

Report for Richardton Community Questionnaire

Response Counts



Totals: 60

1. What one or two words best describe Richardton, ND today?



ResponseID	Response
1	Family oriented
2	Quiet safe
3	Highway 10
4	Petty, Backwards
5	Quiet
6	Friendly
7	Stagnant but with opportunity
8	Quiet
9	Affordable, Community oriented
10	Rundown
11	drugged up with schlubby people and controlled by Hoffs
12	Pathetic and clicky
13	Small , cozy
14	Home, wonderful

ResponseID	Response
15	Clean, safe
16	Old, sleepy
17	Poor
18	Small!
19	Cold
20	Lame, boring
21	Nice
22	Family oriented
24	over priced
25	Can't keep buisnesses running
26	Friendly
27	small
28	Declining
29	Run Down
30	Ghost Town
31	Cold
32	Cold
33	Small. Bad roads
34	Dyeing
35	Quiet
36	Run down, and A lot of empty building and houses that need to come down.
37	needs help
38	Clicky
39	unkept,dingy

ResponseID	Response
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40	Small Town
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41	Mundane
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42	Just existing
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43	Growing
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44	Nice, friendly
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45	friendly,
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46	Small town
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47	Opportunities
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48	Bedroom community
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49	Friendly environment
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50	Bedroom community
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51	The people
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52	Dying town
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53	Safe
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54	Aging
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55	Friendly people
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56	No pride
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57	Boring
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58	Boring
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59	Quiet
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60	Stationary
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2. What one or two words would you like to be able to use in describing Richardton, ND 10 years from now?



ResponseID	Response
1	Small business hub
2	Quiet safe
3	New streets New stores
4	Thriving, Innovative
5	Friendly town
6	Friendly
7	Clean, Vibrant
8	Friendly, Lively (Though being quiet is not a bad thing. We could just use a pick me up to attract more young families and keep them here.)
10	Thriving and growing
11	Nice & family oriented
12	Thriving and friendly people
13	Clean
14	Safe, busy

ResponseID Response

15 More businesses

16 Quaint, active

17 Clean

18 Still small!

20 Progressive, fun

21 Thriving

22 Progressive

24 affordable

25 To live up to the communities needs

26 Community

27 amazing

28 Better

29 Nice Town

30 Home

32 Boring

33 Vibrant no empty business

34 Growing

35 Organized

36 The Place to visit

37 thriving

38 Caring, Devoted, & booming

39 eye appealing

40 Small Town

41 Beautiful

ResponseID Response

42 Grocery store

43 Success, growing, thriving,

44 Growing,

45 thriving community

46 Thriving town

47 Thriving

48 Progressive

49 Better job opportunities

50 Progressive

51 Strong community support

52 Growth

53 Safe community

54 Renewed, vibrant

55 Great people

57 Interesting

58 Interesting

59 Nice

60 Thriving

3. If you could change one thing about Richardton, ND what would it be?



ResponseID	Response
1	Paved roads on the south side of town
2	More pride in community clean yards and streets
3	New City Council
4	Public support for businesses
5	Better place to eat
6	More things to do
7	Ordinance / Law enforcement
8	I would like for people to clean up the yards and businesses so it looks nicer. Dead trees and overgrowth, junk all over the yards, that kind of thing. Doesn't have to be fancy, just clean it up.
10	Get rid of old and run down homes and structures
11	Keep the grocery store the way it is
12	The leadership
13	Stray cats and dogs that attack your cats in your own yard or and the people who walk their dogs and let them shit in your yard
14	How its ran

ResponseID Response

15	The main drag needs to be spruced up. Take down the dilapidated building and clean up the area.
16	People took pride in their houses/lawn
17	Roads
18	More businesses
20	The city board members
21	More businesses
22	Lower the taxes on housing
23	ordinances not being enforced
24	better govt.
25	Hire city people that aren't worthless
26	More people being involved.
27	pot holes and road conditions
28	Keep the grocery store
29	The appearance
30	How its ran
32	Bring Springfield market back
33	City doe
35	The mayor
36	Roads
37	more businesses
38	two people having control over what is happening in town
39	terrible roads
40	Style of government

ResponseID Response

41 A sense of worthiness

42 Better clinic

43 More businesses

44 More businesses

45 more businesses

46 More businesses

47 More business

48 Work together

49 City board members

50 People working together

51 More places to eat

52 High taxes

54 Appearance of Main St

55 I would be more tough on people who have their property looking like pigs. Several of these houses all around town. Sad.

