

SAILOR SPRINGS

Clay County



Town Meeting: Illinois

Town Meeting

Story-Song-

Sailor Springs

Story: The Springs were discovered by Mr. Sailor in the late 1800's. It was called Saratoga of the west. The acreage being owned by a Shoemaker from St. Louis. All known recreation was here and water was shipped from here to cure all diseases. People came from all parts of the country for recreation and partake of the water.

The Hotel burned in 1917 and since then the village has deteriorated leaving 70 years later a small village of 150 people.

The future must be a small beautiful little village with a few stands and an ideal place for middle age and senior citizens.

Song: Tune: Down by the old mill stream

Down by the old gas springs
where I first met you
With your eyes so blue
Dressed in gingham too

It was there I knew we needed water too
We were e sweet sixteen
Our village queens
Down by the old gas spring.

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Past-Present-Future

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Past:

**Resort Town
2 Large Hotels
The Saratoga of the West
Carriages to Clay City every day
Second hotel burned in 1917
Main Street burned in 1920
Were once three doctors, a dentist,
a newspaper called "The World", a
carriage factory, drug store, and
a bank in 1911.
There was a millinner store, a creamery,
a bottling works, grist mill,
saw mill and a college called
Huddleson Academy.**

Future:

**Need city water
Some way to combat vandalism
Stores
Shopping center
Golf Course
Recreational park
Doctor
Restore the Lake
Retirement Center
An A-Frame on the corner!**

Present:

**Vandalism
Sewers and water
Drainage
Inadequate police protection
Animal control - dogs and cats
Kids with nothing to do
Low employment rate
Lack of place to shop
Road r pare
Unsightly old buildings
No old rs node
Elders meal program
Lack of local school
No day care
People don't get involved
Inadequate water supply for fire protection
Need for grant for water
No nearby medical facilities
Weeds and brush
No garbage pick up
Public springs stopped up**

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HOW DOES A SMALL COMMUNITY SURVIVE

In the arena of caring for the community, these blocks exist: no city water, small population, individuals blocking progress. This indicates that the underlying contradiction is no water, larger communities get first priority, lack of funds. This is illustrated by streets oiled too late, other nearby communities are larger.

COMMUNITY PROJECT FOR ACHIEVEMENTS

In the arena of getting our fair share, these blocks exist: lack of political clout for funds and cooperation, unrealistic cost of bond issues for individuals. This indicates that the underlying contradiction is isolation of village from county and state. This is illustrated by lack of united spirit, State intervention, and lack of political clout.

LAW DOES NOT SUPPORT COMMUNITY

In the arena of beautification and cultural life, these blocks exist: lack of parent control, kids are uncreative, lack of funds and people to start day care center, unconcern and lack of respect for property. This indicates that the underlying contradiction is unconcern of people due to overwhelming outside influences. This is illustrated by no legal way to get people to clean up; police can't enforce the law.

PRACTICAL RESPONSES

POPULATION DISCRIMINATION
Entice people to move in
Put water in
better voter turnout

Isolation from Political Resources
Get to know your congressman
figure out how to get people to sign petition
Grant application

Lack of community pride
Build factory
Police protection
invite local estate outfit to advertise the community

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I. Political Power

We the citizens of Sailor Springs, Ill., in order to get political power and backing propose to do political education through research, getting in touch with political parties, voting in the primary, VOTE and know your candidate's point of view.

II. People Power

We the citizens of Sailor Springs, Ill., in order to gain political influence through people power, propose getting all neighborhood communities better united through personal contacts and meetings.

III. Community Improvements

We the citizens of Sailor Springs ~~xxxxx~~ and the surrounding community in order to get unity and growth through improvements propose water and industry through community cooperation and selling of community resources to outside sources.

IV. The Betterment of our Community

We the citizens of Sailor Springs, Illinois, in order to increase the population propose to make city water available through political power by beginning with our congressman.

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Participants

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HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

two year community development efforts

COMMUNITY FORUMS

one day "town meetings"

one day "global women's forums"

one day "community youth forums"

LENS (Living Effectively in the New Society)

week-end seminar on management planning

PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

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