

# STROMSBURG COMPREHENSIVE STUDY SURVEY

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Ages Submitting Surveys 0-19 20-39 40-59 60-  
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## 1. The general appearance of Stromsburg

### a. the downtown shopping area

Comments:

Only 2 stores, clean up empty buildings  
 Would like to see the stores carry more products & better selection  
 It doesn't change much  
 West side of Hwy 81 needs attention!  
 It would be nice to see the bldg on SE corner repair & paint windows on 2nd floor  
 One would not know this is the Swede Capital of NE by looking at the downtown. "Paint" old bit of Sweden bldg., do Swedish motif, sell Swedish items & serve Swedish food at least once a week. Maybe travelers would stop when driving through town.  
 Keep weeds from sidewalks  
 Some downtown businesses need facelift  
 Too many vacant store fronts

### Results by Age Group

	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-	Total	%
Excellent	0	6	7	19	32	19%
Good	0	13	22	58	93	56%
Fair	0	8	17	15	40	24%
Poor	0	0	1	1	2	1%
					167	

### b. highway approaches to town

Comments:

Bouncy, bumpy  
 Around tracks looks bad  
 Poorly lighted & marked  
 From north good - from south - poor - too much vertical deviation  
 Need nice big signs  
 Needs repair  
 To approach the hi-ways, upon leaving a stop sign you can't see until you're almost out on the hi-way  
 Looks too industrial, junky  
 Need better sign at North big corner

### Results by Age Group

	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-	Total	%
Excellent	0	4	5	17	26	16%
Good	0	17	30	63	110	67%
Fair	0	3	6	13	22	13%
Poor	0	1	6	1	7	4%
					165	

### c. Residential area

Comments:

Clean up abandoned places  
 Some better than others  
 Most good. E 2nd needs cleaned up  
 Fairly modern  
 Some old houses need burned. City or individuals need to build new homes  
 Some could take more pride.  
 Some very bad (8th St)  
 Too many cars not licensed  
 Mostly good - but junk areas

### Results by Age Group

	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-	Total	%
Excellent	0	4	3	9	16	10%
Good	0	18	37	68	123	75%
Fair	0	4	5	14	23	14%
Poor	0	0	1	1	2	1%
					164	

### d. community in general

Comments:

If people would mind their own business - above average  
 What a nice clean small town.  
 We need to clean up the abandoned houses and general trash around town  
 Retirement mode  
 Washington street needs help  
 Remove unlicensed junk cars from streets & driveways  
 Proud to live here

### Results by Age Group

	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-	Total	%
Excellent	0	3	6	16	25	16%
Good	0	19	37	67	123	76%
Fair	0	3	2	7	12	7%
Poor	0	0	1	0	1	1%
					161	

### e. homes

Comments:

Not to bad  
 Some better than others  
 Very nice homes  
 I see we need to clean up a few homes on 2nd St  
 Small town atmosphere  
 Have a house beautification contest - who can fix up their old house, buildings on property to look better.  
 Too much junk (old cars, etc.) in some yards

### Results by Age Group

	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-	Total	%
Excellent	0	1	3	11	15	9%
Good	0	23	36	68	127	80%
Fair	0	2	4	10	16	10%
Poor	0	1	0	1	1	1%
					159	

### f. vacant lots/unoccupied residences

Comments:

City will own more as tax on empty lots are too high.  
 City better lead on vacant lots  
 Trees growing against vacant houses  
 North of track on 2nd Street  
 Have one by us - vandalized. Attracts rodents.  
 Messy & rundown

### Results by Age Group

	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-	Total	%
Excellent	0	1	0	3	4	3%
Good	0	9	16	20	45	28%
Fair	0	14	23	53	90	57%
Poor	0	3	7	12	19	12%
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Vacant houses need to be occupied or kept cleaned up - tear down or burn

		Results by Age Group					
		0-19	20-39	40-59	60-	Total	%
Comments:	g. sidewalks	<b>Excellent</b>	0	2	1	4	7 4%
	Some are poor, some great	<b>Good</b>	0	9	20	24	53 33%
	Most need to be replaced	<b>Fair</b>	0	12	16	45	73 46%
	Curb - poor - hard to get up on some	<b>Poor</b>	0	3	9	18	27 17%
	Room for improvement					160	
9th St. needs sidewalks							
Need to fix sidewalk across tracks on west side of 81. It is a lawsuit waiting to happen							
Need more for walking							
Don't need them, people walk on streets instead.							
Should run the whole block & street length if already in existence & in good shape-no upheaving allowed-not safe-no abnormal concrete separation allowed							
Hard to walk on them so many broken up							
Need curb cuts & uneven areas repaired. Some day someone will sue the city as they have a law they don't go by.							
The homes that have no sidewalks need to be required to put them in.							
Should have sidewalks for many blocks around schools, esp. elementary. Uneven & deep cracks. Many are not scooped of snow							
Replace damaged sidewalks. 48" wide not bricks. Concrete upgrade							
Why not have city install all handi-cap corners then give owners including com. 2 yrs to update							
Grass growing in cracks around square							

		Results by Age Group					
		0-19	20-39	40-59	60-	Total	%
Comments:	h. alleys	<b>Excellent</b>	0	2	0	4	6 4%
	When people don't use them as their private parking lot.	<b>Good</b>	0	11	18	28	57 37%
	Need some grader work	<b>Fair</b>	0	10	21	44	75 49%
	Most of these are not used.	<b>Poor</b>	0	1	5	10	15 10%
	Many are obstructed or non existent					153	
Tell people to keep their half up.							
Trim trees & alleys open for police & fires							

		Results by Age Group					
		0-19	20-39	40-59	60-	Total	%
Comments:	i. city streets	<b>Excellent</b>	0	5	9	20	34 21%
	Too many cracks	<b>Good</b>	0	17	29	59	105 64%
	May need to put in more stop signs on certain intersections or yield signs.	<b>Fair</b>	0	3	8	11	22 13%
	Need more signs at busier intersections near schools	<b>Poor</b>	0	0	1	2	3 2%
	Expensive					164	
Several streets need repair. One is the block between Wall & Eckley on 3rd.							
They get icy.							
Very well kept.							
We need more stores							
Between 8th & 9th Court Street bad							
Some intersections are very rough							
Pave asphalt streets. Bring them up to standards with other streets							

**2. The general adequacy of**

		Results by Age Group					
		0-19	20-39	40-59	60-	Total	%
Comments:	a. water & sewer	<b>Excellent</b>	0	7	13	43	63 40%
	Too expensive	<b>Good</b>	0	15	30	43	88 56%
	Why is the sewer bill so high?	<b>Fair</b>	0	3	2	2	7 4%
	Some parts of system need upgraded & brought to code, but overall it is good	<b>Poor</b>	0	0	0	0	0 0%
	Fairly modern now days					158	
Too high in comparison to other communities this size							
Lots of sediment in our water							
Water rusts everything in house.							

