

# Stone Park Sentinel

## Special Edition

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# RESULTS ARE IN!



As can be seen by the many infrastructure improvements throughout the Village they all have one thing in common, the ultimate improvement of the quality of life for our residents. To continue with that mindset, recently, dead-ends were installed at the 1800 blocks of 36<sup>th</sup> & 37<sup>th</sup> Avenues. As previously done for 39<sup>th</sup> & 40<sup>th</sup> Avenues. Soon after the installation of the closures, at the May 24th meeting of the Board of Trustees, opinions were voiced in regards to the street closings. Automatically, this prompted immediate and pertinent action from the concerned Village Officials. As proactive board members, a survey was produced to gauge the impact of the closures among residents on those streets.

Officials went door to door, seeking resident input and opinions. Through this survey, officials were able to see the big picture, in regards to daily impact of the closures and ultimately confirm the Board's decision to close those streets. Now, the Board would like to share those results with all Village residents.



36<sup>th</sup> & 37<sup>th</sup> Ave Residents were asked: Have you noticed a higher volume of traffic? 12 said Yes, 72 said No

Has this change affected your daily routine? 31 said Yes, 54 said No  
Do you think that this change is good? 68 said Yes, and 13 said No  
Has this change made our streets safer? 70 said Yes, 10 said No  
Would you like to see them removed? 23 said Yes and 63 said No.

The results show that an overwhelming **74%** of residents actually **LIKE** the closings and would NOT like to see them removed. As a result, the project has begun to move forward and will be completed and beautified by the end of June. The Village Officials would like to thank all those that took time and participated in the survey. Enclosed you will also find supporting statements from our Police and Fire Departments.

Se puede ver entre los tantos mejoramientos de infraestructura en la comunidad, que todos tienen algo en común. Lo máximo en el mejoramiento de la calidad de vida para nuestros residentes. Para continuar con ese mismo pensamiento, bloqueados fueron instalados al último de las cuadras 1800 de la 36 y 37 Avenidas. Como anteriormente fue hecho en la 39 y 40 Avenidas. Pronto después de la instalación de los bloqueados, en la junta del 24 de Mayo del Mayor y Consejales, opiniones fueron expresadas en respeto a los bloqueados. Automáticamente, esto solicitó de acción inmediata y pertinente de nuestros Oficiales de la Ciudad, quienes estaban preocupados.

Como Consejales proactivos, un estudio fue producido para medir el impacto entre los residentes de esas calles. Los Oficiales fueron de puerta a puerta, buscando opiniones de los residentes. Por medio de este estudio, los oficiales se dieron cuenta del impacto diario por los bloqueados, y al final confirmaron la decisión hecha por la Mesa Directiva de cerrar las calles. Ahora, la Mesa de Consejales le gustaría compartir los resultados con toda la ciudad.

Residentes de la 36 y 37 fueron preguntados:

Ha notado un mayor volumen de tráfico? 12 Si, 72 No  
Ha afectado este cambio su rutina diaria? 31 Si, 54 No

Cree Ud. que este cambio es bueno?

68 Si, 13 No

Ha hecho este cambio que nuestras calles sean más seguras? 70 Si, 10 No

Le gustaría que los eliminen? 23 Si, 63 No.

Los resultados muestran que un inmenso **74%** de los residentes les **GUSTAN** los bloqueados y que **NO** sean eliminados. El resultado fue que el proyecto está por completarse y ser embellecido para el fin de Junio. Los Oficiales les gustaría darles las gracias a todos los que participaron en el estudio. Adjunto también va encontrar declaraciones de apoyo de nuestros departamentos de Policía Y Bomberos.