56 Get rid of the run down houses

57 More things for the youth to do

58 More activities for the youth

59 More things to do

60 Streets

4. What would you NOT want to change about Richardton, ND?



ResponseID	Response
1	Small town life
2	Not get to big
3	Supermarket
4	Small town
5	Supermarket
6	Location
7	Small town feel
8	small town atmosphere
10	The business and industry progress
11	The location
12	The name
13	Size
14	The feel of community
15	No more specials, no more property tax increases.

ResponseID Response

16 Friendliness

17 Some people

18 The church bells ringing daily!

20 Location

21 Size

22 Community feeling

24 the school

25 Nothing

26 Small town feel.

27 population

28 The people

29 The community

30 Old fashioned type of lifestyle/living. Most residents know each other and watch out for each other

32 The abbey

35 Cleanliness

36 The small town feeling

37 small town living

38 Small size, business's & home town attitude

40 the school

41 The Peacefulness

42 Bank, drugstore

43 Welcoming home town feel

44 Small town atmosphere

ResponseID Response

45 small town atmosphere

46 Friendly community

47 Quiet life style

48 Location

49 Safe environment to raise a family

50 Location

51 Small town businesses

52 Small town feel

54 Industry jobs

55 The roads. Someone told me the roads were not the best, but I feel if they would start repairing the bad spots we have, they work just fine. Also most residents don't make enough to afford a \$500 or more per year price hike on their property taxes.

56 Very little crime

58 The stores like cenex, the drug store, suzies stash

59 Nothing

60 Small town life

5. Please complete the following sentence - In my neighborhood I'd like to see:



ResponseID	Response
1	Better road upkeep of the road paving never gets approved
2	Better roads
3	Them being less of an grumpy old assholes
4	A community recreation center
5	Ice rink
6	Careful child at play signs
7	Kept up properties
8	people taking pride in their homes and doing some repairs and cleanup.
9	friendly neighbors
10	People take more pride in their homes and yards
11	Less drugs and nosy small town people who think that they know everything
12	Common sense
13	A safer park where the kids dont have to worry about the crazy people who live by it attacking them
14	Yield signs

ResponseID Response

15 Good sidewalks!!!!!!!

16 Exterior improvements/clean up

20 Better quality of living

21 Better snow removal

22 Another street light

23 noise ordinance enforced

24 more trees

25 People having to keep there stupid animals in there own yards by having them required to be on a leash

26 More togetherness.

27 More open signs

28 Safety

29 A road worth driving on

30 The old abandoned houses condemned and tore down, if owner doesnt have plan to have them up and liveable in certain period of time property goes back to city.

32 Grow

35 Drug free

36 my road taken care of in the winter and summer months. In the Summer my road is NEVER graded NEVER taken care of.

37 no dumpy houses

38 Yards cleaned up

39 cleaner yards

40 better snow removal

42 Safety

44 hardware, grocery, thrift shop,

ResponseID Response

45 more stores

46 Better streets but not costing residents a fortune

47 New streets

48 People

49 Old homes demolished

50 Teamwork, more specialty shops, local supporting local businesses

51 More trees

53 People yo slow down little driving in town

54 Streets repaired

55 The city council start fining the people who have junk,old cars, garbage and rubbish in their front and back yards. The town can only be as clean as the residence keep their yards. A perfect dirty example is the house kitty corner to the NW of UPin bar.

