

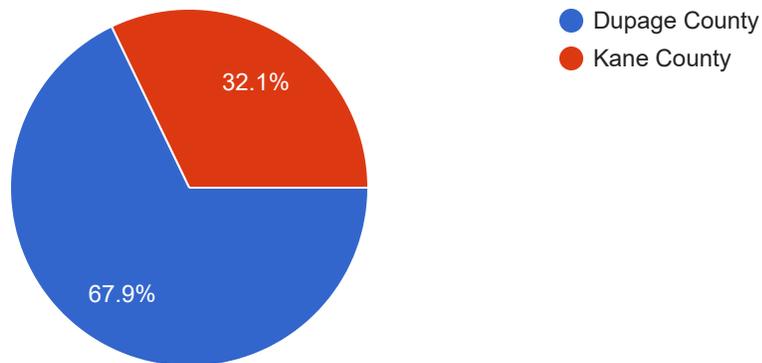
2025 Wayne Residents Committee Survey

30 responses

I live in Wayne in

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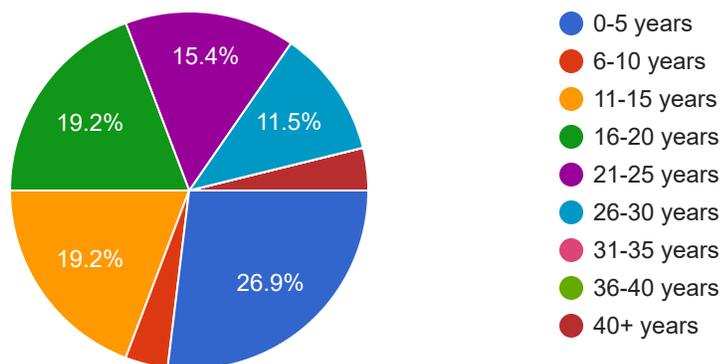
28 responses



How long have you lived in Wayne?

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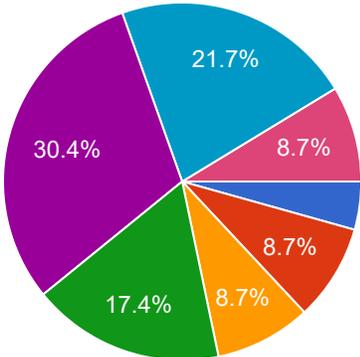
26 responses



What is your age?

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23 responses



- 11-20
- 21-30
- 31-40
- 41-50
- 51-60
- 61-70
- 71-80
- 80+



The Village of Wayne fiscal year began May 1, 2025. The Village Treasurer has not presented a budget for approval as of October 1st. How do you feel about the village operating without a budget for the third year in a row?

23 responses

Unless the residents decide to do something to hold their voted Representatives accountable nothing will change. The people are happy with the grass being mowed and the snow being plowed and no one gives a shit about the illegal activities of the board.

Angry

It was never clear to me how the Treasurer (with Board approval) can calculate appropriations without a budget. It's unconscionable to operate a municipality without a budget, especially when half the fiscal year is over.

Not concerned - we have a surplus

Ridiculous

How can village board and committee plan for projects and requirements if they don't know if any resources have been allocated for them? How are taxpayers supposed to know how their money is being spent and how much if these financial plans aren't done?

Appears to be the norm now,, definitely not the exception to the rule.

Not having a budget is irresponsible. How do they know if the revenue or expenses are higher or lower than they should be without it? We are almost half way through the year. What are they waiting for?

Disappointed. Trustees should do their job and get the budget done

I believe they should have the transparency to provide

It's embarrassing.

Ridiculous and unprofessional

I've come to expect the village doing the bare minimum required by Illinois Law.

Make it mandatory to approve a balanced (or surplus) budget on time.

Inexcusable



I feel like I need more information about this. Was a reason provided as to why the Village is not operating with a budget? Or do they have a budget and are they referring to it as something else?

That's absurd

If true, that would be odd.

It does not sit well with me.

Unacceptable.

This is unacceptable.

I don't like

Wrong -do the job. I pay a boatload of tax, yet pay for my own road upkeep.



The village has amassed a revenue surplus of \$1,759,536.44 since 2012. The average annual surplus is \$118,802.10. How should Wayne be using these tax dollars to benefit the community?

25 responses

They should not spend a dime until we replace the current board of trustees and village president. They cannot be trusted with any of that money. They have proven that.

Hire more police

Invest back into the community with improved roads and shoulders, routine litter clean-up, proper maintenance of historic village hall, hanging flower baskets on the historic lamp posts, painting the historic lamp posts, concealing the port-a-eddy. Most of this can easily be done within our annual budget.

They have discussed this in meetings.

