








COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

2036






APPENDIX A

ONLINE COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS







1. Which best describes you?

		Response Percent	Response Count
I live in Balch Springs		27.1%	13
I live and work in Balch Springs		22.9%	11
I live in Balch Springs, but work in another city		12.5%	6
I live in another city, but work in Balch Springs		35.4%	17
I do not live or work in Balch Springs		2.1%	1
		answered question	48
		skipped question	0

2. How long have you lived in the City of Balch Springs

		Response Percent	Response Count
0 to 5 years		8.5%	4
6 to 10 years		14.9%	7
11 to 20 years		17.0%	8
Over 20 years		23.4%	11
I do not live in Balch Springs		36.2%	17
		answered question	47
		skipped question	1

3. What was the most important factor for you when you decided to move to Balch Springs?

		Response Percent	Response Count
I was born or raised in Balch Springs		4.7%	2
Selection of housing/housing prices		23.3%	10
Job opportunities		18.6%	8
Location in the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area		14.0%	6
Parks		0.0%	0
Schools/education		16.3%	7
Other (please specify)		23.3%	10
		answered question	43
		skipped question	5

4. Imagine Balch Springs as you want it to be in 10 – 15 years. What is it like? Write a brief description of the City you want for the future.

	Response Count
	43
answered question	43
skipped question	5


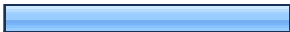

5. What changes would do the most to create the city you want in the future?

	Response Count
	40
answered question	40
skipped question	8

6. What are the most important features of a livable, thriving and desirable neighborhood?

	Response Count
	42
answered question	42
skipped question	6

7. How would you rate Balch Springs in terms of general appearance?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent		0.0%	0
Good		10.6%	5
Fair		42.6%	20
Poor		46.8%	22
	answered question		47
	skipped question		1

8. What types of jobs and businesses are most important for Balch Springs' economy to be sound and successful?

	Response Count
	41
answered question	41
skipped question	7

9. What are the two things you like most about Balch Springs today?

	Response Count
	41
answered question	41
skipped question	7



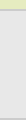

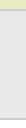

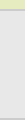
10. What are the two things you like least about Balch Springs today?

	Response Count
	39
answered question	39
skipped question	9




11. If you could select one other city that has amenities that you would desire in Balch Springs, what city would that be and what are those amenities?

	Response Count
	34
answered question	34
skipped question	14








12. What would you consider the greatest single issue facing Balch Springs today?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Competition from other cities		2.3%	1
Traffic or pedestrian circulation		6.8%	3
Neighborhoods		13.6%	6
Retail, office, and commercial areas		6.8%	3
Lack of employment		13.6%	6
Infrastructure (i.e. roads, water, sewer, utilities)		43.2%	19
Other (please specify)		13.6%	6
answered question			44
skipped question			4

13. What would you consider to be Balch Springs' greatest asset?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Existing neighborhoods		0.0%	0
Parks		0.0%	0
Existing shopping, entertainment, and restaurant options		9.1%	4
Location in the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area		79.5%	35
Other (please specify)		11.4%	5
answered question			44
skipped question			4

14. Thank you for participating in the Balch Springs input and visioning survey. If you would like to be notified about any public meetings or additional information related to the Balch Springs Comprehensive Planning process, please enter your name, address and email address in the spaces below.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Name:		84.2%	16
Address:		73.7%	14
Address 2:		5.3%	1
City/Town:		78.9%	15
State:		89.5%	17
ZIP:		84.2%	16
Email Address:		84.2%	16
		answered question	19
		skipped question	29

Page 1, Q3. What was the most important factor for you when you decided to move to Balch Springs?

1	I dont not live here	Dec 15, 2014 7:50 AM
2	I do not live in Balch Springs	Dec 12, 2014 10:33 AM
3	I DON'T LIVE IN THE CITY, I WORK IN THE CITY AND I DECIDED TO WORK HERE B/C OF THE JOB OPPORTUNITY	Dec 11, 2014 9:44 PM
4	n/a	Dec 9, 2014 10:28 PM
5	i work in balch springs, live in mesquite drive is convient	Dec 9, 2014 9:51 AM
6	I chose my residence solely on the fact that there were no Section 8 Housing in my neighborhood and no Halfway houses. That's not the case today.	Dec 8, 2014 2:06 PM
7	n/a	Nov 25, 2014 7:10 AM
8	I do not live in Balch Springs	Nov 25, 2014 6:57 AM
9	I don't live in Balch Springs	Nov 16, 2014 8:09 PM
10	affordable housing and I was raised in this area	Nov 12, 2014 2:44 PM

Page 1, Q4. Imagine Balch Springs as you want it to be in 10 – 15 years. What is it like? Write a brief description of the City you want for the future.

