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HEALTHIER BARRINGTON NEEDS ASSESSMENT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Chapter 1: Introduction

- The Healthier Barrington Needs Assessment is one method being used by the Healthier Community Project of the Barrington Area to receive citizen input in order to learn the desires and needs of the residents of the Barrington area. Primary purposes are to assess perceptions of community problems and needs; rate present resources and services, and determine priorities for future development.
- The survey was conducted by telephone using a random sample of households in zip code 60010, plus additional portions of School District 220 in Carpentersville and Hoffman Estates. A total of 500 telephone interviews were conducted. The margin of error for the entire sample is plus or minus 4.5%.
- Within certain limitations, the sample can be said to be representative of the area population, with a few exceptions. Women constituted two-thirds of sample, and persons aged 65+ were overrepresented. Also, the sample was more highly educated than would be indicated.
- Regarding occupation of respondent, more persons were not in the labor force than would be expected, primarily retired or homemakers, with fewer employed in clerical, sales and service occupations than expected.
- About one in four respondents has lived in the survey area for less than five years. However, the median years of residence for survey respondents was about 12 years. Younger persons were more likely to be new movers.
- Three-fourths of respondents reported that they voted in the most recent election.
- About one in eight (12.2%) respondents are responsible for the care of an older adult, such as an aging parent. Over two-thirds (68.9%) of caretakers for older persons are aged 45-64 themselves.
- Over half of respondents reported that they read the Chicago Tribune during the week, while about one-third each read the Daily Herald and the Barrington Courier-Review. About one in fourteen respondents do not read any newspaper.

Chapter 2: Quality of Life

- When asked what community aspects are the most important to living in the Barrington area, respondents named "good schools" (29.8%) and "peaceful small town environment" (29.2%) most often, followed by "safe, low crime" (23.8%).
- Residents of Hoffman Estates (47.1%), those aged 30-44 (44.6%), and homemakers (43.2%) were most likely to choose "good schools." A "peaceful, small town environment" is especially important to

respondents aged 65+ (43.5%) and retired persons (42.1%). Those aged 18-29 were more likely to name "safe, low crime" than older age groups.

- The results of a question asking which community aspects are missing in the Barrington area revealed very little dissatisfaction among respondents. Most of the responses cited lack of access to sufficient services and stores, named by 17.4% of respondents, followed by a perceived lack of recreation opportunities (9.6%).
- Young respondents aged 18-29 (21.7%) and Hoffman Estates residents (23.5%) named access to sufficient services and stores a bit more often than other groups. Persons aged 18-29 and new movers were the most likely to say that recreation opportunities are lacking in the community.

Chapter 3: How Community Services Rate

- Survey participants were asked to rate certain aspects - availability, access to, or quality of seven community services as excellent, good, fair, or poor. The quality of local primary education received the highest rating from all participants, achieving an average score of 3.30 (4 being excellent), with 90.6% saying that local primary education is "excellent or good." Other services doing especially well in their ratings included availability of health care services (3.26), quality of local secondary education (3.25), availability of preventive health care (3.20) and quality of local community services (3.07).
- The poorest rating went to availability of services for the disabled, with a rating of just 2.58, with 43.7% regarding these services as "fair or poor." "Access to local government, political decision makers" (2.87) also ranked below 3.00 or "good."
- Persons aged 18-29 tended to rate services lower than other groups, while respondents with a graduate degree, residents of Lake County, and senior citizens are the most pleased with services.
- Five selected community services were read to respondents, asking them whether the service was adequately provided. Older adult day care was the service most often characterized as "more needed" with three of five respondents indicating that more of this service is needed. Second came public transportation (58.4%), followed by child care (49%). The two services seen as most adequately provided were parks/recreation (just 16.8% "more needed") and mental health services (23.1%).

Chapter 4: Issues Needing Attention

- In another portion of the survey, participants were read a list of 20 issues and asked if the issue deserves greater attention. Activities for teens (44%) was chosen most often as the issue needing greater attention, followed by high health care costs (38.4%), equity of property taxation (35.4%), and alcohol abuse (30%).
- Issues receiving the fewest responses were duplication among agencies (1.2% of respondents wanting greater attention), illiteracy (2.6%), and school dropouts (3.6%).
- Carpentersville residents were far more likely than other areas to feel that issues need attention.
- Women were more likely than men to believe that issues need greater attention, while persons residing in Hoffman Estates were less likely to feel that problems need attention.

- Persons who work in Cook County were more likely to believe that alcohol abuse needs greater attention (40.7%), compared to 29.6% of Lake County workers and 24.6% of non-working respondents. Individuals aged 18-29 are far more concerned about AIDS/STDs and drug abuse than other age groups.

Chapter 5: Situations Experienced by Households

- Respondents were read a list of six problems or conditions that families and individuals sometimes experience, and asked which, if any, of these situations they or another household member had experienced in the past year. Responses were few.
- The top situation experienced was "difficulty finding child care", although this was cited by just 20 respondents (4%). This was followed by "put off health care or taking medicine because of cost or lack of insurance" (3%), and "difficulty paying bills" (2.2%).
- Participants were next asked if they or another household member needed help for a personal situation, for which they should have received help, but did not get it. Only seven of the 500 households answered "yes" to this question.

Chapter 6: Community Infrastructure

- Several questions in the survey related to the nature and structure of the community now and in the future. First, respondents were asked whether they would like to see zoning changes that would allow a wide range of housing, such as smaller homes, rental homes, apartments and condominiums, as well as larger homes. Most survey respondents do not favor greater diversity in housing, with 71.6% opposing the concept. About one in seven favor the idea, while another 14.2% were unsure.
- Some differences exist among groups in terms of favoring this idea. Residents of Carpentersville are more apt to desire zoning changes for housing diversity (23.8%) than other geographic areas, as do those aged 18-29 (26.1%).
- Another question asked whether a higher priority should be placed on elementary and secondary education. The majority (56%) of respondents are in agreement with a higher priority for education. Opposing are 24.2%, while 19.8% are not sure. Again, Carpentersville residents favor this concept at a higher proportion than any other geographic area, as do persons aged 30-44.
- Next, those surveyed responded as to whether they feel that new business and economic development should be encouraged, so as to increase the tax base, even though infrastructure improvements may also be needed. In favor of economic growth were 59.8% of survey participants. Not desiring more business were 23.2% and 17% were not sure. As with the other two issues, Carpentersville residents show the most support for this issue (66.7%).
- Participants were then asked which of the three issues should receive the highest priority for action. Almost half (46.2%) indicated that education should be the highest priority, with 28% choosing economic development and just 6.6% naming housing diversity. One of five responded "doesn't matter", "don't know", or "none of these."

- Interviewees were asked which housing type they would most like to see built in the area. Choices included moderately priced apartments, luxury apartments, moderately priced condominiums, and luxury condos. About four of five respondents (79.4%) replied "none of these" when this question was posed. Among those expressing a preference, 7.4% said moderately priced condominiums would be preferable, while 6.8% favored moderately priced apartments.
- Another question asked respondents what one source they would like to receive information from about the community, health, or ways to improve quality of life. Three of five individuals indicated that they prefer to receive information from the newspaper, either daily (38.8%) or weekly (20.8%).
- A final question asked if better coordination of volunteer opportunities and information is needed. Forty percent of those interviewed feel that better coordination is needed, with one-fourth saying coordination is not needed and one-third responding "don't know." Geographically, 71.4% of Carpentersville residents replied that more volunteer coordination is needed, much higher than other areas.

Chapter 7: Open-Ended Comments

- When asked how they might personally contribute to improving the quality of life in the Barrington area, the majority of responses to this question pertained to increased volunteerism, being involved in the community, voting, maintaining property, paying taxes, and getting involved in the schools.

Chapter 1 INTRODUCTION

The Healthier Barrington Needs Assessment is one method used by the Healthier Community Project of the Barrington Area to receive citizen input in order to learn the desires and needs of the residents of the Barrington area. Primary purposes of this study are to assess:

1. Perceptions of community problems and needs.
2. Ratings of present resources and services, including access to them.
3. Priorities for future development.

The survey is the result of community leaders and other interested individuals talking and working together in order to make the Barrington Area and its communities a healthier place to live, work and play. The convened group members feel that the quality of life can be improved, but only if the views of all residents are known. Some of the issues explored in this survey emerged from a town meeting held in September 1995.

Healthy Communities is a national and international approach originated by the National Civic League, which encourages diverse community groups to work together to identify priorities for action. These initiatives seek collaboration and sharing in order to achieve efficiency in services for residents, as well as a good quality of life. Results are made available for all residents or groups who wish to apply the findings to their own health, human services or other community initiatives.

Specifically, the Healthier Barrington Initiative seeks to create willingness among constituencies to cooperate, communicate and build solutions; to foster consensus and agreement on issues; and to provide for strengthening community and civic infrastructure. The survey may serve as a step toward building consensus.

Methodology

The survey was conducted by telephone using a random sample of households living in zip code 60010, plus additional portions of School District 220 encompassing parts of Carpentersville and Hoffman Estates. A map of the study area is shown as Figure 1.1. Interviews were conducted using trained interviewers employed by the Health Systems Research office of the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford. Respondents were assured that their answers would be merged with others so as to be anonymous.

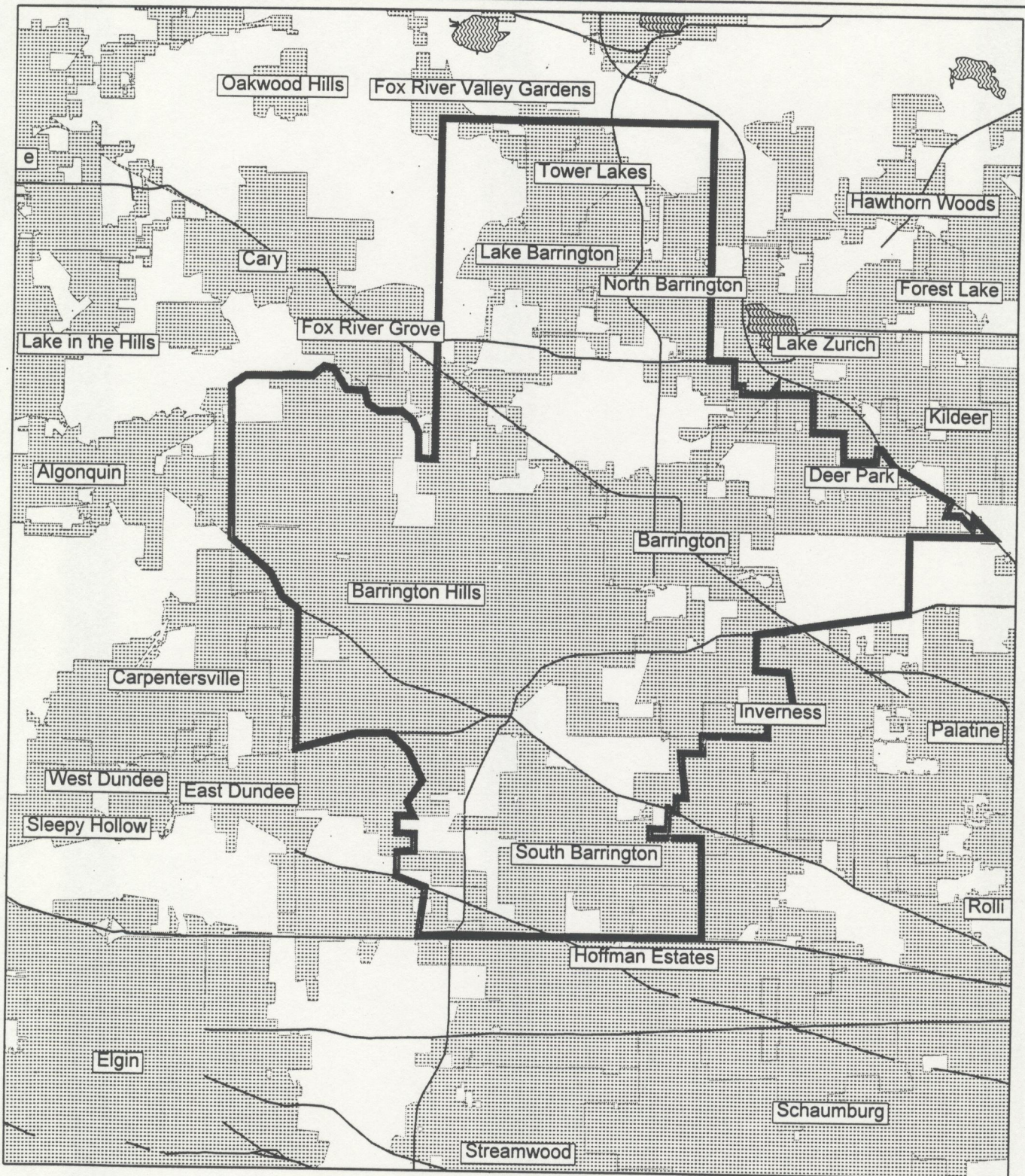
The study sought to provide a complete picture of the views of all residents in the study area. The list of households comprising the sample was purchased from a commercial mailing firm and was drawn randomly. About one of every one hundred residential households in the area was chosen with a total of 500 telephone interviews conducted. The sample was framed to provide sufficient results for all areas of the study area and was drawn proportional to the population in 1994 Census estimates.

Publicity in the local media including display ads sought to improve response by assuring citizens of the need for the study, and urging their participation.

Figure 1.1

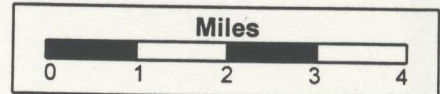
Healthier Barrington Needs Assessment

Study Area



Study area included zip code 60010 plus those positions of Carpentersville and Hoffman Estates within School District 220.

- Incorporated Areas
- Zip Code 60010



Survey Accuracy

Survey work revolves around two basic issues - validity and adequacy. Any good survey design seeks to maximize both of these characteristics. Validity refers to the soundness or effectiveness in which a research project is carried out. Are the right questions being asked in the right way? Validity is achieved through the careful use of variables which are truly relevant to the study. A sample may be termed adequate if it is of sufficient size to replicate the characteristics of a population, given the precision and confidence level one desires in the results.

If each individual in the population has an equal chance of being chosen, sampling error can be assured to be random and thus measurable in terms of probability. Precision refers to how closely the investigator wants the survey results from the sample to match those of the general population. A confidence level is the probability of obtaining a sample which, in fact, does have the precision desired. For example, if sample data reveal that 70% of the population favor more drug abuse prevention, and the precision and confidence levels are .02 (2%) and .95 (95%) respectively, the investigator may declare that the chances are 95 in 100 that between 68% and 72% of the population actually favor more drug prevention. Only if error is distributed randomly may this conclusion be made.

The adequacy of the sample depends on the population under consideration and the nature of the responses. For all households in the sample (500 in this case), chances are 95 out of 100 that the error can be no greater than plus or minus 4.5%, but is less most of the time. While the reader can interpret results of the larger sample segments with confidence in their relative accuracy, smaller segments (such as age, gender, geographic areas) should be judged in light of their own standard errors, which are considerably higher. It should be stressed that all results should not be viewed as being equally adequate. In general, results based on larger samples can be considered to be more truly reflective of the actual population characteristics. Results from small samples should be viewed as preliminary findings to be subjected to further study.

Non-Response

Non-response is merely the failure to obtain answers to a questionnaire. Non-response bias is often a major problem in survey work. People may refuse to answer, be on vacation or have any of a variety of personal reasons for not responding. Non-response poses no problem if replies from non-respondents are similar to those of the respondents. However, when the views of those who respond are different from those who don't, the value of the survey is greatly diminished. Unfortunately, this may not be known unless a second, more intensive survey of the population is performed for which the cost is usually prohibitive.

Experiences of the researcher play an important role in deciding whether or not non-response bias exists, or if such bias is affecting the results. One method of checking bias is to conduct personal interviews or follow-up in greater depth than the original study in order to compare them. For smaller studies, costs usually preclude this. Another method of checking non-response bias is by matching the characteristics of respondents to the Census or other comparable data for the population from which the sample has been drawn. The latter method is used here and discussed in the next section. While lack of response bias cannot be assured, at least the nature of respondent bias is known.

Representativeness of the Sample

Table 1.1 looks at the characteristics of the responding households and compares them, as possible, to 1990 Census data for zip code 60010, the best available description of the population in the study area, though the area may have changed somewhat since 1990.

Within certain limitations, the sample can be said to be representative of the area population. For instance, the average household size for the sample was very close to the Census data, 3.03 versus 2.94.

Respondent gender distribution indicated a female bias in that women answered in 68.4% of homes. This gender imbalance may be caused by one or more of the following factors: women are more likely to be home and answer the telephone; and women may be more likely to answer questions for their family. The age distribution for respondents and household members was generally representative, except that persons aged 65+ were overrepresented. Racial or ethnic identification was not asked.