## **Deputy Chief Louis Fatta –Stone Park Police Department**

The following information is from the Center for Problem-Oriented Policing. This information and data is distributed by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community-Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office). Quoting Response Guide No. 2, by Ronald V. Clarke (2005) ([http://www.popcenter.org/Responses/closing\\_streets/print/](http://www.popcenter.org/Responses/closing_streets/print/)), it states, Closing neighborhood streets and alleys can prevent crime because there is a relationship between street access and crime rates. The details are as follows:

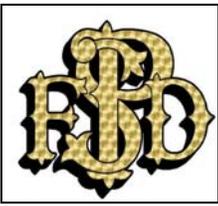
- Offenders find targets in familiar territory. They gain knowledge about vulnerable areas and potential opportunities through their contacts with other offenders and through their daily routines, such as hanging out with friends, traveling to work, and going to the movies. This means that frequently traveled streets are more vulnerable to crime.
- Offenders are quick to recognize a closely knit neighborhood and the presence of people who might notice them. From litter and other signs of neglect, they can judge whether they are likely to be challenged if they deal drugs or solicit for prostitution.
- Burglars avoid cul-de-sacs and prefer corner sites where neighbors are less likely to see them. Offenders look for heavily traveled streets and locations near major highways, where there are many potential victims and where they can easily escape.
- Reducing through-traffic by closing streets or alleys means that
- Criminal outsiders are less likely to become familiar with the area;
- Residents learn who does not belong in the neighborhood, which helps them to more effectively keep watch on the streets near their homes;
- Residents committing crime in their own neighborhood cannot so easily blame outsiders and thus deflect suspicion from themselves;
- Burglars cannot so easily gain access to properties, especially from alleys behind houses;
- Escape routes for robbers are blocked off; and
- Drive-by shootings are prevented because cars cannot easily enter a street, or because they have to backtrack to escape, exposing them to retaliation from those shot at.

Please note the above information regarding the prevention of drive-by shootings. In addition to the quoted material from the POP Center Response Guide, following are benefits of the street closures:

Traffic is greatly reduced and slowed creating a safer environment for neighborhood children. Less usage of the street should equate to less wear of the roadway surface. Noise, litter and air pollution may be reduced in a neighborhood due to the reduced amount of traffic. Traffic crashes may also be reduced due to the reduction in the amount and speed of traffic. The end of the street may be attractively landscaped. It is easier to hold neighborhood activities. These factors positively impact neighborhood property values.

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### **FIRE & LIFE SAFETY CONCERNS**

With the addition of the two new dead ends off the 1800 blocks of 36<sup>th</sup> & 37<sup>th</sup> Avenues, the fire department has addressed this very minor issue with department training and mutual aid training with the surrounding communities who come to Stone Park and assist us. This issue is not something new to our community or the area, the Village installed dead ends off the 1800 blocks of 39<sup>th</sup> and 40<sup>th</sup> Avenues over 5 years ago and we have had no problems responding to emergency calls on either of those streets.

The Fire Department has addressed these issues by revising our plans in how fire equipment for other communities will respond into these areas, where we will place our fire equipment as well as mutual aid equipment coming to assist us.

As for medical calls the ambulance has no problems moving around the “T-Alleys” to get to North Avenue or Mannheim Road.

All of the dead ends off of the 1800 blocks pose not safety concerns to any resident or building within this area, these dead ends are a very proactive way to ensure the safety of the CHILDREN and all residents who live and or visit our community.

**For our Seniors:** We are planning a fall brunch at the Four Points Sheraton, Schiller Park, Thursday, September 13th 11:00—1:00. We will have guest speakers and a short presentation at this event. Contact the Clerk’s Office at (708) 345-5550 to register for this event and to arrange transportation.

**For our Mothers & Daughters—Keys to Success:** July 27 , 7 to 9 pm at Casa Italia, 37 & Division under the pavilion for a great time. This presentation is for Mothers and Daughters to joint together in our Keys to Success. We will have exhibits and guest speakers. Prizes and refreshments will be available.

**Say NO to gangs and drugs, Say YES to school and athletic activities!!**

**Di NO a las pandillas y a las drogas, di SI a las actividades escolares y deportivas**

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# Bulletin Board

## *2012 Calendar of Event*

July 27  
Keys to Success  
Mothers & Daughter

August 17th  
Back to School Night

Stone Park Picnic  
September 1st

Rodeo  
September 2nd

September 13th  
Senior Brunch

## *Village Closings*

**Independence Day**  
**July 4, 2012**

**Labor Day**  
**September 3, 2012**

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Satellite Library Program to be held at the Firehouse 1745 35th Avenue

June 29 ~~~ July 6, 13, and 20

From 10:30 am to 12:30 pm ~~~ Join the Summer Reading Program!!

*Stone Park is a Fair Housing Community*

*Stone Park es una Comunidad de Igualdad en Viviendas*

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