

Q19 Comments:

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#	Responses	Date
1	Peoria is run by police. All ther is to do in peoria is to drink and go to church. Peoria needs a place bigger than glen osk park with actual water park peoria has become a locstion of factory workers and tv watchers. The kids have nothing to do or any place to go. So they get into trouble....then they gave a record for the rest of their lives. Too many old people run illinois. ILLINOIS NEEDS AN OVERHAUL	4/26/2016 8:16 PM
2	Keep working to change policies regarding tobacco use in Peoria County. There needs to be more options for smoke free apartments.	4/24/2016 6:26 PM
3	Way to many drugs and dealers in this small town. Far to many babies without daddies. Woman living off the state on purpose. Need tuffer laws on welfare recepients!!	4/23/2016 6:30 PM
4	My husband and I will be leaving the area because my husband was forced into retirement and the cost of living mainly property taxes and not affordable.	4/22/2016 9:02 PM
5	The Tazewell area could look to the Peoria EDC for a great success model. Most of my volunteer work is done in Peora because I'm not aware of similar programs in the area.	4/22/2016 6:30 PM
6	There is a huge divide between the haves and have nots in our community. I have access to all the services that I need. I am not certain that other people have the same level of access to health services.	4/22/2016 1:12 PM
7	My problem is the durg dealers that can get away with selling it right out in their front yard	4/20/2016 12:17 PM
8	I live in Peoria and there aren't enough programs and help when there was social needs like Washington tornado. There aren't enough community clinics besides heartland to help Peoria who need help medically and especially not enough help for people who have mental health problems. I think osf has great resources for which I'm proud to say I work. However we need more. I am also sad to see that we don't have more help for people w hi of have pets and finding nice places to live. I also did home care for 4 years and there are so many elderly who rely needs like meals on wheels and so many programs are getting cut but our cities don't help either.	4/20/2016 3:58 AM
9	People litter too much in the city and on the country roads.	4/19/2016 6:18 PM
10	Pekin would be a better place to live if the city would enforce zoning. Cars, trailers, boats, and trucks parked in front yards and side yards, also parked between sidewalk and street. Trash, junk, and high weeds in yards. Run down homes and builds. Many areas look like the areas of the county with no zoning!	4/19/2016 4:42 PM
11	Biggest complaint I hear recently, our roads are horrible.	4/19/2016 3:41 PM
12	Pekin has been economically struggling since Walmart moved in. We have nothing but fast food as far as dining out. Not enough recreation for kids that doesn't take money to do. Not enough affordable housing/rental property considering our level of poverty. There is no way a house on Herget street should be renting for \$600 a month. No jobs, too much drug and alcohol abuse. Otherwise I feel safe in Pekin and I like the way it is going as far as the downtown is concerned and we have the best & safest park in the Tri-County area.	4/19/2016 12:52 PM
13	I'm confused by the term "our" community; do you mean the participants zip code or county or the Tri county area? This needs to be clarified as it makes a huge difference in the answers.	4/19/2016 12:30 PM
14	I beleive since we have gotten a new mayor, activities have grown in our town. I also feel that we should have more community events that involve cleaning our neighborhoods. I feel that our littering laws should be kept up on. I would love to see more community gardens or free community events.	4/19/2016 11:53 AM
15	I feel people are only in it for themselves now, and keep to themselves also so not many friendships are made between neighbors and such.	4/19/2016 11:40 AM
16	It would just be good to have a hospital (Pekin) that was worth a crap	4/19/2016 10:29 AM
17	My teenage children would disagree with some of my answers. They see Pekin as a very racist community.	4/19/2016 10:27 AM
18	Pekin has become a drug hole. Police are working hard, but they need help. I trust my police dept. whole-heartedly though.	4/19/2016 10:27 AM
19	Not everyone is a meth head. But wven those who are middle class are struggling day to day to afford all the essentials. I have health insurance but cant afford to actually use it. To buy food, cilco might go unpaid. To pay rent, water might not get paid. Its hand to mouth, every day.	4/19/2016 10:00 AM

20	We live in an very rural community which has very limited access to public prigrams offered in the larger cities.	4/19/2016 9:45 AM