1	Nice, quiet, clean, and updated community	Jan 19, 2015 4:33 AM
2	I see a clean, safe, inviting city filled with beautiful parks and activities for families. I see strong schools and an effective city government. I see manicured yards with smooth streets. I see businesses that show evidence of pride in their buildings.	Dec 24, 2014 9:57 AM
3	I would like more economic development. It would be nice to shop more in my community.	Dec 23, 2014 12:22 PM
4	A thriving community with nice restaurants, business centers, homes that are maintained, city property that is maintained, City Council and management working together.	Dec 15, 2014 7:50 AM
5	Clean and friendly	Dec 15, 2014 5:33 AM
6	Busy! I see development of new business and housing along I-20 with good quality business.	Dec 12, 2014 10:58 AM
7	Balch Springs would have an industry of big box development such as manufacturers and hospitals. Balch Springs would have its own school district, walking trails, updated infrastructure, parks, family entertainment (other than just movie theatres), a selection of hotels and fine dining for families. Balch Springs would also have grown in population of over 35,000. Financially sustainable with its own development and growth.	Dec 12, 2014 10:33 AM
8	CLEANED UP. BETTER ROADS. LESS DEBRIS IN YARDS AND RIGHT-OF-WAYS. BETTER ROADS. MORE LANDSCAPING ON THE HIGHWAY AREAS. TRASH CANS AT THE INTERSECTIONS IS A GREAT IDEA, MORE WOULD BE BETTER..BETTER ROADS. FIX POT HOLES. FACE LIFT BUSINESSES . THE CITY LOOKS POOR.	Dec 12, 2014 10:26 AM
9	I would like to see more restaurants. Also, I would like to see some of the cheaper apartment complexes remodelled.	Dec 12, 2014 7:38 AM
10	I would love to see the I-20 corridor with sit down family restaurants and become the "gateway" city to the metroplex for anyone traveling in from East Texas.	Dec 12, 2014 7:01 AM
11	More progressive city with better code enforcement.	Dec 12, 2014 5:50 AM
12	Better. A safer place to live and work. More community-oriented events and better streets, less section-8 housing and less MHMR housing. I think there are way too many gas stations in this small city and theres about to be another one at corner of Elam and Pioneer, too many!	Dec 11, 2014 9:44 PM
13	new residential development, casual sit-down eating places, sports complex	Dec 9, 2014 10:28 PM
14	I would like B.S. To be a diverse,vibrant and affordable place to live that holds on to its rural past. Not a uptight community with strict codes and laws, but a place where a young family and singles can live a healthy and easy going life.	Dec 9, 2014 1:08 PM
15	more mom and pop shops, an old town balch springs, more shops restuarants, pavilion, convention center, water park more thing to do for family	Dec 9, 2014 9:51 AM

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16	Streets paved, sidewalks for the Elderly and children, sit down restaurants and Businesses employing Balch Springs residents	Dec 9, 2014 9:50 AM
17	Good Public Schools, Good Roads, Better Recycling More Sit Down type Dining, Non Mexican, Clean Grocery Stores, Less Second Hand Thrift Type Stores, Less Used type Tire Shops, Less Automotive type business, More Medical, Residents Take More Pride in their Property,	Dec 9, 2014 9:36 AM
18	Draw a medical center/hospital.higher end stores. . Not a parkland subsidy. Less beer /liquor stores. Incentives for business owners that live here.	Dec 8, 2014 2:42 PM
19	A city that's building restaurants and better parks, investing in better schools. NO LOW INCOME HOUSING!!!	Dec 8, 2014 2:06 PM
20	A clean City with a well built infrastructure for commercial business.	Dec 8, 2014 10:09 AM
21	Newer housing more businesses	Dec 3, 2014 1:16 PM
22	More culturally diverse and open to all people	Dec 2, 2014 6:51 PM
23	LAKE JUNE = RESTAURANT ROLL ELAM = RESTAURANT ROLL	Dec 1, 2014 6:34 AM
24	Thriving businesses, historic sites one can visit, a downtown with garden walkways and shops where one can stroll and shop.	Nov 25, 2014 7:10 AM
25	Clean modern city. A safe place with low crime.	Nov 25, 2014 6:57 AM
26	Better working relationship with MISD. Better streets, Better entertainment. Better Housing stock.	Nov 19, 2014 12:38 PM
27	A family friendly town with more activities for kids and families to do together.	Nov 18, 2014 12:05 PM
28	Better quality houses brings better quality people.	Nov 17, 2014 12:06 PM
29	sidewalks & better parks & roads	Nov 16, 2014 8:09 PM
30	Better Retail and nicer places to eat. One with a wait staff that comes to my table, speaks English and takes my order and brings it too me on real china and silver ware.	Nov 16, 2014 2:56 PM
31	city flowing with trails, outdoor recreational uses, water features and southern charm	Nov 15, 2014 5:10 PM
32	A city that people want to live, work, learn, and play.	Nov 14, 2014 11:36 AM
33	Beautiful, clean, safe, and friendly, with a shopping mall and fine restaurants.	Nov 14, 2014 11:20 AM
34	the southeastern multi-sports complex capital of dallas county texas. Place for regional shopping, dining and recreational and family entertainment at I-20 and I-635. Connecting parks, trails and Hickory Creek	Nov 14, 2014 6:35 AM
35	More retail so i do not have to go outside the city to shop. Cleaner, it looks pretty yucky.	Nov 13, 2014 9:58 AM

