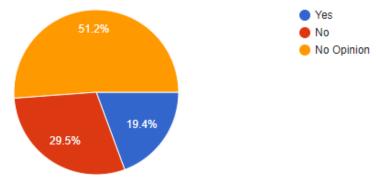
Entertainment Venue Open House Summary of Public Comment Card Responses

145 Respondents

- 138 self-identified as Oswego residents (95%)
- 4 self-identified as Montgomery residents
- 1 each self-identified as Midlothian, Munster, and Plainfield residents

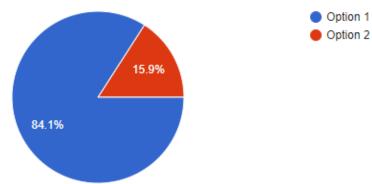
The image below is an enlargement of the site master plan that shows the proposed entry court south of the proposed support building. Do you think the proposed entry court and support building should be "flipped" so that the proposed entry court is north of the proposed support building?

129 responses





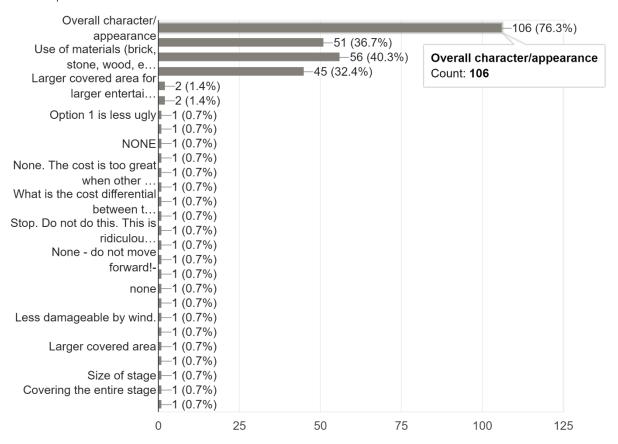
Which of the two bandshell options do you prefer? 132 responses







What aspects of your preferred bandshell concept do you like the most? (Check all that apply) 139 responses



Entertainment Venue Additional Activities - On a scale of 1 to 5 (with 5 being highest priority and 1 being lowest priority), how would you prioritize the following additional activities at the Entertainment Venue site? (*shown in averages*)

Drive-In Movies - 3.66

Christkindl Market - 3.54

Ice Skating Rink – 3.36

Pumpkin Patch - 2.76

Hayrides - 2.40

Easter Egg Hunt – 2.343

For "Other" Ideas, please see open-ended responses

Open-Ended Responses:

What aspects of the proposed Site Master Plan are most appealing to you? Backdrop of stage to lake beyond, entry court idea included stage From an attendee's perspective, the visual placement of the structure in relation to the lawn/parking/street is appropriate and pleasing. From a performer's perspective, the fact that it faces northeast will prevent the sun from shining in the faces of the performers and equipment on stage during daytime hours. None - when this issue 1st was announced, it was noted that this would not cost the Village anything. All work/products needed would be donated. How much money has already been spent on the architect drawing, sound study, purchase of mobile stage? None Added entertainment option Not a thing - are you really doing this??? READ THE ROOM! It isn't too close to any of the houses nearby None Playground Location being closer to the railroad line is appealing. It being closer to the bridge is also good. I like the location and the fact that additions can be phased in as funds allow playground area for kids, ample parking - easy in/out None None None - do not spend our tax dollars on additional frivolous infrastructure! NONE Acoustic study None - this venue as a whole is unnecessary and has been pushed forward regardless of genuine interest or need from the community. None None. This is an absurd expenditure during a pandemic. You're out of your minds for considering it. A playground Looks great! The location The pond. The stage, open lawn seating, concessions area/food court, location The stage, open lawn seating, concessions area/food court, location

Grassy area and playground

Great location. Adds value to the community. Brings in others into our town to spend money!

None, waste of time and resources given larger climate And what's going on in the world. Our kids go to the daycare there and think this is a terrible location, regardless.

Having the amphitheater

I'm most interested in the noise level since I live in Gates Creek West. We can hear music when there are events in the park n ride area so I am concerned about that.

Lawn seating

Location

Exciting to have venue like this in our community.

Newness!

Restrooms and concessions

playground for kids while adults see concerts, the vast details for landscaping and the parking lot.

I believe that the community will use this venue in a variety of ways to host many types of events like of course music maybe car shows our movies or festivals of many forms. I'm am all for it.

