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Executive Summary

A general community needs and attitude assessment survey of the residents of Bennett was conducted during the months of November-December 1989. The survey was undertaken as a project by the Bennett Improvement Committee as part of its participation in the Colorado Rural Revitalization Project, a community leadership and action program sponsored by Colorado State University, Colorado Department of Local Affairs and the University of Colorado. A self-administered questionnaire was used for the data gathering. The survey instrument was developed by the Bennett Improvement Committee with assistance from the Colorado Center for Community Development, University of Colorado at Denver. A sampling procedure was used resulting in every third household in Bennett being surveyed. Of an estimated 253 surveys distributed to the sample households, 236 were completed, representing a response rate of 93 percent. Given the sampling technique, the survey represents approximately 31 percent of the community with a standard error correct within a range of plus (+) or minus (-) 4 percent.

The majority of the survey respondents were female (67%) with 63% of all respondents being in the 25-44 year age range. Eight percent were over 65 years old. Three-fourths were married. Over 90 percent have completed high school. Some 14 percent were college graduates. Less than two percent of the respondents were unemployed. Over 60% of the respondents or their spouses worked in Denver or Aurora. Only 36 percent indicated that they or their spouse worked in Bennett. There was no occupation predominate among the respondents, though skilled craftsman/foreman and homemaker were the most common followed by clerical and professional.

Nearly 90 percent of all respondents had lived in Colorado for at least 5 years or longer. Residency in Bennett is somewhat shorter in duration than that of the State with 64 percent living in Bennett for 5 years or more. Some 38 percent have lived less than 5 years in Bennett. Twenty-two percent have lived in the community for more than 15 years, while 10 percent less than 1 year. This information indicates a sizable percentage of newcomers to the community. Living in a small town atmosphere, affordable housing, better environment for raising children, proximity to the Denver Metro area, and economic/job opportunity are the primary reasons why people have moved to Bennett in recent years. Conversely, the factors influencing people to leave are poor shopping facilities, better employment/economic opportunities elsewhere, lack of recreational facilities, poor health facilities, and commuting distance to work. These concerns were also reflected in the responses to questions about community improvement priorities. The most frequently selected items for community improvement were:

- more job opportunities
- more shopping facilities
- more recreational facilities.

The majority of the respondents are either buying or own their homes. Twenty-two percent are currently renting. Almost everyone (87%) are satisfied with their present housing situation. Only 13 percent indicated that they were dissatisfied with their existing housing. The most frequently cited reasons for being dissatisfied was that the existing house was either too small or poorly built. When asked to rate the condition of properties within a one block radius of their homes, 76 percent found their neighboring properties to be in satisfactory condition or better. The respondents were divided over whether or not the condition of one's home should be a concern to other townspeople. Forty percent felt that it should be of concern to others, while 48 percent did not. Less than half (47%) felt that they had the responsibility to either notify the owners or town authorities to take corrective action on a substandard housing situation. Thirty-three percent felt that they were not entitled to take action. However, sixty-four percent indicated that the town government should make more of an effort to insure that properties are kept in good condition. Water quality in Bennett is considered good to excellent with regard to taste, pressure, smell and availability.

Overall, respondents were satisfied with the Bennett as a place to live, listing size, location and

friends and neighbors as the best aspects of life in Bennett. Fifty-eight percent rated Bennett as either a good to excellent place to live. When asked what one major improvement should be made in Bennett over the next year, the five most common responses were as follows:

- better recreational activities/facilities
- town clean-up
- better shopping opportunities
- better law enforcement
- improving local schools

The respondents were evenly split over whether or not they felt adequately informed about community activities and issues. In general, Bennett residents tend to purchase most of their goods and services in either Bennett or the Denver Metropolitan area. More residents shop at various locations in the Denver Metro area than in Bennett. Bennett is only competitive with regard to basic or convenience types of goods and services.

Generally, most of the respondents felt that the Town of Bennett was doing a fair to good job of responding to community needs and problems. The survey information indicates that residents are willing to let market forces determine the future growth of Bennett with a majority tending to support a conservative pro-growth policy. The majority would favor the development of non-polluting industry and additional commercial development. If growth were to occur, the vast majority felt that it is the responsibility of the builders or developers to finance the improvements needed to support such growth. Similarly, over half (62%) indicated that future annexation of new land should depend on the circumstances.