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36	Clean, beautified, sit-down restaurants, drive-in theater and new recreation center.	Nov 13, 2014 7:51 AM
37	Nice roads without pot holes, peaks and valleys caused by big trucks, good drainage Nice Parks, nice sport facilities, good schools, good future planned development and stick to it. Take care of and maintain existing facilities. More local retail businesses and create a downtown square. A city Hall close to its citizens instead of in the backwoods.	Nov 12, 2014 2:44 PM
38	still nice enough to live in and not worry about crime from the surrounding cities creaping up on BS.	Nov 12, 2014 10:56 AM
39	city with low crime rate and open space and affordable housing	Nov 10, 2014 11:31 AM
40	I imagine Balch Springs in 10-15 years as overcrowded with too many businesses.	Nov 6, 2014 1:30 PM
41	Frankly, I would like to see BS incorporated into the City of Dallas. The roads are bad, poor is not a good description. There has been too many to profit in the past 3 decades over poor planning and desire to keep city in the 1940s!	Oct 28, 2014 1:33 PM
42	better roads and update shopping areas with better landscaping	Oct 28, 2014 8:06 AM
43	Asthetics, parks, shopping plazas	Oct 19, 2014 6:22 AM

Page 1, Q5. What changes would do the most to create the city you want in the future?

1	Repair of roads, renovation of old retail spaces, residents keeping up their properties and neighborhoods.	Jan 19, 2015 4:33 AM
2	We must strengthen our parks and recreation. Our children need to be engaged since they represent the future of our community. Right now, most families participate in activities in Mesquite because there is very little to offer children in Balch Springs.	Dec 24, 2014 9:57 AM
3	More jobs created.	Dec 23, 2014 12:22 PM
4	Develop the 1-20 Beltline area to attract the people. Re develop some of the older neighbors	Dec 15, 2014 7:50 AM
5	More parks personnel to keep streets and parks clean	Dec 15, 2014 5:33 AM
6	Higher standards on how the community is kept as far as business' and residential properties being held to a higher standard of appearance.	Dec 12, 2014 10:58 AM
7	Business development and improved infrastructure as well as housing and development.	Dec 12, 2014 10:33 AM
8	BETTER ROADS. THE ROADS OF BALCH SPRINGS ARE TERRIBLE!!!! BETTER BUSINESSES, "HIGHER CLASS". BEAUTIFY THE CITY, MURALS WHERE THE GANGS HAVE MARKED THEIR TERRITORY. IF IT LOOKED CLEANER AND DROVE BETTER WE MIGHT GET THE "HIGHER CLASS" BUSINESSES TO COME HERE. NO MORE BEER STORES,NO MORE LIQUOR STORES---WE HAVE WAY TOO MANY AS IT STANDS.	Dec 12, 2014 10:26 AM
9	Better businesses and better housing.	Dec 12, 2014 7:38 AM
10	Focus on more family friendly, long term businesses. We have enough fast food, beer and liquor stores, pawn shops and auto parts stores. HUD housing is not attractive either.	Dec 12, 2014 7:01 AM
11	Clean up the properties and living conditions and crime will impove	Dec 12, 2014 5:50 AM
12	N/A	Dec 11, 2014 9:44 PM
13	A. Create a board or commission who understands and acknowledges our new demographic reality and makes recommendations based on that data.	Dec 9, 2014 1:08 PM
14	better marketing of the city to attract more people to city businesses	Dec 9, 2014 9:51 AM
15	Community and Business friendly	Dec 9, 2014 9:50 AM
16	The Roads, The Schools, Better Code Enforcement and Animal Control,	Dec 9, 2014 9:36 AM
17	Restaurants and better streets to drive on.	Dec 8, 2014 2:06 PM
18	Enforcing code and improving the infrastructure	Dec 8, 2014 10:09 AM
19	restaurent row along I 20	Dec 3, 2014 1:16 PM
20	Installation of more minority owned businesses and more input to areas	Dec 2, 2014 6:51 PM

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	frequented by various nationalities of people	
21	- Fix the roads - Make improvements along the main roads so that the business signs and landscaping are in union. - Have a true industrial park with no residential houses mixed in. - Create a "downtown" area - Strict litter control policies especially in the large parking lots such as Wal-mart	Nov 25, 2014 7:10 AM
22	Heavy doses of code enforcement and police activity to get the city cleaned up and the criminal and noncompliant element to shape up or move somewhere else.	Nov 25, 2014 6:57 AM
23	Clean up and replace streets	Nov 19, 2014 12:38 PM
24	I would like to see restaurants, and no more fast food. I would like there to be no added stores selling beer and alcohol. I think we have plenty of large box stores and would like an emphasis on more cultural places	Nov 18, 2014 12:05 PM
25	Better streets, clean up.	Nov 17, 2014 12:06 PM
26	create better parks & roads	Nov 16, 2014 8:09 PM
27	Clean it up. Fix the streets.	Nov 16, 2014 2:56 PM
28	uniform plans by citizens and city leaders	Nov 15, 2014 5:10 PM
29	More businesses/employment opportunities other things fast food and retail, more affordable housing on the MISD side of Balch Springs, renovations to older apartment complexes. More programs and businesses that cater to the black population of Balch Springs as well.	Nov 14, 2014 11:36 AM
30	Clean up and make safe.	Nov 14, 2014 11:20 AM
31	Uniform Policy and Long range plan endorsed by Citizens of Balch Springs. Endorsement of Bond Referendum to improve city infrastructure and facilities. Image Branding and Community buy-in and pride in one's property and city	Nov 14, 2014 6:35 AM
32	Clean it up and fix the streets.	Nov 13, 2014 9:58 AM
33	Upgraded parks for children and adults. Family restaurants and drive in theater is needed.	Nov 13, 2014 7:51 AM
34	A complete overhaul of Planning and Zoning. Stop Spot Zoning increase the number of feet of notification of zoning changes. Notify all residents that will be affected by a zoning change. Stop heavy truck traffic to the highest degree possible Enforcement of existing laws weight limits truck routes etc. Stop clear cutting Trees. Mainly attract businesses that are not destructive, and environmentally unfriendly. Do impact studies on zoning that is obviously going to affect everyone around it. Staff provide all information positive and negative to our boards and commission stop making recommendations let the facts speak for themselves. . Increase time limits on citizens comments at council meetings and allow rebutals when requested. Improve vastly our infrastructure and maintain it. I want to live in a city that when a piece of property becomes vacant our citizens don't have to worry constantly about what's going in next to them. Eliminate Heavy Industrial Zoning we don't have the infrastructure to support	Nov 12, 2014 2:44 PM

