

Comments and Observations on the July/August 2008 Community Survey Responses

Much valuable input was received from respondents to the Community Survey. Relevant comments will be considered by the Plan Commission while developing the Village's first Comprehensive Plan.

- 62% of respondents stated either "No" or "No opinion" to Question 5 regarding more opportunity for future senior citizen housing. However, 64% of respondents identified themselves as age 51 or older. It can only be concluded from the responses that many residents either plan to stay in their present homes or relocate from this area when they reach their senior years.

- 86% of respondents stated they have a computer with Internet service in their homes. Therefore, we have created this web site to better communicate with our residents.

- 62% of respondents stated either "Not important" or "No opinion" to Question 6 (future residential development) and 52% stated either "No" or "No opinion" to Question 9 (future commercial development). However, many respondents suggested future changes in the Village, such as: additional and improved sidewalks; community well; tree branch pickup; storm water culvert improvement; expansion of the Village; road repaving; storm alert system; services for seniors; and others.

The Village governing body only supports itself, currently, by receipt of a percentage of existing retail sales taxes, income taxes (bases upon Village population), and motor fuel taxes. In fact, the Village's elected officials do not currently receive compensation for their time and services. Therefore, future residential and commercial development would be a source of additional revenue for the Village to help finance improvements within the Village.

These responses may reflect concerns that future development would change the rural, small town character of the Village. However, such development, if properly located and controlled in the 1-1/2 mile planning area outside of the Village boundaries, would benefit the financial status of the Village, providing a basis for future improvements, without the necessity of imposing increased property taxes.

Possibly, many residents are not aware that the Village does not currently impose any taxes on its residents. The only way that any municipality may provide the suggested improvements would be by imposing additional taxes, impose a special assessment (SAS), by creating a special service area (SSA), or borrowing money.

- Some respondents suggested improved services that are beyond the scope of the Village's current area of responsibility. Following are a few of these suggestions, together with information as to what governmental body or organization does have responsibility:

Respondent Suggestion	Responsible Body
“Fewer police”	Kane County Sheriff
“Speed limit enforced”	Kane County Sheriff
“Friendlier neighbors and less fences”	No one
“Gas Station”	Corporate oil company
“Mail delivery”	U.S. Postal Service
“Crossing guards and more police”	Kane County Sheriff
“Buffer zone for Prairie Parkway”	Illinois Dept. of Transportation
“Reduce property taxes”	Kaneville Township Tax Assessor and Kane County Finance Dept.
“Police”	Kane County Sheriff
“Radon test every home”	Individual homeowner
“Less traffic”	Kane County Dept. of Transportation

- In response to Question 12, regarding future commercial development, 66% replied either “No” or “No opinion.” Commercial development could possibly provide jobs for local residents closer to home, thus reducing transportation costs (gas, auto maintenance, auto replacement) and commute time. We can conclude from the responses that these benefits are unimportant to many residents. Alternately, the responses may reflect concerns that such development would change the small, rural character of the Village. Such development, if properly located and controlled within the 1-1/2 mile planning area outside the Village boundaries, may provide future close-to-home job opportunities for our children.

Additional comments, suggestions and observations are welcome. Please go to the “Contact” page on this web site and email us your input.

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