The residents of Bennett felt that most elements of community life are important and found that the governmental services and/or facilities to be at least adequate. When asked to indicate how important a prepared list of Bennett issues were, the following were considered rated as being very important:

- water quality
- environmental protection
- town maintenance
- land use planning
- citizen participation in planning
- animal control

Similarly, the governmental services and/or facilities which received the most frequent high ratings were as follows:

- fire protection
- electric and gas service
- refuse collection
- sewer service
- water service
- town meetings

Conversely, the services and/or facilities most frequently rated in need of improvement by the respondents were as follows:

- telephone costs
- recreational facilities
- health services
- parks

When asked to prioritize the list of services or facilities respondents marked in need of improvement or non-existent, the following priority were established:

- recreation facilities
- animal control
- health services
- police protection
- speed control
- phone costs
- phone service
- street maintenance

Sixty-four percent felt strongly enough about their prioritized list of services or facilities that they would support more local funding for improving or obtaining them. When asked whether or not the town should spend more, less or the same amount on various services or facilities, some 62 percent felt that Bennett should spend about the same amount. The only services or facilities which received a significant percent for spending more funds included the following:

- park and recreation facilities
- EMT services
- police protection

Interestingly, the majority of the respondents indicated that they felt at least "somewhat safe" on the streets of Bennett after dark. The five most important law enforcement problems were vandalism, vehicular speeding, reckless driving, house break-ins and selling or using drugs. People would be willing to attend the following "safety" classes:

- CPR training
- drug abuse
- crime prevention in the home
- police procedures
- juvenile delinquency

With regard to community appearance, the respondents were somewhat split over whether or not the appearance of the community was a major issue. Specific issues that were frequently listed as being somewhat of a problem were: junk and junk cars, weeds, housing upkeep, dilapidated buildings, poor maintained yards, lack of trees/shrubs, and excessive use of yards for storage. In rating a preset list of community improvements, the respondents indicated that the most needed improvements were as follows:

- elimination of long distance telephone charges to the Denver Metro area
- more recreational and entertainment opportunities
- attraction of more retail development
- better animal control
- expanded water supply
- better law enforcement
- community beautification

Most recreational and cultural services and/or facilities were seen as desirable additions to the community. The improvement of local recreational opportunities was a common theme throughout the survey. Improvement of the swimming pool, development of pedestrian/bicycle paths, and parks and playground improvements were seen as being highly desirable by a majority of the respondents. Swimming was considered by all age groups to be the most desirable recreation activity in Bennett. If an organized recreation program were to be developed, the following activities were seen as desirable:

- swimming
- baseball
- softball
- exercise classes
- pottery/ceramics
- volleyball
- soccer

Introduction

The Community

The Town of Bennett is located twenty-nine miles east of Denver in the primarily rural eastern portion of Adams County. It is 1 mile north of Interstate 70, with State Highways 79 and 36 running through the town as well as County Road 34. The climate can be described as semi-arid. The elevation of Bennett is approximately 5,483 feet. It is located on the relatively level surface of the High Plains and on a slightly north-facing slope that drop to 5,410 feet at the Kiowa Creek bottom.

Bennett was originally called Kiowa, named after nearby Kiowa Creek. It started as a travel stop in 1867 for both the Smokey Hill Trail and the Fort Morgan Cut-off of the Overland Trail. Kiowa was renamed Bennett in 1878 after H.P. Bennett of Denver. The town was incorporated in 1939 with a population of 211. From the date of incorporation until 1960, the town remained a small farming community. From 1960 to 1970, the population increased substantially. It is currently estimated that about 1,800 people reside in Bennett. The ethnic mix of residents is predominately Anglo, with the majority of the people between the ages of 25 and 44 or 7 and 17 years.

With its proximity to the Denver Metropolitan area, Bennett changed from a farming to being primarily a bedroom community. Most residents commute to various locations in the metro area for work, as well as shopping and entertainment. The town has a noticeable lack of economic opportunities. Shopping opportunities are limited with local shops providing basic and convenience goods and services. This trend is expected to continue. The development of the nearby international airport is expected to provide opportunities for additional residential, commercial and light industrial development.

