

Q27 Comments. (120 characters maximum). For longer comments please send to Town Office marked Strategic Plan.

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Include organizations such as the historical society, DYD and the Library in the strategic plan process. How can they be intergrated to make them all a "town" experience.	9/11/2023 6:26 PM
2	With only one acre to work with, I think annexing additional land to the township is crucial. However, zoning and infrastructure must be addressed beforehand.	9/11/2023 5:33 PM
3	RT seems to be pro business and I believe there should be a balance. I am always pro resident first.	9/11/2023 5:23 PM
4	People are going to continue to come to the 3 shows by the 100,00's. Is it wise to not plan for a waste water solution BEFORE we choke? NO!!! Not plan for parking? NO!! JUST DO IT!!	9/11/2023 9:28 AM
5	More input from Locals who have lived here most of their lives should be highly considered in the decisions concerning the town!!	9/11/2023 8:41 AM
6	The charm of Round Top is long gone. It has been over-run by commercial interests that are not so special anymore.	9/10/2023 7:27 PM
7	Item 18. Every 10 years.	9/10/2023 6:55 PM
8	A few of the questions required more context for an informed response. Debt undertaken by the city requires an understanding of what it is for and how it is determined. For example-water and waste water improvements and risk versus benefits of annexation.	9/10/2023 11:54 AM
9	When you drive through Texas most small towns are dead. We have a unique small town. There is no old "downtown" with traditional buildings. It makes us unique. But also unique is the restaurants, bars and shopping. A small town is either growing or going dead. Keep the feel of the town small but don't limit business growth. Property values grow because the town has things to do for residents and their guests. I sense an anti-growth and anti-business movement by some residents. That thinking can make RT as irrelevant as most small Texas towns.	9/10/2023 6:03 AM
10	The empty, end lot on Round Top's Town Square that used to be Round Top bank back in the day, why hasn't anything ever been done with it ? It is an eyesore, it would make a great parking lot combined with the field behind it. Or more vendor space. Round Top needs more places to stay in town, perhaps an incentive with developers and property owners working together for more small cabins to be built to rent. More money would be spent in the evening hours if people didn't have to leave town.	9/9/2023 7:58 PM
11	make a plan. stop changing it. leave residents alone! remember we are a town not a city.	9/9/2023 4:32 PM
12	Keep Round Top rural and stop encroaching on existing residential properties. Round Top is becoming Warrenton. We don't need a neon marquee at Market Hill. It is completely blinding and offensive. Stop selling out residential property owners. Fight our property taxes. They are obscene.	9/9/2023 2:10 PM
13	As someone who grew up in the area, graduated from RTC, and still live and volunteer in the community, I am sad to see what has happened to Round Top and the area. The small town feel is gone and respect for the people and families that have called the Round Top area home for several generations is disappointing.	9/8/2023 11:26 AM
14	communication and transparency needs improvement in several areas.	9/8/2023 3:19 AM
15	I am 5th generation RT, born & live here. Do not stop the flow of traffic on 237. Do not add police. Do not restrict events. Add waste water capacity to encourage growth.	9/7/2023 2:02 PM
16	Too much good old boys politics on the council	9/7/2023 9:40 AM
17	Require dark sky lighting for all new construction and rehab projects, both commercial and	9/6/2023 6:36 PM

	residential. We live seven miles out, and worry for our wildlife and night sky views.	