Sidewalks and a park with a playground

Services and beautification

The village board foolishly approved funds for the public works driveway entrance to be paved with asphalt. This is an area that is meant to accommodate trucks that churn through thousands of heavy snow during the winter and truckloads full of gravel during the rest of the year. These trucks are built to withstand extreme conditions. Meanwhile, young schoolchildren and residents have to traverse dangerous conditions alongside, or in, Army Trail Road because the village made a sidewalk to nowhere near the corner of Army Trail Road and Powis. Why isn't a small fraction of this surplus used to protect the very residents who are paying for the surplus?

Save it for a rainy day, let's discuss when we get to \$2M surplus.

They should be maintaining their buildings and making the heart of the village look nicer. How about updating Wayne Park? The shoulders on ATR need to be regraded. The roads need to be repaved and striped properly for crosswalks. How about applying it to the pension liability so the members of the board can't use it as an excuse to over tax residents?

Give us some relief on taxes

No suee

Better roads and internet.

Community events, investment in parks and other things people can use



A beautification program of the downtown area should be a priority. The roads, sides of roads and street lights all need maintenance.

STOP CHARGING PEOPLE TO PARK ON THEIR OWN PROPERTY! Vehicle stickers should be outlawed except in designated public parking spots. Then hire an independent auditor to assess where current funds are going. Then extend the prairie path along Army Trail to north on Dunham to connect for a complete Wayne loop.

A decent website. Good Internet coverage.

More community spaces and events. More places for the community to gather. Map of the parks and connection of the parks. More paths and sidewalks for all.

Have a village hall open for residents that have 8-5 jobs. Meaning stay late one day or have Saturday hours. And work on better drainage for those that are impacted by poor building decisions by the engineer

What's the source of this information? "Average annual surplus" is based on ... the Village in the past? like sized villages/towns? Where is this surplus and what's its source?

I heard the new village hall will be built with the funds. Isn't the village going out for bids again?

TO BUILD OR MODIFY A BUILDING FOR THE CITY HALL

Put it towards the Town Hall renovations/purchase.

Get rid of the vehicle stickers.

Invest or repair

ease our property tax burden



Vehicle stickers generated \$72,615.00 in revenue for the village in fiscal year 2025 when we had an overall surplus of \$210,745.15 for FY25. How do you feel about the village continuing this program?

26 responses

Unless the residents speak up they will continue to steal more money. Money that is not needed. Money that is not being invested towards the future of our town. But again nobody cares until it's election time.

OK with it

Good

This tax was codified in 2011 to allocate monies specifically into a "separate fund" for road improvements, repairs or otherwise by law. Yet this revenue sits unspecified in the "General Fund." It is an unnecessary tax taken from village residents and, at the very least, should be rightly suspended.

I don't think we need a vehicle sticker program in Wayne. Many of the residential streets are private and there is little public parking. Sounds like something we can do away with.

I think that they should only require one sticker per household and they should use the money to replace private streets on an annual rotation as needed.

Needless

Unsure of village stickers purpose. Generates money but not sure where the money goes,

I don't believe that there should be any stickers required for residents while there is an unspent surplus. If there are stickers required in the future I believe it would best be used by distributing them proportionally alongside county contributions. For example, if DuPage residents pay 75% of the sticker revenue generated than that amount should be used for projects in DuPage County immediately that fiscal year.

Needs to STOP ASAP - Either its enforced 100% to all residents or it stops.

There is no need for a vehicle sticker tax when the surplus is three times the revenue it generates. This money was supposed to go towards specific projects and it never has. It is time for it to go away.

Essential to village revenue. I am fine with it

Not sure



It's ridiculous and should end.

Why should I pay to park my car in my garage. Stupid.

If they continue the program the village should be more transparent as to how the revenue is used. Otherwise stop the sticker program.

THIS IS UNAMERICAN AND SHOULD BE ILLEGAL! It is OUR property, not theirs. Our land, our vehicle, etc. The village has no right to charge us to park on our property!

Don't know.

If the cost of the stickers would go towards an improvement of road systems then keep it

Has this question been posed to the Village Board? What do they say? How are these funds being used now?

They will need the funds if the village hall project proceeds. Also, to renovate the police station.

WITH LIMITED RESOURCES FOR REVENUE IT SHOULD BE CONTINUED - IT WAS A WAYNE RESIDENT THAT SUGGESTED FEES ON CARS RATHER THAN AN INCREASE IN COUNTY TAX INCREASES

Not everyone participates, but we have 2 in our home. I think it helps ID residents and builds a rainy-day fund.

Stop it.

Should end imho

End this program -an unnecessary additional tax



The Village Treasurer has not been submitting village financials to the village board monthly as he is required by law for almost a year. He submitted falsified financials for January and February 2025 by documenting payments made to vendors that did not happen and did not document payments that did. No corrected financials have been produced. He has only published financials through May 2025. He has not created a budget five months into this fiscal year and said at the September 16th meeting he has no idea when he will. What should the village do about this long time appointee?

25 responses

Contact the FBI and file criminal charges. Have him or her arrested.