		Results by Age Group					
		0-19	20-39	40-59	60-	Total	%
Comments:	b. electricity	<b>Excellent</b>	0	8	10	53	71 44%
	Fairly modern now days	<b>Good</b>	0	16	32	36	84 52%
	Expensive	<b>Fair</b>	0	2	2	2	6 4%
	Some parts of system need upgraded & brought to code, but overall it is good	<b>Poor</b>	0	0	0	0	0 0%
	Excellent as long as rates stay the same. No employees need paid from this utility. Instead cut back on number of parks.					161	
We have no utility options that the bigger companies offer. Maintenance options, etc							
Need to find a way to be lower priced. Especially with taxes/property doubling							

		Results by Age Group					
		0-19	20-39	40-59	60-	Total	%
Comments:	c. garbage collection	<b>Excellent</b>	0	8	18	49	75 47%
	Very good at their job.	<b>Good</b>	0	14	24	39	77 49%
	Glad to have it	<b>Fair</b>	0	1	3	2	6 4%
		<b>Poor</b>	0	0	0	0	0 0%
						158	

		Results by Age Group					
		0-19	20-39	40-59	60-	Total	%
Comments:	d. snow removal	<b>Excellent</b>	0	8	6	41	55 38%
	1. streets	<b>Good</b>	0	11	25	30	66 46%

<b>Fair</b>	0	3	13	4	20	14%
<b>Poor</b>	0	5	2	2	4	3%
					145	

2. sidewalks – residential area

	Results by Age Group					
	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-	Total	%
<b>Excellent</b>	0	5	6	10	21	14%
<b>Good</b>	0	12	18	54	84	55%
<b>Fair</b>	0	5	17	21	43	28%
<b>Poor</b>	0	3	3	3	6	4%
					154	

3. sidewalks – business district

Comments:

Streets - Pathetic  
 Don't like the drive getting blocked when there is an attachment to prevent this.  
 Gouging lawns with machinery  
 Front of vacant stores needs work  
 Plow seems to find yards at times  
 Ruined our grass this year  
 Could put down a little more salt  
 In general - a good effort  
 Need to do a better job on hilly streets  
 Dead end streets are streets too.  
 Streets - are prompt but go too fast, tear up sewer grates & often plow shut driveways the were laboriously scooped prior sometimes 2-3 times the same day  
 Avoid grass areas when moving snow.  
 Parking restrictions for snow removal  
 Streets: need to get to 9th St before it is so packed down. Sidewalks residential - many aren't cleaned for days.  
 Good except ice in front of sr. center  
 Some residents don't remove snow and block sidewalks  
 Damage to curbs during snow removal  
 Need to use salt & gravel  
 South side of square needs better drainage - ice a REAL problem

	Results by Age Group					
	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-	Total	%
<b>Excellent</b>	0	10	10	29	49	32%
<b>Good</b>	0	12	29	42	83	55%
<b>Fair</b>	0	3	8	7	18	12%
<b>Poor</b>	0	1	0	2	2	1%
					152	

e. handicap accessibility to comm. services

Comments:

Sidewalks need improvement  
 Not many stores are accessible to automated chairs, etc.  
 Something is more needed in front of senior center  
 Need 2 spaces clearly marked (re-painted) by Sr. Center

	Results by Age Group					
	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-	Total	%
<b>Excellent</b>	0	5	3	15	23	15%
<b>Good</b>	0	13	25	60	98	66%
<b>Fair</b>	0	4	13	9	26	17%
<b>Poor</b>	0	1	1	1	2	1%
					149	

f. fire protection

Comments:

Plenty of people  
 Fire barn needs to be bigger  
 Need to buy some reliable equipment & try to comply better WISO for property insurance ratings!!  
 Very much needed service  
 Firemen speeding to get to the firehouse at high speeds. Very unnecessary in residential areas  
 Poor when it comes to the tornado watcher & not sounding the alarm.  
 Good dedicated volunteers all way around

	Results by Age Group					
	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-	Total	%
<b>Excellent</b>	0	9	11	44	64	41%
<b>Good</b>	0	13	30	43	86	55%
<b>Fair</b>	0	2	3	1	6	4%
<b>Poor</b>	0	0	1	0	1	1%
					157	

g. rescue squad

Comments:

Very nice having plenty of people.  
 Had one experience & it was nice to have such good people to help us.  
 Very efficient in their training  
 Good for a town this size  
 Good dedicated volunteers, probably not enough EMT's

	Results by Age Group					
	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-	Total	%
<b>Excellent</b>	0	7	16	49	72	45%
<b>Good</b>	0	16	28	38	82	52%
<b>Fair</b>	0	1	1	1	3	2%
<b>Poor</b>	0	0	1	1	2	1%
					159	

h. law enforcement

Comments:

Need full time city cop  
 Could use improvement  
 Need qualified people to do job  
 Let people vote to see if we need city police. See what you find out.  
 Would like local law to be active & involved in community  
 Paying too much for the coverage we receive  
 They need to do more than just catch speeders coming or going out of town.  
 Very poor  
 This community has too many crime problems. They're never around when you need them. Have performed very poorly on investigation & follow up  
 No enforcement of Hwy 81 speeders  
 Lot of traffic violations of E. 5th St. - speeding, stop signs, etc.

	Results by Age Group					
	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-	Total	%
<b>Excellent</b>	0	1	4	9	14	9%
<b>Good</b>	0	12	13	36	61	38%
<b>Fair</b>	0	7	17	34	58	36%
<b>Poor</b>	0	3	10	17	27	17%
					160	

Too predictable. Need to come around at other times  
 We should be told more.

i. telephone service  
 Comments:  
 Cell phone bad - more choices  
 What choice do we have  
 Extremely expensive  
 Need repairman in town, not out of town  
 It's Alltel. What can we say? Whole state has the problem  
 Most calls are long distance

Results by Age Group						
	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-	Total	%
<b>Excellent</b>	0	3	4	22	29	18%
<b>Good</b>	0	10	24	52	86	53%
<b>Fair</b>	0	9	17	16	42	26%
<b>Poor</b>	0	2	2	3	5	3%
					162	

j. internet service  
 Comments:  
 Alltel needs improvement  
 Too slow  
 It's the most useless devise  
 Need to upgrade while keeping it affordable or maybe I have not explored all options.  
 Would be nice to improve  
 Need more providers for better pricing  
 Don't have a computer  
 Can never stay on line - always popping off & we are very limited in the market available - they have us over a barrel  
 No high speed access available on cable feed  
 Costs too much

Results by Age Group						
	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-	Total	%
<b>Excellent</b>	0	1	3	7	11	10%
<b>Good</b>	0	9	10	27	46	42%
<b>Fair</b>	0	8	14	16	38	35%
<b>Poor</b>	0	5	11	4	15	14%
					110	

k. cable TV service  
 Comments:  
 Not enough channels/to costly  
 Room for improvement  
 Need more options in area  
 Too much cost, not enough channels  
 Satellite  
 Need to find another provider - poor service  
 Need to inform public where service is coming from  
 Poor reception on some channels  
 Too high priced - poor reception & no voice in channel/program offering - poor service  
 Pathetic  
 Need to get rid of Channel 23  
 We don't have cable because of the expense.

