

Grand Haven Children's Museum Community Survey Responses

What do you hope our community will look like for kids and families in 5-10 years?

- 1 A "go to" spot for young families
- 2 A beach town that cares about its year-round locals with family oriented activities
- 3 A haven! Somewhere kids are welcomed and where they can be engaged.
- 4 A more warm and inviting community that has more ethnic diversity.
- 5 A place people go to throughout the week and weekends for kids to be with other kids and play
- 6 A place that offers MANY more family friendly indoor and outdoor options. Right now there is very limited access to indoor year-round family friendly, kid activities unless you're paying for the YMCA. Parks, playgrounds and nature can't be the only option for kids and families
- 7 A place that's free from political agendas but welcoming to all
- 8 A place they're excited to visit and interact face to face with others, with no concerns for digital media
- 9 A place to play for all ages.
- 10 A place where children are welcome and loved and valued.
- 11 A place where families and kids can come together safely to grow and learn.
- 12 A place where families and young children can safely gather, interact and participate in events together.
- 13 A safe, functional place where people want to go and bring their families
- 14 A safer way for families to from east to west sides. Pedestrian bridge or two.
- 15 A vibrant community of people who know each other because of local places to gather
- 16 A welcoming area with affordable opportunities for learning, growth, and fun. Tight knit.
- 17 A wonderful place to be
- 18 Access for families of all economic levels to superb education, early education support (free pre-k), changing stations in BOTH men's and women's restrooms in ALL local business (amazing how unfriendly GH is for this. There are SO MANY places in town that bill themselves as family friendly that do not have a single place to change your child). Access to adult changing stations for families of disabled older children and adults. Sheltered bike lanes that have cement barriers to protect bikers and promote safety for families and children to access our city without cars. Expanded bike access and pedestrian access (connecting sidewalks). Public Breastfeeding and pumping rooms for families.
- 19 Accessible to all-typically and non-typically developing children
- 20 Active and involved parents in all communities
- 21 Affordable and engaging
- 22 Affordable, local activities
- 23 Always something fun going on
- 24 An improving place to raise a family vs the declining "development" we see currently
- 25 An increase in fun activities for children/families of the Tri-Cities is welcome. When we moved to the Grand Haven area in the mid-90's there was a roller skating rink and a bowling alley in the area. Both are gone and nothing has replaced them. Older students also express that there is not a lot to do in Grand Haven for kids besides the beach which is only accessible a limited amount of time in the year. Let's build an infrastructure where students who graduate from Grand Haven High School want to come back to work here after college, support the local economy and grow their families and don't leave to go to other cities that have more to offer.
- 26 As long as it continues to grow in a positive direction that will be good enough for us.
- 27 As of right now, I HOPE that it will be better. GH has gone downhill and stopped thinking about its residents and families and started focusing on making money and tourism. :(
- 28 Beautiful parks (sustained), increased walk ability/bike-friendly, continue the development of the East side of Grand Haven.
- 29 Beautiful parks and opportunities to participate in social group activities
- 30 Better than ever, though it's already amazing
- 31 Better than it is now
- 32 Bigger and better than what it is now
- 33 Bringing families together more
- 34 childrens museum, outdoor discovery areas, more solcial group based activities,
- 35 connections and networking through engagement
- 36 Continue to grow and focus on family friendly experiences
- 37 Continued preservation and development of community places.
- 38 Diverse creative and fun
- 39 Engaging, hands on experiences
- 40 Family friendly
- 41 Family friendly
- 42 Family friendly
- 43 Family friendly activities (more of them)
- 44 Family friendly and kid oriented

