## Do you want to see more commercial uses in Palisade and if yes, what kind of commercial uses would you like to see? (week 6)

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**ANONYMOUS** SEP 28, 2022 01:49PM

Could we get some "real" restrauents? One's that are open daily, serve "regular" food, not some fancy 2 bite plates that cost a million dollars. I'm talking regular mom and pop, greasy spoon, diners!!! Mcuh like 357 but with food that is actually edible.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 26, 2022 03:57PM

I would like to see more retail vs. office growth but that's a function of increased population base. I like having restaurants and little shops but it's hard for owners to sustain that if the population is "over controlled" -

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## Restaurants that are actually affordable and OPEN regularly, more local mom and pop shops

*They need to make \$ in order to be staffed and pay utilities and rent/mortgage to be open. Which isn't sustainable year-round. Especially if the townspeople don't want more tourism (those people shop) nor more residents. Current residents need to shop small and be willing to curb trips to GJ and online shopping. This is a complex issue.* — **ANONYMOUS**

*I would absolutely shop and dine out more in Palisade if there were decent shopping and dining available. Most of the retail space available in our very limited downtown area is occupied by business offices and quite frankly it shameful. Those spaces should be reserved for retail and dining only.* — **ANONYMOUS**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

No we are close enough to a major town for any commercial needs

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Commercial services and businesses in the form of locally owned arts and crafts that will cater to the tourists and locals alike. We need shops so that walk-by traffic will stop in.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

We feel that the restaurant options could definitely be expanded in Palisade, especially during tourist season. Many times the current restaurants are full, and the locals who just want to pop over for a meal without a reservation are out of luck. As locals, we'd frequent more restaurants, even during the shoulder season, if they were available.

As previously mentioned, another hotel by the interstate would be helpful.

Other than that, we don't want to see any more commercial businesses in Palisade. We prefer the small town feel and enjoy the little local businesses we have. (Yes, we know we can't have it both ways... but you asked!) ;)

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

More affordable local restaurants. Encourage small busines start-ups to stay here.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Paddleboarding at Riverbend.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**NO!**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Yes a few....For restaurants, we've lost the "locals" café now that Fidel's has focused it's marketing and menu to tourists. The "greasy spoon" kind of place you find in most small towns in America where locals meet and talk and have an affordable and standard breakfast and lunch items without TV. Thank goodness for Slice O'! Other retail could perhaps be a locally owned bookstore specializing in local recreational books/maps -- could also host readings. Perhaps a gourmet foods shop that has an olive/cheese/cracker selection where locals can shop for fresh items (not available at FFT) and visitors can build a box lunch for their day's adventure. I miss the kind of gift shop like Lupita's (housed in the bank building a few years back) with some smaller, unique home furnishings, cards and gift items.

*I miss Lupita's Bizarre Bazaar too!!!* — **ANONYMOUS**

*A speciality foods store with cheese and sandwiches would be fantastic!* — **ANONYMOUS**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## Clean kitchen

No one asked for a clinic. But a lot of people wanted a small business incubator type place. Where they could rent space with a clean kitchen to make all kinds of items. Palisade is a blue collar community & the town doesn't support us. Instead they focus all their efforts into tourist. But if it wasn't for the local crafts, amazing fruits & vegetables & adult establishments the tourists would move on. Let's find ways to support & encourage our diverse community instead of finding new commercial businesses.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## Clean kitchen

No one asked for a clinic. But a lot of people asked for a small business incubator type place. Where they could rent space to make all kinds of products in a clean kitchen. It would be nice to support the business we already have instead of finding new commercial businesses. The tourists love the unique crafts, amazing food & adult establishments. They want local, fresh, handmade items it's what makes Palisade so special. Why not have better support systems during the winter? Quality is what we should be striving for the Town of Palisade.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**Sure, year-round restaurants would be great, and honestly more establishments that serve food in general (they don't have to be chains, local is great). I think there's too much alcoholic establishments and too few food establishments.**

*Agreed!* — **ANONYMOUS**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

This is kind of a laughable situation in Palisade. We market the hell out of it to get people to visit and then have little to no options for dining, lodging and shopping. Seems a\$\$ backwards to me.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

I don't feel we need any more commercial use. We pretty much have what we need at this point in time.