Results by Age Group						
	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-	Total	%
<b>Excellent</b>	0	2	1	8	11	9%
<b>Good</b>	0	3	16	40	59	46%
<b>Fair</b>	0	6	15	27	48	37%
<b>Poor</b>	0	8	8	3	11	9%
					129	

l. newspaper  
 Comments:  
 Very good for limited staff  
 Need new building to keep up with changing times, instead of Library.  
 they don't report anything  
 Apparently they need more help as are too busy to take their own pictures & set in articles appropriately on time.  
 Lincoln paper delivery good..no local paper  
 Don't get it.  
 World Herald-good carriers. Higher ups need work  
 Not good about covering events. Need a local full time reporter  
 Too much advertising - No court news  
 Stromsburg left out.  
 Seems like Osceola is always on front page

Results by Age Group						
	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-	Total	%
<b>Excellent</b>	0	4	5	14	23	16%
<b>Good</b>	0	11	23	45	79	55%
<b>Fair</b>	0	5	8	12	25	17%
<b>Poor</b>	0	2	6	10	16	11%
					143	

### 3. Local organizations' efforts toward betterment of our community

a. Chamber of Commerce  
 Comments:  
 Need to bring businesses into town  
 I would like to see more jobs in Stromsburg  
 Efforts all for senior citizens  
 Let the whole town know what's being done & planned.  
 Focus on businesses more.

Results by Age Group						
	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-	Total	%
<b>Excellent</b>	0	5	9	17	31	19%
<b>Good</b>	0	11	29	55	95	60%
<b>Fair</b>	0	5	8	16	29	18%
<b>Poor</b>	0	1	3	1	4	3%
					159	

b. Community Improvements Program  
 Comments:  
 Do not know what improvements have been initiated  
 Efforts all for senior citizens  
 Nice but not nec. at this point  
 Money is not being spent wisely  
 Update the appearance of the businesses on square.  
 Contact some property owners  
 Too concerned for outward appearance

Results by Age Group						
	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-	Total	%
<b>Excellent</b>	0	4	7	31	42	29%
<b>Good</b>	0	12	26	43	81	55%
<b>Fair</b>	0	4	8	8	20	14%
<b>Poor</b>	0	1	2	1	3	2%
					146	

Takes money

c. Other organizations

Comments:  
Lions, Ball Assn. - people are involved in various ways.  
Efforts all for senior citizens  
We need to include the younger people's needs, instead of just the elderly.  
What? Other? Lions - excellent  
Active Women's Club  
Too many

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Fair	0	4	8	6	18	17%
Poor	0	1	3	0	3	3%
					109	

**4. Stromsburg's support and promotion of:**

a. recycling

Comments:  
Needs more promotion and education  
Where, when, who  
Recycling trailer not adequate for community size  
Need pickup  
Like recycling trailer - we use it.  
Need a day for recycling paint, etc.

	Results by Age Group				Total	%
	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-		
Excellent	0	5	17	38	60	38%
Good	0	16	20	45	81	51%
Fair	0	3	6	6	15	9%
Poor	0	1	2	0	2	1%
					158	

b. tree planting

Comments:  
More trees needed - Buckley is pretty however.  
They make our town a home. I would like to see a few more planted  
Tree planting & beautification - if we don't have money some of these areas should be cut. Up keep of current stuff should be priority.  
It takes years for a tree to grow up. It takes seconds to do away with a tree.  
Too much cutting  
Two Parks Trail very nice  
Too much.  
Too many in the wrong places

	Results by Age Group				Total	%
	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-		
Excellent	0	7	12	33	52	33%
Good	0	12	26	46	84	54%
Fair	0	6	6	8	20	13%
Poor	0	0	0	0	0	0%
					156	

c. beautification

Comments:  
Old fashioned lamp lighting in downtown  
Too much money spent on beautification  
Let the people decide what beautification they want for the town.  
More flowers - in parks, on trail & along highway.  
Always need to hire extra help to maintain

	Results by Age Group				Total	%
	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-		
Excellent	0	5	7	27	39	25%
Good	0	16	30	49	95	62%
Fair	0	4	6	8	18	12%
Poor	0	0	1	1	2	1%
					154	

d. community clean-up

Comments:  
Lots of trash along side walks  
A lot of trash in town along highway  
Let people do their choosing of what they think is best for them.  
Have 3 Saturdays not 1  
West side of square is cluttered/messy  
Contact some property owners  
Provide more incentive (contests?)  
Should have a place for junk  
Set aside a city clean-up day

	Results by Age Group				Total	%
	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-		
Excellent	0	5	7	13	25	16%
Good	0	11	29	45	85	54%
Fair	0	8	7	24	39	25%
Poor	0	0	4	4	8	5%
					157	

e. Swedish Festival

Comments:  
Craft fair can't shut down so soon.  
Great asset.  
Could do without  
Needs street dance . Promote car show.  
Success due to large # of vol. Help  
We need to update, to keep up with changing times & needs of towns & people who come to it.  
More people involved-Swedish attire-more locals with homemade floats rather than prefab ones-Swedes need to loosen up & have some good ol' fun with it.  
Needs a little life  
Nothing for teens  
Forget the King & Queen. Barrels getting pretty empty  
Need better crafts, more up to date.  
Keep the limits on alcohol so it doesn't become know as a drunken street dance like other communities  
Remember main foundation is Swedish  
Has been in decline in entertainment, etc.  
Get younger people more involved  
Good community effort & should be continued  
Losing its appeal

	Results by Age Group				Total	%
	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-		
Excellent	0	11	8	33	52	34%
Good	0	9	29	45	83	55%
Fair	0	3	8	2	13	9%
Poor	0	0	3	1	4	3%
					152	

**5. Stromsburg community's time and effort helping:**

a. new businesses

Comments:  
Maybe I'm not seeing the effort

	Results by Age Group				Total	%
	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-		
Excellent	0	3	3	2	8	7%
Good	0	8	10	24	42	36%
Fair	0	9	11	23	43	37%

Great to see people expand **Poor** 0 2 11 12 23 20%

No drive for new business **Need More** 116

Not many coming or going **Need café open in eveinings & Sunday noon.**

Haven't been many that have survived more than a year or 2. Need to have something done with vacant bldg around the square.

Are there incentives?

Results by Age Group						
0-19	20-39	40-59	60-	Total	%	
					11	9%
					59	49%
					45	37%
					6	5%
					121	

b. existing businesses **Excellent**

Comments: **Good**

We could use a nice restaurant **Fair**

Very good **Poor**

Closing or selling out

Many are retirement age.