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such zoning. Nor do we have the means to fund repairs and replacement of damaged roadways caused by heavy truck traffic.

35	Build more schools and a hospital	Nov 12, 2014 10:56 AM
36	side walks and better streets	Nov 10, 2014 11:31 AM
37	improve the roads	Nov 6, 2014 1:30 PM
38	Improved streets with sidewalks, drainage, and utilities. Tear down more of the old & decaying vacant, strip shopping centers. Stop all of the fast food places on Lake June. Remove the many "cheap tireshops" along all of the thru-fares.	Oct 28, 2014 1:33 PM
39	better roads and clean properly maintained stores/areas	Oct 28, 2014 8:06 AM
40	More businesses, restaurants, shopping facilities	Oct 19, 2014 6:22 AM

Page 1, Q6. What are the most important features of a livable, thriving and desirable neighborhood?

1	Clean, respectful of others when it comes to noise, signage would be helpful and closing off the neighborhood from retail establishments.	Jan 19, 2015 4:33 AM
2	Safe, clean, strong schools, pride, responsive city government, activities for children and youth, economically self sufficient, high standards for business owners, no panhandlers, social services, medical facilities...	Dec 24, 2014 9:57 AM
3	Shops, Restaurants, good schools	Dec 23, 2014 12:22 PM
4	Lower crime, city government that is about the city and not just about what is bothering them at the moment.	Dec 15, 2014 7:50 AM
5	Citizen involvement	Dec 15, 2014 5:33 AM
6	Friendly neighbors, clean well kept neighborhoods	Dec 12, 2014 10:58 AM
7	Side walks, walking trails, parks, safety features and schools.	Dec 12, 2014 10:33 AM
8	GOOD STREETS. NICE HOMES. SIDEWALKS, PARKS, A LOCAL SWIMMING POOL WOULD BE GREAT AND BRING IN A LOT OF REVENUE	Dec 12, 2014 10:26 AM
9	Good schools, well groomed yards, and amenities.	Dec 12, 2014 7:38 AM
10	Curbs, Sidewalks, parks and playgrounds that are neatly and cleanly maintained.	Dec 12, 2014 7:01 AM
11	Clean neighborhoods	Dec 12, 2014 5:50 AM
12	low crime rate, good school district, and nice roadways as well as nice landscaping throughout the city	Dec 11, 2014 9:44 PM
13	safe and paved streets, things to do, places to shop and eat	Dec 9, 2014 10:28 PM
14	The most important feature is affordability. That housing and it's development must be attainable to a type of economic class.	Dec 9, 2014 1:08 PM
15	security, financial stability, unity and equality across the board, green would also be nice	Dec 9, 2014 9:51 AM
16	Cleanliness and Arts district	Dec 9, 2014 9:50 AM
17	Residents that Take Pride in their Property, More Residents involved in their community,	Dec 9, 2014 9:36 AM
18	Less section 8.enforcement of code. With incentive or program to educate homeowners.in maintaining neighborhood	Dec 8, 2014 2:42 PM
19	Keep low income housing out! It brings down the property value. Hire more policeman to deal with the increasing crimes and drugs.	Dec 8, 2014 2:06 PM
20	Low crime, nice housing and stores to serve	Dec 8, 2014 10:09 AM
21	newer housing, higher home values	Dec 3, 2014 1:16 PM
22	Friendliness, caring and concerned neighbors and citizens, safety	Dec 2, 2014 6:51 PM