## When it comes to managing growth, would you rather have future buildings go up in height in specific areas of Palisade to use less land or for growth to extend further out to maintain the view corridors? (week 7)

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**ANONYMOUS** SEP 26, 2022 03:57PM

**I only care about keeping farmland. I'd contribute to conservation easements. Future generations will need food**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 26, 2022 03:57PM

I like the idea of going up as long as it is planful. When lots are small and land is limited, up is the only option.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Keep the expansion limited. Be mindful of the views and also night light-pollution.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

We cannot infringe on the views that make Palisade so amazing. The tourists are here because of the small town atmosphere. Agriculture wine and the views. They want to escape the city, Unless tourism is not driving the economy here?

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## Neither!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**If we are more selective about what occupies the spaces we currently have, neither of these options will be necessary.**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Certain areas are currently an eyesore. Perhaps start with raising standards of maintenance. Maybe limited shorter multi-housing by the interstate where views won't be compromised. Set limits on orchard development and developers must fund some green space/town beautification. But we know developers will pass that expense on to buyers, which will continue the home price increase.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## Growth

Keep the growth Further out from our town please! Keep the Palisade corridor open land with orchards and vineyards. Put growth east towards Clifton!!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Could there be a growth plan from this process that makes this question unnecessary? Let's instead improve the management and development of those already targeted zoned areas and existing commercial areas. Use the elements of this new plan to manage those very areas first. No tall structures ever please! Maintaining the view corridors is essential to the culture and integrity of our small community. Would instead encourage the purchase the development rights of any properties east of town to come up for sale to extend our green belt between Clifton and Palisade.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## KEEP AS IS

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## Don't ruin the views

Our views make Palisade special. Offering a sweet deal to one lady to remove our only public restroom to put in a several story hotel while tax payers pay for parking along the train tracks shows how our current town administrator runs a buddy system and doesn't follow the current codes. The town attorney insures the town administrator gets what she wants. I miss the days when the former town attorney represented the citizens & safe guarded the town so we were not in so many lawsuits.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**Stop trying to "expand" Palisade! No one wants that, we all moved here because it's a small Town. If we wanted to live somewhere larger we would have bought homes in GJ!!!**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

No tall buildings. Palisade is all about the views.

## What is your favorite natural amenity in Palisade? Why? (week 8)

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**ANONYMOUS** SEP 28, 2022 01:48PM

I would say our wonderful spring fed water up until recently....shame on you Palisade!!!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 26, 2022 03:57PM

## Parks and walking/hiking areas

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 26, 2022 03:58PM

the river access

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

The Rim Trail and Riverbend Park are both stunning places to spend time.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## River, Mesa , Orchards

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

We love the Palisade Rim Trail, views of the orchards, vineyards, Bookcliffs, Grand Mesa, and even views of the Monument off in the distance. There could be a more extensive hiking trail along the river without a negative impact.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Riverbend Park. It's the "gold mine" of our community. Accessible, partially developed to meet many recreational needs. It is treasured by our town residents and treated respectfully in keeping it clean. For many, it is the social center of Palisade. Leave the west end undeveloped and rough. Proceed with caution on any more development and more festivals/events please.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

# Riverbend Park

What a great park. The only thing that needs improvement is the west end. It was suggested years ago to preserve the old pads that once had the picker homes. Instead the trees & weeds continue to degrade our historical site. It's completely neglected. There is one sign that talks about the history. We say we want to preserve the agricultural history & this would be the perfect place to do that. One picker home would be a great addition! Please don't let it continue to fall apart. It's part of our history!

*It would be so cool if the historical society and the town were able to turn that area into an educational spot with recreated homes! I've seen similar setups in Breckenridge, Frisco, and Delta at Fort Uncompahgre.* — ANONYMOUS

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**River Bend Park. Sure would be nice to add a swim area and swim beach now that a lot of the Tamrisk has been cleared.**

*Ability to paddleboard on the pond would also be awesome!* — ANONYMOUS

*Agreed 100%* — ANONYMOUS

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**Our world class drinking water!**

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Hard to beat Riverbend Park

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**The views of Mt. Garfield and the Mesa (oh and the National Monument actually)**

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Water

## What is your preferred park in Palisade and how do you use it? (week 9)

ANONYMOUS SEP 26, 2022 03:58PM

**Peach Bowl**

ANONYMOUS SEP 26, 2022 03:58PM

**Peach bowl park first, riverbend second**

ANONYMOUS SEP 26, 2022 03:58PM

I use them all for different reasons...I love having them

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**I like the playgrounds at Peachbowl Park for my small children and I like Riverbend for taking walks. The only park we generally don't utilize is the one by the skate park because of the older children and sometimes adults who are around. They are not always kind to me or my children and my kids are often uncomfortable there.**

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**Riverbend. River access, walking trail, picnics, fishing.**

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**A thought about Peachbowl Park...what a waste! Thos park is a wonderful space but is grossly underutilized because no one seems to care for it. The baseball park is in shambles which is a shame! Kids should be able to use the space for a pick-up game of baseball, the volleyball pits are full of weeds and cat poop, the play grounds are tiny, the open space isn't used or marketed at all. There could be so much more happening there!**

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**RIVERBEND**

Great park with lots of activities. Could use some shade for parents watching children at the playground.

