

CITY OF CHENEY VISION SURVEY RESULTS

Why should people move to Cheney?

Cheney is a bedroom community with a small town feel. It has good schools and recreation programs. It is close enough to Spokane to go there for cultural and sports events.

Cheney is a wonderful, friendly place to raise your children. The schools are very good.

Cheney is a nice town with friendly people.

Cheney is a great town to raise a family. The school district is super and having a university here is an attractive asset and not invasive.

Cheney has safe streets, friendly people, and you can walk to stores.

Cheney is a great place to live, a great college town, and a wonderful place to retire.

Cheney is a small college town close to Spokane. There is access to higher education facilities, low housing cost, rural living near a regional hub.

Cheney provides a small town life while being close enough to the city to have fun.

Cheney has a small town friendliness that people crave. It is a great walking town (except the north side near the shopping mall), EWU campus creates a giant park in the center of town. EWU keeps Cheney from being a sleepy, closed little back-water town.

Cheney is a welcoming community. It has a small town feel with access to a large city minutes away. Affordable, stylish housing is available.

Cheney is a small, semi-rural, middle class city that serves as a bedroom community for the City of Spokane; with mostly single family housing; a mainline railroad running through it; a declining city core; small, new shopping malls and apartment buildings on the north.

What are the drawbacks of living in Cheney?

Downtown Cheney has no parking available.

There are a few businesses Cheney does not have and we have to go to Spokane for those needs.

Cheney doesn't work as a college town.

Cheney's downtown corridor has a mix of residential and commercial which prevents a good flow.

There is a lot of noise pollution in Cheney from all the trains that go through.

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There is no town/gown cooperation in Cheney.

There is too much traffic related to the proximity of the University.

Cheney is more vehicle friendly than pedestrian friendly. The walking distance to stores is too far.

There are not enough quality restaurants and entertainment (except for the University).

Downtown Cheney needs to be spiffed up. The City can be made more attractive by cleaning up vacant lots, old mobiles, and trash. The business community needs to improve its image. We don't have to LOOK second rate.

There are too many businesses outside of the downtown core.

Cheney has a lack of infrastructure and jobs. It also has the issues of a college town.

The college students drive horribly, have loud parties, and have no regard for anyone but themselves.

You have to be very careful of the neighborhood or house you pick out to buy, you may be surrounded by college students, especially in the older area of town. While there are lovely old homes there, many rentals are not taken care of.

There is not enough space.

The university students think they own the city. There are issues with parking and maintenance of rental properties.

The sidewalks are not cared for, they are uneven with vegetation growing over them.

What would you tell a business owner to encourage them to choose Cheney?

People in Cheney really want to support businesses in Cheney and will be anxious to support them.

Cheney needs new businesses, but it's a tough place to locate.

To have a successful business in Cheney, networking is essential. Join service groups or Chamber, but get involved.

Cheney is close to Spokane with good hospitals, symphony, plays and theaters. Cheney is a university town with sports, culture, and entertainment. There is good bus service and low traffic.

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Select a business niche that can compete with Spokane. Many businesses fail here. We shop locally just to support our businesses, but not everyone follows that model.

Be careful, the Cheney community has a limited spending income.

There may be an opportunity to open a small specialty store or restaurant that meets the needs of University students. Your success will depend upon your ability to attract students.

There is loads of opportunity for business.

A business owner will have access to the university's student population.

There is lots of business when school is in.

Additional Comments:

I would like Cheney to have a new park and swimming pool.

I would like Cheney to have a couple of department stores like Macy's and JCPenney's.

I don't understand why Cheney doesn't embrace and celebrate the University and the students.

Not enough people shop in Cheney.

Beware of Wal-mart type stores.

Recognize the value of staying small and unique.

There is only so much water down below to support people. It is not a renewable resource.

Keep giant apartment buildings from surrounding single dwelling neighborhoods. Keep student housing growth in the same area as university growth.

I am disturbed at the lack of vision in planning, Cheney is turning into a placeless suburb.

While Cheney wants to attract business, it seems to go out of its way to make it very difficult to start, promote, or sustain a business. There is a clannishness within city government and long-term business people which does not welcome newcomers.