Demand he do his job

The Village financials / record keeping appears to be very sloppy for several months. Unfortunately, the Treasurer is protected by the person that appointed him, and this will not change until the Village elects a new President.

We have a surplus of funds- what is your concern? Why are attacking this volunteer?

Why is there falsified records and what is there to falsify?

remove

Make him accountable. Didn't happen so out they go. Fire and take to court for expenses not provided

How can this person be considered an official if they are doing the work that the office requires. All residents contribute tax dollars for the village to run properly and should be able to rely on truthful information as to how and where they are being spent.

Need to seek his replacement.

He needs to be replaced. It isn't surprising that they continue to protect one of their own. Him falsifying financials might explain why these people hold onto their seats so desperately for decades. They are probably financially benefiting from him making numbers up.

Needs to be accountable. Relieve him of his duties and get someone who will do the job

Should

Get him out. Ridiculous



Eileen, Ed, Pete and Howard are all entitled, complacent and have held their positions way too long.

This is a very biased and leading question, but an independent audit is in order.

Find someone who will do the work

Don't know.

Release him

How have you determined the financials have been falsified? Did you perform a professional audit? Are professional audits performed on a routine basis? This does seem unusual.

It seems he's might out outstayed his position and it's time to replace him.

I BELIEVE THE VILLAGE IS HIRING SOMEONE TO HELP PROCESS PAPERWORK

This is a biased question with no evidence (citations).

Replace him.

Fire

Terminate current treasurer immediately. Would never "fly" in the private sector.



The next five questions will be about the Dunham Forest Preserve trailhead on Army Trail Road.

How do you use this space?

28 responses

I do not use the space

Park there to ride my bike on Prairie Path

Spend time walking in nature

Occasionally.

Walk - our children ride bikes - we use the trails often

I don't even know what that is

Not familiar

Walking path

Occasional family gatherings

I dont

Recreation and transportation

I don't

For walking

No I'm sure

I cross through on walks, runs and bike rides

Walks, bike rides and as a meeting spot.

Walking, riding bikes, walking dogs

I don't.



No

Walk

I don't

I do not typically use this space, but drive by it frequently.

I enjoy the trail by walking and biking.

DON'T

Pokemon. Biking

Ride my bike on the trail.

Walk and bike

rarely, but like it



The Intergovernmental agreement between the Forest Preserve and the Village of Wayne requires the Village of Wayne to maintain the area. Is the area maintained to your expectations?

25 responses

Yes

Yes.

No I do not appreciate a big blue shit house sitting in the middle of a forest preserve

Doesn't matter to me

There has been a lot of confusion regarding what is being done about the port a potty at the Trailhead. At one point the Boy Scout Troop was going to build around it, at another point it was going to be DuPage. Then it was going to be the Wayne Historic Committee Preservation Society of Wayne Village. Who is the point of contact for dealing with the port a potty and what is going to be done to make that space more aesthetically appealing. Nothing says nature and historic beauty like a giant neon port a potty.

The Porta-a-eddy is an eyesore.

Again, no idea what this is

Things have gotten better in the last year but still needs improvement

I don't think that the area is maintained to the standards of other DuPage area preserves.

no comment

Connect the sidewalk to the depot.

The area looks like shit. The port a potty has been out in the open with the door swinging open since they installed it. The landscaping is full of weeds. What happened to the grass? Picnic area is uninviting. I don't know why anyone would want to spend any time there.

Yes, I love the area

I'm sure

No

Looks old and unkept much like the rest of the village.



Do not have enough information to answer

No opinion

Does the village know this? If they can't or won't maintain it then they should approach other volunteer groups to help out. I doubt anyone knows this.

No.

I want to be able to park there ... it seemed ok last time...spring 2025

yes



Part of the Intergovernmental agreement signed in 2018 was that the Train Depot was to become a "Community Center". How do you feel about the Depot not being a Community Center 7 1/2 years after the agreement was signed?

28 responses

It is a private toy owned by a couple of people it will never be released to the general public so file criminal charges

Don't care

I had absolutely no idea that this was intended to be a Community Center, so that is very disappointing news.

Given village officials approved providing the land the train depot sits on at no charge, it should be made into the museum that was its destiny when placed there two decades ago.

Not concerned.

That's disappointing but I would much rather it be a coffee shop of some sort.

Not acceptable

Waste of money.

I drive by it almost daily and occasionally see construction work being done there. It would seem as if it still isn't completed after all this time. There is a huge parking lot with handicap access to this space. There could be community events being held there right now that would accommodate the special needs of any resident in Wayne. Since our village hall can only take in about 10 citizens, in addition to the board members, this would seem like an available, and more appropriate, venue to hold public gatherings until the current police headquarters is remodeled.

As least Wayne is consistent. No action on alot of things here.