Survey Methodology

A general community needs and attitude assessment survey of a sample of the households in Bennett, Colorado was conducted during August to November to 1989. The survey was undertaken as a project by the Bennett Improvement Committee as part of its involvement in the Colorado Rural Revitalization Project, a community leadership and learning/action program sponsored by Colorado State University, Colorado's Department of Local Affairs and the University of Colorado and partially funded by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. A self-administered questionnaire was used for the data gathering. The survey instrument was prepared by the Bennett Improvement Committee with assistance from the Colorado Center for Community Development, University of Colorado at Denver. A number of meetings were held to construct and finalize the survey questionnaire as well as develop the distribution and collection method. A variety of community surveys previously used by the Colorado Center were utilized to construct one appropriate for the Town of Bennett. The Bennett questionnaire was designed to survey a sample of households' concerns with regard to existing and future problems as well as opinions on a number of community issues and priorities.

The questionnaire was designed to survey a variety of issues. In most questions the respondent was able to select from a preset list or range of possibilities. A few questions allowed the respondent the opportunity to write his/her opinion. Some questions were scaled or rated to determine the intensity of opinion on a variety of community issues and participation. The survey form was presented in five sections, each soliciting responses from a different perspective of the community.

Once the survey questionnaire was constructed and printed, a hand delivery and pick-up procedure was utilized for the distribution to a sample of the households within the corporate boundaries of Bennett. The "drop-off/pick-up" distribution method was conducted by using a town employee

over a two month period. A newspaper article informed the community of the upcoming survey. Other than word of mouth, this was the only pre-survey publicity.

The survey distributor made at least two attempts to personally contact an adult member of the sample household or collect dropped-off surveys. Upon delivery of the questionnaire, the survey distributor arranged with the household member for a convenient time to return and pick up the completed questionnaire. Each household was provided with an envelope in which to place the completed survey to insure confidentiality.

The distribution and collection process continued for a two month period. The completed questionnaires were coded partially by the Bennett Improvement Committee, town employees and staff from the Colorado Center. The Colorado Center handled all programming aspects resulting in a computer tabulation of the survey data. The analysis was also undertaken by staff of the Colorado Center. The analysis represents taking collected data from returned questionnaires and extrapolating the sample to represent the whole of the community.

Sample/Response Rate

A random sampling procedure was utilized to systematically select a survey sample of approximately 300 households. It was estimated that there are about 750 households in Bennett. A sampling technique was selected because the Committee nor the Town had the resources to undertake a complete census. Sampling was the simplest way to reduce the workload and cost of the survey. Subsequently, it was determined that every third household in Bennett would comprised the sample. Each surveyed household was selected geographically by counting every third household on a particular street, with the starting point being the southern end of the street. Of an estimated 253 surveys distributed to the sample households, 236 were completed, representing a response rate of 93 percent. If one looks a community representation, the 236 returned surveys represent approximately 31 percent of the whole community.

Given the sampling size, the response rate represents a excellent effort at obtaining a statistically reliable sample. A sample error of 5 percent is acceptable as a range of certainty in most statistical analysis. In this case, the standard error is slightly over 4 percent or generally the sample results are correct within a range of plus (+) or minus (-) 4 percent. It should be pointed out that the survey has a high internal response rate to specific questions. The reader of this report should refer to the frequency distribution exhibit in the Appendix to determine if a question's response rate is acceptable to justify any action based on the results of the survey.

Analysis and Interpretation by Major Topics

Part I: Residency and Housing

Residency

The survey asked respondents to indicate which of three areas of the community they resided in. Twenty-eight percent lived in Area 1, which includes the older residential section north of Highway 36. Fifty-five percent lived in Area 2 which is south of Highway 36 and east of highway 79, and consists mainly of newer subdivisions. The third section, Area 3, where, 17% of the respondents lived, includes trailer parks and commercial development.

Approximately 68 percent of the Bennett residents who responded to the survey have been residents of Colorado for 15 or more years. Slightly over one percent of the respondents have lived in Colorado for less than one year, while eleven percent have lived in Colorado for 5-10 years and 11% have lived here for 10-15 years. Only twenty-two percent have resided in Bennett for more than 15 years. Nearly one fourth of all respondents indicated that they have lived in Bennett less than 3 years. Ten percent of the respondents are new residents living in Bennett less than a year. Nearly 50 percent have lived in the community from 3 to 10 years. Twenty-two percent have been residents of Bennett for over 15 years or more.

