



Hudson Business Association

Survey Results

Total responses (111)

What types of establishments do you visit downtown?

Restaurant visits (88)
Municipal visits (83)
Bank visits (65)
Retail visits (60)
Park visits (50)
Hairdresser visits (43)
Insurance visits (25)
Office visits (15)
Legal visits (9)
PO (4)
Salvation Army (3)
Church (3)
Nail salon (2)
Dog groomer (2)
Barber shop (2)
AVCC (1)
Financial advisor (1)
Karate studio (1)
Bagel store (1)
Art gallery (1)
Serendipity (1)
Accountant (1)
Auto shop (1)

For what primary reason do you visit Hudson downtown?

Services (35)
Restaurants (33)
Retail (14)
Recreation (8)
Government (6)
Library (5)
Entertainment (3)
Work (3)
PO (2)
Office appointments (2)
Bank (2)
Hair (1)
Open spaces (1)
All (1)
Church (1)

Please name the establishment you visit most frequently.

Library (14)
Avidia (12)
Harvest (9)
Chloe (9)
Ace Hardware (8)
PO (6)
Horseshoe Pub (6)
Sereni (5)
Vic's 50's Diner (4)
TC Landos (4)
Ariba (3)
Town Hall (2)
Hudson Art & Frame (2)
Citizens Bank (2)
Salvation Army (2)
Hair by Chaves (1)
Sofia's (1)
Lembo Corp (1)
Restaurants (1)
Yates Law Office (1)
Aubuchon (1)
Hudson Appliance (1)
Firehouse Seafood (1)
Serendipity (1)
Subway (1)
CVS (1)
Diane's Groomers (1)
Hudson House of Pizza (1)
L&S Kerrigan Insurance (1)
Lottie Ta Dah (1)
Wright Jeweler (1)

How often do you come downtown?

Weekly (56)
Daily (19)
Monthly (17)
2-4 times per year (2)
Almost never (1)

About how much do you typically spend on average per visit downtown?

\$16-50 (42)
\$0-15 (32)
\$51-100 (10)
\$100-500 (7)

Where are you coming from?

Live in Hudson (90)

Work in Hudson (21)

Live in other town (12)

Bolton (4)

Marlborough (2)

Stow (2)

Hopkinton (1)

Acton (1)

Maynard (1)

Berlin (1)

What is your household income?

\$75k+ (66)

\$51k-75k (21)

\$26k-50k (6)

15k-25k (4)

What services or products would you like to see available downtown that are not currently available?

Bagel store

Children's clothing/toy store, coffee shop/cafe (with GOOD bagels and baked goods),

More sit down restaurants, breakfast and lunch establishments, candy store, retail clothes

Antique store

Meat Market for quality steak and or seafood

More retail

More of the same, casual dining, hang out places where kids/families/teenagers/seniors can congregate and enjoy each other's company.

Bookstore and other unique retail stores. Possibly Japanese restaurant

It would be nice to see a good, small grocery store and maybe a pharmacy,

Teen activities such as soda shop / pool hall / darts / arcade type of establishment. 2) Antiques / second hand stores.

More opportunities to shop and more kinds of entertainment. Does the town have a community theater?

Some nice retail shops would be a draw for me

Clothing retail, upscale consignment

My number one priority would be a shuttle bus to the south Acton train station. That would be an asset for those commuting into and out of Boston. 2nd priority would be development of

the Assabet River waterfront with nice walking paths that connect to the Rail Trail. It would also be nice to get another bike shop in town.

Laundromat, and public transit

A "paper store" type place, clothing & shoes, ice cream shop, pharmacy, furniture, eye doctor.

Many of the things that were there long ago.

Specialty foods market, clothing store, bookstore

Movie theater (similar to the Strand in Clinton)

Antique store, clothing store, and sporting good store

Convenience stores, paper, cards, etc.