21	Since the Quality of Life questions follow information that relates to me, unsure if they are to be specific to my personal community or the tai-county community as a whole.	4/18/2016 11:16 AM
22	Social services are great but it doesn't really solve the issue. Education is the key to solving most of the health concerns in our community. Giving someone a handout and saying they've been education is. It good enough. Healthcare and social services should be proactive opposed to reactive. In other words, prevent, don't treat. If you want people to live healthier lives give them that expectation. Set limits on government assistance that enables poor choices.	4/13/2016 4:23 AM
23	there needs to be more for the young adults in woodford county to do	4/10/2016 1:33 PM
24	open a Walgreens in Germantown Hills; MTHS should have a swimming pool or join forces w/Village of MEtamora & park district to maintain one	4/5/2016 2:29 PM
25	I think the IL budget impass is creating havoc for education and municipalities so school resources are iffy at this time. Social services are impacted as well. ACA impact on health insurance is seen via high out of pocket expenses for medical care and procedures. Health insurances are losing money so will we lose health care options. Mental health issues are more noticeable with limited resources and access to care. Mental health impacts physical health with limited coping skills, making physical recovery more protracted. Volunteer recruitment is challenging	4/4/2016 9:17 PM
26	poor transportation; too much interest in "fads"	3/26/2016 12:56 AM
27	i believe we need more grocery stores besides Kroger and Walmart, and i believe we need more places to buy clothes besides kohls. Senior citizens that live in places like leisure acres have to travel farther now and have not many choices especially if you have to walk and don't want to drive far. There is nothing between east peoria and washington. washington has no clothing stores.	3/24/2016 11:00 AM
28	There is a lack of community involvement with our youth which I feel is one of the main reasons why there are an increased amount of teenage pregnancies and crime. Peoria really needs programs for teens that will keep them off the streets and help them focus on success.	3/23/2016 11:53 PM
29	Open burning is still allowed in East Peoria. This poses a significant health risk to residents and shows lack of respect and concern for others. It should be banned immediately.	3/23/2016 6:04 PM
30	This survey did not address the cost of health care rising approximately three times faster than wages and income. My supplemental health care premiums have doubled in the last eight years.	3/23/2016 4:23 PM
31	Something is going with the medical community. Is it common to have every medical professional retire all at the same time. Unlikely. Finding new doctors had met it challenges as most are new or not taking new patience. Currently I am in limbo almost 6 months with cancer being sent to specialist after specialist and still no treatment. It has taken 3 months to see the latest specialist that will only schedule a consolation. I wonder, if it takes 3 months to get to see a doctor just for a consolation, how long will it take for treatment. While it is well and good to claim it is the bridge that matters, I find it contemptible that presenters make jokes. This area is falling apart and while the level district is "pretty" it was not needed. REAL jobs that have larger salaries were needed so that the tax structure does not fall on the few that still have good jobs. I am glad that those with money have the time to fill out this form and tell those of us that struggle that was are lucky to live here. Shame on you and your company making light of a very important issue. But I suppose it is true: make changes slow enough and people become content in the new low.	3/23/2016 11:09 AM
32	This community use to be filled with working class families that use to make a comfortable living. Today, the members of this community are lucky if they find service jobs that equate to \$15 an hour. The younger generation are being raised by those that have lost gainful employment and now are depressed. Many citizens of this area do not dress or even comb their hair to go to the local grocery store. Now that it is no longer an embarrassment to be on food stamps or recieve government help, everyone is just handed everything from free cloths, food, help serves and even school supplies. Those working are actually living poorer then those that are receiving government help. Most employers in this area expect the working folks to be grateful they have jobs and are expected to donate time and funds continuously. Employers insist and shame employees to give to a sponsored charities. Those that work have little to no social time as they are contacted by employers at all hours of the day and night and even on "vacations". Not a huge deal as most of the social engagements in this area are drinking events. And the taxes are so expensive one is not able to purchase better housing or for that matter fix any significant problems as they taxes will surely go higher. Many of the charitable jobs could be employment for people of this area but the people that are working are the people being pressured into longer charitable hours after their full time careers.	