Respondents were asked to indicate the three most important factors influencing them to leave Bennett, if they were in fact planning to move within the next year. Slightly less than fifty percent of the respondents answered the question. Of those who responded, ninety-four percent indicated that economic issues would influence them to leave. These factors included commuting distance, lack of jobs in Bennett, job transfers and better opportunities elsewhere. Forty-one percent said poor shopping facilities, while 22% listed the lack of recreational facilities. For those who had moved to the community in the past five years, the most frequently stated reasons for choosing Bennett as a place to live was its small town atmosphere (53%), affordable housing (40%), a better environment for raising children (35%), and friends and relatives live here (15%). Only fourteen percent indicated that Bennett's proximity to the Denver metropolitan area was one of the factors influencing their decision to move to Bennett.

Housing

Nearly 78 percent of the respondents are either buying or own their homes. Twenty-two percent are currently renting. With regard to type of housing lived in, 82 percent live in single family homes, 10% live in mobile homes and 3% in senior housing. When asked how satisfied they were with their present home, the vast majority (87%) are either satisfied or very satisfied with their housing. Only 13% indicated that they were dissatisfied with their present home. The most frequently cited reasons for housing dissatisfaction were that the house was too small or poorly built.

When asked to rate the condition of the properties in their immediate neighborhood, 9% said that the condition was excellent, while 68% reported that it was satisfactory. Seventeen percent indicated that the condition of nearby properties was unsatisfactory. The respondents were somewhat evenly split over whether or not their housing and it's condition should be of concern to other townspeople. Forty percent felt that it should be of concern to others, while 48 percent did not. However, some 47 percent felt that they had the responsibility to either notify the owners or town authorities to take correct action if they felt that others' homes seemed substandard to them. Thirty-three percent felt that they weren't entitled to take action. About 20 percent were uncertain about this issue.

Water Quality

Over sixty percent of the citizens who participated in the survey rated Bennett's water as either good or very good with regard to taste, pressure, odor, and availability. The vast majority rated Bennett's water at least "fair". Water pressure seems to be the most poorly rated of these qualities, with 23 percent rating this aspect as being poor.

Part II: Community Living

Community Satisfaction

When asked to choose the two best aspects of day-to-day life in Bennett, respondents selected community size (62%), friends and neighbors (48%) and its location (39%). Conversely, very few respondents felt that economic/job opportunities or climate was one of Bennett's best aspects. In an overall rating of Bennett as a place to live, 58 percent indicated that it was "good" to "excellent". Four percent rated it "poor", while another 38 percent rated Bennett as only "fair".

When asked what single most important thing would make living in Bennett better, 23% stated more job opportunities, 22% indicated more shopping facilities, 17% more recreational facilities, and 10% felt that either more growth or better health care facilities.

Communication

Respondents were about evenly split over whether or not they felt adequately informed about the activities and community affairs in Bennett. Forty-seven percent felt that they were adequately informed. Four percent did not care either way.

Community Improvement

When asked what one major improvement they would like to see made in Bennett in the next year, 29 respondents listed better recreational activities or facilities, 16 said town clean-up, 14 opted for better shopping or law enforcement and 12 listed improving local schools. Nearly 75 percent of the respondents provided an answer to this open ended question.

Shopping Pattern

In general, Bennett resident obtain most of their goods and services in either Bennett or the Denver Metropolitan area. However, more residents shop or spend money for goods and services at various locations in the Denver metro area than in Bennett. Bennett is only slightly more competitive in the basic or convenience goods and services category. Of the nearby communities, Strasburg is the only community competing with Bennett for specific goods and services.

Where Residents Most Frequently Shop for Services

Less than one percent obtained goods and services in Deer Trail or Byers. Approximately eight percent of the services were obtained in Strasburg with the most frequently purchased services being medical care (22%) and banking (17%). Thirty-five percent of the services were obtained in Bennett with the most frequently listed services being dental care (49%), auto repair (46%), beauty shop (48%), banking (39%), dry cleaning (36%), laundry (55%), restaurants (30%), barber shops (25%) and recreation and entertainment (19%). Less than one percent of the services were obtained in Watkins and Limon and about five percent indicated that laundry, barber shop and beauty shop services were obtained in a town not listed.