Newspapers, clothing

A high-end bakery, more boutique shops and out door seating at the current restaurants. It

would also be nice to have a park

Book/card store; a quick coffee shop like Dunkin or Honey Dew; "general store"....someplace to run into when we need a newspaper or pair of nylons, especially for people who work on Main St

A good deli -- like the one at Kennedy's for example. Famous Footwear up by Hannaford's would be nice.

Another "Bergsons" type restaurant/coffee shop. A yarn shop. A bead shop. An office supplies shop. A shoe store.

I tend to frequent downtown Hudson when there are live bands playing in the parks or restaurants. If there is any way to bring more live bands or ensembles into town during the year, not just summer.

Upscale Restaurants/Coffee Shops; Clothing Stores. Starbucks, Delicatessen, Bertucci's Pizza Men's and family Clothing store

Minority owned businesses to show Hudson diversity...

a "Plaster Funtime" type store for kids and kid's birthday parties. There are not a lot of places in town for kids' parties other than Serendipity. A Craft Store like JoAnn's or A.C. Moore. A huge overhaul of the Salvation Army (no offense, I know the store helps people but that store is just so run down it looks terrible). Maybe they could fix it up or relocate it to another area downtown so people can still access it.

Clothing stores that don't close @ 5:00 p.m. and are open on weekends. Would be nice to see a bookstore.

Clothing store, craft store

breakfast place like Bergson's was - country type nick knack store - Hallmark type store - sit down ice cream shop/candy shop for the little ones

A Bookstore / newsstand like the old Hudson Bookshop, a craft supply store. We need another ice cream shop like Brigham's or Friendly's on the Main Street. Its great to see Harvest Bagel expand, but sad to see the off the beaten track. The rotary diner is great - but not for a quick run in and out.

There are a few places in Hudson that everyone REALLY loves such as the Horseshoe Pub and I know that they love the parks and walk ways that surround Hudson.. a few of the little stores in the center are also treasures but this same area also has a lot of empty area and eyesores.. along with bad quality of shops such as the pet place.. Hudson should hold more respect for itself and find those who would like to open unique and culturally vibrant stores.. My suggestions would be to look around and take note of different stores, which do well and add something to towns.. I would also suggest putting money and advertisement into the arts and using marketing of local artists and performances to decorate the town.. This could be done in summer and winter...

specialty retail shops. Eco-conscious retail/product shop. Co-op.

Meat market, gift shop, shoe store

Hobby shop

More restaurants! something in between Chloe & Nicks...please

Bakeries several options for fresh breads, a couple small high quality espresso cafes, record store, a convenient art gallery for local artists, gelato shop

Children's shops - toys, clothes, shoes. Other casual restaurants like Harvest Cafe. Bookstore. Sporting goods store. Specialty foods like chocolate or gourmet foods/wine. Maybe a deli. Drugstore but maybe not a big one, small CVS?

Not sure...better retail shops

More stores that are not empty!

More retail, dining

Craft Supplies, Collectibles (stamps, coins, etc), Massage Therapy, Computer & Small Electronic Repair

Bookstore, children's toy or clothing store, coin store, antiques.

Bridal shop, bookshop

Party supply or craft supply store; more restaurant options; natural pet store like Pets Gone Healthy in Northborough. Petco just does not compare

A nice, accessible playground for small children, Bank of America, Medical doctors, Toy store,
more restaurants, bookstores, Trader Joe's, Craft store

More retail

Paper store, cards, newspapers, convenience items

Buses!

I would like to see better restaurants and nightly entertainment. I would also like to see the
whole downtown area, even near the river to be revamped to become more inviting and
pedestrian-friendly.

It would be great if we had a specialty food store. Trader Joe's would be great, but might be
more appropriate for the strip mall area of Rt 85. A specialty food/cheese/ prepared
meals type of store might be nice. Westborough has been successful with this type of
business. Also, clothing, shoes, etc. would be nice, as well as home design, a store for
crafters (knitting/yarns, sewing, etc) It would be nice if our downtown was more full-
service, so you could spend a couple of hours strolling/shopping/ stopping for tea or
lunch. A teashop would be a great addition....lunch, afternoon tea, specialty teas and
accessories. So many ideas, but a tough go in this economy.

another type of restaurant, such as Brazilian or Indian

Downtown Hudson needs a Bagel Shop, like Bruegger's Bagels, or something like that.