Locals do not support their businesses very well-always going out of town. Eating est. are non-existent after 2:30 except the bar

Restaurant hours inadequate

Results by Age Group						
0-19	20-39	40-59	60-	Total	%	
					8	7%
					73	61%
					30	25%
					8	7%
					119	

c. agricultural development **Excellent**

Comments: **Good**

A few more educational classes. **Fair**

This occupation is the key for Stromsburg's future. **Poor**

d. tourism development **Excellent**

Comments: **Good**

Could always have more **Fair**

Say what - Here? **Poor**

What do we have here?

Good web site.

A few more billboards for Swede Fest, etc. I.e. Pioneer Village

Advertise with bigger sign for free camp grounds.

Besides the S. Festival what is there to bring in tourism to Stromsburg

Need to encourage support for more than Swedish Festival

Too many too costly

0-19	20-39	40-59	60-	Total	%	
					11	9%
					54	43%
					44	35%
					18	14%
					127	

**COMMUNITY SERVICES:**

**6. The adequacy of**

a. the public library service **Excellent**

Comments: **Good**

Wonderful addition **Fair**

Helpful service **Poor**

Love the new library

I full time person should be able to run this.

Library will be a thing of the past with internet

Need to get more updated by today's needs of the people

Too many books were sold or thrown away

More new books - larger variety

Great staff!

No filters on internet-computers

Enjoy the bookpacs for daycare

Not enough books in stock. Some periodicals not available.

Cost too much money

Results by Age Group						
0-19	20-39	40-59	60-	Total	%	
					87	59%
					53	36%
					6	4%
					2	1%
					148	

b. the public library facilities **Excellent**

Comments: **Good**

Is essential. New tapes **Fair**

Very nice **Poor**

Need earlier hours

Great building/location

What's the basement for?

Too much empty space wasted for nothing.

Too expensive

Parking poor

Turn off some of the lights @ night

Results by Age Group						
0-19	20-39	40-59	60-	Total	%	
					105	67%
					43	28%
					6	4%
					2	1%
					156	

c. the public library hours of operation **Excellent**

Comments: **Good**

Longer evening hours on most days **Fair**

Should be open from 7-7 **Poor**

Room for improvement

Have not been

When do kids in activities use it? All services for older people

Need to be open more hours & nights

Much better

Like the evening hrs

Would like Thurs. open hrs

A few hours on Thurs. & Sunday

Results by Age Group						
0-19	20-39	40-59	60-	Total	%	
					50	34%
					77	52%
					14	10%
					6	4%
					147	

Saturday is day for children

d. child day care services

Comments:  
 I'm one of the few with excellent child care  
 More advertisement of availability  
 Hard to find - need a list  
 Need more providers  
 Need more services for working families  
 Not enough or long enough hours to draw in the work force.  
 We could use a preschool

	Results by Age Group				Total	%
	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-		
Excellent	0	5	1	6	12	11%
Good	0	7	15	31	53	50%
Fair	0	6	14	15	35	33%
Poor	0	3	4	3	7	7%
					107	

e. comm. churches—providing services

Comments:  
 It's better than most communities  
 A church oriented community is a great thing  
 Need more updates to keep churches modern. Especially for the handicapped.  
 Churches support each other

	Results by Age Group				Total	%
	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-		
Excellent	0	12	26	45	83	53%
Good	0	11	15	41	67	43%
Fair	0	2	3	1	6	4%
Poor	0	0	1	0	1	1%
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**RECREATION**

**7. Availability of recreation and other programs/services for:**

a. school age children

Comments:  
 Nothing to do  
 Great place to raise kids.  
 Do we have a pre-school in town?  
 Besides school, there isn't much for them to do.  
 Softball/baseball the only thing  
 Thanks to Boy Scouts, churches etc.  
 Too many programs & sports rob family time

	Results by Age Group				Total	%
	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-		
Excellent	0	3	3	9	15	11%
Good	0	16	25	40	81	62%
Fair	0	5	8	13	26	20%
Poor	0	3	5	4	9	7%
					131	

b. teenagers

Comments:  
 Obvious they have no place to go but York or GI  
 Could be lots better  
 Nothing for teens to do  
 Too much free time for them to get in trouble  
 Room for improvement  
 I think we may have a drinking problem w/teenagers  
 Not much here in town for them.  
 Without school programs there would be only pool & work  
 It would be nice if bowling alley & adjoining bldg could be used as a place for teens to eat, bowl, etc.

	Results by Age Group				Total	%
	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-		
Excellent	0	0	3	5	8	7%
Good	0	6	8	29	43	35%
Fair	0	13	13	19	45	37%
Poor	0	7	16	11	27	22%
					123	

c. adults

Comments:  
 Obvious they have no place to go but York or GI  
 Need exercise facility  
 Need some place to lift weights  
 Not enough  
 There are a lot of clubs  
 Could be lots better  
 Every adult up to retirement age has wants & needs also  
 Enough

	Results by Age Group				Total	%
	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-		
Excellent	0	0	2	7	9	7%
Good	0	9	10	46	65	50%
Fair	0	9	20	16	45	34%
Poor	0	5	9	3	12	9%
					131	

d. senior citizens

Comments:  
 Great Senior Center  
 Great place to retire  
 Too much concern & worry spent here about their wants & needs.  
 Spend more on younger adults  
 That's why people retire here. Population is old.  
 Plenty  
 Aerobics at Sr. Center

	Results by Age Group				Total	%
	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-		
Excellent	0	7	17	29	53	36%
Good	0	9	16	46	71	49%
Fair	0	4	6	7	17	12%
Poor	0	1	3	2	5	3%
					146	

**8. The adequacy of:**

a. playground equipment

Comments:  
 Wonderful, compared to most communities, even larger  
 Great job.  
 Very happy w/park  
 Park is in need of serious repair. Faulty playground equipment  
 We need to update & repair where needed  
 Face lift &/or new safer equipment in more places

	Results by Age Group				Total	%
	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-		
Excellent	0	8	12	22	42	28%
Good	0	12	24	57	93	62%
Fair	0	4	8	2	14	9%
Poor	0	0	0	0	0	0%
					149	

		Results by Age Group					
		0-19	20-39	40-59	60-	Total	%
b. tennis courts	<b>Excellent</b>	0	2	5	15	22	15%
Comments:	<b>Good</b>	0	15	19	47	81	57%
Needs paint	<b>Fair</b>	0	5	8	13	26	18%
Needs resurfacing	<b>Poor</b>	0	1	10	4	14	10%
Needs maintenance						143	
Someone should get their money back for the surface on tennis courts. They're not kept up or cleaned or maintained at all.							