Educationally, the sample was more highly educated than would be indicated by the Census. Persons with bachelor's degrees were more common than expected, while persons without a four-year college degree were a bit underrepresented.

Regarding occupation of respondent, more persons were not in the labor force than would be expected, primarily retired or homemakers, with fewer employed in clerical, sales, or service occupations.

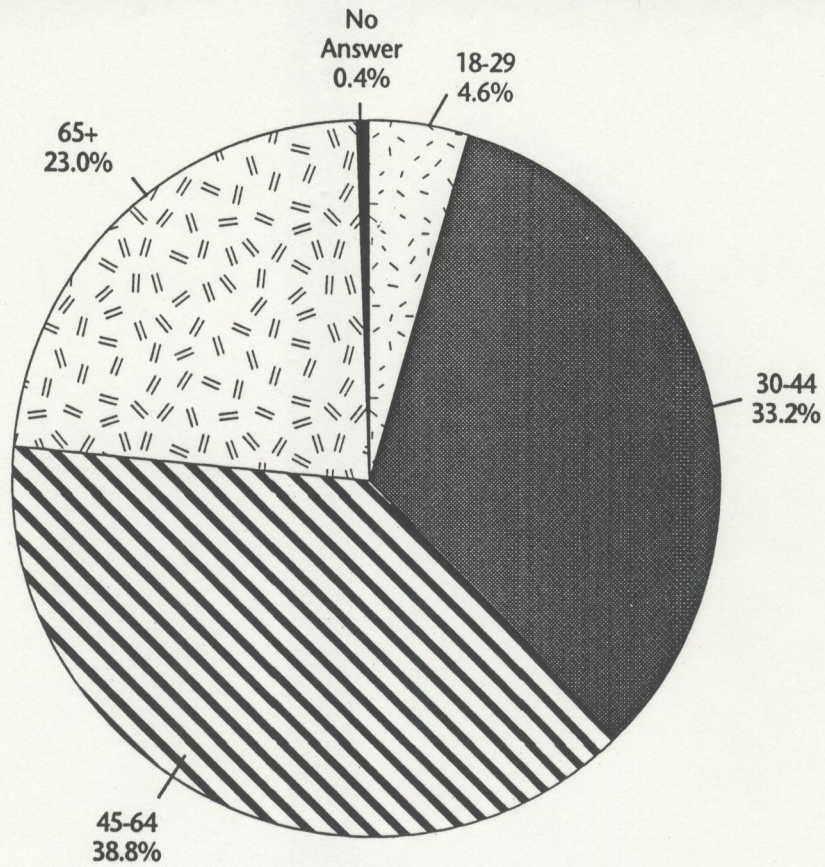
Respondent place of work would appear to be similar to the Census; however, Census data is limited. Almost half of the survey sample is employed in Cook County, with 43.5% working in Lake County. Census data indicated 48.5% of the population work within their county of residence, while 50.3% work outside their county of residence.

Geographically, responses were obtained from eleven communities in the Barrington area zip code including the special effort to elicit responses from portions of School District 220 in Hoffman Estates and Carpentersville. Table 1.2 shows the geographic distribution of survey respondents. The highest proportion of survey respondents (31.4%) reported residing in Barrington, followed by Hoffman Estates (10.2%).

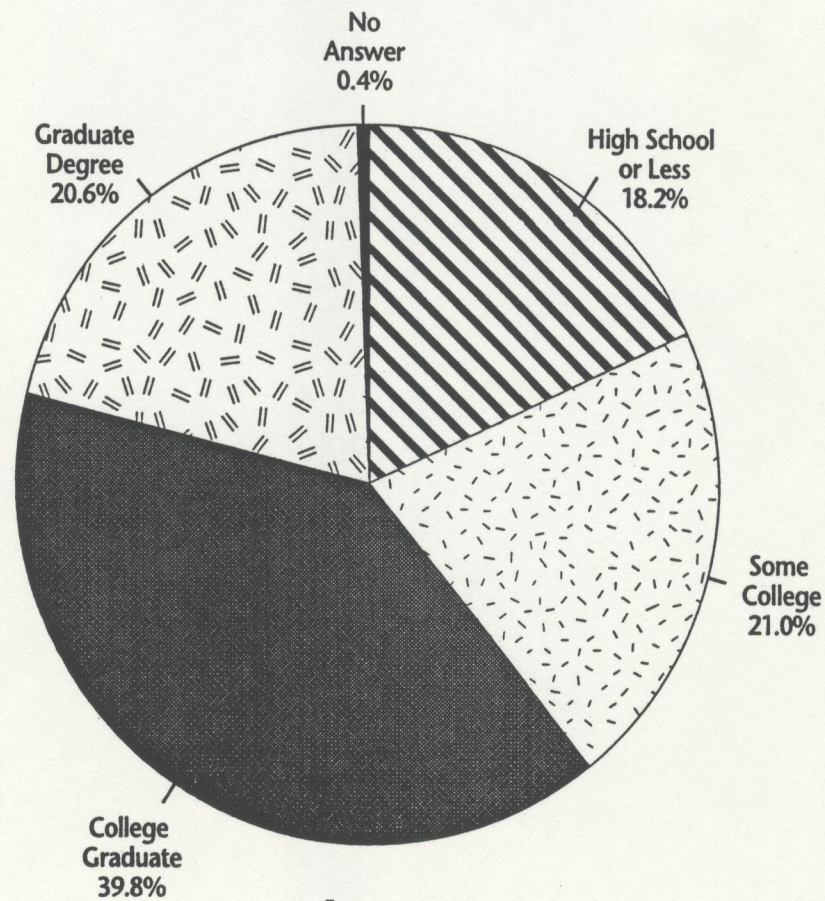
Table 1.2
GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF RESPONDENTS

<u>Community</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Barrington	157	31.4%
Hoffman Estates	51	10.2%
Lake Barrington	45	9.0%
Barrington Hills	42	8.4%
North Barrington	35	7.0%
South Barrington	33	6.6%
Deer Park	28	5.6%
Carpentersville	20	4.0%
Tower Lakes	15	3.0%
Inverness	14	2.8%
Fox River Valley Gardens	5	1.0%
Cook County Unincorporated	13	2.6%
Kane County Unincorporated	1	0.2%
Lake County Unincorporated	31	6.2%
McHenry County Unincorporated	4	0.8%
Other	3	0.6%
Not Sure	3	0.6%
Total	<u>500</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

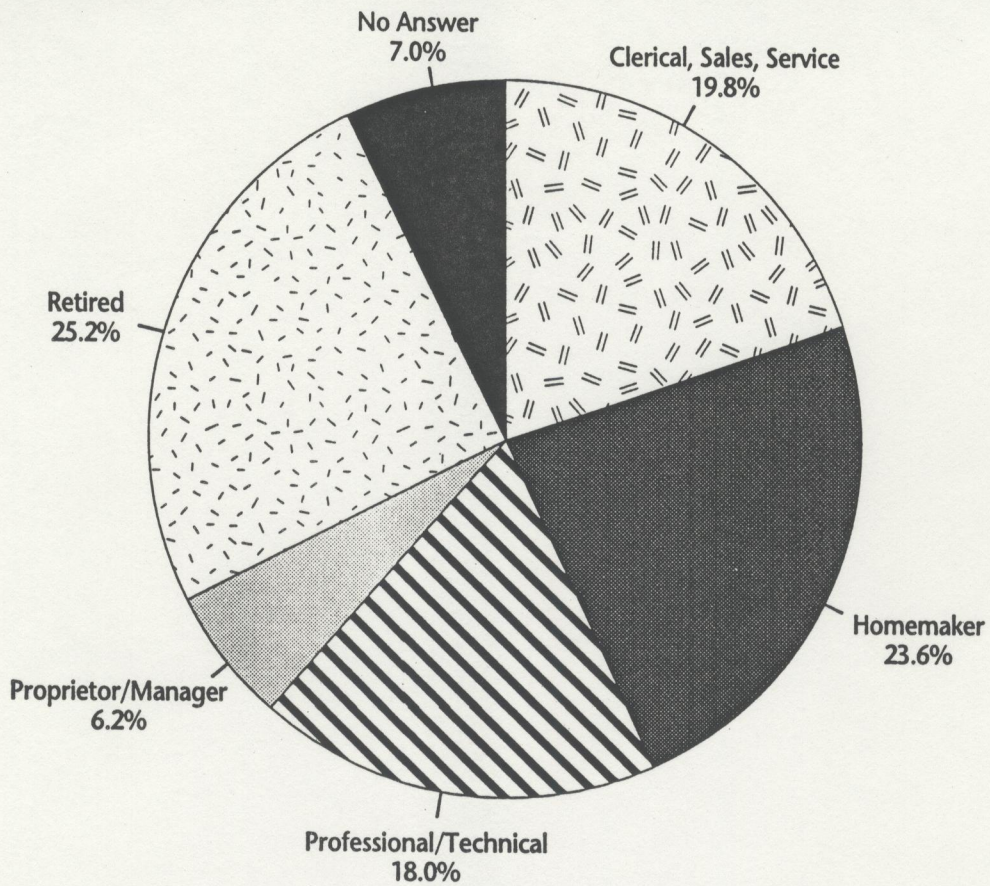
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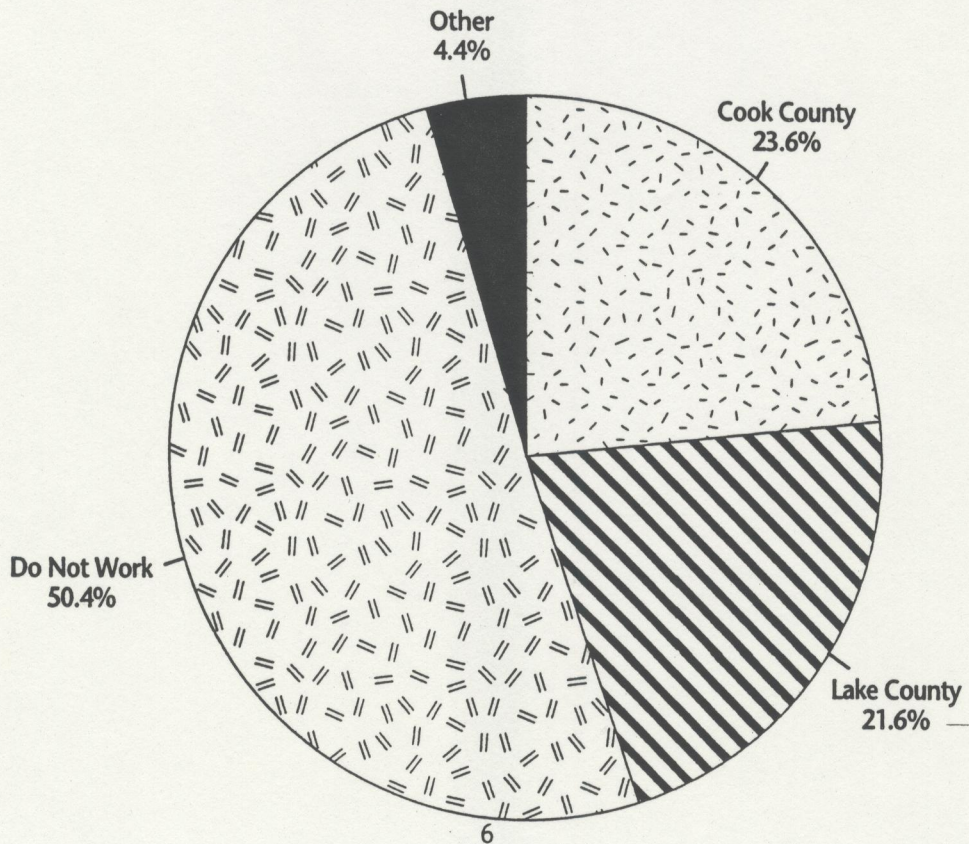
RESPONDENT EDUCATION



RESPONDENT OCCUPATION



PRIMARY WORK LOCATION



For purposes of analysis in this study, communities have been combined into six geographic areas. Barrington, Barrington Hills, South Barrington, and Cook County Unincorporated are referred to as Barrington Township. Lake Barrington, North Barrington, Tower Lakes, and Lake County have been combined as Cuba Township. The Palatine Area consists of the communities of Deer Park and Inverness, while Hoffman Estates and Carpentersville remain separate. All other communities and areas have been combined into "Other."

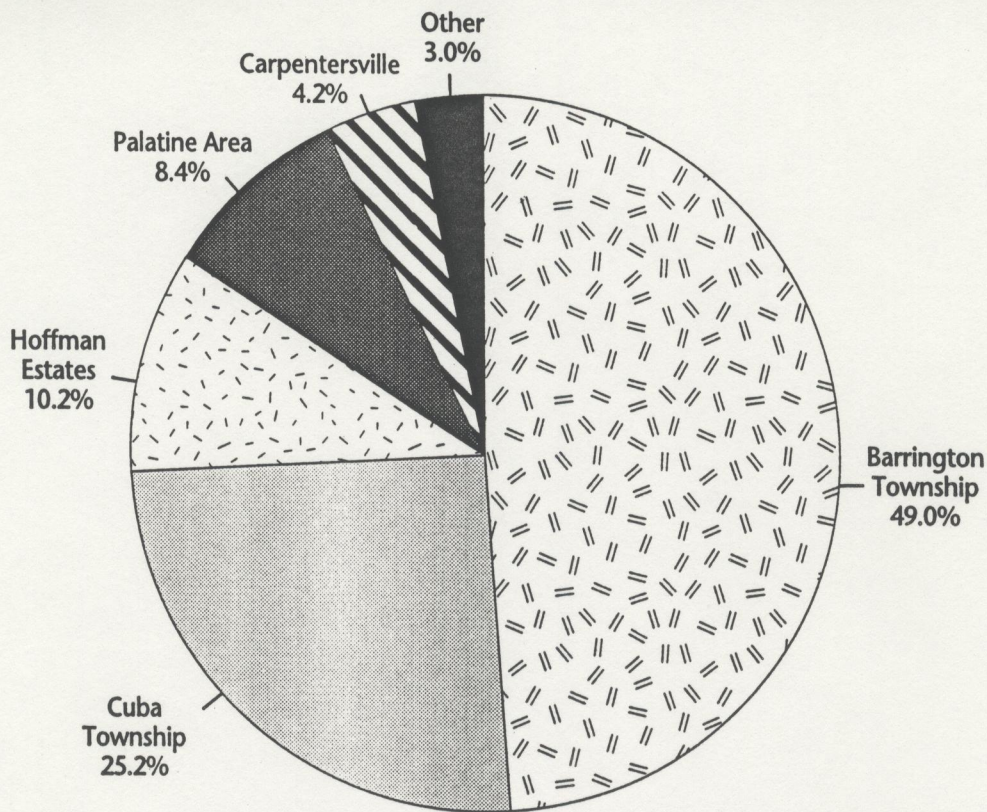
Table 1.1
SAMPLE CHARACTERISTICS COMPARED TO
1990 CENSUS DATA FOR ZIP CODE 60010

AGES OF PERSONS IN HOUSEHOLDS		
Age Group	Survey	Census
0-4	6.0%	7.3%
5-12	14.2%	12.6%
13-17	8.1%	7.6%
18-29	9.5%	11.2%
30-44	22.0%	27.4%
45-64	26.2%	25.8%
65+	13.8%	8.1%
Total	100.0%	100.0%
Average Household Size	3.03	2.94
AGE OF RESPONDENT		
Age Group	Survey	Census
18-29	4.6%	7.5%
30-44	33.3%	35.1%
45-64	39.0%	43.7%
65+	23.1%	13.7%
Total	100.0%	100.0%
GENDER OF RESPONDENT		
Gender	Survey	Census
Male	31.6%	49.3%
Female	68.4%	50.7%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

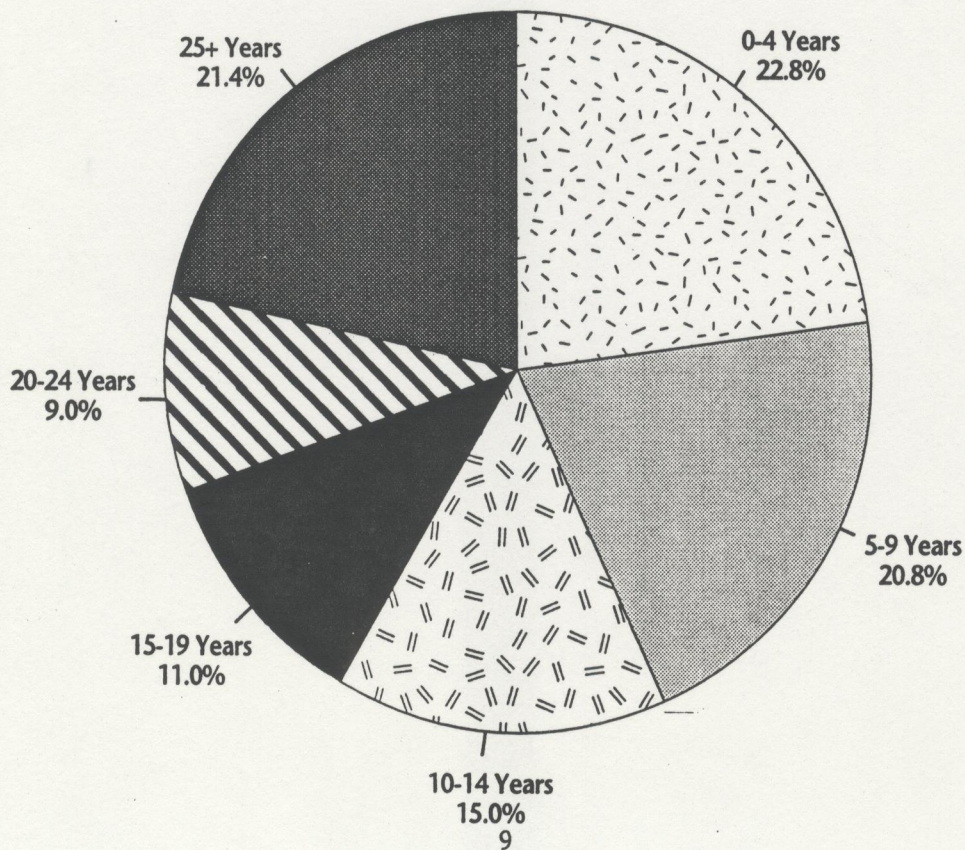
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EDUCATION OF RESPONDENT		
Highest Grade Completed	Survey	Census
Less than high school	0.4%	5.1%
High school or GED	17.9%	15.0%
Some college, no degree	16.9%	22.5%
Associate or similar degree	4.2%	5.8%
Bachelor's degree	40.0%	33.1%
Graduate degree	20.7%	18.5%
Total	100.0%	100.0%
OCCUPATION OF RESPONDENT		
Occupation	Survey	Census
Professional/technical	18.0%	14.7%
Proprietor or manager	6.2%	19.9%
Clerical, sales, service	19.8%	26.2%
Skilled or unskilled manual worker	5.4%	8.0%
Other	0.0%	0.5%
Not in labor force/unemployed	50.6%	31.8%
Total	100.0%	100.0%
RESPONDENT PLACE OF WORK		
County of Work	Survey	Census¹
Cook	47.6%	
Lake	43.5%	
Other	8.9%	
Total	100.0%	

1. Among 60010 workers, 48.5% work in their county of residence, 50.3% work outside their county of residence and 1.2% work in another state.

