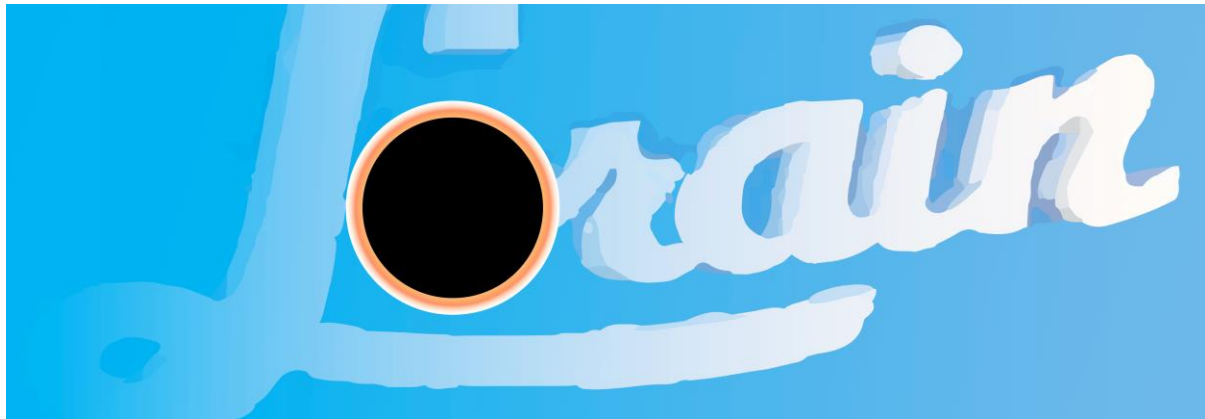




**Mayor Jack W. Bradley**



## **CITY OF LORAIN**

# **2024 SOLAR ECLIPSE SURVEY RESULTS**

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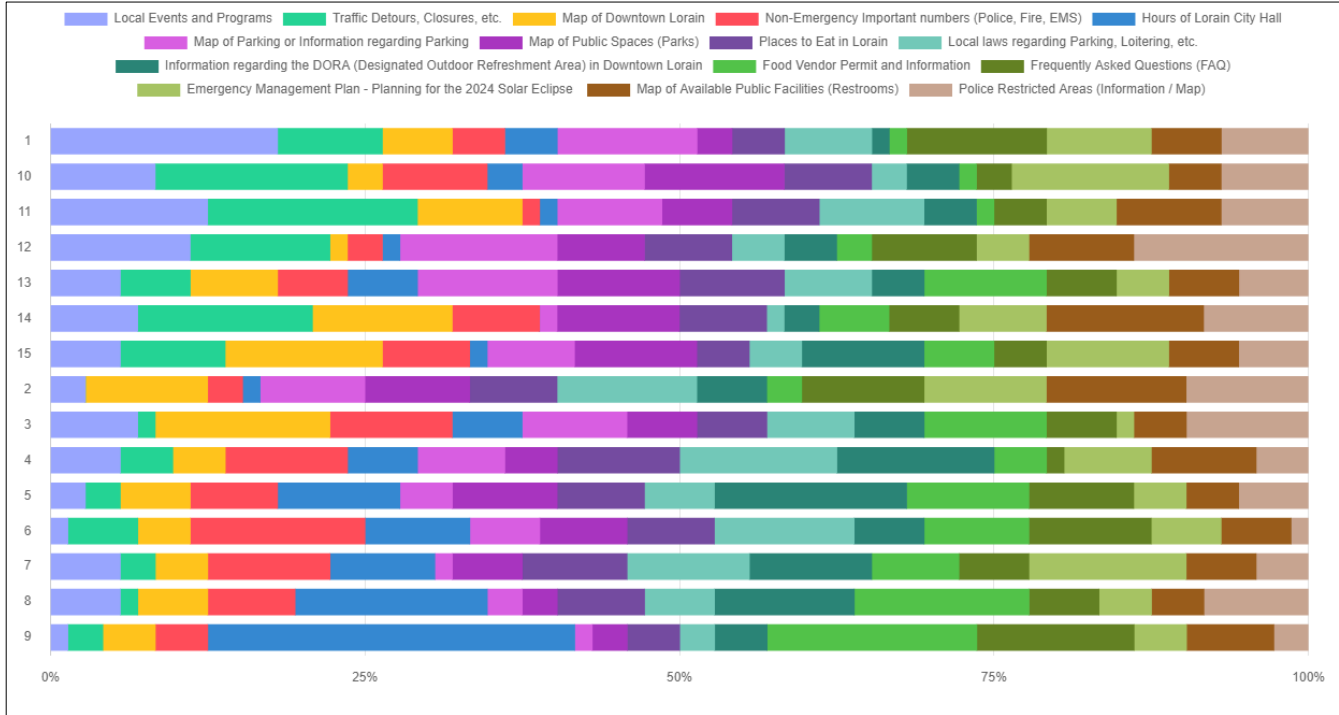
### **BACKGROUND:**

