

# **City Council Goal Setting Session Agenda**

**Tuesday, November 14, 2023 - 6:30 p.m.  
Police Department Training Room**

## **Goal Setting Summary Memo**

- 1. Chamber Grant**
- 2. Beautification Projects**
- 3. Resident Notification System**
- 4. Citizen Survey**
- 5. Elected Official Survey**
- 6. Postcard Mailer**

# CITY OF DARIEN

## MEMO

**TO:** Mayor Marchese, City Council, City Clerk, and City Treasurer

**FROM:** Bryon D. Vana, City Administrator

**DATE:** November 8, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Goal Setting Agenda Topic Summary– Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

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Listed below are the agenda topics and overview for the goal setting session scheduled for Tuesday, November 14.

### 1. [Chamber Grant](#)

In the current fiscal year, the council approved a grant of \$35,000 for the Chamber. The grant covered the chamber’s current membership dues of \$30,000, potential growth of 15 new Darien business memberships totaling \$3,375, and assists in miscellaneous expenses of \$1,625. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Darien and the Darien Chamber of Commerce is attached for review. The city council approved the MOU on February 6, 2023 by a 5-2 vote. **The MOU is a one-year grant so the council will discuss if the grant should continue for another year.** Attached is a memo from chamber director April Padalik that shows how the chamber has benefited from the grant. (page 3)

### 2. [Beautification Projects](#)

The City has completed a number of beautification projects including roadway landscape plantings, theme lighting, banners and welcome to Darien signs. **Staff is seeking feedback to determine if the Council is interested in continuing to plan and budget for beautification projects.** Included in the packet are the pages from Darien’s Comprehensive Plan that discuss community corridor enhancement. (page 6)

### 3. [Resident Notification System](#)

The primary source of resident information from the PD is done on twitter. Some of the elected official asked staff to look at a texting option as a way to send out messages to the public. Attached is information from Chief Thomas regarding notification systems. We have talked with Muni-web, our web site administrator, and they can provide a text notification system. The cost for Muni-Web is a one-time set up fee of \$450, then a monthly fee of \$10 per month -or- \$0.04 per text, whichever is greater. Users have to sign up to receive the texts. For “general discussion items” such as domestic violence awareness month, “advertisements” for the library talk series, National Night Out, etc.

we'll continue to use Twitter. **The council will discuss notification options and in which situations notifications should go out.** (page 10)

#### 4. **Citizen Survey**

**The council can review/discuss the recent resident survey.** This survey is helpful in receiving resident and council feedback; however, the results do not provide any scientific validity or statistical measurement. (page 12)

#### 5. **Elected official survey**

The council will review the results of the recent city council survey. Each council member can provide an overview of their responses and respond to questions regarding their responses. Alderwoman Sullivan will ask the council to consider funding to conduct a strategic plan using a professional facilitator. The focus will be to create a working document that addresses (discuss/update) the city's vision and mission goals. (page 93) The following links provide two examples of a community's strategic plan.

[https://www.elmhurst.org/government/city\\_manager/strategic\\_plan.php](https://www.elmhurst.org/government/city_manager/strategic_plan.php)

<https://www.cityofallen.org/1203/Strategic-Plan>

#### 6. **Postcard Mailer**

The Darien Action Committee proposed that staff develop a postcard mailer that would go out to the Darien Community four times a year, which would include a front side picture of a Darien landmark, while on the opposite side it would list upcoming community events taking place over the next three months. The Action Committee felt a postcard mailer would better serve not only our senior population; it would also serve those residents not getting our Direct Connect weekly newsletter. (page 99) The estimated cost per quarter is \$3,778.40 or \$4,640.58:

	<u>Darien 60561</u>	<u>Zip 60561, 60516, Routes C040, C049, C059</u>
Layout/Design	350.00	350.00
Postcards	1,158.40	1,561.58
Mailing/Handling fees	350.00	365.00
Estimated postage	1,970.00	2,364.00



**Memorandum of Understanding**

**Between the City of Darien and the Darien Chamber of Commerce**

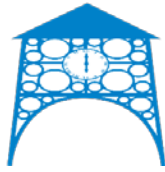
- 1 The City of Darien (City) will provide a business grant to the Darien Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) of \$35,000.
- 2 The grant will be used solely to provide a one-year Chamber membership to all Darien businesses beginning with the membership renewal in 2023. Businesses outside of Darien will pay the annual membership fee.
- 3 The MOU is limited to one year but may be reviewed annually during city budget discussions.
- 4 The City will monitor the chamber over the next year to determine if the new increased membership adds to the value the chamber, including, but not limited to:
  - increased member participation
  - educational activities for members such as special event speakers addressing topics of interest
  - satisfaction of membership exposure to the consumer
  - financial stability

Monitoring the chamber over the next year does not mean the city has any authority or oversight of the chamber’s operations

- 5 The City and Chamber will look for partnerships during the grant period, such as combined mailings, business outreach, public events, business promotion and other partnership opportunities that promote the Chamber
- 6 This MOI will be in effect for 12 months upon formal approval from the City and Chamber
- 7 The Chamber is permitted to obtain advertising sponsorships, from chamber members, at city events such as the summer concert series and other events the city may hold. The chamber will retain all sponsorship fees they collect. All sponsorships/advertising material needs pre-approval from the city.

Approved by Chamber’s authorized representative: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by JOSEPH MARCHESE, MAYOR: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**Darien Chamber  
of Commerce**  
YOUR CONNECTION TO COMMUNITY

Nov. 3, 2023

The Darien Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit business organization founded in 1984. It is a diverse group of Business professionals in and around the City of Darien. The purpose of the Darien Chamber is to provide opportunities to businesses to further promote, expand, and network to potential clients and customers. Membership also includes schools, Public Service, and many Not-for-Profit organizations. The chamber receives all operating income from membership dues and hosted events.

In March of 2023, the City of Darien issued the Darien Chamber of Commerce a grant of \$35,000 to be used for registered Darien Businesses 2023 Chamber Membership. The Darien Chamber had about (150) area businesses registered at that time, with about (97) being Darien Businesses. Approximately (70) new Darien Businesses have been registered because of this grant bringing the current membership to about 222 members. \*Current Membership list is attached with new Darien Business highlighted.

**The Darien Chamber has conducted the following to date:**

Jan. 18, 2023: Multi-Chamber Business EXPO & Luncheon, State of the County with DuPage County Chair Deb Conroy

Apr. 6, 2023: Multi-Chamber Economic Outlook Business EXPO & Luncheon Keynote Speaker: Leslie McGranahan VP and Director of Regional Research Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

Apr. 13, 2023: Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Harmi Sushi "Restaurant

Apr. 19, 2023: Lunch & Learn featuring Attorney Kevin Camden, "Small Business, Legal Minefield" How to protect you and your business.

May 17, 2023: Multi Chamber After Hours Networking with Darien, Clarendon Hills, Hinsdale, and Willowbrook - Burr Ridge Chambers at Katherine Legge Memorial Lodge.

May 21, 2023: Darien Dash 1mile, 5k and 10k race and Business EXPO

June 21, 2023: "Breakfast Bites" Morning Networking held at BMO Harris Bank

July 19, 2023: Business After Hours Networking, Harmi Sushi Restaurant

July 20, 2023: Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Compass Lending

Aug. 1, 2023: Participated in NNO

Aug. 10-13, 2023: 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Darien Fest and Business EXPO

Aug. 30, 2023: Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at High Haven Dispensary

Sept. 20, 2023: "Breakfast Bites" Morning Networking with Mayor Marchese at Darien Police Dept.

Sept. 22, 2023: Networking for Small Businesses at BMO Harris

Sept. 27, 2023: Implemented “Business Builder’s Workshop. Guest speakers, networking, and business promotional ideas as hosted by the Darien Chamber and Members of the Board of Directors.

Oct. 11, 2023: “Business Builder’s Workshop” Guest Speaker Attorney Kevin Camden presenting on Business Issues.

Oct. 18, 2023: Lunch & Learn - Secure Choice Illinois & SECURE Act 2.0, at The Qbar.

Oct. 25, 2023: “Business Builder’s Workshop” Guest Speaker Virginia Weiskopf presenting on Artificial Intelligence.

Oct. 25, 2023: Darien, Hinsdale and Clarendon Hills Chambers Networking Event at: The Range at 355.

Nov. 8, 2023: “Business Builder’s Workshop” Guest Speaker Attorney Joerg Seiffert presenting on Wills.

Nov. 10, 2023: Casino Night at Ashton Place Banquets in Partnership with Cancer Smashers

The chamber also issues a weekly newsletter of news and events and is currently preparing a Community Guide magazine that will list each chamber member both alphabetically and by category. This issue is planned for both mailing and electronic copy in January 2024.

On behalf of the Darien Chamber and Board of Directors, we wish to thank the City of Darien for their support both financially and other. The success of the Darien Chamber and its membership will succeed with a continued partnership with the City of Darien and we are most grateful for that.

Sincerely,

*April Padalik*

Executive Director

Darien Chamber of Commerce

*Your Connection to Community!*

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# Comprehensive Plan Update City of Darien

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# Chapter VI, Corridor Enhancement

## Community Corridor Enhancement

Darien's arterial streets offer an opportunity to help tie together land use and development throughout the community. A beautification and enhancement program along these arterial streets is recommended that takes advantage of, and builds upon, existing conditions. For example, newer commercial developments along 75<sup>th</sup> Street include landscape berming that helps screen off-street parking and provides quality landscaping along this heavily traveled street. Plainfield Road already has mature stands of trees that contribute toward its residential character.

Recommendations that follow for arterial streets focus on ways to continue this treatment, as well as identify other ways to enhance the primary roadways through Darien. Proposals for other streets, however, take into consideration the function of the roadway, as well as its established character. Therefore, recommendations for enhancement and beautification differ.

**75<sup>th</sup> Street** — This is a major commercial corridor that includes the intersection of 75<sup>th</sup> Street and Cass Avenue, which has been called out as a key development area (see text for Key Development Area #1). The following is proposed for the enhancement of this key roadway:

- Add sidewalks where none exist to provide a continuous pedestrian walk;
- Clean drainage swales;
- Relocate overhead utilities underground as part of the proposed widening of this arterial street;

- Introduce banners, pavers and gateway signage to identify the intersection of Cass Avenue and 75<sup>th</sup> Street as a marketplace and center of commerce;
- Install decorative lighting along that portion of 75<sup>th</sup> Street that passes through Darien;
- Follow recommendations for enhancing the intersection of 75<sup>th</sup> Street and Cass Avenue that are proposed for Key Development Area #1;
- Add landscaped berms in front of off-street parking to soften views of paved areas; and
- Enhance the landscaping in the existing median, by adding additional trees, shrubs, and beds of ornamental grasses, perennials and annuals. Increase the intensity of plantings (shrubs, grasses, perennials and annuals) at signalized intersections.

**Lemont Road** — This north/south roadway provides direct access to I-55. The mix of residential and commercial uses, and the lack of a landscaped median, provides a character that substantially differs from 75<sup>th</sup> Street. The following is recommended:

- Provide a continuous system of sidewalks;
- Add trees in the right-of-way to provide a continuous parkway treatment;
- Develop a comprehensive program that results in the relocation of overhead utilities underground;
- Enhance entrances to residential subdivisions through landscape plantings and signage; and



- Develop standards for fencing (height, material, and color) that can be implemented when wood fences used to screen rear yards of residential properties require replacement, so that a uniform appearance can be created. Where possible move the location of screen fences toward the residential dwelling so that landscaping can be installed along that side of the fence that is visible to the public.

**Illinois Route 83** — Illinois Route 83 serves as Darien’s eastern boundary, and separates Darien from Willowbrook. The continuation of implementing guidelines for signs and landscaping along this arterial that have been created cooperatively between Darien and Willowbrook will help upgrade and coordinate the appearance of this state route.

Additionally, the following is recommended:

- Install street trees, where possible, to achieve a spacing of one tree for each 40 lineal feet;
- Add landscaping and berming, where possible, to screen existing parking lots and service areas from public view;
- Work with Willowbrook to coordinate a comprehensive relocation of overhead utilities underground;
- Increase landscaping in existing medians; and
- Install supplemental trees and shrubs, where possible, to screen residential properties that abut this arterial street.

**Cass Avenue** — Cass Avenue is a north/south arterial street in the City and includes a mix of residential and non-residential land uses, although the dominant

land use south of 75<sup>th</sup> Street is non-residential. Unlike 75<sup>th</sup> Street, this arterial street does not have a median that can be enhanced to provide some unity in the appearance of the street. Recommendations for this arterial street include the following:

- Enhance landscape screening of residential properties that abut Cass Avenue;
- Install street trees in existing parkways to provide a continuous spacing of trees at 40-foot intervals that will ultimately create a tree canopy along this arterial street;
- Follow recommendations for enhancing the intersection of Cass Avenue and 75<sup>th</sup> Street that are proposed in Key Development Area #1;
- Construct sidewalks, where required, to provide continuity for those pedestrians traveling to Lace School, churches and businesses along this street;
- Supplement landscaping in front of existing parking lots to screen parking and enhance the appearance of this street;
- Develop and implement a comprehensive program for relocating existing overhead utilities underground; and
- Design and install a landscape treatment for the interchange of Cass Avenue with I-55 to improve its appearance and identify this area as a major gateway into Darien.

**Plainfield Road** — This arterial street is primarily residential in character. Also, many sections of this roadway already are heavily landscaped. Those businesses that exist, or are planned, are residential in both scale and appearance. Both the City Hall and Police Station and the new elementary school are

located along Plainfield Road, and are destinations for area residents.

Recommendations for this arterial street include:

- Adding street trees, where possible, to achieve a constant tree canopy;
- Supplementing landscaping next to residences with additional plantings to enhance screening of dwellings and fences;
- Adding sections of sidewalks, where possible, to provide a continuous pedestrian walkway;
- Creating and implementing a comprehensive program that results in the relocation of existing overhead utilities underground;
- Enhancing the appearance of ponds and natural areas by installing native grasses and wildflowers;
- Enhancing entrances to residential subdivisions by adding plantings that include perennials, ornamental grasses and annuals; and
- Improving the undeveloped corner at Plainfield and Manning Roads by creating a “park-like” setting with benches and landscaping and buffering for existing utilities.

## Community Gateways

The Planning Advisory Committee has identified areas that warrant design treatment, since they serve as a primary gateway (or entrance) into the community from surrounding areas. The installation of signs,

lighting, and landscaping will build identity for Darien, as well as announce to motorists that they have entered into this community.

Primary gateways are those major intersections that serve as entrances into the City, and are shown on Figure 3. These include:

- 75<sup>th</sup> Street and Lemont Road;
- 75<sup>th</sup> Street and Illinois Route 83;
- Cass Avenue and 67<sup>th</sup> Street;
- I-55 and Lemont Road; and
- I-55 and Cass Avenue.

These areas can be improved with a primary monument sign and landscaping to create a major focal point for those entering Darien at these locations.

Secondary gateways are those minor intersections that serve as entrances into the City. These areas can be improved with identification signs and landscape treatments. Secondary gateways are shown on Figure 3 and include:

- 83<sup>rd</sup> Street and Woodward Avenue;
- 87<sup>th</sup> Street and Ailsworth Drive; and
- Plainfield Road and Illinois Route 83.

Although these locations do not bring motorists into the community from I-55, they do serve as entry points into Darien. The addition of entry signage, landscaping and lighting will further enhance these entrances into Darien, thereby promoting community identity.



# DARIEN POLICE DEPARTMENT INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM



November 8, 2023

TO: **Bryon Vana**  
FROM: **Chief Greg Thomas**  
SUBJECT: **Public Notification**

### **Why have a Public Notification System**

The police department has a strong interest in having an informed public. We've used Social Media (Twitter & Facebook) to enhance communication as well as more traditional Direct Connect, e-mails and in-person meetings.

In addition to using Twitter as a means of having communication with the public, Twitter has also been the police department's means of Public Notifications in times of emergency / urgent communications. For example, road closures & openings, major incidents, vehicle burglary patterns, robberies, burglaries, etc. We, thankfully, don't have too many of those situations.

The City's recent survey results show many Darien residents desire notifications to be in the form of a text, not a Tweet.

### **How to Accomplish Messaging / Communication**

There are public entities (e.g. Twitter, Facebook, etc.) as well as private entities that can deliver a message. The use of Twitter allows for two way communication and has a purpose.

The police department will continue to use social media to have interaction with the community, but will transition to a text messaging system for emergency / urgent notifications.

### **What other Police Departments are doing to Accomplish Messaging / Communication**

Just because others are doing something else doesn't make it right or wrong, just how it works best for that particular jurisdiction.

Our research with nine surrounding areas, saw the jurisdictions use: Twitter (5), Code Red (2), Nixle (3), Facebook (3) and Everbridge (2). Some agencies use more than one. Reference Twitter two solely used Twitter like Darien PD and three used Twitter along with Nixle or Code Red. Those using Code Red and Everbridge said it was not user friendly.

### **Darien Police Department's Use of Public Notification**

The police in a situation are busy with the immediacy of the matter. As soon as a situation is fairly stabilized we're going to make the notification, such as a road closure. If more emergency in nature, such as an active assailant or hazardous material spill we make notification to the immediate building and other surrounding areas. We'll recommend a lock down, shelter in place, evacuation, etc.

### **Darien Police Department's Policy on when to make a Public Notification**

We have a policy for when a supervisor is to inform the community of emergency / urgent incidents occurring in town. It is basically:

- When there is something of concern to the community:
  - Accident Investigations w/ Lane Blockage / Serious Injury
  - Patterned Burglary to Motor Vehicles
  - Residential Burglary
  - Robberies
  - Incident w/ Large Police Presence
- Provide a Tweet that is more general in nature:
  - Hundred block of ...
  - Investigating ...
  - When Applicable: No is no Threat to the Community / Shelter in Place / Evacuate to ...

### **Why Switch from Twitter to a Private Vendor**

There are many private services, Everbridge, Code Red, Nixle, Blackboard, etc. that are paid sites. We had Nixle in 2016, it cost \$5,200 1<sup>st</sup> year and \$4,800 annually. There was no real functional difference than Twitter, except these are text messages. In 2017 we went with Twitter. When we had Nixle we had 384 users. On Twitter, we have 2,432 followers and is free.

### **For Discussion**

For emergency / Urgent notifications use Muni-Web. The cost for Muni-Web is a one-time set up fee of \$450. Then a monthly fee of \$10 per month -or- \$0.04 per text, whichever is greater. Users have to sign up to receive the texts.

For “general discussion items” such as domestic violence awareness month, “advertisements” for the library talk series, National Night Out, etc. we’ll continue to use Twitter.



## City of Darien – MEMORANDUM

TO: Bryon Vana, City Administrator

FROM: Lisa Klemm, Administrative Assistant to City Administrator

DATE: October 4, 2023

RE: Results – Darien Resident Survey 2023

Attached please find the results of the 2023 Darien Resident Survey. The survey was open from September 14 to October 1. The survey included 20 questions for the residents to complete.

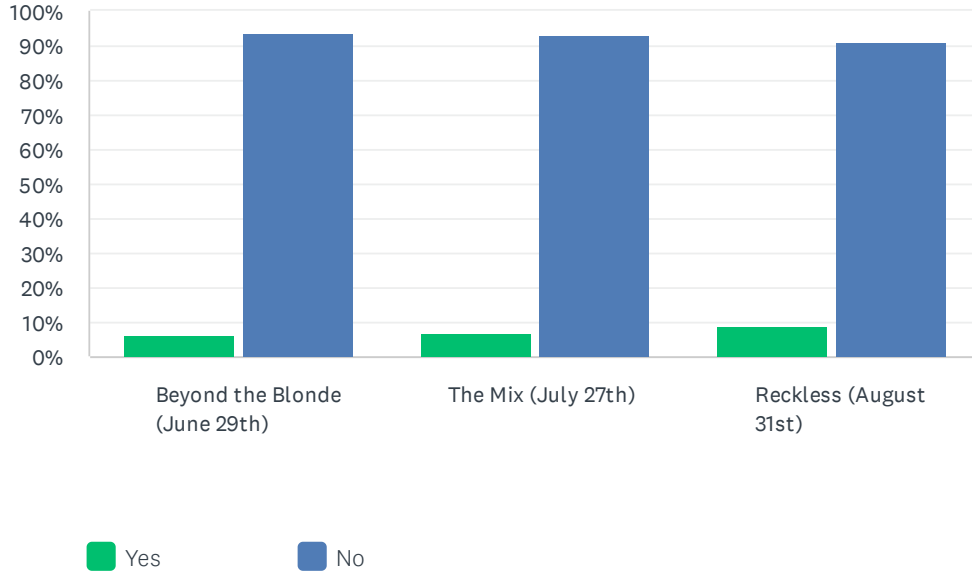
Please note, one of the questions restricted residents from fully completing, specifically question 11, where the City requested top 3 accomplishments and you could only select one. Some residents did type in their second and third choices.

In addition, questions 10 and 18 requested the resident to include the “Top 3”. Responses are listed side-by-side for the resident. Note some residents did skip these types of questions.

Overall, the total number of residents responding was 511. This is an increase of approximately 37.4% from 2022 (372 responses).

Q1 Darien hosted 3 summer concerts this year, Darien Rocks the Greens, at Carriage Greens Golf Course. Did you have an opportunity to attend?

Answered: 506 Skipped: 5



	YES	NO	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Beyond the Blonde (June 29th)	6.41% 32	93.59% 467	499	1.94
The Mix (July 27th)	6.64% 33	93.36% 464	497	1.93
Reckless (August 31st)	8.89% 44	91.11% 451	495	1.91

**Q1 Darien hosted 3 summer concerts this year, Darien Rocks the Greens, at Carriage Greens Golf Course. Did you have an opportunity to attend?**

**Comments:**

My husband and I like the concerts a lot and would have been at the other two, but we were out of town on both of those dates. Great idea and having food, beer and pop, excellent ideas. hoping next year we can make all of them if you have them again.

Why is everything at carriage greens rather than a public location like the park district

The concerts were great!

Hard doing anything during the week with work

Bring it back to the park and not your friends

How about rotating event sites. Too much favoritism to south Darien with events. Eg carriage greens and q bar

Would like to see more concerts

Not interested in concerts

I live in large apartment complex. Perhaps better promotion for these kinds of residences would encourage apartment dwellers to participate

Was not able to attend due to conflicts but I hope Darien will continue these types of events!

Not impressed. Hire bands that fit the demographics in attendance, like a tribute band .

Great idea we had other plans on those days

I am not interested in these. I hope none of my tax dollars were used for this.

Hospital

The Mix was great last year, just couldn't make it this time.

Just too hot for me, thanks

Eye surgery made it difficult to drive after dusk-/sometimes even in daylight!

Would have liked to but wasn't available

Such a wonderful time!

I didn't realize there were concerts. Too bad I missed them ☹️

Was only aware of last one

Very good location , we love these events and hope they continue.

maybe next year

Beyond the Blond was very weak!! Do not hire them again

Thank you for organizing, couldn't attend due prior commitments

Reckless was great!

We were at our summer residence & unavailable to attend

have attended past concerts and enjoyed them.

Not familiar with any of these artists

Great idea but weather and prior commitments missed them

It would be nice to have a type of display board telling the events planned in Darien as I know alot of residents are not connected to this site.

We will not support Carriage Green Golf Course

I wish I could have, but I travel a lot for work so I couldn't

I had the opportunity but never attended any of them.

I know they were all fun and wanted to engage but just didn't happen ☹️👎

Same night as my golf league so unable to attend. Looked like a great time.

not what I expected, it was awesome, great job

I wish my family have attended!

I wanted to but I was busy on one of those days and couldn't find someone available to go with me on the other two.

Not interested

Reckless was a great band! Bring them back next year!

Sorry we were unable to attend the other two.

Wanted to but family needs came first.

Where are we with re-couping the money we gave them? It certainly didn't go toward improving the golf course.

Low interest level in event

Would love more concert options in Darien community park

Fantastic love this hope it continues!!!