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- 45 Family friendly destination
- 46 Family friendly fun
- 47 Family friendly with more family friendly things to do year round
- 48 Family friendly, safe, affordable
- 49 Family oriented places and activities
- 50 Focused on education academically but also health and well being
- 51 For family friendly/centered activities
- 52 Friendly and affordable
- 53 Friendly to the middle children there are a decent amount of things for the very young and the older kids but not a lot for the 5 to 10 year Olds
- 54 Growth and more activities available
- 55 Have a children's museum :)
- 56 Higher MEAP scores for local schools
- 57 Hopefully still going! Families constantly going and learning.
- 58 Huge splash pad for kids
- 59 I hope grand haven becomes more family friendly in all areas. Beach, downtown gh, less bars, more kid appropriate restaurants.
- 60 I hope it will be thriving and a wonderful place to raise children (which I'm sure it is already)
- 61 I hope it will look warm and welcoming, with plenty of ways our kids can grow physically, socially, and communally.
- 62 I hope it's a warm and welcoming place with things to do for all ages.
- 63 I hope kids are taught to be nice to each other, that diversity is celebrated, and that bullies are held responsible for their actions.
- 64 I hope our community values seeing and interacting with kids in community spaces.
- 65 I hope our community will be more family friendly, where kids can be about, make a little noise, be curious and explore what makes GH unique
- 66 I hope that there is a children's museum and events organized with families in mind but inviting to those without as well.
- 67 I hope that there will be more activities that we can do inside year round.
- 68 I hope the community has more options that are easy to use. I hope this museum is only the beginning
- 69 I hope they will have more safe places to gather and explore together
- 70 I hope we add more fun places for kids like I had growing up— roller rinks, bowling, arcades,
- 71 I raised 2 kids in GH in the early 2000's and the only kid friendly place was the Imagination Station. We settled in GH because of Science Olympiad. Now my grown son had returned to SL with his own kids and it would be wonderful for his family to have great learning opportunities.
- 72 I'd love to see more family friendly experiences open in GH!
- 73 Inclusive and accepting
- 74 Inclusive for all children and their families.
- 75 Inclusive of all people.
- 76 Inclusive to people of all abilities
- 77 Interactive
- 78 Interactive, playful, younger family oriented.
- 79 It would be great if the community had more activities for children year round.
- 80 Just having lots of opportunities for kids and families to partake in activities which can promote their health and education. Especially for working parents.
- 81 later
- 82 Less consumerism. More relationships.
- 83 Like a hallmark movie?
- 84 Lots more inclusion and diversity interaction
- 85 Lots of good playgrounds! Family friendly spaces like cafes.
- 86 Lots of opportunities for diversity and inclusive programs
- 87 Many options for families to go together and have a little something for everyone.
- 88 More access to free parking and family community events
- 89 More activities and places to go in the winter and affordable to all.
- 90 More activities for children to learn and explore
- 91 More activities for kids to do locally.
- 92 More activities for our kids, especially indoors during the cold montgs
- 93 More activities, spaces and events geared towards kids of all ages
- 94 more area of children to play indoors