Denver was the most frequently indicated area for obtaining services; medical care (69%), recreation and entertainment (71%), barber shop (57%), appliance repair (52%), restaurants (61%), auto repair (47%), banking (40%), dental care (36%), dry cleaning (36%) and beauty shop (40%).

Where Residents Most Frequently Shop for Goods

A similar question asked where respondents obtained various goods. Approximately 1% of the goods were purchased in Byers with drugs and medicine listed as the most frequently purchased item. Seventeen percent obtained drugs and medicine in Strasburg. Twenty-one percent of the goods were purchased in Bennett with the most frequent locally purchased items as follows: gasoline (46%), alcoholic beverages (54%), groceries (32%) and hardware (31%).

Again, the majority of all goods were purchased in Denver (70%) with the percentages as follows; clothing (95%), appliances (91%), furniture (91%), drugs and medicine (71%), groceries (64%), hardware (60%), gasoline (45%) and alcoholic beverages (35%).

Part III: Economic Conditions, Public Facilities and Services

Government Rating

When asked to rate how Bennett was doing in responding to, and working on community needs and problems, thirty-one percent rated local government as being good or better, 36% rated it "fair", while 16% felt that local government was doing a "poor" job. Seventeen percent had no opinion or didn't know.

Issues Concerning Growth

Opinions are fairly divided concerning what Bennett should do regarding the issue of growth or no-growth. In some ways, the survey information indicates that residents are willing to let market forces determine the future growth of Bennett. Regarding the question concerning population growth, 39% indicated that Bennett should develop policies to contribute to a slow rate of growth, while 34% supported the development of policies to promote growth. Only 3% felt that growth should be discouraged. Eighteen percent indicated that growth should be neither encouraged nor discouraged.

However, if growth does occur, 74 percent believe that related costs, such as utility extensions and water or sewer improvements, should be paid by the builder or developer. Only 2 respondents felt that the taxpayer alone has the responsibility for growth-related costs. Another 23 percent felt that the taxpayer and builder/developer should share the costs of growth.

Regarding annexation, 62% felt that annexation of any new land should depend on the circumstances. Seventeen percent felt that Bennett should annex new land in the near future only under strict regulations, while 7% indicated that Bennett should not annex new land.

Evaluating Elements of Community Life

When asked to indicate how important a prepared list of Bennett issues were, all were considered at least somewhat important. Water quality was the highest rated issue with 93 percent considering it very important. Environment protection, citizen participation in planning, land use/planning, and animal control were also considered very important by over 64 percent of the respondents. Other items listed as very important included town maintenance (75%) and recreation (53%). The items listed considered as being very to somewhat important were undertake park improvements, enforcement of building codes, and enforcement of zoning ordinances. Enforcement of zoning ordinances received the highest number (11%) of "not important" ratings.

Sixty-nine percent of the respondents would favor the development of non-polluting industry in Bennett while 15% would not. A larger percentage (86%) would like to see additional commercial or retail development in Bennett. Only 4% would not, while another 9 percent were uncertain.

In general, the respondents rated most of the governmental services and facilities in Bennett as being at least adequate. Overall, an average of 9% of the respondents thought the services and facilities in Bennett were excellent. Almost 60 percent of the respondents felt that, on average, all services and facilities were at least adequate. The services which received the most frequent high ratings (adequate and excellent combined) were fire protection (90%), electric and gas service (93%), refuse collection (85%), sewer service (81%), water service (66%), and town meetings (65%). Street maintenance, sidewalks, street lights, curbs and gutters, police protection, snow removal, speed control, phone service, traffic control and cable TV were rated as being adequate by at least 50 percent of the respondents. Conversely, those services most frequently rated as in need of improvement were phone costs (58%), recreational facilities (56%), health services (54%), parks (52%), and to a lesser extent snow removal (46%), cable TV (43%) animal control (41%) and speed control (41%). Respondents were clearly divided on rating the adequacy of animal control, snow removal, phone service, and cable TV. Interestingly, a few respondents felt that the following services were non-existent: day-care centers (18%), health services (15%), animal control (14%), recreational facilities (14%) and sidewalks (13%).

