



## **2009 COMMUNITY SURVEY**

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**1. WHICH AREA OF THE CITY DO YOU LIVE AND/OR OWN PROPERTY? (PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)**

	2009		2008		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <sup>st</sup> Street-13 <sup>th</sup> Street	80	25.00%	84	22.28%	2.72%
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>14<sup>th</sup> St.-26<sup>th</sup> Street</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>52.81%</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>54.64%</b>	-1.83%
<input type="checkbox"/> 27 <sup>th</sup> St.-41 <sup>st</sup> Street	39	12.19%	58	15.38%	-3.20%
<input type="checkbox"/> Other or outlying area.	32	10.00%	29	7.69%	2.31%

**2. How long have you live or owned property in the City of Buena Vista?**

	2009		2008		
<input type="checkbox"/> Less than one year	8	2.52%	6	1.60%	0.91%
<input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 years	16	5.03%	21	5.61%	-0.58%
<input type="checkbox"/> 3-5 years	40	12.58%	65	17.38%	-4.80%
<input type="checkbox"/> 6-10 years	28	8.81%	46	12.30%	-3.49%
<input type="checkbox"/> 11-20 years	55	17.30%	44	11.76%	5.53%
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>21+ years</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>53.77%</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>51.34%</b>	2.44%
<i>Response</i>	318		374		

**3. Why do you live in Buena Vista?**

	2009		2008		
<input type="checkbox"/> I was born here	124	11.32%	138	10.94%	0.38%
<input type="checkbox"/> To be with family/spouse/friends	141	12.88%	173	13.72%	-0.84%
<input type="checkbox"/> Employment opportunity	90	8.22%	100	7.93%	0.29%
<input type="checkbox"/> For recreational amenities	17	1.55%	14	1.11%	0.44%
<input type="checkbox"/> Came here looking for a place to retire	16	1.46%	26	2.06%	-0.60%
<input type="checkbox"/> More affordable than other communities	50	4.57%	45	3.57%	1.00%
<input type="checkbox"/> Safe community	122	11.14%	139	11.02%	0.12%
<input type="checkbox"/> Good place to raise kids	90	8.22%	117	9.28%	-1.06%
<input type="checkbox"/> Climate/seasons	72	6.58%	66	5.23%	1.34%
<input type="checkbox"/> Scenery	102	9.32%	115	9.12%	0.20%
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Small town atmosphere</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>13.79%</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>15.07%</b>	-1.28%
<input type="checkbox"/> Proximity to larger communities	31	2.83%	29	2.30%	0.53%
<input type="checkbox"/> Friendliness	89	8.13%	109	8.64%	-0.52%
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____					
<i>Response</i>	1095		1261		

**4. What are the most important issues that will be facing the City of Buena Vista in the next five years?**

	2009		2008		
<input type="checkbox"/> Affordable housing	71	7.33%	107	9.77%	-2.44%
<input type="checkbox"/> Viability of core business area	133	13.74%	130	11.87%	1.87%
<input type="checkbox"/> Child care/youth programs	28	2.89%	20	1.83%	1.07%
<input type="checkbox"/> Growth of Southern Virginia University	58	5.99%	68	6.21%	-0.22%
<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of small town character	51	5.27%	53	4.84%	0.43%
Debt Service	144	14.88%	145	13.24%	1.63%
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Tax Rates</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>21.18%</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>24.02%</b>	-2.84%
<input type="checkbox"/> Public schools	68	7.02%	89	8.13%	-1.10%
<input type="checkbox"/> Employment opportunities	191	19.73%	206	18.81%	0.92%
<input type="checkbox"/> Government services	19	1.96%	14	1.28%	0.68%
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____					
<i>Response</i>	968		1095		

**5. In what recreational activities/areas do members of your household participate?**

	2009		2008		
<input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds	113	8.45%	132	8.81%	-0.35%
<input type="checkbox"/> Picnic Areas	134	10.02%	145	9.67%	0.35%
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Walking/Jogging</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>14.88%</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>14.74%</b>	0.14%
<input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Biking	11	0.82%	11	0.73%	0.09%
<input type="checkbox"/> Road Cycling	23	1.72%	21	1.40%	0.32%
<input type="checkbox"/> Skateboarding	14	1.05%	30	2.00%	-0.95%
<input type="checkbox"/> Baseball	37	2.77%	43	2.87%	-0.10%
<input type="checkbox"/> Tennis	24	1.80%	29	1.93%	-0.14%
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Glen Maury Park</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>16.53%</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>17.14%</b>	-0.62%
<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing	97	7.26%	109	7.27%	-0.02%
<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	54	4.04%	53	3.54%	0.50%
<input type="checkbox"/> Soccer	13	0.97%	24	1.60%	-0.63%
<input type="checkbox"/> Raft/Kayak/Canoe	25	1.87%	16	1.07%	0.80%
<input type="checkbox"/> Hiking	48	3.59%	51	3.40%	0.19%
<input type="checkbox"/> Golf	57	4.26%	70	4.67%	-0.41%
<input type="checkbox"/> Football	47	3.52%	61	4.07%	-0.55%
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Scenic Drives</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>12.42%</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>10.34%</b>	2.08%
<input type="checkbox"/> Camping	54	4.04%	71	4.74%	-0.70%
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____					
<i>Response</i>	<i>1337</i>		<i>1499</i>		