On December 29, 2023, the City of Lorain issued a community-wide survey to better understand the needs of the community, including but not limited to safety, information, resources, and local programming and events. The survey concluded on February 7, 2024, with a total of 69 unduplicated and completed surveys, resulting in a completion rate of 33.17%.

On February 7, 2024, the City of Lorain met with various community partners to exchange information and coordinate efforts to create a safe and enjoyable experience for residents and visitors.

This document provides the community with results from the 2024 Solar Eclipse Survey. The data collected from the survey has not been manipulated in any way—grammar, punctuation, or spelling has not been adjusted from the individuals submitting the responses. The statements presented are not the position of the City of Lorain but simply a way to share information with our community.

**1. Please rank the following answers in the order that you find most helpful for preparing for the 2024 Solar Eclipse.**



\*Results of the ranking system is based on averaged and un-duplicated responses. The Bar graph above does not rank results in that order.

**2. What details would you like the City of Lorain to convey regarding the 2024 Solar Eclipse?**

- What is the expected impact to the general population. What roads will be closed and for what time frame?
- Closures, procedures
- Restricted areas for observation. Traffic patterns, start times, routes. estimated crowds expected
- Road closures, openings of public buildings, emergency contact information
- Where public viewing areas are, parking, road Closures, etc.
- Any available information that you have.1 Are you promoting the city, 2 expectation on how many additional people in our city, where are all these additional people going to go during the event
- Businesses that are having any kind of event for that day.
- Public safety
- Closures.- Offices. Schools. Roads.
- Increased law enforcement

- Announce closures early: school, businesses, banks, etc.
- Safety
- Security, and will Rocking on river area be open with paid admission?
- Any programs that will be happening in our city for the weekend. I feel people will be in our city starting on Saturday thru Monday.
- All options for viewing the eclipse .
- How to be a street vendor. Can I charge for parking on my lawn?
- Any information they've received should all be public knowledge.
- Where they anticipate all the people
- Please convey that our city is a wonderful place to view the 2024 Solar Eclipse!
- n/a
- Local activities and road closures
- Make everything super expensive to keep out the criminal riffraff?
- Where to get eclipse glasses?
- The City offices need to be closed for the day.
- How to look at the eclipse
- Which areas are best for crowds to observe the eclipse
- Safety tips, how to obtain safety glasses
- What is happening? Can we do some sort of cool event like Avon Lake to help attract people to the city? Let's make sure people know about it - especially people from outside of Ohio to get some travelers to come visit! Lorain has so much to offer!!
- If the city plans on hosting any event(s) for the solar eclipse, what are the plans for that?
- None
- This is going to be a great opportunity to showcase Lorain and the awesome things we have around here.
- road closures
- Eye protection
- hazards of it
- events and time surrounding the eclipse event
- Where to purchase viewing glasses , designated areas for handicapped persons, designated areas for for people with pets.
- What they're doing to do to draw people to our city
- Don't see nothing about our safety that should be #1
- Where people can safely watch.
- Timing, places for viewing, where to get glasses, safety issues.
- What time are people going to start gathering to watch the eclipse?
- Nothing I can think of
- Not to have a large deal of it made
- Ensure residents/people working that day are able to navigate the city without too much hindrance
- Have plenty of fun things to do to keep the people at the Landings after the event. Per the Red Cross, the main high ways and streets will be grid-locked. They said a 6 hour trip home took a couple 18 hours .