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Riverbend Park - we walk there

ANONYMOUS SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**All three. We love Riverbend for it's size and trees. We homeschool, walk, bike and play there. My kids love running around at the playgrounds at peachbowl after swimming. And my son loves the skate park, he wants to go constantly.**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Riverbend. It's my sanctuary. I'm a 20 year resident and I use it all year-round. Dog walking, picnicking, quiet walks, meditation, socialization, bird watching, rafting, bicycling, and walking in sun/rain/snow. Hope to take up disc golf soon too!

*Riverbend Park for dog walking and various events and festivals.*  
— **ANONYMOUS**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

We love to walk and bike through Riverbend Park. The zipline at the playground there is great for kids as well. Peach Bowl Park has so much potential but needs to have some money invested into it to clean it up and the pool really needs to be expanded for how many people use it on all the hot summer days we have.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**Veteran's Park - my church meets there! I would use River Bend substantially more if I could do it as a running loop - I avoid it now because if you run it towards Clifton it just dumps you out on G road, where traffic is going 55 miles per hour.**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Veterans Park is beautiful and right in the middle of Town. It would be great if we could fix up the crumbling Community Center and have more community events there.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Why is all the grass at Peachbowl Park dead or dying? I know water is scarce but it seems like we could cut back somewhere else and keep our park facilities looking attractive. If not, could we instead invest in some Zeroscaping?

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

I love all the parks in Palisade. Please keep the homeless from inhabiting them like in GJ so we can continue to enjoy them!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**The bmx park is also wonderful but needs shade and potable water.**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Riverbend Park. I go there almost every day with my dogs. (...and yes, I scoop their poop along with any other that I see).

## **What is your ideal recreational activity in Palisade? (week 10)**

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**ANONYMOUS** SEP 28, 2022 01:49PM

All recreation in Palisade seems to be geared toward tourists! How about some REAL recreation opportunities in Palisade for the residents? Our youth need options for things to do, clubs to join, sports to play without having to drive to GJ. Would be nice to invest my \$ in programs that benefit Palisade rather than give all of my money for Rec participation to the city of GJ.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 26, 2022 03:58PM

## **Wine tasting**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 26, 2022 03:58PM

walking, bike riding and floating the river

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Biking around Town, though Riverbend Park, swimming at Peach Park, and paddleboarding.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

We love to walk around town after dinner. It will be even easier to do this when the sidewalk project is complete!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

We love to ride our bikes along the Scenic Fruit & Wine Byway, and around town. We would like to ride our bikes to the Palisade Rim Trail, too, but River Road doesn't have very wide shoulders.Would it be possible to widen the shoulders along River Road, Hwy 6 (and the roads that zigzag through the vineyards and orchards) to better accommodate cyclists & allow drivers a comfortable distance from them?

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## **Running! Second - paddleboarding!**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Wish I didn't have to drive so far for my kids to participate in organized sports!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Wish we could paddleboard on the ponds

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

the "ideal" recreation in Palisade would be any sort of recreation in Palisade that is geared towards residents rather than visitors, ie: Plunge, Hiking Trails, Wine Tours, River Floating. All great activities no doubt, but if we could have something, anything, more resident focused it would be appreciated.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**Biking, paddleboarding, walking and smelling the orchards! I also 100% support the option to take the bus into Grand Junction - yay Grand Valley Transit!**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

I walk in Riverbend almost every day, I ride my bike (would love a bike lane along North River Road and Hwy 6&24) and I float the river in the summer.