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23	SAFETY	Dec 1, 2014 6:34 AM
24	No thugs living next to you or around the corner. No used "toilet" planters in your neighbors front yard.	Nov 25, 2014 7:10 AM
25	Clean, attractive neighborhoods with low crime and citizens that care about their property.	Nov 25, 2014 6:57 AM
26	CODE ENFORCEMENT. Better/More Police	Nov 19, 2014 12:38 PM
27	Low crime, stable families and good educational opportunities for our kids	Nov 18, 2014 12:05 PM
28	clean, no day labors hanging out at QT and Home Depot.	Nov 17, 2014 12:06 PM
29	maintaining your property & neighborhood& more Home Owner Associations	Nov 16, 2014 8:09 PM
30	Not being afraid to walk my kids to school. Police that are not rude. Friendly city staff.	Nov 16, 2014 2:56 PM
31	schools, parks, trails, causal dining and affordable housing	Nov 15, 2014 5:10 PM
32	Churches, businesses other than fast food chains, schools, after school programs for kids, city wide clean up.	Nov 14, 2014 11:36 AM
33	Safety first, appearance, access to shops/ restaurants.	Nov 14, 2014 11:20 AM
34	clean environment, variety of dining, grocery stores and recreational uses; sidewalks, improved streets; cohesive leadership and uniform plan or vision of the city; trails	Nov 14, 2014 6:35 AM
35	Great schools that we already have. Better code enforcement.	Nov 13, 2014 9:58 AM
36	Beautification, family entertainment, family recreation and family restaurant.	Nov 13, 2014 7:51 AM
37	Piece and Quite, no rumblings and vibrations of heavy trucks, boom boxes, no gun shots and fireworks especially on new years and 4th of July. Solid code enforcement for both business and residents. Neighborhood patrols and citizen interaction between citizens and our officers. Stay on top of constant trouble makers and code violators.	Nov 12, 2014 2:44 PM
38	clean up area 3 and area 5	Nov 12, 2014 10:56 AM
39	friendly city employees	Nov 10, 2014 11:31 AM
40	Get rid of the drug houses off Lake June, the old used furniture shops and tire shops. Rebuild all of the thruways, starting with Hickory Tree Rd, Peach Tree Rd, and Elam Rd.	Oct 28, 2014 1:33 PM
41	no vacant areas/run down shops/ make it clean and new and well kept with landscape	Oct 28, 2014 8:06 AM
42	Asthetics, neighborhood activities	Oct 19, 2014 6:22 AM

Page 2, Q8. What types of jobs and businesses are most important for Balch Springs' economy to be sound and successful?

1	Grocery, shopping, medical.	Jan 19, 2015 4:39 AM
2	Maybe one large manufacturing job with a variety of small businesses	Dec 24, 2014 10:04 AM
3	Financial, grocery, clothing stores.	Dec 23, 2014 12:25 PM
4	mfg and retail	Dec 19, 2014 3:08 PM
5	Medical, High End Grocery Store (not one in the area), Nice restaurants -- not fast food. people get tired of chicken and Mexican food so people are leaving the city to do business in other cities	Dec 15, 2014 7:58 AM
6	Jobs that will be here for the long haul	Dec 15, 2014 5:36 AM
7	Balch Springs is a community of hardworking people. We need jobs for people that work with there hands and not pens.	Dec 12, 2014 11:04 AM
8	Manufacturing, Big box development, hospitals and family clinics, hotels.	Dec 12, 2014 10:37 AM
9	More department stores and sit down restaurants.	Dec 12, 2014 7:41 AM
10	Family dining, hospital, actual shopping areas. Not everyone shops at Wal-Mart.	Dec 12, 2014 7:07 AM
11	Retail shopping	Dec 12, 2014 5:53 AM
12	I don't know anything about the city's economy, I just know that there are way too many gas stations in this city.	Dec 11, 2014 9:56 PM
13	Taking B.S. location into account two areas need to be developed: retail and small scale manufacturing.	Dec 9, 2014 1:18 PM
14	Need Service Type Jobs, Office Type Jobs, small inventive business people who have creative ideas,	Dec 9, 2014 10:09 AM
15	mom and pop, given the local economy it needs to be businesses that the community can afford, we can't have a starbucks but maybe a dunkin donuts??	Dec 9, 2014 9:56 AM
16	Technolgy and Industrial	Dec 9, 2014 9:54 AM
17	Energy or communication companies	Dec 8, 2014 2:51 PM
18	Restaurants	Dec 8, 2014 2:17 PM
19	add more white collar jobs	Dec 8, 2014 10:12 AM
20	Retail	Dec 3, 2014 1:18 PM
21	more basic jobs for low skilled workers	Dec 2, 2014 6:54 PM
22	OFFICE / RETAIL	Dec 1, 2014 10:05 AM
23	- Large businesses that have 200+ employees - Businesses that attract out of town customers	Nov 25, 2014 8:21 AM

Page 2, Q8. What types of jobs and businesses are most important for Balch Springs' economy to be sound and successful?