Starbucks, ethnic restaurants (Japanese, Indian, Mexican) Whole Foods Market, bookstore,
pharmacy

Parking and less traffic

another Bar Lunch type restaurant, more hand-made craft stores, dollar store, convenience
store.

Bagel/coffee shop, more food establishments, bookstore

kids entertainment center

mini mart (convenient store) , bookstore, other type of food (Greek for example), clothing
boutique, hot yoga studio

Some type of dessert such as an Ice Cream place to walk to from the park.

Men's gifts, and kids activities

More centrally located public parking

Some type of gift and card store, Hallmark, paper store

Thai food

Children's toy store or something aimed at kids, Specialty food store (akin to Trader Joes), Thai
restaurant, Mexican restaurant, Non-chain clothing store (other than Salvation Army).

More restaurants, less hair and nail salons

Better parking, more retail shops

More retail, antiques, downtown community (music, strolls), destination events

Salvation Army store looks run-down and trucks block the street. The landscaping at the rotary is well done!

Retail, cards, papers, clothing, crafts

Water aerobics or community pool, photography, computer repair, local shuttle

Parking

Craft store

Gould's Clothing Store

bookstore, different restaurants

Is there anything that prevents you from coming downtown?

Lack of parking

The utter lack of parking and the awful traffic!!! What a mess! And no, we do NOT need to widen route 85. We need less traffic to make it more walkable.

the traffic congestion. getting around the rotary is terrible

Houghton Street Bridge closed; makes it difficult to avoid Washington Street traffic, especially on weekends. Broad St. / Washington St. connecting roads are in need of repair.

We visit the library and go to restaurants, but there isn't a whole lot more to do downtown, or if there is we are unaware of it.

parking, parking, parking. I find it unfathomable that the town would spend money re-doing the lot on South Street. This does nothing to increase spaces. I enjoy going to Chloe, but find myself not going as often, as parking is such an issue.

construction, traffic on Washington Street between 4-6pm.

Public transit

Right now there isn't much to go to if you don't need a haircut, food, appliances or flowers.

Limited Parking

Parking

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Sometimes hard to park on Main St

It does not offer what we need at this time. We do not want to go down town to look at a bunch of newly renovated buildings that are empty. That is no fun.

there's nothing worth visiting on a regular basis

It's very inconvenient when the stores are closed on Mondays.

The town center doesn't have that much to offer. But I've noticed that improvements are coming.

A low-end coffee shop just opened up across from Hudson Appliance - I've eaten there and it was not good.

Bridgework on sides streets needs to be completed.

car traffic closed roads.

You've gotta get rid of the Salvation Army. It's an eyesore. People driving through are treating to an antiqued look until they arrive at the Thrift Store and it looks like a mess.

Lack of parking spaces. It would be great if there were a way to incorporate a parking lot in the middle of downtown somehow.

Parking and Store Hours.

Parking and traffic can be tough

Main street is tight as it is (driving) and not a ton of parking

Traffic. I tend to use South Street and avoid Main. As much as I love the nostalgia of the rotary, I think a redesign of main St. and removing the rotary would aid in the downtown traffic.

Difficult to walk across rotary. Cars do not always stop for you. Difficult to drive in downtown area on the weekends.

Many businesses are closed or close early on Saturday.

Lack of enough parking. Main Street is too narrow especially when there are tractor trailers using it. The rotary is lovely but a nightmare to get around especially with drivers that don't understand or just ignore who has the right of way.

Not enough parking

Lack of businesses on Main St. Used to be able to walk from shop to shop but now without businesses, you need to drive between shopping & library, etc. I used to take my kids for bagels at Harvest, then a stop at Toy Boat before walking across the rotary to the library. Now we just park behind the library and leave town when we're done.

