



PROJECT LAKESIDE MALL

EVERY STORY MATTERS. TELL US YOURS.

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MALL VISITORS

This questionnaire is intended for people who **visited** any mall in the *Detroit* area or in the *State of Michigan*. For a questionnaire intended for people who worked at the mall, please view our Business Questionnaire which is available online at our website.

Participation is entirely voluntary. You are welcome to remain private or anonymous, if you wish to do so. To answer this questionnaire, you may find the online version at our website or email us at projectlakesidemall@gmail.com

PREFACE (required)

1. What **mall** do you wish to talk about? Examples: Eastland, Fairlane, Lakeside, Macomb, Oakland, Partridge Creek, Somerset Collection...

INTRO QUESTIONS (recommended)

1. What is the first thing which comes to mind, when you think of the mall?

MAIN QUESTIONS: PART ONE

- 1. How **significant** was the mall to you, your family, or your friends. (Scale of 1 to 5)
- 2. When was your **first** visit to the mall? Were you at its grand opening? What was the reason? (Lakeside opened March 1976)
- 3. What **period** of life did you most frequent the mall? What decades?

MAIN QUESTIONS: PART TWO

- 8. At the mall, what was your favorite activity?
- 9. What was your favorite holiday?
- 10. Did you ever work at the mall? If yes, what was the **job?** What was the **store** or business name?
- 11. Do you **remember** anything of the following locations?
 - a. the Lakeside Ice Arena.
 - b. the indoor water-slide: Hydrotube
 - c. the play areas: fruits, eggs, cars, etc.
 - d. movie theatre: "the movies"
 - e. the Food Court.
 - f. the photo-booths.

- 2. How did you hear about us? For example: word of mouth, social media, advertisement...
- 2. What is your **best** memory of the mall?
- 3. What is your worst memory of the mall?
- 4. When was your **last** visit to the mall? Were you at Lakeside Mall's closing?

Lakeside: How do you feel or what do you recall about M-59 (Hall Road)...

- 5. **During** the construction of the mall? (1973-1976)
- 6. **During** the business years of the mall? (1976-2024)
- 7. **Now,** after the mall's closure?
- 12. What **anchor stores** did you visit over the years?

a. Crowley's

d. Lord & Taylor

b. Hudson's

e. Macy's

c. JCPenney

f. Sears

- 13. What stores do you remember? Which did you visit? **NOTE:** for a huge list of *Lakeside Mall's* stores, please view the online version of this questionnaire.
- 14. Did you go to any event, expo or show?

a. contest

d. celebrity performance

b. car show:

e. clothing expo

"Fun Time Cruzers" f. Other...

c. costume show

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MAIN QUESTIONS: PART THREE

- 15. Did you meet a long-term friend, boyfriend/girlfriend, or husband/wife at the mall?
- 16. *Lakeside:* Did you or know of someone who ever **used** the **valet service** at the *Food Court* entrance?
- 17. Did you ever **participate** at a **show** or **event** at the mall?
- 18. Have you ever met a **celebrity** (past or present) at the mall?

<u>AUTHOR'S NOTE:</u> Trespassers were banned for five (5) years on *Lakeside Mall's* closing day (June 30, 2024), which in retrospect, *the punishment makes no sense*.

- 19. Did you ever **witness** any crimes or fights at or near the mall?
- 20. Have you ever gone **somewhere restricted** inside (back-rooms or service rooms)?
- 21. Did you ever do **something you should not have** at the mall?
- 22. Do you have one or more little-known or publicly unknown facts about the mall? If so, what do you know?

CONCLUDING QUESTIONS (recommended)

- 1. If you have any **home movies, photos,** or **souvenirs,** would you be interesting **sharing** it or a copy (if applicable)? **NOTE:** You shall receive full credit, and may request any *faces, likenesses,* and/or *properties* be blurred and/or obfuscated.
- 2. What will you miss most about the mall?
- 3. Where do you go now after the closure of the mall?
- 4. Do you believe that malls have a future? What are your thoughts on the closure of the mall (if applicable)?
- 5. Lakeside Mall: In your opinion, which plan best suits the future of Lakeside Mall?
 - a. **re-open:** do not demolish, and do introduce new business-only tenants.
 - b. **re-zone and re-open:** do not demolish, and do introduce new non-business tenants; include event hosting, housing/residential, government/municipalities, offices, supermarkets, etc.
 - c. **remain open, and re-zone:** do not demolish, and do redevelop the surrounding parking lots only (original 2018 plan).
 - d. **close, demolish and re-develop:** do demolish and redevelop both the building and the surrounding parking lots (current 2022 plan).
 - e. return to nature: turn it back into farmland.
 - f. None of the above.
 - g. Other...
- 6. Do you have any **shout-outs** or **closing thoughts?** Please feel free to advertise here.

Thank you for participating!

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