18	Very interested in retaining the old town charm in greater RT	9/6/2023 5:43 PM
19	RT is being ruined by commercialization. Needs to not only stop, but needs to reverse direction.	9/6/2023 1:52 PM
20	Keep RT charming and controlled growth	9/6/2023 1:33 PM
21	Our town has dramatically changed in the last 3 years with no apparent thought to how much each change is costing us. I don't mean financially only! The town looks terrible and junky.	9/6/2023 1:13 PM
22	Need for architectural control. Some of the construction of new homes look out of place, and are ugly. Antique fair is out of control. Round Top is not the same.	9/6/2023 1:11 PM
23	Preserve the look and the charm of Round Top. It is a VERY special place. More landscaping, walking paths/ sidewalks, parks, more attractive buildings in keeping with the character of the town. We should also have a dog park. Annex surrounding areas to have more control. Aesthetics are very important for a town like ours.	9/6/2023 11:20 AM
24	I live and own property in the Round Top area, but NOT in the town of Round Top.	9/6/2023 7:31 AM
25	It is vital to maintain the Round Top "magic." Without it, we cease to exist as a town with a strong sense of community. None of us moved here for a job or because our children were in Round Top, we moved here because we had a "soul" connection with Round Top...it was/is our sanctuary, our little piece of heaven on earth. Loose or compromise on the things that brought us all here and we won't be Round Top any more. A balance between preservation and progress must be maintained and strategically planned for.	9/6/2023 6:49 AM
26	There should be more balance in city services for residents/property owners vs. businesses. Our property taxes should primarily pay for city services provided to and for residents/property owners. The \$1million in projected revenue seems low. Does this include sales tax collected as well as property taxes? Where can I find information regarding the town's sales tax revenue, how much of it the city is holding, and how it's being spent? I thank you for soliciting property owner's/residents' input on the town's strategic plan!!	9/6/2023 1:15 AM
27	Keep Round Top small and quaint. Stop trying to treat it with big city rules and regulations. If you so desire city cross walks and the inability to burn your own trash, move back to the big city that you came from. You will not be missed. The city is calling you, please go.	9/5/2023 11:59 PM
28	My business is 1 mile outside of the Round Top city limits. Traffic during the Spring and Fall shows is an issue customers complain about. I suggest having a turning lane in Round Top and outside of Round Top on Hwy 237.	9/5/2023 11:33 PM
29	I have already sent my concerns and suggestions in to the town clerk.	9/5/2023 10:28 PM
30	Lousy survey, starting with editing opening comments. You fail to define who should participate - what are the boundaries for comments - in or outside the city limits. It makes a difference on utilities and zoning	9/5/2023 9:43 PM
31	As a local business owner, I see new places opening up that are much more expensive than thhe retail that used to be in Round Top. The problem is our tourism is down, we do not get the day-trippers that we did a few years ago. The pie is only so big. At some time we will be too overpriced for visitors.	9/5/2023 9:43 PM
32	People move to this area for the peace and quiet and the overall charm of the rural community. Unfortunately, these move ins quickly start to miss that "big city accessibility" and then want to change everything!!! We do not need big chain stores, large hotels, or fast food restaurants! With growth comes change which means our neighbors change and our community changes. We lose the small town charm. We invite in more crime, drugs, and potential violence. Growth is always needed but this community must find a way to better the community without allowing the community to succumb to the problems seen in larger towns/cities.	9/5/2023 7:10 PM
33	I love our small town and historic environment, if there's anything that would continue to draw weekend visitors it would be to hold onto our 'Mayberry' of Texas small town image. I love the new corner lighting that will enhance our image. Grateful for your participation in holding the vision! Deb Byers	9/5/2023 7:00 PM
34	Keep Round Top a small town look and feel... not against growth but town is more important than anything.	9/5/2023 6:23 PM

35	I want the town to stay small and original like it was 50 years ago.	9/5/2023 6:03 PM
36	Mayor and city council should live in city limits We've lost what RT used to be too many businesses too, too expensive. The schools will die as people with kids cannot afford to live here. I hate coming to town now. We are NOT Aspen; and we do not want to be.	9/5/2023 5:40 PM
37	The mayor should live in the city limit. The town is not the same town it was in years past. Too commercialized. People moving here trying to change it like the place they moved from. Need more local restaurants that regular people can afford. It is catered to the wealthy as is. We are not Fredericksburg.	9/5/2023 5:40 PM
38	Maintaining heritage & small town historic architecture is critical to the future.	9/5/2023 5:33 PM
39	Need continued representation of business owners who are not residents on the town council. Create position.	9/5/2023 3:30 PM