		Results by Age Group					
		0-19	20-39	40-59	60-	Total	%
c. basketball courts	<b>Excellent</b>	0	2	6	13	21	15%
Comments:	<b>Good</b>	0	12	15	48	75	54%
Needs work	<b>Fair</b>	0	8	15	13	36	26%
Needs paint	<b>Poor</b>	0	1	6	2	8	6%
Needs redone period.						140	
Needs maintenance							

		Results by Age Group					
		0-19	20-39	40-59	60-	Total	%
d. bathroom facilities	<b>Excellent</b>	0	3	4	8	15	11%
Comments:	<b>Good</b>	0	4	6	17	27	20%
Very clean, nice	<b>Fair</b>	0	9	18	26	53	38%
Would be nice if cleaned daily	<b>Poor</b>	0	8	17	26	43	31%
Park & square - room for improvement						138	
Need more at ballpark							
Unlocked during winter							
Need updating							
Absolutely awful-the ones that exist you can't use-ball fields need bunches more Either locked or dirty.							
Need working public facilities downtown							
Need to add - especially in city square.							

		Results by Age Group					
		0-19	20-39	40-59	60-	Total	%
e. ball fields	<b>Excellent</b>	0	6	9	33	48	32%
Comments:	<b>Good</b>	0	14	29	45	88	59%
Too much time spent & money on improving & taking care of.	<b>Fair</b>	0	3	6	3	12	8%
Need safety features put in-need more to accommodate the numbers using them.	<b>Poor</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0%
They have talked for years about new concession/restroom facility for ball park area. Way past due. Snack shacks are a disgrace.						148	
Restroom facilities are a joke with other towns - porta pots!							
Need more restrooms							

		Results by Age Group					
		0-19	20-39	40-59	60-	Total	%
f. walking trails	<b>Excellent</b>	0	9	16	40	65	42%
Comments:	<b>Good</b>	0	10	26	41	77	50%
Short and suddenly ends. Not scenic but for a small stretch.	<b>Fair</b>	0	5	3	3	11	7%
If you could water at night	<b>Poor</b>	0	1	0	1	1	1%
Need better maintenance on trail lighting						154	
Could use more --- but							
I thought this was for walking on, not parking of police cars, cars, bicycles, etc.							
Maybe connect this further to the arboretum-as many walk around/thru town-would encourage more usage of the arboretum. Have a trail along Prairie Creek or the Blue River?							

**9. The swimming pool is 50 years old and in need of extensive repairs.**

		Results by Age Group				
		0-19	20-39	40-59	60-	Total
a. Should we:	Continue to repair the old pool.	0	1	6	34	41
	Build a new pool like the old one.	0	3	14	23	40
	Build an indoor pool	0	4	4	6	14
	Build a water park type pool	0	1	7	2	10
	Build an activity center that includes a pool	0	17	19	10	46
	Other: Forget it.	0	2	3	2	7
	Possible indoor/outdoor activity center					

Comments:

Excellent idea, think Central City style

An indoor pool/with an activity center is a nice dream, but cost money. Maybe someday. It's a want not a need.

When the schools merge county wide, build a pool with the school. The community can not & will not go for a bond on a pool.

This question should be asked to everyone. What would be best for now & the future for the town.

Sr. citizens could use aquatic facilities. What about one near nursing home?

Most of these sound good, is there funds?

Something people can live without if have to.

Indoor/outdoor

Build indoor Olympic pool - from private funds and donations

Don't use; but need or go to York

Whatever the city can afford

Other-A new pool - either indoor or outdoor

It keeps on working - building a new horrible expensive much better uses for the money required.

Any of these would be nice but we home owners are now paying in Stromsburg extra taxes for what? We don't need more added on -

Build a new pool in the same place

How can you go from wanting to close the pool because of lack of participation last year to building a new one?

b. How should we fund it:	Results by Age Group					%
	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-	Total	
Bond	0	6	12	20	38	29%
Fundraising campaign	0	15	24	35	74	56%
Other	0	7	6	6	19	15%
Grants					131	
Whatever we can do, let's do it.						
Do both, plus donations						
Available cash only						
Anyway possible						
Update baby pool - add 1 or 2 toys for kids - shaded area for parents - kids love to swim and like existing pool						
Cut prices & post on internet						
State of Nebraska						
Before deciding anything on this issue ask all the people what they want.						
Grant monies- foundations, etc. Bond if needed						
Sales tax						
Anyway						
Everybody doesn't use the pool. We don't need taxes going up to pay for it.						
How'd you do the library? Do the swimming pool the same way.						
With the TIF money						
Bond & include school district						
Use park funds or whatever is available.						
Lucy Holm money						
Sinking fund-lots of research						

10. If the community had an activity center, would you use?	Results by Age Group				
	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-	Total
Exercise/Weight Room		18	28	28	74
Indoor Swimming Pool		16	25	15	56
Walking Track		15	30	36	81
Basketball/Volleyball Court		10	13	2	25
Meeting Room		15	21	11	47
Whirlpool/Sauna/Hot Tub		12	22	11	45

11. The bandstand in the town square was built in 1921 and is showing its age.	Results by Age Group					%
	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-	Total	
Should we:						
Leave the building as is.		3	6	16	25	16%
Remodel the existing building restrooms ADA compliant.		9	19	50	78	49%
Build a new building with handicap accessible restrooms.			5	4	9	6%
Build a larger version of the Lucy Holm gazebo		9	14	7	30	19%
Other		1	8	7	16	10%
					158	

Wait a few years until the city is out of debt.

Ask for community in construction (free labor)

Leave the building as is and build new restrooms in the square that are ADA compliant

Town has a gazebo-don't need two. This is a retirement age community, with many needs/wants that should be addressed before the matter of the city square bldg goes anywhere

Leave bldg as is & put up sign "Due to the American's with Disabilities Act" passed by Congress & the destructiveness of a few these restrooms are closed"

Whatever is done, provision needs to be made for use year round, not just in the summer or for the festival-potentially could be a drawing card in town for a variety of activities.

Leave bldg as is and build restrooms or put restrooms in vacant buildings

Ensure community access to facility such as school & churches.

I don't think we should start tearing down all the city landmarks. Remodel it so it's usable

Remodel with more stalls in restrooms and erect some sort of cover over existing stage

Do we need one?

Build #10 there. A community center should be a priority.

Do the less expensive way to have accessible restrooms downtown

No more gazebos

Build gazebo. Restrooms elsewhere?

Funds?

Expand & remodel existing bldg. Could include museum, dressing rooms, etc.

Remodel & enlarge. Keep the existing Swedish appearance

Need to keep old landmarks

Preserve the exterior

We need to protect our small town square. It is historical and unique. Visitors like to see something out of the past.

New bldg for restrooms(needed desperately) & storage-plus a gazebo with covered stage on north side for performers or remodel existing bldg adding on restrooms restrooms and a gazebo/stage.

Leave the bldg & repair where needed

Preserve outside appearance and make handicap accessible restrooms

Remodel eliminating rest rooms. Bandstand is as historic as old library & old library can't be torn down. How can we tear down the band stand?

Gov. grant to replace existing building

Construct a rest stop with restrooms and additional rooms for Swedish Festival activities

Do we need to provide bathrooms? Swedish Festival use porta potties. Handicap accessible at Senior Center.