**Please let the City of Buena Vista know how important the following issues are to you:**

	2009	2008	% Change
<b>6. Economic Development</b>	<b>4.37</b>	<b>4.39</b>	0%
7. Affordable Housing	3.86	4.08	-6%
8. Parks & Trails	3.39	3.42	-1%
9. Open Space Areas	3.14	3.16	-1%
10. Sense of Community	3.9	3.87	1%
11. Parking	2.95	3.05	-3%
12. Traffic Flow	2.97	3.16	-6%
13. City Services	3.93	3.92	0%
14. Education K-12	4.03	<b>4.22</b>	-5%
15. Higher Education	3.78	3.84	-2%
16. Scenic/Visual Quality	3.8	3.81	0%
17. Arts & Culture	3.06	3.12	-2%
<b>18. Appearance of City</b>	<b>4.08</b>	4.12	-1%
19. Shopping Opportunities	3.97	4.07	-3%
<b>20. Job Opportunities</b>	<b>4.35</b>	<b>4.38</b>	-1%
<b>21. Public Safety</b>	<b>4.47</b>	<b>4.42</b>	1%

**Please rate the City's performance on:**

	2009	2008	
22. Programs for Youth	2.72	2.83	-4%
23. Special Events	3.18	3.22	-1%
24. Crime Prevention	<b>3.65</b>	<b>3.81</b>	-4%
25. Animal Control	3.37	<b>3.38</b>	0%
26. City Staff	3.21	3.31	-3%
27. Attracting & Retaining Business & Industry	<b>2.05</b>	2.22	-8%
28. Handling Citizen Complaints	2.74	2.77	-1%
29. City Council	2.55	2.69	-5%
30. Communication with Citizens	2.69	2.68	0%
31. Police Visibility & Response Time	<b>3.67</b>	3.7	-1%
32. Neighborhood Road Maintenance	2.84	2.93	-3%
33. Street & Sidewalk Maintenance	2.89	2.99	-3%
34. Snow Removal	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.48</b>	-2%
35. Public Landscaping	3	3.05	-2%
36. Available Parking	3.55	<b>3.58</b>	-1%
37. Park & Trail Maintenance	3.3	3.3	0%
38. Historic Preservation	2.94	2.88	2%
39. Recreation Programs	2.96	3.06	-3%
40. Recreation Facilities	2.91	3.03	-4%
41. Building Permits & Inspections	2.84	2.97	-5%
42. Code Enforcement	2.93	2.91	1%
43. Planning and Zoning	2.82	2.82	0%

**44. Imagine you are in charge of allocating resources for City projects and services. With a \$100 to budget, how would you divide the money among the following?**

	2009	2008	
Administrative Services	\$ 8.69	\$ 8.69	0%
Economic Development	\$ <b>18.21</b>	\$ <b>18.40</b>	-1%
Fire & Rescue	\$ 14.68	\$ <b>15.78</b>	-7%
K-12 Education	\$ <b>22.73</b>	\$ <b>22.21</b>	2%
Law Enforcement	\$ 14.24	\$ 15.30	-7%
Parks & Recreation	\$ 10.68	\$ 10.26	4%
Public Works (Roads, Trash, Sidewalks)	\$ <b>14.86</b>	\$ 14.05	5%
Water & Sewer	\$ 13.36	\$ 13.62	-2%
	\$ 117.45	\$ 118.31	

**45. Please indicate your preferred growth strategy for the City from the choice below.**

	2009		2008		
Zero growth	6	1.99%	8	2.27%	-0.28%
Less growth than present	10	3.32%	16	4.55%	-1.22%
About the same rate of growth as present	64	21.26%	77	21.88%	-0.61%
<b>More growth, but with some controls</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>66.45%</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>64.77%</b>	1.67%
No growth controls	21	6.98%	23	6.53%	0.44%
Other: _____					
<i>Response</i>	<i>301</i>		<i>352</i>		

**46. Which statement best represents your opinion on regulation of growth in Buena Vista?**

	2009		2008		
<b>The City should be more involved in regulating the type of development</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>27.09%</b>	97	26.65%	0.44%
The City should be less involved in regulating the type of development	60	<b>20.07%</b>	70	19.23%	0.84%
The City should continue to be involved with regulation at about the same level	<b>90</b>	<b>30.10%</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>29.12%</b>	0.98%
Don't know/No opinion	68	<b>22.74%</b>	91	25.00%	-2.26%
<i>Response</i>	<i>299</i>		<i>364</i>		

<b>47. Listed below are some suggestions for City Improvements, Recognizing that the City budget is limited, please rate to what extent you support or oppose using resources on the following</b>					
	2009		2008		
Improvements Downtown (sidewalks, landscaping, etc)	3.24		3.18		2%
Capital Improvement Projects (sewer plant, regional ja	3.29		3.27		1%
Maintenance of City Facilities	3.4		3.41		0%
<b>Support Economic Development</b>	<b>4.19</b>		<b>4.04</b>		4%
Recreation Areas (Glen Maury Park, Vista Links)	3.36		3.4		-1%

**48. Overall, in the last five years, Buena Vista has:**

	2009		2008		% Change
Improved	83	27.39%	<b>133</b>	<b>38.11%</b>	-10.72%
Declined	139	45.87%	130	37.25%	8.63%
Stayed the Same	81	26.73%	86	24.64%	2.09%
<i>Response</i>	<i>303</i>		<i>349</i>		

