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...a survey about our future

The Village of Bellaire Community Master Plan Survey

The Village of Bellaire Master Plan Committee is asking for your input and ideas for an update to the Village Master Plan. The Master Plan will address important questions about the direction of the community, and what residents and businesses hope for...

What should Bellaire look like?

What services and amenities should be available?

What kind of community do you want to live or do business in?

This survey asks for your opinions about these topics, and about issues the Village is facing now, or may face in the future. It will be used to create a shared vision of what Bellaire could become in the future, and to identify priority actions for the Village to take.

PLEASE RETURN completed surveys by **Friday, September 14** at the following locations:

Village Office, 202 N. Bridge St., P.O. Box 557, Bellaire, MI 49615

Bellaire Public Library, 111 S. Bridge St., Bellaire, MI 49615

Or take this survey online, please visit: www.surveymonkey.com/r/bellaireurvey



1. How important are each of these characteristics in creating a desirable future for Bellaire?

	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Very Important	No Opinion
Year-round economy/tourism	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mixed-use downtown development (providing retail stores, offices, and/or residences in a single building)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Variety of housing choices	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unique small town character	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
High quality, well-maintained parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Easy access to recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protected natural resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Diverse mix of businesses and shops	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local food and farming economy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community events and festivals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arts and culture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community participation and engagement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Removal of blight and vacant buildings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify below)				

2. How would you describe the type of community you'd like Bellaire to be?

3. What would enhance Bellaire's economy? Select as many choices as you'd like.

- Year-round tourism opportunities
- Good-paying, specialty jobs that meet local needs and interests
- Training for youth for specialty jobs
- A variety of eating and drinking establishments
- Improve and expand sewer and water infrastructure
- More housing choices for families and/or the workforce
- Improved access to recreation facilities
- Farm to table: Growing, processing and marketing of local foods
- Improved broadband internet service

Other (please specify below)

4. What types of development would you like to see in Bellaire? Select as many choices as you'd like.

- Mix of residential and commercial (retail stores, offices) uses
 - Office/business/industrial park
 - Offices in the downtown
 - Five and dime store (i.e., Bachmann's in Central Lake)
 - Additional single family homes
 - Multi-family homes (apartments, condos, duplexes, fourplexes)
 - Mix of multi-family and single family homes
 - Other (please specify below)
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5. What would enhance community engagement in Bellaire?

- Events and festivals
- Volunteer clean-ups and other volunteer-driven community-building activities
- Creating opportunities for public arts and culture events, activities, and displays
- More opportunities to serve on Village committees/initiatives for community enhancement projects
- Teen events and activities
- Downtown community and events center

Other (please specify below)

6. What strategies do you think are important in addressing issues at Bellaire parks and public spaces?

	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Very Important	No Opinion
Additional amenities (restrooms, picnic tables, bike racks)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recreation equipment rental	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recreation facilities (kayak launch, trails, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vending/food trucks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide an area for dogs (i.e., dog park)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outdoor group activities (movies, dances, concerts)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Accessible public bathrooms downtown	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Collection of usage fees to be used for park improvements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify below)

7. What strategies do you think are important for improving the quality of life in Bellaire?

	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Very Important	No Opinion
Increase affordable housing choices	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improve pedestrian safety (i.e. cross walk markings, sidewalk maintenance/connectivity)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide bike paths, bike lanes, bike racks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Connect downtown with bike and hiking trails in surrounding area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
More entertainment (dining/restaurants/breweries) options	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have a year-round farm market	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increase job and career options for youth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increase activities for youth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Incorporate placemaking strategies (i.e. public art, landscape design, wayfinding signage, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
More live music, arts, cultural events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide accessible public bathrooms downtown	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify below)				

8. What strategies do you think are important in addressing housing needs in Bellaire?

	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Very Important	No Opinion
Develop affordable, workforce housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Allow multi-family homes in more areas (apartments, condos, duplexes, fourplexes)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify below)				

9. What strategies do you think are important in preserving and enhancing Bellaire's natural environment?

	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Very Important	No Opinion
Encourage best practices for managing stormwater (rain gardens, minimize impervious surfaces, swales, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Promote a "Dark Skies" initiative (i.e. using lower wattage street lamps, shielded exterior lighting, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify below)				

10. What are other thoughts and comments do you have about the future of Bellaire?

11. What is your residential status in Bellaire? Select one.

- Year-round Village resident
- Part-time Village resident
- Year-round Antrim County resident (Outside of Village)
- Part-time Antrim County resident (Outside of Village)
- Regular visitor
- Other non-resident

12. If you are interested in participating in volunteer opportunities at the Village, please provide your contact information and information on what activities you'd be interested in.

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Activities/issues of interest: _____

Thank you for your time and input!

For more information, please contact John Sych, Community Planner, at Networks Northwest at (231) 929-5034 or via email at john.sych@networksnorthwest.org.