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Dear Community,

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Community Visioning process over the past two months! I hope you found it a positive experience. It was incredibly meaningful for me to be able to actively listen to your thoughts on what you value and where you envision our future as a city and a community. It reminded me why Leavenworth is so special—our engaged community and passionate citizens. We had over 300 people turn out for the visioning sessions and over 900 online survey responses. This valuable feedback will greatly inform our planning process. Remember, the visioning was just the beginning. I look forward to your continued engagement as we work through the Comprehensive Plan update.

The comments and recordings from each session are posted on the City's website at cityofleavenworth.com/community/community-visioning/. I encourage you to explore the feedback we received. And if you haven't signed up to get notices about the Comprehensive Plan update, you can do so by visiting <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sl/aQP5zOi/CompPlan>.

I am also excited to announce our upcoming Citizens' Academy, set to launch next year. This program will provide an in-depth look at how our local government functions. During the visioning sessions, many were surprised to learn about specific city operations and funding sources, such as the fact that property taxes outside of city limits do not contribute to the City revenues, or that the City only receives about 11% of the property taxes paid by owners within City limits. This academy aims to bridge these knowledge gaps and foster a deeper understanding of our small City's workings. If this is something you'd enjoy, or would simply like to hear more about, sign up at <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sl/J5yIr6K/CitizensAcademy>.

Thank you again for investing in our collective future. Your continued engagement is vital as we strive to create a community that supports diverse residential needs and cherishes the natural beauty that surrounds us.

Together, we can achieve great things!

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