RESIDENCE OF RESPONDENT



YEARS LIVING IN BARRINGTON AREA



Length of Residence

Recipients were asked how long they have lived in the Barrington area. As shown in Table 1.3, nearly one in four respondents (22.8%) has lived in the area for less than five years. However, the median years of residence for survey respondents was about 12 years. Younger persons were more likely to be new movers. For respondents aged 18-29, over half (54.5%) have lived in the area less than 10 years. On the other hand, over half (51.8%) of respondents aged 65+ have lived in the area 25 years or more.

Table 1.3
LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN BARRINGTON AREA

<u>Years of Residence</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0-4	114	22.8%
5-9	104	20.8%
10-14	75	15.0%
15-19	55	11.0%
20-24	45	9.0%
25+	107	21.4%
TOTAL	500	100.0%

Voting Behavior

Asked about their voting behavior, three of four persons (74%) taking part in the survey reported that they voted in the most recent election, while 25.6% said they did not vote, and two respondents were not sure. Less likely to have voted were females (70.5% vs. 81.6% for males), and persons aged 18-29 (52.2% did not vote). Respondents living in Barrington (78%) and Cuba Townships (77%) reported voting at higher levels than those in Hoffman Estates (62.7%) or Carpentersville (61.9%). The more highly educated, the more likely that someone votes - graduate degree (85.4%), bachelors (74.4%), some college (71.4%), and high school graduate or less (62.6%).

Newspaper Read

Respondents were asked what, if any, newspaper they read during the week. Two choices could be named. The Chicago Tribune is the most widely read newspaper in the area (54%), followed by the Daily Herald (34.6%), and the Barrington Courier-Review (33%). About one in fourteen respondents (7.2%) indicated that they do not read any newspaper though the average respondent names 1.4 papers.

More highly educated respondents were more likely to report reading a newspaper. For example, 12.1% of persons with a high school education or less said they do not read a newspaper, compared to just 3.9% of those with a graduate degree. Chicago Tribune readership increases with education in that 69.9% of persons with a graduate degree read the Chicago Tribune, while just 31.9% of those with a high school education or less do so. On the other hand, Daily Herald readership declines somewhat with greater education.

Although read by only 6.2% of all respondents, the Chicago Sun-Times is read at a much higher level by those persons aged 18-29 (21.7%), and persons living in Carpentersville (14.3%). Sun-Times readers, despite being young, vote at the highest level of different paper readers.

Males (10.1%) are more likely not to read any newspaper than females (5.8%). Women (37.1%) are more likely than men (24.1%) to read the Courier-Review.

Responsibility for an Older Person

Asked if they are responsible for the care of an older adult such as an aging parent, 12.2% replied that they are. Of the 61 older persons being cared for, over half (33) are living on their own, while 17 are in the home of the respondent, and 11 live in a retirement community or nursing home. Occupationally, those in clerical/sales/service (23.2%) are most apt to be caring for an older adult. Over two-thirds (68.9%) of caretakers are aged 45-64 themselves. The proportions by age group caring for an older persons are 18-29 (8.7%), 30-44 (7.8%), 45-64 (21.6%) and 65+ (2.6%).

Chapter 2 QUALITY OF LIFE

Community Assessment

A key element of the study assessed the quality of life and those characteristics of a community which are important to persons living in the Barrington area. Specifically, respondents were asked what they like and dislike about the area.

Aspects Important to Living in Community

The first question asked the opinion of participants as to what aspects of living in the Barrington area are most important to them. Up to five aspects named by the respondent were recorded. However, the "average" resident named just 1.25. Three characteristics dominated the results. The most often mentioned positive characteristic of living in the Barrington area was "good schools", cited by 29.8% of respondents. This was closely followed by "peaceful, small-town environment" (29.2%), and then by "safe; low crime" (23.8%). Other responses were mentioned far less often. Table 2.1 shows the top ten responses to this question.

Table 2.1
TOP TEN FACTORS IMPORTANT TO LIVING IN BARRINGTON AREA

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Issue</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1.	Good schools	149	29.8%
2.	Peaceful, small town environment	146	29.2%
3.	Safe, low crime	119	23.8%
4.	Open spaces	44	8.8%
5.	Good place to bring up children	38	7.6%
6.	Strong family life	34	6.8%
7.	Good place to live	30	6.0%
7.	Rural, country setting	30	6.0%
9.	Good parks, recreation	18	3.6%
10.	Friendly people	17	3.4%

As shown in Table 2.2, "good schools" or "peaceful, small town environment" placed at the top for all survey groups, with the exception of persons living in Carpentersville and those aged 18-29 (both naming "safe, low crime" most often). These three aspects were also the top three mentioned among all groups, except for persons aged 65+ and retired respondents, who named "open spaces, big lots" as their third choice.

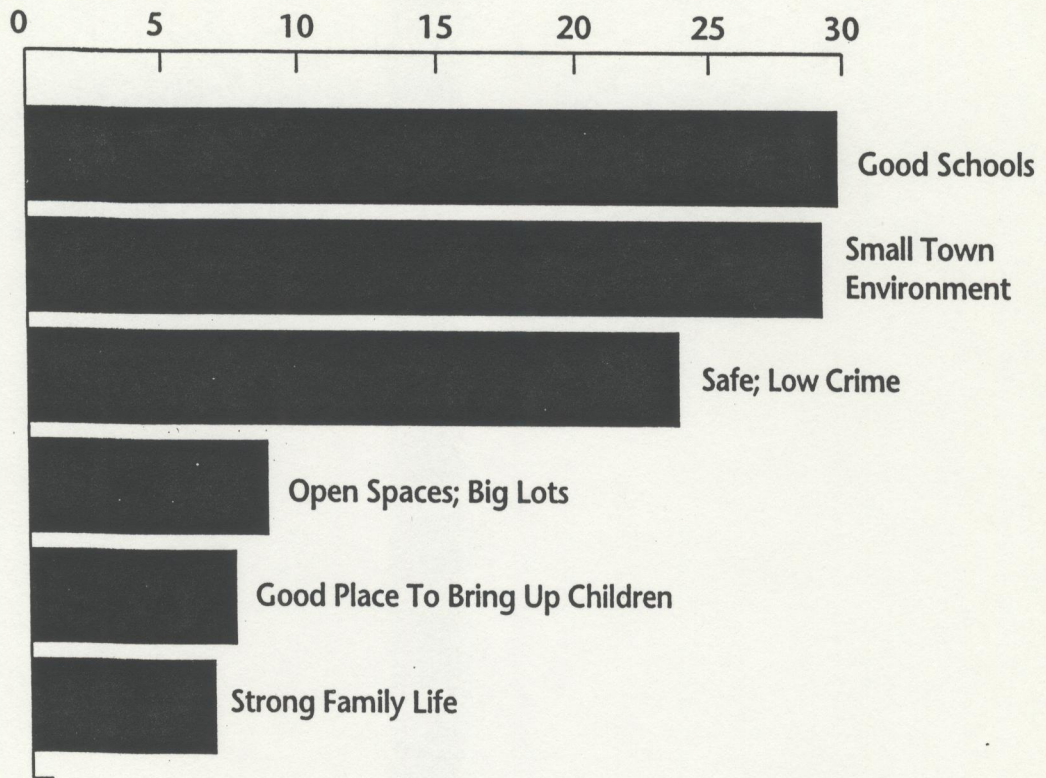
Persons living in Hoffman Estates (47.1%), aged 30-44 (44.6%), and homemakers (43.2%) were most likely to choose "good schools." "Peaceful, small town environment" was named most often by respondents aged 65+ (43.5%), retired (42.1%), and those living in the area for 20-24 years (40%). Table 2.3 shows the groups most likely to choose each of the leading characteristics.

The choices were not read to respondents.

Table 2.2
THREE FACTORS NAMED MOST IMPORTANT ABOUT LIVING IN AREA
BY RESPONDENT CHARACTERISTIC

GEOGRAPHIC AREA	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
Barrington Township	Good schools (30.6%)	Peaceful, small town (29.87%)	Safe, low crime (23.3%)
Cuba Township	Peaceful, small town (32.5%)	Safe, low crime (23.8%)	Good schools (23.8%)
Palatine Area	Good schools (28.6%)	Safe, low crime (23.8%)	Peaceful, small town (21.4%)
Hoffman Estates	Good schools (47.1%)	Peaceful, small town (29.4%)	Safe, low crime (27.5%)
Carpentersville	Safe, low crime (33.3%)	Good schools (19.0%)	Good health; Peaceful (14.3%)
Other	Peaceful, small town (33.3%)	Good schools (26.7%)	Seven tied at 6.7%
GENDER			
Male	Peaceful, small town (33.5%)	Good schools (23.4%)	Safe, low crime (22.2%)
Female	Good schools (32.7%)	Peaceful, small town (27.2%)	Safe, low crime (24.6%)
AGE OF RESPONDENT			
18 - 29	Safe, low crime (43.5%)	Good schools (26.1%)	Peaceful; good place (13.0%)
30 - 44	Good schools (44.6%)	Peaceful, small town (22.9%)	Safe, low crime (22.9%)
45 - 64	Peaceful, small town (28.4%)	Good schools (27.8%)	Safe, low crime (22.2%)
65+	Peaceful, small town (43.5%)	Safe, low crime (24.3%)	Open spaces, big lots (13.0%)
EDUCATION OF RESPONDENT			
High school or less	Peaceful, small town (36.3%)	Safe, lower crime (28.6%)	Good schools (24.2%)
Some college	Peaceful, small town (24.8%)	Good schools (21.9%)	Safe, low crime (20.0%)
Bachelor's degree	Good schools (34.2%)	Peaceful, small town (28.1%)	Safe, low crime (23.1%)
Graduate degree	Good schools (35.0%)	Peaceful, small town (30.1%)	Safe, low crime (24.3%)
LENGTH OF RESIDENCE			
0 - 4 years	Good schools (34.6%)	Safe, low crime (26.9%)	Peaceful (23.1%)
5 - 9 years	Good schools (28.8%)	Peaceful (28.8%)	Safe, low crime (22.1%)
10 - 14 years	Safe, low crime (34.7%)	Good schools (33.3%)	Peaceful, small town (21.3%)
15 - 19 years	Good schools (38.2%)	Peaceful, small town (29.1%)	Safe, low crime (14.3%)
20 - 24 years	Peaceful, small town (40.0%)	Good schools (22.2%)	Safe, low crime (17.8%)
25+	Peaceful, small town (39.3%)	Safe, low crime (23.4%)	Good schools (19.6%)
OCCUPATION OF RESPONDENT			
Clerical, sales, service	Good schools (29.3%)	Peaceful, small town (28.3%)	Safe, low crime (22.2%)
Homemaker	Good schools (43.2%)	Safe, low crime (23.7%)	Peaceful, small town (22.0%)
Professional, technical	Good schools (34.4%)	Safe, low crime (28.9%)	Peaceful, small town (24.4%)
Proprietor, manager	Good schools (35.5%)	Peaceful, small town (25.8%)	Safe, low crime (16.1%)
Retired	Peaceful, small town (42.1%)	Safe, low crime (23.0%)	Good schools; open space (12.7%)
Other	Good schools (31.4%)	Peaceful, small town (25.7%)	Safe, low crime (22.9%)
PLACE OF WORK			
Cook County	Good schools (33.1%)	Safe, low crime (28.0%)	Peaceful, small town (22.9%)
Lake County	Peaceful, small town (31.5%)	Good schools (30.6%)	Safe, low crime (24.1%)
Do not work	Peaceful, small town (31.7%)	Good schools (27.8%)	Safe, low crime (23.4%)
Other	Good schools (31.8%)	Peaceful, small town (22.7%)	Good place to live (22.7%)

LEADING RESPONSES MOST IMPORTANT ABOUT LIVING IN BARRINGTON AREA



LEADING RESPONSES THINGS MISSING IN BARRINGTON AREA

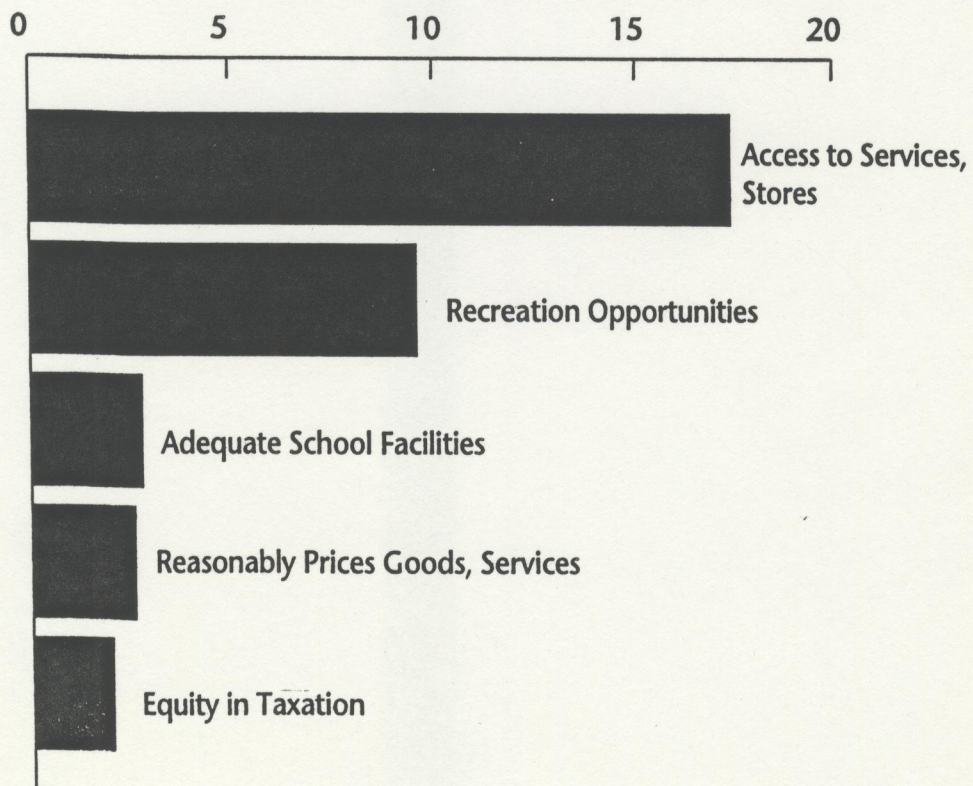


Table 2.3
TOP THREE GROUPS
FOR LEADING IMPORTANT FACTORS ABOUT LIVING IN AREA

<u>Factor</u>	<u>Top Three Groups Choosing This Factor</u>
Good schools	Hoffman Estates (47.1%), 30-44 (44.6%), homemaker (43.2%)
Peaceful small town environment	65+ (43.5%), retired (42.1%), 20-24 years in area (40.0%)
Safe, low crime	18-29 (43.5%), 10-14 years in area (34.7%), Carpentersville (33.3%)
Open spaces, big lots	Palatine Area (16.7%), 65+ (13.0%), retired (12.7%)
Good place to raise children	20-24 years in area (11.1%), 30-44 (10.8%), 10-14 years in area (10.7%)
Strong family life	Palatine Area (9.5%), college grad (8.5%), 30-44 (8.4%)
Good place to live	18-29 (13.0%), professional/technical (12.9%), Carpentersville (9.5%)
Rural, country setting	Clerk/sales (12.1%), Palatine Area (11.9%), 10-14 years in area (10.7%)
Good parks, recreation	Proprietor/manager (9.7%), professional/technical (6.7%), Hoffman Estates (5.9%)
Friendly people	Hoffman Estates (7.8%), 65+ (6.1%), Clerical/sales (6.1%)

Some differences were also evident when viewed by gender and age group. Women (32.7%) were more likely than men (23.4%) to choose "good schools." Persons aged 18-29 (43.5%) named "safe, low crime" at a higher proportion than other age groups. Younger persons named "good schools" as being important more often than those aged 65+. On the other hand, respondents aged 65+ (43.5%) named "peaceful, small-town environment" more often than younger participants aged 18-29 (13%).