**49. What types of businesses do you frequent monthly or more in Buena Vista?**

<input type="checkbox"/> Accommodations (Motel, Camping, B&B)	4	1.25%	5	1.33%	-0.08%
<input type="checkbox"/> Advertising/Promotional Items	10	3.13%	10	2.65%	0.47%
<input type="checkbox"/> Artists-Framing-Visual Arts	8	2.50%	10	2.65%	-0.15%
<input type="checkbox"/> Attorneys/Legal Services	10	3.13%	15	3.98%	-0.85%
<input type="checkbox"/> Automotive-Parts	107	33.44%	121	32.10%	1.34%
<input type="checkbox"/> Automotive-Repair	111	34.69%	113	29.97%	4.71%
<input type="checkbox"/> Automotive-Sales	8	2.50%	8	2.12%	0.38%
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Banks/Lenders</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>70.63%</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>69.76%</b>	<b>0.86%</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Beauty/Barbers/Tanning	143	44.69%	165	43.77%	0.92%
<input type="checkbox"/> Business Services	34	10.63%	33	8.75%	1.87%
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Contractors	14	4.38%	16	4.24%	0.13%
<input type="checkbox"/> Child Care	10	3.13%	6	1.59%	1.53%
<input type="checkbox"/> Computers	12	3.75%	12	3.18%	0.57%
<input type="checkbox"/> Education	55	17.19%	73	19.36%	-2.18%
<input type="checkbox"/> Employment	57	17.81%	58	15.38%	2.43%
<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering/Surveying	1	0.31%	1	0.27%	0.05%
<input type="checkbox"/> Equipment Sales & Rentals	5	1.56%	4	1.06%	0.50%
<input type="checkbox"/> Florists	82	25.63%	92	24.40%	1.22%
<input type="checkbox"/> Funeral/Cemeteries/Memorials	36	11.25%	47	12.47%	-1.22%
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Grocery</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>75.94%</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>73.74%</b>	<b>2.20%</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Gift Shop/Antiques/Crafts	24	7.50%	31	8.22%	-0.72%
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Care	64	20.00%	68	18.04%	1.96%
<input type="checkbox"/> Home Improvement	78	24.38%	74	19.63%	4.75%
<input type="checkbox"/> Home Furnishings & Repair	24	7.50%	21	5.57%	1.93%
<input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Rentals	18	5.63%	21	5.57%	0.05%
<input type="checkbox"/> Insurance	108	33.75%	88	23.34%	10.41%
<input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping	20	6.25%	13	3.45%	2.80%
<input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing	22	6.88%	15	3.98%	2.90%
<input type="checkbox"/> Movies	75	23.44%	81	21.49%	1.95%
<input type="checkbox"/> Moving/Storage	2	0.63%	8	2.12%	-1.50%
<input type="checkbox"/> Office Equipment and Supplies	3	0.94%	4	1.06%	-0.12%
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Gas Stations/ Convenience Store</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>79.38%</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>83.29%</b>	<b>-3.91%</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Pet Care/Veterinary	49	15.31%	46	12.20%	3.11%
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Pharmacy</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>48.75%</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>53.32%</b>	<b>-4.57%</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Printing/Publishing	9	2.81%	12	3.18%	-0.37%
<input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate & Title Agencies	6	1.88%	7	1.86%	0.02%
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Restaurants</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>65.00%</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>62.33%</b>	<b>2.67%</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Retail/Shopping	48	15.00%	50	13.26%	1.74%
<input type="checkbox"/> Sports/Fitness	30	9.38%	46	12.20%	-2.83%
<input type="checkbox"/> Taxes/Accountants	16	5.00%	15	3.98%	1.02%
<input type="checkbox"/> Telecommunications	12	3.75%	20	5.31%	-1.56%
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	7	2.19%	3	0.80%	1.39%
<i>Response</i>	<i>2409</i>		<i>2703</i>		

**50a. How often do you shop in Buena Vista?**

<input type="checkbox"/> Daily	28	10.85%	36	11.76%	-0.91%
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Weekly</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>56.59%</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>47.39%</b>	<b>9.20%</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>1-3 Times per month</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>23.64%</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>30.07%</b>	<b>-6.42%</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly	19	7.36%	33	10.78%	-3.42%
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	4				
<i>Response</i>	<i>258</i>		<i>306</i>		