Very perturbed. This is a space that could be of great benefit to our community. As an educational and community gathering space. Instead it just seems to sit there. People take photo ops outside and the Christmas tree lighting is outside, but that's pretty much it. I am aware that work is being done, but it feels like you have to be "in the know" in order to get full updates of what is going on.

That depot was moved 18 years ago. Calling it a community center or even implying that is what it will become is such a joke. It is a tax write off for two couples and the village lets them use the property for free.



I am ok with it. Depot is a historical landmark and is fine the way it is

Not aware

Again, it's just another embarrassment.

Give us a park, a coffee stand. SOMETHING that would make us want to gather

I feel that agreement was only made to help Eileen's friends that own the depot.

Disappointed

It's useless now. Make it a community center.

I think it's a waste of time and effort. When I see what was done in Hinsdale with similar projects, there's no comparison.

It should be put to some use even if not a community center

My understanding is this work is all done by people who volunteer their time and resources as they are available. I understand this is to become a Community Center, but also understand completing a project using volunteers and personal funding can take time. Perhaps the Village can use funds from the surplus to support this effort?

Well that was a lie. It's not big enough nor in any shape to be enjoyed by the community.

WHEN THE COMMUNITY RAISES THE FUNDS TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT IT WILL BE OPENED. I DO ENJOY LOOKING AT IT AS I DRIVE BY AND REMEMBER THE EXCITEMENT ON THE DAY IT WAS MOVED BACK TO WHERE IT IS FROM DUNHAM CASTLE.

It is too small to be used as a Community Center. I think the tree lighting is cool. Use it for storage.

Typical inaction. Frustrating.

Government is too slow....

no opinion



The Village of Wayne is responsible for sweeping the area once a month, snow and ice removal from the pavement and sidewalks, inspecting culverts monthly, crack sealing every two years, seal coating every four years and pavement striping every four years. The village has not been completing these tasks as outlined. What is your opinion on the village not meeting the requirements of the IGA?

24 responses

There have been piles of gravel at army trail and powys and Smith and Powis for 2 years... Along with several other locations. Not only is it an eyesore, it is also a hazard two motorcyclists. The public works department needs to step the fuck up and start doing some work.

Not important

The Village should be held accountable to meet the requirements.

I have found the removal process to be perfectly adequate

I feel like we have nice roads in Wayne

Outrageous. Streets around us have been redone multiple times in the years we've lived here except Wayne streets

The responsibilities for this IGA are better than what is done for the actual historic part of Wayne and they don't do any of that either. Wayne is well known throughout DuPage County as being the cheapest of the cheap.

See previous answer

A woman told me about the road goo and how it is not being cleaned up and managed properly.

I think it is typical. They don't care about the rules. They do whatever they want whenever they want. Look at the lack of maintenance in village hall and the police department. No one should be surprised that they don't live up to their agreements,

This needs to be enforced

They should as it's a benefit to all

It's embarrassing.

A hazard



I'm used to the Board doing the bare minimum required.

Do what is stipulated.

They should be taken care of per requirements

If it's in a contract they should abide

If they know this and won't do it I doubt if they will start.

SWEEPING WHAT AREA? VILLAGE STREETS? WHICH CULVERTS AND WHICH STREETS TO BE ADDRESSED? MOST OF THE STREETS IN WAYNE ARE OWNED BY THE RESIDENTS.

I think they do an adequate job.

It should be done.

Why aren't they?

only creates an eyesore



The Intergovernmental agreement requires the village to edge the trees and mulch the beds annually. They are to apply herbicide three times a year. They are to apply fertilizer to the grass every fall and aerate the grass twice a year. Who should be responsible for making sure the Intergovernmental agreement requirements are met?

23 responses

The Illinois State Police.

Don't know

The Village should be held accountable to meet the requirements.

This is not something I am concerned about. We love that so many of our community members are organic and want to keep pesticides down for the sake of the horses. Not a member of the equestrian community here but we love less chemicals in our environment.

Not sure

Whoever wrote the agreement and put it in place is in charge

This area, and the adjoining historic downtown area, are the front door entrance to our small community. This space is what we show to all daily travelers and other DuPage County visitors and it is an embarrassing reflection of how cut rate our contributions are to these special spaces. It is not unintentional that this area of the village looks like the rural south instead of a community with surplus millions in the bank. Most gardeners have seen advertisements for magic fertilizers that show plants that are near death and others, who receive this incredible attention, look like blue ribbon winners. Well, you can literally see this night and day difference from the county line by Dunham and Army Trail to throughout the space East from there and through town. As a result of this, the DuPage side that grew Wayne to begin with looks terrible and lowers the property values for all residents alongside Army Trail Road in this area.

Eileen

Park Commission? Public Works? Where is the county on this? They can see it isn't being maintained.

Village president

Na

Village board



Our lifetime entitled board members.

Both governmental entities who agree to it

Whomever is stipulated in the agreement. I don't know where this applies, so don't really care.