Characteristics Missing in Community

Respondents were asked to name up to five desired characteristics that they believe are missing from their community. Overall, there was very little dissatisfaction with the Barrington area. Less than half of respondents named any aspect of living as missing.

Most of the criticisms of communities stemmed from a lack of access to sufficient services and stores, including restaurants, named by 17.4% of respondents. This was followed by a perceived lack of recreational opportunities (9.6%). Other factors received very few mentions, as shown below in Table 2.4, which shows the top five missing aspects named.

Table 2.4
TOP FIVE ASPECTS OF LIVING
MISSING FROM BARRINGTON AREA

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Issue</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1.	Access to sufficient services	87	17.4%
2.	Recreation opportunities	48	9.6%
3.	Adequate school facilities	14	2.8%
4.	Reasonable priced goods, services	13	2.6%
5.	Equity in taxation	10	2.0%

Table 2.5
TOP THREE GROUPS NAMING
SELECTED FACTORS MISSING IN BARRINGTON AREA

<u>Factor</u>	<u>Top Three Groups Choosing This Factor</u>
Access to sufficient services, stores	18-29 (26.1%), Hoffman Estates (23.5%), proprietor/manager (22.6%)
Recreation opportunities	18-29 (21.7%), 0-4 years in area (19.2%), aged 30-44 (15.7%)
Adequate school facilities	5-9 years in the area (4.8%), some college (4.8%), Cuba Township (4.8%)
Reasonably prices goods, services	20-24 years in the area (4.4%), college grad (4.0%), Hoffman Estates (3.9%)
Equity in taxation	Palatine Area (4.8%), 15-19 years in area (3.6%), high school or less (3.3%)

Persons aged 18-29 (26.1%), those living in Hoffman Estates (23.5%), and proprietor/managers (22.6%), were more likely to cite access to sufficient services and stores as a missing element in their community. Access to sufficient services and stores was named as lacking slightly more by those who work in Lake County. Females were a bit more likely (18.7%) than males (14.6%) to name access to sufficient services as a missing element in the Barrington area. Although lack of recreational opportunities was reported by only 9.6% of survey respondents overall, 21.7% of persons aged 18-29, 19.2% of residents living in the area less than five years, and 15.7% of respondents aged 30-44 said that recreation opportunities are missing in the area. Only 5.7% of those aged 45-64 and 4.3% of persons aged 65+ named this aspect. Table 2.5 shows the top three groups desiring each of the leading missing characteristics cited.

Chapter 3
HOW COMMUNITY SERVICES RATE

Ratings of Community Services

Survey participants were then asked to rate certain aspects - availability, access to, or quality of seven community services. Each was rated as excellent, good, fair or poor. Respondents could also choose to answer "don't know." For services for the disabled, more than half of the respondents chose "don't know." Figures 3.1 and 3.2 show results when "don't know" responses are part of the calculations.

Table 3.1 demonstrates the service ratings given in descending order of their average score, when excellent was weighted as four, down to poor as one. "Don't know" was excluded from these calculations. Also shown are the proportions of persons who rated the service as "excellent or good."

**Table 3.1
RATINGS OF CERTAIN ASPECTS OF COMMUNITY SERVICES¹**

Rank	Service	Rating ²	Pct. Excellent or Good
1.	Quality of local primary education	3.30	90.6%
2.	Availability of health care services	3.26	90.8%
3.	Quality of local secondary education	3.25	90.1%
4.	Availability of preventive health care	3.20	91.2%
5.	Quality of local community services	3.07	85.0%
6.	Access to local government, political decision makers	2.87	77.6%
7.	Availability of services for disabled	2.58	56.3%

¹ "Don't know" responses excluded from calculations.

² Average rating when Excellent = 4, Good = 3, Fair = 2, and Poor = 1.

The quality of local primary education received the highest overall rating from all participants, achieving an average score of 3.30, with 90.6% saying that local primary education is "excellent or good." Other services doing especially well in their ratings included availability of health care services (3.26), quality of local secondary education (3.25), availability of preventive health care (3.20), and quality of local community services (3.07). However, availability of preventive health care ranks first when "percent excellent or good" is the measure used.

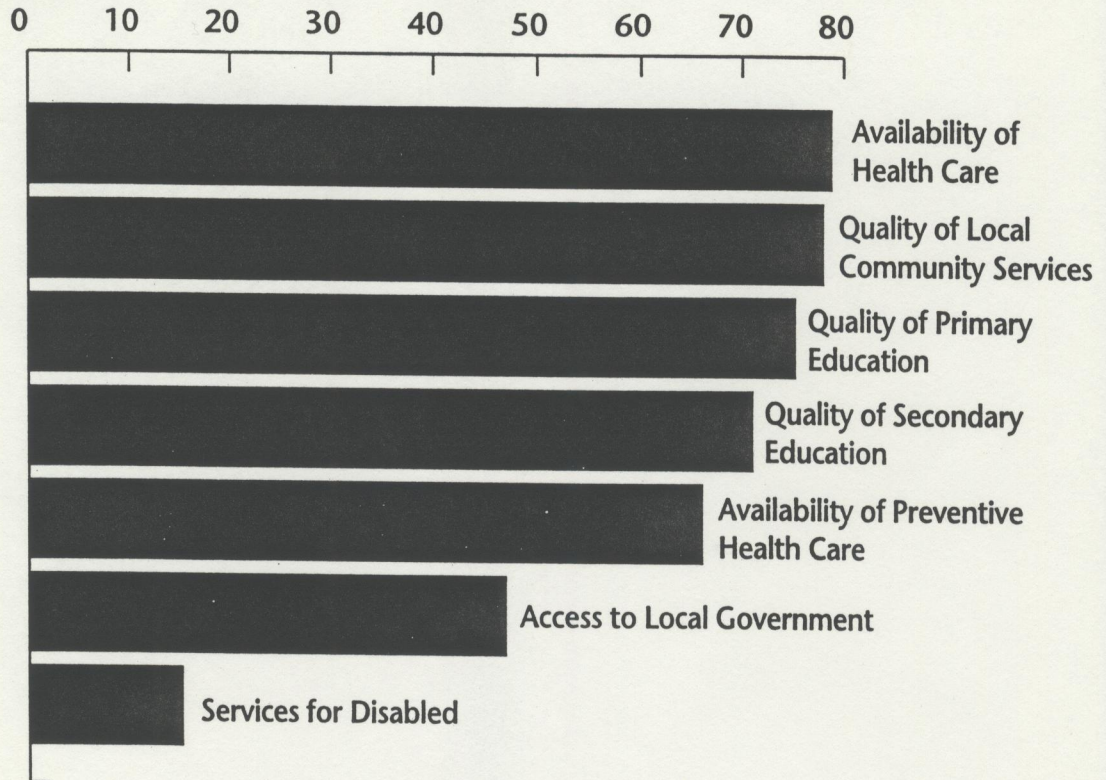
The poorest rating went to availability of services for the disabled, with a score of just 2.58, with 43.7% regarding these services as "fair or poor." Especially low ratings were given to services for disabled by residents who have lived in the area 15-19 years (1.75), those living in Carpentersville (2.00), persons aged 18-29 (2.14), and those with a high school education or less (2.19). In fact, respondents aged 18-29 rated all seven services lower than other groups. Table 3.2 shows the ratings of each service by respondent characteristic.

Table 3.2
RATINGS OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
BY RESPONDENT CHARACTERISTIC

	Quality of local education		Availability of services for the disabled	Access to local government	Quality of local comm. services	Availability of	
	Primary	Secondary				Health care services	Preventive health care
GEOGRAPHIC AREA							
Barrington Township	3.30	3.25	2.64	2.94	3.10	3.24	3.14
Cuba Township	3.30	3.29	2.59	2.94	3.14	3.35	3.30
Palatine Area	3.31	3.23	2.64	2.70	3.00	3.30	3.21
Hoffman Estates	3.32	3.24	2.67	2.69	2.84	3.13	3.18
Carpentersville	3.24	3.24	2.00	2.33	2.86	3.06	3.00
Other	3.38	3.17	2.50	2.50	3.13	3.33	3.57
GENDER							
Male	3.36	3.28	2.48	2.89	3.03	3.24	3.17
Female	3.28	3.99	2.63	2.86	3.09	3.26	3.21
AGE OF RESPONDENT							
18 - 29	3.12	2.87	2.14	2.50	2.70	2.94	2.83
30 - 44	3.26	3.17	2.52	2.85	3.01	3.27	3.22
45 - 64	3.32	3.29	2.50	2.95	3.10	3.30	3.21
65+	3.38	3.37	2.79	2.81	3.17	3.23	3.20
EDUCATION OF RESPONDENT							
High school or less	3.24	3.21	2.19	2.60	2.98	3.14	3.09
Some college	3.35	3.27	2.90	2.85	3.09	3.22	3.20
Bachelor's degree	3.32	3.28	2.48	2.87	3.08	3.24	3.20
Graduate degree	3.28	3.22	2.64	3.08	3.11	3.40	3.26
LENGTH OF RESIDENCE							
0 - 4 years	3.30	3.22	2.88	2.88	3.15	3.23	3.14
5 - 9 years	3.31	3.21	2.84	2.90	3.02	3.25	3.21
10 - 14 years	3.16	3.19	2.38	3.06	3.00	3.24	3.17
15 - 19 years	3.27	3.21	1.75	2.82	3.00	3.32	3.24
20 - 24 years	3.30	3.27	2.50	2.77	3.16	3.26	3.26
25+	3.43	3.40	2.71	2.79	3.08	3.27	3.20
OCCUPATION OF RESPONDENT							
Clerical, sales, service	3.29	3.23	2.63	2.92	3.09	3.28	3.23
Homemaker	3.16	3.11	2.61	2.84	2.98	3.19	3.18
Professional, technical	3.43	3.38	2.39	2.94	3.01	3.28	3.12
Proprietor, manager	3.26	3.22	2.33	2.95	3.10	3.04	3.00
Retired	3.35	3.34	2.65	2.81	3.17	3.62	3.56
Other	3.42	3.29	2.78	2.81	3.06	3.62	3.22
PLACE OF WORK							
Cook County	3.38	3.35	2.24	2.88	2.98	3.15	3.15
Lake County	3.32	3.23	2.72	3.00	3.13	3.39	3.20
Do not work	3.25	3.22	2.66	2.83	3.08	3.24	3.21
Other	3.31	3.20	2.83	2.64	3.11	3.42	3.24

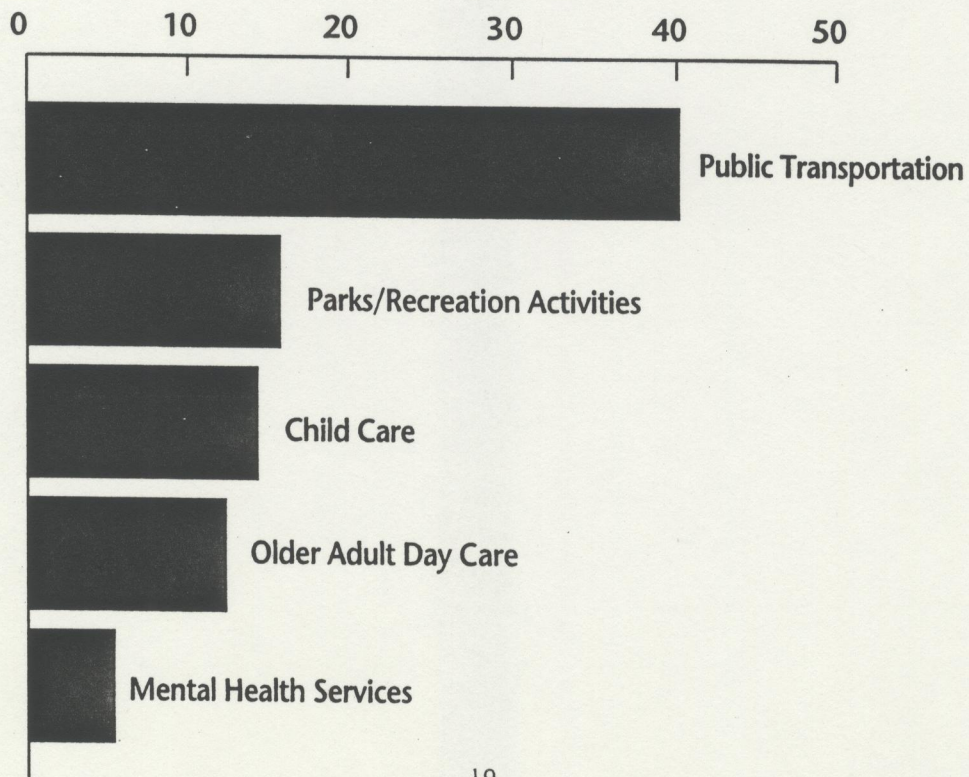
COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS

Percent Naming "Excellent" or "Good"



COMMUNITY SERVICES

Percent Naming "More Needed"



Based on their overall ratings of the seven services, an analysis can be developed showing which groups are most pleased with these seven services and which are not. Table 3.3 reveals the groups with the most positive and negative views, while the average ratings for all groups are shown in Table 3.4. Respondents with a graduate degree, those aged 65+, and residents of Lake County give the top ratings to services. On the other hand, persons aged 18-29 gave the lowest overall ratings to services. Also in the more negative group were residents of Carpentersville, those with high school or less education and proprietor/managers.

Table 3.3
AVERAGE SERVICE RATING SCORE
MOST POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE GROUPS

<u>POSITIVE</u>			<u>NEGATIVE</u>		
<u>Rank</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Ave. Score</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Ave. Score</u>
1.	Graduate Degree	3.14	1.	Aged 18-29	2.73
1.	Lake County	3.14	2.	Carpentersville	2.73
1.	65+	3.14	3.	HS or less	2.92
4.	Cuba Township	3.13	4.	Proprietor/ manager	2.99
4.	Some college	3.13	5.	Resident 15-19 years	2.94
4.	25+ years resident	3.13	6.	Homemaker	3.01

Table 3.4
AVERAGE RATING OF SEVEN SERVICES
BY RESPONDENT CHARACTERISTIC

	<u>Ave. Score¹</u>		<u>Ave. Score¹</u>
GEOGRAPHIC AREA		LENGTH OF RESIDENCE	
Barrington Township	3.09	0-4 years	3.11
Cuba Township	3.13	5-9 years	3.11
Palatine Area	3.06	10-14 years	3.03
Hoffman Estates	3.01	15-19 years	2.94
Carpentersville	2.82	20-24 years	3.07
Other	3.08		
GENDER		OCCUPATION OF RESPONDENT	
Male	3.06	Clerical, sales, service	3.10
Female	3.08	Homemaker	3.01
		Professional, technical	3.08
		Proprietor, manager	2.99
AGE OF RESPONDENT		Retired	3.11
18 - 29	2.73	Other	3.22
30 - 44	3.04		
45 - 64	3.10	PLACE OF WORK	
65+	3.14	Cook County	3.02
		Lake County	3.14
EDUCATION OF RESPONDENT		Do not work	3.07
High School or less	2.92	Other	3.11
Some college	3.13		
Bachelor's degree	3.07		
Graduate degree	3.14		

¹. Average rating when excellent = 4, good = 3, fair =2, poor =1.