**50. What type of business would you like to see open in Buena Vista?**

<input type="checkbox"/> Accommodations (Motel, Camping, B&B)	69	21.56%	59	15.65%	5.91%
<input type="checkbox"/> Advertising/Promotional Items	11	3.44%	7	1.86%	1.58%
<input type="checkbox"/> Artists-Framing-Visual Arts	20	6.25%	11	2.92%	3.33%
<input type="checkbox"/> Attorneys/Legal Services	16	5.00%	12	3.18%	1.82%
<input type="checkbox"/> Automotive-Parts	10	3.13%	13	3.45%	-0.32%
<input type="checkbox"/> Automotive-Repair	20	6.25%	20	5.31%	0.94%
<input type="checkbox"/> Automotive-Sales	19	5.94%	22	5.84%	0.10%
<input type="checkbox"/> Banks/Lenders	16	5.00%	14	3.71%	1.29%
<input type="checkbox"/> Beauty/Barbers/Tanning	13	4.06%	19	5.04%	-0.98%
<input type="checkbox"/> Business Services	28	8.75%	24	6.37%	2.38%
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Contractors	26	8.13%	18	4.77%	3.35%
<input type="checkbox"/> Child Care	51	15.94%	43	11.41%	4.53%
<input type="checkbox"/> Computers	35	10.94%	42	11.14%	-0.20%
<input type="checkbox"/> Education	32	10.00%	44	11.67%	-1.67%
<input type="checkbox"/> Employment	109	34.06%	114	30.24%	3.82%
<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering/Surveying	10	3.13%	6	1.59%	1.53%
<input type="checkbox"/> Equipment Sales & Rentals	27	8.44%	16	4.24%	4.19%
<input type="checkbox"/> Florists	10	3.13%	8	2.12%	1.00%
<input type="checkbox"/> Funeral/Cemeteries/Memorials	7	2.19%	6	1.59%	0.60%
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Grocery</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>60.31%</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>66.58%</b>	<b>-6.27%</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Gift Shop/Antiques/Crafts	163	50.94%	62	16.45%	34.49%
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Care	45	14.06%	56	14.85%	-0.79%
<input type="checkbox"/> Home Improvement	41	12.81%	50	13.26%	-0.45%
<input type="checkbox"/> Home Furnishings & Repair	48	15.00%	47	12.47%	2.53%
<input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Rentals	14	4.38%	16	4.24%	0.13%
<input type="checkbox"/> Insurance	6	1.88%	12	3.18%	-1.31%
<input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping	22	6.88%	33	8.75%	-1.88%
<input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing	113	35.31%	131	34.75%	0.56%
<input type="checkbox"/> Movies	33	10.31%	38	10.08%	0.23%
<input type="checkbox"/> Moving/Storage	4	1.25%	4	1.06%	0.19%
<input type="checkbox"/> Office Equipment and Supplies	20	6.25%	26	6.90%	-0.65%
<input type="checkbox"/> Gas Stations/ Convenience Store	29	9.06%	40	10.61%	-1.55%
<input type="checkbox"/> Pet Care/Veterinary	23	7.19%	21	5.57%	1.62%
<input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy	31	9.69%	34	9.02%	0.67%
<input type="checkbox"/> Printing/Publishing	7	2.19%	11	2.92%	-0.73%
<input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate & Title Agencies	3	0.94%	8	2.12%	-1.18%
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Restaurants</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>52.19%</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>50.40%</b>	<b>1.79%</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Retail/Shopping</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>49.69%</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>50.13%</b>	<b>-0.45%</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Sports/Fitness	25	7.81%	26	6.90%	0.92%
<input type="checkbox"/> Taxes/Accountants	7	2.19%	9	2.39%	-0.20%
<input type="checkbox"/> Telecommunications	14	4.38%	21	5.57%	-1.20%
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	40	12.50%	46	12.20%	0.30%
<i>Reponse</i>	<i>1736</i>		<i>1819</i>		