Too many times during the course of the year, the downtown has no parking. IE: Halloween, downtown fests. I come downtown all the time and yet it seems the downtown is being closed for silly events. In the desire to attract new customers, you are alienating those customers that already shop here. If its working, why all the empty store fronts?

Where are all the stores?

Parking is not ideal

Parking is at a premium, doesn't prevent but limits number of trips I make.

Nothing prevents us from coming downtown, but because there is nothing there for us to do except go to the library, we have no reason go.

No Parking

Parking

No buses!

Most of all is the traffic. No one yields at the rotary coming from Washington Street. Cars should have a stop sign coming into the rotary so they can't just fly down Washington and into the rotary. MAKE THEM STOP. This would let traffic from main street get around the rotary. Also Main St could be made one way, South Street one way. They did it in Maynard and it works just fine. But none of this will get done it never has and never will. PARKING all or most of the spaces seem to be used by the owners. I know this because I see them or their cars in the same place everyday.

The traffic and parking situation during rush hour during the week.

No. Though some days parking can be a little challenge...not often, but sometimes.

the empty storefronts are depressing

Sometimes parking can be difficult.

Traffic on Main St and coming in from 62/85

businesses seem to close early, lack of retail shops that I need & want

Yea, the new mall along route 62...with the new Lowes, grocery store and restaurants.

Horrible parking, the crosswalks are dangerous - there shouldn't be one at the rotary the way it is (too dangerous) and there should be signs on cones in the middle of the road reminding people of the crosswalks, Main Street is too narrow and congested because of it - I avoid it like the plague.

We avoid downtown during peak driving hours (morning and evening commuter times; morning and afternoon school bus transportation times).

Traffic and parking

We typically walk into town from our house. Poor condition of sidewalks leading to town. (Broad Street) and speed of cars traveling on Broad Street

Yes, traffic is congested on Main Street. Park on South Street, but am not always aware of which way I need to go once on Main Street. Maybe signs along South Street with arrows pointing which way to which stores? I get cheaper haircuts for the kids at the salon next to Hallmark store; cheaper liquor products at chain stores - like Costco / BJ's. I would like to visit the Brazilian clothing store sometime, but it's too young for me now. I actually try to avoid downtown almost all the time due to traffic congestion.

a lack of businesses (empty store fronts)- sometimes it is a more productive use of one's time shopping elsewhere

Not enough mix

Parking in the winter is terrible

Parking

Sometimes prices are higher than mall stores (I'd be willing to pay a little more to support local businesses but not tons more).

Lack of parking, limited restaurants...look at Maynard's number and variety of eating establishments...we end up visiting but would much rather stay in town

No parking

Parking - traffic

Traffic. Received two parking tickets. There is not enough parking available

No stores worth visiting

Lack of easy parking, especially handicapped

Traffic

Store choices & parking

Please share with us any thoughts, comments, suggestions, criticism, ideas, or other pieces of information that you think would be helpful to us in improving our downtown.

I love the revitalization of the old brick buildings in Hudson and I feel like the downtown is heading in the right direction. I do worry about all of the vacant space, however, and fear that they will get filled with less attractive businesses in order to pay rent.

Please tell Avidia to take down the digital clock - it never should have been put up in the first place. It is an eyesore in what could be a quintessential New England downtown. It gets worse when the time is wrong which should never happen in the first few months since it's installation. At least the old one still had charm when it was broken and it had an excuse to break it was old!

Consider joining "Mainstreet Association" (mainstreet.org) - it is a national organization that supports downtown development. Hudson could sponsor some weekly summer events, like a farmer's market, a weekly lunchtime concert series in the park near the river with food vendors or possible development of a nicer access area to the water behind the Library.