Adequacy of Selected Current Services

The final set of questions relating to community services asked respondents to tell whether the availability of five selected services is adequate. Table 3.5 shows the percent saying "more needed" for each of these services.

Of those expressing an opinion, older adult day care was the service most often cited as "more needed", with three of five respondents indicating that more of this service is needed. Second came public transportation (58.4%), followed by child care (49%). The services seen as most adequately provided are parks/recreation (16.8% "more needed") and mental health services (23.1%).

For three of the five services - child care, older adult day care, and mental health services - approximately three-fourths of survey participants responded "don't know" indicating a lack of knowledge of these services

Table 3.5
PERCENT SAYING "MORE NEEDED"¹
FIVE COMMUNITY SERVICES

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Services</u>	<u>Percent More Needed</u>
1.	Older adult day care	60.2%
2.	Public transportation	58.4%
3.	Child care	49.0%
4.	Mental health services	23.1%
5.	Parks/recreation activities	16.8%

¹. "Don't know" response excluded.

Some differences emerged among groups regarding the adequacy of services. As shown in Table 3.6, persons living in the area 15-19 years (25.5%), those living in Carpentersville (23.8%), and residents of 20-24 years (20%) were more likely to indicate a perceived need for older adult day care.

Table 3.6
TOP THREE GROUPS
PERCENT SAYING "MORE NEEDED" OF FIVE COMMUNITY SERVICES

<u>Factor</u>	<u>Top Three Groups Choosing This Factor</u>
Older Adult Day Care	15-19 years in area (25.5%), Carpentersville (23.8%), 20-24 years in area (20.0%)
Public Transportation	Cuba Township (46.8%), 45-64 (45.9%), retired (45.2%)
Child Care	Clerk/ sales service (24.2%), work in Cook County (23.7%), 15-19 years in area (23.6%)
Mental Health Services	20-24 years in area (15.6%), some college 10.5%), 18-29 (8.7%)
Parks/Recreation	Homemaker (25.4%), 30-44 (22.3%), Palatine Area (21.4%)

Chapter 4
ISSUES NEEDING ATTENTION

Ranking of Issues for Attention

In another portion of the survey, participants were read a list of 20 issues and asked if each issue deserves greater attention. The results, in descending order for all respondents, are shown below in Table 4.1

Table 4.1
ISSUES NEEDING GREATER ATTENTION

Rank	Problem	Percent
1.	Activities for teens	44.0%
2.	High health care costs	38.4%
3.	Equity of property taxation	35.4%
4.	Alcohol abuse	30.0%
5.	Drugs, drug abuse	21.4%
6.	Job retraining	20.4%
7.	AIDS/STDs	20.0%
8.	Need for housing of all prices	16.0%
9.	Violence involving guns	15.8%
10.	Support groups for single parent	15.4%
11.	Domestic violence	14.8%
12.	Racial/socioeconomic discrimination	13.8%
13.	Crime	10.2%
14.	Gangs	7.2%
15.	Teen pregnancy	6.6%
16.	Child abuse	6.2%
17.	Support groups for parents	4.4%
18.	School dropouts	3.6%
19.	Illiteracy	2.6%
20.	Duplication among agencies	1.2%

Activities for teens (44%) was chosen most often as the issue needing greater attention, followed by high health care costs (38.4%), equity of property taxation (35.4%), and alcohol abuse (30%).

Issues receiving the fewest responses were duplication among agencies (only 1.2% of respondents wanting greater attention), illiteracy (2.6%), and school dropouts (3.6%).

As shown in Table 4.2, most groups placed activities for teens first in attention needed, although some placed high health care costs or equity of property taxation in the top spot. Residents of Carpentersville were far more likely than others to feel that issues needed attention.

Women were more likely than men to believe that issues need greater attention. Higher proportions of women wanted greater attention than men for every issue except drug abuse. Far more women than men want attention to child abuse, crime, domestic violence, illiteracy, discrimination and support for single parents and two parent working families. Persons residing in Hoffman Estates, were less likely to feel that problems need attention.

Persons who work in Cook County were more likely to believe that alcohol abuse needs greater attention, (40.7%) compared to 29.6% of Lake County workers and 24.6% of non-working respondents. Individuals aged 18-29 are far more concerned about AIDS/STDs (39.1%) compared to persons aged 65+ (7%). Age also appears to be related to concern about drugs and drug abuse. Two of five (39.1%) respondents aged 18-29 chose drug abuse as an issue needing more attention, while just 11.3% of persons aged 65+ did so.

Crime was an area of considerable concern in Carpentersville where 61.9% said that this needs more attention compared to just 10.2% studywide.

**Table 4.2
THREE ISSUES NEEDING ATTENTION
BY RESPONDENT CHARACTERISTIC**

GEOGRAPHIC AREA	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
Barrington Township	Activities for teens (46.5%)	High health care cost (38.4%)	Equity of property tax (32.2%)
Cuba Township	Equity of property tax (42.1%)	Activities for teens (41.3%)	High health care cost (38.9%)
Palatine Area	Equity of property tax (45.2%)	Activities for teens (38.1%)	High health care cost (35.7%)
Hoffman Estates	Equity of property tax (31.4%)	Activities for teens (27.5%)	High health care cost (23.5%)
Carpentersville	Drugs, drug abuse (76.2%)	Activities for teens (61.9%)	Crime in community (61.9%)
Other	Activities for teens (73.3%)	High health care cost (53.3%)	Alcohol abuse (46.7%)
GENDER			
Male	Activities for teens (38.6%)	Equity of property taxes (34.2%)	Alcohol, health costs (29.7%)
Female	Activities for teens (46.5%)	High health care cost (41.8%)	Equity of property tax (36.6%)
AGE OF RESPONDENT			
18 - 29	Activities for teens (52.2%)	Alcohol abuse (47.8%)	AIDS (39.1%) Drugs (39.1%)
30 - 44	Activities for teens (47.6%)	High health care cost (39.8%)	Alcohol abuse (32.5%)
45 - 64	Activities for teens (53.6%)	High health care costs (42.3%)	Equity of property tax (42.3%)
65+	Equity of property tax (34.8%)	High health care costs (27.8%)	Activities for teens (20.0%)
EDUCATION OF RESPONDENT			
High school or less	High health care cost (31.9%)	Activities for teens (30.8%)	Equity of property tax (27.9%)
Some college	Activities for teens (41.9%)	High health care cost (40.0%)	Equity of property tax (39.0%)
Bachelor's degree	Activities for teens (46.7%)	High health care cost (37.2%)	Alcohol abuse (33.2%)
Graduate degree	Activities for teens (53.4%)	High health care cost (43.7%)	Equity of property tax (42.7%)
LENGTH OF RESIDENCE			
0 - 4 years	Activities for teens (43.3%)	High health care cost (35.6%)	Equity of property tax (26.9%)
5 - 9 years	Activities for teens (49.0%)	High health care cost (43.3%)	Alcohol abuse (36.5%)
10 - 14 years	Activities for teens (53.3%)	Equity of property tax (40.0%)	High health care cost (32.0%)
15 - 19 years	High health care cost (50.9%)	Equity of property tax (47.3%)	Activities for teens (45.5%)
20 - 24 years	Activities for teens (44.4%)	Alcohol abuse (37.8%)	Health cost, prop. tax (33.3%)
25+	Equity of property tax (41.1%)	High health care cost (38.3%)	Activities for teens (34.6%)
OCCUPATION OF RESPONDENT			
Clerical, sales, service	Activities for teens (54.5%)	High health care cost (40.4%)	Equity of property tax (35.4%)
Homemaker	High health care cost (42.4%)	Equity of property tax (31.4%)	Alcohol abuse (28.0%)
Professional, technical	Activities for teens (50.0%)	High health care cost (42.2%)	Equity of property tax (42.2%)
Proprietor, manager	Activities for teens (45.2%)	Equity of property tax (38.7%)	Alcohol abuse (35.5%)
Retired	Equity of property tax (34.1%)	High health care cost (32.5%)	Alcohol abuse (20.6%)
Other	Activities for teens (54.3%)	Alcohol abuse (48.6%)	Drugs, drug abuse (45.7%)
PLACE OF WORK			
Cook County	Activities for teens (53.4%)	Alcohol abuse (40.7%)	Equity of property tax (39.8%)
Lake County	Activities for teens (49.1%)	High health care cost (41.7%)	Equity of property tax (38.0%)
Do not work	High health care cost (37.3%)	Activities for teens (36.9%)	Equity of property tax (32.5%)
Other	Activities for teens (50.0%)	Alcohol abuse (36.4%)	Equity of property tax (31.8%)

Table 4.3
TOP THREE GROUPS SAYING "MORE NEEDED"

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Problem</u>	<u>Top Three Groups Saying "More Needed"</u>
1.	Activities for teens	45-64 (53.6%), Graduate degree (53.4%), 10-14 years in area (53.3%)
2.	High health care costs	Carpentersville (57.1%), 15-19 years in area (50.9%), Graduate degree (43.7%)
3.	Equity of property taxation	15-19 years in area (47.3%), Palatine Area (45.2%), Graduate degree (42.7%)
4.	Alcohol abuse	Carpentersville (52.4%), 18-29 (47.8%), work in Cook County (30.5%)
5.	Drugs, drug abuse	Carpentersville (76.2%), 18-29 (39.1%), work in Cook County (30.5%)
6.	Job retraining	Proprietor/Manager (32.3%), 5-9 years in area (28.8%), work in Cook County (28.0%)
7.	AIDS/STDs	18-29 (39.1%), Carpentersville (33.3%), Proprietor/Manager (32.3%)
8.	Need for housing of all prices	Carpentersville (33.3%), 5-9 years in area (27.9%), work in Lake County (25.0%),
9.	Violence involving guns	Carpentersville (38.1%), 20-24 years in area (22.2%), 5-9 years in area (21.2%)
10.	Support groups for single parent	Carpentersville (33.3%), 18-29 (30.4%), 30-44 (22.9%)
11.	Domestic violence	Carpentersville (33.3%), 5-9 years in area (26.0%), 18-29 (21.7%)
12.	Racial/socioeconomic discrimination	30-44 (24.1%), 5-9 years in area (24.0%), Professional/Technical (23.3%)
13.	Crime	Carpentersville (61.9%), 20-24 years in area (15.6%), high school or less (14.3%)
14.	Gangs	Carpentersville (57.1%), 18-29 (17.4%), high school or less (14.3%)
15.	Teen pregnancy	5-9 years in area (13.5%), 18-29 (13.0%), work in Cook County (11.9%)
16.	Child abuse	5-9 years in area (11.5%), work in Lake County (10.2%), Clerical/Sales (9.1%)
17.	Support groups for parents	Clerical/Sales (10.1%), 15-19 years in area (9.1%), 30-44 (9.0%)
18.	School dropouts	Carpentersville (9.5%), 18-29 (8.7%), 5-9 years in area (7.7%)
19.	Illiteracy	Work in Lake County (5.6%), Professional/Technical (4.4%), 18-29 (4.3%)
20.	Duplication among agencies	5-9 years in area (2.9%), Homemaker (2.5%), 30-44 (2.4%)

Chapter 5
SITUATIONS EXPERIENCED BY HOUSEHOLDS

Situations Experienced

In this section of the questionnaire, survey respondents were read a list of six problems or conditions that families and individuals sometimes experience, and asked which, if any, of these situations they or another household member had experienced in the past year.

Table 5.1 shows how often each of the listed problems was reported in descending order of frequency. Responses, however, were few. The top situation experienced was "difficulty finding child care", cited by just 20 respondents (4%). This was followed by "put off health care or taking medicine because of cost or lack of insurance" (3%), and difficulty paying bills (2.2%).

Table 5.1
SITUATIONS EXPERIENCED BY HOUSEHOLDS

<u>Situation</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Difficulty finding child care	20	4.0%
Put off health care or taking medicine because of cost or lack of insurance	15	3.0%
Difficulty paying bills	11	2.2%
Experienced involuntary job loss	9	1.8%
Experienced emotional problems, substance abuse, or serious family conflict	2	0.4%
Put off health care due to lack of time	1	0.2%

As shown by the results, very few households in the survey experienced these situations. These particular problems do not appear to be common in the Barrington Area.

Help Sought for Problem

Survey participants were next asked if they or another household member needed help for a personal situation for which they should have received help, but did not get it. Only seven of the 500 households answered "yes" to this question.

Reasons given for not getting help included no service available (2), didn't know where to turn (1), lack of interest by agency (1), couldn't get child care (1), transportation problem (1), and could not afford cost (1).

Chapter 6 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

Housing Diversity

Several questions contained in the survey related to the nature and structure of the community now and in the future.

Respondents were specifically asked whether they would like to see zoning changes which would allow a wide range of housing such as smaller homes, rental homes, apartments and condominiums, as well as larger homes. Most survey participants apparently do not favor greater diversity in housing, since 71.6% opposed the concept. About one in seven (14.2%) favored the idea, while another 14.2% were unsure.

Some differences exist among groups relative to this idea. A higher proportion of respondents from Carpentersville favor zoning changes for housing diversity (23.8%) than other geographic areas. Young persons aged 18-29 supported this issue more than older participants - 26.1% compared to just 10.2% for persons aged 30-44, 14.0% of those aged 45-64, and 16.5% of persons 65+.

When education level is examined, individuals with a high school education or less said they favor the idea of housing diversity at a higher rate than college educated respondents - 23.1% vs. 11.1% for those with a bachelor's degree and 11.7% for holders of a graduate degree.

Respondents who have lived in the area for 25+ years are much more supportive of this idea - 22.4% compared to just 9.6% for persons living in the area less than five years. Also, persons working in Lake County said "yes" to this idea at a much higher level than those who work in Cook County or do not work.

In a prior chapter, when asked about issues needing attention, two related issues were included - housing of all price ranges (16%) and property tax equity (35.4%).

Education as a Priority

Another question in the survey asked whether a higher priority should be placed on elementary and secondary education. The majority (56%) are in agreement with a higher priority for education. Opposing more education as an emphasis are 24.2%, while 19.8% are not sure.

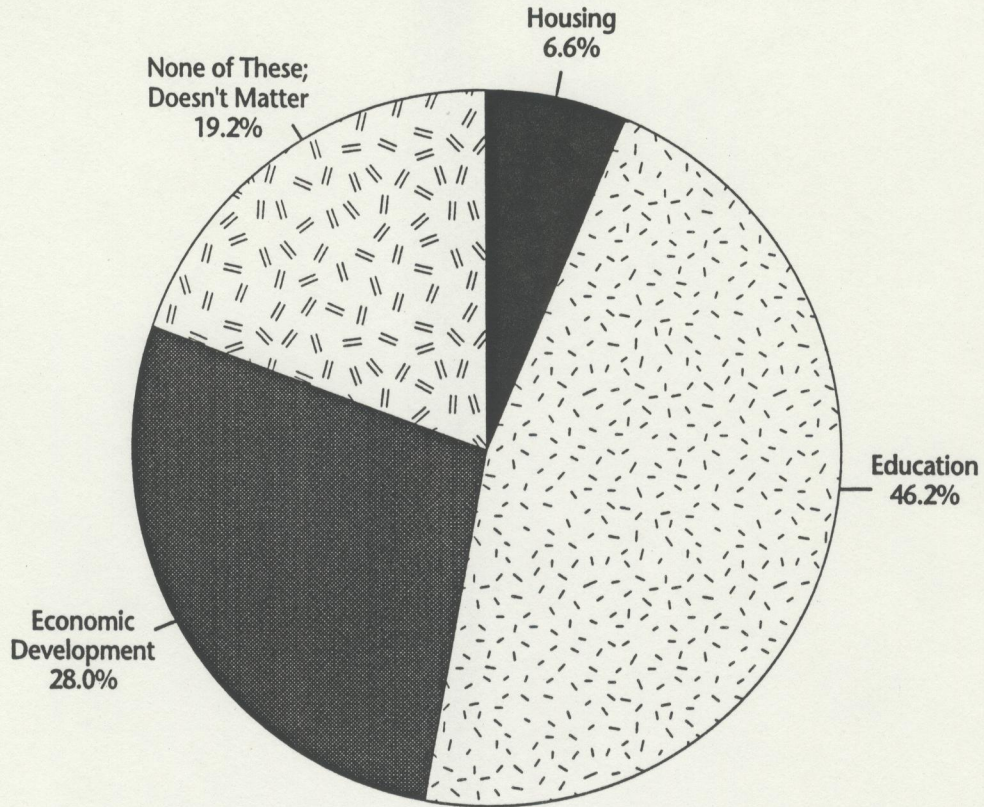
Again, Carpentersville residents favor a priority on education at a higher proportion than any other geographic area, as do persons aged 30-44.

Making education a high priority increases with greater education. Only 41.8% of those with high school or less support this issue, compared to 59% of those with some college, 57.8% of college graduates, and 62.1% of persons with a graduate degree.