The president

Seems the Village Board should be overseeing and governing this initiative.

Ditto to above answer.

WHICH TREES AND BEDS? APPLY HERBICIDE TO TREES OR BEDS? WHAT GRASS?

The village trustees and Smokey (cigar man).

The Village Board

Board members or trustees

let the current treasurer do the manual labor -not doing much else in job description!!!



The Dupage County Department of Transportation erected no parking signs at the Illinois Prairie Path Trailhead in early March. What should the Village of Wayne be doing to make this Trailhead accessible to all as a village amenity?

24 responses

Work with DuPage county and rectify this. People have been parking there for years. I don't understand why it's an issue with DuPage now.

Whatever the village can

Remove the signs and work with DuDOT / IPP to keep the parking areas maintained and welcoming.

Sounds like a Dupage concern not Wayne's- I don't believe this is a concern of ours. We do use the trail regularly. We probably use the trails in Wayne more than most families.

Isn't there a large parking lot in the newer trail that could be used?

This is horrendous! I bike there and need to park.

Unsure of options. Most ideas voiced have been unable to proceed due to county restrictions that the town isn't able to enforce/control. It's sad that we are not able to get to the path unless we drive. The streets are dangerous for the kids to ride bikes to

The Prairie Path system was started in 1963. The Illinois Prairie Path system through Wayne is our largest tourist attraction. DuPage Department of Transportation studies that over 1000 riders and visitors use this space for outside activities and recreation. A large number of this total is our own residents who enjoy having such a destination so close by. While other communities alongside this system have contributed financially to maintain these areas and promote their towns, Wayne has proudly not spent a single penny on this area. The entrances to the trails are inaccessible during most of the winter months because the village says that they simply can't spend 10 minutes plowing them because of Intergovernmental agreements despite DuPage County saying that they would love to have the village do this for the areas. The rough gravel areas are always a risk to travel through wet weather because of potholes but the horse clubs in town say that they can't be paved like other venues because the horses' hooves would slip on the pavement. Meanwhile, residents and visitors must endure these conditions because of the Infinitesimally small number of horse riders. This area could be a huge marketing campaign for the village. "Welcome to beautiful Wayne" or "Wayne, a great place to live" signs could be at the trailheads to let visitors know more about our community. There could be trailside kiosks that have bike tools that would all be adorned with Wayne history. All of this would be a small cost for the amount of marketing it would provide, as well as, being beneficial for Wayne residents.

VoW should make a parking lot for the folks that want to enjoy the Prairie Path



They should be working with the Department of Transportation to get the county to improve the area. Joan Hammill would be ashamed of what the Trailhead has become.

Inform residents of the amenity

Don't know

Petition for permanent parking agreement

Communicating a plan for its future.

Being in communication with DuPage County DOT

It seems accessible now. Not sure what else is needed.

NA

It sounds like there are guidelines and limitations to this, so access solutions would need to comply with those guidelines.

I heard the trail head might be getting a facelift. Again, even if the village knows they won't do anything.

I SUSPECT THE COUNTY ISN'T GOING TO ENFORCE PARKING.

Take them down---they are ridiculous if not enforced, which they should not be. Where are people parking, in the grass on the south portion of the path @ Smith. People around the ATR entrance should not have to have people parking by their property.

Discuss getting this changed back.

Pitch in. Take the signs down!

I understand that has been rescinded/rectified



Please provide your feedback on traffic enforcement.

25 responses

Our Wayne officers are doing a fantastic job. Always more work needs to be done.

More would be nice

An incredible improvement over the last 3-4 years, but there are still speeding cars and dangerous tailgating on the main roads. Trustees should explore other measures to mitigate speeding traffic as a way to assist the WPD. For example, they might consider surface-level paver walkways in various areas throughout town, a traffic circle by ATR/Honey Hill, adding stop signs on Powis, working with Kane County to add a traffic circle on Dunham between ATR and Stearns. Any of this is possible if planned prudently, try exploring grant funding, work with the counties, etc. Every village official should recognize that the number of vehicles passing through Wayne will continue to increase year over year.

Perfectly acceptable. We love that they leave the empty vehicle poster to slow down traffic. We feel there is a good presence in Wayne.

We have a pretty good police department. Wayne is known for our police presence. I am also extremely satisfied with our police force.

Why on earth can't joggers and walkers and bikers not use a parking lot!!!

Good

Still as work in progress. There should be a monthly spreadsheet, put out by Alec Thomas, that takes the data from the speed cameras and makes it available for residents to see. There are early morning times when dozens of cars in a row are traveling over 50 miles an hour through the downtown area. I guarantee that there are individual violators that are going faster than that. All traffic generated fines should be spent in the county where the violation occurred - i.e. all DuPage County fines are allocated for use in DuPage County and the same for the other county to the west.

No comment

Things are so much better. I see the police department pulling over more trucks and it has resulted in reduced traffic on Army Trail Road. The accidents seem to have stopped due to traffic enforcement. We are finally on the right track.