Let's get a plan in place for this town. Let's stop letting the exec assistant make all the rules, and watch this town turn into another messy, disorganized chaotic place like Framingham has become. We have a town planner, and yet we have NO TOWN PLAN. Michelle - you wouldn't be allowed to do the things you do here in your home town of Lexington. The cheap, skuzzy dollar stores and the mammoth pet store are sending Hudson back 15 years. The gaudy sign for the body repair shop on lower main and the lack of any consistency in signage make us look like a wacky hick town. Use a variation of the golden rule - do unto Hudson as you would have others do unto Lexington.

Improve pedestrian access from existing, high density residential areas. This will allow more people to come downtown without the need for more parking spaces

Salvation Army needs to change ... used to do nice window displays; now looks like a dump.

Second hand stores have great potential to attract customers if presentation is right.

We should decide what type of downtown do we want to become and then provide incentives for those types of businesses to come to town. Such as artist galleries etc.

Wish there were more retail

I love the rail-trail that has been built and have taken advantage of it. There seems to be too many beauty salons/hair shops in the downtown area. We have a couple of art stores that are nice. I wish there was more outdoor seating for the restaurants/pubs that are downtown and maybe more nightlife such as a jazz cafe.

Clean up bar fronts. But overall Hudson has become a favorite place to shop. Hudson framing, lateedah, Harvest Cafe, serendipity T's Tattoo all are on par with professional standards. Some of the older bars and run down shops pull down the appeal. Mostly Hudson is doing a very good job with the additions they have made

Hudson is terrible when it comes to recognizing the great need for public transit. It's better for the economy downtown, it's better for the environment, and even the school nurses have said it is extremely difficult for children who are sick at school to get picked up by parents who are unable, for whatever reason, to have a running car on the road. It's really a problem. At times I have wondered if the town of Hudson ignores the need in hopes of keeping the "lower class" out. I don't mean to be accusatory, but when I worked for Sisters Together Ending Poverty, they were not allowed to even service Hudson's impoverished because the town would not allow them to drive in Hudson. In this day and age I think it's silly. Why a bike trail but no public transit?

Is there anyway to get the bank to allow use of their parking lot on South St. or is there any chance the town would allow a parking garage somewhere in the immediate downtown area?

Better traffic control. It can be nearly impossible to turn left coming into town from Bolton. Lately the traffic has been so heavy that I have chosen to avoid going through downtown Hudson whenever possible.

More parking

It's great

As much as we are a blended community it would be nice to see an effort to bring the town together culturally.

I have a tough time going to the stores because I work during the day and come home at 6ish.

keep the streets & sidewalks clean

We have plenty of hair salons. Have the police enforce crosswalk safety periodically. Detour very large trucks off Main Street; they're extremely noisy and they pollute the air.

As a safety concern, please consider repainting the sidewalks

The town has too many low quality Chinese (take out and dining); two Dunkin Donuts on Washington Street within 1 mile distance; town seems to attract low-end establishments: MacDonald's, Burger King. Since Walgreens construction - we now have CVS, Brooks, Wal-Mart - enough! Also, there are now more than enough Liquor Stores. I suggest using another town center as an example- like Lexington Center, Natick Center. It would be great to have some Health Food Stores in the area. Hudson needs a Whole Foods Market or a DeMoulas Market Basket, or a Roche Brothers. I go to other towns to do my food shopping and dining. Also, the town should limit the Neon signage throughout. Washington Street is becoming a Route 1. Keep out the Casinos, please.

Main and South Streets should each be one way with South heading away from downtown and Main heading in. Washington St. needs BADLY to be widened.

Move the Salvation Army somewhere else. And get rid of the guy with the grayish white beard who constantly stares at people when they drive and walk downtown. He's a creep

Promote our natural, open space areas like the parks, Danforth Falls, rail trail, etc.

Downtown is nice but need reason to go down there. If I need something I try to go downtown (Hardware Store etc...) but the hours are horrible.