When asked to prioritize the list of services or facilities they had marked "in need of improvement or non-existent", the respondents would give high priority to improving the following:

- recreation facilities (29%)
- animal control (28%)
- health services (26%)
- police protection (22%)
- speed control (22%)
- phone costs (21%)
- phone service (16%)
- street maintenance (16%)

Sixty-four percent indicated that they felt strongly enough about their list of prioritized services or facilities "in need of improvement or non-existent" that they would support more local funding for improving or obtaining them. Twenty-four percent were uncertain about appropriating funds. Only 8% would not support additional funding.

Rating Specific Community Services

In rating some existing governmental services in Bennett as either excellent, good, fair, poor or non-existent, the respondents generally rated all services to be least "fair". Animal control (44%), street sweeping (36%), and snow removal (23%) were the only services rated as being "poor". Law enforcement received a positive response with a 49 percent rating of good or better.

Financing Town Services or Facilities

When asked whether more, less or the same funding amount should be spent on various services or facilities, an average of 62 percent felt the Bennett should spend the same amount on the various services or facilities. Thirty-four percent indicated that they wanted to spend more, while only 3% wanted to spend less. Specifically, the respondents felt that the same amount of funding should be spent on the following services: fire protection (77%), police protection (54%), town maintenance (68%), water system (61%), sewer system (92%), animal control (55%), emergency medical service (53%) and snow and ice removal (61%). The only services or facilities which received a significant percentage for spending more included park and recreation facilities (50%), EMT services (46%), police protection (44%), and animal control (39%).

In order to finance Bennett's services and needs, 33% favored an additional town sales tax, 24% favored user service fees and approximately 10% favored mill levy or special tax district. The least desirable method for funding was an additional mill levy on property. Some 59 percent were against using property tax as a means of financing services and needs in Bennett.

Community Safety

When respondents were asked if they felt safe on the streets in Bennett after dark, 45% said yes, 37% said somewhat safe and 14% said no.

Telephone Information/Usage

Respondents were asked for the three most common reasons why they placed telephone calls to Denver or its suburban communities. The most frequently listed reasons for placing a long distance call included calls related to work (62%), the next was calls to family and relatives (60%), calls to friends (45%), then calls for retail or shopping information (42%), medically-related calls (34%), and calls related to business (19%). In a subsequent question, forty-one percent of the respondents selected "elimination of long distance charges on telephones call from Bennett to Denver and its suburbs" as their first choice for improvements most needed in Bennett. It was also their second and third choice. In another question on evaluating the adequacy of Bennett's services or facilities, the survey respondents felt that the phone service itself was mostly adequate, but rated the cost of the phone service as needing improvement. Fifty-eight percent indicated that "phone costs" was in need of improvement, while a lesser percentage (40%) felt that the phone service itself needed improvement. When asked to prioritize needed community improvements from a prepared list of services or facilities, the respondents ranked "phone costs" and "phone service" as the #6 and #7 ranked improvement priorities.

Community Appearance

When asked if Bennett's town government should make more of an effort to insure that people keep their property in good condition, the majority (64%) said yes, 17% said no and 19% had no opinion. In general, 40% of the respondents indicated that community appearance was not a major issue in Bennett, while 41% felt that it was. Specific issues that were most frequently listed as somewhat of a problem were: junk and junk cars, weeds, housing upkeep, abandon buildings, poorly swept streets, poorly maintained yards, lack of trees and shrubs and excessive use of yards for storage.

Those issues which were most frequently listed as not a problem were unattractive businesses, unattractive parks, appearance of railroad property, unpaved business parking lots, unpaved residential driveways, poorly maintained fences, lack of sidewalks and lack of curbs and gutters. Although none of these issues were considered to be a major problem by large percentage of the respondents, the ones with the most "major problem" ratings were junk and junk cars, weeds, abandon buildings and lack of sidewalks.