24	Professional jobs and businesses, financial institutions, health care, professional offices.	Nov 25, 2014 7:06 AM
25	Retail, Warehouse	Nov 19, 2014 12:42 PM
26	I think what we have is now is jobs for lower incomes. If we want to grow we need to attract businesses that support a higher minimum salary. (something other than just Minimum wage)	Nov 18, 2014 12:18 PM
27	Better places to eat. No more tacos or chicken.	Nov 17, 2014 12:09 PM
28	Employers that have diversity.	Nov 16, 2014 8:15 PM
29	Retail. Office space.	Nov 16, 2014 2:59 PM
30	education, training and government trained skilled workers	Nov 15, 2014 5:15 PM
31	Corporations that would provide employment opportunities, shopping mall, and restaurants.	Nov 14, 2014 11:44 AM
32	Add more businesses that cater to the black population of Balch Springs.	Nov 14, 2014 11:41 AM
33	recreational services, Logistical hubs or warehousing	Nov 14, 2014 6:44 AM
34	Retail, Doctors	Nov 13, 2014 10:00 AM
35	Call center for a certain education level.	Nov 13, 2014 8:01 AM
36	Hard to say. I don't know if we will ever have a sound and successful economy. What's left of our developable acres is fast turning into non revenue generating businesses. Our City facilities are falling apart. Police and fire complex, Recreation Center, Library etc.	Nov 12, 2014 2:46 PM
37	retail and restaurants	Nov 12, 2014 11:12 AM
38	job with skills	Nov 10, 2014 11:34 AM
39	Since BS is a "bedroom community," more convenient, up-scale shopping destinations would be nice for younger families, not just Walmart. A small movie theater complex would be nice. Some manufacturing companies would be exceptional.	Oct 28, 2014 1:47 PM
40	large companies that can bring in more business, shops, and larger restaurants rather than just fast food.	Oct 28, 2014 8:12 AM
41	Shopping centers, restaurants	Oct 19, 2014 6:26 AM

Page 2, Q9. What are the two things you like most about Balch Springs today?

1	I like that the city is attempting to renovate, change and clean up its appearance.	Jan 19, 2015 4:39 AM
2	Economic housing	Dec 24, 2014 10:04 AM
3	I like that the city is not busy like Dallas, yet close enough to Dallas when I need to be in-town.	Dec 23, 2014 12:25 PM
4	everything is close	Dec 19, 2014 3:08 PM
5	My job and close to my home.	Dec 15, 2014 7:58 AM
6	1. Number of parks 2. Growing business	Dec 15, 2014 5:36 AM
7	Its still small town USA. Close to Dallas.	Dec 12, 2014 11:04 AM
8	It's close proximity to downtown Dallas and its I-20, 635 and 175 corridors for transportation purposes. Small town feel.	Dec 12, 2014 10:37 AM
9	The parks and the school locations.	Dec 12, 2014 7:41 AM
10	It's better than it was, with the water district consolidated with the city there is more funding for improvements than there has been previously.	Dec 12, 2014 7:07 AM
11	Location and location	Dec 12, 2014 5:53 AM
12	The events that are held here, Christmas Parade, National night out, Juneteenth Jubilations (community-oriented things like that) and the rising new housing developments because the new houses make the city look better.	Dec 11, 2014 9:56 PM
13	1. It's ease of life (simple and open) not overly burden by codes and laws. 2. It's smallness	Dec 9, 2014 1:18 PM
14	Country Life style living near the big City, Affordable Living	Dec 9, 2014 10:09 AM
15	small city everyone know eachother	Dec 9, 2014 9:56 AM
16	Easy access for travel and potential growth	Dec 9, 2014 9:54 AM
17	Its small community living. No DART we don't need	Dec 8, 2014 2:51 PM
18	My home is close to the school and I have neighbor's that's more reliable than Balch Springs PD	Dec 8, 2014 2:17 PM
19	location and city employees	Dec 8, 2014 10:12 AM
20	police and Fire	Dec 3, 2014 1:18 PM
21	My home size	Dec 2, 2014 6:54 PM
22	LARGE LOTS / RESIDENT NEXT TO RANCH ACEAGE	Dec 1, 2014 10:05 AM
23	- rural type environment - the City is moving upward	Nov 25, 2014 8:21 AM
24	Location Established trees in neighborhoods	Nov 25, 2014 7:06 AM

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25	Schools and people	Nov 19, 2014 12:42 PM
26	I like it still has a small town "feel" I like the fact I know most of my neighbors, they have been there for years as well.	Nov 18, 2014 12:18 PM
27	My neighbors are great.	Nov 17, 2014 12:09 PM
28	My job & my co-workers.	Nov 16, 2014 8:15 PM
29	Schools. Thats it. Nothing else is keeping us here.	Nov 16, 2014 2:59 PM
30	location near I-20/I635/175 natural environment(hickory Creek)	Nov 15, 2014 5:15 PM
31	Close commute to work and close to major highways.	Nov 14, 2014 11:44 AM
32	All the new business being built and the central location	Nov 14, 2014 11:41 AM
33	Location and proximity to I-635, I-20 and 175 Hickory Creek unlimited potential as recreational resource and environment	Nov 14, 2014 6:44 AM
34	Schools	Nov 13, 2014 10:00 AM
35	Every where I need to go is just around the corner or across the street.	Nov 13, 2014 8:01 AM
36	Used to love living here. Bad zoning decisions have pretty much destroyed this city. we used to have swimming pools, numerous ball parks , beautiful trees, restaurants, good streets etc. we now have in these areas scrap metal, heavy truck parking, pallet companies, used lumber yards used etc. etc.	Nov 12, 2014 2:46 PM
37	diversity and police department	Nov 12, 2014 11:12 AM
38	open space location to freeway	Nov 10, 2014 11:34 AM
39	The city has taken over the water department. The trash collection stays on schedule, except for the large items not being collected like the big tree limbs.	Oct 28, 2014 1:47 PM
40	convenience to 635, the Balch Springs signs and landscape around signs.... needs to be more of it around main streets.	Oct 28, 2014 8:12 AM
41	Convenience to downtown Dallas, quietness	Oct 19, 2014 6:26 AM

Page 2, Q10. What are the two things you like least about Balch Springs today?