None of it. It's amazing how the study ends the sound gradient conveniently ends at the end of the roadway on the east side of Orchard Rd.

None

none

A lot of green space, parking, covered stage, brem and sound barrier and room for growth.

Restrooms! They are a must!

absolutely nothing is appealing about this shitty assed project and its shitty assed location

The location in proximity to future commercial corridor along Orchard but not interfering with surrounding residential.

Although this is a nice amenity for our village, I do not feel that the village should be spending \$750,000 to construct an entertainment complex at this time. How much do subsequent phases cost?

The distance from my home.

Plainfield has an amplatheater and it normally gets a lot of use in the summer with concerts and outdoor movie nights in

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Everything sounds great

None of it. This is a terrible location for an entertainment area. the stage is immediately next to a daycare/school and the noise would carry through to several businesses nearby.

The large stage and open lawn seating area will be a great resource for the community. The abundant parking adjacent to the site allows for expansion and use of the site for larger types of events.

Certain events

Food court and lawn space
Covered stage and lawn area
Local venue with multipurpose use facility
Having a music venue in town, BUT I think this is going to be terrible for traffic and potential train parking. I park in Aurora now (ATP) for Metra and it is AWFUL in the summer when concerts are at Rivers Edge. Orchard Road is bad enough today.
None
I love the large lawn.
The covered stage
Overall, the concept of a designated outdoor performance venue for the community. Specifically the green space and attention to sound and acoustics.
The idea of an outdoor venue option
None
The design is fabulous very appealing
The look and the layout looks good
Food court, area for kids to play
The venue it's self presents various entertainment options that have not been available to Oswego
None of it appeals. To put this right down by our homes is unbelievable.
Outdoor entertainment /live bands within an easy driving distance
NONE This whole project should be SCRAPPED.
Proximity to home and prospect of entertainment option
Anything to do in the village is progress, empty land is useless
It would be nice to have something on this side of town. Along with the train station. It works well in Aurora.
location
Playground area layout
Location is great. Please consider walkability and crosswalk needed at Heatherwood and Mill Rd

Do you have ideas for other community events/ideas not listed above?
DuPage Symphony Orchestra concerts
Concert series
It would be nice to have the facility available on non-priority hours to smaller businesses and community groups to use, such as dance studios, gymnastic facilities, martial arts schools, music schools, theater groups, etc.; perhaps facilitating showcase concerts to highlight various community groups would also be a great way to use this community venue.
Bring actual business to the city. Fill empty storefronts. This is a ridiculous waste of time and funds.
Concerts, plays, musicals
No
Farmers Market
PrairieFest
Prairie Fest concert venue
The area is too small. Alexander Lumber property should have been community use.
farmer's market, craft fairs
No. This is being pushed thru during a pandemic with very little opportunity for public feedback.
Performances paired with a Farmer's market
This is not needed at all.
Perhaps the program ideas should instead capitalize on the stage/entertainment setting? i.e. dance performances, theatre, music, cultural celebrations, etc? Why would the movies need to be drive in? (Can see the screen more clearly from the lawn.) Wouldn't the lawn be pitched and therefore not ideal for a sheet of ice?
The Village clearly has no idea what the intended purpose is for this venue. It appears to be a pork project for a single special interest.

Book readings for kids, park district activities (dances, Halloween party, classes)
Blues festival
Private events when nothing scheduled.
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Talent show
Octoberfest celebration, high end outdoor art show, group exercise programs. Take a look at that the Chautauqua Institute in New York does. They have lecture series etc might give you some really good ideas. Community theatre!!!
Do not waste taxpayers dollars on this. Splashpad, rink? Yes. Band shell? No!!
Concerts
OUR NEIGHBORHOOD WANTS AN AWESOME DOG PARK! We want two side by side fenced in areas (large dog, small dog). We want there to be shaded areas mixed with open running areas and a splash pad within the fence. We would like a swimming area (like the Batavia Bark Park). There are a lot of homeowners wondering why we don't have our own dog park considering the land available to Oswego.
Concerts, wine, beer events
Craft fairs
graduations, college and military bands, local bands, vet celebration, NYE
Beer fest
No
No
Art Festivals, Music Festivals
no
Farmers market
don't build it in the middle of nowhere appealing, a shitty place still looks shitty. Pigs in a dress are still pigs in a dress