56 Better road maintenance.

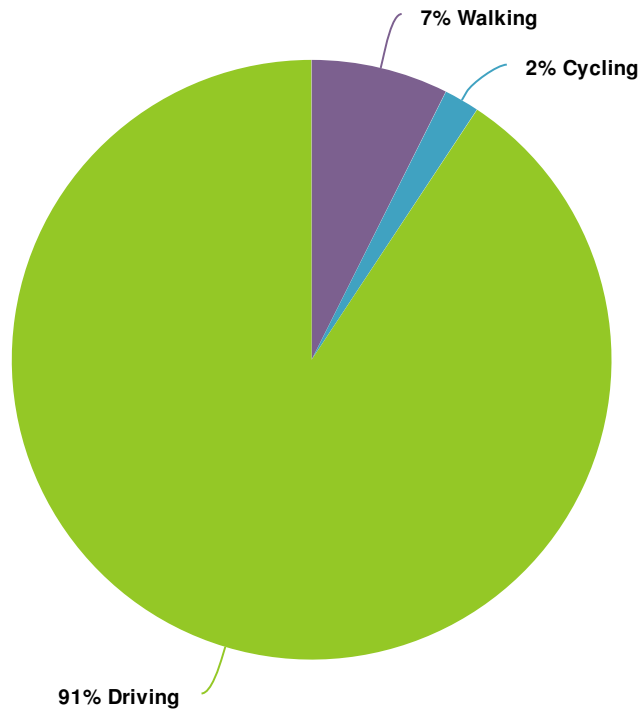
58 Change

60 Families

6. Please indicate to what extent you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about the City of Richardton

	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Responses
There is an adequate supply of well-built and well maintained housing choices Count Row %	15 28.3%	19 35.8%	19 35.8%	53
More single family detached homes are needed Count Row %	15 28.3%	24 45.3%	14 26.4%	53
More single-family attached homes are needed (town homes, duplexes, etc.) Count Row %	13 24.5%	21 39.6%	19 35.8%	53
More multiple-family homes are needed (apartment buildings) Count Row %	10 18.9%	23 43.4%	20 37.7%	53
I'm comfortable with a variety of home types (separate and attached) being mixed within the same neighborhood Count Row %	28 52.8%	16 30.2%	9 17.0%	53
Neighborhoods should include sidewalks and trails when they are built Count Row %	36 66.7%	9 16.7%	9 16.7%	54
Totals Total Responses				54

7. What's your most common way of traveling within the city?



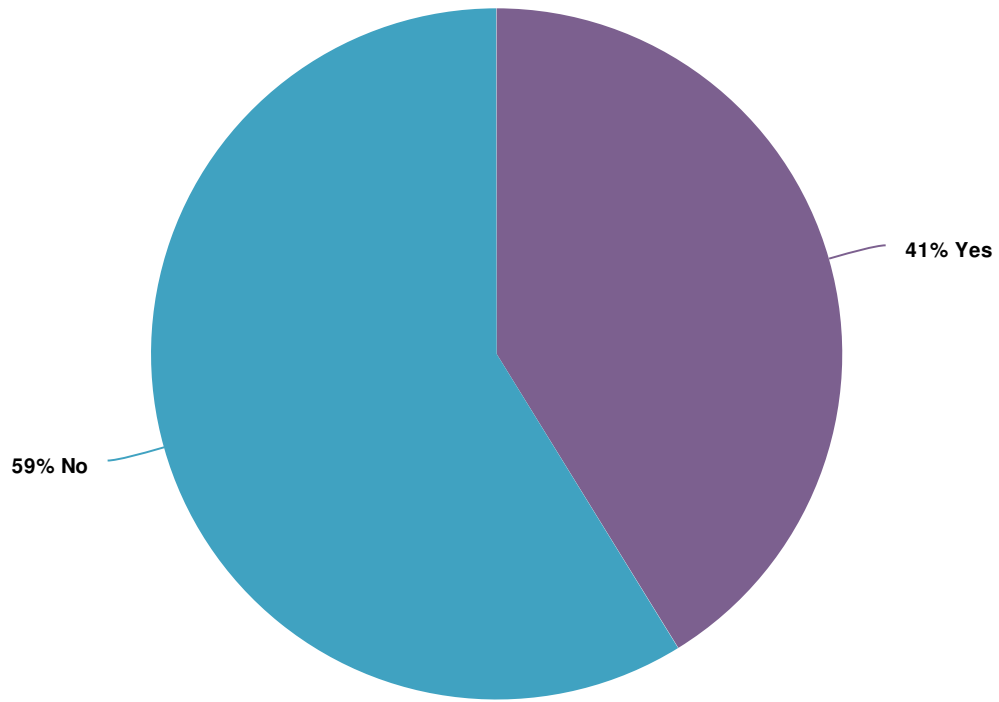
Value	Percent	Responses
Walking	7.4%	4
Cycling	1.9%	1
Driving	90.7%	49