1	The appearance. Separation of business and residential.	Jan 19, 2015 4:39 AM
2	Very little for children and youth which probably impacts crime	Dec 24, 2014 10:04 AM
3	How we don't have residential and business districts. Therefore, people complain because trucks are driving by their house and they live near a truck parking because the city allowed that	Dec 15, 2014 7:58 AM
4	1. Litter 2. Condition of streets and roadways	Dec 15, 2014 5:36 AM
5	The standard of living is to low. People should have more pride in their town and homes. Crime is to high.	Dec 12, 2014 11:04 AM
6	Small town mentality and poor infrastructure.	Dec 12, 2014 10:37 AM
7	The roads and the apartment complexes.	Dec 12, 2014 7:41 AM
8	The city is very unattractive on it's travel corridors, IH-20, IH-635 and 175. No shopping areas unless you love Wal-Mart.	Dec 12, 2014 7:07 AM
9	Cleanliness and infrastructure. Meddling by politicians on minor issues that council has already decided to move forward with.	Dec 12, 2014 5:53 AM
10	Whoever handles the payroll, with all due respect, there are constantly mistakes on hours and pay rates it's ridiculous, you would think that someone getting paid to handle these records would do a better job, no offense, I'm just being truthful. Also, whoever is in charge of parks and recreation. Every time I go to a park, the trashcans are full and overflowing with trash on the ground, it's embarrassing for the city and someone needs to be emptying those trashcans everyday, especially on weekends because those are the days that families go to the parks and use them! We have nice parks in this city and it is a shame to see them littered with trash because the city doesn't get the trashcans emptied often enough.	Dec 11, 2014 9:56 PM
11	1. Lack of sidewalks 2. Roads	Dec 9, 2014 1:18 PM
12	Poor Roads, Appearance,	Dec 9, 2014 10:09 AM
13	the bad reputation police have	Dec 9, 2014 9:56 AM
14	Past image, Commercial and Residential not uniform	Dec 9, 2014 9:54 AM
15	Beer stores.less advertisement signs (English and Spanish) Less TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT	Dec 8, 2014 2:51 PM
16	Section 8 in my neighborhood and the drug transactions that take place in my neighborhood.	Dec 8, 2014 2:17 PM
17	business signage and out dated buildings	Dec 8, 2014 10:12 AM
18	older housing and lack of businesses	Dec 3, 2014 1:18 PM
19	friendliness, good ole boy system still exists	Dec 2, 2014 6:54 PM

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20	PEACHTREE & ELAM NEED RESURFACE	Dec 1, 2014 10:05 AM
21	- too many business signs that are hand made and not in unison - Bad uneven streets with potholes, especially on main city streets	Nov 25, 2014 8:21 AM
22	Filthy neighborhoods/residents Crime	Nov 25, 2014 7:06 AM
23	Crime and people	Nov 19, 2014 12:42 PM
24	I don't feel I receive help when needed, ie when someone kept getting in our mailboxes I was told there was nothing to be done about it. When my neighbor was keeping his dog chained 24/7 I was told nothing could be done. I would like more recreation, parks with trails and a POOL for my children	Nov 18, 2014 12:18 PM
25	Crime and image	Nov 17, 2014 12:09 PM
26	Residents not caring about neighborhood & the city.	Nov 16, 2014 8:15 PM
27	Trashy neighborhoods, bad streets, crime	Nov 16, 2014 2:59 PM
28	maintenance/upkeep of personal property, junk and streets	Nov 15, 2014 5:15 PM
29	Safety and appearance.	Nov 14, 2014 11:44 AM
30	Too much trash everywhere and the streets need repair.	Nov 14, 2014 11:41 AM
31	maintenance of property and lack of vision/plan for future growth	Nov 14, 2014 6:44 AM
32	it looks trashy and there is no place to eat other then tacos or fast food.	Nov 13, 2014 10:00 AM
33	There are no major clothing stores, sit down restaurants, entertainment, recreation and jobs.	Nov 13, 2014 8:01 AM
34	ZONING-Destructive decisions made by council Not maintaining anything letting things all apart.	Nov 12, 2014 2:46 PM
35	dirty politics and poor leadership	Nov 12, 2014 11:12 AM
36	no side walks and bad streets	Nov 10, 2014 11:34 AM
37	The mexicans who paint stuff on the walls near Dollar General Store. The over-supply to tire repair shops. The city's failure to mow the grass along Hickory Tree Rd on a timely basis, and the code enforcement pickup with "lights and a siren"! Really!!!	Oct 28, 2014 1:47 PM
38	grungy/ poor landscape around stores. poorly maintained streets. Needs better recreational features and things to entertain. There are run down apartments, needs newer neighborhoods to be built.	Oct 28, 2014 8:12 AM
39	condition of roads, little or no entertainment	Oct 19, 2014 6:26 AM

Page 2, Q11. If you could select one other city that has amenities that you would desire in Balch Springs, what city would that be and what are those amenities?