Would love to have but had conflicts each time

**Q1 Darien hosted 3 summer concerts this year, Darien Rocks the Greens, at Carriage Greens Golf Course. Did you have an opportunity to attend?**

**Comments:**

Loved it - super fun

great idea, i was out of town

classic 50's and 60's music only

Great concerts. Nice location.

We are too old to attend these.

Loved the concerts.

i wanted to go but the days got ahead of me!

Not a concert/festival goer.

I would have attended if it was not at Carriage Green. The place is a terrible place and a disgrace to be a Darien establishment that the Mayor caters to

Great events, nice to see friends and solve the problems of the world! The bands were VERY good. I personally like Reckless the best but more my era!

I'm not a fan of "live" music.

It didn't work with my schedule but I think it was great and should be expanded

Attended last year but out of town this year

No transportation

I do support these types of events; I just had prior engagements.

We have a young toddler, so we don't do many evening events. Sounds like a great idea though!

We got to attend one and it was a great time. The food trucks are amazing and it's exciting to see this event grow. It would be nice if it could actually be on the green or grass or in Community Park.

I was sorry I'm not able to attend them anymore.

Western suburbs (Darien,BurrRidge.NapervilleConsortium) needs an outdoor Concert/Stage for Performers, like North Ravinia or South TinleyPark.

Very much wanted to.

was out of town twice

Could not make it this year. Did last year

We're looking forward to going next year! Timing didn't work with kids' activities this year.

I heard about that it was great

not into concerts

Great event!

Not interested

The Mix and Reckless were excellent.

Just didn't work out for the family schedule.

Hopefully there are more next year.

Over all glad to see it finally come to Darien. Have been going to burr ridge, downers grove and Bolingbrook often.

We had other commitments otherwise we would've attended!

I THINK IT IS A GREAT IDEA, BUT WAS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND

Awesome time

Concerts are good community events.

please keep doing these

Had no interest

i work

Good idea, we were just otherwise engaged. We hope the City also promotes Carriage Greens, it is the only really nice venue in Darien.

I liked it when it was at Clarendon hills and Plainfield

Went last year and enjoyed

Well done and a good time

Starts too late for us very seniors

I'm disabled and am not able to enjoy this type of activity.

I was interested but timing didn't work.

Wanted to attend but had schedule conflicts

It's too far away from the rest of the city. It is very nice being able to walk up with families to the community park.

Not my type of music plus concern about mosquitoes



**Q1 Darien hosted 3 summer concerts this year, Darien Rocks the Greens, at Carriage Greens Golf Course. Did you have an opportunity to attend?**

**Comments:**

You need to hold them on a Friday night.

Why Carriage Greens? Darien has many parks that should have been used. Woodridge does this successfully.

Wish I did

Seems like a waste of tax payer money

I was either out of town or had no real interest.

Dates never worked in my calendar.

City should get out of entertainment. Push to chamber, lyons, jaycees etc.

Medically not able to attend.

Wish I could have made one of the dates work out, but was so busy this summer! Great to see more activities for the community!

I don't really care about city sponsored concerts.

Great idea. We were just out of town.

The bands aren't that great and I'd prefer it at the community park

Not interested

I wanted to go but just had conflicts in each date. These concerts are a great idea and I hope you continue them

Prefer location at Darien Community Park

Was not geared towards younger crowd

Other social commitments.

Really enjoyed the mix & reckless

Bands weren't appealing

Not interested

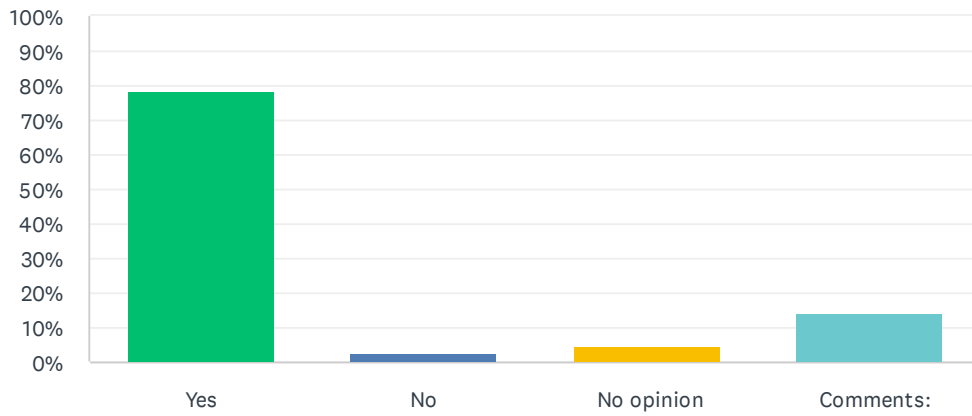
I think the concerts are a great idea, even tho I was not able to attend.

was out of town a lot

First one not so good. Reckless was great

## Q2 Are you satisfied with the overall quality of life in Darien?

Answered: 507 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	78.50%	398
No	2.56%	13
No opinion	4.54%	23
Comments:	14.40%	73
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>507</b>

**Q2 Are you satisfied with the overall quality of life in Darien?**

**Comments:**

Seems to be a decrease in family friendly events

Ish there were more of a variety of restaurants and events in Darien. Our subdivision is also in need of street lights.

Doesnt feel as vibrant as other growing nearby towns.

Worry about a trash can in front but have a town festival at your buddies parking lot hurting other businesses

I question the type of commercial properties that are being allowed to enter the community. We don't need more slot machine gambling establishments or big box low priced retail outlets (Marshall's , Ross , Walmart...) While beneficial from a tax perspective, all it does is invite an undesirable element into our neighborhood. Look at the police blotter and count how many criminal activities take place monthly at Walmart. Need better zoning of new establishments. Access, egress and parking have no consideration for community safety.

Would like to see Darien PD make a more frequent presence in the residential neighborhoods

I'm very disappointed that the new businesses are tobacco, vape and cannabis shops. How many of those do we need in a small town? There's plenty within 5 miles of Darien

Too much vice lately, bars, dispensaries, vape shops. Not a nice place to live.

I would like to see sidewalk grinding in place of removal and replacement. I feel that it would be more cost effective than replacement. It's done in other townships and roadways.

I believe Darien is a hidden gem.

I do not like the vape shops, smoke shops, and cannabis dispensary. They make Darien look trashy and I'd like to see a strategic plan and vision for our community.

We moved from Chicago to Darien 2 years ago, a move I wish we would have done 50 years ago.

Somewhat, tired of looking at trash bins.

I'm not satisfied with all the seedy looking businesses we're getting in the town. We're ready to move somewhere with small town feel again.

Darien is an okay place to live. However, if we had done some more research into what is actually offered in Darien as opposed to surrounding suburbs (like DG, Woodridge, Naperville, etc) we may not have moved here. Particularly, there is a divide among the residents. My family and I are "newer." We have been told several times when we bring up any ideas or changes about Darien, we have literally been told "You aren't one of the founders. My family built this town." Essentially saying, your voice is not as important as mine. It's very unfriendly, and it's happened more than once.

No, need to engage younger families. Houses being sold on my block are the geriatric moving out & younger people coming. Everything is for geriatric folks. My 3 year old has no interest.

The Darien Club community has signs up that are negative to the community. That is one of the prestigious subdivisions in the neighborhood. The patch wrote articles. I had people from other neighborhoods asking me about it. The city should have done something. I think the signs are still up.

Help do something about those embarrassing signs in Darien Club. I'm not part of the HOA but live but live on a street that is. Enough is enough the election is over.

That is such a vague question, how do I answer it. We don't have a central town I

Need more restaurants that are not fast fkkx

Brookhaven residential area needs major work. Sidewalks were placed on main perimeter, along with new pavement on some streets. What is the plan for the remaining streets in this area? Not having sidewalks or even paved roads is a huge safety concern for children walking, especially at night with no street lights. There also needs to be a metal barrier installed all along cass Ave blocking the street from the sidewalks, and people backyards.

Yes, but there are too many rules/ordinances

Safety and appropriate police support must remain a priority

I've lived here since 1968 off & on & really enjoy this neighborhood

To many cars turning left on manning road leaving Walmart, ilegal left. Traffic hazzard

I love living here.

The quality of life has gone down dramatically. No can make their minds about rules

I've been here for 55 yrs and have no intention of moving

Love living here!!

Good neighborhoos and public amenities

Can always improve

love darien! Want side walks by Poplar lane for my kids!

Taxes are too high. Extremely disappointed with hearing about the inequities at Hinsdale South HS. We pay enough taxes to them and are treated like CR\*P!!

Would love the SW corner of Plainfield and Cass cleaned up with a new sign etc. It would be great if the lawns crews could take the extra step in edging public lawns and pulling weeds

yes except very disappointed with allowing all these new smoke/vapor facilities being accepted.,Other cities don't allow why does Darien?doesn't give me a good feeling about our mayor and alderman

It truly is a great place to live. I have been here over 20 years.

Darien is in need of something fresh and new to reinvigorate the town. There needs to be better sit down food options and why are we allowing so many smoke and vape shops?

**Q2 Are you satisfied with the overall quality of life in Darien?**

**Comments:**

For the most part...I love the safe, clean, well kept roads and parks. The neighborhood is friendly and diverse. I would love to have a better location for the Darien Fest and summer festivities. Q bar lot just seems tight and not really appealing. We gotta bump up our game on the summer fests.

Darien has a Fine Mayor, Staff and Highly Respected Police. The Mayor, in his newsletters/editorials really makes the point that Darien is a community.

Too much through-traffic on Roger Road, the 300 block

Not for the past few years

Sure wish the parks were better

Our nice place to live, isn't anymore. That pot house has a horrible name. And it's right by an autistic school. What are you thinking??

It's a mostly retirement city with gas stations and grocery stores and nothing to do for families with kids, no dance studios, no art classes, no birthday celebration places, etc. Look how many classes for kids outsourced to Downers Grove or other places nearby. School districts barely passed referendums for necessary funds. And look at our council: old white retired folks. Explains a lot whose priorities they care about

I wish Darienfest would go back to Darien Community Park

A+

No. This town is a joke. Fast food and drug paraphernalia. No real plans to improve the strip mall developments and now we just wasted how much money on 75th street plants that we're doing just fine??

The Hinsdale south school rating is now below that of Summit Argo. Young families are moving out my block. Without families my kids have no one to play with and want to move now too.

Absolutely, love living in Darien!

Wish there was more of a focus on developments. Some higher end options.

Yes, but property taxes are going to force me out.

We don't need warehouse on Lemont rd or Marijuana store to get rid of a Chinese restaurant

Have chosen to move after living here for over years . Unwelcome apartment building force on our community by the Mayor. it's just ok

We have an ugly apartment complex being built by us.

Things are still making life in Darien sweet. However, I think due concern should be given for extreme changes. i.e. Each time I enter Darien I have that sign staring at me that says Darien, Drug Free

I was until the mandatory trash program started and also the building of all these loud smelly noisy warehouses right around my residential area

No, Darien has been removing sidewalk crossing areas around my home near DSRC. This has made it more difficult on me and is quite an inconvenience.

I am embarrassed that we are such a trashy town now with more bars and pot shots than any other business. I am sad. people at city hall when i visited with a problem are rude

No our parks need to be cleaned up better.

I like having 2 quality grocery stores so close: Jewel and Brookhaven, also having Starbucks. Would like to have a nearby Trader Joe's

I am worried about my increased taxes and the crime in the area.

I would like to see my neighborhood have more street lights to deter crime. I'd also like to see new restaurants and interesting shops come into Darien.

RE taxes are insane!

Park district fitness center should accept insurance fitness programs

Every city employee I have ever contacted was always courteous and helpful.

I feel Darien fest has gone down significantly. It used to be a fun family event where you could be with friends in the park while your kids rode the rides. This past year was trashy. It was like being in a cage in the qBar parking lot. What a missed opportunity for a higher quality family event. Also, I am extremely unhappy with the vape stores, smoke shops, and cannabis dispensary. I feel this poor level of economic development makes our town trashier. I am frustrated that we do not have a vision and long term strategic plan for Darien with high standards that enhance our town and property values and make Darien a highly desirable place to live.

Tired of trash bins in front of properties. We had to be responsible to keep bins either on side or in garbage, no excuse s. City needs to try and gear things towards younger families and do a better job

Overall - yes - but there are many issues that make it not a nice place to live... I miss the old darien fest - I will not attend in the parking lot selected. Too many reasons. And I hate the environmental ignorance - burning of yard waste, etc. Bi-monthly brush pickup and no clean-up when doing it -leaving half the sticks still in the yard or in the roadway - you used to rake to make sure everything was picked up. Service is declining and not keeping up with the quality of our immediate neighbors. Businesses are leaving... make darien an elite suburb! Not less elite! Match DG, CH, BR, Lemont!

I feel safe here.

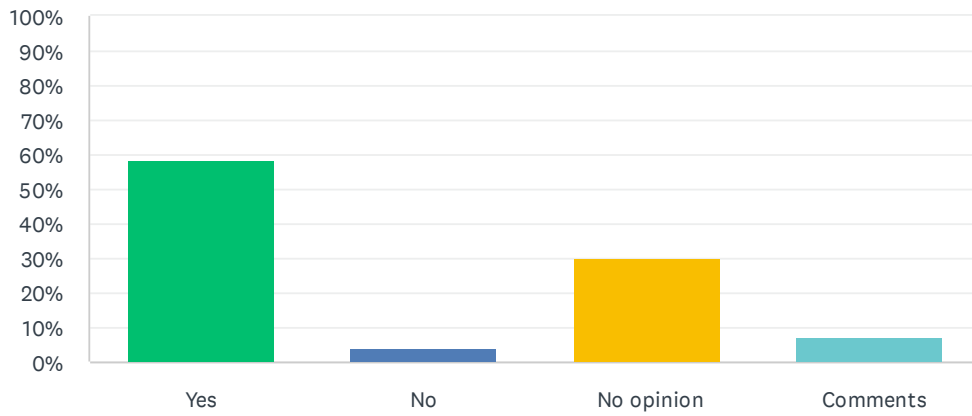
**Q2 Are you satisfied with the overall quality of life in Darien?**

**Comments:**

We do not need vape shops and marijuana shops

### Q3 Are you satisfied with the City's financial management?

Answered: 508 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	58.46%	297
No	4.13%	21
No opinion	30.12%	153
Comments	7.28%	37
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>508</b>

### Q3 Are you satisfied with the City's financial management?

#### Comments

Do NOTHING TO PROMOTE NEW BUSINESSES IN TOWN EXCEPT FOR THE STUPID FUCKING VAPE SHOP IN THE OLD BANK

I dont know much about our financial management?

Have not lived here long enough to have an opinion

Do not see a budget or where the actual expenditures are going.

lower Brian Vana pension

I'm not familiar with it to speak. I am a renter

I have bot lived here long enough to determine

I don't know.

We need to continue to bring in more local businesses and fill our commercial real estate

seems sound

the question is too broad.

No--Taxes for older people are going crazy.

They sometimes spend money on things that are not necessary. Sometimes they create more projects than necessary to to use up tax money. Why do tax payers at every level have to do with less when government keeps growing.

I am not informed enough to have an opinion. I haven't seen anything problematic.

While taxes haven't been raised in awhile, and that is admirable and commendable, money is being left on the table that can be used for economic development or key improvements. Darien has no budget to purchase and own outright key development areas they can control and sell to developers.

Need more proactivity in Business, e.g. fixing sewer issue and then filling that eyesore, vacant for decades Dentist office @ ~ 1215 Plainfield. Plainfield is Darien's center! How about inviting an Advocate Medical Center vs. long ride to DG Hospital.

Fix things with the park district and put Darien Fest back where it belongs. I know it's all about money

Not sure

You endlessly waste our tax dollars on replacing street curbs that are in good shape, resurfacing roads, filling cracks, then stripping all and repaving anew! Look at Glenn Ln, summer of 2022. Oh, wait, you cut that new surface to fill the non existing cracks in 2023? Who is pocketing money?

Not a yes or no... just ok

The stoplight on 67th and Clarendon Hills Rd was a waste of money

Great fiscal management.

It's gotten better in recent years.

regret not being more aware but it seems there are concerns from what i read

Probably better than most small cities

I was not able to look further into our budgets, taxing, etc.

Is our financial management based on pot and smoke shops? If so, no.

I am concerned — but ignorant of — the unfounded liabilities position and would applaud a yearly publication and presentation on the financial position of the city.

Doesn't know enough to answer correctly.

I know you do your best to spend wisely but being a senior theres always the property tax increase worry,can I keep up with it and inflation.

Property taxes too high

So far.

not sure

unfortunately not informed on this topic.

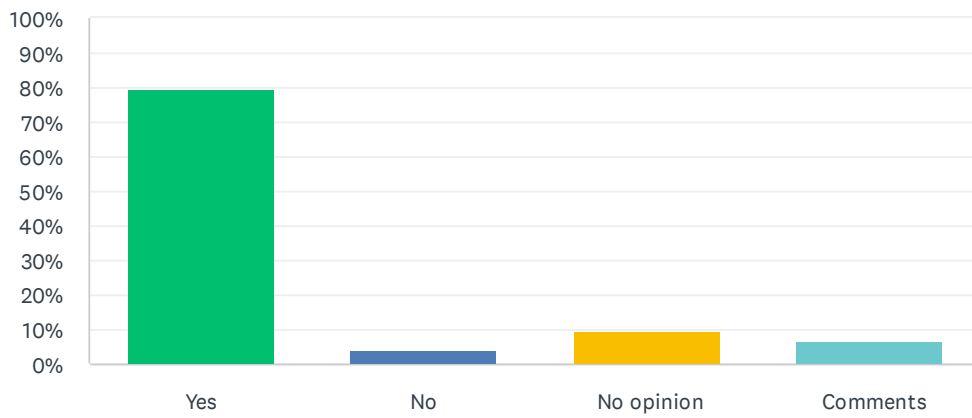
I don't know how well the finances are being managed.

So far!

I am satisfied but then again, I haven't looked closely.

## Q4 Are you satisfied with the information contained on the City's website?

Answered: 506 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	79.45%	402
No	4.15%	21
No opinion	9.49%	48
Comments	6.92%	35
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>506</b>



**Q4 Are you satisfied with the information contained on the City's website?**

**Comments**

Wish there was information on where 4th of July fireworks can be seen.

It needs to be better organized and is due for a refresh

Too difficult to maneuver, suggest update to be no more than 3 clicks away from finding relevant info

Mayors messages are sometimes a little long.

For the most part- sometimes there are broken links.

No, I don't want to read the mayor's personal opinions and when you need info as directed by the lovely city employee's I have to end up calling b/c what I am looking for is not listed.

For the most part yes

Somewhat

The updated website is better

I don't visit the website

I feel info is readily available

I sometimes find it hard to find items but it is good website.

It's average. Could be updated more with more details.

The site is very slow, and hard to find information.

Yes, but consolidating all events on the city website would be best...events sponsored by all organizations should appear on the cite.

Too much personal info from the Mayor

Great Job

It's ok. Could be better

Can be difficult finding information at times

It's a bit dated.

I greatly appreciate getting timely infirmation.

Very helpful keeping all of us up to date

MORE INFO ON LOCAL CRIME & HOME BREAK INS

Can do without Mayors message. Maybe sometimes have other people comment on things.

No, Concerning the removal of the sidewalk crossings, I had not seen anything published on the city website.

Sometimes I think it's difficult to find the information I'm looking for. Content could be better organized to display in a way that residents are searching for it.

Would like more voter info; I find it difficult to get relevant info at dupage county site

The site could be improved.

Can be difficult to navigate at times

The Mayor and staff have done an excellent job in communication

Less special events info please.

Very helpful!

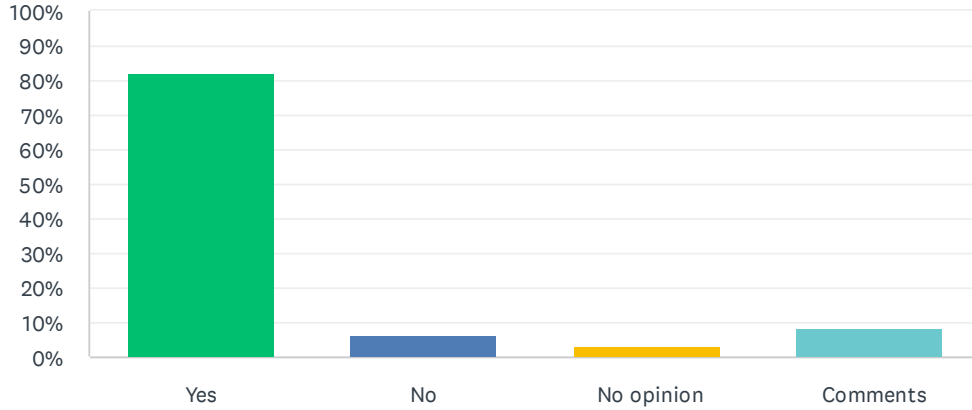
I feel the website could have a more updated look and feel and functionality

At times, it is difficult to find information about a specific topic.

Haven't looked

## Q5 Are you satisfied with the City's efforts to keep you informed about issues?

Answered: 508 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	82.28%	418
No	6.30%	32
No opinion	3.15%	16
Comments	8.27%	42
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>508</b>

**Q5 Are you satisfied with the City's efforts to keep you informed about issues?**

**Comments**

Think it could improve.

Too much happens you don't publicize

Mmm

Use of social media is too infrequent

Very good

Think the city could do more.

See above. Online newsletter contains good & timely info

Somewhat

It's gotten better since some of us spoke up about the lack of it during the whole pot house fiasco. STILL not happy about that.

The Mayor does a spectacular job of informing us of things.

I used to get NIXLE and that was great for emergencies. Now I'm expected to wade through Twitter? So I don't. Social media sucks time I'll never get back. And I have to wade through violence and death! Uplift me!

Maybe I haven't been following much on Social Media.

The Administrative office should be open on weekends.

Mostly positive

I wish I was more involved and could take the time to learn more about what goes on.

The sign replacement on Cass and Plainfield is taking way too long and looks terrible

Need a "Text-Connect" for alerts.

If I did not take an extreme effort in the cities council and city agendas, I don't think I would know anything what the city is doing. I think the minutes of each council meeting should be published in DD to show actions and transparency

I would like to see a crime report, if crime exists in Darien.

Police alerts are only on Twitter which is very limiting. Need on other platforms.

Should routinely post parking, watering laws, on Website etc.

Thanks to the Mayor

Seems to me you hid things. Just like our federal government

Doing well but could be better

Yes however it would be nice to get a text or phone call with regards to weather emergencies like tornado warnings, or crime such as car jacking, robbery in progress, etc. Other towns are doing this

a Nixle program to text residents of urgent matters

It seems that things of importance are communicated in a timely fashion.

I like the Mayor's weekly emails.

the news letter is great

The Mayor doesn't listen to the citizens.

other than the website and the thursday update, how else does Darien keep me informed?

No, see above.

Police notification does not exist

The available minutes are not timely or informative

Somewhat. I like the newsletter but the Mayor's column could be removed. I don't find it useful information. The city forgot to mention there was a day delay in trash pick up. I had to go to LRS to find out if pick-up was delayed.

I have a flip phone so I don't get tweets for police alerts maybe do tests for extra urgent alerts so I would get them

**Q5 Are you satisfied with the City's efforts to keep you informed about issues?**

**Comments**

See above comment.

Yes but would prefer less pontificating from the Mayor.