**51. Please list any specific businesses or business type that you would like to see open in Buena Vista:**

Grocery Store, Grocery Stores, Restaurants, Retail Stores – Clothing, Grocery Store, Restaurants, Grocery, Bus Service, Train Service, Restaurants, Coffee Shop, Grocery Store, Only those that will hire employees, Golden Corral, Cracker Barrel, Texas Steak House, Clothing Store (Men & Womens), Shoe Store, Grocery Stores, Clothing Stores, Health Food Store, Food City Grocery Store, Family Diner, Recreation equipment for outdoor lovers (hiking, boating, camping, etc.), 3 Star plus hotel, Nice Restaurant, Grocery store downtown, like old Quality store, A nice hotel - near golf course along with a nice restaurant., Perhaps something not offered in Lexington, More restaurants, More shopping, Health food store, Holistic health care providers i.e. massage, acupuncture, etc., Grocery Stores, Retail Shopping, Hardware Stores, Department Stores, Restaurants, Drug Stores, Manufacturing, Grocery Stores, Walmart type store,; Ice cream store, Internet Café, Book Store, Arts/craft store and grocery store, Grocery store in downtown area, Antique Mall, American family restaurants, Upscale restaurants - not pizza places or hamburger places, Industry, More manufacturing jobs;;Chain department store; Sheetz; Woods Grill by Western Sizzlin Manufacturing jobs; Anything that has good pay to keep people working and make the city grow; Manufacturing Plants; Grocery Store; Home Improvement Store; Bakery; Clothing; Clothing & Shoes; Grocery; A more upscale restaurant such as Olive Garden or Outback; A vocation oriented or technical school; Manufacturing; Industrial Anything to help off-set high taxes; Retail; Clothing; Anything is better than nothing. This Christmas do all your shopping in B.V. Tell me how that works out for you; Those that would be attractive to tourists/visitors.; Clothing Specialty; Childrens Specialty; Shoe Repair; Dry Cleaner/Laundry; Toy shop/hobby, bakery/coffee shop, jewelry; Businesses that would meet the needs of BV citizens and bring in business from elsewhere; Farmers market facilities Downtown grocery store; BV should have its own Target/K-Mary etc to offset Lexington's and keep our community financially tied to itself; Grocery Store; Different kinds of restaurants offering all kinds of food; Breakfast and lunch restaurants; Child care – preschool; Stores; Child care; Retail; I would like to see a nice factory to employ our citizens and help pay taxes; We would like to see a nice family restaurant open. Not another pizza place; K-Mart; Target Grocery Store; Somewhere to shop besides Walmart; Have to go out of town for everything; New movie theater; A hotel; Grocery store in town; Family Fun Center; Manufacturing; Department Store (not specialty); Goodrich Grocery; Grocery Store; Youth Centers; Bowling Alley/Roller Skating; Restaurants; Bakery, gift shops, more retail Dept. Store; Grocery Store; Fabric, notions, quilt shop; We need a reason to shop in B.V. main street; Five guys; Grocery store downtown; Bakery; Ice cream shop; Public transportation; Office buildings; Safeway; 24 hour restaurant Plants Jobs?; Need another grocery store and pharmacy store in town; Scooter shops to open; Ice creams shops; A hardware store like Ace Hardware was; Mall; Restaurants; Department Store; Clothing Stores; Retail Stores; Sonic Drive-In (Fast food); Retail Stores; More Family Restaurants; Family Doctors; More grocery store; More thing for children to do; More store to shop; Game place (something for children to do so they can stay out of trouble); Big K Mart; Target ; Clothing Store (Peebles); Retail Allages; Grocery Stores; More factories, need jobs bad; Grocery Store Nice motel; Any that would help with taxes: Tourism and destination events large big box stores and for chain; restaurants with large signs. We need to get people off the interstate to spend money here.; Clothing Store Gift Store; Restaurant Chain (Not! Fast food); Dunkin Donuts; Grocery store nearer to downtown; Clothing store that can compete with prices of other locations; Retail; Employment for people; Also need something or someone to take over debt at Vista Links; Youth Center; McDonalds; Chick-Fil-A; Hotel – Motel; Taco Bell; Target; Pediatrician; Beauty salons that accommodate all nationalities; Department stores ; Recreation for youths; Manufacturing that would hire lots of employees; Something to involve employment; Manufacturing; Clothing Stores; Pennys; A jewelry store; Shoe store; Grocery store; Sharp Shoppers; K-Mart; Target; Upscale restaurant; Hightech Manufacturing; Family restaurant We need some grocery stores here bad; Dry cleaning; Variety Store – Walmart; Grocery Store; Barber shop; Super Market; Peebles; Wal Mart; Would like to see some of the name stores that you see at the mall.; Nothing is going to come here, I have watched businesses close their doors one after another; National Chain stores and not dollar stores like J.C. Penny or something; Dept. Store; Manufacturers (Factory); Unemployment office; Doctors; More shopping businesses; More recreation areas; Manufacturing; Retail/Shopping; Grocery store; Variety of restaurants; Retail and shopping; Grocery; Grocery store; K-Mart; Target; Shops more upgrade than dollar stores; FoodMart; A grocery store within walking distance of downtown.; ; A soda shop for teenage residents; Bike shop; Dry cleaner; Pet store; Shoe store; Discount grocery store and bulk food store; Grocery store in downtown area ;Clothing stores; New fastfood (McDonalds maybe); Bookstore; Clothing shop franchise (like Belk, Lane Bryant, etc.); Daycare center; Places to shop Restaurants!!!!; Manufacturing/Industry; Grocery store; Clothing store; Good grocery store; Diner; ;Movie (Modern) Clothing; Grocery - downtown BV; Develop main street with tourist businesses and quaint sthops; No more resale/goodwill type; K-Mart ;Belk; Grocery store; Convention Center; Factories; Grocery stores; Shopping mall; Some restaurants with buffet; Shopping center; Groceries; Dept. clothing store; Retail stores; Factories; Dept Store; Restaurants; Grocery store; Outback Steak House; Fridays; ; Department store; Country Cooking Restaurant ;Steak, seafood, chicken restaurant (American Fare); ; Grocery ;Alexander's or something similar; Dairy Queen; Grocery store in downtown ;Dept store in downtown ;Grocery ;We need a grocery store in B.V. because it is too far for some people to walk to Food Lion. That what we really need!;Grocery store; Apparel ;Restaurants; Any busienss that employees citizens; A modern strip mall to the old downtown would be nice with brand name stores being that there really is on around unless you travel an hour.; I think for a small town we are fortunate to have what we have available presently.; Upscale restaurant; Upscale motel; Harbor freight; Grocery store; Target; Anything that pertains to children 2-10. Creative learning centers where they can explore, create, generate, learn, and have fun doing it! (Ex. Realeigh, NC. Marbles kid's museum. ;Environmentally sound business ;Outdoor sports business ;Guide services for trails; Bike shops ;Gardening, youth