1	Frisco. Newly developed shopping and residential areas.	Jan 19, 2015 4:39 AM
2	Mesquite-Parks and Recreation Dallas- Cultural Arts	Dec 24, 2014 10:04 AM
3	Restaurants, medical centers, governments working together.	Dec 15, 2014 7:58 AM
4	Be Balch Springs not Mesquite, Forney, Frisco or any other place. Lets find our own amenities.	Dec 12, 2014 11:04 AM
5	The City of Lancaster. It is a small town and has that small town feel but there is industry and manufacturing that will keep citizens that work and live in their community but will also attract others to move here.	Dec 12, 2014 10:37 AM
6	Southlake. Central business district.	Dec 12, 2014 5:53 AM
7	More 911-emergency phone boxes with some type of light fixture attached.	Dec 11, 2014 9:56 PM
8	Addison it's entertainment it has create a nitch market	Dec 9, 2014 1:18 PM
9	Mesquite, Shopping and Dining and Appearance	Dec 9, 2014 10:09 AM
10	Mesquite, Chrismtas in the Park, Kid Fish, Movie in the Park, their convention center	Dec 9, 2014 9:56 AM
11	Allen, Arts district, Theatre, Entertainment facility	Dec 9, 2014 9:54 AM
12	Rowlett .clean parks	Dec 8, 2014 2:51 PM
13	Coppell .Parks are much nicer and restaurants	Dec 8, 2014 2:17 PM
14	Mesquite	Dec 8, 2014 10:12 AM
15	frisco or McKinney but on a smaller scale. Generate revenue by having business and driving up home prices and rebuilding older areas	Dec 3, 2014 1:18 PM
16	Mesquite, multicultural atmosphere-acceptance	Dec 2, 2014 6:54 PM
17	Rowlett Restaurants, theaters, grocery stores, nightclubs	Nov 25, 2014 7:06 AM
18	Seagoville has nicer places to eat. Forney has it all.	Nov 19, 2014 12:42 PM
19	Mesquite, parks and recreation, it's where we go for sports, pools and parks.	Nov 18, 2014 12:18 PM
20	Mesquite has retail, nice restaurants and jobs. They also have a much lower tax bill.	Nov 17, 2014 12:09 PM
21	Mesquite / Garland because they have a larger working crews.	Nov 16, 2014 8:15 PM
22	We don't need to be like any other city. Clean up what we have would be a great start.	Nov 16, 2014 2:59 PM
23	Cedar Hill-vision, shopping and dining	Nov 15, 2014 5:15 PM

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24	Mesquite, shopping mall,restaurants,hospitals/clinics.	Nov 14, 2014 11:44 AM
25	Mesquite-many businesses and clean	Nov 14, 2014 11:41 AM
26	City of Mansfield: medical corridor complex and multi-sports complex	Nov 14, 2014 6:44 AM
27	Mesquite has walking trails, great retail and awesome schools.	Nov 13, 2014 10:00 AM
28	Addison & it's festivals	Nov 13, 2014 8:01 AM
29	Mesquite - Good solid Planning. infrastructure Parks roads etc.	Nov 12, 2014 2:46 PM
30	Retail - outlet mall	Nov 12, 2014 11:12 AM
31	Cedar Hill	Nov 10, 2014 11:34 AM
32	I go grocery shopping in Mesquite and Dallas. If I go out to eat, I go to restaurants in Mesquite or Dallas. Frankly, Dallas County needs to have all little cities disincorporate, and setup one large political system, police force, and departments to improve the city/county, like Miami/Dade County, Florida.	Oct 28, 2014 1:47 PM
33	Rockwall development, also mesquite is becoming overcrowded no more room....bring the entertainment further south as it will need to grow and keep building.	Oct 28, 2014 8:12 AM
34	McKinney, TX Entertainment and shopping	Oct 19, 2014 6:26 AM

Page 2, Q12. What would you consider the greatest single issue facing Balch Springs today?

1	City Government - lack of cooperation	Dec 15, 2014 7:58 AM
2	crime is rising	Dec 8, 2014 2:51 PM
3	mindset / apathy of residents	Nov 25, 2014 8:21 AM
4	residents who don't care who keep the city dirty.	Nov 25, 2014 7:06 AM
5	all of the above	Nov 16, 2014 8:15 PM
6	all the above	Nov 12, 2014 11:12 AM

Page 2, Q13. What would you consider to be Balch Springs' greatest asset?

1	I-20 corridor -which has never been developed	Dec 15, 2014 7:58 AM
2	close to other cities to enjoy their restaurants	Dec 8, 2014 2:17 PM
3	Mesquite ISD	Nov 16, 2014 2:59 PM
4	Its an affordable place to live for people with a low to moderate income. and its located in the DFW metro area.	Nov 12, 2014 2:46 PM
5	You have got to be KINDING! Richt?????	Oct 28, 2014 1:47 PM

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