

# 2012 Town of Gaines Community Survey Results - PRELIMINARY

**Number of returned surveys:** 214      **Percentage of returned surveys:** 25.0 %  
**Percentage of male responses:** 54%      **Responses represent the opinions of:** 458 individuals  
**Percentage of female responses:** 46%  
**Average age:** 62.1      **Average household size:** 2.1 individuals per household

		Response:	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
<b>1. Are you a _____?</b>		<b>Overall:</b>	66%	21%	7%	4%	2%			
A. Home Owner	D. Renter	Male:	66%	23%	9%	1%	1%			
B. Land Owner	E. Land owner living outside of Town	Female:	66%	19%	5%	6%	3%			
C. Business Owner										
<b>2. Which of the following best describes the type of housing in which you reside?</b>		<b>Overall:</b>	81%	1%	2%	15%	0%			
A. Single-family house	D. Manufactured/ Mobile home	Male:	86%	1%	0%	13%	0%			
B. Two-family house	E. Summer cottage	Female:	75%	2%	2%	18%	0%			
C. Apartment building										
<b>3. How long have you lived in the Town of Gaines?</b>		<b>Overall:</b>	13%	12%	15%	23%	16%	21%		
A. 5 years or less	D. 21-35 years	Male:	10%	10%	13%	29%	18%	19%		
B. 5-10 years	E. 36-50 years	Female:	15%	14%	18%	16%	14%	22%		
C. 11-20 years	F. Over 50 years									
<b>4. What were the main reasons you chose to live in the Town of Gaines?</b>		<b>Overall:</b>	26%	18%	27%	11%	15%	3%		
A. Born and raised here or in the surrounding area	D. Near employment	Male:	26%	15%	29%	10%	16%	4%		
B. Close to relatives or friends	E. Affordable housing and land values	Female:	26%	20%	25%	12%	14%	2%		
C. Want to live in in a rural community	F. Town services and facilities									
<b>5. What is your present household size?</b>		<b>Overall:</b>	21%	57%	12%	6%	4%			
A. 1 person	D. 4 persons	Male:	14%	64%	12%	5%	4%			
B. 2 persons	E. 5 persons or more	Female:	30%	48%	11%	6%	4%			
C. 3 persons										
<b>6. Where do you work?</b>		<b>Overall:</b>	10%	26%	10%	2%	2%	2%	3%	46%
A. At home	E. In Erie County	Male:	11%	24%	11%	1%	2%	3%	2%	46%
B. Within Orleans County	F. In Genesee County	Female:	9%	28%	8%	2%	3%	2%	3%	45%
C. In Monroe County	G. I am unemployed									
D. In Niagara County	H. I am retired									

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<b>7. Where do you shop for everyday items?</b> A. Village of Albion B. Town of Albion C. Elsewhere in Orleans County D. Outside of Orleans County E. None of the above	Overall:	33%	35%	10%	20%	1%				
	Male:	37%	33%	9%	20%	1%				
	Female:	29%	37%	12%	21%	1%				
<b>8. Which of the following are the reasons you shop outside of Orleans County?</b> A. More convenient B. Lower prices C. Better selection of merchandise D. Better service	Overall:	5%	21%	68%	6%					
	Male:	6%	22%	65%	7%					
	Female:	3%	19%	72%	5%					
<b>9. As we plan for our future, what theme(s) should be built upon?</b> A. Rural Country B. Agriculturally based C. Recreational (town/family) D. Orderly business development E. Orderly residential growth F. History/Tourism	Overall:	21%	17%	12%	18%	16%	16%			
	Male:	22%	17%	10%	22%	21%	14%			
	Female:	20%	17%	15%	17%	13%	17%			
<b>10. Should future land use and growth management policies protect the rural character of the Town of Gaines?</b> A. Agree B. Disagree	Overall:	93%	7%							
	Male:	93%	7%							
	Female:	93%	7%							
<b>11. If parkland were to be developed, what types of recreational facilities do you feel are most needed?</b> A. Picnic Pavilions/gazebo B. Ball Fields (baseball, soccer, etc.) C. Playground Equipment D. Trails (hiking, biking, jogging, etc.) E. Restroom Facilities F. Tennis Courts	Overall:	26%	11%	15%	25%	21%	2%			
	Male:	30%	10%	14%	24%	21%	2%			
	Female:	23%	12%	15%	25%	22%	2%			
<b>12. What kinds of attractions would you like to see developed?</b> A. Festivals B. Development of natural resources (parks) C. Senior Center D. Youth Center E. Recreational development (hiking, walking trails, ball field, etc.)	Overall:	17%	22%	17%	12%	32%				
	Male:	18%	25%	15%	11%	31%				
	Female:	16%	20%	20%	13%	32%				
<b>13. The Town should identify new Commercial sites and encourage growth and development.</b> A. Agree B. Disagree	Overall:	80%	20%							
	Male:	80%	20%							
	Female:	80%	20%							
<b>14. What kind of businesses would you like to see developed?</b> A. Specialty Shops B. Restaurants C. Hotel/Motel/Bed & Breakfast D. Medical Offices E. Business Park F. Retail stores	Overall:	20%	25%	13%	10%	13%	20%			
	Male:	21%	25%	9%	11%	16%	18%			
	Female:	19%	26%	16%	9%	10%	21%			