What happened to the original music concerts that were to be held there?
Concerts. Community theater. Farmers market. Craft show. Flea market.
No
Band/music competitions Beats & Eats
An Oswego marathon around the area with massage therapist and vendors.
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art show
Na
Live concerts, music festivals, craft festivals, antique/flea markets, farmer's markets, craft brew festivals, car shows, public speaking events, rallys, community band performances, large yoga events, folk music festivals, rock band concerts, community camp-outs, the start/finish staging area for adventure race events, triathelons, bike races, etc. Carnivals with amusement rides, a corn/fall harvest festival, seasonal festivals and events, conventions where booths can be set up, food festivals and events, etc etc! So many possibilities! Love it!
Wine tasting, craft fairs, fireworks, food truck tasting
Art shows, flea markets
Various Community & School Award Ceremonies
Concerts. Community theater. Farmers market. Craft show. Flea market.
Talent show. Silent disco. Live music. Bingo. Zoom option to watch all events or participate
No
Concerts, farmers markets, revenue generating activities to bring in new revenue for Oswego and engage business owners to increase the quality offerings in Oswego.

Hit music acts to draw crowd and \$\$\$.
Yes. Invest the money into other area of the community.
Trunk or treat, petting zoo, prairie fest-like events
Summer and early fall plays; 4th of July or other holiday concerts
Not currently
More entertainment options with live music like wine on fox, farmers markets, etc
Local School Groups, Local Musical talent, Puppet Show, Book Author Reading
it's a big outdoor party room good in 3 seasons of the year. Use it wisely.
Flea market, flower & garden fair, film festival, Comedy show, obstacle race, fundraiser events for our community non-profits, something for Halloween.
Business Expo. Job Fair Other community events
Community bands
None
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no
Village participation events such as Karaoke, Dance contests, food event taste of Oswego
Concerts, battle of the bands, theater
community theater, e.g., Shakespeare In The Park
No
DogPark w/dbl gate system for safe entry/exit. A small swim area for dogs would be awesome! Community/Resident Talent Shows
Plant sale in the spring, farmers market, art festival, taste of Oswego, Craft fairs

Live music
Music festivals of various cultures.
International/Multicultural Festival with performances, food, activities; Art Festival
Music / Christmas event / food fair
The arts: Classical orchestra performances, plays, etc.
Concerts and musical events
Small functions for the city or schools. Band concerts for the high schools and middle school. With our strange times any outdoor venue can be used.
Concerts, battle of the bands, theater
Outdoor Street Danced
Not much left to say after ruining downtown Oswego,traffic wise,getting to our beautiful park and where are we to park? Won't be able to get to library with all the traffic.
Live music
DROP the whole project
Roller hockey. Food truck night with cruise nights.
Music
Live bands
Get lots of volunteers to sign up. Parking. HS graduation. Sidewalks/crosswalks at Heatherwood connect to train station.

Do you have any other comments or questions regarding the project? No comments I emailed Dan a few things I personally am excited that such a venue will be available for our community, both as a source of arts and entertainment, and also as an affordable location for our various businesses and groups to perform. 1. As noted earlier, this project was originally presented as a no/low cost venue. Tens of thousands of dollars have already been spent at the cost of other Village budgets. 2. The parking area will not support the number of "expected" guests. 3. How will the Village recoup the costs for even maintaining this venue? Stop wasting money on this. This should mean a lot coming from a musician and patron of the arts. Not needed 1. I'm worried about noise levels in the neighboring subdivisions. In Gates Creek West we can hear the bands playing during Vet Fest and other concert events. Are the proposed decibel levels lower than what we've heard in the past? How will you enforce this? 2. What would be the end time for bands? Vet Fest went until close to 11pm most nights. 3. What is your proposal for overflow parking? There should be no parking on Mill Rd and I don't want people using Gates Creek West neighborhood to park in for the concerts. My vote is No on every aspect of it. If some people want it, let them pay for it. seems too expensive for what it is. not centrally located so that there is multiple roads to leave the venue...2200 people (with 4 people/ car) and you have 500+ cars trying to leave by going either north or south on orchard - and only one way in/out of the venue parking, sounds like a giant headache to me! What about parking? Traffic control? Have you elicited ANY feedback from the adjacent neighborhoods regarding noise concerns? NO! I absolutely DO NOTsupport any aspects of this project. I think it is awful that you are spending our money like this during a pandemic. I don't think we should spend any money on this now. Very bad timing! We should spend that money on downtown businesses that are struggling. Do not spend our tax dollars on this frivolous project!! What ideas are being pursued for lighting, sound, in-house recording/projection, streaming, etc.?

Money should be going to our schools and public works needs.