We should be getting weather alerts from Nixle

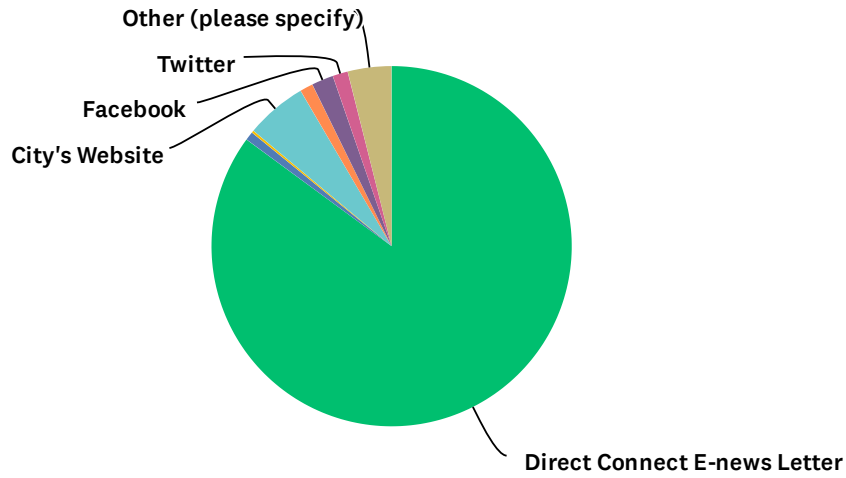
Yes when you want to share, no when you want to hide....

Yes. Please don't install an LED sign. There is no need.

Good use of Twitter by PD

## Q6 What is your main source used to obtain information about the City?

Answered: 510 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Direct Connect E-news Letter	85.10%	434
Cable Channel	0.78%	4
YouTube	0.20%	1
City's Website	5.49%	28
Darien Connections Quarterly (paper) Newsletter	1.18%	6
Facebook	1.96%	10
Twitter	1.37%	7
Other (please specify)	3.92%	20
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>510</b>

**Q6 What is your main source used to obtain information about the City?**

**Other (please specify)**

The Patch

Darien Patch

None of these. Would be helpful for City to hand our printed calendars to large building owners

Next Door app

Alderman Eric Gustafson

Email

The mayor's letter is too long each week

monthly Darien Action Committee meetings

Direct Connect, the city's website and my own initiative to be proactive and review committee and council agendas and minutes and financial reports

The Patch

eNewsletter, Website, Quarterly report all useful.

SPEAKING WITH EMPLOYEES OF DARIEN

Observations and talking to neighbors

Nextdoor.

I use Twitter to find out alerts from police. Why don't we use alerts to our phones anymore?

next door

Mary Sullivan

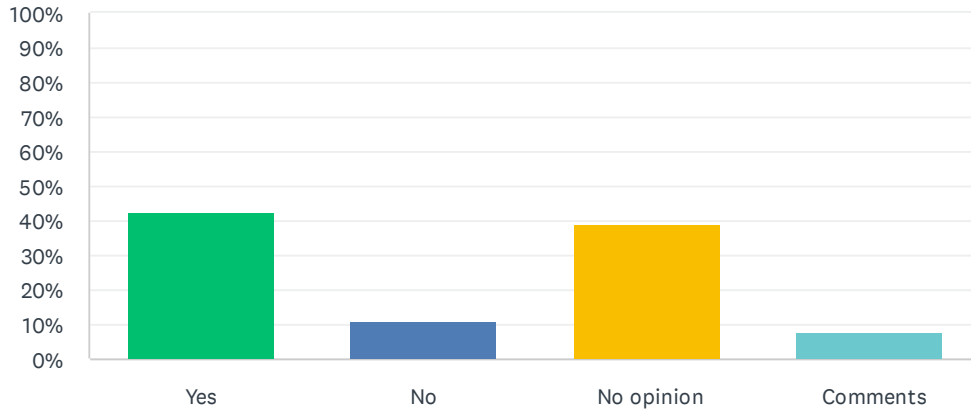
Also Newsletter

Facebook is not updated often enough

The Patch

## Q7 Do you feel the City is transparent with all of its business matters (hiring, budgeting, taxes, etc)?

Answered: 509 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	42.44%	216
No	11.00%	56
No opinion	38.90%	198
Comments	7.66%	39
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>509</b>

**Q7 Do you feel the City is transparent with all of its business matters (hiring, budgeting, taxes, etc)?**

**Comments**

I can't say one way or the other. I have lived here for 37 years and assume all is well.

Your buddies q bar (which is turning into a dump ) and disgusting carriage greens

What's going on with the park district?

Generally, yes.

Have not lived here long enough to have an opinion, the weekly news letter seems to be a great source for this information.

I used to, but this whole hiring with the business manager or whatever position was ridiculous. You post for jobs. You don't just hire your friends. It just adds to the feeling that if you're not an "insider" or "original" in Darien, you're not wanted.

Yes. It would be great if meeting minutes for council and other meetings were easier to find. Maybe a recap of those things G's that are if interest to us. For instance, what's the planning hearing about in regards to the cvs building. Not easy to find this info.

I have no real info

sometimes

Not sure. Opposed to marijuana store.

not always

I don't take the time to follow. I want to change that and even get involved locally.

Carriage Greens money. Status please.

The city makes no effort to use Darien businesses for their services and instead go outside of Daren

Don't have enough information to have an opinion.

Only caters to big businesses doesn't care about the little guys

I think the hiring portion could be clearer. Again, I do watch the council meetings on Channel 6 and again review the agendas and minutes

(There is no apostrophe for any possessive pronouns: his, hers, theirs, its)

At some point you have to trust the elected leaders.

Need better web presentation of Board decisions, e.g. what the Cass&Plainfield animated sign will do/not do, vs. distraction&accidents. Diagonal intersections tricky enough.

See comments under #9 below for example

Don't know. We only read what you tell us.

I guess I don't get enough info.

yes somewhat. could do more

Approval of the apartment complex that didn't get necessary zoning approval and misled the community into believing they would be condos...worse for overall community, property values

The business liaison hire seemed not very transparent. That one alderman wanted an mba candidate I believe in that position. Some talent in that roll.

As far as I know.

i just don't know

Mostly transparent.

city's connection to Q-Bar

Not sure

Not much aware of this matter to answer fairly.

No. The business liaison was hired without an interview process. Now the position is open but no idea if anyone was hired.

Not transparent with family hiring

as far as I know



**Q7 Do you feel the City is transparent with all of its business matters (hiring, budgeting, taxes, etc)?**

**Comments**

I sometimes it feels that the city makes financial commitments without getting enough competitive bids. The brick work in front of city hall is a good example of that.

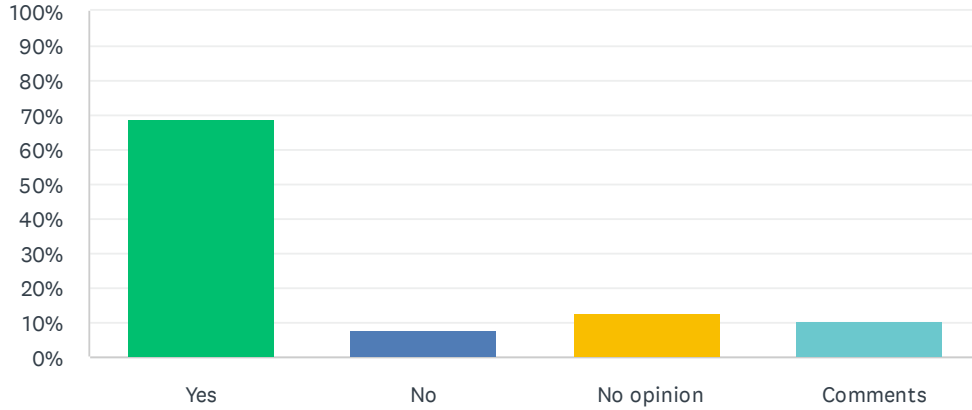
Weaver & Vana had some questionable hires

No idea how to get this information

Once again, I am satisfied but I have not been studying this closely.

## Q8 Do you consider the city services a good value for the taxes and fees you pay?

Answered: 508 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	68.70%	349
No	7.87%	40
No opinion	12.80%	65
Comments	10.63%	54
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>508</b>

**Q8 Do you consider the city services a good value for the taxes and fees you pay?**

Comments

Unsure of services provided

Definitely a decrease in police visibility

Spend money on a frozen water fountain and a stupid XXXX clock while looking at the backside of a buissnes in a major intersection of Darien!! So disgusting

Would like to see a program for Darien to replace parkway trees with no cost to resident.

Could be better

No. Most taxes go to the schools.

Have not lived here long enough to have an opinion

We are starting to lean towards no with all of the issues with the schools in the district, most specifically Hinsdale South.

Somewhat

Snow plowing for seniors would be a big help

Taxing me out of my home for a rotten School district

Taxes increase for the schools but there seems to be a lot of issues with D 86. Need more transparency there

High taxes

Taxes are to high

average

KEEP LRS Waste! I didn't think Darien Club Drive needed to be repaved. There are many other city streets needing repair/repavement that don't have nice big mansions like Darien Club Drive!!

Not happy with the removal of the garbage stickers as I read a person complaind about residents only putting recycling and he had to buy stickers for his family garbage but we raised our children & bought stickers as we needed.

The city services are the best

Honestly, I don't pay attention so I guess it's okay.

Apt renter

darien yes, schools ????????????

I have no problem with taxes. But the schools have hiked up our property taxes too much.

No--After 10 weeks of waiting we still have no street lite.

For the most part

see above comments

Not sure what services I'm getting for the insanely high taxes I pay.

Yes and let's continue to support our park district to ramp up programs.

The amount of school building and staffing should be more attuned to Maturing Community and off-campus education. The Indian Prairie Library is an expensive bloated, GOLIATH. We need to repurpose a large part of it, either commercial or perhaps Federal Offices. One word on massive libary ONLINE! Q.E.D.

Plenty of room for improvement

As a senior, I'm ready to leave. Taxes have gone way up. Not many police cars on the street.

Do not like the current trash contract, the old one with putting stickers as needed was much better. LRS is very expensive.

Taxes are high

The change in garbage service costs me more money as I don't have a full can every week.

Municipal services (streets) lacking at times. Good police and fire response.

The water bill for Seniors could be cheaper. I moved here from another suburb and they have a senior dust for water, and garbage.

**Q8 Do you consider the city services a good value for the taxes and fees you pay?**

Comments

With the exception of the park district that comes up with rules about not going in the park if there is snow

More unique events. Burr ridge has taste of burr ridge and downers has art fair, ice sculpture event.

Yes except for LRS.

From the perspective of schools yes

Taxes are too high all over Illinois

i just don't know

Upward tendency bothers me. Keep a tighter rein if you are able.

The city is very well maintained.

excellent services, police, landscaping, library

I would pay more taxes if it meant a less trashy business environment with smoke and pot shops literally on every corner proudly displaying their items. I would never move here a second time, especially as a young family like we did 30 years ago.

Yes. The taxes relative to the quality of services is excellent!

I am unhappy w municipal service head

Our taxes are too high. We are next to Downer Grove and Woodridge that have many more services. If anyone was moving to this area and compared what residents in those towns offered vs. Darien, they would not buy a house here.

Park district trees need to be cut in the rear of my lot.

I like the garage and yard waster arrangement but the taxes are hurting us

LRS is doing a good job.

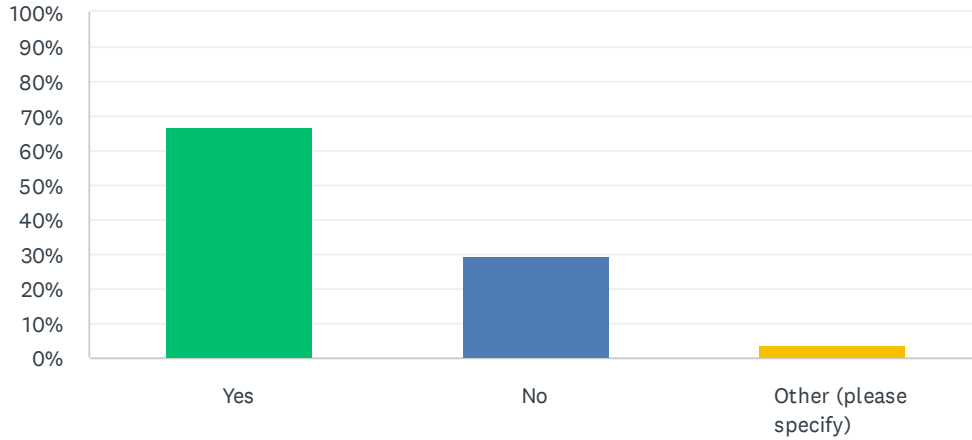
Taxes are too high

I worry because Illinois is "tax it's citizens" happy.

What service is received

### Q9 Your property tax goes to various taxing districts. Are you aware that approximately 3 1/2 percent of your tax bill goes to the city to provide services?

Answered: 506 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	67.00%	339
No	29.25%	148
Other (please specify)	3.75%	19
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>506</b>

**Q9 Your property tax goes to various taxing districts. Are you aware that approximately 3 1/2 percent of your tax bill goes to the city to provide services?**

**Other (please specify)**

And wasted!! Mismanaged!!

No, I wasn't aware of the percentage of tax. I believe that it is well spent with the services we receive.

Yes. Should be higher

I am a renter who cannot use the park district as I'm unincorporated.

I am not aware of where all the tax money goes. I will say I was shocked at the increase in property taxes this year.

I rent (long-term - please don't evict me!)

Now I am.

I thought it went to the schools

Yes, but this can and should be increased so we can do more and better evolve and attract better businesses.

Yes...being a newish Darien resident I wonder why we need 2 different school districts when we can consolidate to one. I am unsure why there are 2 elementary school districts.

The City could be more transparent. Yes, only 3 1/2 percent but the other agencies do benefit from sales tax revenue.

I am now.

Didn't know how this's handled.

I am now

I am now

Schools get too much when young population has declined.

Especially the school district and I don't have any kids going to school.

What are services provided

Not specifically, but I knew it received some revenue

## Q10 What do you consider the top 3 priorities Darien should focus on over the next 5 years?

Answered: 406 Skipped: 105

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1.	99.75%	405
2.	87.19%	354
3.	69.95%	284

#10 What do you consider the top 3 priorities Darien should focus on over the next 5 years?		
1	2	3
stop having marijuana dispensaries in our town	better restaurants	minor but if Honeybee Farms becomes more popular do more to curtail traffic in that area as it is very congested one day something bad will happen with little kids running around and more and more people are learning about the place and come down the narrow road not expecting the small amount of parking that is available and most of it is unsafe along Kearney. she should make a parking lot in her front yard or wherever and grow less vegetables.
Bringing more family friendly businesses not vape shops	Equal access to learning between Hinsdale south and Hinsdale central	More community engagement with school, library. Park district, and non profit boards
Stopping Illegal sump connections to sewer system	Continued road surface upgrades	
Keeping up streets and roads	Attracting new business	Consider climate change impacts on residents and city operations
filling up empty retail spaces	securing family style restaurants that are open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner	text message system for police instead of X
Growing their business community	Upgrade Chestnut Court Shopping Center	Maintain public services and keep taxes low
Street lights	Events	Beautification projects
Better notifications on city issues and events		
Bringing in business for tax revenue	Hinsdale South needs to become more desirable as a HS. We love the staff but academically the are sliding.	Continuing to keep streets sidewalks and landscape maintained.
Getting a qualified MAJOR	Promoting new businesses	Give the festivals and movies where they belong!! If you can't make amends with the park district your a WIMP
Crime	Supporting business growth	Community involvement
Creating a town center	Police/community relationships	
Business beside car repair		
Improving park fields & make the Park district less adversarial	Working to increase the number of residents and business	Improve the malls in Darien
Road and sewer replacement	Support police	Pay more attention to north Darien, too much attention paid to south darien
More trees on residential parkways		
Filling vacant commercial properties	Attracting small viable businesses that appeal to our inhabits, not outsiders	Improving traffic patterns and parking at high congestion locations
More family friendly	Wild animal (coyote, skunk, etc) control	Traffic congestion
Redevelopment of certain properties (ie-old CVS)	Bringing in new business to half vacant properties (75th and Lemont Rd shopping center)	Safety
Keeping property taxes affordable	Larger police presence in neighborhoods	
Darien working with the park district	Moving events to the community park	Dangerous corner at 79th and Cass
Working for better equality in education levels between Hinsdale South & Central	Attracting new businesses	Go back to the old style of Darien Fest
sidewalks on most major streets	good snow removal which is usually good	safety - crime
safe neighbors		
Attracting quality businesses (not liquor or tobacco)	Neighborhood watches to keep residents safe	
Safety	Events for families	Up keep of streets and trees



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Community Events	Maintaining Community Safety	Attracting Businesses
Code enforcement of homes in violation	Safety	
A nice place to live	Police patrolling speeders	Get rid of the smoke shops
Police presence	Awareness of how neighborhood houses are kept in shape	How taxes are divided
Communication with the large number of apartment dwellers		
Quality local businesses	At the intersection of Manning and Plainfield, going southbound, the right lane should be a turning only lane	
Slow traffic on frontage near OLMC	Bring in new business	Pickle ball court
I'm sure that it must seem trivial, but having street sweepers in the fall would help flooding as the leaves clog the street drains.		
Crime	Bringing in businesses	
Rate of new traffic coming to Lemont road because of the new warehouse between 83rd and 75th.		
Quality of Schools	Improving infrastructure	attracting new quality businesses into the area - development
Safety	Community involvement	Financial security
Crime in the area.	Residents not maintaining property.	
Police and Fire Services	Eliminate gambling and cannabis businesses	Generate more commercial business opportunities for job growth within Darien
A vision and strategic plan for making Darien an upscale, family driven place to live	Safety	Better economic development - like nicer restaurants
Park District has to be integrated into city. OUT of control on spending		
Street maintenance	Property Improvements	Continue good crime awareness & prevention
Safety/ Police presence	Streets/ resurfacing	Overall aesthetics
Emphasize single family housing over multi-family housing	Aggressive prosecution of crime	Family-orientated retail development rather than any business just to fill a building
Roads	Safety	Seniors
business	infrastructure	crime
We have an ordinance to keep garbage cans hidden. Do your job and start fining people who store their cans in the driveway. Give them one warning and fine them next time.		
taxes	water bills	parks
Lowering property taxes	Better trash pick up at the parks	Keep people informed of expenses
Safety	Commercial development	A balanced budget
better parks	friendlier police	getting businesses into empty stores
Crime	Crime	Crime
Crime and safety	School funding	Continuing to bring businesses/commerce to Darien

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Crime	Trash bins not kept in garage as required in past. Looks like an alley now. Also residents putting trash out at all days of week, not on trash day pickup.	
Hinsbrook park improvement		
Sustainability	Darien Youth Club or other activities for kids	Elder services
Lower Brian Vanna pension	Bring back the D.A.R.E. officer	
Maintaining infrastructure to the current standards	Proactive policing	
safety	easy to vote	fair policing
Stop developing every square inch of available land.	Stop spending so much money on school maintenance. Force schools to be more economical	Stop light at South Frontage Rd and Cass.
CRIME	CRIME	CRIME
Safety	Business expansion (higher quality restaurants and stores)	Equity for Hinsdale South
Lowering taxes	Going back to refuse sticker	Clean up east side of Clarendon hills road, residents live like lowlifes
Citizen safety	Support for public education	
Getting a known business chain into the corner of 75th and Lemont.	Get Qbar to clean up the mess and garbage their patrons leave in the parking lot. Fine them for all the broken glass.	DARIENFEST needs to be back at the PARK!!! None of our family and friends go to the parking lot. Absolutely disgusted!
Not a giant light up sign	No more vape shops- get rid of the ones we have	No more gaming machines
safety	informing citizens of all ongoings	keeping Darien "a nice place to live"
Recruiting more relevant businesses where families can enjoy together	Stop being siloed. The government entities (particularly the city and the park district) do not coordinate	Update the Darien master plan
Improve parks add splash pad: attract younger city officials	Attract business (food & retailers) that aren't smoke shops.	Improve park district activities: if ideas are needed check out Westmont. They have great ideas!
Crime	Crime	Crime
Safety in Darien - way too many smoke shops, pot shops in such a small area	Some good local restaurants. There are no nice places to have a good meal and relax. Harma, Chuck's, Al's Chile are good. Anything else, I have to leave town.	Park District - compared to other towns, we offer very little in ways of day trips, and other activities for those of us over 50 but not a senior yet. We need an indoor walking track. Shouldn't have to go to Lemont and pay to use their track when we pay taxes here.
Helping Darien Pool		
Maintaining streets and roads. Live on a newly resurfaced street. Looks amazing.	Keeping Darien a safe place to live. Thank you DPD	Bring more big businesses to Darien.
Safety		
safety	promoting local business	supporting schools
Safety	Building a vibrant downtown	
Lowering property tax	Reduce crime	
Reckless/speeding drivers	Bring in more small businesses	Community events
Stop building warehouses/too much traffic	Reduce new construction/too crowded	No more storage units built
Help small businesses thrive.	Keep advertising city activities.	
City services	Lowering taxes	
Community building	Safety	Business
Crime	Taxes	Crime

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safety	schools	parks
Brush pickup should be more often tree branches	Fix sidewalks that aren't level	Lower taxes
Public works	Police	House values
Community gatherings	Creating a "downtown"	
Continue fiscal management of services over all.	Provide community events that build community spirit for all.	Maintain positive appearance of Darien welcome signs and medians on 75 th street.
Keep taxes low	More street crossing safety signs	
Taxes	Raising concrete public pathway faster	Kids safety and new parks
We need businesses and restaurants	Smoke shops are a bad decision	Parks need to be kept up
Security		
Clean water	Help private school financially	Help small businesses grow
Work on repairing local city streets	Keep our city taxes as low as possible	city trees should be checked and replaced
LOw Crime	Low Taxes	Better mgt of resouce
safety	keeping down taxes	beautification projects
Safety and crime prevention	Keep streets clean and safe	Infrastructure updating
getting Darien park district support for Darien activities	maximizing retail space within the city	
Downtown Darien	Parks	More Restaurants
Safety measures	Obtaining stores that will have long tenure	
Keeping city taxes low	Attracting businesses	Continue to improve city service
Keeping the city financially strong		
streets	water drainage	safety
snow removal from cul de sacs and not putting it in the owners driveway to then remove	city making sure that residents put garbage cans on side of house and not in front for all to see.	bringing more business into the city such as restaurants and stores
Bringing new business to fill open retail space	Reduce or at least maintain crime level	Infrastructure
better restauarants/variety	more business for taxes and fill empty storefronts	no more smoke/marijuana stores
Safety & security	Schools	Support area businesses
Crime	Crime	Crime
Parks	Safety	Commerce
Community regulation enforcement should be improved. There is no reason for the resident to call the city to report a violent of the city code. The community enforcement officer should drive the neighborhoods and identify those problems. For example in Farmingdale South there are a dozen homeowners that continue to leave their garbage carts visible. A city code enacted in recent years prohibits containers to be visible from the street. If the code is on the books enforce it otherwise repeal the code.		
Help keep Darien's commercial businesses viable, or assist in obtaining new businesses	Maintain Darien's infrastructure	
Police Enforcement-Including infractions like front license plates	Finding a different cable provider for the city	
safety	street repair	
75th & Cass ave red light runners		
Darien Sports Plex is a joke	the board of the Park district need to be replaced	Upscale restaurant in Darien,