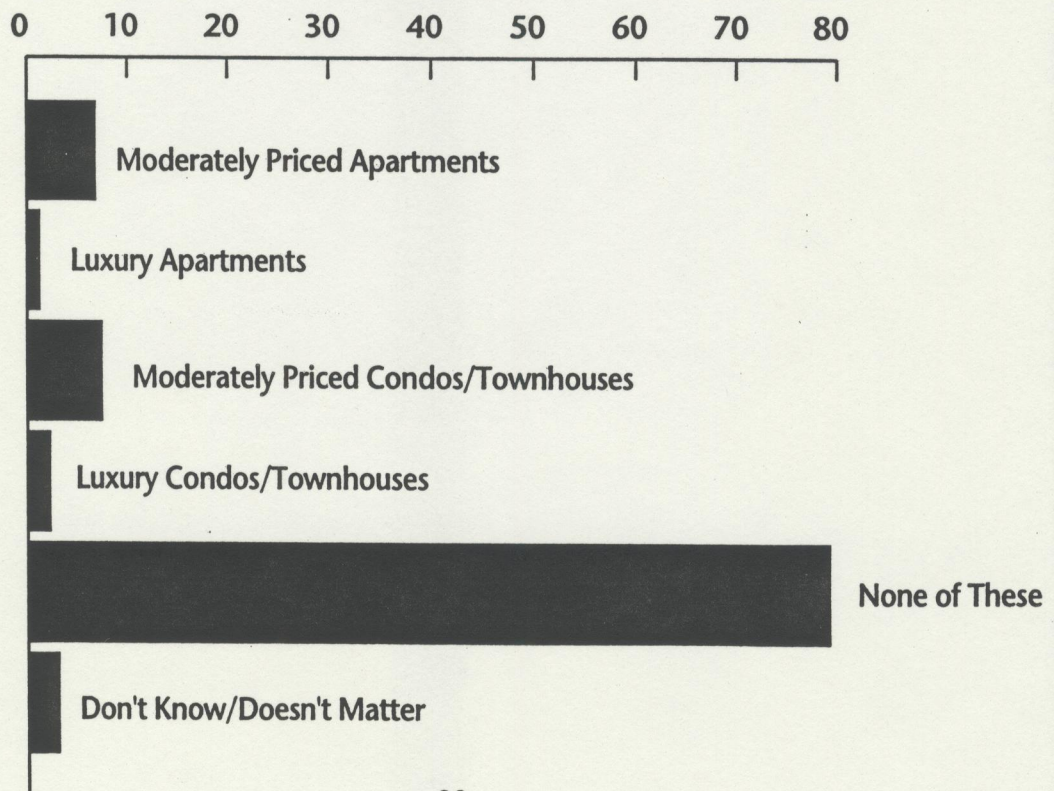
Some differences also appear when occupation of respondent is examined. While only 37.3% of retired persons favor placing a higher priority on education, 71.2% of homemakers and 64.5% of proprietor/managers do so.

HOUSING, EDUCATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Percent "Should Receive Highest Priority"



HOUSING TYPES MOST LIKE TO SEE BUILT



Economic Development

Next, those surveyed responded as to whether they feel that new business and economic development should be encouraged, so as to increase the tax base, even though infrastructure improvements may also be needed. In favor of economic growth were 59.8% of survey participants. Not desiring more business were 23.2% and 17% were not sure.

As with the other two issues, Carpentersville residents show the most support for this issue (66.7%), followed by residents of Barrington Township (63.7%), Cuba Township (57.9%), Palatine Area (52.4%), and Hoffman Estates (49%).

There were some differences revealed according to the age group of the respondent. The middle two groups - aged 30-44 and 45-64 - showed more support for economic development than either the younger or older age groups.

Proprietors/managers (80.6%) advocate economic development at a higher level than other occupations. For example, just 50.8% of retired persons favor this issue. However, those with a high school education or less exhibit a very low level of support (46.2%).

Table 6.1 displays the level of support for each of the three issues by characteristics of respondents.

Top Priority Issue

Finally, survey participants were asked which of the above three issues - housing diversity, education, or economic development should receive the highest priority for action. Almost half (46.2%) of the respondents indicated that education should be the highest priority, with 28% choosing economic development, and just 6.6% naming housing diversity. One of five (19.2%) responded "doesn't matter," "don't know," or "none of these".

Men (32.9%) were somewhat more likely to choose economic development than women (25.7%). Geographically, persons living in Carpentersville (14.3%) and Hoffman Estates (11.8%) chose housing diversity more often than the other geographic areas, while residents of Cuba Township tend to prefer economic development more than other areas. Those with high school education or less (16.5%) are also more likely to support housing diversity than other groups.

When age group is examined, younger persons aged 18-29 are far less supportive of economic development (13%) than those aged 45-64 (37.1%) and persons aged 65+ (25.2%).

By occupation, homemakers (61%) support education at the highest level, followed by professionals (51.1%), proprietor/managers (48.4%), clerical/sales/service (39.4%), and retired persons (31%). Retired persons responded "don't know; doesn't matter" more than the other groups.

Housing Type Preference

Individuals being interviewed were asked, "Which of the following housing types would you most like to see built in the Barrington area?". Responses included moderately priced apartments, luxury apartments, moderately priced condominiums/townhomes, and luxury condos/townhomes. The participant could also say "none of these" or "don't know;" "no opinion," or "doesn't matter."

Table 6.1
SUPPORT FOR SELECTED COMMUNITY CONCERNS
BY RESPONDENT CHARACTERISTIC

GEOGRAPHIC AREA	<u>HOUSING DIVERSITY</u>	<u>EDUCATION PRIORITY</u>	<u>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</u>
Barrington Township	12.7%	56.7%	63.7%
Cuba Township	13.5%	54.0%	57.9%
Palatine Area	9.5%	50.0%	52.4%
Hoffman Estates	19.6%	52.9%	49.0%
Carpentersville	23.8%	66.7%	66.7%
Other	26.7%	73.3%	60.0%
GENDER			
Male	12.7%	50.0%	63.3%
Female	14.9%	58.8%	58.2%
AGE OF RESPONDENT			
18 - 29	26.1%	60.9%	52.2%
30 - 44	10.2%	72.3%	60.2%
45 - 64	14.9%	52.1%	66.5%
65+	16.5%	38.3%	48.7%
EDUCATION OF RESPONDENT			
High school or less	23.1%	41.8%	46.2%
Some college	14.3%	59.0%	64.8%
Bachelor's degree	11.1%	57.8%	59.8%
Graduate degree	11.7%	62.1%	67.0%
LENGTH OF RESIDENCE			
0 - 4 years	9.6%	59.6%	62.5%
5 - 9 years	11.5%	66.3%	60.6%
10 - 14 years	9.3%	62.7%	58.7%
15 - 19 years	18.2%	50.9%	67.3%
20 - 24 years	15.6%	48.9%	53.3%
25+	22.4%	42.1%	56.1%
OCCUPATION OF RESPONDENT			
Clerical, sales, service	18.2%	52.5%	58.6%
Homemaker	7.6%	71.2%	61.9%
Professional, technical	16.7%	56.7%	61.1%
Proprietor, manager	3.2%	64.5%	80.6%
Retired	15.9%	37.3%	50.8%
Other	22.9%	74.3%	68.6%
PLACE OF WORK			
Cook County	11.9%	56.8%	63.6%
Lake County	21.3%	58.3%	62.0%
Do not work	12.7%	54.4%	56.0%
Other	9.1%	59.1%	72.7%

As seen in Table 6.2, about four of five respondents (79.4%) replied "none of these" when the question was posed. Among those expressing a preference, 7.4% said moderately priced condominiums would be preferable, while 6.8% favored moderately priced apartments.

Table 6.2
TYPE OF HOUSING PREFERRED

<u>Housing Types</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
None of these	397	79.4%
Condominiums/townhouses-moderately priced	37	7.4%
Apartments-moderately priced	34	6.8%
Condominiums/townhouses-luxury	11	2.2%
Apartments-luxury	6	1.2%
Don't know; no opinion; doesn't matter	15	3.0%
TOTAL	500	100.0%

Method of Receiving Information

Another question asked respondents from what one source they would like to receive information about the community, health, or ways to improve quality of life. As revealed Table 6.3, three of five individuals indicated that they prefer to receive information from the newspaper, either daily (38.8%) or weekly (20.8%).

Approximately one in seven respondents (14.8%) prefer information to come in the form of direct mail, while 8.2% would like their information on television.

Table 6.3
PREFERRED METHOD OF RECEIVING INFORMATION

<u>Source</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Newspaper - daily	194	38.8%
Newspaper - weekly	104	20.8%
Direct mail	74	14.8%
Television	41	8.2%
Physician or other health provider	37	7.4%
Radio	22	4.4%
Handouts around town	6	1.2%
Internet, computer	6	1.2%
Friend	2	0.4%
Don't know; depends, no answer	14	2.8%
TOTAL	500	100.0%

Coordination of Volunteer Efforts

Finally, the survey participant was asked if better coordination of volunteer opportunities and information is needed. Forty percent of those interviewed feel that better coordination is needed, with one-fourth saying coordination is not needed. One-third of respondents responded "don't know."

Geographically, 71.4% of Carpentersville residents say more volunteer coordination is needed. Table 6.4 shows response to this question by geographic area.

Table 6.4
PERCENT SAYING BETTER COORDINATION OF VOLUNTEER EFFORTS IS NEEDED
BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA

<u>Geographic Area</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Carpentersville	71.4%
Palatine Area	45.2%
Cuba Township	41.3%
Hoffman Estates	39.2%
Barrington Township	36.3%
Other	33.3%

CHAPTER 7
OPEN-ENDED COMMENTS

Contributing to Improvement

Respondents were asked how they might personally contribute to improving the quality of life in the Barrington area.

Table 7.1 summarizes the responses to this question into categories. However, summarizing open-ended comments into groupings is a subjective process at best. The groupings are by topic area; only comments with five or more mentions are shown. The reader is encouraged to read the full comments contained in Appendix 3.

TABLE 7.1
WAYS RESPONDENTS MIGHT CONTRIBUTE TO IMPROVEMENT
(5 or more mentions)

<u>Comment</u>	<u>Number of mentions</u>
Volunteering	159
Involved in community, civic groups, keeping informed	60
Involved in schools/teaching	37
Voting, involved in politics	31
Keeping up property, clean community	25
Being a good citizen	19
Raising a family	15
Paying taxes	14
Have helped in past, now taking it easy	13
Being a good neighbor	12
Through own business, supporting local business	8

Issues revolving around volunteerism were, by far, the most frequently cited by respondents as a way of improving the quality of life in their community, including comments about current volunteer activity in various areas of interest.

Also receiving numerous mentions were comments about the issue of being involved in the community (60 mentions), whether through committees, neighborhood watches, civic groups, or simply by becoming better informed about community issues.

Many respondents indicated that they participate in school activities (37 mentions), including teaching. Voting and becoming involved in political issues was mentioned by 31 individuals as a way of improving the quality of life in their community.

Other ways of improving the quality of life included keeping up property and keeping the community clean (25), being a good citizen (19), raising families (15), and paying taxes (14).

APPENDIX 1
FREQUENCY RESULTS

BARRINGTON AREA NEEDS SURVEY
FREQUENCY RESULTS

1-5. I'd like to know what's most important to you about living in the Barrington area?

<u>Characteristic</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Good local health care	7	1.4%
Good housing stock	15	3.0%
Good place to bring up children	38	7.6%
Good air quality	5	1.0%
Good community leadership	3	0.6%
Safe; low crime	119	23.8%
Strong family life	34	6.8%
Strong religious/spiritual life	13	2.6%
Lack of traffic congestion	9	1.8%
Good water quality	1	0.2%
Good community services	16	3.2%
Good schools	149	29.8%
Available quality child care	0	0.0%
Availability of programs for elderly	1	0.2%
Good parks, recreation opportunities	18	3.6%
Good library services	2	0.4%
Peaceful small town environment	146	29.2%
Open spaces; big lots	44	8.8%
Good place to live; just like it	30	6.0%
Rural, country setting/lifestyle	30	6.0%
Friendly people, neighbors	17	3.4%
Other	39	7.8%

6-10. Now, tell me if there are some things that you feel are missing in the Barrington area?

<u>Characteristic</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Affordable housing	4	0.8%
Equity in taxation	10	2.0%
Good leadership	4	0.8%
Local employment	0	0.0%
Community services	7	1.4%
Access to sufficient services, stores	87	17.4%
Sufficient open spaces	2	0.4%
Public transportation	7	1.4%
Tolerance of differences	5	1.0%
Reasonably priced goods, services	13	2.6%
Recreation opportunities	48	9.6%
Adequate school facilities	14	2.8%
Other:		
Activities for Teens/Youth	9	2.4%
Traffic Control	9	2.4%
Road Improvement	8	1.6%
Activities/Services for Senior Citizens	6	1.2%
Friendliness	5	1.0%
Other	43	8.6%

11-17. Now I'm going to read some things which characterize communities. Please tell me whether you find these things to be excellent, good, fair, or poor.

11. Quality of local primary education:

<u>Rating</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Excellent	171	34.2%
Good	205	41.0%
Fair	33	6.6%
Poor	6	1.2%
Don't Know/Not Applicable	<u>85</u>	<u>17.0%</u>
TOTAL	500	100.0%

12. Quality of local secondary education:

<u>Rating</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Excellent	145	29.0%
Good	210	42.0%
Fair	33	6.6%
Poor	6	1.2%
Don't Know/Not Applicable	<u>106</u>	<u>21.2%</u>
TOTAL	500	100.0%

13. Availability of services for the disabled:

<u>Rating</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Excellent	23	4.6%
Good	53	10.6%
Fair	38	7.6%
Poor	21	4.2%
Don't Know/Not Applicable	<u>365</u>	<u>73.0%</u>
TOTAL	500	100.0%

14. Access to local government and political decision makers:

<u>Rating</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Excellent	44	8.8%
Good	191	38.2%
Fair	53	10.6%
Poor	15	3.0%
Don't Know/Not Applicable	<u>197</u>	<u>39.4%</u>
TOTAL	500	100.0%

15. Quality of your local community or village services:

<u>Rating</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Excellent	113	22.6%
Good	277	55.4%
Fair	56	11.2%
Poor	13	2.6%
Don't Know/Not Applicable	<u>41</u>	<u>8.2%</u>
TOTAL	500	100.0%

16. Availability of health care services:

<u>Rating</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Excellent	164	32.8%
Good	230	46.0%
Fair	27	5.4%
Poor	13	2.6%
Don't Know/Not Applicable	66	13.2%
TOTAL	500	100.0%

17. Availability of preventive health care:

<u>Rating</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Excellent	113	22.6%
Good	217	43.4%
Fair	22	4.4%
Poor	10	2.0%
Don't Know/Not Applicable	138	27.6%
TOTAL	500	100.0%

18-22. Next, I'm going to name some services usually available in communities. For each, please tell me whether the current availability is adequate, or whether more is needed. You may also respond "Don't Know."

18. Child care:

<u>Availability</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Adequate	75	15.0%
More Needed	72	14.4%
Don't Know	353	70.6%
TOTAL	500	100.0%

19. Older adult day care:

<u>Availability</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Adequate	41	8.2%
More Needed	62	12.4%
Don't Know	397	79.4%
TOTAL	500	100.0%

20. Parks and recreation activities:

<u>Availability</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Adequate	390	78.0%
More Needed	79	15.8%
Don't Know	31	6.2%
TOTAL	500	100.0%

21. Mental health counseling and therapy:

<u>Availability</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Adequate	90	18.0%
More Needed	27	5.4%
Don't Know	<u>383</u>	<u>76.6%</u>
TOTAL	500	100.0%

22. Public transportation:

<u>Availability</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Adequate	143	28.6%
More Needed	201	40.2%
Don't Know	<u>156</u>	<u>31.2%</u>
TOTAL	500	100.0%

23-43. The following are problems that exist in many communities. As I read them, please state by saying YES for those issues which you feel need greater attention.

<u>Problem</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Activities for teens	220	44.0%
AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases	100	20.0%
Alcohol abuse	150	30.0%
Career changes or job retraining	102	20.4%
Child abuse	31	6.2%
Crime in your community	51	10.2%
Domestic violence	74	14.8%
Drugs, drug abuse	107	21.4%
Gangs, delinquency	36	7.2%
High health care costs	190	38.0%
Equity of property taxation	177	35.4%
Illiteracy	13	2.6%
Need for housing of all price ranges	80	16.0%
Racial/socioeconomic discrimination	69	13.8%
School dropouts	18	3.6%
Support group for single parents	77	15.4%
Support group for two-parent working families	22	4.4%
Teen pregnancy	33	6.6%
Violence involving guns	79	15.8%
Duplication among local groups/agencies that deal with these problems	6	1.2%
Other:		
Activities for senior citizens	1	0.2%
Better fire protection services	1	0.2%

44-49. Almost every home faces difficult situations at some time. As I read them, please state YES for each situation that you or someone in your home experienced during the past year.