hostel/AT stop, transportation between BV and Lexington. I see BV as an active outdoor community with day parks and outdoor cafes and entertainment. Possibly some river businesses. Float trips, fishing docks, waterside cafes. We have some; Pet grooming; Grocery store; Nice motel/hotel; Nice restaurant serving drinks ;Barber and computer repair; Target; Wal-Mart; Lowes ;Dry Cleaners; Camps; Tourist activities i.e. hiking/river ; rafting/guided trips/ high adventure or nature camp. Capitalize on the environment and location right off parkway and 81; A large super market; Restaurants; Country Cooking; Seafood; Long Johns, Pizza Hut, Sears furniture Fine dining; Steak house; Something for youth; Something for people to do to socialize; Manufacturing (green friendly); Grocery store; Clothing store; Dept. store ;Thai food restaurant; Indian food restaurant; Macaroni grill restaurant; Seafood restaurant; ;Department store ;Eye doctor – glasses; ; Pediatric doctorManufacturing any kind Indoor soccer/sports arena; ;Photo dark room/artist space; Natural grocery store; Kinko's/copy and print store Dry Cleaners; Health food store; ; Pet food store; Industries for more jobs; Grocery store; Retail store for a variety of items; ;Ones that will employ people; McDonald's; Sonic; More restaurants; Manufacturing; Home - Web based Affordable clothing stores; Affordable grocery store; Affordable furniture and appliances; Physician; Child care More restaurants; ;Physicians ; Recreational facilities for our youth; ;Restaurants Coffee shop; Hooters; Grocery store Department store; Dry cleaner; Bookstore; Coffee shop/bakery; A few more restaurants; Computer sales and repair Nice family restaurant; Nicer chain motel; Beauty supplies; Cmpetitive grocery; Some type of business that would provide employment in the 50-100 thousand a year gross income and would be help support a tax base that SVU seems to be destroying; K-Mart; Penny's; Something like a youth center for the teenagers and children 13 and under for the summer; Clothing; Groceries; Bakeries; Grocery stores; Auto dealers; Clothing stores; Furniture stores Manufacturing companies because they can bring in a great deal of jobs to the community with just one company Employment opportunity; Factories; i.e. jobs! For "our" community; Fewer "niche" businesses -; Retail with realistic business plans, appropriate to market needs; Book store; Grocery store; ;Chick-fil-a ; Bookstore/Coffe shop; Grocery Clothing; Shoe store; Sharp-Shopper like in Waynesboro. I'm tired of only Food Lion or driving to Lex to Wal-Mart; Shoe and clothing stores; Affordable grocery stores; Game room for kids under 13; Jewlery store; Pawn shop; More antique shop for all the tourist that we get; Sonic ;Grocery store; Retail store; Bagel shop; ;Bakery; Coffee shop Grocery – downtown; Malls, shopping; ;Shopping center; Grocery store; Grocery competition ;Theater (updated) Belk; JC Penny; Bath & Body; McDonalds; Arbys, Wendys, and Sonic; Car rental; ;Office supplies Hotel; Clothes (men & womens); Grocery store; Retail shopping; ;Bakery Grocery; ;Sit down restaurant A grocery store downtown that you can walk to; Something substantial - like a target, or craft like Joannes or Michaels - otherwise you have to go to Lexington, Staunton, or Roanoke anyway - why shop in BV?; JC Penny; Belk; Gander Mountain; Walmart; Shopping mall; Shoe store; "The Cheese Shop"; ;Bakery Arts & Crafts shop; Hikers gear shop; ;Clothing shops; Shoe store; Manufacturing; Better restaurants (Applebees etc); More retail; Industry; Give industry breaks and bring them in A nice grocery store, clean and neat.; A nice restaurant that serve good homemade food. Take what we have and make them clean up their places; A automobile place where you can get your car fix and feel like you are important and you don't get robbed.; Too many store are empty. Do not charge so much rent. Make business clean up on main street. Paint and clean up sidewalks. Too many banks and now another one going up. If the business don't fix the building than find ones that does. I do not like going out.; A good department store; Grocery store; Gas stations Good industry - good pay; More restaurants; Type of business to take advantage of our location, climate, geography and to attract more tourists money to BV; Even a resort type of business...great location for such!; Gabrielle Brothers (clothing); Sonic Drive-In; Krispy Kreme; Starbucks; Chick-Fil-A, TJ Max, Ross, Ollies; More stores; More Restaurants; A nice trading post/store highlighting mountain gifts to attract tourists off the BRP.

**52. Including yourself, how many members of your household over the age of 18 are employed?**

	2009		2008		
<input type="checkbox"/> 0	85	27.78%	94	26.78%	1.00%
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	71	23.20%	95	27.07%	-3.86%
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>2</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>38.56%</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>37.04%</b>	1.53%
<input type="checkbox"/> 3	25	8.17%	26	7.41%	0.76%
<input type="checkbox"/> 4	4	1.31%	5	1.42%	-0.12%
<input type="checkbox"/> 5	3	0.98%	1	0.28%	0.70%
<input type="checkbox"/> 6+	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0.00%
<i>Response</i>	<i>306</i>		<i>351</i>		

**53. What is your employment status?**

	2009		2008		
<b>Adult #1</b>					
Part-time employed	32	10.26%	46	11.98%	-1.72%
<b>Full-time employed</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>45.83%</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>44.27%</b>	1.56%
Retired	89	28.53%	124	32.29%	-3.77%
Looking for work	16	5.13%	16	4.17%	0.96%
Self-employed	23	7.37%	20	5.21%	2.16%
Work more than one job	9	2.88%	8	2.08%	0.80%
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____					
<i>Response</i>	<i>312</i>		<i>384</i>		

	2009		2008		
<b>Adult #2</b>					
Part-time employed	28	12.28%	28	11.48%	0.81%
<b>Full-time employed</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>43.42%</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>44.26%</b>	-0.84%
Retired	63	27.63%	77	31.56%	-3.93%
Looking for work	10	4.39%	11	4.51%	-0.12%
Self-employed	18	7.89%	13	5.33%	2.57%
Work more than one job	10	4.39%	7	2.87%	1.52%
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____					
<i>Response</i>	<i>228</i>		<i>244</i>		