3/22/2016 8:52 PM
33	I was born and raised in the local area. I get out of this area quick enough. This area does not foster a business friendly environment. Quality jobs are being replaced with minimum wage jobs. It is only a matter of time before the tax base crumbles.	3/22/2016 4:54 PM
34	Peoria is a very racist town remember for African americans we were rated as one of the worst. we have city leaders who can't or don't know how to articulate and achieve	3/22/2016 11:50 AM

35	lets destroy another neighborhood and build a cub grocery store , roads are bad, but we keep building new bridges and trails for 2.0 % of the population to walk on	3/21/2016 9:06 AM
36	My answers are referenced to Tazewell County will I reside. My answers for the other Counties from my view would be different.	3/20/2016 9:48 AM
37	Their are people on Virginia ST. constantly burning copper which burns to breath we assume they are stealing copper from our community . Also a lot of people burn trash which is an awful smell .a neighbor on American St. runs a tree service and brings all the waste to his yard to burn and brought Asian beetles with some of his tree jobs . When they burn it is dangerous large fires , the fire department has had to come put out multiple fires that this man has let out of control (common sense) . A lack of and a lack of conideration to neighbors	3/19/2016 10:19 AM
38	CLEAN AIR and WATER would do a lot to improve health issues in this area, and also for future generations. Unfortunately, it has always been perceived that "job loss" is more important. The ability to earn a good living today, may obliterate the ability to breath clean air without medications and drink clean water without chemicals. I don't believe we can undo what is already done. However, we can start to slow or stop the process from getting any worse by participation.	3/19/2016 9:56 AM
39	I love Peoria -- it's 'home'... but I don't know if it's a place that I will want to live in once I retire. It is becoming more crime ridden and the economy here is getting worse. I'm glad that I don't have to raise children here.	3/18/2016 9:04 PM
40	The drugs, crime, and other problems are going to be much harder to solve than a survey. We need jobs, people need more pride, the crimes and drugs need to stop.	3/18/2016 5:49 PM
41	I think Pekin is a good size in that it has oppurtunites and services but is small enough that it does not feel over crowded. With Peoria a short drive away there is quick access to reginal services if needed.	3/18/2016 12:53 PM
42	By the standards of social science research, I'm not sure this is a very strong survey instrument.	3/18/2016 8:32 AM
43	Great survey. Thank you for reaching out to the public.	3/18/2016 6:03 AM
44	there are enough Social Services agencies, but they do not have enough funding. the big churches went to north Peoria where their members and donations are. taking with them their programs and money instead of staying inside of Peoria and helping those who are in need. the safety concerns in South Peoria have forced families with enough money to leave the area which then hurts that area and hurts the school system. in order for things to improve in Peoria County,the north Peoria churches and the businesses in the area need to actively partner with the poor communities and poor school systems and social agencies that work with those people in the most need. hope this will take decades to improve, it can't be done just through a lot of money in a short amount of time	3/17/2016 7:42 PM
45	Lack of mental health providers in the community.... it's too bad that the waiting list for mental health providers is sometimes months or over a year. Lack of emergency services related to suicide/mental health.	3/16/2016 3:41 PM
46	None	3/16/2016 2:25 PM