Leave the building as is, remove ugly stage north side of building. Do not tear this band stand down

12. Should the trail lighting be extended from Buckley Part to the square?	Results by Age Group					%
	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-	Total	

Yes	0	13	27	29	69	50%
No	0	10	15	43	68	49%
Other:	0	0	0	2	2	1%
Wait a few					139	
Definitely						
The spending of money has to stop somewhere down the line.						
No - costs too much						
Save money, build another ball field						
Yes - other things first						
Not certain						
Whatever						
Better lighting - very poor						

13. How do you rate the Christmas lighting in the square?

Comments:

- Nativity is awesome, however.
- It's a joke
- No lights on poles
- I like the Nativity, but east side too dark
- Love the Nativity - need more pole decorations & lit trees
- Old times.
- Need to update, like other towns do from time to time.
- More lights, I like manager scene
- Nativity is excellent. A few more lights would be fun. Decorations on the light poles are a joke-especially when they aren't lighted up.
- The lights on trees in square is nice to see
- Look at York's - Columbus's square at Xmas. They have so much for kids etc. I'm sure there are organizations and talented people that could make and donate big wooden xmas items. Santa's house, snowmen, etc
- Missed the Christmas lights on the poles; but nativity wonderful
- The nativity scene is unique. Other Christmas decorating - bad
- Use colored lights

	Results by Age Group				Total	%
	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-		
Excellent	0	7	6	22	35	22%
Good	0	8	15	42	65	41%
Fair	0	7	15	17	39	25%
Poor	0	3	8	10	18	11%
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14. Have you visited the Stromsburg website [www.stromsburgnebraska.com](http://www.stromsburgnebraska.com) ?

- Yes
- No
- Why:

Comments:

- Don't feel that it gives a community our size much benefit.
- Did not know about it
- Entertainment
- To see what the town has to offer
- No computer
- Not linked w/the web
- Haven't had a need
- Curiosity
- Mrs. Nordberg :)
- Did not know about it
- Make sure info is correct. HIS kids meets @ Baptist Church
- Just to see - voted on pool issue
- Computer illiterate
- Visited it to find library hours - they weren't posted!

	Results by Age Group				Total	%
	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-		
Yes	0	13	21	24	58	37%
No	0	13	23	62	98	63%
Why:					156	

How would you rate it:

Comments:

	Results by Age Group				Total	%
	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-		
Excellent	0	2	7	3	12	26%
Good	0	8	12	13	33	72%
Fair	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Poor	0	1	1	0	1	2%
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15. How many years have you lived in Stromsburg?

- Less than 1 year
- 1-5 years
- 6-10 years
- more than 10 years
- all my life

	Results by Age Group				Total	%
	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-		
Less than 1 year	0	1	0	3	4	2%
1-5 years	0	11	4	9	24	15%
6-10 years	0	6	6	5	17	10%
more than 10 years	0	4	28	60	92	56%
all my life	0	4	8	16	28	17%
					165	

16. How long do you expect to continue to live in Stromsburg:

- Less than 1 year
- 1-5 years
- 6-10 years
- more than 10 years
- all my life

	Results by Age Group				Total	%
	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-		
Less than 1 year	0	0	0	0	0	0%
1-5 years	0	6	0	0	6	4%
6-10 years	0	2	5	5	12	7%
more than 10 years	0	8	3	3	14	8%
all my life	0	8	19	9	36	22%

17. If you have moved to Stromsburg within the last 5 years, which one of the following best describes your reason?

Results by Age Group

	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-	Total	%
Small town atmosphere	0	11	1	7	19	35%
Suitable housing at a good price	0	6	4	5	15	27%
economic opportunity	0	0	2	1	3	5%
retirement	0	0	0	14	14	25%
other	0	2	1	1	4	7%
					55	
Close to work						
I grew up here & came back home						
To keep our children in Stromsburg schools						
Family						

#### What are the strengths/weaknesses of Stromsburg?

High utilities; look at waste and more efficient management  
Great churches, accessible due to highway.  
Great community spirit and pride  
Swimming pool needs fixed up  
No good paying jobs for future development  
In ten years it will be a retirement town.  
Lack of city cop, clean friendly community. Great town, need more activities, love smaller school  
Overall appearance is good, attention should be paid to little things.  
Focus more on elderly than activities for children.  
School system, new library, bedroom community to York.  
Strong Christian community, excellent churches  
Buckley park - great neighborhoods  
Very clean, citizens proud of community  
W: Housing, business opportunities, what all small towns face  
    Not enough promotion of Swedish Festival  
    Nothing to do  
    Expensive living  
    Difficult community to get to know people  
    Aging community, lack of recreational activities, lack of evening dining, lack of home mail delivery  
Strengths: Avail. of basics. Dr in town/Pharmacy in town, esthetically pleasing homes, lawns & parks/general good values, principles.  
Postal service in town carrier home, small town atmosphere, clean, community involvement making Swede fest enjoyable  
Weakness - Nothing for children to do. Best activities are for the retired.  
Strong Christian community, friendly, clean. Weakness - square is going downhill, need pm dining options]  
This community is full of wonderful people who are Christians. People also strive to make their home beautiful.  
Beautiful town, close knit, people help one another. Have heard from other young couples who looked at small area comm. when relocating here and they found Stromsburg least appealing. Need to fix that.  
Strengths are we have many things for the older people to do. Even the talks at library are focused for them. Kids are in school and are scheduled so they can't attend. Not a thing in this community for kids to do. And we have a City Council who does not listen.  
Weakness - expensive electricity, very slow internet connection, lack of restaurants/shops/bowling alley  
Strength - good hometown values. Weakness - no economic development at all  
To much spending on certain matters that concern everybody. Also every generation of people, no matter how old or young have rights & feeling to be included on many matters of this community.  
Weakness: not much for kids to do here. Big weakness: no eating places open at night  
Friendly & caring people/presents a clean community. Need a stronger school system. Citizens are not accepting of something new or any changes from tradition.  
S: schools, sr. activities, retail service. W: no documentation of city utilities, campers should put coins in meter for elec., Hwy 81 20 mph through town 1st - 6th  
S:church base - lots of kid & social activates generated here. W:business area is really going down the tubes it seems.  
S: Beautiful parks. Variety store is such a fun store and visitors especially from larger cities really get a kick out of it. The businesses are great.  
S:community involvement in keeping it a great place to live but need to see that newcomers are made more welcome & encouraged to be an integral part of Stromsburg (such as a Welcome Wagon person)  
We have an excellent opportunity to grow. The 81 bypass could be seen as a tool to attract people hat work in other towns. Make travel easier.  
S:good place to raise children, strong churches, safe, good education system, great for sr. citizens. W:poor for teenagers, not friendly unless you're on the in group  
Not too friendly to teachers.  
W:desire to have everything a larger city has  
W: lack of respect for others  
W: high taxes  
W:downtown lots need to be cleaned up  
W:same people end up doing all the work - they are getting burned out. Need new leadership  
S: Safe, clean, grocery store, dime store, hardware, paper.  
S:reasonable housing  
W: Jobs are scarce, especially for women. Empty bldgs down town  
Needs to increase population to about 5000 residents. Need aggressive campaign  
S: the new library is the most beautiful building in town  
Everyone supports worthwhile causes.  
Has done well for it's size  
Caring community, senior center, library, great town  
Everybody knows everybody  
Good schools, library, streets, utilities, churches  
Friendly community  
Strengths - Churches & community participation. Weakness - cafes  
A safe feeling for the elderly residents  
Lack of daily law enforcement  
Strength - Interest in keeping community active and vibrant.  
Strength - Helping on another; caring emotionally for each other

