



1. What is your favorite thing about Downers Grove?
2. There is a situation playing out in Wisconsin that highlights state and local pension issues. During the next four years, Downers Grove will be engaging in contractual negotiations with each of its public sector unions. Please tell us what you would do to ensure that village employees are fairly compensated while assuring future sustainability?
3. During the past few years, the village council has been criticized for its approach to providing public funds for human and social services. In short, the philosophy that tax dollars should not be used to fund not-for-profits has prevailed. Please tell us which three social services you believe are most needed in Downers Grove. Please explain in detail your position on how these social services should be funded. If you believe that public dollars should be used, please be explicit in explaining from where these funds would be drawn.
4. Please rank the following village needs in order of most important to least important. It will be assumed that your highest ranked needs will be those to which you would agree to dedicate the most attention and village resources. Also, provide a brief reasoning for your ranking. Which other, if any, village needs would you rank higher in priority than those provided?
 - a. Employee Compensation
 - b. Infrastructure Improvements
 - c. Community Development Issues
5. Give your definition of core services. What do you believe is the best way to fund those services?
6. A draft Comprehensive Plan for the village is currently working its way through the Plan Commission and will be submitted to the Council for revisions and potential approval. What do you think of the Plan? What areas in Downers Grove do you believe are most in need of economic development? Please identify any zoning issues that are important to you. If any, explain why and what should be done to address them.
7. The need to improve communication is often noted as a priority need for the village. Considering the many ways the village currently communicates with residents, how would you add to this?