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Upgrading Darien's image outside of Darien - make it a place where people want to move to	Improve Hinsdale South's Great Schools score - 6 is not acceptable for the amount of taxes we pay the district	Create a downtown for Darien
Schools	Taxes	Cleanliness
Corner of Lemont and 75th development	Adequate police	streets and sidewalks
Safety	Attraction of better businesses	
Safety- crime	City Finances	Upkeep on the City's roads and infrastructure
Safety	Education	Maintenance of city streets
Street maintenance	Park maintenance	Police
Adding additional businesses	Somehow work with the park district and have Darien fest back at community park	The park district and chamber should work together to serve the need to work together better
Library useage for all Darien residents	More street lights on residential streets	
Focus on development and its impact along Lemont Rd. south of 75th street. It appears there will be warehouse/distribution facilities developed on the west side of Lemont. This will increase truck traffic and congestion. Will need to work with the County and Woodridge to minimize traffic problems.	Help existing strip malls find appropriate tenants to fill vacancies. May be difficult as there is a decline in actual brick and mortar stores.	Continue to ensure there is police outreach and support for the community.
More variety of businesses	Neighbor gatherings	Supporting schools
excellent police and fire department protection	police should be more visable on heavy traffic streets	police should be at schools were children are walking home
Traffic speeding.	illegal left turning on a red arrow, almost got hit crossing the street.	Illeagal left turns out of Home depot & Walmart parking lot onto manning roa
Remove park district as its own entity	Maintain police department	
continue to work with citizens to reduce crime	do your best to improve the stores and restaurants we have	although very difficult, improve the park district relationship
No more tire workshops	No more vaping centers	Get a fresh farm market close by
Attract more retail businesses	Add more Street lights in Hinsbrook. It's too dark!	
Continue to provide the services already in place.	Always look for ways to improve services.	Continue to support our police and fire personal
Parks/gardens	Community events	Preserving Darien culture
more every day activities for 12 to 18 year olds	keep canabis and vap shops out of Darien	more Mom and Pop stores for products
Maintaining the confidence and safety of residents.	Support local businesses and commercial enterprises.	Continue to provide excellent city services.
Keeping green space	waterfall glen (could plan an ultramarathon there). 3 loops is about 30 miles or 50k	advertisement of Argonne (science).
Infrastructure	Schools	Business development
Bringing in new business. Maybe another restaurant like Chuck's. I heard Capri wanted that corner where "The Eyesore" resides now (awful!).	Safety of residents and businesses. I saw a Jewel employee follow a lady out of the store and take back the things she stole. No police involved. I've heard that people steal from Walmart regularly. I want that to stop.	Crime prevention. I Guess i covered that in my Safety topic.
Safety	Education	Lifestyle
No more smoke shops	Better business	
Crime prevention and police staffing	Controlling speeding on Clarendon Hills Road.	Infrastructure improvement and maintainance.
Community safety	Development of new businesses - not smoke shops	
New Restaurants	Ways to teach people how to find out everything going on in Darien.	Communication

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safety	traffic/roads	continued communication
Help keep property taxes low.		
Keep finances under control	Prevent crimes	Keep city beautiful
Maintaining financial stability	Maintaining an efficient Police Department	Develop outdoor and indoor walking trails open day long
Streets and sidewalks - but you already do that.	Continuing to make this community look so "clean and maintained" as you drive around it. Trash is not an issue here.	Keeping us safe.
Focus on crime. Particularly speeding down residential streets.	Maintain infrastructure	Continue to upgrade our parks
Increase Revenue	Continue managing expenses and reduce where you can	Darien's overall security
Safety	Zoning	Encourage businesses
IDOT maintaining roads and wayside in Darien to defined state standards	Zoning standards tats adheres to expectation of ciitzens	City focus on better vommunications of issues to citizens during review stage rather first sharing when a resolution and direction has been decided uon
Creating a downtown area near Cass and Plainfield	Getting quality privately owned restaurants and getting rid of the corporate owned ones like TGIFridays	A municipal swimming pool would be nice
Economic development	Infrastructure	City beautification
Gang/crime control	Emergency warning system	Upscaled dining
Crime	Schools	Commercial development
Beautification	Remodel Brookhaven	Remodel tizzy's mall
Attract more businesses that are unique and diverse in business type	Continue to support our police men and women	Have town events at other places than just the q-bar parking lot. Always issues at q-bar, we have plenty of other spots to have events
Safety	Park Development	State of the art Schools
Getting more of a variety of business here too much of the same	Safety	
Keep up the good work.		
Improving public amenities - Pickleball courts	Driving better businesses - food, entertainment	Keep taxes low
Plant more trees on parkways! Some blocks look like deserts. ficture	More Street Lights - especially near busy intersections	More benches and garbage cans in every park
encourage/force commercial property owners to keep their properties occupied and well maintained	relocating Lace school and redeveloping their current property	modernizing police and other city services
Adding sidewalks to neighborhoods without them	Infrastructure updates	Business development
Houses with trash and disabled cars	Keep our American Flag flying high	
safety, with approachable police dept	attracting business	community programs
Taxes	Snow Plowing	Information on city projects
Schools	Attracting businesses for tax revenue - no more banks!	New restaurants for sit down dining
crime prevention	constitutional limitations	private property rights and tax reduction
Beautifying and maintaining subdivision (Farmingdale) signs		
Long term debt	Safety and crime	Quality of services
traffic / traffic flow	shopping areas: 75th Lemont, Brookhaven	police staffing, training, presence in the community

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Being careful with zoning/ordinance changes near residential areas and schools.	Safety within the community	Chestnut Court changes to bring better retail to the city
Safety - fighting crime	More police patrols	Improving downtown Darien
Not increasing taxes for schools	Hire more policemen	No more banks. Darien has enough
KEEPING OUR SCHOOLS GREAT	LAND MAINTENANCE	FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY
Low taxes	Clean up Darien plaza	
get some revenue building businesses here	better restaurants	
Keep migrants out of Darien.	Keep taxes to a minimum.	Keep city safe.
Bringing in quality businesses	Bringing in quality restaurants	Text-Connect Alert System
street lights/side walks throughout "historic darien"	darien fest back at the community park!	
Cost of living/being able to afford to live here	Crime and safety	Equity in the high school
Reduce the real estate taxes	Reduce the real estate taxes	Reduce the real estate taxes
taxes	continuing safety	
small business establishments	keeping taxes stable	
Keeping taxes reasonable and still provide value to the community	Try and get more businesses that can help with our tax base and also businesses that provide value to the residents.	
Crime more patrols,take traffic off 69th dt @ school dismissal times put the mom. Cars on Hinsbrook- Seminole wider street, able to get an ambulance gire truck thru there.i can't get out of my driveway 600-700 blk 69 th these parents are ridiculous.	Safety of taxpayers voters residents	Consider a tax increase it's needed for city infrastructure before it deteriorates & costs even more.
infrastructure	education	crime
retired people need a break on taxes.	school boards are going crazy with spending.	speeding cars need to be slowed down some how.
Crime	Revenue growth through new businesses in Darien	Leaf pickup in the fall
Crime	Roads	Reduce expenses
Creating new businesses	Fixing roads and other infrastructure	Crime prevention
Infrastructure	Beautification	Traffic safety and enforcement of speeding, traffic light violations
Attract a Trader Joe's to the area	Plant more trees	Keep large light up signs out of Darien. Maintain the integrity of 'a nice place to live'. Darien is a homey, bedroom community and should be sold as such.
Keeping out taxes low	Getting more business to come to Darien	Keeping crime low
New local businesses	Creating a central downtown location	Improve roads
Pedestrian safety	Infrastructure maintenance	
Safety with new laws on cash bail	Keeping the family friendly community environment	Continue beautification projects where needed
Businesses	Activities	
Residential street lighting at busier intersections		
safety at Darien Community park and other parks in area	reducing crime/more police monitoring on busy streets	sidewalk repair
Affordable housing		
Safety	Attracting businesses that are NOT marijuana or vape shops	low taxes
Developing a pedestrian centered gathering place near the city center.	Attracting families, not just seniors.	Moving into the 21st century with what it considers "beautification."

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Safety		
Better use of school funds	Better restaurants	Better stores (Trader Joe's)
Buy a street sweeper		
get rid of these smoke/vapor stores. Not good for anybody		
More storm drains on 69th street near Cass	Redirecting the bus traffic off of 69th street have the buses go down 67th st	
A new mayor	New business in town	
Less nail salons, car parts and a decent restaurant.	Recruit better businesses to mall areas	Bringing in businesses to help reduce taxes
Attracting better quality business -not fast food or smoke/vape shops.	Better community events-I don't even remember Darienfest happening	Lower the property taxes
Keeping order in the town and supporting law enforcement.	Keeping illegals out of town.	Encourage businesses to come to Darien.
inforce property beauty	traffic enforcement	tree triming
Please don't open a cannabis dispensary in our community.	Supporting small businesses and providing opportunities for them to be successful.	
Economic development	Adding entertainment and dining options	Becoming more family friendly with amenities that attract families
attract new sit-down restaurants	consider/new housing behind businesses at Cass/Plainfield	attract new small and large businesses
Crime	Crime	Crime
Beautification	Family centered planning...walkways, parks, stoplights, businesses etc	Safety of community
More events focused towards kids	Working to fill empty store fronts	
		Working with Naperville, BurrRidge, and State to FINALLY put a Western Suburb State University on the HighTech Corridor, I355. We know that this was planned back in the late 1980's when the I355 extension was being completed. Why should our children have to brave the Chicago commute and "record" or travel 100+ miles for a State University, or live out of state? This would keep a LOT of business in DuPage County and a lot of talented employees as well, not to mention, between students and staff, taking a burden off Eastbound I55.
Safety. More Police. More noticeable cameras.	Bringing new business to Darien.	
Improved city services		
safety of the community		
Expand park district services	Improve roadways	Install a sound barrier along I-55 Frontage Rd.
police protection	snow removal	brush pickup
hiring and retaining quality police officers	continue providing quality municipal services	keeping crime low by having good police presence throughout city
	Ban gaming/gambling	

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Possibly senior housing	We don't need the vape and cigarette shops. shops	More street lights in the neighborhoods
Attracting businesses other than smoke vape shops		
Improve the quality of city-initiated lawn repairs	Reduce noise pollution	Enforce speed restrictions
Stop foolishly wasting money	No more desperation decisions! Bonehead decisions and approvals	Safety
Fixing flood zones	Bring in new businesses	Repairing broken street lights
safety	beautification of main streets	
Snow removal efforts	Bike lanes	July 4 fireworks
Get better businesses to come here and stop with the gambling and drive thru smoke shops. Such nonsense	Ninja bikes on the golf course?? Really??	What happened to the clock tower water fountain. Needed repair so soon??
Maintaining and improving infrastructure	Climate friendly and climate forward practices	Continue safety and business support
Better trash collection where we pay as needed not fixed monthly cost		
Getting businesses into Darien	Don't be so critical of businesses trying to business in Darien. You try to please everyone and take to long to vet businesses.	Quit trying to please the few at the expense of the many.
Bring in business	Add new restaurants	
City center	Less vape shops	More sit down restaurants
Develop a true downtown area like Elmurst and Downers		
Farmingdale Ridge Easement Water drainage	We need Trader Joe's Store	Italian Grocery Store like Caputo's
The constitution	crime	Keep us informed
Fill empty retail space	Keep crime low	Maintain good schools
public safety	business/commercial development	infrastructure maintenance
It's a nice place to live let's keep it that way		
Crime prevention	Keeping city real estate taxes low	Keep Cass , 75th, Plainfield Rd attractive
Reduce waste in spending our tax dollars	Increase oversight, project bidding, and proper planning. Disclose conflict of interest for aldermen, mayor and city administration.	Make a professional plan for future development
Funding the police and resources to keep our community safe	Darien Fest back at the community park	City drainage and sewer cleaning due to increased precipitation per event
crime prevention	zoning that reflects crime prevention	business development to lower taxes
Filling empty store fronts-NOT more banks and vape shops!	Funding better location for festivals-NOT Q Bar	Getting younger people involved in government politics
Following the city codes. It seems like they pick and choose what they are following.	Try and keep more business here.	
Business development/growth	Safe community	Infrastructure
Supporting Darien school districts financially	Improving and updating playgrounds	More walking trails and bike trails, making safer crossings for kids in district 66 to cross Plainfield/Lemont
Work with surrounding communities to fill empty strip malls - NW corner 75th and Lemont		
Darienfest back to Darien Community Park	Darienfest back to Darien Community Park	Darienfest back to Darien Community Park



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Police protection	Keeping gangs out of Darien	Affordable water
Attracting more businesses	Continued law enforcement	Continued fiscal management
Safety	Good businesses	Keep property values up
Working with the state to get more local control back, specifically with regards to 5G small cell deployment.		
attracting/maintaining businesses	responsible budgeting	infrastructure maintenance
Streets on Carlisle, great neighborhood poor streets		
Coach lights on parkways	Code enforcement officer being more proactive	Fireworks in the neighborhood! People across the street shoot off fireworks in the middle of the street starting at 6:15 until 11:00. Police don't care and don't enforce the law even after being called
Leadership under the age of 50.	Master plan with updates zoning, no more vape shops	Professional economic development, not a rubber stamp volunteer committee.
Updating run down shopping centers.	A restaurant that takes reservations. And not TGIF garbage.	Make police scene in neighborhoods.
Keep a balanced budget	Crime prevention	Get rid of the traffic light at 67th and Clarendon Hills Rd.
More social activities	More young residents. Schools on a downslide	Just be cooler
Continued safety	Continued roads and infrastructure	Continued growth of police & fire departments
Making sure the Darien Police Dept. continues to have all the resources the need to continue the great job that they do.	Continue with infrastructure projects.	Look into lowering speed limit from 40 to 35 on Plainfield between Cass & Lemont Rd. due to excessive speeding. Very dangerous especially for children.
Attention to governance of city issues	Control of new business applications in the city	Safety for the residents of the city
New store and restaurant developments	Recreational developments for families	
Keeping taxes low	Festivals	Transparency
Find a better location or eliminate Darien Fest from a bar parking lot.	Continue to keep our community safe	
Trees	streets	
crime		
Beautification on MORE roads!!!	PLANT MORE TREES!!!	Plant more trees!!!
Eliminating light pollution	Crime abatement	Finding quality utility providers (like LRS)
Increased social services to support the community (ie: social worker availability, etc)	Increasing DEI efforts across all city outlets	Increasing the walk ability and bike access for community members
Taxes keep low	Safety	More activities
Filling empty business storefronts	Making up w Park district to move darienfest back to a park	Continue growing population
Law enforcement and safety.		
Businesses and any non occupied buildings, require businesses to upkeep parking lots	Sidewalks	Home ordinances, review homes for overgrown grass, shrubs, homes for overdue roofs, paint beautification
business development	attract restaurants	
The type of business they bring in	Development	
Investment in outdoor/green space/recreation parks/park district	Investment in public library / sportsplex	

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Keep up the same			
IMPROVEMENT OF STREET LIGHTS			
New businesses	More tree plantings and park maintenance	Recycling events for plastic bags and batteries	
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New business			
Increasing business revenue opportunities			
Try to upscale whatever we bring into the city.	Maintain areas that the City is responsible for. More trees.	Enforce overnight street parking	
Crime	Safety	Drugs in high school	
Safety	Public pool or able to use other communities' pool without charge or a reduced rate.	financially responsible	
Replacing Silver maples that are reaching the end of life.			
Traffic control	Walk off thefts seem to be increasing		
Safety of residents & businesses	New businesses/restaurants	Cleanliness of city	
Property upkeep	Crime and traffic control	Keeping businesses	
Stop building warehouses in residential areas	Crime prevention	Filling all the empty store fronts	
Business development	Fiscal prudence		
Maintenance of the infrastructure	Proactive policing and community services	Transparency and communications	
Crime prevention	Traffic law enforcement	Build senior housing facilities	
Bring higher end restaurants in town	Have more town events	Keep crime down	
Streets and road	Cleanliness and snow removal	Controlling any crimes	
Green initiatives - Trees, parkways, etc	Write more tickets for vehicular incidents, running lights, stop signs, speeding, etc.		
Hiring more police if necessary			
crime prevention	attracting more dynamic retail stores	keeping trash off the roads (Bailey)	
Attract new businesses	More police patrolling	Quarterly newsletter from alderman regarding what is happening in the ward	
safety	continuation of services	continuing street beautification	
budget	police	better communication with the citizens when they need help	
Infrastructure	Police pension shortfall		
Student safety around schools - drivers are running red lights routinely near EJH.			
Improving business tax base by attaching new businesses	Keeping the town clean	Need high end sit down restaurant	
Street lights in the Hinsbrook subdivision.			
Stop allowing pot/smoke shops on every corner.	Safety	Appealing to younger families. Our park district is bad compared to most around here.	
Taxes	Revenue increases more businesses	Continue services	
Safety	Schools		
School security			
POLICE	fire dept	citizen help	
Business development	Public safety	Communication	

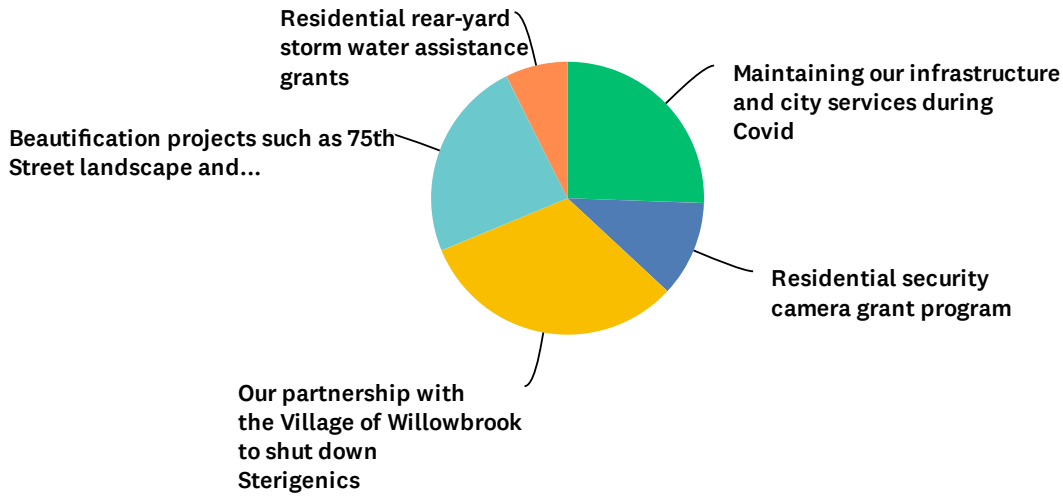
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focus on better restaurants	issue more speeding tickets in residential areas	focus on flooding in flood prone areas such as Hinsbrook.
taxes	services	better people
Aggressively work to attract (a mix of) businesses to the city. Our strip malls atrophying is concerning from a revenue perspective.	Continue to deliver best-in-region city services	Continue to listen to and act on resident priorities
Encourage more restaurants in Darien	Develop a downtown area more	Beautify more roads in town
Street lights in neighborhoods	Filling vacant storefronts	More restaurants/bars
Safety	Building a strong community	Improving local roads/sidewalks
More activities for kids	No more cigarettes or pot shops!	More holiday events
Continue beautification efforts (especially more trees).	Water quality	Infrastructure maintenance
Economic development / bringing in the right businesses	Future proof our village / electric infrastructure	Keep taxes low and take advantage of government grants
Public safety/crime prevention	More speed bumps on side streets	Snow removal
Crime in the community	New garbage vendor	Roads
Keep the crime rate low	Maintain strong police force	Keep taxes low but don't sacrifice town services
Safety of residents	Clean streets	Affordable living
Protect natural areas.	Minimize the influx of crime from nearby areas.	Make public areas attractive to people, without over-development.
Attracting new business, but not allowing in business that will hurt the family feel of the community (i.e., recent cannabis shop)	Continue including new options for entertainment such as Darien Rocks and the movies in the park.	Maybe have some town hall meetings where people get to meet their representatives and listen to what the people want.
Crime	Economic Development	Low Taxes
Safety	Maintenance	Green areas
Keeping the citizens safe	Keeping the city clean	Continue the great snow removal
Make the East Side of Cass Ave look better. The West side of Cass looks so much better. Keeping	Continue to keep Darien a safe place to live	
Attract new restaurants and interesting shopping and businesses and reduce the number of unused storefronts.	Stop neighboring towns from building warehouses and trucking warehouses. Or building anything in what's left in our greenspace.	Analyze how Darien compares with neighboring towns and put in place creative ways to attract new homeowners.
Safety	Schools	Safety
infrastructure improvements (all types)	crime reduction	economic development (sales tax revenues)
Keeping taxes low		
Safety	Infrastructure	Quality of life
Downtown area	Attracting business	
Working with school districts to provide quality nonpartisan education	Enforcing residential codes ie loud vehicles, property maintenance, etc	Attracting new high end restaurants
safety for residents	our wonderful police and fire depts.	
Removing dead park district trees		
Lower Property Taxes	Get rid of to left turn sign in Lyman Ave outside of Aldi. If you are allowed to go straight why can't you go left? Going straight is more dangerous! Allow drivers to turn left	
Lower property taxes	Preserve natural spaces	
More funding to the police to increase patrol coverage	Maintain residential streets and sidewalks	Provide incentives to create small business ventures

#10 What do you consider the top 3 priorities Darien should focus on over the next 5 years?		
1	2	3
Safety around retail	Responsible Budgeting	Senior Services
Economic development	Crime from outside of Darien.	Add services like garbage amnesty day back.
Keeping crime low	Bringing in more restaurants/shops	
Safety	Speeding	
Provide safety and improve quality of life	Promote economic growth	Optimize city function
Schools	Public Safety	Parks
Youth/educational programs	Transform Cass/75th from generic strip malls to a walkable downtown strip	Athletic fields. Baseball, football/soccer turf, roller hockey, full court basketball.
Maintaining infrastructure projects		Residential Security Camera Reimbursement program
Crime	Property Values	Vacant storefronts
Cleaner streets - only clean once a year	Fighting crime - neighborhoods are getting more dangerous.	More restaurants.
Crime prevention	Community events	Storm water control
business success	community building opportunities	
Reduction in snow melt salt use and snow plow damage to residential property.	Find a new contractor for concrete replacement.	Discontinue wasting time, effort, money pursuing a city center concept.
Reduce Crime	Attract better restaurants	Make a downtown area (75th - Plainfield is nothing)
Police-public safety	City infrastructure	Efficient use of tax dollars
Safety	New businesses that aren't drug related	Supporting Schools
Crime/More policing	Customer service at village	
sidewalks	street lights	
Fighting crime	Filling store vacancies	No more vape / smoke/ liquor / "massage" places
speeding on residential streets--Sweetbriar In		
Economic development with high standards.	Safety and crime	Strategix plan and vision for our town
Filling vacant storefronts with desirable businesses not liquor stores smoke shops etc	Wish Darien policy did not use Twitter/X for communicating, what Willowbrook uses works better	
Crime	Controlling costs and maintaining financial prudence in decision-making processes	Incentivizing development of business, especially within strip malls
Hide trash bins	Water rates	Crime
Improve the eyesores at 75th & Cass (Brookhaven Mall)	Bring more sit-down restaurants (like Chuck's) to Darien	Question the special treatment of Q-Bar
Fixing existing play equipment in the parks instead of worrying so much about big, new projects.	Getting a handle on the seeming uptick in crime	Doing something about the people who shoot off fireworks all year long instead of just shrugging and letting them get away with it.
Save money and reduce taxes	Mayor stop writing his essays	Stop wasting money on landscaping on roads
Public safety	Road and parkway maintenance	Prudent spending limits/ maintaining low taxes
Repair/replace DANGEROUS playgrounds like near Delay school	Repair/replace DANGEROUS playground like near Delay School	Repair/replace DANGEROUS playgrounds like near Delay school
Business caliber	Police patrols	Info
Police Protection	Infrastructure	Lower property taxes
Gear business and events to young families	Stop hosting things at qbar	Get better businesses
Elevate Darien as a place people want to move.	Bring high end businesses - don't worry about a fake "town center" - we don't have one!	Quality of services, see previous comments
Crime		
Safety	Keeping taxes in check	

#10 What do you consider the top 3 priorities Darien should focus on over the next 5 years?		
1	2	3
Business development	Community activities	
Low taxes	Low crime	Good restaurants and road conditions
Funding police fire	Street maintenance improvement	Improve quality of store restaurants in Darien
Continue focus on eliminating crime		
Theft	Theft	Theft
Bringing in respectful businesses	Clean up the older neighborhoods	Street lights in the neighborhood
Keeping taxes in line	Safety of residents	Keeping businesses in Darien, but no to smoke shops and dispensaries.
Development of key areas in town	Working with school district(s) and park district to allow development on their sites	Development of design and signage guidelines.
Crime		
Installing more native plants in our parks, I commend the previous installations	I sure hope we do not install streetlights in residential neighborhoods, im glad we don't have a lot of light pollution here	Perhaps a focus on activities for teens. My teens are grown and gone, but the need still exists.
I would love to see a yarn store here (small business)	I would love to see a stitching store here (small business)	I would love to see a wood working store here
EV charging stations	Private residential flooding	Environmental issues
police	police	police
Safety and security	Infrastructure-Roads and sidewalks	Maintaining a low tax rate
Retail development	Safety and security	Events