An excellent grocer  
 Weakness-junk cars  
 S: Overall well maintained housing stock, good infrastructure of streets, parks & utilities, good people  
 W: Lack of central rallying voice, such as the newspaper  
 S: small town - good for raising families  
 Is high school handicap accessible (elevator needed?)  
 S:good values, schools, churches, parks, library. W: restaurants, economic development  
 S:Streets, Drs. & Dentist, ethnic festival, Cov. Home, volunteers, pharmacy, parks, library, safety, grocery store. W:Losing businesses, no evening restaurant, aging population.  
 W:cliqueish people, church dissension  
 Swedish Festival - many volunteers  
 Need to be loyal to local businesses.  
 Some city ordinances are confusing and conflicting in nature and do not comply to state statues  
 W: No eating establishment in evening.  
 S:People work together, friendly town, churches welcome all, newcomers are welcomes, senior cared for, very adequate rescue & aid squad.  
 W:few job opportunities  
 S: Volunteers, wide streets, friendly people & businesses, churches. W: Lack of variety of businesses, very high city taxes, especially compared to neighbors.  
 S: Friendliness & integrity  
 W:sidewalks, lack of small industries  
 Not getting young people to move in. It is strictly a retirement community  
 Lack of indoor recreational facilities  
 Too much is spent on nonessential things - not enough emphasis attracting & keeping business in this town

**List projects that you would like to see the community of Stromsburg undertake.**

Dances for adults  
 Community center/Activity center  
 More bike trails, follow tracks to Osceola or Blue River - tired of trying to ride on the highway  
 Marking & preserving historical building  
 More activities for children  
 GI has a roller park  
 Expand recreation  
 Getting a pre-school  
 More advertising  
 Get a nice restaurant open at night  
 Community fitness center  
 Improve restroom facilities at the park  
 Improve frontage of the east & north sides of the square - bldgs are empty and look run down  
 Focus on something for children other than sports. Stromsburg seems to revolve around sports.  
 Beautify square  
 Activity center/pool  
 Playground equipment for the grade school  
 Build a community pride theme to help community focus on keeping business and activities here instead of going elsewhere. This will require consistent education and example setting. The development of the water/activities center.  
 Getting more people involved in the community. Everyone appointed to boards is a banker or a business owner(someone with money) Get more everyday blue collar people involved. Getting a full time Police force. Sheriff's office has not worked well for how long now?  
 Less flowers in the park; put flower that last a few years  
 How about some put putt?  
 Economic development. Try to develop area where Hwy 81 is going to come through so we can be ready for the change.  
 We all need to look towards our future needs of small town usa. Now & forever.  
 Community center & pool. Lot of people do water aerobics. Pool would be used. The basketball courts would be used a lot.  
 Sports complex in ball fields by acquiring more land. Bldg a center to comprise of storage, restrooms, concessions, announcer area.  
 Make fields large enough to be legal measurement to enable us to host district & state tourneys  
 Adult leagues..softball, volleyball, tennis, etc. Do more to cater to family farms. New publicity method of community events..school, Sr., church, retail.  
 Meeting room - large enough for wedding receptions 350+. Lots of money leaves town & county with every wedding.  
 Any new businesses around the square to fill up "holes" Fight like mad to keep the school here at all costs. This is critical for economy down the road.  
 Support schools-don't compete with them for funds - ie TIF. Merging community programs/bldgs (indoor pool, etc). Would provide greater usage of bldgs.  
 A small business go in the vacant Hazel's bldg. It's full of charm. Perhaps a dessert boutique or something. Shop at variety store then go have coffee & dessert  
 Swedish Heritage center to showcase the history of Stromsburg, maybe in the vacant bldg next to Variety Store-could be a Women's Club project?  
 Build pool & get businesses into some of the vacant bldgs. Have a plan for promoting town off of new 81 when it's finished  
 Take first step towards an area school system  
 Bingo, crafts  
 Improving the festival - more variety back in. Decent carnival or eliminate the carnival & community booths.  
 Replacing broken & old sidewalks  
 Skate park for skate boarders, restroom/bathhouse for campers-controlled by a key, better sidewalks in residential  
 Provide some type of financial incentive to get people & businesses in the vacant bldgs along the square.  
 Fundraisers  
 Just a good clean up.  
 I have thought an indoor pool would be great for Stromsburg as part of an activity ctr. Outdoor pool is great for good weather months. The cost of maintaining would be a big question. Definitely the baseball field needs a good scoreboard stand that fits the "Nordberg entrance" design with good bathrooms.  
 Soccer fields so kids in the surrounding area could com play in a league.  
 Good scoreboard/announcing facility/bathrooms/concessions for the football & softball fields. Overall plan needs to be put in place so when schools merge Stromsburg gets the games played in town & keeps business here, makes us more viable.  
 Pay off what we owe before starting any new projects  
 Build a municipal gold course. Better law enforcement with consistency, keep dogs & cats ruling strict.  
 Have city enforce ordinances  
 Extend Two Parks Trail east along the Blue River  
 Encourage industries

Project in city park  
 Continue with town & residence upkeep  
 Activity/recreational center for youth & community  
 New swimming pool  
 Restrooms in old band stand.  
 Take care of what we have, take more interest in keeping our school going  
 Continue Swedish Smorgasbord at Swedish Festival  
 Improve bandstand  
 More publicity of all the good things that are done-by people of all ages - from elementary students, high school students all the way up to the seniors.  
 More colorful trees planted at town entrances. Perhaps more Swedish designs on businesses.  
 A colorful mural on blank white walls on city buildings. Tim Alivs & his art class has been waiting for the money to accomplish for many years.  
 Make more effort to make the square look Swedish. Really decorate with many lights at Xmas. Need young men to take more interest in community.  
 Remove the house lighting contest.  
 Take action to force clean up/demolition of old uninhabited housing.  
 Find a way to increase the number of downtown parking spaces. One idea could be to make 3rd going east to Commercial & Commercial going north to 4th & 4th going west to the hi-way one way streets. Then add diagonal parking on the left side of those streets. Before that happens it would be wonderful to have 4-way stops added to 3rd & Commercial & 4th & Commercial  
 Program to preserve Stromsburg history & artifacts. This means an ongoing collection and permanent place of display. Remodel bldg in city park.  
 Health facility - recreation for all ages - indoor pool, walking track  
 Rehabilitate band stand - use as a rest stop and for Swedish Festival activities. Solve the problem of shad for the platform  
 What we need is a restaurant open for evening meals. We lose business because if we go out to other towns, we likely will do some shopping.  
 Also, a clean bowling alley with no beer or liquor served so families can have a night out with their kids.  
 Any project takes dollars & since this is a retirement community-fixed incomes can't afford too many projects  
 Community clean-up. Houses, vacant lots - year around not festival time.  
 Pay down our debts - reduce taxes