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<b>15. Do you think the Town should conduct a study to determine if local government can be streamlined through the consolidation or merger with other Villages/Towns?</b> A. Agree B. Disagree	Overall:	47%	53%							
	Male:	44%	56%							
	Female:	51%	49%							
<b>16. Do you think the Town of Gaines should do more to promote tourism within the Town?</b> A. Agree B. Disagree	Overall:	76%	24%							
	Male:	74%	26%							
	Female:	79%	21%							
<b>17. How do you find out about what's happening in your Town?</b> A. Attending Town Board Meetings B. Attending Public Hearings C. Town's Website D. Town Newsletter ( Gaines Citizens Courier) E. Newspapers (PennySaver, Batavia Daily News, The Journal-Register, etc.)	Overall:	10%	5%	12%	24%	50%				
	Male:	10%	4%	10%	25%	51%				
	Female:	9%	6%	13%	23%	49%				

For the following questions, please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the statement:

		Response:	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
<b>18. "Existing zoning and other local laws adequately regulate development in my area."</b> A. Strongly Agree B. Agree C. Disagree D. Strongly Disagree E. No Opinion	Overall:	8%	41%	17%	9%	26%				
	Male:	8%	49%	15%	8%	20%				
	Female:	8%	30%	19%	10%	33%				
<b>19. "Existing local zoning regulations are adequately enforced."</b> A. Strongly Agree B. Agree C. Disagree D. Strongly Disagree E. No Opinion	Overall:	4%	41%	23%	9%	23%				
	Male:	3%	51%	23%	5%	18%				
	Female:	6%	28%	24%	13%	29%				
<b>20. "I am satisfied with the way the buildings and properties in my area are maintained."</b> A. Strongly Agree B. Agree C. Disagree D. Strongly Disagree E. No Opinion	Overall:	6%	54%	27%	9%	5%				
	Male:	3%	58%	26%	10%	3%				
	Female:	8%	49%	27%	8%	7%				
<b>21. "Conflicts between farms and residential neighbors are a problem in my area."</b> A. Strongly Agree B. Agree C. Disagree D. Strongly Disagree E. No Opinion	Overall:	8%	13%	40%	14%	25%				
	Male:	9%	14%	45%	14%	18%				
	Female:	7%	11%	34%	14%	33%				
<b>22. "Property taxes are equitably distributed between residents, businesses and farmers."</b> A. Strongly Agree B. Agree C. Disagree D. Strongly Disagree E. No Opinion	Overall:	4%	26%	22%	15%	33%				
	Male:	4%	29%	25%	18%	24%				
	Female:	3%	23%	18%	12%	44%				
<b>23. "I would like to see regular evening hours for all services that my town offers."</b> A. Strongly Agree B. Agree C. Disagree D. Strongly Disagree E. No Opinion	Overall:	10%	31%	24%	5%	30%				
	Male:	7%	33%	28%	7%	25%				
	Female:	14%	29%	19%	2%	36%				

*How do you rate the quality of each of the following local government services?*

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<b>24. "Road maintenance and mowing of Town-owned property"</b> A. Very Good B. Good C. Bad D. Very Bad E. No Opinion	<b>Overall:</b>		42%	52%	3%	1%	2%			
	Male:		50%	43%	3%	1%	2%			
	Female:		31%	63%	3%	1%	2%			
<b>25. "Snow plowing of roads"</b> A. Very Good B. Good C. Bad D. Very Bad E. No Opinion	<b>Overall:</b>		46%	49%	1%	1%	3%			
	Male:		54%	43%	1%	0%	2%			
	Female:		37%	56%	1%	2%	4%			
<b>26. "Water system improvements"</b> A. Very Good B. Good C. Bad D. Very Bad E. No Opinion	<b>Overall:</b>		36%	49%	0%	1%	14%			
	Male:		40%	48%	0%	1%	11%			
	Female:		30%	51%	0%	2%	17%			
<b>27. "Town Historian"</b> A. Very Good B. Good C. Bad D. Very Bad E. No Opinion	<b>Overall:</b>		27%	35%	5%	6%	27%			
	Male:		27%	30%	8%	5%	29%			
	Female:		27%	41%	2%	7%	23%			
<b>28. "Building Code Enforcement"</b> A. Very Good B. Good C. Bad D. Very Bad E. No Opinion	<b>Overall:</b>		12%	41%	15%	4%	29%			
	Male:		12%	44%	14%	3%	27%			
	Female:		11%	37%	15%	5%	31%			
<b>29. "Public Safety (Sheriff, State Police)"</b> A. Very Good B. Good C. Bad D. Very Bad E. No Opinion	<b>Overall:</b>		27%	62%	5%	1%	6%			
	Male:		29%	61%	3%	2%	5%			
	Female:		24%	63%	6%	0%	6%			
<b>30. "Fire Protection"</b> A. Very Good B. Good C. Bad D. Very Bad E. No Opinion	<b>Overall:</b>		35%	56%	1%	0%	7%			
	Male:		35%	59%	1%	1%	4%			
	Female:		36%	53%	1%	0%	10%			