<u>Situation</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Difficulty finding child care	20	4.0%
Difficulty paying bills	11	2.2%
Put off health care or taking medicine because of cost or lack of insurance	15	3.0%
Put off health care due to lack of time	1	0.2%
Experienced involuntary job loss	9	1.8%
Experienced emotional problems, substance abuse, or serious family conflict	2	0.4%

50. Was there any time during the last year that you or a household member needed help for a personal situation, should have received help, but did not?

<u>Response</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	7	1.4%
No	493	98.6%
TOTAL	500	100.0%

51-52. IF YES to Q. 50, what were some of the reasons for not getting help? (N=7)

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Didn't know where to turn	1	14.3%
Lack of interest by agency	1	14.3%
No service available	2	28.6%
Couldn't get child care	1	14.3%
Transportation problem	1	14.3%
Could not afford cost	1	14.3%

53-55. Which of the following would you like to see happen in the Barrington area in the next few years?

53. Zoning changes that would allow a wide range of housing such as smaller homes, rental homes, apartments and condominiums, as well as larger homes.

<u>Response</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	71	14.2%
No	358	71.6%
Don't Know	71	14.2%
TOTAL	500	100.0%

54. A higher priority placed on elementary and secondary education.

<u>Response</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	280	56.0%
No	121	24.2%
Don't Know	99	19.8%
TOTAL	500	100.0%

55. Encouraging new business and economic development that increases the tax base, realizing that infrastructure improvements may be needed.

<u>Response</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	299	59.8%
No	116	23.2%
Don't Know	85	17.0%
TOTAL	500	100.0%

56. Which of these issues as I just described them - housing, education, or economic development - do you feel should receive the highest priority for action?

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Housing	33	6.6%
Education	231	46.2%
Economic development	140	28.0%
Doesn't matter, don't know, none of these	96	19.2%
TOTAL	500	100.0%

57. Gender of respondent:

<u>Gender</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Male	158	31.6%
Female	342	68.4%
TOTAL	500	100.0%

58. In what community do you live?

<u>Community</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Barrington	157	31.4%
Barrington Hills	42	8.4%
Deer Park	28	5.6%
Lake Barrington	45	9.0%
North Barrington	35	7.0%
South Barrington	33	6.6%
Tower Lakes	15	3.0%
Cook County Unincorporated	13	2.6%
Kane County Unincorporated	1	0.2%
Lake County Unincorporated	31	6.2%
McHenry County Unincorporated	4	0.8%
Hoffman Estates	51	10.2%
Carpentersville	20	4.0%
Fox River Valley Gardens	5	1.0%
Inverness	14	2.8%
Other	3	0.6%
Not Sure	3	0.6%
TOTAL	500	100.0%

59. How many years have you lived in the Barrington area?

<u>Years</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0 - 4	114	22.8%
5 - 9	104	20.8%
10 - 14	75	15.0%
15 - 19	55	11.0%
20 - 24	45	9.0%
25 +	<u>107</u>	<u>21.4%</u>
TOTAL	500	100.0%

60. What is the highest grade that you have finished in school?

<u>Education Level</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Less than high school	2	0.4%
High school diploma/GED	89	17.8%
Some college, no degree	84	16.8%
Associate or similar degree	21	4.2%
Bachelor's degree	199	39.8%
Graduate degree	103	20.6%
No answer	<u>2</u>	<u>0.4%</u>
TOTAL	500	100.0%

61. What is your age group?

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
18 - 29	23	4.6%
30 - 44	166	33.2%
45 - 64	194	38.8%
65 +	115	23.0%
No Answer	<u>2</u>	<u>0.4%</u>
TOTAL	500	100.0%

62-68. Other than yourself, how many persons in each age group live in your home?

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0 - 4	91	9.0%
5 - 12	215	21.2%
13 - 17	123	12.1%
18 - 29	120	11.8%
30 - 44	167	16.5%
45 - 64	203	20.0%
65 +	<u>94</u>	<u>9.3%</u>
TOTAL	1,013	100.0%

Persons Per Household: 3.03

69. What is your principal occupation?

<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Clerical, sales, service	99	19.8%
Disabled	0	0.0%
Homemaker	118	23.6%
Professional or technical	90	18.0%
Proprietor or manager	31	6.2%
Retired	126	25.2%
Skilled/unskilled manual worker	27	5.4%
Student	4	0.8%
Unemployed	4	0.8%
No Answer	<u>1</u>	<u>0.2%</u>
TOTAL	500	100.0%

70. Are you responsible for the care of an older adult such as an aging parent?

<u>Response</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
No	439	87.8%
Yes, an older adult living in my home	17	3.4%
Yes, an older adult living on his/her own	33	6.6%
Yes, an older adult living in a retirement community or nursing home	<u>11</u>	<u>2.2%</u>
TOTAL	500	100.0%

71. Did you vote in the most recent election?

<u>Response</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	370	74.0%
No	128	25.6%
Not Sure	<u>2</u>	<u>0.4%</u>
TOTAL	500	100.0%

72. Where is your primary work location?

<u>Location</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
City of Chicago	12	2.4%
Cook County outside Chicago	106	21.2%
DuPage County	9	1.8%
Kane County	8	1.6%
Lake County	108	21.6%
McHenry County	4	0.8%
I do not work	252	50.4%
Wisconsin	<u>1</u>	<u>0.2%</u>
TOTAL	500	100.0%

73. How do you get to work?

<u>Means</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Drive alone	188	37.6%
Car pool	8	1.6%
Train	14	2.8%
Bus, public transit	5	1.0%
Walk	5	1.0%
Bike	0	0.0%
I do not work	252	50.4%
Other	28	5.6%
TOTAL	500	100.0%

74-75. What, if any, newspaper do you usually read during the work? (FIRST TWO RECORDED)

<u>Newspaper</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Chicago Sun Times	31	6.2%
Chicago Tribune	270	54.0%
Daily Herald	173	34.6%
Northwest Herald	6	1.2%
Barrington Courier-Review	165	33.0%
Other	45	9.0%
Do not read newspaper	36	7.2%

76. From what source would you most like to receive information about your family's health, the community or ways to improve your quality of life?

<u>Source</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Newspaper - daily	194	38.8%
Newspaper - weekly	104	20.8%
Radio	22	4.4%
Television	41	8.2%
Direct mail	74	14.8%
Handouts around town	6	1.2%
Internet, computer	6	1.2%
Physician or other health provider	37	7.4%
Friend	2	0.4%
Don't know; depends; no answer	14	2.8%
TOTAL	500	100.0%

77. Which of the following housing types would you most like to see built in the Barrington area?

<u>Housing Type</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Apartments-moderately priced	34	6.8%
Apartments-luxury	6	1.2%
Condominiums/townhomes-moderately priced	37	7.4%
Condominiums/townhomes-luxury	11	2.2%
None of these	397	79.4%
Don't know; no opinion; doesn't matter	15	3.0%
TOTAL	500	100.0%

78. Do you feel that better coordination is needed of volunteer opportunities and information?

<u>Response</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	200	40.0%
No	126	25.2%
Don't know	<u>174</u>	<u>34.8%</u>
TOTAL	500	100.0%

79. How do you feel that you might personally contribute to improving the quality of life in the Barrington area?

377 Responses.

APPENDIX 2
SURVEY INSTRUMENT

BARRINGTON AREA NEEDS SURVEY

Good morning/afternoon/evening. I am calling for the Healthier Barrington Area Initiative, a group of agencies, organizations and institutions working to improve the quality of life in the Barrington area. Would you mind if I ask you a few questions about community needs? The interview will only take about ten minutes.

Q. 1-5 First, I'd like to know what's most important to you about living in the Barrington area?
(RECORD UP TO FIVE.) (DO NOT READ CHOICES.)

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| <p>___ (1) Good local health care</p> <p>___ (2) Good housing stock</p> <p>___ (3) A good place to bring up children</p> <p>___ (4) Good air quality</p> <p>___ (5) Good community leadership</p> <p>___ (6) Safe; low crime</p> <p>___ (7) Strong family life</p> <p>___ (8) Strong religious and spiritual life</p> <p>___ (9) Lack of traffic congestion</p> <p>___ (10) Good water quality</p> <p>___ (11) Good community services</p> | <p>___ (12) Good schools</p> <p>___ (13) Available quality child care</p> <p>___ (14) Availability of programs for elderly</p> <p>___ (15) Good parks, recreation opportunities</p> <p>___ (16) Good library services</p> <p>___ (17) Peaceful small town environment</p> <p>___ (18) Other _____</p> <p>___ (19) Other _____</p> <p>___ (20) Other _____</p> <p>___ (21) Other _____</p> <p>___ (22) Other _____</p> |
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Q. 6-10 Now, tell me if there are some things that you feel are missing in the Barrington area?
(RECORD UP TO FIVE) (DO NOT READ CHOICES)

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| <p>___ (1) Affordable housing</p> <p>___ (2) Equity in taxation</p> <p>___ (3) Good leadership</p> <p>___ (4) Local employment</p> <p>___ (5) Community services</p> <p>___ (6) Access to sufficient services, stores</p> <p>___ (7) Sufficient open spaces</p> <p>___ (8) Public transportation</p> | <p>___ (9) Tolerance of differences</p> <p>___ (10) Reasonably priced goods, services</p> <p>___ (11) Recreation opportunities</p> <p>___ (12) Adequate school facilities</p> <p>___ (13) Other _____</p> <p>___ (14) Other _____</p> <p>___ (15) Other _____</p> <p>___ (16) Other _____</p> <p>___ (17) Other _____</p> |
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Q. 11-17 Now, I'm going to read some things which characterize communities. For each, please tell me whether you find these things to be excellent, good, fair, or poor in your area. You may also respond "Don't Know."

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know
11. Quality of local primary education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Quality of local secondary education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Availability of services for the disabled	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Access to local government & political decision makers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Quality of your local community or village services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. Availability of health care services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. Availability of preventive health care	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q. 18 - 22 Next, I'm going to name some services usually available in communities. For each please tell me whether the current availability is adequate, or whether more is needed. You may also respond "Don't Know."

	Adequate	More Needed	Don't Know
18. Child care	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. Older adult day care	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Parks and recreation activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. Mental health counseling and therapy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Public transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q. 23-43 The following are problems that exist in many communities. As I read them, please state by saying YES for those issues which you feel need greater attention.

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| <p>___ 23. Activities for teens</p> <p>___ 24. AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases</p> <p>___ 25. Alcohol abuse</p> <p>___ 26. Career changes or job retraining</p> <p>___ 27. Child abuse</p> <p>___ 28. Crime in your community</p> <p>___ 29. Domestic violence</p> <p>___ 30. Drugs, drug abuse</p> <p>___ 31. Gangs, delinquency</p> <p>___ 32. High health care costs</p> <p>___ 33. Equity of property taxation</p> <p>___ 34. Illiteracy</p> <p>___ 35. Need for housing of all price ranges</p> | <p>___ 36. Racial or socioeconomic discrimination</p> <p>___ 37. School dropouts</p> <p>___ 38. Support group for single parents</p> <p>___ 39. Support group for two parent working families</p> <p>___ 40. Teen pregnancy</p> <p>___ 41. Violence involving guns</p> <p>___ 42. Duplication among local groups or agencies that deal with these problems</p> <p>___ 43. Any problems we've missed?</p> <hr/> |
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Q. 44-49. Almost every home faces difficult situations at some time. As I read them, please state YES for each situation that YOU or SOMEONE IN YOUR HOME experienced during the past year

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| <p>___ 44. Difficulty finding child care</p> <p>___ 45. Difficulty paying bills</p> <p>___ 46. Put off health care services or taking medicine because of cost or lack of insurance.</p> <p>___ 47. Put off health care services due to lack of time.</p> | <p>___ 48. Experienced an involuntary job loss due to downsizing or other reason.</p> <p>___ 49. Experienced emotional problems, substance abuse or serious family conflict.</p> |
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Q. 50. Was there any time during the last year that you or a household member needed help for a personal situation, should have received help, but did not?

- ___ (1) Yes ___ (2) No (3) ___ Not sure
- ↓

Q. 51-52 If YES To Q. 50, What were some of the reasons for not getting help?
(RECORD FIRST TWO) (DO NOT READ CHOICES)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> (1) Concerned about privacy | <input type="checkbox"/> (9) Not eligible for service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (2) Didn't know where to turn | <input type="checkbox"/> (10) Transportation, could not get there |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (3) Lack of interest by agency | <input type="checkbox"/> (11) Could not afford cost |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (4) No service available | <input type="checkbox"/> (12) Hours not convenient |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (5) Prior bad experience with agency | <input type="checkbox"/> (13) Language was a barrier |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (6) Couldn't get child care | <input type="checkbox"/> (14) Paperwork too great |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (7) Discriminated against | <input type="checkbox"/> (15) Wait for service too long |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (8) Lacked handicapped access | <input type="checkbox"/> (16) Other _____ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> (17) Other _____ |

Q. 53-55. Which of the following would you like to see happen in the Barrington area in the next few years? State YES or NO as I read them.

- | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>DK</u> | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 53. Zoning changes that would allow a wide range of housing such as smaller homes, rental homes, apartments and condominiums as well as larger homes. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 54. A higher priority placed on elementary and secondary education. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 55. Encouraging new business and economic development that increases the tax base, realizing that infrastructure improvements may be needed. |

Q. 56. Which of these issues as I just described them - housing, education or economic development do you feel should receive the highest priority for action?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> (1) housing | <input type="checkbox"/> (3) economic development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (2) education | <input type="checkbox"/> (4) doesn't matter, don't know; none of these |

JUST A FEW MORE QUESTIONS AND WE'LL BE DONE.

Q. 57. Record respondent gender as M or F _____

Q. 58. In what community do you live?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> (1) Barrington | <input type="checkbox"/> (7) Tower Lakes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (2) Barrington Hills | <input type="checkbox"/> (8) Cook County Unincorporated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (3) Deer Park | <input type="checkbox"/> (9) Kane County Unincorporated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (4) Lake Barrington | <input type="checkbox"/> (10) Lake County Unincorporated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (5) North Barrington | <input type="checkbox"/> (11) McHenry County Unincorporated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (6) South Barrington | <input type="checkbox"/> (12) Not Sure |

Q. 59. How many years have you lived in the Barrington area (60010)? _____

Q. 60. What is the highest grade that you have finished in school?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> (1) Less than high school | <input type="checkbox"/> (4) Associate or similar degree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (2) High school diploma/GED | <input type="checkbox"/> (5) Bachelor's degree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (3) Some college, no degree | <input type="checkbox"/> (6) Graduate degree |

Q. 61. What is your age group?

- (1) 18-29 (3) 45-64
 (2) 30-44 (4) 65+

Q. 62-68. Other than yourself, how many persons in each age group live in your home?

62. Ages 0-4 66. Ages 30-44
 63. Ages 5-12 67. Ages 45-64
 64. Ages 13-17 68. Ages 65+
 65. Ages 18-29

Q. 69. What is your principal occupation (that is, what you do, not where you work)?

- (1) Clerical, sales, service (6) Retired
 (2) Disabled (7) Skilled/unskilled manual worker
 (3) Homemaker (8) Student
 (4) Professional or technical (9) Unemployed
 (5) Proprietor or manager (10) Other _____

Q. 70. Are you responsible for the care of an older adult such as an aging parent?

- (1) No
 (2) Yes, an older adult living in my home
 (3) Yes, an older adult living in his/her own
 (4) Yes, an older adult in a retirement community or nursing home
 (5) Yes, other (please specify): _____

Q. 71. Did you vote in the most recent election?

- (1) Yes (2) No (3) Not sure

Q. 72. Where is your primary work location?

- (1) City of Chicago (5) Lake County
 (2) Cook County outside Chicago (6) McHenry County
 (3) DuPage County (7) I do not work
 (4) Kane County (8) Other (please specify): _____

Q. 73. How do you get to work?

- (1) Drive alone (5) Walk
 (2) Car pool (6) Bike
 (3) Train (7) I do not work
 (4) Bus, public transit (8) Other _____

Q. 74-75. What, if any, newspaper do you usually read during the week? (RECORD FIRST TWO)

- (1) Chicago Sun Times
- (2) Chicago Tribune
- (3) Daily Herald
- (4) Northwest Herald

- (5) Barrington Courier-Review
- (6) Other _____
- (7) Other _____
- (8) Do not read newspaper

Q. 76. From what source would you most like to receive information about your family's health, the community or ways to improve your quality of life? (RECORD FIRST RESPONSE, DO NOT READ)

- (1) Newspaper - daily
- (2) Newspaper - weekly
- (3) Radio
- (4) Television
- (5) Direct mail

- (6) Handouts around town
- (7) Internet, computer
- (8) Physician or other health provider
- (9) friend
- (10) Other _____

Q. 77. Which of the following housing types would you MOST like to see built in the Barrington area?

- (1) Apartments-moderately priced
- (2) Apartments-luxury
- (3) Condominiums/Townhomes-moderately priced