- ROAD CLOSURES & DETOURS, including expected hours of closure. Planned eclipse events (listing event details including location of event parking). Parking rules/regulations specific to eclipse day.
- Try to extend your watch parties beyond the eclipse time. Travel immediately following the eclipse will be nearly impossible. Have patience and lots of gas.
- Safety info (both for viewing the Eclipse and for dealing with the crowds). FAQs. Viewing areas/ designated areas for viewing.
- All the above information
- If traffic is heavy, communicate via text, TV, social media and the internet.
- To provide some balance between information that locals will need (difficulty getting to work that day, road closures, parking challenges, etc) and out of town visitors will want and need to know about parking, dining, lodging, best places to view) and then in general details about how as a city we're all celebrating this big historic event!
- I think the most important thing for the City of Lorain to convey would be that we welcome visitors to our community for this "once in a lifetime event" and we want to ensure that everyone enjoys the time they spend in our City. For that reason, maps, and other details regarding logistics in the City have been included to help people feel welcome and safe while they are here. I also think you want to encourage people to spend additional time in the City and for that reason are listing other events that are occurring during that time, especially in case of inclement weather or for those who want to experience all that Lorain has to offer.
- safe viewing information (eye protection, use a hole in a box etc) and local events
- Events
- Traffic/event info
- Parking information
- Events pertaining to the eclipse
- The flow of traffic and people.
- Available parking map.
- na
- Renting private housing for the events in residential areas
- What roadways will be closed to public
- Lorain is just a stone's throw away from Avon Lake, the epicenter of the Solar Eclipse. I'm sure the view will be just as exciting here in Lorain. We need to get the work out and build on that fact. Our parks and public spaces need to be focused upon. Equally important are our restaurants and other services available to the visitors to our community during the event and afterwards. Of course, safety of all is extremely important. All the above 15 items above are important to convey to both visitors and residents; thus, I didn't rate the actions. Just....git 'er done!
- I'll be watching it from home.
- No parking on lakeside avenue. This is a one way street. And we already have 2 way traffic. The city needs to contact google regarding this one-way traffic. Google sends them in from Colorado head on into traffic. This needs corrected before millions of people come traveling. This has been reported 3 times to the city. This street is used

to and from the lake. Your signs on colorado do not work. People follow Google maps, especially when traveling.

- Time of Eclipse. Events such as watch parties and or activities for kids.
- none
- What visitors from out of town need to do to ensure the city government (especially first responders) can continue to operate & respond quickly to emergencies despite the exceptionally heavy traffic.
- Traffic, detour and school closing

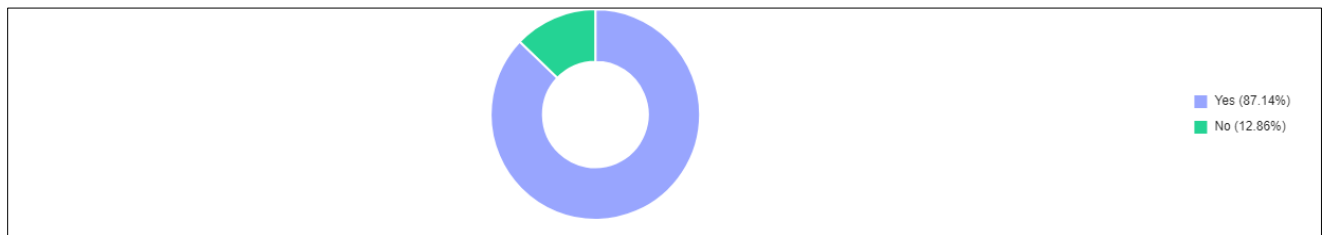
**3. Is there any feedback or specific information related to the 2024 Solar Eclipse that you would like to communicate with the City of Lorain?**

- no
- Emergency text updates
- Make it special and welcoming
- None
- Please please develop a comprehensive emergency management strategy
- None
- This could be a great way to attract people to our city. We need to capitalize on it!
- None
- Please close City Hall/ Schools to allow workers and students to safely participate in this once in a lifetime experience.
- Restrictions in place at the pier like the 4th of July
- Communication about all plans for the day will be helpful; getting that info out to the public well in advance is also very helpful.
- No
- Not at this time
- Provide the solar eclipse glasses.
- How about permits for selling spaces in your yard for the eclipse?
- No
- Don't ruin it by setting expectations.
- Not at this time
- n/a
- This is going to be awesome!! We should make this a fun day!!
- N/A
- It'll probably be cloudy or rainy so...
- Our downtown restaurants need to be fully staffed. Are police / auxiliary department should be friendly and polite As we want to have a good impression to all that attend.
- You need to make sure there is enough trash containers
- Notices to citizens early enough to enjoy the eclipse
- This event will bring tourists, it is important that the downtown area has had a spring cleaning, and new plants have been planted down Broadway.
- N/A
- It feels a little late to start planning this. Would like to see some real hustle to make some magic happen!
- I'm not understanding this question clearly.
- Why is this being overblown?