# Q11 What do you consider the top 3 accomplishments of the City of Darien over the last 5 years?

Answered: 416 Skipped: 95



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Maintaining our infrastructure and city services during Covid	25.57%	45
Residential security camera grant program	11.36%	20
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	31.82%	56
Beautification projects such as 75th Street landscape and themed street light improvements, clock tower and fountain park at Cass Avenue and Plainfield Road	23.86%	42
Residential rear-yard storm water assistance grants	7.39%	13
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>176</b>

**Q11 What do you consider the top 3 accomplishments of the City of Darien over the last 5 years?**

Response	Other (please specify)
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	would only allow me to choose 1. also maintaining .... during Covid; and beautification projects--I am unaware of security camera program and will look into that
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	
Maintaining our infrastructure and city services during Covid	
Maintaining our infrastructure and city services during Covid	This is not letting me choose 3
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	Only lets me select 1. Sterigenics; infrastructure; improved garbage contract
Residential security camera grant program	
Maintaining our infrastructure and city services during Covid	
Beautification projects such as 75th Street landscape and themed street light improvements, clock tower and fountain park at Cass Avenue and Plainfield Road	
Beautification projects such as 75th Street landscape and themed street light improvements, clock tower and fountain park at Cass Avenue and Plainfield Road	
Maintaining our infrastructure and city services during Covid	
	I cant believe the city is taking credit for shutting down Sterigenics and not giving credit to the community members. Shame on you.
	None of the above! Oh and wasting \$ on landscaping on 75th
Beautification projects such as 75th Street landscape and themed street light improvements, clock tower and fountain park at Cass Avenue and Plainfield Road	
Residential rear-yard storm water assistance grants	This question asked for the top 3 but only allowed to choose one
Beautification projects such as 75th Street landscape and themed street light improvements, clock tower and fountain park at Cass Avenue and Plainfield Road	
Residential security camera grant program	
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	
	wont let me select 3? Only 1
Residential security camera grant program	
Beautification projects such as 75th Street landscape and themed street light improvements, clock tower and fountain park at Cass Avenue and Plainfield Road	Actually,all of the above but couldn't get program to let me.
Beautification projects such as 75th Street landscape and themed street light improvements, clock tower and fountain park at Cass Avenue and Plainfield Road	
Beautification projects such as 75th Street landscape and themed street light improvements, clock tower and fountain park at Cass Avenue and Plainfield Road	
Beautification projects such as 75th Street landscape and themed street light improvements, clock tower and fountain park at Cass Avenue and Plainfield Road	
Maintaining our infrastructure and city services during Covid	
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	
Beautification projects such as 75th Street landscape and themed street light improvements, clock tower and fountain park at Cass Avenue and Plainfield Road	Keeping cannabis shops out of Darien
Maintaining our infrastructure and city services during Covid	
Maintaining our infrastructure and city services during Covid	
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	Didn't know about the security camera grants
Maintaining our infrastructure and city services during Covid	

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Response	Other (please specify)
Beautification projects such as 75th Street landscape and themed street light improvements, clock tower and fountain park at Cass Avenue and Plainfield Road	
Maintaining our infrastructure and city services during Covid	
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	
	Won't let me select 3!
Beautification projects such as 75th Street landscape and themed street light improvements, clock tower and fountain park at Cass Avenue and Plainfield Road	
Maintaining our infrastructure and city services during Covid	
Maintaining our infrastructure and city services during Covid	I can only check one- but improvements and events are important
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	Why can I pick only one?
Beautification projects such as 75th Street landscape and themed street light improvements, clock tower and fountain park at Cass Avenue and Plainfield Road	
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	The NW corner of Cass and Plainfield is a disaster. Back end of a Dunkin store..., rocks and fountain that looks like a kids project. And the SW corner - how long is that sign eyesore going to look like that. Shame on our town.
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	
Residential rear-yard storm water assistance grants	
Residential rear-yard storm water assistance grants	
Maintaining our infrastructure and city services during Covid	
Maintaining our infrastructure and city services during Covid	You ask for the top three but the question only lets you pick one
Maintaining our infrastructure and city services during Covid	
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	Would not let me check 3 above
Beautification projects such as 75th Street landscape and themed street light improvements, clock tower and fountain park at Cass Avenue and Plainfield Road	
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	
Residential security camera grant program	
Maintaining our infrastructure and city services during Covid	
Maintaining our infrastructure and city services during Covid	
Residential security camera grant program	
Residential rear-yard storm water assistance grants	
Beautification projects such as 75th Street landscape and themed street light improvements, clock tower and fountain park at Cass Avenue and Plainfield Road	
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	
	None of these. Not aware of security camera grant program when was this offered?
Maintaining our infrastructure and city services during Covid	
	Maintaining a safe community. It's paramount to me and my family. We watch it closely. Very aware of rentals, section 8, etc. we continue to feel safe and believe Darien is proactive.
Residential security camera grant program	
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	Only one would be accepted
Maintaining our infrastructure and city services during Covid	
Maintaining our infrastructure and city services during Covid	
Residential security camera grant program	



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Response	Other (please specify)
Beautification projects such as 75th Street landscape and themed street light improvements, clock tower and fountain park at Cass Avenue and Plainfield Road	It wouldn't let me choose 3 items only one. The other item I like is the Rear yard Drainage Program
Beautification projects such as 75th Street landscape and themed street light improvements, clock tower and fountain park at Cass Avenue and Plainfield Road	
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	It's only allowing one choice, not 3
Residential security camera grant program	
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	Not aware of the residential security grant program
Residential security camera grant program	
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	
Beautification projects such as 75th Street landscape and themed street light improvements, clock tower and fountain park at Cass Avenue and Plainfield Road	
Maintaining our infrastructure and city services during Covid	
	Let our police officers do their job, keeping the police force well managed
Maintaining our infrastructure and city services during Covid	Let's me only pick one. Residential security cameras grant.
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	
	I'd like to see the Chase sign moved because it obstructs the clock tower, which is nice
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	The other 2 - beautification and maintaining
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	
Residential rear-yard storm water assistance grants	
Beautification projects such as 75th Street landscape and themed street light improvements, clock tower and fountain park at Cass Avenue and Plainfield Road	
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	(2) beautification, (3) maintaining during Covid
Beautification projects such as 75th Street landscape and themed street light improvements, clock tower and fountain park at Cass Avenue and Plainfield Road	
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	
Beautification projects such as 75th Street landscape and themed street light improvements, clock tower and fountain park at Cass Avenue and Plainfield Road	Only lets me pick 1
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	You can only click on one item
Maintaining our infrastructure and city services during Covid	
Beautification projects such as 75th Street landscape and themed street light improvements, clock tower and fountain park at Cass Avenue and Plainfield Road	

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Response	Other (please specify)
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Residential security camera grant program	
Beautification projects such as 75th Street landscape and themed street light improvements, clock tower and fountain park at Cass Avenue and Plainfield Road	
Residential security camera grant program	
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	
Residential security camera grant program	
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	
Maintaining our infrastructure and city services during Covid	
Residential security camera grant program	
Beautification projects such as 75th Street landscape and themed street light improvements, clock tower and fountain park at Cass Avenue and Plainfield Road	
Maintaining our infrastructure and city services during Covid	
Residential rear-yard storm water assistance grants	
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	
Beautification projects such as 75th Street landscape and themed street light improvements, clock tower and fountain park at Cass Avenue and Plainfield Road	
Beautification projects such as 75th Street landscape and themed street light improvements, clock tower and fountain park at Cass Avenue and Plainfield Road	Survey only let me choose one. Other two was the storm water grants to residents & security camera grants
Maintaining our infrastructure and city services during Covid	
Residential rear-yard storm water assistance grants	Unable to select more than 1, but I would pick !&2. don't know about the others. Didn't live here during Covid.
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	
Beautification projects such as 75th Street landscape and themed street light improvements, clock tower and fountain park at Cass Avenue and Plainfield Road	
Beautification projects such as 75th Street landscape and themed street light improvements, clock tower and fountain park at Cass Avenue and Plainfield Road	
Residential security camera grant program	
Beautification projects such as 75th Street landscape and themed street light improvements, clock tower and fountain park at Cass Avenue and Plainfield Road	
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	Won't let me pick more than one choice on question 11
Maintaining our infrastructure and city services during Covid	
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	
Beautification projects such as 75th Street landscape and themed street light improvements, clock tower and fountain park at Cass Avenue and Plainfield Road	
Residential rear-yard storm water assistance grants	
Beautification projects such as 75th Street landscape and themed street light improvements, clock tower and fountain park at Cass Avenue and Plainfield Road	wont allow me to pick 3, but also the park and Hinsdale south crossing are GREAT! Thank You!
Maintaining our infrastructure and city services during Covid	
	What was the rear yardstorm water grant?
Residential security camera grant program	
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	
Residential rear-yard storm water assistance grants	
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	
Maintaining our infrastructure and city services during Covid	
Residential security camera grant program	

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Response	Other (please specify)
Maintaining our infrastructure and city services during Covid	
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	I can only click on 1 topic and not 3. Seems like there's a glitch in the system.
Maintaining our infrastructure and city services during Covid	Cooperation between the city and other government entities and organizations in Darien.
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	
Maintaining our infrastructure and city services during Covid	
Maintaining our infrastructure and city services during Covid	system only allowed one selection.
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	
Beautification projects such as 75th Street landscape and themed street light improvements, clock tower and fountain park at Cass Avenue and Plainfield Road	
Residential rear-yard storm water assistance grants	
Maintaining our infrastructure and city services during Covid	
Residential security camera grant program	
Residential security camera grant program	
	Responding to the needs of the residents
Beautification projects such as 75th Street landscape and themed street light improvements, clock tower and fountain park at Cass Avenue and Plainfield Road	
Maintaining our infrastructure and city services during Covid	
Maintaining our infrastructure and city services during Covid	
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	
Beautification projects such as 75th Street landscape and themed street light improvements, clock tower and fountain park at Cass Avenue and Plainfield Road	
	Changing the route of the 4th of July parade to go down a beautiful wide tree-lined street was a big one for me! And it was only due to construction at the time!
Beautification projects such as 75th Street landscape and themed street light improvements, clock tower and fountain park at Cass Avenue and Plainfield Road	Won't let me pick 3 so I'll tell you 3-4-5
Maintaining our infrastructure and city services during Covid	
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	
Maintaining our infrastructure and city services during Covid	Stop light at 67th street which is a dangerous intersection
Residential rear-yard storm water assistance grants	1, 2, and 5
Maintaining our infrastructure and city services during Covid	
Residential security camera grant program	
Residential rear-yard storm water assistance grants	
Beautification projects such as 75th Street landscape and themed street light improvements, clock tower and fountain park at Cass Avenue and Plainfield Road	
Maintaining our infrastructure and city services during Covid	
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	only lets you choose one
Beautification projects such as 75th Street landscape and themed street light improvements, clock tower and fountain park at Cass Avenue and Plainfield Road	
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	All were important and quite thankful for the Sterigenics beings shut down. Also handling COVID was great! Thank you
Maintaining our infrastructure and city services during Covid	
Maintaining our infrastructure and city services during Covid	
Residential rear-yard storm water assistance grants	
	#1 covid #2 willowbrook #3 75th stt

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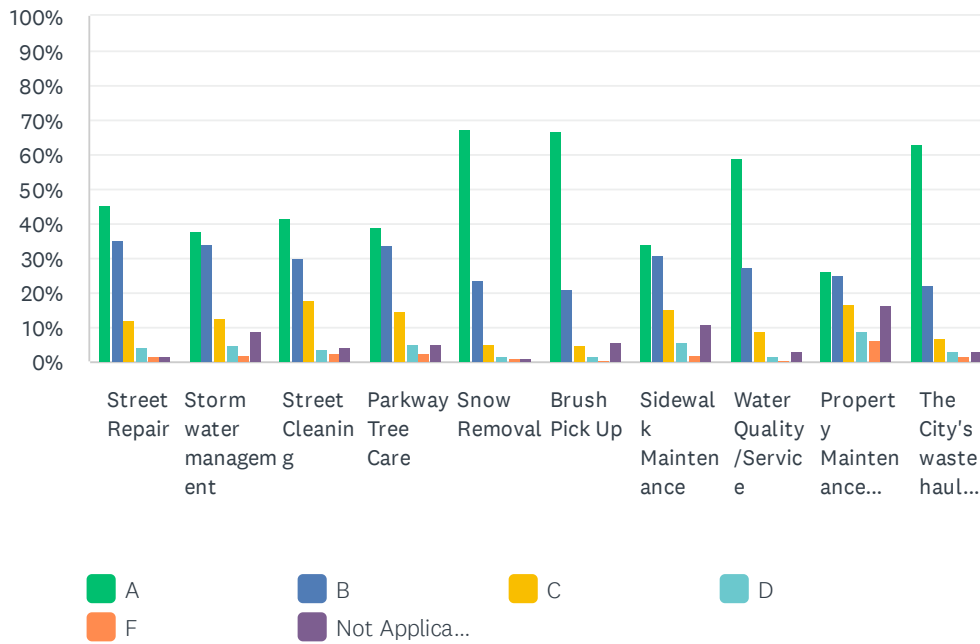
Response	Other (please specify)
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	
Maintaining our infrastructure and city services during Covid	
Beautification projects such as 75th Street landscape and themed street light improvements, clock tower and fountain park at Cass Avenue and Plainfield Road	You ask for top 3 but can choose only one answer
Beautification projects such as 75th Street landscape and themed street light improvements, clock tower and fountain park at Cass Avenue and Plainfield Road	
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	And security camera grant, beautification projects
Residential security camera grant program	
Maintaining our infrastructure and city services during Covid	
Beautification projects such as 75th Street landscape and themed street light improvements, clock tower and fountain park at Cass Avenue and Plainfield Road	
Our partnership with the Village of Willowbrook to shut down Sterigenics	
Beautification projects such as 75th Street landscape and themed street light improvements, clock tower and fountain park at Cass Avenue and Plainfield Road	
Maintaining our infrastructure and city services during Covid	
	I don't agree with any of the above options. Too much money spent on 75th Street and Clock Tower and Signs. COVID effected everyone. the security camera reimbursement is selective, I knew the importance of the issues of Sterigenics but I don't think it was top accomplishment. I don't agree with rear-yard Water Assistance grants
	The system will not permit more than once choice! I pick 1, 4, and 3 in that order
	Getting rid of Sterigenics, beautification project, security camera reimbursement program
	These are accomplishments by the City of Darien? Perhaps Darien should re-evaluate its role in some of these "accomplishments" and consider whether they're something to be proud of or simply the bare minimum expected of municipal service.
	when is that eyesore on the sw corner of Cass and Plainfield going to be finished
	Beautification fine, helps property values, EXCEPT, all NW quadrant businesses have their *** ends pointing to the Cass/Plainfield intersection. That was a poor compromise, that the first thing a visitor sees on the NW corner are back doors and dumpsters, behind an otherwise nice WelcomeToDarien waterfall. The security camera program, if at all possible needs to be reinstated. The cameras are preventative as well as investigative. We have video of damage to a delivery by other than the carrier.
	Maintaining the status quo
	putting up a zillion speed limit signs (not!)
	Resident communication
	It will only let me pick one....
	Negotiating a good garbage contract with LRS.
	It will only take 1, not 3 (computer program)
	Closing Stetigenics was NOT your accomplishment. Stop lying
	Cannot select 3 -only allows 1 choice
	Sidewalks on Clarendon Hills and 79th
	Wasn't aware of any of these except the 75th street plants that didn't need to be replaced.
	The stop Sterigenics team that galvanized a community. Sterigenics has been here 20 years and brighter city did anything until the residents got fed up and started doing something.
	Survey would only let me pick one, would also pick Sterigenics and beautification

**Q11 What do you consider the top 3 accomplishments of the City of Darien over the last 5 years?**

Response	Other (please specify)
	It certainly wasn't finding a survey provider who could develop a functional survey.
	Only let you chose 1: sterogenics closure, storm water assistance, beautification
	Unable to choose 3.
	Wouldn't let me option for 3. Chose: Security Camera program, beautification of city environs,
	The survey allows only 1 choice. I would pick the Sterigenics issue in the 75th St. beautification program.
	Continuing Darien as a nice place to live.
	Would only allow one item not three? I would choose #1,3 &4
	This survey only allows checking one-says "top 3"
	excellent library, beautification projects, maintaining infrastructure
	This survey only allows one choice and not 3. I would choose 3, 5 and 4.
	cannot specify 3 due to survey flaw
	Continued excellence on snow removal
	Quest is framed as "top three", but radio buttons
	Recently moved in
	You can't pick 3 for top 3
	Question 11 would only let me pick one accomplishment.
	The 75th street project cost taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars. It was a waste of money. I'd like to hear more of how Darien helped close Sterigenics. It's the first I heard of it. I doubt the shutdown had much to do with Darien.
	wont let me select 3 so maintaining infrastructure, beautifucation projects and rear yard storm water asst.
	Residential rear-yard storm water assistance; Closing Sterigenics; Beautification projects
	clock tower and fountain park was a waste of money.
	I would like the administration to continue to keep the warm town atmosphere and physical looks.
	LRS refuse service.
	Could only push 1 response but wanted to push 3 like it asked
	Couldn't check 3 top, something wrong with being able to check 3 because it would only accept one.
	None of these
	Couldn't pick 3
	you only allow one selection....
	Could only choose one, not three
	There isn't a way to actually choose 3 items due to the structure of this survey
	Very hard to pick top because I would consider all of them very important

## Q12 Please grade the following City services: A-F

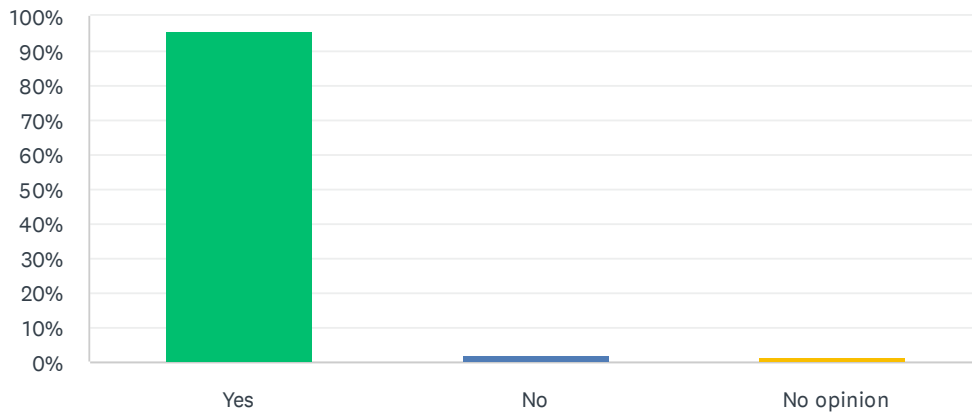
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	A	B	C	D	F	NOT APPLICABLE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Street Repair	45.42% 228	35.26% 177	12.15% 61	3.98% 20	1.79% 9	1.39% 7	502	1.86
Storm water management	37.68% 185	34.01% 167	12.42% 61	4.68% 23	2.24% 11	8.96% 44	491	2.27
Street Cleaning	41.37% 206	30.12% 150	17.87% 89	3.82% 19	2.81% 14	4.02% 20	498	2.09
Parkway Tree Care	39.07% 193	33.60% 166	14.57% 72	5.06% 25	2.63% 13	5.06% 25	494	2.14
Snow Removal	67.33% 338	23.71% 119	5.18% 26	1.59% 8	1.00% 5	1.20% 6	502	1.49
Brush Pick Up	66.73% 335	20.92% 105	4.58% 23	1.79% 9	0.40% 2	5.58% 28	502	1.65
Sidewalk Maintenance	34.21% 170	31.19% 155	15.49% 77	6.04% 30	2.21% 11	10.87% 54	497	2.43
Water Quality/Service	58.82% 290	27.38% 135	8.72% 43	1.42% 7	0.41% 2	3.25% 16	493	1.67
Property Maintenance Code Enforcement	26.23% 128	25.20% 123	16.80% 82	8.81% 43	6.56% 32	16.39% 80	488	2.93
The City's waste hauler program	63.05% 314	22.29% 111	6.83% 34	3.41% 17	1.41% 7	3.01% 15	498	1.67

### Q13 Do you feel safe in your neighborhood during the day?

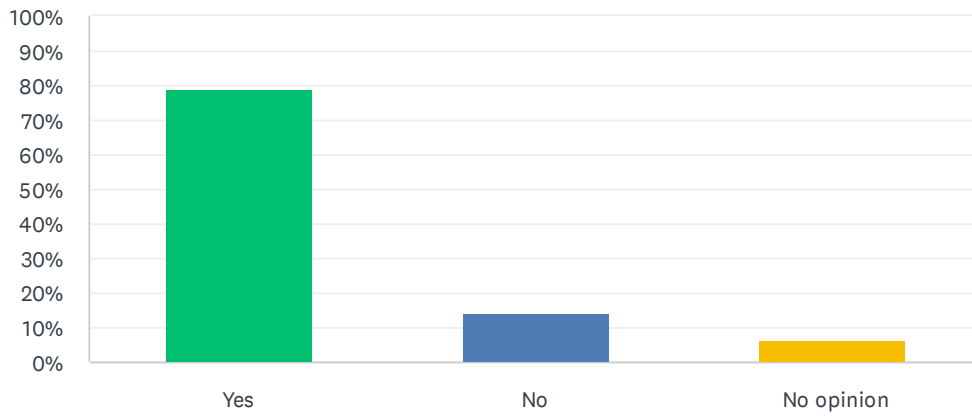
Answered: 507 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	95.86%	486
No	2.37%	12
No opinion	1.78%	9
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>507</b>

## Q14 Do you feel safe in your neighborhood at night?

Answered: 508 Skipped: 3

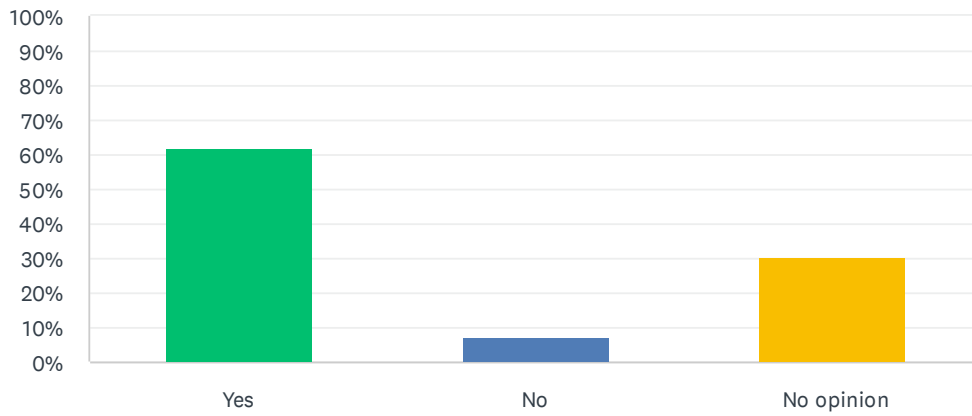


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	79.13%	402
No	14.37%	73
No opinion	6.50%	33
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>508</b>



## Q15 Do you feel safe in the Darien parks?

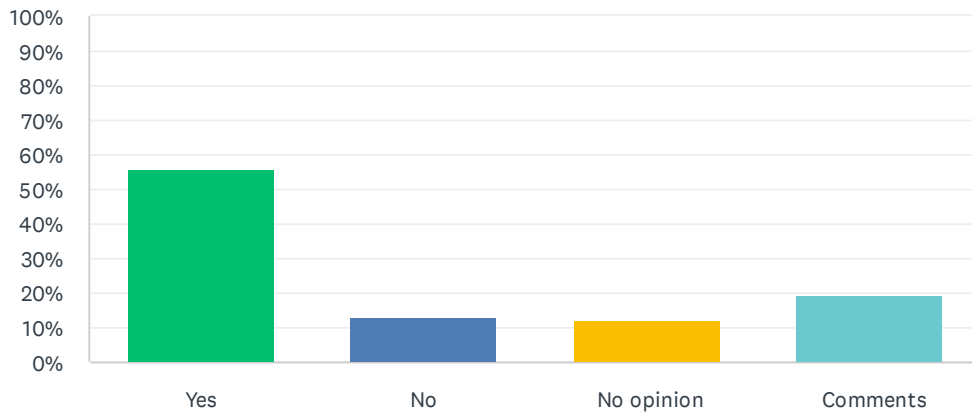
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	62.25%	315
No	7.31%	37
No opinion	30.43%	154
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>506</b>

## Q16 Do you feel that the police patrol in Darien is sufficient?

Answered: 506 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	55.73%	282
No	13.04%	66
No opinion	11.86%	60
Comments	19.37%	98
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>506</b>

**Q16 Do you feel that the police patrol in Darien is sufficient?**

**Comments**

I think it is--nothing has shown otherwise. I see officers out and about all around during the day so that is good.