40	Need for affordable housing so workforce can live in the area. We don't want to be the Aspen of Texas.	9/5/2023 3:28 PM
41	PRESERVE THE HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL WAY OF LIFE. FIND A BALANCE BETWEEN COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL. REMEMBER WHAT ROUND TOP REALLY IS ABOUT. NOT JUST ANTIQUES FAIR. THERE ARE OTHER ORGZANIATIONS THAT NEED TO BE SUPPORTED. (RTW VFD, RT RIFLE ASSOCIATION.)	9/5/2023 3:13 PM
42	I would like the town Council to try to maintain the heritage of Round Top and not just use the historical structures to be leased out to expand their businesses. We wouldn't have to upgrade our water system and waste water for just the businesses, so the town can expand more for the profit to the business owners. Not all of the residence's want this town to be a mini Fredericksburg. Some of us came here because it was small town and we are not looking to profit off the town.	9/5/2023 2:11 PM
43	All that has made the Round Top area so desirable is being destroyed by overbuilding (residential & commercial); too many huge & small events that don't respect old, long-term full-time residents and businesses; city slickers trying to make RT have big city amenities (stay where you came from if that's what you want-DO NOT try to alter RT). A disaster is waiting to happen if something is not done about stupid people walking in front of and pulling out in front of vehicles on TX-237. Clean up junkiness, so doesn't look like a "flea market" all year long. Help RT look and be like the nice, friendly country town it used to be. I'm a land owner & permanent resident for 74+ years. Thank you	9/5/2023 2:05 PM
44	RT is going to grow in popularity. We need balance across all stakeholders while maintaining the small town charm.	9/5/2023 1:46 PM
45	water is crucial for all both fresh and dirty. zoning or control of growth affects all residents and owners with parking, water, noise, light and more. growth must be controlled fairly.	9/5/2023 1:38 PM
46	I am concerned about how the locals have to drive to another city for a reasonably priced and fun restaurant. I am concerned that the locals are being ignored and forgotten when it comes to downtown Round Top growth.	9/5/2023 1:32 PM
47	I'm neither resident nor landowner, my ancestors, the von Rosenbergs, settled in 1850. In spite of popularity and growth the rural nature must be maintained. What has happened to Henkel Square is a travesty. Even on the busiest Antique Fair days, traffic and people are manageable, I've been there many times.	9/5/2023 1:21 PM
48	I think the first question should be 'What do we want Round Top to be, to look like and to feel like to our residents, businesses and visitors?' Some of the answers to these questions depend on the answer to that question.	9/5/2023 1:15 PM
49	The historical look to the buildings and the small town ambience are the most important things to maintain to keep Round Top special.	9/5/2023 1:09 PM
50	I am in favor of walking paths along Hwy 237 but not FM 1457.	9/5/2023 1:05 PM
51	NO NEED FOR WALKING PATHS ON FM 1457. SPEND MONEY ON CITY PLANNING	9/5/2023 1:02 PM
52	As a town founder descendant who is in RT often, balancing commercial w/ residential is key, as is historic preservation.	9/5/2023 1:00 PM

53	Need to have subdivision rules. The ones going in now are ok (5-10 acres) but I don't want to live in another Houston where houses are stacked shoulder to shoulder.	9/5/2023 12:44 PM
54	I submit this history to let you know that the original landowners have gradually been forced to sell their land because the increased commercial development. This has forced the original land owners to sell out man move because of the tremendous increase in their taxes. There are still a few original landowners, who have owned their land for over 100 years. Secondly, as the Commercial Development continues the current sanitary sewer system will not be able to handle the current wastewater flows. A new gravity sanitary sewer system may be appropriate.	9/5/2023 12:37 PM
55	Round Top has become so commercial. Seems investors just want to make lots of money but no care in keeping around Top history. We don't want to be a big city. Not why we moved here. Keep rural.	9/5/2023 12:35 PM
56	keep out anyone who was not born in Fayette County, most immigrants have destroyed the county "rural" atmosphere.	9/5/2023 12:32 PM
57	I feel 2 acre minimum should be increased to 5 acre minimum in land subdivision in the 78954 zip code	9/5/2023 12:16 PM
58	SUPPORT THE SCHOOL. These are the people that will grow up and chose to stay or leave. Why would they stay if there is ZERO school support from the community? Not a single question regarding the children. THEY ARE FUTURE.	9/5/2023 12:13 PM
59	I didn't answer 15 because your lowest number was 1 a month. Should be less. I don't know zoning rules of 17 to comment. But I do approve 'in town' rules preserving the dignity of the town vs the big ugly Metal bldgs where anything goes	9/5/2023 9:01 AM
60	We need to focus on the courthouse square.....the plan put together by the city was well done.....we need to pursue that. What about RTTX creating its own water supply? Maintain 2 acre minimum.	9/4/2023 8:50 PM