- (4) Condominiums/Townhomes-luxury
- (5) None of these

Q. 78. Do you feel that better coordination is needed of **volunteer** opportunities and information?

- (1) Yes (2) No (3) Not sure, don't know

Q. 79. How do you feel that you might personally contribute to improving the quality of life in the Barrington area?

APPENDIX 3
OPEN-ENDED COMMENTS

BARRINGTON AREA NEEDS SURVEY
OPEN-ENDED COMMENTS

79. How do you feel that you might personally contribute to improving the quality of life in the Barrington area?

- Just by volunteering.
- Being involved in community projects and by voting.
- I feel that the quality of life is good now.
- Getting involved in things that are more meaningful.
- I'm volunteering in many projects right now.
- Right now I'm not thinking about that; we're just trying to sell our house.
- Probably just by raising my four kids.
- Raising my family.
- Pay my taxes.
- Hopefully, as soon as I finish school, I will become a nurse and that should help. Also, educating my two children.
- There are many community organizations that need volunteers.
- I'm involved in the Planning Board.
- Get more involved in politics and the upcoming election.
- I volunteer for the mentally retarded once a week and I would volunteer for other things if the need arose.
- Just by being up-to-date on all of the community events and volunteering as I do.
- I do volunteer work.
- I volunteer for things that I am needed for.
- At this stage of my life, I'm just sitting back and enjoying life.
- I should be more involved in community things.
- If I'm better informed, I can do more to improve life.
- Just by obeying the laws.
- Becoming a little bit more aware of what's going on in town.
- Pay my taxes.
- Through the church in some way.
- We need to keep the town clean.
- Participating in elections. We need to use the libraries more.
- I should be more active in the community.
- Being involved in the area.
- Trying to be a good citizen. Paying my taxes. I wish they would cut down on the traffic in the area.
- I do volunteer work with youth.
- I feel that I do it now by volunteering.
- I participate in a number of things - church, school. I also vote.
- Raising my children properly.
- I think I do a lot. I volunteer at the hospital and the Historical Society.
- Just by voting down more condos and apartments.
- For 20 years I have been involved with Meals on Wheels and I am active in my church.
- Doing some volunteer work and getting involved in community activities.
- We should all be actively involved in our community.
- Getting more involved. Joining a church.
- Volunteer work.
- I would like to work with senior citizens.
- Taking the time to fill out surveys like this one.
- I have always participated in regard to my church and many civic activities. I also vote in every election, no matter how small.
- I've done my share in the past.
- I've just finished more schooling last week and will now be able to do some volunteer work.
- Probably do some volunteer work with the elderly and disabled.

- I could probably look for volunteer work, but in my profession I travel a lot and would not always be available.
- I do a lot of volunteer work.
- I'd like to get more involved with community groups, but with a full-time job and schooling, I just don't have time right now.
- Just by helping at church activities and other things.
- Being a good citizen.
- Just live here and pay my taxes.
- Not bothering anybody.
- Volunteer work.
- I suppose I should do more volunteer work.
- Paying my taxes.
- Just being there for my kids and raising them properly.
- Having an opportunity to voice my opinion and expressing my ideas.
- Doing something for the environment and keeping our community clean.
- Staying active in the community. I go to all the village meetings.
- I am involved in some community and civic organizations.
- I volunteer here in our group where we live.
- I try to have a strong sense of what a community is. I think I should speak my mind about things and not go along with the crowd.
- Volunteering.
- I'm involved in clubs doing work for the community.
- Volunteering for various organizations.
- I'm very active in the Woman's Club.
- Being a good citizen.
- I belong to a local board and we do various things.
- Paying my taxes.
- Voting for the candidate who represents the things discussed in this survey.
- Helping to provide a perspective from a designer's point of view, such as the housing situation which could be pleasing to the whole area. I'm thinking of the Lutheran Home in Palatine where older people first go into apartments for independent living and then into a place with assistance.
- Probably some volunteer work when my kids are older.
- Answering surveys like this. Getting involved in groups that do various things.
- I support my wife in her community activities.
- I'm a member of our local volunteer fire department.
- I just retired, so I am planning on doing volunteer work.
- Volunteer work.
- I believe that if everyone takes care of their property and keeps it clean and tidy, it improves the quality of the area.
- Helping with education, helping with minorities, and teaching technology.
- Voting. Getting personally involved.
- I've given 23 years of my life to various activities and now I'm semi-retired.
- I work with young people and I built my career around that because I think it's highest priority.
- I am involved with the schools and also with getting more activities for teens.
- Volunteer.
- Paying my taxes.
- Entering into civic things. However, at this stage of our lives, we are taking it easy.
- Continue to vote in elections.
- Voting for better transportation and the school bond issue.
- I volunteer for Hospice.
- I'm on the board of our neighborhood association.
- I'm friendly and I try to be friendly to other people, but they are far from friendly. I wish we would just smile and greet each other.
- Paying my taxes. Once our unborn child is school age I will become active in school activities.
- I just recently stopped working and as soon as my youngest son is in school, I will do more volunteer work. I have been associated with the Chicago Cystic Fibrosis Unit.

- Through community activities and volunteering.
- Maintain my own home. Be active in community activities such as church activities.
- I like to volunteer at the hospital.
- We have participated in various activities.
- I think I have through the years by working with the schools.
- Being an active citizen.
- I do volunteer work.
- I would like to get more involved in the schools as I have a computer background which I would like to bring to the students.
- We volunteer for many things.
- I do a lot of volunteer work.
- Be more active in the schools.
- I'm interested in running for some office to get new businesses in town. Businesses are leaving and they are not being replaced.
- Helping in the schools when my children get older.
- I've volunteered in the school system for years.
- Volunteering at my children's school.
- I'm a member of the Chamber of Commerce and I would like to become more involved with that, but I have some time constraints.
- Staying involved with young people.
- The best thing I do is working with students.
- I do volunteer work.
- There should be someone to answer questions about the community for people.
- Making issues known to political groups.
- Voting.
- Through the school system.
- Being a good neighbor. Recycling. Cleaning up in my area.
- Volunteer work. I am on the Planning Commission.
- I would like to be more active in preventing growth in the area.
- I think the quality of life is pretty good here. I'm not really involved with the community but people seem to be relatively affluent and don't have too many problems.
- Being a good citizen. I wish I could do more but with three children and another one on the way, I can't.
- I'm helping my husband's new business get off the ground.
- Do more volunteer work.
- Be nice to my neighbors.
- Being a good role model.
- I do a lot of volunteering.
- I'm a tutor of English as a second language.
- I volunteer at my church.
- Being involved in local government and civic organizations.
- I feel that I have contributed by attending meetings, speaking up on different issues and collecting for charities.
- I help in the schools.
- Paying taxes. Keeping up our property.
- Voting. Contributing time to my neighborhood. Raising healthy children. Paying taxes.
- Trying to be a decent citizen.
- Doing more volunteer work.
- I do not feel a sense of community in Barrington. I'm not enamored with the town. I have participated as a volunteer in the schools. I would be willing to work more with the homeless.
- Do more volunteer work.
- Be active in my school and my church.
- I've been doing a lot of volunteering.
- I'm a 24-hour caretaker at the moment, so I can't do any outside activities.
- I think I'm doing it. I'm teaching people to read.
- I guess I could volunteer.

- There are some volunteer areas I would like to get into, but I'm not aware of them.
- Voting. I suppose I should volunteer more.
- When I recover from a back problem, I intend to try and volunteer at the hospital.
- I give vocational training to kids.
- I do volunteer work.
- Donate my time where it is needed.
- I volunteer and serve on committees.
- Maintaining my property.
- I'm a Cub Scout leader.
- We spearheaded a drive to keep a riverboat casino out of our area.
- Try to be a responsible person.
- Being a good citizen. Being available for neighbors if they need us.
- I volunteer at the school.
- Perhaps getting involved for the next bond issue for schools.
- I would like to volunteer in caring for the elderly. I have been involved with children before.
- I take interest in my daughter and granddaughter's activities.
- I should do some volunteer work.
- I do that. I'm a realtor and I represent the town.
- My only capabilities now at my age are teaching and giving opinions.
- Religious activities.
- I've always volunteered before but I can't now and I've stepped out of the picture.
- We're very involved in our parish. We do lots of outreach things. We also help with Meals on Wheels.
- I really don't have any spare time to contribute. I have done my share over the years.
- I would be more than happy to volunteer.
- I volunteer for children's sports.
- My priority right now is with my children.
- I'm involved with my church.
- Keeping my yard beautiful.
- Don't do anything bad.
- Participating in community events.
- Being a good citizen.
- I'm involved in the arts.
- We maintain our home.
- Pay our taxes. Volunteer. My kids go to a parochial school so taxes are benefitting from that.
- Keep up our home.
- I guess I could get more involved in what's going on in the community.
- Get the school referendum passed.
- I guess I'm trying to do that everyday by selling real estate.
- I volunteer as much as I can.
- We try to maintain the roadside around our home. I would like to do some volunteer work.
- I personally give a lot of time to the school.
- Continue to work through our parish.
- Getting involved more.
- I work through the school system.
- Trying to keep down the overcrowding.
- I try to support the local businesses. I'm active in my church.
- I could probably get more involved if I was around more.
- Encouraging neighbors to go to the polls and vote.
- I belong to the Junior Women's Club and the Arts Council.
- Probably by volunteering.
- Keeping up the countryside and voting.
- Probably doing something with the schools.
- I was involved with park activities for the younger people.
- I have been a volunteer in the past. I would like to get more involved in politics.
- Get out and vote on the issues.

- I would like to volunteer in some way - I'm leaning toward helping kids.
- By more participation.
- Just get more involved.
- I spent 25 years in government.
- Probably volunteer.
- Continue to volunteer.
- I'm a Girl Scout leader and I work a lot with kids.
- Through volunteerism.
- I think I already do enough volunteering.
- Probably by volunteering.
- I already do. I serve on several boards.
- I do a lot of volunteer work now. I'm concerned about the school system right now and that is my focus.
- I do already.
- I'm a PTO president.
- I'm on the Barrington Youth Services Committee, and I'm a PTO president.
- Just participate in the community.
- I really don't have the time to volunteer, but I can contribute money.
- We have been involved as volunteers through the years.
- I do a lot. I belong to many organizations.
- Doing some volunteer work.
- I am active in the community and the school system.
- I belong to the Blue Ribbon Committee.
- I would volunteer if I had the time.
- I do a lot of volunteer work.
- Volunteering more.
- Keeping crime and drugs out of the community.
- I'm pretty involved with various things now.
- I'm of an age where I do not enter into community things. I have done so in the past, but not now.
- I do a lot of volunteer work.
- I feel I do on a daily basis by trying to substantiate the pricing on homes.
- Taking good care of yourself.
- I do a lot of volunteer work.
- Taking an interest in my grandchildren and their activities.
- Volunteer.
- We need more child care. Pay attention to the kids to keep them from drugs and gangs.
- Keeping up our property.
- I'm going to help in the Indian section remodeling homes.
- Keeping up my home. Keeping my children active. Volunteering when I'm needed.
- Move out of Carpentersville.
- Setting a good example.
- Take care of your own home. Raise responsible children.
- Take care of your home inside and out. Join a neighborhood watch. I have been involved several years with our church and scout groups.
- I have trouble walking but I could probably read for children during a recess period.
- I can't do anything more but in the past I worked with Girl Scouts.
- Do volunteer work.
- Leaving everybody alone.
- I belong to the Village Improvement Program which has just started.
- Being a good neighbor and trying to do what is right.
- My husband and I are going to get involved with the Village Improvement Program.
- If we had some kind of neighborhood watch, I would volunteer to get rid of the gangs.
- I'd like to get into the Junior Women's Club.
- Getting a little more active in church, park activities, etc.
- I'm very active in the schools.

- I help out at my kid's school and I get involved with the other activities.
- I do some volunteer work through my local church.
- Any type of volunteer services.
- Probably volunteer.
- I helped with the school referendum. I'm on committees in our neighborhood.
- I do volunteer work at church and school.
- Through my profession.
- Through participation in quasi-governmental groups.
- I volunteer at my church.
- Leaving other people alone.
- I do it through my church.
- Being a good neighbor.
- I volunteer for things.
- Doing more volunteer work.
- Being a law-abiding citizen.
- Just by keeping up with the issues and teaching.
- Supporting the businesses around town and keeping up with local events and elections.
- We are involved in many things right now.
- I've done my stint as far as volunteering. We keep our yard clean and we don't cause any disturbances.
- We keep up our property. I volunteer at the schools.
- I volunteer at the Park District.
- Helping people who don't have enough to live on - taking meals to them. I'd like to help young people learn to appreciate cultural things.
- Raising our children to be law-abiding citizens.
- Voting in the next election.
- Doing volunteer work.
- I have been active in the Historical Society and the VFW.
- I feel I contribute through my church work and by teaching.
- Being a morally sound person and teaching my family the same values.
- I joined the Junior Women's League and I do volunteer work through them.
- Volunteer work.
- I was very active before I got older. Now we help through contributions.
- Volunteer.
- Volunteering.
- I volunteer at the schools and nursing homes.
- Paying my taxes.
- I would like to teach English as a second language.
- I will avoid crime.
- Leading a good, moral life.
- Through volunteering.
- I volunteer at the school. I'd like to get more involved with policy-making decisions.
- I volunteer a lot.
- I do volunteer work.
- I contribute through the Tower Lakes Association.
- Being a good neighbor.
- Probably volunteer more.
- I'm thinking of volunteering for a non-profit organization.
- I'm contributing through my teaching at a private school.
- Getting involved in the community.
- Being better informed.
- My wife and I already volunteer a lot.
- Becoming more involved in the community.
- I'm involved in civic clubs.
- Participating, as I have been doing all along, in church and civic activities.
- I personally contribute by volunteering with sports activities and school activities.

- There are too many geese. I could contribute by getting a shotgun and killing them.
- Being able to talk to decision makers and giving my thoughts regarding health care.
- Volunteering more.
- I think I'm doing it now. I'm volunteering in several areas.
- Doing whatever I can do when the time comes up.
- I did a lot of volunteering until my husband became ill, and now needs constant attention.
- I'm very enthusiastic and when the children get older, I will start volunteering.
- Good parenting and bringing my family up right. I feel that's the number one issue.
- I am involved in a lot of activities.
- I belong to the North Barrington Area Association.
- Volunteering.
- I could probably do some volunteer work, but I don't know where to go.
- I do volunteer work at the hospital.
- I volunteer for my church and I have been a volunteer for schools.
- The best I can contribute would be to pay higher taxes if they were needed.
- Through my neighborhood watch.
- Keeping up my property and defending it.
- Being active in my children's education and upbringing. I should do more volunteer work than I do.
- Making sure they do not change zoning regulations.
- By keeping the community clean.
- I do a lot of volunteering. I focus on where people are not getting help and I work on that.
- Volunteering.
- Probably by volunteering.
- Being a good citizen.
- I'm volunteering my life away already.
- I volunteer through my church and I'm a foster parent.
- I could do volunteer work.
- Volunteering for things when needed.
- I have a lot of experience and some good ideas.
- Being involved in some civic groups.
- I do some volunteer work.
- I'm for sort of a standstill. I dislike the monstrous growth in housing. I would like to keep things as they are.
- Being a good citizen.
- My wife and I volunteer a lot, since we have a hard time saying no to anyone.
- Becoming more involved in the community.
- I volunteer at school.
- Being involved in different activities. We have always been involved in school activities. Keeping informed about issues.
- I'm very concerned about the environment. I'm a conservationist and I do everything I can in that regard.
- Keeping up my property.
- I should volunteer more.
- When my kids get older, I will get involved with the schools.
- I hope to do more in contributing in the future by volunteering.
- I'm involved in my church and I am a teacher.
- Working through the schools.
- Getting more involved in the community through committees, civic groups. Voting more often than we do.
- When we moved here, I had no idea where anything or any services were located. I would like to put together a "welcome to the neighborhood" brochure listing schools, churches, etc.
- Volunteerism.
- Probably volunteering.
- I'm pretty involved with my kids and school.
- I would like to get on a committee for cleaning up the roads and streets.

- Being the best neighbor I can be.
- Being involved in the community.
- I volunteer with the kids' soccer team.
- I would like to volunteer with senior citizens.
- When my child is older, I'll get involved with school activities.
- Volunteering at church.
- Paying my taxes without complaint.
- Volunteering.
- Being a good citizen.
- I teach and am very involved with the school system.
- I should probably volunteer more.
- Getting more involved with community groups, such as my neighborhood watch. I've thought about joining the group.
- We're getting older and have done our bit for volunteering. We just want to enjoy life now. If there was a great need for something, we might help out.
- Raising my family to be good citizens.
- Being a good neighbor.
- Keeping my property clean and neat.
- We work with the Boy Scouts.
- I volunteer through my church.