I think it's great that several of the buildings are starting to look nicer - I think that will help attract people

The updating of some of the buildings has been wonderful and gives the main street a more professional image. Well done! With the addition of the rail trails and the park on South Street, it expresses a greater sense of community. Overall, I love this town and am appreciative that your group is looking for ways to preserve and improve our Main Street.

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There are also many beautiful areas in Hudson, which are not being taken care of.. why do the people who litter never get fined? and is there not committee to pick trash up around town??? If not I would love to start one.. !! I am going to send this survey to all my neighbors in Hudson.. I hope it helps to make a difference.

People need to learn how to drive around the rotary. Yield to cars that are already in the rotary. The bushes near the street when you get onto the rotary makes it difficult to see oncoming cars. I think having a co-op shop in the Hudson downtown area would make people have more ownership to the town and visit the area more frequently. More upscale restaurants. More ethnic restaurants: Indian, Thai, etc.

In general, we go to other states and judge a downtown area based on the food selection and options for buying music. Right now there is no bakery better than Panera Bread in Marlborough, and Cafe Arriba's drinks don't meet the standards set by other cafes around Boston. I think for food options the major components that are missing are definitely solid bread makers, espresso cafes, and gelato makers. A boutique that is comparable to Oliver and Company would be a great addition. To us, the Harvest Cafe doesn't count as a coffee house.

Please move the Salvation Army. It is an eyesore.

Bringing businesses back to downtown is crucial. How can the holiday stroll or downtown trick-or-treat happen without the businesses? Are the landlords involved? Don't they want to see their storefronts occupied? Are there incentives to try to draw in new tenants? It was a shame that Toyboat & Harvest had to leave because the landlord got greedy. How is he doing now? We have the beautiful new parking lot by the Horseshoe and we just now need the businesses to fill the storefronts. And not just lawyers & accountants, we need shopping!

There needs to be more businesses downtown, it's empty. They are building all over the place and the stores downtown stay empty!

I have heard that rents downtown are in excess. This may prevent quality businesses from locating to Main Street. More dining, something like a Friendly's, would be great. Also maybe a children's clothing store.

I think that Downtown should have a "block party", shut down the main street one evening during warm weather, have some music and entertainment, provide food samples/sales, have the shops open later, and get people downtown to see what is there. Most people don't realize what you offer.

Please - no more dollar stores! One was more than enough! Love the downtown trick or treat & Hudson fest!

In comparison to neighboring towns, I find downtown Hudson dirty and unattractive. There seems to be a much higher ratio of industrial structures to retail/recreational ones. Also, there is a nasty house on Main Street between Dairy Joy and the cemetery that looks like a neglected transfer station. This eyesore is truly an embarrassment and a depressing calling card for our town as it is at the beginning of our downtown area. Having the residents clean up this mess, which surely is flying in the face of the Board of Health, would go a long way in sprucing up Hudson. Most neighboring towns have updated playgrounds that are more accessible to those visiting the downtown area. This would be greatly welcomed by our family and our friends as well as more recreational opportunities (town festivals, craft fairs, etc.) for families so that we do not HAVE to drive to Concord, Sudbury, Acton, to have fun. Thank you.

how about having a bus once a week??to go to Wal-Mart/ and just do a loop then come back and pick people up in a separate place/ that way then can shop/ stop for a bite to eat /etc.??

The new main parking lot is nice but you lost a lot of spaces with the new design. Also I used to park behind the Town Hall for either the bank or Town Hall. Now, is it because of the senior center that the spaces are almost always full?

Office/retail space downtown needs to be updated to attract more retailers and/or service providers. It's a shame to see so much empty space in what could be a booming part of Hudson.

We really have a very cute downtown. Some buildings do need a bit of work, and large windows that could present the establishment in a better way. I understand that some of the buildings have been bought in the last couple of years and refurbished nicely, but the

rents are very high. It would be nice if there were some way of making it easier for a business to start up in this town.....maybe even by residents. Does your group provide any support/education for potential new business owners? Not that I am in that position...but I would sure support someone who provided a service I needed. I tend to shop the "local guy" rather than the "big box guy" whenever I can. Thanks for asking!