Wayne police are there for our protection

Na



Fine if police know who you are and a resident

Much improved with Tim in charge.

Great

Put real officers in the cars more often instead of decoys.

It's better, recently

It's ok. I think for the most part people drive slow. Roads are crazy fast everywhere now. I am not a fan of the stop at Munger. It backs up Army Trail.

I believe the WPD does a good job enforcing our traffic laws.

It seems to be better. State road Dunham will always be an issue.

WITHOUT THE INFO ON THE NUMBER OF TRAFFIC STOPS COMPARED TO OTHER SMALL VILLAGES NO COMMENT. THERE ARE SEVERAL NEW TRAFFIC SIGNS THAT ARE HELPFUL.

Squad 1604 is on the job! That is the empty squad. I like the speed signs and the crackdown on trucks and speeders.

The fake parked cars are ineffective.

I like the strictly enforced

speed signs and parked squad cars? Have not seen a live officer in years. They do arrive after the fact of an accident. Used to see Lance all the time -miss that guy



What is your opinion on the overall maintenance of the village? i.e. roads, shoulders, parks, municipal structures, landscaping...

25 responses

Quite frankly things are looking like crap. The roads are deteriorating. I definitely don't see public works doing a goddamn thing around town. But hey they look really good in the parade...

OK

Horrible. Some side roads have been nicely resurfaced over the last few years, but ATR in DuPage County and through the historic village looks sloppy with crumbling shoulders and road goo strewn about the easements, and paint peeling off the lamp posts while village hall and its parking lot are eyesores. Speaking of eyesores, the port-a-eddy should be either moved to the east side of the parking lot near the handicap parking and concealed with simple lattice work or removed altogether.

They do a great job. Tree removal after storms is always timely. Snow removal is great. Roads are in good condition. We live on a private road that our own HOA keeps maintained so I am only speaking of the public roads.

I love Wayne

Getting better.

Old police building - should be condemned
Village Hall - inadequate and embarrassing - on purpose though
Road conditions- DuPage Wayne - disgusting, Kane Wayne - pristine
Shoulders - woefully pathetic. Any Bartlett mom that has to wait on the shoulder alongside Army Trail Road to pick up their children would want to fight you if you said anything different.
We are not a poor town but we look like Indiana
Landscaping - What landscaping? All the downtown areas in DuPage and the Fox Valley have beautiful summertime displays and festive holiday arrangements that are an exclamation point for these areas. Meanwhile, in good old Wayne, we are showing off our untrimmed trees, weeds, unpicked trash and pathetically small holiday garnishes.

No comment

We need to extend the sidewalk from downtown Wayne area to the prairie path trailhead and put pedestrian crossings where it comes to cross the road.

It is terrible. There is no maintenance. They mow and that it about it.

Village is in great shape



Na

Fine

Wayne looks messy, unkept and unpleasant.

There is more that can be done

Village hall is barely holding up and minimally accessible for people with mobility issues. Fix it or relocate it.

Nothing to be proud of.

Average

There's room for improvement, but this is a more "rural" village which is part of its history and charm, so a more "natural" vs. "manicured" general appearance seems appropriate for Wayne.

There is much room for improvement. I would connect the sidewalks to the prairie path and put in curb and gutters. It's unkempt with loose gravel along the shoulder.

PRETTY GOOD FOR A SMALL TOWN

Adequate

Not good enough.

Average +

pretty ok with that -I think they are keeping things clean and trimmed (Dunham and ATR my main routes)



Please provide your feedback on the upgrades made to the village website.

22 responses

No comment

Few noticeable upgrades but still not as nice as most municipal websites and the "home" page is not welcoming. Even the tiny Village of Virgil has a more up-to-date website.

It is a place to find forms and calendar updates. We do not use it for anything more. I don't know what else we would need. Frankly we haven't visited the site more than 1-2 times year to find a number or form

Just learned of it.

I only try to find out any village information from this website as a last resort. Our family gets a next day link to meetings and a brief synopsis of what transpired, or didn't, during the gathering. This information isn't available on the village site even months after the meetings. There is no way that the village clerk, who is being paid to record these, couldn't make a transcript of them available sometime during the following week. I'm a dinosaur when it comes to technology regretfully but I am pretty sure that AI could be used to even supplement these reports to make them quicker to prepare and easier to understand by breaking down the key issues. I'm pretty sure it doesn't take much to breakdown a meeting when committees are asked to comment on what they have accomplished during the previous month - "Nothing", "Nothing", "Nothing".....

Very little has changed. Where are the archived minutes / meeting?

I can see some updates. But the website is still somewhat cumbersome to use. Hard to find things like Agendas and Meeting minutes.

What upgrades? It is as terrible as ever.

Website looks great

Unnoticed especially with our bad internet

Have not noticed any upgrades.