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- 95 More child friendly activities
- 96 More childcare options and kid-centered community programs and initiatives
- 97 More diverse
- 98 More family activities to stay local and have fun
- 99 More family and kid friendly with more play areas indoors & outdoors and affordable/free for city residents
- 100 More family friendly
- 101 More family friendly activities
- 102 More family friendly activities
- 103 More family friendly activities with less focus on drinking and more on actual activities
- 104 More family friendly activities year around to create stronger relationships and creative fun.
- 105 More family friendly and homeschool friendly in general. More DAYTIME activities for school age kids! There's plenty for toddlers and babies.
- 106 More family friendly and less centered on tourists.
- 107 More family friendly centers.
- 108 More family friendly places to visit!
- 109 More family friendly with lots family friendly community event.
- 110 More family friendly with more local fun
- 111 More family friendly, we normally skip Grand Haven on family days/nights because most things/places are geared towards singles, college/high school age people.
- 112 More family things to do, especially in winter! Summer is easy with the beach and playgrounds, winter is much tougher with tiny ones to get out of the house.
- 113 More for elementary and middle school kids to do in town.
- 114 More high quality business downtown
- 115 More inclusive, accessible spaces for collaboration, learning and fun
- 116 More indoor places
- 117 More indoor play spaces
- 118 More kid friendly year round
- 119 More kids activities
- 120 More kids activities and family events
- 121 More localized options for year around recreation and enjoyment
- 122 more of the same!
- 123 more opportunities for families to bond together, more focus on local families vs tourism
- 124 More opportunities for family-friendly events
- 125 More opportunity of places to bring children, potential extra space to allow for play groups to meet or professionals to host educational opportunities for parents.
- 126 More opportunity to play, connect & create a stronger community - especially for parents with young children.
- 127 More options for indoor entertainment
- 128 More places to go and things to do
- 129 More play areas and family friendly places.
- 130 More playgrounds, more schools (and much more funding for all schools), more events, more library books, indoor events and activities during colder months, free healthcare and dentistry for children, and a museum like the GR one would be great!
- 131 More positive family experiences
- 132 More things for them to do.
- 133 More variety. Ease of use
- 134 more welcoming of different kinds of diverse families
- 135 More year around attractions
- 136 More year round attractions
- 137 More year round family fun
- 138 More year round inclusive activities
- 139 Much like it does now, but expanded
- 140 Much more accepting of different perspectives and cultures.
- 141 No homelessness, hunger, key kids. Families intact.
- 142 Not much different, I like it. Except no more building condos taking away from the small town beauty of grand haven
- 143 not sure
- 144 open and welcoming to all
- 145 Open minded and inclusive
- 146 Opportunity for additional community engagement, play, and learning.

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- 147 People who make wise choices and listen well to others and live lives of pure and moral integrity, honesty, and truth.
- 148 Places to play at while young and safe fun places to go with their friends as they grow older.
- 149 Positivity, happiness and being highly informed- poised for open-mindedness to education throughout the life journey of our children.
- 150 Rebuilt, quality infrastructure, including roads and sidewalks; sustainable energy in place, Harbor Island cleanup underway with a plan for its future use & Chinook pier sustainably developed and managed while preserving the waterfront improvements already in place
- 151 Safe
- 152 Safe and fun
- 153 Safe place for all
- 154 Safe place to live and grown
- 155 Safe, affordable family entertainment
- 156 Safe, friendly, positive,
- 157 Safe, fun opportunities to be together as a family and with friends
- 158 Safe, inclusive.
- 159 safe, welcoming, fun
- 160 Same as it is now.
- 161 Several more opportunities for children and families to gather, learn, and play.
- 162 Stable and affordable housing is essential, as well as a solid school system.
- 163 Still family friendly and small town feel
- 164 strong schools, welcoming to all, inclusive, strong family support available through various organizations
- 165 Supporting family friendly events
- 166 The Children's museum completed and a busy space where families can take advantage of learning opportunities, grow friendships, etc...
The redone imagination station and GH/SL splash pads are continued sources of free family entertainment. An art studio for kids would be such a fun addition to our community too
- 167 Thriving schools, thriving downtown
- 168 To keep focusing on more/different ways for our children to learn & explore.
- 169 Very active and families spending more time together
- 170 Very family oriented.
- 171 Vibrant and busy
- 172 vibrant with activity opportunities
- 173 We definitely need more things for kids and families in this area.
- 174 Welcoming and a variety of things to do
- 175 Welcoming and inclusive
- 176 Welcoming and many options for families to enjoy as a destination
- 177 welcoming environment for youth, volunteer activities for families kids together
- 178 Welcoming to different cultures
- 179 Welcoming, family-friendly, attractive to young couples, opportunities for recreation, inclusive to the special needs community
- 180 Welcoming, nurturing and based in a foundation of early childhood development support for all at no cost.
- 181 Well rounded for all ages, not just seasonal.
- 182 Year round family activities like the Children's Museum and an outdoor skating rink. For summer fun, expanded splash pad and A BETTER BIKE PATH THAT GOES TO HARBOR ISLAND WITH PATHWAYS THAT ARE NOT NEAR DEATH EXPERIENCES.