**54. If employed, what is your primary job commuting distance?**

	2009		2008		
<b>Adult #1</b>					
<b>Less than 10 minutes</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>51.87%</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>48.31%</b>	3.57%
11-20 minutes	60	32.09%	80	33.90%	-1.81%
21-30 minutes	13	6.95%	18	7.63%	-0.68%
31-45 minutes	5	2.67%	7	2.97%	-0.29%
46-60 minutes	8	4.28%	11	4.66%	-0.38%
More than one hour	4	2.14%	6	2.54%	-0.40%
<i>Response</i>	<i>187</i>		<i>236</i>		

	2009		2008		
<b>Adult #2</b>					
<b>Less than 10 minutes</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>46.67%</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>49.31%</b>	-2.64%
11-20 minutes	42	31.11%	46	31.94%	-0.83%
21-30 minutes	14	10.37%	12	8.33%	2.04%
31-45 minutes	4	2.96%	4	2.78%	0.19%
46-60 minutes	7	5.19%	7	4.86%	0.32%
More than one hour	5	3.70%	4	2.78%	0.93%
<i>Response</i>	<i>135</i>		<i>144</i>		

**55. If employed, in what industry?**

	2009		2008		
<input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing/Industry	46	26.44%	49	23.00%	3.43%
<input type="checkbox"/> Retail	24	13.79%	29	13.62%	0.18%
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Service	14	8.05%	12	5.63%	2.41%
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Professional Service</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>28.16%</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>37.56%</b>	-9.40%
<input type="checkbox"/> Government (Any Level)	34	19.54%	31	14.55%	4.99%
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction	7	4.02%	12	5.63%	-1.61%
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____					
<i>Response</i>	<b>174</b>		<b>213</b>		

**56. Family Status:**

	2009		2008		
<input type="checkbox"/> Single, no children	43	14.63%	53	15.23%	-0.60%
<input type="checkbox"/> Single, with children	14	4.76%	18	5.17%	-0.41%
<input type="checkbox"/> Single, children no longer at home	24	8.16%	39	11.21%	-3.04%
<input type="checkbox"/> Couple, no children	38	12.93%	44	12.64%	0.28%
<input type="checkbox"/> Couple, with children	89	30.27%	<b>106</b>	<b>30.46%</b>	-0.19%
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Couple, children no longer at home</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>29.25%</b>	88	25.29%	3.96%
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____					
<i>Response</i>	<b>294</b>		<b>348</b>		

**57. Including yourself, how many persons live in your home?**

	2009		2008		
<input type="checkbox"/> 0	9	2.91%	12	3.25%	-0.34%
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	59	19.09%	77	20.87%	-1.77%
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>2</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>45.63%</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>43.36%</b>	2.27%
<input type="checkbox"/> 3	50	16.18%	58	15.72%	0.46%
<input type="checkbox"/> 4	27	8.74%	30	8.13%	0.61%
<input type="checkbox"/> 5	15	4.85%	20	5.42%	-0.57%
<input type="checkbox"/> 6+	8	2.59%	12	3.25%	-0.66%
<i>Response</i>	<b>309</b>		<b>369</b>		

**58. How many in your home are 18 year of age or younger?**

	2009		2008		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>0</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>63.55%</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>65.43%</b>	-1.88%
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	45	15.05%	49	14.00%	1.05%
<input type="checkbox"/> 2	41	13.71%	44	12.57%	1.14%
<input type="checkbox"/> 3	16	5.35%	18	5.14%	0.21%
<input type="checkbox"/> 4	3	1.00%	4	1.14%	-0.14%
<input type="checkbox"/> 5	4	1.34%	5	1.43%	-0.09%
<input type="checkbox"/> 6+	0	0.00%	1	0.29%	-0.29%
<i>Response</i>	<b>299</b>		<b>350</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	

**59. What is your age?**

	2009		2008		
<input type="checkbox"/> Under 20	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0.00%
<input type="checkbox"/> 20-24	7	2.26%	8	2.16%	0.10%
<input type="checkbox"/> 25-34	21	6.77%	28	7.55%	-0.77%
<input type="checkbox"/> 35-44	23	7.42%	53	14.29%	-6.87%
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>45-54</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>24.19%</b>	76	20.49%	3.71%
<input type="checkbox"/> 55-64	80	25.81%	81	21.83%	3.97%
<input type="checkbox"/> 65-74	59	19.03%	<b>83</b>	<b>22.37%</b>	-3.34%
<input type="checkbox"/> Over 75	45	14.52%	42	11.32%	3.20%
<i>Response</i>	<i>310</i>		<i>371</i>	<i>100.00%</i>	

**60. Gender:**

	2009		2008		
<input type="checkbox"/> Male	146	47.07%	116	33.92%	-13.15%
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Female</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>52.93%</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>66.08%</b>	13.15%
<i>Reponse</i>	<i>319</i>		<i>342</i>		

**61. Do you actively volunteer your time?**

	2009		2008		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	153	50.83%	45.13%	5.70%	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	148	49.17%	<b>54.87%</b>	-5.70%	
<b>If no, why?</b>					
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Too busy</b>	63	<b>42.57%</b>	<b>54.25%</b>	-11.68%	
<input type="checkbox"/> Unaware of opportunities	31	<b>20.95%</b>	22.88%	-1.93%	
<input type="checkbox"/> No desire	27	<b>18.24%</b>	22.88%	-4.64%	