Good so far, but there is more that can be done, especially in terms of accessibility and organization

What upgrades!? The only thing apparent was a historically inaccurate and self-serving parenthetical alteration to the byline.



Haven't been there in a while

These were upgrades made?

Looks fine to me. I find the website to be charming and functional - appropriate for the small Village of Wayne.

I never use it so don't know.

I ONLY USE IT TO SEND IN A VACATION WATCH REQUEST

I don't use it; in all honesty, Michelle & WRC keep me more in the loop than the website.

I don't use it.

Have not used

never view it



The \$600,000 grant the Village of Wayne obtained due to the work of State Senator Karina Villa in 2023 to renovate Village Hall and improve drainage in Lake Eleanor is set to expire for a second time on 11/30/2025. We have not received any money from this grant as of October 1, 2025. What is your opinion of this situation and the projects it is supposed to fund?

23 responses

If we had a village lawyer that did any work he would file some sort of lawsuit... But once again another village representative that doesn't do anything.

No opinion

I had no idea that this grant existed

Village officials were not transparent about the status of this grant three years ago, and they have no plan to renovate village hall because the Historic Sites Commission voted to tear it down three years ago. Seems like a waste they couldn't take advantage of this funding.

It's a tough time for grants with all the budget shortfalls. I don't know enough about this specific grant to comment on it. It's not something I am concerned with.

Was unaware of this

For a local government that has their hand out for every bit of government pork because they are always proclaiming that Wayne is the poorest of the poor, why nothing has been done to secure this money. There had to be a need for it right? It had to be researched to see if it was eligible for a grant right? The paperwork had to be filled out and mailed right? The residents were hopefully expecting our local officials to take advantage of being able to solve a local problem with state dollars right? What does a citizen say when our mostly Kane County officials don't take advantage of free money to help a needful DuPage - "Wrong!".

For a Village this small is sure takes an extraordinary amount of time to accomplish anything.

I see a lot of people still ask about the Lake Eleanor Estates flooding at the Village Hall meeting

This is what happens when you don't have a plan. They are letting Pete Connolly do everything himself and he has done nothing but piss away tax payer dollars on an architecture firm. They could have fixed the issue in Lake Eleanor, but the village was too cheap to take some of that surplus and fix the flooding. They get nothing done.

Need to bring it to the attention of our local elected officials. Unacceptable



Not sure

It needs to be a priority

They have had plenty of time to develop a plan how to use this money yet there still is no plan. Pete Connolly feels the need to be lead on all major decisions of the village and has done nothing but waste time. Pete Connolly gets a grade of F as does Eileen for allowing all this time to pass.

Yes, renovate village hall.

The lack of action is typical and mortifying

It should fund village hall and not lake Eleanor. That is picking favorites I. The village when thees drainage problems everywhere. And theirs is not nearly as sever as other areas.

More information is needed than what is provided above.

I don't believe it will happen.

Renew it!

More inaction and delay. Unacceptable.

Coordinate with St. Senator, village, county and State . The Feds are unreliable and is run by a corrupt president

project seems legit. Someone is negligent in not securing the funds.



If you voted in the 2025 Consolidated Election, what was the issue you were most concerned about?

21 responses

I was most concerned about not being heard as a village resident. Time and time again I have raised an alarm at public meetings and no one has done anything about it. It is the same old same old that everyone is content with having.

Traffic enforcement

Our Board needs new representation of residents not handpicked and promoted by the Board, representation to meet the needs of ALL of its residents, in both counties. Wayne is a unique community, but it has gone downhill in the last decade. I know it can be run more efficiently, collaboratively and to the delight of its residents.

Keeping Wayne the charming town we have enjoyed for 20+ years. We are happy with the status quo. We have two family homes in Wayne- my husbands parents/brother have also been here 30+ years and none of us is looking for change. We love the police here and have wonderful relationships with them.

Bike path and parking

Why we were not notified about new positions

Can I say two?

Losing access to the Army Trail Road Prairie Path parking areas. This was such an unnecessary, and embarrassing loss, to our community. If Wayne had done just the smallest fraction of what other path communities have done than this would have never happened. What's the saying with computers? Garbage in, garbage out. Wayne got exactly what it put in to the system during the last 62 years.

The historic downtown area of Wayne is the figurehead of our community. Buildings that have stood for almost 200 years, and houses our earliest residents, are at risk from flooding and no working stormwater system. What is available for most of the downtown area is not even suitable for an individual home's basement let alone the front door of our community. Everyone of these homeowners has to adhere to the high costs of historic maintenance of their homes that is required by the village and the village does nothing to protect the homes from the very problems the village created. Army Trail Road is higher than the homes in most of the town because the village just kept adding blacktop on top of blacktop because it was cheaper to do it that way. As a result of this the roadway drains onto most properties instead of away as it should. I have been in alot of the town basements during the last 28 years and all of them flood as a result of this. It's time to start paying attention to the actual area, and buildings, that bare our name.