Don't think it's the police's fault of not feeling safe

Need better speed enforcement on primary roads.

hope so

I rarely see patrol cars in the neighborhoods, mostly on the main roads

I know that you are limited but I am fearful

Rarely see a patrol on our street.

No but can't expect the police to be everywhere.

Could do more patrolling in parks

Patrols in areas outside the City's central area are spotty

rarely see a police presence south of Plainfield Rd

they never wave or stop to say hello, ridiculous

I guess I do, but I also would not mind if there was more police presence.

It is my understanding Vanna cut it back some years ago

Somewhat

would like to see more police patrolling

The police/fire/ems are honestly the best!

But I think we need to keep our police force well staffed

More patrolling and less hiding in trees to get speeders.

I don't see a lot of patrol in my neighborhood

I think the police do the best they can with a small force and the rising crime in Chicago, the suburbs, and. Just about everywhere

Hinswood needs more presence at Concord and Nantucket in school days. Parents driving to concord school are reckless. Someone is going to get hurt!

Rarely see a car in neighborhood at night

I don't see them going down my block any more.

Would like to see more patrol in the commercial areas . We do not feel safe at night in shopping areas.

i don't see the police in our area much at all

Rarely see patrol down my street but I assume they're done

we rarely see them on our street

I'm fine with the patrols. I like the vacation watch program-we utilize it when we go out of town. Would like to see more radar checks on Oldfield - that street has a lot of speeders.

but they can't be everywhere

Definitely present for the current level, would always like to see more.

Need more

not as visible as they once were

We need more patrolling during the day

dont see them driving down our street anymore

Not really sure how to answer because I don't know, but I live very close to the police station so I guess I'm more aware of their of their presence but can't comment on their effectiveness because I really don't know.

More visibility at night and early hours would be good. Overall Darien Police are a great agency

so far but the community is changing

Haven't noticed much.

Realizing it is impossible to station a patrol car at each major crossing, but the traffic turning from 75th to Plainfield and visa versa at that intersection is very often incorrect and puts drivers coming down east and west on those roads in peril when traffic is halted because someone wants to make an incorrect turn across the traffic. Also speed on 75th and Cass at times is dangerous.

Not sure

Overall, yes but a little more patrolling and police presence would be nice.

They are doing the best they can but we need more officers in terms of headcount to combat the robberies and people coming from I55 and out of state areas

Yes. It's comforting seeing them patrolling the neighborhood street

Would like to see more patrol cars.

Not sure. Very seldom see police patrol.

Seldom see a patrol car.

Would like to see more patrols on residential streets. Read all the time about Cass, Plainfield Road, Lemont... But they do a terrific job. They rank right up there with a snow removal crew!!

**Q16 Do you feel that the police patrol in Darien is sufficient?**

**Comments**

More visibility of cops,always 3-4 cars sitting in police parking lot.

Hard to say especially at night as most are sleeping and don't see any patrols

Manning road speeders need to stop them

Would like to see more patrols in Tara Hill

I've called the City several times about cars speeding and drivers not heeding stop signs at night in our subdivision (Sawmill Creek). While the officers probably have more important things to do, we have more children and pets in the neighborhood now, and outside drivers use Lakeside as a thoroughfare at night. Some police presence every so often may help, especially between 9-10:30 pm.

But spend a lot of time in Idylwild parking lot talking!!!!

They have a ton of expensive gear and not much reason for it.

Need another social media channel besides Twitter

We understand that the Police shifts are longer than normal workday Need more Officers.

Too many speeders on Oldfield Rd., there were several break-ins in my neighborhood

I used to see a lot more police presence throughout city during the day in the subdivisions. Would like to see that again.

Absolutely NO patrols EVER go down Roger Rd by the park.

I always did feel safe in Darien. I've been here since 1976. But due to the horror that is Chicago and the shoot out in Burr Ridge, and being a senior, we could use more police protection

Would be nice to have more police patrol.

TO MUCH TIME SPENT ON LEMONT ROAD WHILE BUSINEDDES SRE GETTING BURGLED

I don't see them like I did 15 years ago

could be more

probably needs increase in certain business districts

Good but could be better slowing down speeders

Police likes to catch tired moms driving through stop signs to give more tickets. There is no proper patrolling or connecting with communities.

Our PD does a great job, but. I would like to see more patrols on residential streets

Could use more on 73rd street. Some days it is like drag racing

No there is a GMC Canyon pickup truck every morning going down Maple Ln at 60 MPH before 7am

Rarely see police in farmingdale village

The Darien police do a great job! I would hope that they always get the resources and/or officers they need.

Our officers are so friendly in our neighborhood and stop to talk to my daughter!

I wish they would control the speeders down Fairview and on 75th street and also along many side streets

Would like to see more patrols thru neighborhood

don't often see them patrol until there are issues with some of my neighbors

We live in Carriage Hill and would like to see more coverage

Past years I recall more patrolling. I believe more survailence might be needed because of growth of population and activities./

Could be more frequent

Love the vacation watch program

It's adequate, but we could always use additional patrols.

However would like to see more patrol around Cass Jr High. Not safe when pickleballers are parked by tennis courts and parents are lining up to drop off kids at school. Also a lot of speeders on Evergreen when kids going to school on bikes.

It could be beefed up a little. We rarely see Darien PD down our street

Police need to be around schools when they let out between 2:15 and 3:30. Unfortunately, that's shift change. So, student safety is short-changed.

Yes, I feel they do a great job

We've been experiencing a huge increase in car and home break-ins. Increased police presence would hopefully deter crime.

can never have enough speed control on 67th street

will see what happens after no cash bail happens

sometimes

I am out and about quite a bit and very rarely see Darien police on the road.

In my area yes, but not sure about city as a whole.

Would like to see more police presence

Basically yes, but more could be done.

**Q16 Do you feel that the police patrol in Darien is sufficient?**

**Comments**

I'm live in an edge residence - my street is Willowbrook but MY HOUSE and TAXES are Darien. I have NEVER seen a Darien police car checking on my house or my neighbor's house. Therefore - no not sufficient.

still could use more

There is too little control of speeding on 75th St. & Cass Ave.

There could always be more

Q17 If you answered no to any questions 13-16, what is the issue that you believe most threatens your safety or perceptions of safety?

Answered: 147 Skipped: 364

**Q17 If you answered no to any questions 13-16, what is the issue that you believe most threatens your safety or perceptions of safety?**

**Open-Ended Response**

My husband and I are starting to worry about safety at night and our home more so than in the past, but that is just because of changes in the surrounding areas and Chicago the past few years

Less presence in neighborhoods, schools need to be safe

More patrolling of main streets and neighborhoods

Just seeing police patrols gives a sense of safety.

Section 8 vape shops gambling shops and liquor stores

Crime is everywhere

11

Police patrols are not seen. Police should be more present such as community policing

Crime and opportunities for crime are everywhere and Darien is not immune.

Burglary

Undesirables from outside our community who choose to visit after hours and partake in illegal activities.

Too close to Chicago and too much Section 8 in the area

Not enough enforcement on 79th Street

People from the city, gang bangers

I had purse stolen at a Darien park, also it's can be weeks without seeing a patrol cruising Farmingdale Village

I do not like door to door solicitors roaming the neighborhood.

Potential increase in juvenile crime.

Do not see enough patrol cars, and I'm always hearing about robberies on I 55 and fights at QBar

police presence

I think we need more police presence, especially during the day. The criminals are coming from other areas now to our community.

Lack of police presence, residential street lighting, very dim or large areas without lighting.

We get a lot of suspicious activity reports through our ring camera where home owners are sharing attempted home/car invasions/theft in the area and it's really concerning for our safety and future here. Crime in our surrounding areas also seems to spillover at times. It's a cause for stress living here.

Police patrol

Absence of reliable police help. The police are rarely able to assist on July 3 and 4 while people are trespassing in the local parks or when vagrants are in the parks.

Vanna cut police and closed the station early to help him self to higher salary and pension

Criminals from outside Darien.

The police are amazing but they can't be everywhere. Need to hold people accountable for their actions.

Not having cameras, missed out on the camera program because I was elderly and ill.

I don't feel safe anywhere at night. So many car jackings, shootings, etc in surrounding areas. What's to stop them from coming down my street? Darien was always a smalltown feel, I was 5 when we moved here. It was wonderful, but now I fear we're drinking for the type of businesses that will bring in the wrong kind of people to our area.

Violent car thieves

Crime coming from the Stevenson. Other towns are finding ways to be more proactive in monitoring this.

Need more police cars on the streets

The speedway armed robberies, the violence coming in from outside darien

City crime moving to the suburbs

We hear of instances in oakbrook, we need to make sure that Darien is not going that way, esp areas close to I 55

Transient people, renters at the extended stay

Poor street lighting. The residential energy efficient lights do not have a wide area spread. Leaving large sidewalk areas dark. There's also one covered by trees so no light comes through.

Not enough deterrent

more patrols

Don't see police around enforcing traffic violations.

Rarely see patrols on McAdam

Speeding cars on 71st st

Need to increase police patrol in commercial shopping areas and residential patrols

Not having barriers on busy streets. Not having sidewalks/ street lights in residential neighborhoods

at night when out i don't see much police activity in our area and concerned about night time break ins

accidents and car break-ins

People coming from other cities/towns that bring crime to our neighborhoods

58  
70

**Q17 If you answered no to any questions 13-16, what is the issue that you believe most threatens your safety or perceptions of safety?**

**Open-Ended Response**

Whether actual or perceived the continued barrage of news stories about car jacking, holdups, store break ins, and societal disorder is unsettling.

Living near plainfield and CH Road, I hear the traffic and the speeding. I think random traffic monitoring by an unmarked might decrease these issues!

Only park i question is at plainfield and clarendon hills r. Not sure sometimes at night.

More crime coming to the suburbs

Sufficient presence of the police

Jewel and Walgreens parking lot lighting is not sufficient.

More pice presence

very rarely see police driving around in business parking lots

Walking eachday and the speeding and ilegal turns at intersections.

Cook county

Robbery in nearby cities as in naperville

not seeing police driving around neighborhoods

Constant car break ins and burglaries in the area

We read that people were being robbed while walking

More routine police patrols.

Speed and incorrect turning off 75th and Plainfield at the intersection by McDonalds. Clearly it says don't come west on Plainfield and turn left across to 75th. Today I witnessed a car turning from the westbound lane on 75th across Plainfield traffic and I know that can't be legal.

Crime spreading from Chicago

Holding IDOT responsible for proper maintenance of ALL FRONTAGE ROAD RIGHT AWAYWAY

Gangs and crime ie car theft, retail thefts

The overall rise in crime and I don't think we have enough personnel to adequately patrol. And we seldom hear the details and follow up of crimes that occur.

Traffic on my street travels much too fast.

The only Darien park of concern for safety is on Fairview and 75th. There are often vagrants parked there living out of their cars. Certainly not going to get out and see if i'm followed. I guess it's their right to be there but I'm not going to get out of my car if someone is parked there for reasons other than using the park.

I feel that the citizens reading Darien Connect would not be the ones living in a community they don't always feel safe in. Also my phone would not allow me to pick 3 things Darien has done well - only 1

criminals

Parks attract people from throughout the area. Perhaps assign Park staff to regular duties in the parks that would include surveillance.

Crime - car jacking

Outside influences for example 91st and art 83

Crime is moving closer to us all the time.

The bad element that has come into the western suburbs. It's not just Darien; it's everywhere. I think our police department does an OUTSTANDING job but you're never going to stop the bad guys. I do appreciate the brave officers of the Darien PD and am so thankful we have them protecting us!!

Crime!!!!

Sorry to say, I don't spend time in Darien's parks. Not proud of that since we do have beautiful and well kept parks.

No cops @ the parks, I won't go there. Homes broken into in BROAD DAYLIGHT, I cgringe when sun sets,locks on doors ,seldom open a window denstsirs anymore. Ring door bell caught dude trying to steal a car from our driveway. Always lock my car, not enough fone to educate us seniors,left out of school info, but must pay taxes to them.. disgusted w Jewel,WalMart not enough codes enforced blots full of litter, people begging for money, in wslmart lot.. called city,nothing gets done... s

Crime

Break ins

Darien community park sometimes has too many people from other areas congregating

Fear mongering and parroting national political rhetoric is the greatest threat to safety in Darien. It creates an atmosphere of apprehension and mistrust that is not substantiated by local facts.

No tickets for 1 license plate, no tickets for driving with very bright lights, I do like that we have a license reader ??, maybe get some extra readers.

would like to see more police patrolling through neighborhoods

I did not answer "no" but street lights in Farmingdale Village are lacking

burglary



**Q17 If you answered no to any questions 13-16, what is the issue that you believe most threatens your safety or perceptions of safety?**

**Open-Ended Response**

I feel in danger of crossing Oldfield Rd.

Very uneven street patrols; not enough police

Desperation for revenue, no thought about detriment. Look at Q bar area; extended stay hotel; truck stop

I don't doubt that the police don't always stop people due to the fact that so many have been shot in other areas. I don't want our police to be shot either. But now what do we do?. Let the criminals run over us?.

NA

Live on Drover lane. Street way to dark at night need more lighting.

Not enough police patrol in Farmingdale Village

teenagers

increase in crime from suspects who live more than 8 miles away

All selected YES however the community park lights don't change with the change in Sunset. Sometimes it's pitch dark and not safe to walk dog or kids.

Proximity to I55-need more police presence to keep outside undesirable element in check. Chronic retail theft from WalMart, speeding down Cass Avenue

Where are the police in our area??

Easy access to 1-55 is tempting for criminals.

I rarely see police on patrol aside from 75th street. A neighbor filed a report in our neighborhood and I saw increased police 1-time after that.

Kids (teens) laying their bikes down on the walking paths of Community Park forcing others to walk in the grass around them.ark

more lighting needed

I really love the police on Plainfield Road. Always very professional and helpful. I would like to see more police hired to patrol all the areas of Darien. Really have a stronger presence.

Low income housing moving into our backyard

NOT ENOUGH STREET LIGHTS

Non residents wandering thru neighborhoods

Speeding or drunk driving. Gypsies coming into area. Hard to prevent the last one totally.

No police presence in my area.

Whenever I read the police report seems like a lot of people from the city come here off of I 55

More patrol and less just being parked for the police

way too many break ins to cars and houses

Could use a stop sign in Evergreen and Hemlock and limit parking to only west side of Evergreen near tennis courts during school pick up times.

parking lots at night,

There are few street lights and as a senior citizen I do not feel comfortable walking at night.

See 16.

The bars and pot shops make me feel unsafe driving and walking.

more patrol

there is no longer any police patrol or ordinance violation enforcement . Police turn a blind eye to minor , yet obvious violations.

dogs, wild animals, home/car security

No lights on seminole

In general, crime has risen everywhere at night so not sure I'd feel safe walking around late at night

I feel they need more lights in the parks. Linden park is completely dark at night and strange cars sit in it all the time doing who knows what.

Crime

Criminal infiltration from surrounding areas.

I am a senior citizen woman living alone. I do not answer my door after dark. And make sure I am home before dark. I would no feel safe pulling in my garage after dark.

Lack of lighting. More police patrol in areas close to the highways and tollways which makes an easy getaway for criminals coming from the city.

Crime committed by non- residents

Non residents passing thru and neighborhoods

Recent onset of residential burglaries, armed robberies and carjackings in the Western suburbs.

The creeping crud coming out from the City of Chicago.

Crime from non-Darien citizens.

Shopping mall security

Excessive wildlife- skunks, coyotes

**Q17 If you answered no to any questions 13-16, what is the issue that you believe most threatens your safety or perceptions of safety?**

**Open-Ended Response**

Rarely see police cars patrolling neighborhoods

People from outside the neighborhood committing crimes.

More shootings around us in nearby towns, they seem to be closing in on us.

Bring right off of 55 makes us vulnerable. What can we do about it? Also I wish some parks had more lighting at night. Smart oaks park is pitch black at night.

Non residents coming into the neighborhoods to commit crimes

Police less visible and lack of cameras in parks

Too much crime close to home.

Never see police patrolling, only see speedtraps

Recent instances of mob action - route 83 instance

Darien only wants our taxes - they don't care that our house is in their jurisdiction.

Kids out past 10pm. Theft in all the stores

NA

Unsafe drivers.

## Q18 What are the top 3 things the police department should focus on over the next 5 years in order to keep Darien a safe community?

Answered: 361 Skipped: 150

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1.	100.00%	361
2.	75.62%	273
3.	52.08%	188

Q18 What are the top 3 things the police department should focus on over the next 5 years in order to keep Darien a safe community?		
1	2	3
stay on top of crime that can come from other areas	have a presence at Hinsdale South so things don't get out of hand--I think someone is there now but continue to do so	do whatever they can to keep drugs out of schools etc--have no idea why marijuana and edible dispensaries are allowed as that attracts undesirable people who can see our town as a place to rob, sell drugs etc. esp with the latest dispensary right behind Concord school--terrible idea
Better relationships with lower income areas		
Continue to enforce the laws	Continue neighborhood patrols	Monitor parks and other areas likely to attract group gatherings
Maintain the current high standards of respectful law enforcement		
canvas and make presence known	keep community aware of things going on via text alert	
Increase residential patrols	Maintain strong presence at 75th and Cass, Cass and Planifield	MORE visibility in the Walmart shopping center
Not letting criminals get away with crime like they do in Chicago and Cook county under stupid leadership		
More patrols	Get rid of begging by private individuals on corners.	More patrols
Speeding on side roads(79th 67th)	More night patrols. (More moving around instead of hiding)	Persecuting to the fullest extent outsiders who commit crimes
Community relations	Continue patrols and presence	Continued Training for incidents
Cass ave	Walmart	Neighborhoods
Training	Street patrols	Interaction with the community
11	11	11
Shut down marijuana dispensary and enforce law for those buying at dispensary	Focus more on domestic violence	Focus on actually taking police reports and allowing newspapers access so we know what is really going on. Also with neighborhood crimes timely Twitter announcements will provide residents more info for safety reasons. Too many times the posts are u timely.
Residential night patrol for parked cars and pedestrians	DUI going through town	Work with retail to prepare for burglaries to stay safe
Patrolling	Speeders on residential streets	
Frequent night and patrols.		
Increased presence on roads (speeding)	Increased patrolling during off hours	Stronger enforcement of penalties with stiffer accountability
Keep up the good work		
Do not allow illegal aliens to infiltrate our town	Control speed on Clarendon Hills Road	
Safety in community		
More patrols in the neighborhoods		
Police department is doing a great job		
Active patrol in/near Walmart to stop theft crime - stealing	Sufficient patrol safety	Attracting new law enforcement offices from Chicago speeders
theft of personal property and retailers merchandise		
Crowds of people over 15 gathering at a park	Police cars seen in all areas of the community. Driving through out the day	
Kids Events		
Potential home invasions	Theft	School disturbances
Control speeders	See more police patrolling through the neighborhood	Keep it safe and clean

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Night time & early morning patrols	Increased watching at Clarendon Bills Apartment turn off traveling West on 75 th street	Can be treacheroud
Traffic near bar on Cass (Qb)	Teenagers in parks at night	Thefts in Tara Hills
I honestly don't know. You're doing the best that you can, but there are so many things that you have no control over.		
Patrol neighborhood		
Traffic from the new warehouse coming to Lemont road.		
Police presence		
Work with City Hall to eliminate gambling and cannabis businesses and develop more programs deter illegal drug activity	Increase speed traps/enforcement on busiest roadways, primarily Cass Ave., Plainfield Rd., and 75th Street	Increase patrols after identifying times and locations where increased criminal activity occurs.
safety	partnership with our schools to ensure school safety	
Crime awareness & prevention	Policing for speeding on residential streets	Evaluating bicycling locations; the way they cycle today is dangerous
Street patrol	Speeding down Cass	Their own safety
Speeding, especially near schools	Patrolling neighborhoods	Getting together with youth groups
limit or outlaw solicitation	more patrols on the South Side of the city	
Drunk drivers		
more police patrols	police around schools	
More patrols	Better/quicker follow thru on scammers	Getting Walmart to hire more security
Traffic safety	Community watch	Gang watch and prevention
ticketing speeders, it seems speed limits have become speed minimums lately	more presence on residential streets not just Cass and Lemont road	
Rentals/Section 8	Strong visual presence on trunk roads to deter crime.	Remain unpredictable. Bicycle (electric ) officers, walk a beat (Wal-Mart shopping area) officers, Think outside the box.
Gun control	Home invasions	Monitor social media sights such as Next Door.
Visible presence	Training of officers	Prevention of carjackings
		Additional officers
Community officers to deal w begging and mental health issues	Improve awareness that parks close at dusk and open at dawn	
DARE officer	Cops and canine with kids in the summer like it use to be at city hall	Squad car follow school buses for drivers that do not yield
Letting gang members know they are not welcome in Darien	Watching parks for any suspicious activity	Police attendance at all City events, high school football games
Fair treatment for all	weed out white supremacists	enforce gun safety laws
Crack down on DWI enforcement	Find a way to reduce retail theft	Reduce home break-ins
Patrol the neighborhood at night	Enforce the firework law	Make sure criminals are held accountable
Crime	Drugs	Gangs
Drunk driving	Teen activities	Unauthorized large gatherings
Build a wall	Work with unincorporated Willowbrook to round up the criminals south of route 83	Higher presence at Walmart it's getting shady
Increase number of police if possible.	Increase police patrols	Work with neighborhood watch groups
Keep up the good work catching speeders on Oldfield Rd. and other known problem areas.	heavy patrolling of neighborhoods at night	
Underage purchasing at vape shops		

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Keeping crime to a minimum- particularly as it seems to be creeping up more and more	Updating emergency management notifications. A few times this summer, with possible tornados in the area, my phone never alerted me. It would be nice if we had our own type of system.	Building relationships with youth, at all schools/daycares/locations. Particularly with COVID, kids have not been as exposed to cops. Mental health needs of youth is skyrocketing. Having relationships with the kids can hopefully spot and prevent a possible school shooting/other devastating event.
They do a great job		
A good head count of officers	Support the officers	Remember that people complain more than complement others
Patrolling more	Growth in the dept	Presence in the parks
More patrolling		
Keeping crime from coming into the community. More license plate readers		
Probably more officers	Possibly younger we'll trained officers	I absolutely have no idea. Just keep THEM safe!
Protect retail business	Keep gangs away	More surveillance cameras
Technology - neighborhood cameras, license plate readers, gunshot detection,	Support and fund the police	Nighttime patrols around highway access neighborhoods
Community involvement	More patrols	Be transperant with information when something happens
Transient people	Keeping beggers off the corners	
Reckless drivers	More visible patrols	More community engagement opportunities
Do not have any suggestions		
Enforcing stop signs in neighborhoods. So many families and walkers in these neighborhoods. Drivers need to slow down.		
Showing their presence	After school safety	
Increased patrols		
Retail theft	Neighborhood visabilty	
more police officers	school safety	home robberies
Get rid of gangs	Get rid of drugs	Patrol the neighborhoods more often
community engagement		
Community outreach, especially lower income areas	A diverse police staff	
Build relationships with the residents that appear to have higher crime occurrences.	Keep watch over speeding down main roads Cass, 75th st. And Plainfield Rd.	Work with adjacent cities to collaborate with crime prevention.
Enforce traffic violations	Patrol more	
Night time more checkup		
Response time		
Patrolling the streets		
work more with the business community and schools	Hirer more poiice officers	
watch for gang development and crime		
burglaries theft	more street patrols	meetings with the residents to address concerns
Increase patrol in shopping and commercial areas	Increase residential patrols	Enhance traffic enforcement
speeding on residential streets		
Continued accessibility	Continued neighborhood presence	
stop speeders	keep city safe	
more patrolling	community safety meetings	
Constant shop lifting at Walmart	Traffic enforcement (uninsured and unlicensed drivers)	Better residential patrol
preventing accidents	being visible	
Gangs entering our community	Home burglaries	Keeping a high visibility

