

Help Your Community Survey Monkey Results

March 13 – April 18, 2015

Demographics of Respondents:

Buffalo Residency

Yes	80
No	14
Business Owner	2
<u>Other</u>	<u>7</u>
Total	103

Usage of City Amenities

	Never	Sometimes	Often	Always
Big City Park	16	52	17	3
West End Park	58	21	7	1
Beach	18	52	18	3
Buffalo Activity Center - Gym	40	38	8	0
Buffalo Activity Center - Food Pantry	61	11	8	0
Buffalo Activity Center - Donations to Clothing Store	38	24	13	11
Buffalo Activity Center - Shopping at Clothing Store	61	12	6	3
<u>City Website</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>2</u>
Total	319	236	88	23

1. Suggestions for Lot at 329 Jefferson Street (Old KP Hall)

Park with playground equipment	18
Historical Site	16
Dog Park	17
Post Office	1
<u>Beach Amenities (Parking and Restrooms)</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	53

Comments

Park

- Like it is but maybe a few flowers or something
- Open space native plant garden
- If residents don't clean up after their dogs now, what makes you think they will do it anywhere else.
- Plant some trees and shrubs. Have a few benches and a couple of bench swings. A park to sit and relax
- Historical site is kind of passed. Small park with benches for sitting and relaxing. Possibly small playground equipment.
- Just a nice place to sit is fine. Too small for a dog park.
- Leave it as grass. Too small for much else.

Suggestions for Lot at 329 Jefferson Street (Old KP Hall) continued

Activity Center

- Onsite exercise equipment for low impact training. Could be used to help promote healthy lifestyle for the community. Pull up bars, steps, etc.
- Kids' activity center. A safe place for kids to go hang out and have fun with each other instead of getting into mischief.
- Sprinkler park
- Daycare center

Historical Site

- Historical site with a path and historical markers telling about the city's history or sell it and let someone build a nice house there.
- My Dad used to own that and it was my understanding that it would be a park with picnic tables and playground equipment and it is a historical site. I was also told that a nice pavilion was going to be built out of the wood from the building. What is on it is not what my brothers and sisters were told. There was more wood than that on the building I thought.
- A historical park in remembrance of Dorothy Adams

Community Garden

- Pretty sure the parks that we have are adequate and don't get that much use, and the same for a historical site. How about a community garden site with a hothouse?
- Garden space with benches, flowers no dogs!!!

Beach Amenities

- Parking and restrooms for the beach along with playground equipment

Misc. Comments

- Historical site doesn't make sense at that location move to old school with library etc and build off everything being in one location.
- The building is already gone?
- Sell it the city does not need any more drain on its budget!

2. Suggestions for Lot at Hacker and Front Street

Rest Area for Mississippi River Trail	49
Park with Playground equipment	3
Beach amenities (parking and restrooms)	5
New Business	3
Historical Park	1
Sell it	2
Total	63

Comments

Rest Area/Beach amenities

- Beach parking
- As far as rest areas mean just maybe park bench and port a pot
- Parking lot and restrooms for beach users. I think it would bring more visitors to town.
- Parking for beach
- Parking lot for the beach or just over flow parking in general.
- With water fountain, picnic tables, benches, and rest room.

Promote businesses

- Try promoting business. Give it away if someone is willing to start a business (actually putting a building on site). Even give them tax deferments for a certain amount of time. I also believe the city is not in the real estate business and should not be buying these sites and then wonder what to do with it after it's bought.
- Business. Something that can thrive and add something to the community. A general store or dollar store etc.
- Bar

Historical Park

- Green space to just sit and relax with beautiful plants, a historic plaque about the building that once was there. Along with other references about the town's history. I guess and educational site. (History)

Misc. Comments

- Sell it stop wasting the budget!
- Leave it the way it is.
- Sell the property

3. Suggestions for Additional City Improvements

Riverfront

- The Beach
- Beach front
- Along the riverfront
- Riverfront area. Docks, recreation, parking. Promote the frontage along the river to encourage use. Market the trails that come through town to help with the development of the riverfront.
- Keep the dock and ramp viable at the foot of Jefferson St.
- More trees planted on the river. These trees bring winter Eagles to the community
- Beach clean-up and beach parking
- Riverfront cleaned up, more stores here to make it a true river front town, make it more appealing
- Improve the river front.
- To our river front. Love to see it like LeClaire's, Port Byron, the other small towns on the river.
- beachfront beautification like trees and sitting area
- Beach access and clean up
- The beaches! Definitely need regular upkeep, trash bins, stop making people pay to camp there. No one ever wants to use the beaches anymore for all the rules. Our beaches used to be full, not for a while now. That hurts the local economy.