The obvious; fill the empty stores. we're starting to look like a ghost town

Like I mentioned, a Bagel Shop would be awesome. Maybe some big map on a board that showed walkers where to go, shops, town buildings, maybe even a mini Freedom Trail like thing where they can learn Hudson history on a 30-minute walk. The Holiday Stroll is great, but maybe have some coordinated events - or even better - sale on the same day that all the shops were in on a few times a year. If you don't do it already, give the shop owners downtown a huge tax break so they are encouraged to go there and stay there. Keep the chains away.

Police seem to patrol Main St. frequently which is nice.

Yea, the new mall along route 62...DEMOLISH IT... You want to revitalize the downtown by putting in a mall with a Lowes, grocery store and more. This will kill the businesses down town, increase traffic and make it more of a problem to visit Hudson. The Ace Hardware will be forced to close along with the other hardware, the restaurants will lose business...what were you thinking destroying this little town with a Strip Mall...look at New Jersey, they do the same.

The ambience at Ariba and actually also at the library is wonderful. The Trick n' Treat Night and the Holiday Stroll are both very successful. I never miss them.

Widen Main Street, or don't allow the big trucks down there. It's too narrow which makes driving, walking, parking, etc. a hazard. I avoid Main Street and Washington Street as much as possible. The rotary is an accident waiting to happen, as I think people forget that the rotary traffic has the right-of-way. It's confusing enough at the rotary with the idiots driving that there shouldn't be a crosswalk right there too. I'm surprised that no one has gotten killed or seriously injured as a result.

We truly appreciate all the beautification projects and building renovation projects that have taken place downtown over the years. We would like to see the Houghton Street bridge project completed as soon as possible, at its closing has a major impact on traffic flow.

KEEP THE MERCHANTS FROM PARKING ON MAIN ST. THEY ARE ALWAYS TAKING UP PARKING SPACES. THEY KNOW WHO THEY ARE?????

I understand that landlords need to make improvements to buildings and need to make a money while operating a building, but I think the landlord must have gone to extreme measures to vacate all of the stores that we located in the store where the toy store ore/bookstore/Harvest Cafe and hairdresser we once located.

I think the splash pad and skate park is great - though my girls are too old for them now. I'd love to see a swimming pool and would pay to go.

Trash cans for pedestrian debris -- recognizing cans are a Pain in the kester for Town collection and maintenance. When business picks up, convince the owner of the old Working Man's store to rehab the building -- it has "good architectural bones" and should be an attractive building, once again. Consider putting signs on the rears of the Main Street businesses, as visible from South Street. Give the builder/developer of the Brazil clothing store kudos for adding a third story (not finished yet, but it will make the entire building look better, when finished).The Town Hall "front yard" is attractive Green Space.

If there could be more outdoor seating at restaurants, make downtown Hudson more appealing to 30+ crowd by adding the things I had mentioned

I would like to see more waterfront walking access with seasonal retail along the river. Also a micro-hydro plant that could supply electricity to the town buildings and the library etc... would be very forward thinking and attract more visitors to town.

I come down to the Library for activities, it would seem that you might draw a lot of people if there were retail stores that tried to pull in family traffic from the Library. The strength of the downtown is that you can find things that you can't find at the mall in the jewelry and decorative items category.

Move the Salvation Army off Main Street, it is an eyesore to the downtown

Revive the historic district rules. Help Salvation Army return to a more beautiful storefront. Help the town realize how important it is to shop locally for the town and their property values.

Let them know how much returns to the town when they shop here. Articles in paper/ads

More pedestrian friendly

Let's get the bridges finished - unacceptable for so long.

Parking. Also allow stores to get inventory without ticketing the trucks.

Place for names for recommendations of painters, plumbers, handymen etc.

Large trucks on Main Street make driving difficult on that narrow road.

Cancel Halloween downtown.