Q18 What are the top 3 things the police department should focus on over the next 5 years in order to keep Darien a safe community?		
1	2	3
Crime	Crime	Crime
Engagement	Auto Theft	Community Awareness
The police department is doing a splendid job. This one of the most difficult jobs within our society. Many thanks to our Darien police officers for keeping our city and all of us individually safe.		
Increased visibility	Have the PD enforce even the minor infractions	Not to be intimidated by anyone who is "mis-behaving"
75th and Cas ave stop light violations		
Gang activity	drunk drivers	neighborhood patrol
Drugs at Hinsdale South	More visible patrols in neighborhoods	
Increased presence in neighborhoods	Speeding on 75th. Speeding on Lemont Road	Working with Walmart to handle their own issues on their own dime
Police patrol		
Crime	Community engagement	
Retail theft	Wrongful driving issues: DUI, speeding, etc.	
Police patrols at retail shopping parking areas	Continued traffic speed enforcement on Cass Ave and Lemont Road	Continued interaction with the community.
Residential burglary	Car theft	
Shoplifting and crime in Darien stores	More traffic stops , many drivers are speeding and blowing stop signs in Darien	Be more visible , park at the Jewel or Walmart more show shoplifters they are visible, instead of parking at Hinsdale south parking lot when school is out . I see that often !
More police presence		
Patrols	Outreach	educational programs for school age children.
Connect more with community	Encourage and promote smart 911 more	
be more visable to the public	better patrol of business parking lots	better patrol of speeding
Traffic speeding.		
Staffing	Officer burnout	
more community events	get more citizens involved, like police academy	educate the citizens more
Patrolling during the day	Parking lots at nights	speeding cars in the subdivisions
Community outreach		
theft from businesses and homes/prosecution	more visibilty in community	response time to calls
Patrolling neighborhoods	Enforcing solicitor codes	Monitoring parking lots
?having a social worker go with them to visits or be able to send social workers to families to help them get help (paperwork for disability, mental health help etc)	educate police staff about mental health (adhd, autism, bipolar, manic episodes)	Hiring more minorities (African-American, Hispanic, Asian etc)
More patrols	Being proactive to gangs, violence prevention, etc.	
Theft prevention in local businesses like Walmart and Jewel	Prosecute criminals	
Safety	Community outreach	
Crime prevention , IE. burglaries both home and auto.	speeding on city streets	How the Safe-T act will affect policing
More officers	Security at community gatherings	Increased presence
More police driving around.	Homeless/Beggars on street corners	Gun control
vigilance to ensure for safety for all	monitor parks	Walmart crime
Keep on top of flash mob rowdy gatherings.	Provide a non emergency number that can be used for lost/found pets.	
More patrolling	Reduce crime	Keeping citizens informed
Visible awareness	Enforce all laws	Officer friendly with children

Q18 What are the top 3 things the police department should focus on over the next 5 years in order to keep Darien a safe community?		
1	2	3
More visibility.		
Continue to alert us about break-ins and patterns of theft in neighborhoods	Maybe talk to the high school kids about what traffic turns are legal and those that put others and themselves at risk.	Pat themselves on the back for all they are already doing.
Robbery car and home	Speeding on residential streets	More visibility.
Keep residents informed	Maintain proper level of protection	Maintain the law
Coordination with nearby communities	Working with states attorney office	
Safeguarding I55/I355 access to surrounding community from outside questionable influences	Neighbor security	Retail theft/Vandalism
I have never been a victim of crime but I read about break-ins of homes and autos frequently	Street safety. Too many speeding cars in certain areas	
Keeping crime down	Police presence out and about	Maintaining a safe community
Carjacking	Thefts in homes and stores	Careless, fast driving down side streets
Car jackings	DUIs	
More active patrol, places without street lights and such	Community outreach to befriend the public more	Hiring more officers
Drunk Drivers	Speeding	
Hire more officers	Ganges and Drug issues at schools	Being more part of the community so people know who they are
Be sure criminal activity is prosecuted.	Increase police presence in troubled areas.	Add officers if necessary.
Monitoring for suspicious activity	Enforcing rules	
More presence where speeding is reported in neighborhoods don't know	Night time patrols in poorly lit neighborhood blocks - most of Darien	Provide street beggars info about shelters, county aid available
School protection	Community engagement	Professional development (most up-to-date training for the department)
Speed		
community engagement	presence around town	patrols
Patrolling our streets		
Run information checks on all suspicious vehicles on streets and parking lots.	Stop and check all suspicious characters walking, loitering in residential/commercial areas.	conduct firearm safety training.
Patrolling neighborhood side street.		
Safety		
Areas off of I55	speeding through the city	
Safety in the area near I-55 and Cass	Safety in the area near I-55, Lemont Road and Cass	Connecting neighborhoods to police updates
More police patrols	Add some streetlights	More safety information in newsletter
Protect themselves from criminals	Two police in a vehicle at night	
MAINTAINING A PRESENCE IN THE COMMUNITY		
Patrol	Residents blocking sidewalks should be given tickets	Drivers running red lights
Stop residential fireworks!	Marion Hills has a lot of speeders - no police traps	Offer home safety classes
Maintain police patrols in all neighborhoods.	Focus on retail theft.	Focus on crime in neighborhood.
Not the police jurisdiction, but get a fence for I-55 on Frontage to keep out highway people coming into our neighborhood		
Protect vulnerable people/senior citizens.	Protect people from scams/trying to defraud innocent people.	
Keeping crime low		



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Drugs coming into and being used within Darien	Infiltration of Gangs and the dangers they are associated with.	Patrolling of residential streets. - but need to add, they are doing a great job.
Crime	Safety of us taxpayers w on going educational programs,	More police best technology to assist cops.
More frequent patrols of the neighborhoods	Awareness for residents on car jacking	General crime (robberies, theft etc.)
Store break-ins	Shop lifting	Attacks on postal workers for mailbox keys
Traffic enforcement - there are lots of speeders and light runners	Continuing to patrol higher-problem areas	High visibility
Keep communicating with residents.	Pay attention to the little things, speeding etc, before they turn into bigger issues/crimes	
Speeders	Drugs	Keeping crime low
Arresting people committing real criminal activity	Making presence known	
Outside trouble entering community	School safety	Prosecuting criminals to full extent
Continue what they are doing		
Traffic laws	Store parking lot safety especially at night	
Sufficient number of officers	Regular patrols	Availability with 911
Continue patrol		
tougher sentence for walmart thieves	focus on people driving too fast down plainfield rd.	
Theft	Violent crime/guns	vandalism
Visibility without being obtrusive	Use slow hours/ days to meet residents and develop neighborhood relationships	
Keep up the patrolling		
Get enough license plate readers!		
visibility--patrolling the streets		
Keep an eye on racing down streets	Have city personnel remind residents that garland yard waste should be put out the evening before pickup	
Crime	Drugs	
Train officers to de-escalate	More diversity in the force	
Visible presence in residential areas as much as possible.	Not spending so much time at WalMart and being in other areas and on call.	Continue to follow through on traffic control efforts and Crum apprehension-the word is out Darien takes crime seriously!
Training officers for dealing with people experiencing mental health crises and de-escalation techniques	Fostering positive relationships between the officers and the community members (I think they do a good job with this already, ie the coffee gatherings, etc.)	Resources to support the mental and emotional health of the officers. It's a high pressure job, and officers need care and support as well.
Speeding, especially along Manning Ave	Please remove the "no left turn" out of Walmart onto Lyman. This area has developed a lot and lots of people live in that area. Me going to my house is not worth a police officers time pulling me over for turning left.	Increased patrols/drive throughs in the neighborhoods
more police patrolling through neighborhoods		
Data driven decisions	Cameras	Patrolling the parks being visible in the community
Get career vagrants, both panhandlers and mentally challenged perennial wanderers off intersections and streets. Very hazardous, and despite this being addressed in a recent eNewsletter, it is hard to believe that between loitering, obstruction of traffic, trespassing (private property and businesses) and tax evasion, there are no ways to keep our children and drivers from "non neighbors."	Please get trees obstructing view of intersecting streets with STOP signs trimmed! It is one thing to come to a complete stop behind the white line, but not being able to see what is coming from the cross street is really why we have stop signs, to prevent accidents. 79th street bushes obstruct views.	Enact leash laws for dog walkers, (whose own lawns and yards are apparently "broken.") A family member and neighbor were attacked by sizeable unleashed dogs.

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Adding street cameras at entrance points to all subdivisions		
Rounding of police in the community especially at night		
More police visible in the community & use of K9's	Speaking at community events regarding cybersecurity	Use of drones at large gatherings
ending legal pot sales		
I would like a more visible police presence in the subdivisions and shopping areas	work with municipal services for code enforcement of things they see (i.e. garage sale signs on parkways of homes not having a sale; garbage totes left at curb for days and ones that are in front of garage-what happened to the no totes in front yard rule??? seemed to have changed since we changed over to LRS	watch for the speeders on Cass and Lemont Rd better
Enforcing speed limits on side streets		
Increase police patrols, evenly, on all streets.	Increase lax enforcement of noise, pollution, traffic laws	Increase number of police.
Increase patrol	Man the police station	
more patrols	arrest and persecute wrong doers	keep us informed
Outreach to businesses	Outreach to multi family residents	Outreach to the disadvantaged
More patrol cars.	And I wish I onw	Maybe get rid of places that seem to encourage hanging out and just in general cracking down on everything like when I was a kid
Ongoing training for best practices	Positive community engagement	
Police patrol when its dark		
INCREASE PATROL OF BUSINESS AREAS AT HIGH RISK BREAK INS	DEMAND STRICTER PENALTIES ON CRIMINAL OFFENDERS FROM THE STATES ATTORNEY	
Act on suspicious activity, especially in vehicles. Don't be like Chicago.	Advertise, in Darien we arrest criminals. And then back it up.	
More neighborhood patrols at night	More patrols by schools	
More Patrol in neighborhoods	Keep Schools Safe	Keep solicitors away from our neighborhoods
more patrolling, especially at night.	watch groups of teenagers	bicycle police
Stop people who are speeding and committing other traffic violations	Jail people convicted of DUI	
increase patrol in business districts and main thoroughfares		
Protect access from along I55 for our businesses and community	Do a little more neighborhood patrolling	Can police get more cars and equipment that they need
Be seen	Send out safety tips	Meet with students to educate on how to interact with officers during traffic stops, etc.
Present at schools or Hinsdale South HS to respond to potential active shooter	Consistent speeders down 71st street between Clarendon hills road and Richmond	Continued patrolling through residential neighborhoods in case of burglary false solicitations
address high crime locations	more officers on duty	enforce parking regulations/laws
Mental health crisis intervention training	Understanding domestic violence and intervention training	
Chronic retail theft from WalMart	Better residential patrols due to proximity to I55	PD does a great job, need more officers!
More Patrolling in neighborhoods	Making sure cars stay off streets after 2am.	
drug enforcement	monitoring gangs in high school and others	traffic enforcement
Speeding	Car theft	
Continue to patrol all areas of the city	Show presence at Darien businesses	
Keeping an eye on business properties	Continued safety patrols of the various neighborhoods	Doing their best to keep the city safe and a nice place to live

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Don't allow panhandling in roadways, risk for accidents	Maintain patrol of roads/properties	Keep schools safe
Communication with residents.	Training.	Maintenance of equipment.
More patrolling	Fireworks	
Speeders on residential streets	Reduction in size	Greening their fleet
Be more visible	Be more visible	Be more visible.
More presence i the neighborhoods		
people walking on neighbor streets		
Reduce cost. They are half our city budget	Working more with business to address theft	Speeders on side streets
11:00 PM to 7 AM patrols critical to our safety	Continue to have meetings with the residents	Continue zero tolerance on crime
Continue with the great job they are doing!		
Continued patrol watches	Cybersecurity	
Nothing more than to continue to keep the community safe.		
traffic	traffic	traffic
Transparency	Theft near highway exits	Image
crime		
Be more present on the road to deter crime and accidents caused by careless driving.	Engage in building more relationships with students from both high schools and middle school.	
Continue to deter crime	Continue to enforce traffic laws	Continue to be helpful to citizens
DEI training around implicit bias	Creating more connections with community members and organizations	Deescalation training
Not letting theft go charge them	Safety	
Tell walmart to figure out the self Check so it's not a daily issue they rely on city services for	Car break ins	Working w county/state to improve safety on N frontage rd west of cass by the church. Many bad crashes and cars/motorcycles off road thru the fence last couple years
Arrest and prosecute criminal offenders.	Traffic tickets for excessive speeding.	Patrol neighborhoods.
Schools	School	School
gang theft prevention		
Drunk drivers/ speeding/ traffic violations	Break ins/ damage to property/theft/ burglary	Increase Community awareness about pedophiles living in Darien and surrounding areas
Continue the same		
MORE TIMES SEEING SQUAD CARS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD		
Patrols	Customized crime alerts when crimes in the area happen	
?	?	?
Patrol as much as possible. Being seen is a preventative measure.	Maybe we need more police.	
Drugs in high school		
More patrol.	Night presence.	
Closely monitor gang activity		
Traffic movement along west Plainfield road	There seems to be more problems with HomeDepot/Walmart center. I would hope there is more joint planning and sharing of info	
More frequent police patrols		
Presence at night		
Gangs	High school safty	

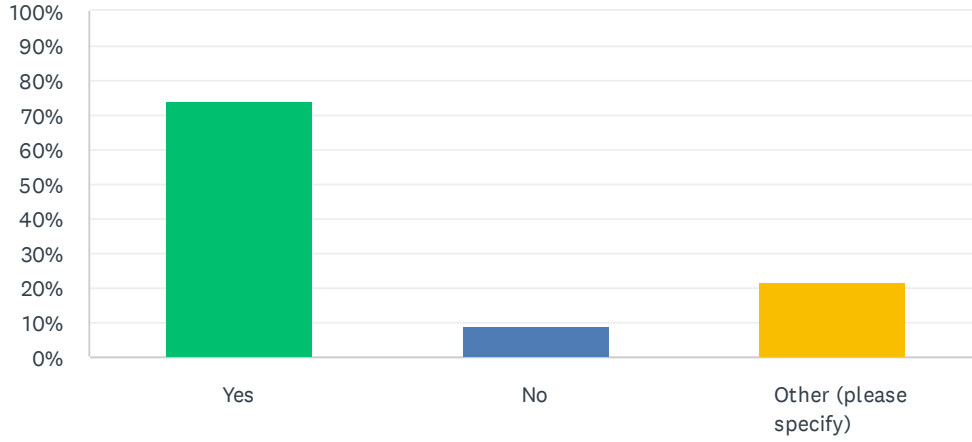
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Traffic law enforcement. There is an almost complete disregard for all posted speed limits.	Keep watch over the intersection of Cass Avenue/South Frontage Road/I-55 ramps. Until a traffic control device is placed there, a visible police presence is essential for driver safety.	If feasible, increase patrols on all streets. We can never have enough eyes and ears to help deter crime.
More patrol cars on side streets	Crack down on speeding/loud vehicles on 83rd street	Have more events about safety
Focus on commercial areas	Traffic enforcement	Residential patrols
Increase Police ticketing and pulling people over		
Crime	Notification to residents about incidents other than Twitter	Keeping our officers safe
greater visual presence of police patrols	better feedback on efforts to catch criminals	greater presence in retail areas
Increase number of officers	Have every homeowner have security cameras	Hold open houses to get to know our police
Focus greater attention on the statistically higher crime areas more.	Develop a strategy with local business to protect their assets during these store raids by gangs of thieves that have been occurring elsewhere.	Develop some resident gun safety and training program to encourage gun safety use
patrol parking lots	school education programs	patrol side streets and parks
more police presence in the neighborhoods		
Patrolling neighborhoods	Community service	
Patrols around schools	Speeding on main streets	
stopping residential crime and catalytic converter theft		
Making their presence known in the neighborhoods especially in the evening.		
Crime	Guns	Obvious presence in neighborhoods
Security	Continue high level of communication with residents	
speeding		
Communication	Prevention	Awareness
speeding in Hinsbrook, it is out of control, especially on 71st Street near Community Park.	Be more courteous to citizens	Be aware of parking violations where signage is posted.
better 911	use the smart 911	more patrols
Camera equip all major points of egress from the city with a view to catching and deterring offenders who prey on use due to our proximity to highway; advertise this on the edges of the city with signage	Have a yearly meet and greet so that residents can meet the entire force in a casual environment and hear a presentation on trends and police concerns	Post names, pictures, titles on the web site, and a formal bylaw that we do not hire any police who were fired from any other department got any reason
Cars on driveway break-ins	Robberies by breaking into houses	Speeding and lack of turn signals by motorists
Q Bar lol		
Great at apprehending criminals using traffic stops	Keeping our streets safe	Sex offenders, including registered child sex offenders
Notice of police action		
Parks	Speeding through red light and stop signs	Patrolling streets
Keep out gangs	Loitering	
Patrol streets and homes	Timely response to calls and issues	Friendly and respectful service
Presence	Community building	Hiring
More patrols in the neighborhoods	Arrest people who break the law and not for speeding. More serious crimes	Keep an eye on the youth
petty crime	enforcing the speed limit	
Keep patrolling vulnerable areas	Work on faster response time	Asking for feedback
Increase neighborhood patrolling.	Improve multi-use path lighting.	
Continue to enforce the law, even though underscanning at Walmart seems a minor crime. If we enforce the law equally and universally, wrongdoers are bound to get the messag.	Participate in council or town hall meetings, so people get to know them.	Just keep doing the good job they are currently doing.

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Crime	Vagrants	Drugs
Keeping the neighborhoods safe	Continuing the vacation watch program	
Keep watch over the bad guys	Try to get uninsured and driving without a license under control.	Patrol the residential areas more
Install more lighting in dark neighborhoods.	Perhaps installing security cameras at entry points to Darien so if a crime occurs, we can arrest the criminals. It sends a message to future potential criminals if people spend a long time in jail.	Get more transparent when reporting the crimes.
crime prevention	traffic enforcement	maintaining or expanding staffing levels
Keeping gangs out		
Arrest criminals	Detain criminals	Prosecute criminals
Traffic enforcement		
Speeding	Loud vehicles over the ordinance ecibel level	
jail repeat offenders	keep our quality police	stay aheadof what the bad guys are doing
Break ins & vandalism		
Social services		
Increase visibility of motor patrols in all neighborhoods	Renew efforts to have residents install security cameras	Maintain zero tolerance on criminal activity
Continued neighborhood patrols	Community outreach programs perhaps by ward.	Retraining programs for today's environment.
More presence at big box like Home Depot and Wal Mart.	Patrol the I-55 entrances to city more.	More radar signs like on 73rd St.
Speeding on Cass	Walmart trash	Neighborhood security at night
Speeding		
Education in schools	Increase patrols near shopping areas	Outreach in community
Keeping parks safe	Keeping kids off streets after curfew	
Community relationships		
Renters selling drugs out of their rental home	Education on what's considered a LEGAL turn on red	Expanding police force
patrolling more		
Car jacking	Gangs	
Do not lower the amount of policeman on the force as I believe that the more officers means less stress and more time dedicated to incedents.	Make sure the salary of our officers sufficient.	Interaction with the younger population.
Traffic enforcement (OWI, speeding, stop signs and red lights)	Car theft / home burglary prevention	Screen all employees for Implicit Bias and Aggression
Traffic violations, speeding, reckless driving.	Front license plate violations.	Theft, residential and retail.
Patrol more	Hold quarterly safety meetings and talk about the crime around us and how to prevent.	
Drug enforcement	Police visibility	Community outreach
Presence		
Drive around	Drive around neighborhoods	Be seen
Walmart		
Keeping kids busy as to not be out causing trouble	Keep up on vehicle violations that lead to arrests	Watch Walmart. It's really a hole after 7pm.
Monitor trouble spots: Walmart, Q-Bar	Keep patrolling streets, especially at night	
speeders on sweetbriar ln		
Close partnership with our schools to keep our kids as safe as possible		
Illegals	Shoplifting	Gangs
Better communication during incidents		

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Highly visible police presence	Continue aggressive vehicle stops	Remain transparent in publicizing crimes, actions taken, etc.
Training	Senior support	Increase police force
Continuous patrols	Arrest of perpetrators	Keep the community informed
Making it seem like a real bad idea to steal cars	The pathways between Darien and the highways	Be more present in the community
Maintain patrol frequency	Act to reduce speeding on Oldfield	
Ticketing people for OBVIOUS cell phone use	Ticketing people for OBVIOUS cell phone use	Ticketing people for OBVIOUS cell phone use
Crime	Crime	Crime
Drug Enforcement	More officers	Increased visibility
policing code violations - residential and business	community safety/presence	
Criminals from outside our community		
Keep patrolling	Have body cams	
Neighborhood patrols	School safety	Drug task force involvement
Keep crime low	Put criminals in jail	Keep up the good work
Arrest drunk drivers	Patrol parks and neighborhoods	Ticket people driving recklessly
Theft	Violence	
Auto theft and vandalism	Additional police drive-throughs	
Curfew	Theft	
Drug buying and selling	Crimes	
Vaping in public	Car theft	Political extremists in the community.
Stopping speeders. Stopping turning left on red at 75th & Cass		
Our safety	Their safety	Enforcement of laws
Violent crime	Reckless driving	
hire more officers	hire more officers	hire more officers
Ongoing neighborhood patrols	Outreach to residents in areas affected by crime issues	Encourage residents to report potential issues
Patrol streets	Oversight at events	Training of staff

## Q19 When you have a concern about a city program, does city staff make an effort to assist you at resolving the issue/concern?

Answered: 407 Skipped: 104



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	73.96%	301
No	8.85%	36
Other (please specify)	21.62%	88
Total Respondents: 407		

**Q19 When you have a concern about a city program, does city staff make an effort to assist you at resolving the issue/concern?**

**Other (please specify)**

Somewhat feels like a attitude

never contacted

Sometimes (Code enforcement could be better)

Not always

I have not contacted the streets and sidewalk to address the grinding vs replacement

I sent in a question/request about the noise from I-55 and never got an answer. I also stopped to drop off medication at the police department or city building and got there 1 min. to closing - no one was able to stay and help and they sent me away with "oh well " better luck next time.

Not applicable at this time

N/A

N/A

We have reached out a few times to get clarifications on questions we had and the people at city hall have been pleasant and extremely helpful .

Not applicable so I have no comments

Sometimes. The gals that answer the phone are always pleasant and helpful.

i have had no concerns

Does anyone really check for building permits? Cars left outside with no plates. South east corner of 67 th and Richmond ave

Yes! And thank you for sending a survey like this one out.

Wonderful office personnel and management

Rarely ask

Na

Sometimes

NA

Have not had to call about any concerns

No one answers - you get voice mail!

Have not had an issue

Na

Yes, all questions are answered!

Never had an issue

NA

Never have had an issue to be raised with the city staff

No problems with personal

haven't reached out to city staff regarding a concern.

don't know. never asked for assistance

N/A

I have called for clarification on things and felt satisfied.

NA

Sometimes

Have not reported any concerns.

Darien staff has always been responsive.

Have not needed help lately

Never contacted them

No contact with staff.

Sometimes,

Not applicable

N/a

Hope so. Haven't had a concern.

A+ Always responsive, friendly, and helpful.

City has reimbursed for snow plow mishaps

Rewrite the question. or proof read before its printed.