Fairness, transparency



Pedestrian safety and community spaces

Transparency. We need new people on the board who realize that they are there to work on behalf of the people. They are not supposed to be a team. They are supposed to have their own thoughts and opinions. When has any one of them scheduled a meeting with the people to see what the issues really are? They all live in their own little bubble and protect one another. They don't care about us.

Character of people running

No havnt

New leadership

Board members actually working to help residents.

Pedestrian Safety

Term limits and apathy in government leaders unwilling to listen to the residents. If you won't listen and make government less intrusive, then step aside.

Don't recall

Yo overhaul the village trustees and mayor.

The nastiness of comments made on both sides. Work together or don't work for it at all.

School board members

N/A



The Wayne Residents Committee is considering a community wide in person meeting. Is this something you would be interested in attending?

23 responses

Yes

Yes

Absolutely.

Probably not

Yes.

Probably not.

Since we are a geographically divided community - DuPage and Kane - that it might be best to host separate events on each side first to find out if the goals for each area are even approachable by the other side. It's easy to see that most of the Kane side has no interest in what happens to the ATR Prairie Path trailheads or the importance to DuPage residents shouldering the cost of maintenance for hundreds of acres of Kane County public areas that only benefit area neighbors and property values. If the values were even closely aligned I would consider a joint meeting at a location where unruly citizens would not be allowed to attend or be asked to leave. I've seen too many events of public discussion be destroyed by petulant, disruptive groups.

Yes, it should happen at minimum 2x per/year

I think I would. At least someone cares what the residents think.

Yes, I would

Possibly

Yes!

Probably not as it would do no good.

Possibly.

No



I LIKE THE TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Inclusivity rather than exclusion.

Maybe

Sure



Any additional comments or ideas?

14 responses

If only village officials (aside from the WPD) offered a community-wide survey to listen and learn what's important to their residents.

This seems like a very biased and divisive survey. You're certainly welcome to your concerns but not everyone agrees with them. This survey feels like an agenda. Why does there have to be so much hostility in how you word these? This is not an attack. I'm pointing out that the way these questions are asked is very off putting. And I'm not concerned with being anonymous- you can reach out anytime, I'm on Facebook- Christina Stinsa.

Wayne needs more spaces for people to get around safely by walking, in order to enjoy the nature and historic beauty of our great community. There also needs to be more interaction and outreach with residents. More community events and community spaces.

I really hope that people start opening their eyes to the decline that has happened in our village. There have been a lot of people putting their houses up for sale this year. There are too many restrictions for the average citizen. Only the horse people and the church people have a voice.

Need to find more about the services

The amount of fighting is crazy but there also isn't anywhere other than Facebook or town meetings to actually get to know your neighbors in such a spread out community

Wayne needs to be safer for pedestrians. Not just by lowering speed limits and increasing enforcement, but through infrastructure such as safer crossings.

Shuffle the deck on leadership to find those who are willing to listen and make changes. Ensure accountability for every dollar, and reduce costs by making village government less intrusive. Allow people to live unmolested on their own property without vehicle taxes, horse-only fencing/animal restrictions, ridiculously huge setbacks for building, etc. In essence re-write the code to stop infringing on homeowners rights. Term limits will give us a chance to find village leadership with that courage to replace the path we see now.

Wayne is a wonderful place to live with a rich history and unique equestrian community. I'm all in favor of continuous improvement while retaining its heritage and quiet, country lifestyle. It's a unique community of land, architecture, history and people. In my opinion, one should live in Wayne to enjoy, support, and preserve its unique and beautiful equestrian and nature-loving lifestyle and history. There are countless other places to live if one wants more "city" or "suburban" life and surroundings. Wayne is unique and special, and needs to stay that way.

Thanks for the info and survey.



WE APPRECIATE ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HELP MAKE THE VILLAGE UNIQUE; THE LITTLE HOME CHURCH GOING INTO DEBT TO BUILD THE COMMUNITY HOUSE AND PROVIDE MANY OUTREACH SERVICES; THE SCOUTS WHO PICK UP TRASH AND OTHER PROJECTS; THE WAYNE COUNTRYSIDE GARDEN CLUB FOR THEIR BEAUTIFUL EFFORTS AT THE VILLAGE HALL, POSTOFFICE, SCHOOL AND THE CHRISTMAS SWAGS; THE WAYNE POLICE FOR ALL THEIR EFFORTS TO KEEP US SAFE; THE VILLAGE BOARD FOR THEIR MANY HOURS OF TIME AND ALL THE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WHO CONTRIBUTE TIME AND \$\$

No

Wayne needs more COMMUNITY SPACES and COMMUNITY EVENTS. It needs to be safer to get around Wayne. We need more safe sidewalks and pedestrian street crossings. Extend the sidewalks and put in safe crossings.

We live in a beautiful area! Let's preserve it!

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