

Festivals Section 6 Commentary

**Comments for this section:** Peach Festival is much less enjoyable since it moved to Riverbend Park, It would be nice if we had better balance between community-centered events + tourist traps.

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10% OF THE PEOPLE DO 100% OF THE WORK,  
VISITORS ARE INTRUSIVE TO THE RESIDENTS.

**Comments for this section:** These are important to bring people into the community, I find the Bluegrass + Wine festival a bit too high for some local individuals

Vendors come in for the festivals and take their \$ with them. The community does not profit enough - except for maybe the alcohol establishments. In the meantime, residents deal with drinks and noise.

**Comments for this section:**

The festivals can be hard on the people who live here - you can't get around in your own town when things get too crowded

the farmer's market is wonderful

The Festivals bring excitement, tourism, tax dollars, support for local business, + pride to Palisade

Comments for this section: Why are you allowed to spend Public (my) money on this stuff when the town is crumbling down around us!

Comments for this section: There is not enough parking + it already clogs any flow to get basic TOP shopping, mail, etc. for the residents of Palisade. Being on the roads is dangerous / drinking + driving is beyond control

Some of the festivals do not benefit local businesses. They seem to be geared to bring <sup>solely</sup> people into the park.

I grew up in Palisade and the only festival we had was Peach Festival. It was free. I don't attend anymore because I feel it is wrong to charge admission to a

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Palisade business owners need to be able to better benefit from increased traffic. The busses going from the U.S. to the park don't showcase downtown.

COMMENTS FOR THIS SECTION

Need to add one or two more in spring and fall

Let's do a superb job w/ the major ones, not add more. Not enough staff, volunteers or resources.

we could always have more festivals! Everyone loves a festival!

Let the Chamber handle all festivals - why sponsor the Bluegrass festival - it makes no money - same for Sunday Market

Some of these festivals are too pricey for many people.

# CONTINUE FARMERS MARKET ON SUNDAYS.

**Comments for this section:** IF Palisade wants To impress Tourists attending our Festivals, The streets Need repaired and Trash containers must be OFF streets until Trash pickup day! (They should be kept in back yards.)

The Sunday Markets are great, and it brings a lot of out of town Valley residents to Palisade, and familiarizes people with what we have to offer.

## COMMENTS FOR THIS SECTION:

TOWN CAN'T KEEP LOSING MONEY!!

A limited amount of festivals is good for the community - do not want to live in a tourist spot

While the festivals are good for commerce they pose a hassle to the citizens trying to navigate their way home from work.

We love the Music Festival! Nice work!

if you live anywhere close to the festivals, those weekends become pure hell, it is easier to get into & out of my house than when we 1st moved in, but going anywhere in town or just in town for normal activities is horrible.

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(Please circle your answers to the following questions.)

COST TOWN TO  
MUCH MONEY.

The Peach fest is a good example of what is happening in Palisade. 15 years ago, it was in the town park and most people knew each other. Now - 10,000 people, vendor crap from out of the Palisade area - taking profits with them. It is my opinion that this decreases the quality of life in Palisade. Also I don't like having to step off the sidewalk when a bicycle rides on the sidewalk.

↓ The businesses are making a prof. on Palisades' charm. The residents are having to put-up with - Noise, Drunk drivers, No festivals for the residents, bicycles riding on the sidewalks. The charm has decreased over the years.

# Any Winter Festivals??

FARMERS Mkt. IS NOT A PART OF FESTIVALS!

LIST THE WINTER PLEASE!

If the festivals are hosted by other organizations then they should pay for the town services. Why should the people who live in the town of Palisade use our tax dollars to fund other organizations. It should all be the towns festivals where the town gets the profits.

The peach festival & wine festival are new restaurants festivals. The blue grass festival should be turned over to an entertainment promotional group. Also the town does not need to be an alcohol vendor at these events. Our tax dollars should not be spent on bluegrass / roots festival.

The Palisade Chamber of Commerce  
The Town of Palisade and the community organizations should work together to make all events successful for the benefits of the community and the visitors as well.

Agrotourism and related festivals are Kalisades ID and should be nurtured. Otherwise we will just be a bedroom community for Grand Junction like Froyta for example.

The Town needs to quit spending money on the loser Blue grass festival or any venture where the town is wasting money on these

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MUSIC FESTIVAL TO MUCH MONEY.  
THIS IS NOT VAIL/TELLURIDE/SNOW MASS/ASPEA  
WHY PAY FOR THE CORN FEST/PEACH  
AT THE RIVER BEND (FREE BEFORE)!!  
BETTER AT THE CITY PARK!

Comments for this section:

I believe some of the festivals will die a natural death due to inadequate interest (Such as the Honey Bee Fest??) It will be interesting to see how the Blue Grass Fest does this year

I dont live close where it would bother me.

Learn the culture around the Festivals & How there promoted and to who, away from the wine-cheese porche crowd & towards the "Real-West God-guns-& guts" crowd. Those two types even each others edges out.

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I think they should make it easier for ~~groups~~ groups to use festivals for raising money. (Sucky food vendors now) let's let locals benefit from visitors. I.E. Soccer <sup>team</sup> sells lemonade  
local <sup>school</sup> band plays music.

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The events are super; the pricing is not! A family of ~~for~~ four cannot afford \$50+ tickets for a day or weekend activity. Lower the prices to get more people in the door.

PEACH FESTIVAL at Riverbend Park Has TAKEN THE PEOPLE AWAY FROM THE City Center AND PUTS A STRAIN ON THEM FINANCIALLY.

Comments for this section:

I like the festivals but I think there is a definite disconnect between the Town residents and those that attend festivals. On my block, for instance we are the only family attending these events. Maybe the town should

Festivals are the perfect way to attract people from all over the state to our picturesque little town. More people means more patronage of all our restaurants and businesses.