**How do you get where you need to go in Palisade? Does it work for you? (week 11)**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 28, 2022 01:48PM

Golf Cart! Don't take this away from the residents, we love it!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 26, 2022 03:58PM

**Walking and car**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 26, 2022 03:58PM

walk, golf cart, bike, sometimes vehicle

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

I walk to do all my errands in Downtown Palisade, eat at the restaurants, and walk around after dinner, and once the sidewalk project is done, that will be much easier. My husband likes to ride his bike, but the lack of shoulders on Highway 6 and River Road, etc, make that a little more complicated. For trips out to the south side of town, we usually drive. Wider shoulders for pedestrians and cyclists would make our job as drivers easier, too.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Mostly biking and walking and usually with my kiddo. It works for us, but it can be a bit scary since we lack sidewalks and there aren't really any dedicated bike lanes.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**Biking, walking, driving.**

Biking, walking, driving. Would like to see speed limits lowered and noise enforcement along front street, along with more pedestrian crossings. From the High School to Ace should be 25mph with nice bike lanes given the amount of kids and pedestrians in the area. Speed should also be lowered near the rim trail, lots of pedestrians, families, and cyclists and vehicles doing 60+ right next to them

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**Golf cart and YES!!! We absolutely love that we can drive our golf cart in Palisade.**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**I live very close, so honestly I walk most places, it's very rare that I drive anywhere in Palisade, and I LOVE THAT part of it. If it's a little farther I bike!**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

I live in town and I try to ride my bike and/or walk to wherever I need to go.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Walking everywhere. Yes, it does. The town can identify those sidewalks that need repair to eliminate tripping hazards.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**Walk**

I walk or ride my bike all around town. It is very unsafe especially with the increase in tourism. I would love to have a walkable town instead we have a lot of potholes, poor patch work, crumbling roads and lack of continuous sidewalks. Please beautify Palisade with long overdue infrastructure needs!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

I walk and ride my bike to do whatever needs to be done in Palisade. The side streets are not busy which helps and I like the neighborhood feel.

# If you could make one improvement to the infrastructure, such as roads, sidewalks, bike lanes, etc. to Palisade, what would it be? (week 12)

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**ANONYMOUS** SEP 28, 2022 01:48PM

Why pick just one? they are all equally important and far overdue to be made a priority by the Town.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 26, 2022 03:58PM

## Bike lanes

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 26, 2022 03:58PM

the roads are in horrific condition for the amount of traffic, in my opinion

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Where sidewalks are not possible, please widen the shoulders to accommodate cyclists, pedestrians, or slower moving vehicles.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**1. Sidewalks! We have a lot of unfinished areas without sidewalks (1st st comes to mind).**

2. Paint the roads!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## Roads

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Bury all of the overhead lines

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## One change

I would add a roundabout at exit 42 to slow traffic down and also allow people to exit their streets! Traffic is terrible and drives too fast no matter how many signs are out on Elberta!!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## Fiber Optics

I would make fiber optics available to each house in Palisade. Access to high-speed internet would enhance the quality of life of everyone here in Palisade.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Safer bicycle paths since Palisade promotes cycling!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## More pedestrian friendly for kids and cyclists!

Wide bike and pedestrian trails from the high school to Ace or even the rim trail. Slow down traffic by the rim trail. 25mph from highschool to Ace. Designated pedestrian crossings, especially to the pool from Riverbend across Front street. Bike lane to Clifton or connecting riverfront trail for cyclists.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**Sidewalks a long both frontage roads from the high school all the way through town to the bridge. And, NO more temporary orange fencing during festivals (not a classy look). So,maybe roses or hedges (beautiful natural deterrents) between frontage roads and the highway to permanently encourage crossing in designated areas.**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

**Improve the pedestrian corridor from the wine country inn and golden gate gas station to the rest of palisade. There is no safe pedestrian crossing on the bridge because there is no sidewalk.**

*Especially important during food truck fridays.* — **ANONYMOUS**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

I would like to see a traffic signal at the Hwy and Elberta. We don't need a roundabout. It's not THAT busy. CDOT public meetings are coming for discussion on options. If that project moves forward, then my second would be to improve/modify street lighting to be less harsh and more conducive for night sky viewing. Could be installation of amber color bulbs and eliminating middle of block lights in streets town.

*Definitely less bright lights.* — **ANONYMOUS**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## Roads

Our roads are embarrassing, hazardous & long over do. Along with the sidewalks or lack of sidewalks. We want to promote a small town feeling but we do not take care of the residence who do walk, bike, push strollers around town but have to zig zag around the numerous obstacles to get from point A to point B. Typically if the road is going to be fixed that is a time you also add bike lanes and improve sidewalks so picking one seems to be a mute point.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## High speed internet service

## Do you have any suggestions to improve transportation services in Palisade? (week 13)

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**ANONYMOUS** SEP 28, 2022 01:49PM

PediCab sucks! How can we expect those renting bikes to follow the rules of the road if those guys don't? How about some enforcement when bikes aren't following the rules of the road? Or are we so concerned about the "revenue" that we turn a blind eye? Seems like rewarding a kid throwing a temper tantrum by giving them candy...