Community Improvements

Respondents were also asked to indicate which improvements they felt were most needed in Bennett from a list of twelve. Forty-one percent listed the elimination of long distance telephone charges to the Denver area as their first choice. Some 19 percent indicated that better law enforcement was their first priority. In general, the respondents indicated that of the list of twelve improvements, the following are the most needed (in rank order):

- elimination of long distance charges on telephone calls from Bennett to Denver and its suburbs
- attraction of more retail development
- more recreational and entertainment opportunities
- better animal control
- expanded water supply

Cable TV Assessment

Of the cable TV subscribers who responded to the survey, 41 percent would prefer that the Bennett community channel be replaced by a new cable channel. Twenty-six percent would like to retain Bennett's existing channel. Thirty-four percent had no opinion.

Law Enforcement Issues

When asked to rank the most important law enforcement problems, the respondents ranked "selling or using drugs" as the most important, followed by "vehicular speeding". If one looks at the responses in total, the five most important law enforcement problems, in rank order, are as follows:

- vandalism (86%)
- vehicular speeding (81%)
- reckless driving (78%)
- house break-ins (78%)
- selling or using drugs (77%)

When asked about willingness to attend discussion meetings on various police or safety issues the following topics received a small majority of "yes" responses:

- CPR training (61%)
- drug abuse (58%)
- crime prevention in the home (55%)
- police procedures (54%)
- juvenile delinquency (51%)

Part IV: Recreation

Recreation and Cultural Improvements

Respondents were first asked to indicate which recreational and cultural improvements were most needed in Bennett. From a list of eighteen improvement categories, the items with the most frequent responses were, in rank order, as follows:

- improved swimming pool (68%)
- pedestrian/bicycle paths (44%)
- improved parks (39%)
- improved playgrounds (36%)
- network of bicycle paths (35%)
- tennis courts (31%)
- outdoor ice skating rink (26%)

Desirable Organized Recreational Activities

When asked to indicate which organized recreation activity the respondent or their household members would find desirable, the following activities were most frequently listed as being "highly desirable": swimming (58%), exercise classes (42%), dancing (32%), baseball (31%) and softball (30%). The only recreation activity that received a slight majority (55%) as being not desirable was wrestling. In general, all of the other listed recreational activities were at least rated as being somewhat to highly desirable. The activities that were evenly split between desirable and not desirable were golf, dog obedience, skiing, and backpacking.

When recreational activity preferences was listed by age and sex categories, the following results were obtained: (in rank order)

For Children	For Teenagers	For Women	For Men
• swimming	• swimming	• exercise class	• swimming
• soccer	• volleyball	• swimming	• horseshoes
• baseball	• football	• pottery/ceramics	• golf
• volleyball	• baseball	• dancing	• softball
• football	• basketball	• softball	• basketball

Part V: You and Your Family

Demographics of Respondent

The majority of the respondents were female (67%); while 33 percent were male. Sixty-seven percent were between the ages of 25 and 44. Eleven percent were between 45 and 54 years and eight percent were over 65 years. According to the survey information, there is a equal balance of males and females in all age categories, though males tend to outnumber females in the ages groups under 11 years. Conversely, females outnumber males for all age groups after the age of 25.

Three-fourths of the respondents were married, 6% were widowed. Only 5 percent were single. In general, there is very little difference between the education level of the respondent and his or her spouse. Education levels for respondents and spouses were as follows; Jr. High or less-1%, some High School-9%, High School grad.-41%, some college-35% and advanced degrees-3%. In general, 90 percent of Bennett's residents have at least completed high school. Some 14 percent are college graduates. The average household size was slightly over 3; the most common household size was 4.

Respondents were asked to report the occupation of both themselves and their spouses. There was no occupation predominate among residents, though skilled craftsman/foreman and homemaker were the most common, followed by clerical and professional. Specific results were as follows: 24% were homemakers, 21% were farmers/skilled craftsmen, 18% clerical workers, 17% machine or equipment operators and 16% were professional/technical workers. There were no students in the sample but the question did not include household members other than spouse and respondent. Nine percent were retired, two percent were unemployed and two percent were disabled.

Thirty-three percent indicated that there was at least one wage earner in the household and 43% reported two wage earners. Five percent reported more than three wage earners and three percent indicated that there were no wage earners in the household.

Work Location

Only 36% of the residents included in the survey work in Bennett. Sixty-seven percent work in the Denver area, 39% in Aurora, 7% in west metro Denver and 6% worked in Commerce City. In general, the survey information indicates that more females work in Bennett than males. Very few residents work in the nearby towns of Strasburg, Watkins, or Byers.