I don't think this is worth the cost. Yes, the grant (taxpayers \$\$\$) will pay for the build, but ongoing maintenance, insurance, lost tax revenue advertising, etc., can be spent in better ways. Or NOT spent! Give us taxpayers a break for once. Please.

Already verbally suggested to staff, but will record here: Consider a page on the website dedicated to project information. Highlight the timeline of planning milestones to-date and anticipated future timeline.

Include an FAQ section, progress "blog" and a method for community members to ask questions. Provide funding details, grant pursuits, and anticipated community benefits.
I'd prefer the village opt out of this project and use the money yo save our crumbing school district.
Simply because one is gifted property does not mean one needs to accept said gift. This expenditure is unnecessary, ill conceived, and wasteful for the community during these trying times.
I do not support the use of tax money for this project at this time.
Now is a really bad time to start this. The budget should be focused on pandemic relief and taking care of the people right now.
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I'm Wondering where the \$ is Coming From.
I am in full support as long as the tax payers eventually see some tax relief from this project (some day)
I am concerned about parking when there are popular events.
I would love to see a more natural feel at the venue. Trees, limestone, native to Illinois plants to give the venue a more chill atmosphere.
No
No
no let's get going. Maybe a retention pond with fountains and paddle boats.
It's a waste of taxpayers money and was a very poor decision for the board to approve this. The owners of Prohibition Bar should pay the fees for their events and not have forced the village into buying the property. More taxes the citizens of Oswego can't take or afford. You are forcing residents out!

No
This is an irresponsible use of manay
This is an irresponsible use of money
Put this in a spot that is appealing, has parking and some where you would want to be. You would never go there on accident.
Considering Covid-19. I don't think we will be able to hold any large group gatherings in the future so this is all for nothing. Do not spend the money for this. None of us have any idea what lies ahead. I know for sure the budgeted income to Oswego has to be decimated due to the closing down of the tax revenue providing businesses. I am concerned about this lack of fiscal responsibility by our village. We cannot continue life as usual and indiscriminate spending for unnecessary luxuries. The activities listed above are all able to be held without the construction of a huge bandshell.
No
What about the train noise from passing trains? How will that be mitigated during performances?
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bad timing with all the tax increases and COVD
This project should really be re thought out. It is a terrible location and 90 parking spots will not be enough spaces for the activities that you are thinking about hosting. People will start to take spots from the local businesses and even on the main road leading to the park and ride. This is a waste of money and land/space.
When will it be ready for use and enjoyment? I would like to receive updates on the project if that is something you are doing. Thank you.
Should have definite plan for village profitable festival for June, July, August to take advantage of outdoor space.
Restrooms a must; allow patrons to bring their own refreshments to concerts; offer bicycle racks for residents who could bike there (make bike path along Station Dr.?)

Think this would be great for our community
No
Although I am not apposed to this concept I don't believe this is the best use of village funds. Furthermore I believe that if this were to be built it would be detrimental to not have full restroom and concession facilities included. At this time I believe this should be developed and funded privately and not with public funds.
I wish this could somehow be incorporated into our downtown area.
How much additional in taxes will this cost each tax payer? Will the funding be dispersed from just Oswego or Kendall County tax payers as a whole? Ensure noise, safety and traffic is addressed so residents in the area would not be negatively impacted. In the future, perhaps survey residents first to determine the desire level prior to spending tax dollars on fees associated with a prospective project. Provide the survey results to determine if a bid is worth pursuing.
Great idea! Hope the people from the north east side will come.
This will be a waste if money. Please start making our Village nicer where it counts, like the downtown area.
Exciting possibilities for expanded community fun and activities.
Not currently
thanks for doing this survey
Build the road in and out big enough for box truck traffic.
Do we really need this? Would this really help build up the west side of Oswego? What if we ever get a Metra train, how does that affect the parking there? How much would this cost the village to maintain? Would the village ever make money from this?
Are the costs defined somewhere? Where is the money coming from?
Needs permanent washrooms, just just porta-potties
Truly I really don't understand the need for this project at this time. Has local school band/choirs been consulted for this effort? Please make sure that happens.
How are you funding this once it's in full swing production? Do you plan on giving the residents an Entertainment tax?
no
If a train station is ever built at this area will a parking problem be created?