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 28, 2022 01:49PM

Palisade roads are terrible, please allocate money to fix them!!! We pay some of the highest property taxes in the County, I would like to see more of my \$\$\$ put where it matters, into infrastructure!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 26, 2022 03:58PM

## More sidewalks and sidewalk maintenance

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 16, 2022 05:16PM

Safer pedestrian crossings on Front St. from Riverbend area to Peachbowl area. Really need to slow down traffic in this heavily pedestrian area. People drive 40+ through there frequently.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Palisade is largely a pedestrian and biking town. Would like to see more sidewalks particularly from Iowa to high school, dedicated bike lanes and traffic lights that would allow crossing of highways that can be activated by people needing to cross

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

More bike lanes and sidewalks, please!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

## Get drunk people with bikes off our roads

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Perhaps have the clinic opens, there would be a free shuttle/taxi service available for seniors to get to/from the clinic. Also enforcement by police of law signed by Gov Polis (May 2021) regarding off highway vehicles being driven in town. ATVs, four-wheelers, and side-by-sides are not allowed, but I've already seen some in town. (Exceptions could be made for those licensed vehicles used in fruit deliveries during season). We already seen evidence in other towns in CO and in Moab of the danger, nuisance and noise pollution they bring. Lastly, notices included with all bicycle rentals in town on cycling safety and CO laws i.e. reminders to use hand signals when turning and stopping at intersections.

*The Town Of Palisade as well as Mesa County allows ATVs and off-road vehicles around town. When you actually look at Moab it is a huge increase of revenue. Some may find it annoying while others enjoy the experience. Our speed limits in town are slow enough and we should encourage more of these alternative vehicles that use far less gas.* – **ANONYMOUS**

## How is the internet and cell service in Palisade? (week 14)

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**ANONYMOUS** SEP 28, 2022 01:48PM

WE NEED HIGH SPEED INTERNET TO STAY COMPETITIVE WITH...WELL THE WHOLE WORLD!

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 28, 2022 01:48PM

Freaking terrible!!! Too bad our esteemed leaders don't seem to give a rats a\$\$

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 26, 2022 03:58PM

## Awful

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 26, 2022 03:58PM

Internet with Spectrum is just OK. Our service drops and comes back for seconds-to-minutes throughout the day...everyday. Frustrating. Service tech have been out twice and we've replaced equipment too. Whenever you call, the answer is the same - "we getting reports of outages in your area." Cell service via Verizon is fine. High speed fiber/internet throughout would be a real benefit.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 26, 2022 03:58PM

**I live in downtown and internet and cell service has always been fine for me. In places with above ground lines, it will never be perfect. If this question is leading to looking at a town wide fiber installation- those are multimillion dollar and multi year projects. Sure it would be nice to have that but those are in places with deep pockets like Fort Collins or resort towns typically. There are probably more immediate issues facing residents here today that should be the focus of the Town in my opinion. However, to start toward that direction, the Town could adopt a Dig Once policy requiring dark fiber to be installed. Many places have this and it's a simple and cheap way to start toward this goal.**

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 26, 2022 03:58PM

I'm happy with the internet service but the cell service is awful where I live.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 14, 2022 02:08PM

**Terrible**

The power goes out in Palisade often. The cell service & internet is slow. Not sure if fiber optic would be better?

The questions so far have been superficial questions. How does this help the people living here? How is this a game plan? How is this helping Palisade improve? What is the vision? How are we creating a comprehensive plan for new businesses, buildings, conservation of Ag land, infrastructure issues and so on???

We all love the parks & such around Palisade which is why we live here. Can we move on to more pressing issues? Can we work through the challenges? We don't need more fluff questions about loving Palisade.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

PLEASE bring fiber optics / high speed internet to us! The service provided by Spectrum is okay at times, but it is flakey.

**ANONYMOUS** SEP 06, 2022 03:05PM

Reliable high speed internet is critical in this day and age. Remote working requires this, as does doing homework for the high school, not to mention how important this is for the businesses in Palisade. (Thankfully the school district has a 1:1 technology policy, but access to the internet is required to make this truly successful for the students.) We've seen information about bringing fiber optics to each house in Palisade, and this would be a wonderful amenity to this already amazing town.

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