47	To the 6th question in section #18-I feel my family and I are safe where I live, on the farthest north end of Peoria. I however do not feel that the remainder of Peoria is safe. I was born and raised here, attended Dist. 150 and so did my children and the school dist. has went downhill. The class sizes are too large, the teachers do not have the financial or parental support they need to be effective. Other than the Methodist mental health units there isn't a good outpatient option for those with mental health needs. When you drive through the city of Peoria it is covered in litter, rundown homes/properties and a lot of closed businesses. Our property taxes are high and our roads and schools don't seem to be benefitting. I firmly believe that much of the issues trace back to the breakdown of the "family" as a support structure. Babies are having babies to fulfill that basic human need of having someone unconditionally love them and for them to love. It's a very sad city out there. Good Luck.	3/15/2016 1:53 PM
48	I've lived in Pekin most of my life , and plan to stay. Thank you	3/15/2016 7:07 AM
49	We are moving because of the drugs, gangs, "thugs", and extremely rude and useless police officers here. The cops are rude and mean. We don't leave the house unless we have to. The entire Peoria, creve coure, East Peoria area is unsafe for my two young children.	3/15/2016 12:47 AM
50	Pekin needs industry jobs , community events for kids and teens	3/14/2016 10:09 PM
51	Pekin is known for being racial n that may never change and we have a bad drug n alcohol problem which is raising the crime rate in the city	3/14/2016 9:51 PM

52	For the last 4 years the Metamora High School was investigating growth plans and tax increases and I heard nothing about it until two weeks ago from an insurance agent in Peoria. Really? Is this how our government communicates with people that don't have kids? NO! Did any of you consider alternate solutions to just raising taxes? Has anyone considered that people on fixed incomes can't afford to pay more taxes? Should people that worked their whole lives be forced to move because a few people don't like the high school layout? I would have been happy to help solve this problem in a positive way that has worked very well in other communities I've lived in but nobody communicated this action to us so I had no opportunity to help you solve this problem. Now our government wants to raise our taxes out of their own ignorance, irresponsibility, and closed door planning sessions? I pray the school referendum does not pass. Furthermore, I also believe most of the questions on this survey are not government related. I don't need a socialist government. I need one that isn't afraid to speak the truth in public and to communicate directly with the people they represent instead of allowing some other third party to act as a go between that shouldn't be allowed to exist.	3/14/2016 4:30 PM
53	Drug abuse in the community and lack of preventative resources influence my survey. Any mental health issues and resources in the state of Illinois, as a whole has much to do with the health of all Illinois communities.	3/14/2016 4:28 PM
54	The environmental health of Tazewell county should be improved.	3/14/2016 4:20 PM
55	The air quality is terrible. We definitely need to work on that!	3/14/2016 3:59 PM
56	My husband and I are leaving the area because we cannot afford the property taxes. My husband lost his job and was forced to retire. I cannot retire because of our property taxes. We are currently looking outside of Illinois for our next home. We do not want to leave, we are not spending above our means it is just too expensive to live here.	3/14/2016 3:48 PM
57	Pekin is very racist	3/14/2016 2:28 PM
58	The Police in Pekin are top notch. Their involvement with the community is amazing. They truly care about the community that they work in.	3/14/2016 2:11 PM
59	Pekin mayor and council are terrible. All they know is raise taxes. Mayor is condescending. Drugs and vandalism rampant. Too much low income housing for a community this size. Pekin does not support new business.	3/14/2016 1:49 PM
60	Need more healthy fast-food options, desperately need new health club in Pekin with indoor pool, need another gas station near Pekin mall area. Need to grow Pekin mall, add additional stores. Need additional after school/weekend activities for young teens; music, arts, open gym, etc. Pekin needs the equivalent to Peoria's RiverPlex or Washington's Five Points.	3/14/2016 11:53 AM
61	We have a lot of hospitals and doctors, but it's still incredibly hard to get a doc appointment same day you call, and if you have a PCP, they usually leave every couple of years. The number of Prompt Care clinics has DRASTICALLY declined with all the out-of-state hospital corporation mergers... Methodist and Proctor went from 12-15 down to THREE!!! How can a metro city with 3 hospitals have a dearth of family practice or adult routine medical care?!	3/10/2016 2:01 PM
