

Q19 Comments:

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#	Responses	Date
1	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 receipients!!	4/23/2016 6:30 PM
2	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
3	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
4	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
5	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
6	People litter too much in the city and on the country roads.	4/19/2016 6:18 PM
7	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
8	Biggest complaint I hear recently, our roads are horrible.	4/19/2016 3:41 PM
9	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
10	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
11	It would just be good to have a hospital (Pekin) that was worth a crap	4/19/2016 10:29 AM
12	My teenage children would disagree with some of my answers. They see Pekin as a very racist community.	4/19/2016 10:27 AM
13	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
14	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
15	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
16	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
17	poor transportation; too much interest in "fads"	3/26/2016 12:56 AM
18	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
19	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
20	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

21	<p>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 patients. 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 consultation. I wonder, if it takes 3 months to get to see a doctor just for a consultation, 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.</p>	3/23/2016 11:09 AM
22	<p>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 receive government help, everyone is just handed everything from free clothes, 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.</p>	3/22/2016 8:52 PM
23	<p>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.</p>	3/22/2016 4:54 PM
24	<p>My answers are referenced to Tazewell County will I reside. My answers for the other Counties from my view would be different.</p>	3/20/2016 9:48 AM
25	<p>There 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 consideration to neighbors</p>	3/19/2016 10:19 AM
26	<p>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.</p>	3/19/2016 9:56 AM
27	<p>I think Pekin is a good size in that it has opportunities and services but is small enough that it does not feel over crowded. With Peoria a short drive away there is quick access to regional services if needed.</p>	3/18/2016 12:53 PM
28	<p>By the standards of social science research, I'm not sure this is a very strong survey instrument.</p>	3/18/2016 8:32 AM
29	<p>None</p>	3/16/2016 2:25 PM
30	<p>I've lived in Pekin most of my life , and plan to stay. Thank you</p>	3/15/2016 7:07 AM
31	<p>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 cove, East Peoria area is unsafe for my two young children.</p>	3/15/2016 12:47 AM
32	<p>Pekin needs industry jobs , community events for kids and teens</p>	3/14/2016 10:09 PM
33	<p>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</p>	3/14/2016 9:51 PM
34	<p>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.</p>	3/14/2016 4:28 PM
35	<p>The environmental health of Tazewell county should be improved.</p>	3/14/2016 4:20 PM
36	<p>The air quality is terrible. We definitely need to work on that!</p>	3/14/2016 3:59 PM

37	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 to expensive to live here.	3/14/2016 3:48 PM
38	Pekin is very racist	3/14/2016 2:28 PM
39	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
40	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 s community this size. Pekin does not support new business.	3/14/2016 1:49 PM
41	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 Point's.	3/14/2016 11:53 AM
42	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
43	need more mental health services	3/9/2016 2:57 PM
44	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
45	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
46	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
47	Wow! I am lucky to live in Washington IL	3/4/2016 8:48 PM
48	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
49	Tazewell County must implement a mandatory business recycling ordinance as Peoria County has done.	3/4/2016 12:01 PM