61	Lynn, thank you for being willing to Chair the Strategic Plan Project, and for sending the survey to me. Since I don't live in town, I did not answer all of the questions. I am very concerned about the future of Round Top. Mike and I moved here almost twelve years ago, because of the beautiful rural setting and the (mostly) charming appearance of the town. As we have traveled in our country and abroad, we have constantly been drawn to places where the heritage was preserved in an intentional way. I hope that you and your group's efforts will result in preserving the way of life that we so much enjoy.	9/3/2023 7:03 PM
62	We wish to preserve the rural atmosphere, that's our biggest concern. Important to expand ETJ so town has more control.	9/3/2023 4:53 PM
63	Supporting and protecting the businesses that are here year round is very important.	9/3/2023 4:15 PM
64	I hope we can keep RoundTop the nice small town that it is.....not too commercialized.	9/2/2023 7:41 PM
65	7) why is the cost so high 15)didn't think shows were sponsored by town 17)not familiar with ZO. 20) not sure what denser spacing is. 21) what caused this debt? I am not a resident of the town or ETJ, my comments are for the area that gets affected by what happens in town	9/1/2023 10:57 AM
66	Part of original rural character of Round Top is walkable density around the square, including the smaller residential lots around the denser commercial areas. This is true in most small rural towns. Even newer developments such as Seaside, FL, Rosemary Beach, FL and Serenbe, GA mimic this style of an old fashioned town. Two acre minimum lots are fine in certain areas, but I believe that it's a mistake to restrict most residential to 2 acre lots. That would be more of a country club ambiance, rather than a small rural town. I also think that our priority should be improving our infrastructure (waste water, water pressure, EMS services including fire safety, streets, drainage, public restrooms on square, walkability, street signage). These should come before other improvements to the square, although I do want to see the courthouse renovated, but in keeping with small town charm, not new-commercial-perfect. I'm in favor of Dark Sky being a big priority. It is crucial to our rural wildlife and to star-gazing, i.e. rural small town. Our heritage should be a big priority, and we should do all we can to honor and preserve that heritage, including our historical organizations (Rifle Club, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Do Your Duty club). Lastly, I'm not in favor of singling out one organization to receive more tax payer money, and at this time I prefer taking care of our infrastructure and emergency services over any civic organization. Once infrastructure is addressed, I think we can consider a fair method of giving a smaller amount of money to our civic organizations, but	8/31/2023 6:23 PM

ONLY if appropriate. I appreciate and personally support our civic organizations, but the job of a town is not to financially support civic organizations unless they are directly contributing to a town, such as the fire department. There's a fine line between being fair to citizens of Round Top, and choosing one civic organization over another. We each have unique preferences. Perhaps there is something else we can do to support our civic organizations in a way that is fair and impartial. Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts. What a wonderful town we live in and call HOME. And thank you for your service to this wonderful town!

67	Too many rules and regulations for a town of 90 ppl. People move to Round Top for a rural country experience and not be overburdened with rules. People no longer want to move into town because of over reach of rules and regulations. Many new recent regulations do not address the issue that they were intended to correct and puts too many regulations on the residents in town. New regulations drive tourists to existing hotels as can not be spread out to possible bnb's in residential areas as rules currently written. With the on site parking requirement for new businesses, those current grandfather businesses are given use of current street parking but yet new businesses are required to have on site parking. The new business Mill St Cafe has no space for on site parking but is allowed to operate. That same curtesy is not allowed for other new business, like new bnb and new retail on streets that are not on the main commercial squares. One way streets should be considered around Lulu to allowed traffic to move more easily. Need to work with Bethlehem church to lease their parking lot again and take Mr. Knutzen up on his offer to allow parking on his 2 acre lot. The town needs to give priority to water and enlarging the wastewater system to accommodate the growth.	8/31/2023 11:04 AM
68	Making Festival Hill (Round Top Festival Institute) an integral part of the pride of the area. Encouraging citizens to attend the wide range of programs that include all types of music from classical to popular. Create an avenue for financial support of RTFI to make it secure for the long term.	8/30/2023 4:32 PM
69	I don't think that residential property taxes should be massively increased to cover services for business property.	8/30/2023 8:45 AM
70	Too much commercialization. Town is losing its rural character. Business interests seem to be more important than locals interest. Our mayor should LIVE HERE, not in Houston.	8/30/2023 8:29 AM
71	love the thought of pedestrian walkways and many benches thru the town and keeping small town atmosphere	8/29/2023 11:38 AM