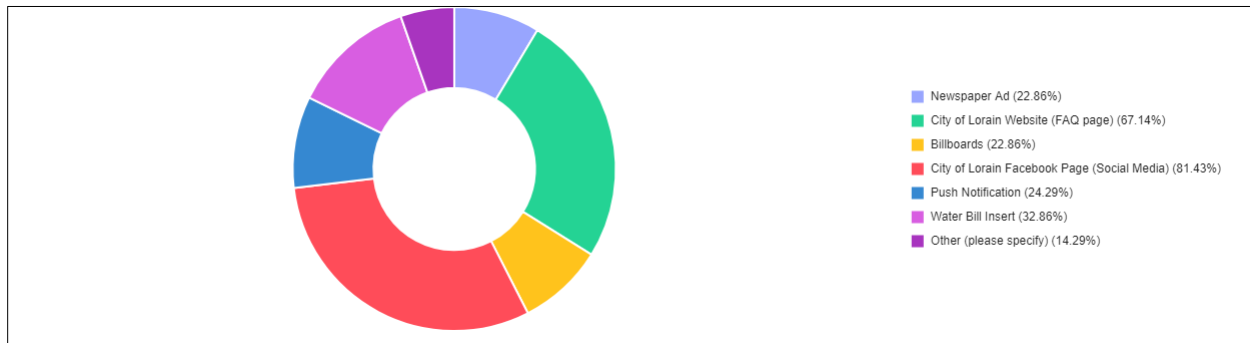
- Too bad we don't have more quality hotels and places to stay to offer people so they come and stay a few days when they come for the event. At least there are good air bnb's!
- none
- N/a
- none
- na
- Express the importance of eye protection and having multiple areas/ resources for people to purchase the viewing glasses.
- No
- Safety
- Where people can safely watch.
- No.
- No
- No
- Basic info in it and how to prepare and protect yourself
- City Offices/Courts should be closed that day
- Same as above, " Per the Red Cross". Even the locals may think twice about going to the landings in regards to the traffic . It will probably be worse than any International we have experienced.
- Due to the timeline of the eclipse and the nature of the event (expected traffic/crowds) it seems best to close local schools and government offices early on eclipse day to ensure that school buses and employee traffic do not add to or get caught in eclipse event traffic. School students should be home (or another location) to view the eclipse and witness this once-in-a-lifetime educational event. They'll have plenty to talk about in class the following day!!!
- I was in Hopkinsville, KY for the last eclipse. It was a magical experience. The city had a fun carnival leading up to the event and many different watch locations. I know Lorain will make it just as magical. Traffic will be insane, there will be no back road left un traveled. Ever single road will be backed up and driving will be horrendous for a few hours. I wish you all luck with planning routes for emergency services. Thank you for what you are doing.
- INo.
- Where to find Free viewing glasses???
- Make sure there are plenty of people guiding traffic at major intersections.
- What should businesses with public parking lots be aware of that they may have never had to deal with before?
- Though most/many people will be on the lakefront and/or downtown areas, include info about other areas in the community. People might be coming for a longer stay than just Monday and we want them to feel comfortable exploring other parts of the city. Also, weather may not be conducive to seeing the full impact of the eclipse and they may want other things to do.
- tap into your local NASA resources- I know of at least 10 NASA employees living in the city working in management, education, and engineering. Perhaps coordinate?
- It would be a great opportunity to have an open streets event and close down Broadway from Erie to 8 or 9th street. Promoting people to spend their time and money in downtown Lorain.
- N/A
- Clear ideas of where people can gather and park.
- Will there be educational programming taking place along with the events related to the eclipse?

- No
- None, at this point.
- no
- What are the rules for renting residential houses and properties for the event?
- When will roadways begin to be closed to public and reopen
- Very little information has been provided and little marketing about the strategic location of Lorain in the 2024 Solar Eclipse. There is so much hype about the epicenter being in Avon Lake (which is good) but Lorain is just a stone's throw away from Avon Lake. I'm sure the view will be just as exciting here in Lorain. We need to build on that fact. Greater coverage in the newspapers would be good. We need to look at the economic benefits to be gained by the businesses in Lorain,,,before, during and after the Solar Eclipse event.
- I'll be watching it from home.
- No parking for air bnb's on city one way streets. Most people will be off that day. And need the limited space for their households. Block off lakeside avenue from delaware to colorado. If you can't get this direction problem changed on google. This is a safety issue.
- No
- none
- I'm sure you're already aware but be advised a lot of folks will be coming to Lorain from hotels much further away. For example my family and I will be in a hotel down in North Canton, OH and plan to drive up from there the morning of.
- NA