Community Beautification

- Improve the trash and garbage in yards.
- Plenty of yards that need cleaned up.
- Front street beautification.
- Enforcement of property codes so junk is removed from yards along with trash
- Homeowner beautification responsibilities.
- Clean up the town. Such as homeowners yards not looking like a junk yard.
- Cleaning up the town. Enforcing the laws on yard and home maintenance.
- We live in a pretty town. I think we need to decorate the river front more.
- Things are getting better but room for improving the whole town over all.
- Would like to see the town get more in the spirit of American pride. And community cleanliness. Realize we have poor families but keeping your yard clean and picked up cost nothing. If the elderly are unable let's get the churches involved. Maybe even ask for community volunteers. Would also like to see Mr. O recognized for his help in our school and in his walks in town that he picks up trash. Lived here all my life and have never seen this town so trashy. It breaks my heart.

Streets

- Roads, especially snow removal
- I would like to see the roads paved and do away with the tar and gravel.
- Cut the road down then resurface
- Front street parking lots
- Paved roads, clean highways by Linwood.
- Instead of adding more seal coat to the roads, when are the roads going to be ground down and done properly so the crown in the road may actually be below the curbs
- The ways the roads are plowed. Plow to the curb on both sides of the street not just one and leave a 4 foot long strip of snow on the other.
- Sidewalks throughout the city
- Sidewalks on Front Street in the west end.
- Sidewalk west of Franklin

Commerce

- More businesses in town.
- We like Buffalo because it's not Davenport. It's more human to work with, not a bunch of hoops, but the residents don't seem to want businesses. The business group we had for 10 years had lots of ideas but residents didn't go for it. Not sure if because property values would increase. People in Buffalo just don't want change.
- New stores and shops.
- Would like to some type of business growth Activities for the youth population within the city
- Less dust from Utah St. to town of buffalo. There is no enforcement of any kind for these industries and no support from buffalo city. Also more communication from city of Buffalo on happenings or what is going on in city. Live on highway 22 and we have no communication as to what is happening in city of Buffalo. Would like to see no engine brake sign for semis posted on east end of hwy. 22. Also enforce loud motorcycle noise after 10:00 pm.

Parks

- Big city park!! Better kid friendly play material not mulch!
- Baseball field condition
- The West End Park could be kept a little nicer.
- Bike path on river side. Maybe some sidewalks thrown around.
- Bike path
- I enjoy the parks with my grandson. We like the option of renting the gym for b-day parties.
- Flowers planted or landscaping on the east entrance of town by the fire station.
- River trail, natural area preservation
- Update/improve big city park.
- Dog park, poop clean up bags at park.
- Skate park

City Utilities

- I would like to see the implementation of the electronic billing system.
- More aggressive bill collection from delinquent residents.
- Better response on utility calls.
- Let a real electric company take over the electric service in the town so maybe it can be updated and maintained by true professionals.

Police

- Police patrols on Hwy 22 during early morning hours (4-8) I have seen vehicles run through town at these hours moving at very high speeds and there is never police there.

General

- Don't forget this is a small town, and that is why some people live here.
- Growth and development, children's activities, buffalo days
- Things for kids
- More activities for the kids during the summer months.
- More involvement from community
- Non-drinking community activities
- Preservation of history and historical buildings, promote Buffalo's unique and vast history
- Stop buying land that could be used for other purposes and the city could make money from the property rather than spending money on them.
- Leave the museum be and if needed build the post office a new building of their choice before we lose it all together. Sorry if my ideas upset people but the city needs to learn how to grow and prosper or its going to wither and die!
- Need something done Asap about all the stray cats and the dogs that constantly get loose.
- All in all I think we enjoy our small town!