Totals: 54

8. Please indicate if you agree or disagree with the following statements about Richardton’s parks and trails or pathways:

	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Responses
City parks meet my and or my family’s routine recreational needs Count Row %	21 38.2%	23 41.8%	11 20.0%	55
City parks are well maintained Count Row %	26 47.3%	20 36.4%	9 16.4%	55
The community is easily and safely accessible on foot Count Row %	38 69.1%	11 20.0%	6 10.9%	55
Totals Total Responses				55

9. Are there specific park amenities/features would you like to see? If yes, please list your top two or three in the Comments box.



Value		Percent	Responses
Yes		41.2%	21
No		58.8%	30

Totals: 51

10. Are there specific park amenities/features would you like to see? If yes, please list your top two or three in the Comments box. - comments



ResponseID Response

Park on the south side Better handicap accessibility

Trees skate park ice skating

More kid friendly parks on the South Side. Sidewalks!!!

Indoor basketball court Racquetball courts Indoor pool

Ice rink during winter hrs with warming house hockey nets

Skate rink in winter

Golf course, Shooting range.

Fence and more watching over

A fence on the east side

Something for younger kids to play on, like ages 1 to 4 who are too small to play on the equipment on our park we have now....and an ice skating rink in the winter months, something for kids to do during the winter months

There needs to be some more toddler age playground equipment and a bathroom needs to be at the park(s).

Fix up Portland

ResponseID Response

Some sort of restroom needs to be available.

The city park on the main road cleaned up and repair the things there to make it useable.

A Park on the south side by the baseball parks

doggy spot so people pick up there dogs poo. Signs that say dogs need to be on leash or supervised. Sign that kids need to be supervised and someone to check on park occasionally so that kids are not destroying it.

