



Mercer County: Better Together

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NEW WINDSOR

New Windsor is a village of 935 people, located in eastern Mercer County along Illinois Highway 17. The village lies within Rivoli Township, which features a total population of 1,142. Residents enjoy natural resource activity opportunities which include camping, outdoor sports and events in the newly-renovated Depot Park. Known as “The Biggest Little Rodeo in the Midwest”, the New Windsor Fair, Rodeo & Horse Show brings thousands of tourists and horse enthusiasts to New Windsor each August. Located downtown is the New Windsor Bar & Grill restaurant, operating in one of only two renovated train depots in Mercer County. Proximity to Galesburg and the metro Quad Cities offers commerce and employment opportunities for New Windsor residents.

New Windsor Community Heart & Soul Statements

“We value a safe, family-friendly community that is home to the New Windsor Rodeo and Time for Tots preschool.”

“We appreciate the library, churches, post office, parks, community events and local businesses that provide opportunities for entertainment and local access.”

“We appreciate the family support, togetherness and involvement that creates a sense of community.”

“We envision a community with improved roads, sewer system, revitalized tennis and basketball courts and clean residential areas, that will create more opportunities for families and encourage business.”

New Windsor Area Community Representatives categorized each line of survey data on the following questions; then summarized survey responses into most common themes –

1) Why do you live here?

- Family
- Farming
- Close to job

2) Why did you move or stay here?

- Family
- Small-town
- Schools
- Jobs
- Safe place to raise kids

3) What do you especially love about your community?

- Small town size
- Quiet/friendly
- Neighbors
- Rodeo

5) What do you think matters most to your neighbors?

- Property upkeep
- Safety
- Neighborly relations

6) Why is your community “home” to you?

- Family history here
- Family & friends nearby
- Schools

8) What are the most important places in your community? Why?

- Parks; centers of activity, outdoor recreation
- Churches; family, community, host events, food pantry
- Post office; resources for all
- Library; resources for all, resources for kids’ education
- Businesses; convenience, community events, bringing out-of-town people to community

10) What should stay the same in your community?

- Rodeo
- Depot Park
- Small town living
- Time for Tots daycare

11) What should change in your community?

- Clean up residential & business properties
- More opportunities for kids & young families
- Make area more business-friendly
- Revitalize basketball & tennis courts
- Roads
- Sewer