Sentence males no sense - proofreading is helpful

So far, I haven't had a need to approach about anything

Not applicable to me

I find staff to be a little condescending and thinking they know better.

NA

e.g. Our sole street light, dead end street, failed. Called City Hall, withina couple of days light replaced with a brighter (long life, lower energy L.E.D. fixture.)

Did talk to Lisa I think was her name. She was nice. Helped me to opt out n the Nicor deal

NA



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**Other (please specify)**

according to city law trash cans cannot be stored on driveway and I have multiple times for a neighbor but have not heard back from city official nor I have seen any change with is issue. Neighbor still keeps the trash on driveway and it looks bad.

"Curb your dog", like other towns.(Instead of on lawns)

No concerns

public works dept is unresponsive

N/A

They try, but sometimes there's a run around, not our department, try again

haven't contacted the staff

I've contacted our alderman re: a neighbor complaint and nothing was done about it. That neighbor continues to change his oil and let it drip near I'm the sewer grates.

They are awesome!

The village manager did respond to my emails my alderman (ward 6) is out of touch and doesn't communicate or try to understand our needs

N/a

N/A

No opportunity.

N/A

N/A

Fortunately haven't had one

N/A

NA

N/A

No experience with this

just moved in

Hasn't run into issues yet

Sometimes. Some top-level administrators are dismissive and self-focusef.

The only one that makes an effort is very good at what he does is Bryon Vana. Bryon is always available to answer your questions. Whenever I call the city anyone that answers the phone talks like you are bothering them. I don't like calling because of that kind of attitude. Sorry to say this because I'm a woman, but i's the women with the attitudes when I call. Sad.

Haven't had any concerns to date.

Sort of. My interaction with a few of the City Admin people is on the edge of rudeness and we pay their salary.

n/a

Na

Water dept & police very helpful

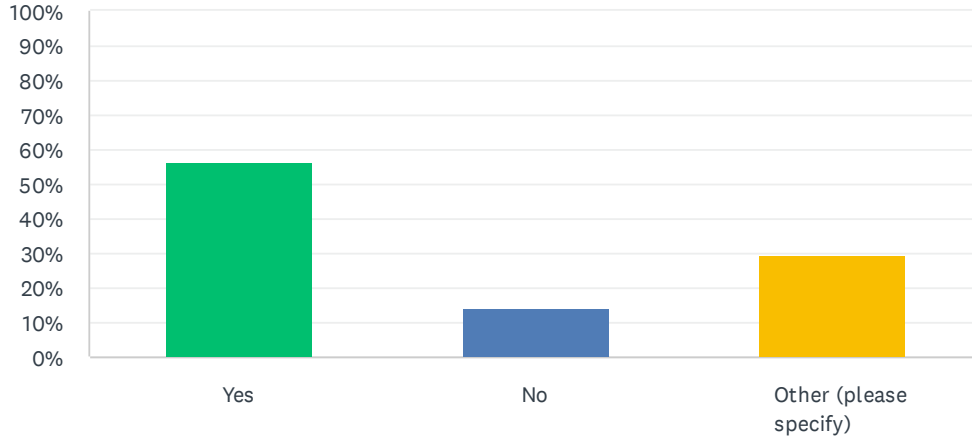
No concerns

No opinion.

Not applicable since I have not had any concerns

## Q20 When you have a concern about a city program do elected officials make an effort to work with you at resolving the issue/concern?

Answered: 394 Skipped: 117



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	56.09%	221
No	14.21%	56
Other (please specify)	29.70%	117
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>394</b>

**Q20 When you have a concern about a city program do elected officials make an effort to work with you at resolving the issue/concern?**

**Other (please specify)**

I haven't had a concern but feel my alderwoman, Mary Sullivan would be very helpful. I like her Facebook posts and her way of getting information out.
Have not had a recent need
Doesn't apply
Appease you
never contacted
Jeje. Clue
Have never had a problem with any city program so difficult to say.
Not applicable at this time
N/A
Cheers to Gerry in the 4th ward
Get the garbage cans off the driveways. It detracts big-time the neighborhoods. Residents are lazy. There's an ordinance on the books, so enforce it.
not sure
Yes and No. as stated earlier, my back yard is rendered useless as it becomes a retention pond for the area.
No applicable so I have no comments
Why do some citizens need BMS 4700 bins for waste disposal containers and other Vito just leave their bins in front of their garages?
My alderman is not helpful
No idea
Not applicable
Don't know
No experience with this
Sometimes
NA
Not applicable
Not applicable
No one answers the phone.
Have not had an issue.
Na
Never had an issue
NA
In my 37 years living in Darien, I had one issue I contacted my alderman about, and it was resolved quickly.
Asked for a speed hump on Richmond between 71st & 69th st. & response and some type of street light at Clarendon hills rd & 70th st. At night time it is a very dark intersection & hard to see pedestrian in warm weather, no reflection from snow.
Haven't spoken with elected officials
Our new alderman is doing a good job of communicating! Thanks Jerry
Never dealt with the elected officials
Have not had a chance
definitely our ward 4 alderman
I have always been pleased and grateful for the support and assistance of our city employees and elected officials.
Don't know, never asked.
N/A
I have not had the type of concern that needed an elected official to intervene.
No opinion
Never tried
Haven't had to do this
Haven't had an issue
NA
Sometimes
I have not voiced any concerns to elected officials.
N/A
N/A
na
Have not needed help lately
Never contacted them
No contacts.
I try to work with my Alderman but not always successful. Always excuses.
Elected? Or appointed, who cares? As long as it's resolved. Bryan Vana been very helpful.
Not applicable

**Q20 When you have a concern about a city program do elected officials make an effort to work with you at resolving the issue/concern?**

**Other (please specify)**

I haven't tried to deal with elected officials about problems. City staff has addressed all my concerns to my satisfaction.

Most of the time my alder person responds to my concerns

Do not know who to call

They did not really answer my question

N/a

See above

The new 4th ward alderman is doing a great job!

No concerns

Sometimes

N/A

Depends

They give legally correct answers and nothing else. They're absolutely powerless when it comes to issues affecting darien residents that are conducted by neighboring towns. Completely useless

Not applicable to me

NA

Never contacted

I've been to meetings. I'm not impressed. And I'm still angry that KathyMenardi didn't get the recognition shedeserved

NA

SOMETIMES

Don't know

No concerns

n/a

N/A

haven't contacted the staff

I have not contacted any elected officials

They attempt. Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't. Small things get addressed bigger items whole council related sometimes no. Glad to see sidewalks near the high school finally!! Hurray for that alderman.

This has not been an issue

N/a

Never needed to resolve and issue.

Mayor could have cared less about the bar noise from QBar during the pandemic! Police said their hands were tied because the mayor gave them a permit.

N/A

N/A

Didn't care to listen to us or the Building and zone to vote down the apartments on Sokol

No feedback positive or negative

No opportunity.

N/A

I feel that our Alderperson is very attentive, however I feel that the mayor has his own agenda and doesn't listen to all constituents.

N/A

N/A

N/A

NA

N/A

N/A

No experience with this

just moved in

Never brought up concerns

shouldnt need to involve elected officials, staff can handle

Park district trees trimmings

Haven't had any issues to date.

Have not had a concern I've ever needed to contact an elected official to resolve

Yes, but not in a timely manner.

Have not had any issues in recent memory.

n/a

N/A

Alderman Schafer does not respond to emails

N/A

New administration better than Weaver

**Q20** When you have a concern about a city program do elected officials make an effort to work with you at resolving the issue/concern?

**Other (please specify)**

No concerns

Does not apply

No opinion.

Not applicable since I have not had any concerns

Mostly. Would really like to see the arbitrary pet limit of 3 "dogs and or cats" removed.

## 2023 Goal Setting Survey Results

### Resident Communication

	Schauer	Stompanato	Kenny	Leganski	Sullivan	Gustafson	Belczak	Coren	Ragona	Marchese
Direct Connect	A	A	A	A	B	A	A	A		
Website	A	A	B	C	B	A	B	A		
Newsletters	B	B	A	B	B+	A	B	C		
Cable Station	C	C	n/a	B	n/a	B	C	n/a		
Staff Customer Service	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		
FaceBook	B	B	A	n/a	B	B	C	n/a		
Twitter	D	B	B	n/a	B	B	C	n/a		
NextDoor	C	F	n/a	n/a	☹	A	C	n/a		

**Schauer** – I am finding that twitter is eliminating a lot of people to have access to it. I believe we really need to keep putting things on Facebook. Finding that is a good way to share info quickly. Direct Connect is excellent.

**Stompanato** – I feel any way we communicate is good. Our website has a wealth of information and if someone is looking for something, the website is likely to provide the answer or provide direction. I would love to see a texting service that residents can opt into and then really promote that service. We are all tied to our phones and texting could be used to provide the most important information that residents may need to hear.

**Kenny** – website – I would like to see an app to link if possible. Twitter would like to see more followers. I do not watch channel 6 enough to give an opinion. Same with NextDoor.

**Leganski** – I left Facebook, Twitter and Nextdoor blank because I do not use them. My C for the website is I have found it sometimes difficult to find the place you are trying to get to.

**Sullivan** – investigate what Willowbrook, Westmont, Woodridge and Burr Ridge does. Major headway made just feel like we need to do more. Cannot figure out why there are not more DC subscribers. Add another newsletter? A push mechanism for digital content? Cable station – issues with stream of meeting live.

**Belczak** - The Direct Connect is by far the best method for communicating to the residents. Hopefully, the new electronic sign at Cass & Plainfield will help spread the word about upcoming events & projects. I think we should consider sending bi-monthly post cards to the residents to set forth matters on the upcoming city calendar matters , and/or potential public works projects ... new stop light, new cross walks, electric speed signs, new zoning changes are variation requests ... etc. Post cards are less expensive and have cheaper mailing rates.

## Municipal Services

	Schauer	Stompanato	Kenny	Leganski	Sullivan	Gustafson	Belczak	Coren	Ragona	Marchese
Street Repair	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		
Storm Water Management	A	A	A	C	A	A	A	A		
Street Cleaning	B	A	A	B	B	A	B	A		
Parkway Tree Care	B	A	A	B	A	A	A	A		
Snow Removal	A*	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		
Brush Pick Up	A	A	A	A	A	A	B	A		
Sidewalk Maintenance	A	A	A	C	A	A	B	A		
Multi-Year Planning of Municipal Capital Projects	A	A	A		A	A	B	A		
Property Maintenance Enforcement	A	A	B	A	B	A	B	B		

**Schauer** - \*see priorities. Everything is excellent

**Kenny** – I do see un-kept homes around town longer than need be in my opinion.

**Stompanato** – I’ve always been a big fan of our municipal services team and since becoming an alderman, I’ve just reinforced that belief. In working with residents, I’ve seen municipal services go above and beyond to solve issues and they have been a great partner in working towards solutions

**Leganski** – storm water management is definitely a concern in my ward. I’d like to direct more capital project funds to this area. I think we should evaluate our criteria for sidewalk replacement or areas that could be ‘shaved’ down to save money. I left this box blank since I am new and have never been part of the process.

**Sullivan** – AMAZING – well oiled machine!

**Gustafson** – great team of individuals with superior management.

**Belczak** - Municipal Services is solid. That said, residents still complain and are surprised when public works projects (like the Clarendon Hills Road sidewalks) effect their everyday life. I know we sent out flyers to the residents, shortly before the project, I think we should consider sending on flyers in May (after the budget is approved) , that lets residents know about all upcoming new projects. Also, I’d like to see a Capital Project report in November that details the summer projects regarding the project’s timeliness, whether it was on budget & if the issue will need to be address in the future.

Lastly, I think we should consider making zoning variation requests a two-part formula. The first meeting is for the petitioner to present his request and supporting document & to appear before the committee. Public debate would also take place. After which the petition would be tabled to a future date, so that the committee members could digest the information and would not be forced to rush a vote. While this might require two meetings some month, I think it would allow for a better decision that has been completely thought through. (This would work for P&Z as well)

**Coren** – property maintenance inspections could use a little more proactivity

## Administration and Finance

	Schauer	Stompanato	Kenny	Leganski	Sullivan	Gustafson	Belczak	Coren	Ragona	Marchese
City Audit Process	A	B	A	B	A	A	A	-		
Monthly Financial Reports	A	B	A	B	A	A	B	-		
City Budget Process	A	B	A		A	A	B	-		
City Financial Management	A	B	A	B	A	A	A	-		

**Schauer** – excellent

**Stompanato** – being a new alderman, I’m still learning the admin/finance side of the city and from what I’ve observed, we do a really good job in budgeting, reporting, and managing the finances of the city. Looking forward to going through the budget process in the upcoming year.

**Kenny** – I think we have this down pat.

**Leganski** – I left the budget process blank since I have never been through it. The financial information I am getting is very helpful.

**Sullivan** – fantastic process, checks & balances & reporting

**Gustafson** – great finance team and oversight

**Belczak** - I have no problem with the City’s financial management. We could improve on communicating the budget process and dates of “Committee as a Whole” meetings regarding the budget.

I’d like to see the treasurer put out a quarterly “Financial Report” that addresses the state of the City’s finances, that summarizes whether we are on budget regarding income & expenses, pension fund investments, and any other matters that will present a “snapshot” of the city’s finances. This would be distributed every three months before a council meeting and posted on the City’s web site.

**Coren** – Julie does a great job and Lisa is very helpful with background and back up info. Otherwise, I will allow others to grade this category.



## Police Services

	Schauer	Stompanato	Kenny	Leganski	Sullivan	Gustafson	Belczak	Coren	Ragona	Marchese
Responding to Emergency Calls	A*	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		
Promoting Police Community Engagement	A	A	A	C	B+	A	A	A		
Proactive Crime Prevention	A	A	B	B	A	A	A	A		
Traffic Enforcement	A	A	A	B	A	A	A	A		
Police Staffing Level	A	A	A	B	A	A	A	A		
Information Provided to the Public	A	A	A	C	B+	A	B	B		

**Schauer**- \*Excellent – see priorities

**Stompanato** – I feel we have a great police force that engages with the public in a professional and friendly way. I would like to see us utilize an opt in text service to alert citizens of potential areas to avoid due to accidents, police and fire activity.

**Kenny** – crime prevention is all of our responsibilities

**Leganski** – Whatever we can continue to do to promote our police department with the residents works for me.

**Sullivan** – continue with outreach & community wide programs like at the library

**Gustafson** – well run team with great officers

**Belczak** - Police Services are excellent. Communication can always be better, but based on the demise of print media we do the best we can.

**Coren** – could use a little more info to residents in areas that have experienced recent crime activity

**Miscellaneous Items**

	Schauer	Stompanato	Kenny	Leganski	Sullivan	Gustafson	Belczak	Coren	Ragona	Marchese
Staff Responsiveness to your Questions	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		
Agenda Memos and Back Up Material Distributed for council and committee meetings	A	A	A	A	A	A	B	A		
Economic Development Program	A	B	B	C	B-	A	B	A		
Summer Concert Series	A	A	A	B	B+	A	A	A		

**Schauer** – residents like the concerts

**Stompanato** – I have been totally impressed with our staff, in every area of city business. What a great responsive team and a pleasure to work with. As a new alderman, the staff’s partnership has been welcoming, patient and very important to me.

**Kenny** – economic development can always improve. It is an ongoing process. Concerts have been a great addition.

**Leganski** – I’ve been to a couple ED meetings and I’ve been the only alderman there. We need to collectively do more to understand what the residents want and areas we need to attract young families to Darien. I did attend 2 of the summer concerts but could not attend Oktoberfest. I do think these are a step in the right direction. I do think we have to address the future of DarienFest – what it offers and its location. I am totally against the parking lot by the cannabis dispensary.

**Sullivan** – summer concert so well received – cannot wait for more. Need more promotion & what food vendors are coming

**Gustafson** – superior team

**Belczak** - Summer Concert series is a hit and should not be changed. I have no problem with the content of the agenda memos, but it would be nice if we had more than 3-4 days to review some of the more complex matters

## **Top Priorities**

**Schauer** – vehicles, vehicles, vehicles - see attached memo (10/4/2023)

**Stompanato** – 1) Economic re-development 2) additional communication methods with residents

**Kenny** – 1) crime prevention 2) pension liabilities 3) municipal services facility

**Leganski** – 1) Economic development and promoting Darien businesses. Facelifts to some business plazas. 2) storm water and retention. 3) incorporating more unincorporated areas of Darien.

**Sullivan** – 1) relationship & partnership with park district 2) private public partnership for I-55 sound wall 3) identify what makes us unique to attract businesses and new residents

**Gustafson** 1) development of Chestnut Court 2) addition of A&W Restaurant 3) continue to enhance security

**Belczak** – 1) continue to improve transparency & communication 2) stay on course on the fiscally conservative budget 3) to the extent affordable, investigate further city beautification projects

**Coren** – 1) safety and police enforcement & staffing 2) infrastructure maintenance 3) budgetary common sense to keep resident taxes as low as possible

## **Suggestions**

**Schauer** – vehicles, vehicles vehicles - see attached memo (10/4/2023)

**Stompanato** – 1) continue fun events like summer concerts and look for additional opportunities 2) put more effort into attracting new business and looking for developers to partner with in updating the shopping districts in our city 3) continuing with a business liaison to partner with economic development in working with current and future businesses

**Leganski** – 1) tree trimming 2) leaf collection

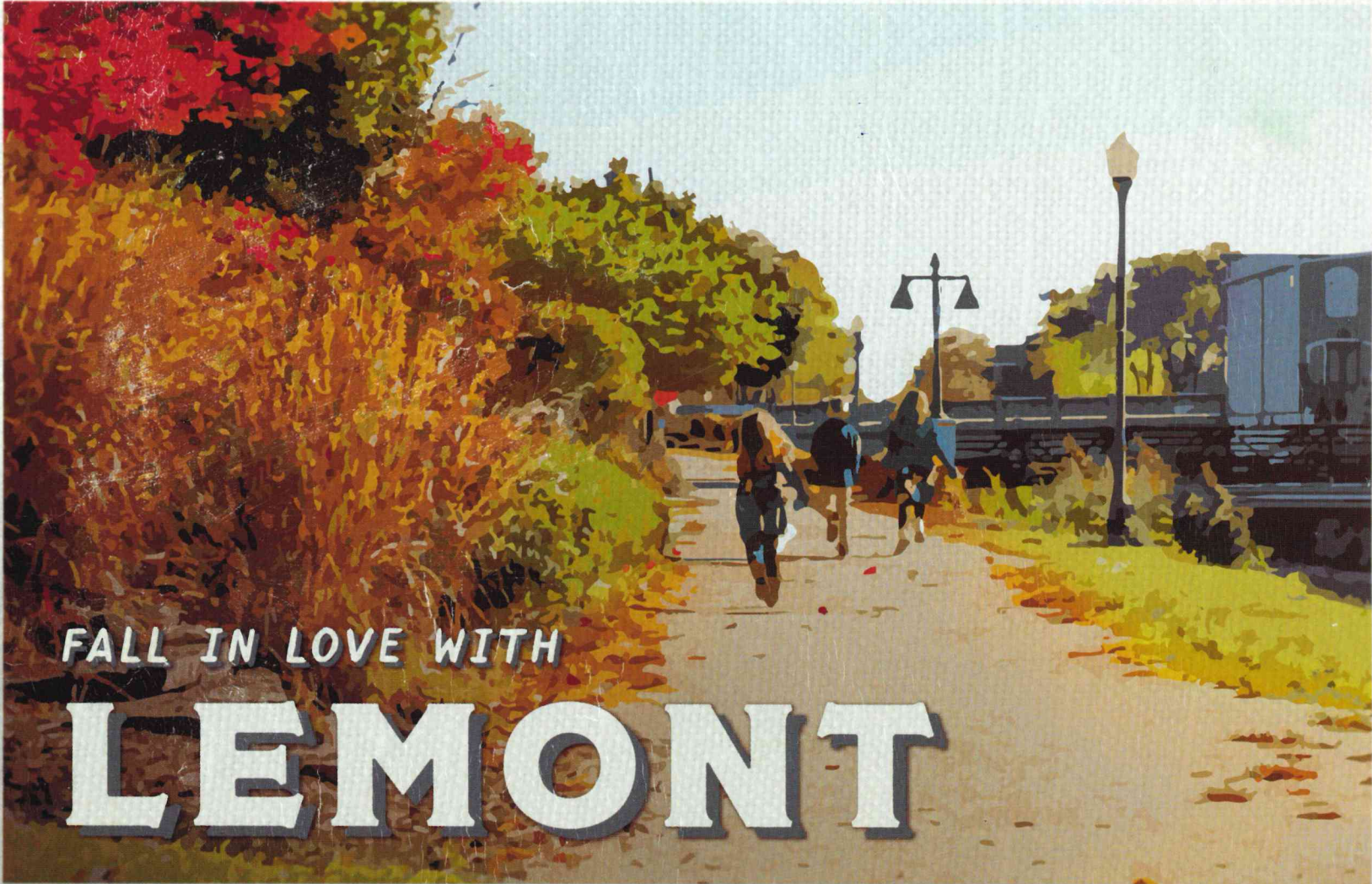
**Kenny** – 1) create an app making it easier for residents to communicate with the city 2) proposing this question to the residents 3) leverage with surrounding communities

**Sullivan** – continue to work on communications enhancement

**Gustafson** – new municipal services building; additional street sweeping; enhance economic development

**Belczak** – follow the science and keep current on new methods for providing services; continue to update antiquated systems for providing superior and faster services

**Coren** – find ways to make Direct Connect more widely used; being aggressive as possible in getting grants and funding from other available sources; get businesses to participate in city events to help subsidize the costs



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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- SEP**
- 3 **KEEPAW DAY PARADE & FUN FEST**
  - 4 **LABOR DAY**
  - 8 **EVERCLEAR WITH THE ATARIS AT THE FORGE**
  - 9 **TASTE OF LEMONT LHSEF**
  - 10 **LEMONT LABOR PICNIC LUNCH & WALKING TOUR**
  - 16 **QUARRIES & CANAL WALKING TOUR LAHS**
  - 23 **POLLYANNA OKTOBERFEST AT THE FORGE**
  - 23 **SCARECROW FEST LJWC/LEMONT TOWNSHIP**
  - 30 **SPIRITS OF THE LIMESTONE HAUNTED HISTORY TOUR**
- 5, 12, 19, 26 **LEMONT FARMERS MARKET VILLAGE GREEN**

- OCT**
- 1 **FALL ON CANAL**
  - 6 **DRIVE IN MOVIE LEMONT PARK DISTRICT**
  - 7 **FALL FOOD TRUCK FEST AT THE FORGE**
  - 7-8 **ART ON THE GREEN ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION**
  - 8 **LEMONT UNLOCKED DOWNTOWN LEMONT**
  - 9 **COLUMBUS/INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY**
  - 13-14 **HOCUS POCUS 1&2 LAHS WITH LEMONT LIBRARY**
  - 14 **"BACK IN TIME" 80'S HALLOWEEN BASH AT THE FORGE**
  - 14 **TRICK OR TREAT TRAIL LEMONT PARK DISTRICT**
  - 14 **FALL HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING EVENT LEAC**
  - 22 **CHARACTER MEET & TREAT AT THE FORGE**
  - 26 **INTO DEVIL'S REACH MOVIE 21 AND OLDER AT LAHS**
  - 28 **DOWNTOWN WALKING TOUR LAHS**
  - 28 **HALLOWEEN HOEDOWN**
  - 31 **HALLOWEEN • TRICK OR TREAT HOURS: 3:00-6:30 PM**
- 3, 10, 17 **LEMONT FARMERS MARKET VILLAGE GREEN**

- NOV**
- 3 **HOLIDAY KICK OFF DOWNTOWN BOUTIQUES**
  - 5 **FALL TRAIL RACE FESTIVAL AT THE FORGE**
  - 10-12 **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE**
  - 11 **VETERANS DAY**
  - 19 **QUARRY CROSS CYCLOCROSS RACE AT THE FORGE**
  - 23 **THANKSGIVING**
  - 26 **SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY**



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