bathrooms

More access to electricity

Rec center for winter months, ice skating rink

Better playground equipment and picnic tables

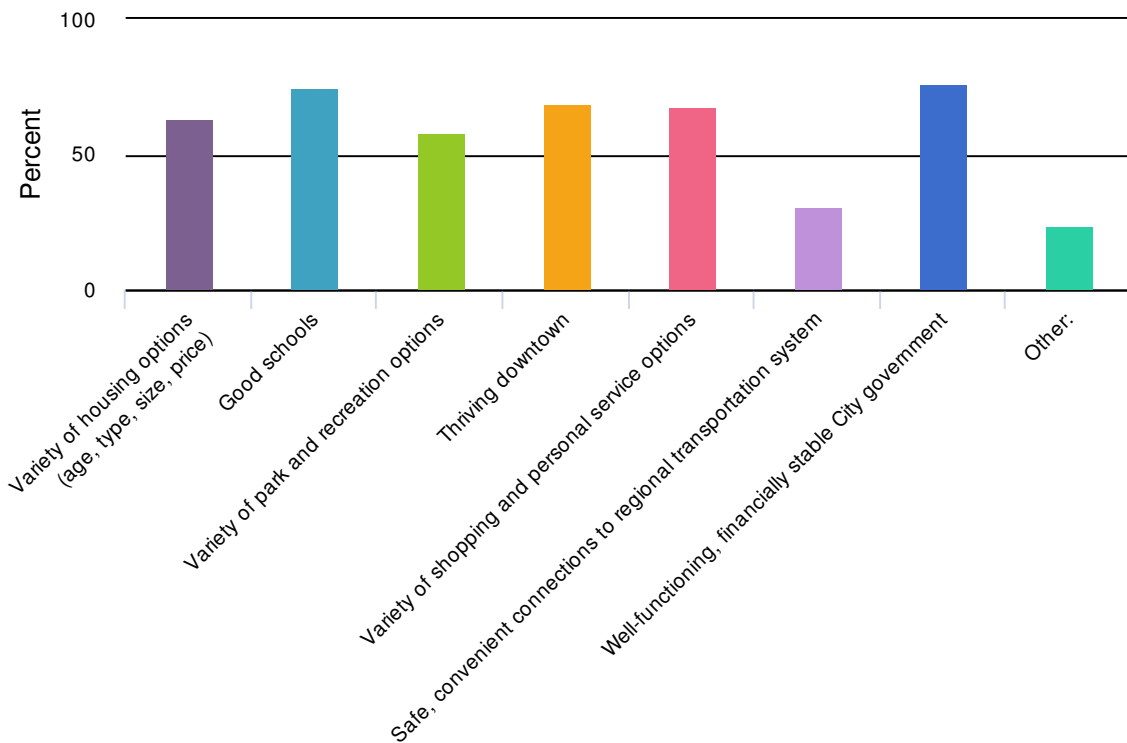
Gym, personal trainers, indoor pool, tanning beds: all are pipe dreams because of our current tax levies and close proximity to the Rex center in Dickinson. The weight room at the school is open to the community and used. But there are no locker rooms or people to help.

A park where you can take pets wan go for a walk

11. Please indicate to what extent you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about Richardton:

	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Responses
Streets in Richardton are well maintained Count Row %	6 11.1%	11 20.4%	37 68.5%	54
City utility services (water, sewer) are adequate and well maintained Count Row %	22 40.7%	24 44.4%	8 14.8%	54
Police services are well managed and adequately provided Count Row %	19 35.2%	21 38.9%	14 25.9%	54
Fire/life safety are well managed and adequately provided Count Row %	44 83.0%	6 11.3%	3 5.7%	53
There is good cooperation between Richardton and neighboring communities Count Row %	22 40.0%	21 38.2%	12 21.8%	55
Totals Total Responses				55

12. As Richardton’s businesses’ continue to thrive and grow they need to attract employees. What things would help attract people to want to work and raise a family in Richardton? (check all that apply)



Value	Percent	Responses
Variety of housing options (age, type, size, price)	63.6%	35
Good schools	74.5%	41
Variety of park and recreation options	58.2%	32
Thriving downtown	69.1%	38
Variety of shopping and personal service options	67.3%	37
Safe, convenient connections to regional transportation system	30.9%	17
Well-functioning, financially stable City government	76.4%	42
Other:	23.6%	13

Other:	Count
Jobs	2
Affordable taxes- no more increases	1
Affordable living	1
Churches	1
Community Safety	1
Keep the grocery store	1
Let's fix the roads and get a police presence of some sort besides just cops stopping at the bar now and then. But especially, let's fix the roads. They're awful.	1
Lower taxes	1
New planner	1
Quiet small friendly	1
Trails to cenex	1
mainstreet business	1
Totals	13

13. Richardton’s Business District

	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Responses
Business District has a range of shops, services, and eating and drinking establishments to meet my daily needs Count Row %	11 20.0%	20 36.4%	24 43.6%	55
Business District is safe Count Row %	43 81.1%	7 13.2%	3 5.7%	53
Business District has the potential to be a more useful place and attractive place Count Row %	44 81.5%	9 16.7%	1 1.9%	54
Business District is important to Richardton’s future success Count Row %	52 94.5%	3 5.5%	0 0.0%	55
Business District is worth investing in Count Row %	45 83.3%	7 13.0%	2 3.7%	54
Totals Total Responses				55