**62. What level of education have you completed?**

	2009		2008		
<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 9 <sup>th</sup> grade	13	3.70%	17	4.16%	-0.45%
<input type="checkbox"/> 9 <sup>th</sup> grade to 12 <sup>th</sup> grade, no diploma	16	4.56%	31	7.58%	-3.02%
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>High school graduate or GED</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>25.36%</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>26.16%</b>	-0.81%
<input type="checkbox"/> Trade or vocational school training	19	5.41%	18	4.40%	1.01%
<input type="checkbox"/> Some college, no degree	69	19.66%	81	19.80%	-0.15%
<input type="checkbox"/> Associate's degree	27	7.69%	27	6.60%	1.09%
<input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's degree	60	17.09%	70	17.11%	-0.02%
<input type="checkbox"/> Graduate or professional degree	58	16.52%	58	14.18%	2.34%
<i>Response</i>	<i>351</i>		<i>409</i>	<i>100.00%</i>	

**63. Please indicate if your gross annual household income is:**

	2009		2008		
<input type="checkbox"/> \$0-14,999	33	11.70%	<b>59</b>	<b>17.72%</b>	-6.02%
<input type="checkbox"/> \$15,000-24,999	23	8.16%	32	9.61%	-1.45%
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>\$25,000-34,999</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>19.15%</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>17.72%</b>	1.43%
<input type="checkbox"/> \$35,000-44,999	31	10.99%	31	9.31%	1.68%
<input type="checkbox"/> \$45,000-54,999	40	14.18%	58	17.42%	-3.23%
<input type="checkbox"/> \$55,000-64,999	25	8.87%	21	6.31%	2.56%
<input type="checkbox"/> \$65,000-74,999	19	6.74%	24	7.21%	-0.47%
<input type="checkbox"/> \$75,000-84,999	19	6.74%	17	5.11%	1.63%
<input type="checkbox"/> \$85,000-94,999	12	4.26%	11	3.30%	0.95%
<input type="checkbox"/> \$95,000-99,999	7	2.48%	4	1.20%	1.28%
<input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000-199,999	19	6.74%	14	4.20%	2.53%
<input type="checkbox"/> \$200,000-299,999	0	0.00%	2	0.60%	-0.60%
<input type="checkbox"/> \$300,000-399,999	0	0.00%	1	0.30%	-0.30%
<input type="checkbox"/> \$400,000-499,999	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0.00%
<input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000 or more	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0.00%
<i>Response</i>	282		333	<b>-18.09%</b>	

**What is your current assessment of the following characteristics of Buena Vista?**

	2009		2008	
64. Sense of Community	3.28		3.37	-3%
65. Appearance of City	3.01		3.09	-3%
66. Arts and Culture	2.49		2.59	-4%
67. Parks & Trails	3.4		3.33	2%
68. Open Space Areas	3.3		3.2	3%
69. Scenic/Visual Quality	3.67		3.62	1%
70. Shopping	1.66		1.75	-5%
71. Public Safety	3.68		3.79	-3%
<b>72. Fire &amp; Rescue</b>	<b>4.04</b>		<b>4.06</b>	0%
73. Recreation	3.14		3.24	-3%
74. Job Opportunities	1.66		1.06	36%
75. Affordable Housing	2.54		2.47	3%
76. Traffic Flow	3.47		3.47	0%
77. City Services	3.21		3.23	-1%
78. Economic Development	2.06		2.34	-14%
79. Education (K-12)	3.56		3.68	-3%
80. Higher Education	3.28		3.31	-1%

**81. Do you own more than one home in Buena Vista?**

	2009		2008		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	40	11.70%	47	11.78%	-0.08%
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 homes	25	7.31%	32	36.36%	-29.05%
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 homes	5	1.46%	6	6.82%	-5.36%
<input type="checkbox"/> 4 homes	1	0.29%	1	1.14%	-0.84%
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 homes or more.	2	0.58%	2	2.27%	-1.69%
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>No (skip questions #82)</b>	269	<b>78.65%</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>86.87%</b>	-8.22%
<i>Response</i>	342		399		

**82. What is the current use of the property that is not your primary residence?**

	2009		2008		
<input type="checkbox"/> Rental	<b>25</b>	<b>42.37%</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>45.26%</b>	-2.89%
<input type="checkbox"/> Home Business	24	<b>40.68%</b>	2	2.11%	38.57%
<input type="checkbox"/> Owner Use Only	3	<b>5.08%</b>	41	43.16%	-38.07%
<input type="checkbox"/> Friends or Family	7	<b>11.86%</b>	9	9.47%	2.39%
<i>Response</i>	59		95	100.00%	

**83. Do you recycle?**

	2009		2008		
Yes, how often	280	90.61%	<b>334</b>	<b>90.27%</b>	<b>0.34%</b>
No, Why not?	29	9.39%	36	9.73%	<b>-0.34%</b>
<i>Response</i>	309		370		

**85. When dealing with an industrial prospect, the City of Buena Vista should consider costs and benefits in the following order**

	2009
<b>Job Creation</b>	2.5
Noise	6.89
Truck Traffic	7
Pollution	5.16
Tax Revenue Created	4.29
Land Use & Environmental Impact	5.05
Odor Creation	5.9
Wage Rates and Benefits	4.24
Development Size	5.81
Development Location	5.67