Nothing here is important during a recession. The village should not be spending any money or time on a venue or its plans when all government units are stressed from the virus and recession. This plan and money on this survey are so far from something that the village should be wasting money on and it shows the complete lack of judgement within the village government and elected leaders. We already have a astronomical tax burden as taxpayers from the village, all local taxing units and the state government. Spend your time and our money on issues that are of concern, especially during a time that we all must social distance for a long period of time going forward, and this country is suffering from the worst pandemin results anywhere in the world along with record govenment deficiets. Come on, use your brains for a change. This village has patheticly bad leadership, and has had for a long time. Finally, this is for the use of city leaders and not for publication. Nο We feel it is VERY important to include symbols of American patriotism to site. Also, images of 'Oswego through the ages' would be lovely. Poor use of money!! I think this a wonderful addition to our community. Please make sure it is inclusive of those with any/all handicap issues, which I'm sure you have already done. Thank you! Cost to complete master plan Great plans; appreciate the thoughtful designs and opportunity for feedback Prefer this project to not go forward at this time. Revisit when economy and finances improve. Well how much impact will train noise be say when a softer piece of music is played and hoo hoo. Don't place next to a noisy train corridor. Hello! Would like to see the project halted for now. Revenues are going to be down, at the least for the near future so all spending should be curtailed until the budget can be determined. The design concept number two is not my favorite design I prefer the softness of the curve on design one but I believe the concept number two provides more viewing space with less poles obstruction to the view.

What will max attendance be for various events?
What is ratio of people to parking spaces?
Will (free) shuttles from strategic points in town be utilized?
Will all events be open to public? Or will it be rented out for private events.
Will events be free, for fee, or mixed. If fee, what ranges for various events?

Let's get going Oswego needs this it's a win win for the town

It's a great idea that will benefit the whole community

If you have money for a project like this, people like myself that have been asking for YEARS for a sound proof wall in our backyards along rt 34, would appreciate you considering helping us out first. Our subdivisions, like Heritage of Oswego, where i live deserve a wall like all the subdivisions along Douglas road have.

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This statement is baloney! "Sound levels are in accordance with Village ordinances, and do not interfere with surrounding residentially zoned properties either to the west of the site or across Orchard Road to the east." The Pine Ridge condos are only a few feet away from this venue.

Used to live one mile away from the the Tinley Park music center and it was noisey all the time. This is not the place for it in Oswego. Living in a 55+ community and we will be backed up with cars running through the neighborhood trying to get to Orchard. So between the noise and traffic, I vote NO for this.

Opening the topic to not just for music is a much better approach for our community.

Great idea for concerts/festivals not for hayrides, Easter egg hunts

Allow underground raceway between stage and FOH (cables). Utilize venue on weeknights for movies in the park. Support local sound companies

Other Emailed Comments:

From:

Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 12:31 PM To: Dan Di Santo Subject: Entertainment Venue Open House Comments
Hi, Dan
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Those are my 2 cents. I realize that the board will move ahead with the venue project no matter what.
Take care,
Bobbi Burgstone

From: Brian LeClercq

Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 1:27 PM

To: Dan Di Santo

Subject: Re: Amphitheater open house July 1

After looking at the plans for the entertainment venue, I think it is fantastic! It compliments the future Metra stop while respecting the neighborhood.

From: Paul Panicali

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 6:26 PM

To: Dan Di Santo

Subject: RE: Oswego Amphitheater Stakeholder Input

Dan

Your SPL calculations are WAY off if you are talking any kind of amplified show, excluding orchestra events. Minimum spl of a tribute show(for example) is 100db. Often pushing 120db spikes at about 30 meters. Just to give you a clue, when a drummer hits a snare(his main instrument) the actual hit makes between a 115 and 125 db at that point at 1 meter. Also the BASS on subs for shows tend to resonate more backwards off stage and to the sides

Next, reading through everything..how high is the stage? also, answering the questions on what stage to go with depends on where they hang points are for lighting and such. I can kinda see them in option 1 but option 2 doesn't look there is any. Option 1 looks like every other venue. Option 2 is unique. I like unique but option 1 is cool. Hard to decide all depends on hang points for functionality

If you need anything ...talk..email...just drop me a line.

Anything I can do to help Oswego!

-Paul Panicali

From: Bea Beasley

Sent: Friday, July 3, 2020 10:30 AM

To: Dan Di Santo

Subject: Entertainment Venue!

Morning,

Sorry I miss last nights meeting. But I don't think that with our location to Aurora this is a need for Oswego to have. Doesn't the Winery on the fox bring in entertainers? I know this is privately own. Is there a way to extend on that? Or how about a indoor lap pool done with screening back up because of pandimic. upscale if possible. Oswego needs more out this way for our teens and young adult. (been in area fourty six years.

Thanks

Bea Beasley