62	Corruption in local governments is a concern. Too high personal property taxes. I will probably be forced to sell and move. I'm a lifelong resident but taxes and health care are forcing me to rethink where I will live. Illinois is no longer a wise place to live.	3/9/2016 3:44 PM
63	Woodford County rules!	3/9/2016 3:05 PM
64	need more mental health services	3/9/2016 2:57 PM
65	Germantown Hills lacks two things: 1. grocery store 2. sidewalks and/or paths for safe walking	3/9/2016 10:04 AM
66	These comments are regarding Germantown Hills. The town shares the zip code with Metamora, but I live in GT Hills and my answers are based on that town.	3/9/2016 9:31 AM
67	Nobody gives a red rat's ass about anything. I have been picking up litter on Rte 116-24 corridor for 17 years, and the best interaction I get is when I get threatened by slumlords because I remove their ILLEGAL signs.	3/9/2016 3:42 AM
68	Germantown needs street lights and sidewalks. Also, the very expensive sewer bills are shameful.	3/8/2016 8:11 PM
69	not enough trails, parks, sidewalks, need safer access / right-of-ways for pedestrians and bicyclists, healthy / green alternatives are not prevalent or encouraged, recycling options could be improved	3/8/2016 3:24 PM
70	Residents do not participate in community events outside of the schools or private charity events. No mass transit is available. But zero crime.	3/8/2016 3:09 PM
71	Germantown Hills needs more economic development i.e. a grocery store	3/8/2016 2:16 PM
72	The property taxes are way too high and the EPCHS high school is poor in providing a good education.	3/8/2016 12:37 PM
73	There are still too many "soft silos" of parochial interests by organizational stakeholders pursuing solutions to common problems which could be more effectively addressed and funded through more collaborative efforts.	3/8/2016 12:29 PM

74	I was thinking of the town I live in, Metamora, not Peoria. Not sure which town I was suppose to refer to	3/8/2016 11:52 AM
75	School does not pay teachers well so there is a high turn over and it is difficult to retain quality teachers. Community lacks a grocery store to purchase meat and fresh produce.	3/8/2016 7:37 AM
76	We need dental for low income and also mental health services	3/7/2016 10:24 AM
77	We cannot expect individuals who were not taught how to care for themselves to care about the community. Meeting Maslow's needs in order for all members of the community is necessary to help facilitate change. Months long waiting lists for mental health services for individuals on Medicaid is shameful. The trauma team for the community is a wonderful addition to our services.	3/7/2016 10:02 AM
78	There are 2 (or more) communities in this area. The "haves" and the "have nots." I answered these questions from my perspective as a "have." However, I work mainly with folks in the south end of Peoria where (from their perspective) answers would be far less optimistic.	3/7/2016 9:23 AM
79	The city of Peoria and it's dysfunctional city council affect the entire county but we don't have much representation. The East Peoria city council is much more effective.	3/6/2016 8:55 PM
80	If the community is only the Village, the answers would differ. I included the area around Shoppes of Grand Prairie for the community answers. Dunlap would be very difficult to live in without access to dependable transportation.	3/6/2016 7:52 PM
81	My situation is very good. I marked Neutral on many questions because I believe that many people are not as well off and struggling.	3/5/2016 12:30 PM
82	Wow! I am lucky to live in Washington IL	3/4/2016 8:48 PM
83	The community is a fairly good place to raise children however, in my experience, Pekin Community High School has a lot of potential to be a great school but they seem to spend more time trying to catch kids being bad rather than creating an awesome environment of learning and I believe this decreases the number of graduates and increases the number of disenfranchised young adults that live within our community. This will greatly affect our community in the long run.	3/4/2016 4:35 PM
84	I was answering as a tri-county resident, rather than a Woodford resident. Clear direction was not given if you wanted me to respond specifically for Woodford only. I work in Peoria.	3/4/2016 1:54 PM
85	Tazewell County must implement a mandatory business recycling ordinance as Peoria County has done.	3/4/2016 12:01 PM
86	Illinois and Peoria are controlled by unions and democrats. We are quickly on our way to becoming another Detroit. Thankfully my children are leaving the state.	3/4/2016 11:42 AM