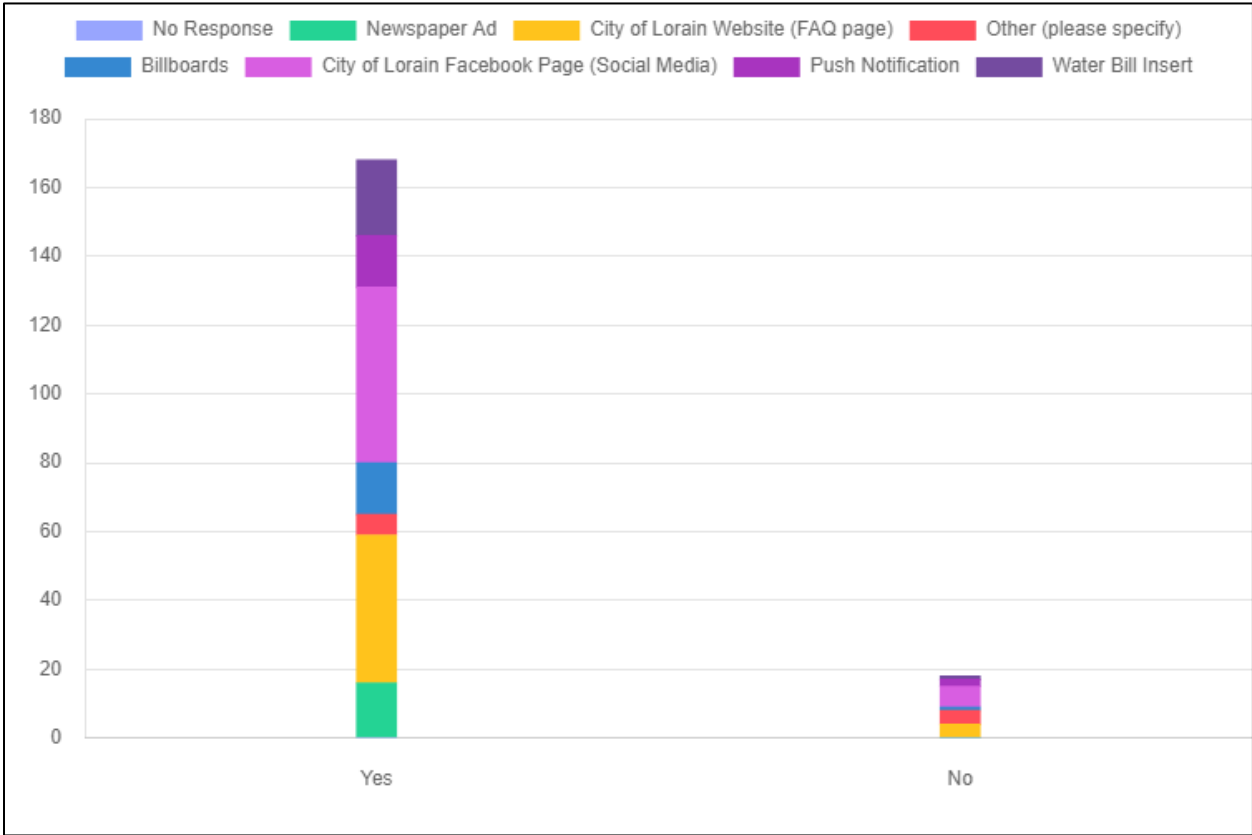
**4. Are you a City of Lorain Resident?**



**5. How would you like to receive information regarding the 2024 Solar Eclipse?**



**DATA Combined (Lorain Residents and Non-Residents Notifications)**



**CONCLUSION:**

In conclusion, the City of Lorain residents and community partner’s wish to have more information regarding Traffic, Detours, or Closures, Local Events and Programming, and Map of Parking or Information regarding Parking and would like to be informed by Facebook and the City of Lorain Website.

**ACTION STEPS:**

- The Lorain Police Department will issue a Press Release to inform residents of traffic pattern changes, emergency response teams, and additional safety response resources.
- The City of Lorain is developing a FAQ page that will provide residents and visitors information regarding local events and programs, and developing a mapping tool of various public resources, and providing helpful information to residents regarding safety and travel.