72	Is mayor attending GLO meetings? Understand RT is getting funds	8/28/2023 5:15 PM
73	Round Top needs to get TexDoT to limit or ban through trucks.	8/28/2023 4:22 PM
74	I am a local of Round Top my 69 years! I am very disappointed of how I have become the stranger in my hometown. I welcome the newcomers and have made close friends with many. The businesses in town have no idea who the locals are and do not care to know. They do not ask and treat everyone as a tourist. ...or should I say are just looking out for the \$\$!! I would be happy to support these businesses...but not when I continue to be the stranger in my own town. If we welcome all these strangers ...then they need to get to know their surroundings and support us !! Ask the locals what we see as needs for our town and their businesses may thrive . I see alot of turnover in the shops and eateries. Second ... actually first and foremost...Listen and communicate and be open to other opinions besides your own . Keep small town politics out of it. As a local we trusted our neighbors and business owners and were raised to be honest and get along . We knew everyone...which now nobody cares about each other and in our small town we need to unite and be a community of love and Christians . Politics and all about ME is NOT what I want to see my hometown be. Prayers to all who continue to work hard to save our Round Top...use to be Mayberry !!!	8/28/2023 12:41 PM
75	Walking paths on 237 and 1457 could be dangers. Walk on own property or off streets. Good questions, but need more time to think through interactions.	8/28/2023 12:29 PM
76	The restaurants need to be open more than they are now.	8/28/2023 9:51 AM
77	I think many of these decisions must be made by council because they are privy to broader financial and legal information than citizens may have. And some things must change in the future, not all eventualities can be addressed at once.	8/27/2023 4:41 PM
78	Commercial supply truck parking on Mill St. needs to be prohibited. There is adequate business access on the side streets.	8/26/2023 4:14 PM

79	My biggest concern is the number of subdivisions coming into the area. I feel we are losing the small town feel that we all loved when we came to the area years ago. I realize this is not a "town" problem, but rather an out of the city limits problem; however, eventually it will have an effect on the town with the number of additional people in the area.	8/26/2023 3:52 PM
80	LWC for Mayor!	8/26/2023 8:49 AM
81	Glad you are polling!	8/21/2023 9:47 PM
82	None currently.	8/21/2023 7:31 PM
83	Suggestions for Town's consideration: - Substantially increase the cost and minimum requirements to make any zoning changes. Requestor's need to evidence the pro's/con's and "value" impact in proposals. - Integrate or better coordinate the RT Chamber of Commerce with RT Council. We are too small not to have a united front. - Keep RT "one square mile" - now and forever - While RT must listen/adopt ideas from the "outside" we need to have "outside" parties deliver benefits too - such as HWY237 beautification (Bar W mess!), light pollution (Paul Michael); billboard removal (1291/237 intersection) - RT needs to have a program to replant/replace trees for the future - RT should leverage off the antique festival and promote "reduce, recycle, re-use" and more sustainable and collaborative problem solving techniques - Adopt "Sustainability" as a framework or lens to approach/view challenges and solutions - one person's problem could be another's opportunity. - Decorative lights need to be better maintained and bulbs replaced when broken	8/20/2023 3:54 PM
84	The recent growth has been nice. But the construction of neighborhoods is troubling. I didn't come out here to sit in traffic and have to wait for a table at a restaurant for an hour. I can do that in Houston.	8/20/2023 8:40 AM
85	This survey should only apply to residents and business owners in the town. Others do not have the same vested interest. It's critical not to reduce the two acre minimum for residential and to keep businesses out of residential. Also some of the options under #26 were too vague such as "business in residential" or "optimizing balance". What is meant by these? Restroom rehab is already a done deal. Shouldn't be on the list.	8/18/2023 5:43 PM
86	The town needs to look at annexation, it's inevitable and we need to understand the options. The town also needs to get the state to ban or or at least limit through trucks on Hwy 237.	8/17/2023 4:36 PM
87	The Town of Round Top needs to continue to upgrade all of its governmental activities while carefully maintaining the culture, heritage and small town atmosphere.	8/16/2023 6:20 PM
88	Organizations to support, VERY IMPORTANT yet LEFT OUT like DYD Club, Round Top Rifle Association, Round Top-Warrenton VFD, RTC Education Foundation. We need to focus on the historical importance of our town and not worry with catering to the tourists and outsiders who want to CHANGE EVERYTHING that makes Round Top what it should be and not the spectacle it has turned into.	8/15/2023 1:06 PM
89	I support using Hurricane Harvey funds to help the Library expand operations.	8/15/2023 10:06 AM
90	Town council needs to get better about taking actions against residents/property owners who are in violation of ordinances. Town council seems to let a lot slide when it comes to the building code and play favorites.	8/14/2023 7:23 PM