**What community activities would you like to see available in Stromsburg?**

Recreation center  
 More act. for teenagers to keep them off the streets and out of trouble  
 More sports - Basketball tourney  
 Bowling alley  
 Softball tourney  
 Utilize the square in the summer for more than just the festival - try "music on the green" during the evenings  
 Sponsor a summer hoops tournament for teen from this & surrounding communities  
 A community 4th of July celebration - music, food, fireworks  
 Children activities  
 Things for teenagers and young adults to do. Something maybe once a month.  
 Public hunting/fishing grounds - even if man made; shooting range; golf; music entertainment of all types; exercise facility with classes; farmers market on Saturdays; start having town forums to talk about ideas.  
 More act. geared toward kids. There is a lot of act. Through the churches and other organizations, but some parents do not include their children for various reasons.  
 We need some sort of act. center with dues or like the pool, a family ticket so the kids aren't causing trouble because they're bored. I have only recently moved into town but have spent most of my life living near Stromsburg. It's a beautiful town but it needs to work harder on bringing in young couples and couples with children in order to keep the schools open. Future years may not be so kind to this small comm. Retirement comm. are nice but they don't progress much if there is no youth.  
 Swimming, basketball-indoors so kids have things to do in the winter-should have been done long ago. Soon you will no longer have senior citizens.  
 A good café that would stay open to serve the people in the evenings, it gets costly have to drive out of town to eat elsewhere  
 I'd like to see some community plays like before (dinner theatre's) It's had to find someone to take that on.  
 If county school merger takes place..make old high school into community activity center.  
 Availability of exercise/yoga classes.  
 I'm just plenty busy, thank you. My kids were always plenty busy, too.  
 Block parties so neighborhoods get to know one another.  
 Softball leagues, basketball tourneys, horseshoe contests, activity center for all ages.  
 Dances  
 Bingo at Christmas for kids. Activities at Christmas for the kids  
 Speakers at the library. Music (live) in square or park. Trips to nearby places of interest.  
 Teen recreation - dances, etc.  
 Community theater/dinner, summer band concerts  
 Arcade  
 City wide garage sale moved up to April, May, June. July too hot. It's great though, don't discontinue it.  
 Family events in the parks during summer. Sidewalk sales, bands and local entertainment on Sundays maybe. Keep people in town.  
 Combined a.m. service Sunday of Swedish Festival  
 Go-cart tracks  
 More activities for seniors, young children, teenagers  
 Anything for the elementary & high school age children. Place to hang out - year round.  
 Restaurant eating facility 18 hours per day-week days. Also open Sundays  
 Bowling  
 24 Hour law enforcement personelle in city.  
 Support fund raisers for Scouts - Softball & Baseball programs. Communities surrounding have tremendous turnouts for activities.  
 Publish our bonded indebtedness, amount & our limit.

**General Overall Comments:**

Needs improvements in all aspects  
 What good is the survey - the mayor and council don't listen to the people anyway.  
 Stromsburg is in general go good community to live in.  
 Whirlpool/Sauna/Hot tub - waste of money  
 The hours of the Post Office are not community friendly - especially the Sat. hours - 9:15am to 10:45 is ridiculous. Open at 8:00 am it more efficient  
 The people of Stromsburg should not be afraid to break tradition & be proactive with change. Let's avoid becoming a "bedroom community".

We need to do all we can to become a community with opportunity for all ages to promote growth & longevity.  
The small town atmosphere and the services available make Stromsburg unique and an enjoyable place to raise a family  
If we keep improving our community it will help ensure a better place to raise families. Would like to see Dairy Inn open.  
I have been very pleased since moving and working in Stromsburg.  
The community has a wonderful foundation, build on it! Don't lose out to communities that have more to offer. The people want it, that is why they go there. On the other hand, citizens need to be educated on why it is vital to support what we have to keep it. It's can't be done overnight, but you must work on it steadily to teach the community what it needs to know about growth & retention  
This survey is a good thing to get things moving ahead.  
Many underage drivers driving the town and no police to control it.  
We need to face all our needs as a rural community because the future is changing quickly for everybody. This community in general has survived & prospered on farmers & many small local businesses & business people to this point in time. Let the future continue on this way.  
Community needs an event for all ages to be involved with to work towards. Something for the youth-like the pool/park situation  
Stromsburg is a nice town with a wonderful heritage and foundation...let's not fumble the football.  
I wish we could have a "dog free" town. I'm really sick of scooping dog poop out of my yard.  
Employment brought us here. Church & kids keep us here...Activities like S. Festival draw attention to our community but drain energy that might better be used to serve us & not total strangers & publicity.  
I love the small town atmosphere. Let's not get to carried away with modernizing to much that we look the lose the small town look & feel.  
I'd like to see a community ctr built next to NAPA. Removal of newspaper bldg would allow for a center large enough to include some of the facilities mentioned in #10. The only problem might be parking. This could be funded with a fundraising campaign & grants like the library.  
Need a police force  
Promote new businesses in the downtown area.  
I think that there should be no bike riding on the sidewalks in front of the stores. I've seen too many people almost get run over.  
Could be a wonderful community if had better leadership & direction. But still is a nice community to live in.  
Good central location. Has potential or promise. Park very nice. Town square nice just needs more at xmas. Community is very old fashioned and outsiders and newcomers are made to feel like they don't belong.  
Stromsburg is a great community.  
Help community understand importance of supporting business here-It helps us all-If we don't help one another we won't have a community or business section.  
Have property owners fix up their property.  
Nice town. Keep what we've got & don't reach out so far for things a community this size can't support.  
Great place to live  
A-OK  
Would like an eating place for afternoons & evenings  
Being a senior citizen, I'm content as activities go. Younger people require more.  
See attached clipping  
Fix what is broken & if it is not broken don't fix it  
Love Stromsburg  
Stromsburg much better than average - a few homes need extra cars & junk removed.  
Use tax money for the school. Education is for a life time.  
Need restaurant open in evenings. With possible liquor license.  
Oldest annual ethnic festival in the State of Nebraska.  
The community appears welcoming (but) we fail to properly visit with and learn to know new people in town. Some of them are very lonely and feel we live in "clicks" A picture and interview in the paper would help know them.  
When retiring some 10 years ago we realized we could live wherever we desired. Having lived in Stromsburg in the 60's we chose this community as our retirement location.  
Why can't the school equipment be used by the community on off hours? #10  
We need a cop in town. What happened to the monies the city paid for an administrator? Did it go into more office bldg? Polk seems to be able to afford one. Pop. 1/4th of ours.