14. Is there a particular issue you think the comprehensive plan needs to address and if so what is it?



ResponseID Response

1 Impact fee for companies who rely on trucks or heavy equipment

2 Having a city judicial branch to enforce city ordinance

3 Less Bullshit and get the shit done!

5 Take down abandon buildings on main st

7 Streets / Infrastructure

8 We have to do something about the streets. No one wants to invest in it but it needs to get taken care of somehow so at some point we have to figure out how to do it and make it affordable. Also, enforce the lawn mowing and dead trees policies. If we could get folks to clean up the trashy looking yards maybe it would attract new residents.

11 The grocery store needs to stay

12 Quit trying to pawn the road bill on residents. I was on BOD for 20 years and we always had a fund I. He budget for large expenses.m anticipated in the future. Negligent of the leaders to not have been putting money in the budget every year. I NEVER IN MY LIFR SAW WHAT THEY TRIED TO DO WOTH MAKIG HOMEOWNERS BEAR THE BURDEN OF THAT EXPENSE. LEADERSHIP IS CLOSED MINDED, RUDE AND ARROGANT. ALSO THEY ARE TO CHEAP TO PUT SAND DOWN ON THE ROADS AND KEAVE THEM DANGEROUSLY ICY. SEEMS RICHARDTON SPENDS WAY TOO MUCH MONEY ON FANXY EQUIPMENT AND BUILDINGS THAT ARE NOT NEEDED. WASTEFUL

13 The fence at the park

ResponseID Response

18 A new grocery store

21 Make more walking paths from north hwy 8 to south hwy 8.

22 Allow modular homes in all areas of town

29 No

30 City needs to manage their money wisely and invest where needed. In past there have been many projects that cost city and taxpayers alot of money. For example, city was in desperate need for new city hall because old one has leaking roof and brick are falling in to that soon wall is going to fall in, so new one is built and old one is still standing. That should have been torn down right after new one was moved into then. City needed new Lagoon because old one isnt big enough for growth of the town(which was what, the construction of 4 new houses in past 10 years) and correct me if i am wrong but i believe the new lagoon isnt even being used one side is bone dry with some weeds growing in it. Unnecessary spending on storage buildings/equipment for city. Yes the equipment could be useful but not if you have one city employee not willing to run it. There have been big companies like Haliburton that moved in and supposedly gave 150,000\$ which who knows where that went, city also gives several thousand a month to new health center, so these are few examples of the unnecessary spending that could have gone to street project or just yearly maintenance so we wouldnt be where we are today needing 12 million dollar street project.

35 New roads on North and South sides

36 We feel like our roads and down town are the biggest thing to fix in this town. All the abandoned houses tear them down. Clean up the town of Richardton. It has a feeling of old and run down! Lets fix it up and CLEAN it up! And we have alot of big companies in this town and one right in the middle. That drive big trucks down the roads. Why don't they pay and help with the roads? With all three of these companies we should be able to fix these roads. Make these companies help!!!

38 Quit having nepatism as a part of everything the town does. Get some bids or other people that want to mow and take care of the town. It's always the friend of this one or that one bid the stuff.

45 attracting new people and businesses while maintaining the existing ones

49 Street repairs

50 Businesses can open but without the support of those that live here or the capacity to attract people from out of town, they will fail. Just like the grocery store. Now we are forced to take our mo way outside the community. Communities grow when you keep

55 Try to encourage the property owners who have a potential business site sitting empty to put something in there or possibly sell or rent it out to someone who would put it to use.

ResponseID Response

56 Need a New mayor. Residents need to support ALL the businesses here. Or we won't have any left.

58 The business

59 Find Grant's to do roads and everything else instead of putting full cost on residents