Additional Comments

The following comments were included as written responses on the survey:

"I only hope that Bennett does things wisely and controls growth that is expected with the airport. I moved here to get away from Aurora, which had uncontrolled growth for the 70's and most of the 80's. Let Bennett grow, but not so big as to turn into another nightmare suburb! Let's try to become a model community for the 90's."

"We have truly enjoyed our 8 months in Bennett. It is a wonderful place to raise our kids. If this town were to grow some it would only help it. We find that we are staying more and more in the I-70 corridor for our needs according to prices and availability. We have tried to get involved in our youth's activities."

"Need very much to plan ahead for the town to grow so it will look and grow with order. The tri-corner has been very poorly planned. If one goes to the bank, you have to back out on busy street and around to go to post office or grocery store."

The only problem I had answering this was, its one thing to say you have enough water or police or anything else for the people you have now. It is not reasonable to assume that this would be the case if a lot of other people moved into Bennett."

"Several questions in this survey were concerning attracting growth. If we improve the appearance of our community, growth of population, businesses, etcetera will surely follow.

"I live in Centennial and therefore have developed strong opinions concerning new residential growth! Obviously we'll need more water with new growth. Additionally, I think its imperative all new houses be built deep enough on the lot to allow for 2 cars to be parked in the driveways and not to overhang on the sidewalks. This is currently not possible and especially with so many one car garages. I feel it was poor planning on the town's part in allowing this, resulting in overcrowding of parked cars on residential streets. (This is dangerous with kids at play, and a detriment to snow removal.) Or perhaps require 2 car garages! "

"Is something wrong somewhere that keeps businesses from locating in Bennett and local residents must go elsewhere to shop?"

"Although I moved here for the small town living, I do feel growth is imperative for us, (residential and retail). I just don't want greed to overcome good senses, (Summer Valley Ranch Subdivision in Aurora is a good example). Smaller and cheaper homes were continually built until no open spaces existed. It didn't start out this way. The result: lower income families, renters and it now borders on a slum! Overcrowded! Lets plan with pride!"

"Could use more restaurant facilities, maybe some of the fast food franchises."

"Don't lose sight of what a small town is and why people live in them. - Somewhat organized, but not overly nosy."

Community Appearance

"The government has a roll to play in making this community (both public and private) look good. It is time we started enforcing the ordinances we already have in place. A good looking community attracts business, people, and develops pride. Who wants to live in a dump. (apparently a few people do, Let them live in Commerce City, eh?)"

"I realize that Centennial is only a few years old but I am aware of the lack of trees. Why can't the

City plant some trees in Centennial. I know Aurora plants trees in subdivisions and older neighborhoods. Centennial is a part of Bennett whether you like it or not! Start treating it like it is a part. Quit ignoring our existence! Start taking care of the people who take care of Bennett!"

"Seems like an overemphasis on "appearance ' to the point of controlling what people can have on their property. I have a nice well-kept yard and house, yet recently was forced to remove a car (not junk) which I had future plans for when the time and money became available-oh well. In the meantime, my neighbor's dog barks incessantly night and day. I just want a peaceful place to live; if somebody cares so much for looks let them move to Cherry Hills!!"

"Vacant houses in Bennett should have some kind of upkeep of yards so that they don't look so ratty. These houses make a sore eye to the rest of the community. Who could be made to be responsible for their maintenance?"

Local Government

"The town board members should be required to have more background and experience in running the town than they currently have. Could it be that they are symptoms of the "good ole boy syndrome" in this town?? We currently have board members that I think are excellent and they care, but I also think that some of them didn't become board members because of their knowledge or background in running a town of this size."

"Taxes are higher here than in Aurora with property sq. ft. more."

"Schools inadequate, streets inadequate, so where is money going!"

"I think the Town of Bennett should pursue any legal action there is available to stop the asbestos dump north of town. This dump will cause a lot of long term problems."

"It would be small extra income for the town if they would publish a current map of Bennett and distribute to local merchants to sell. I have had numerous inquiries as to streets or routes and have been asked for local maps. I have to end up sending them to a real estate office or the post office. This is very convenient for them. This map could easily sell for \$1.25 and would pay for little incidentals such as this survey."

"I feel that Bennett is two cities in one working against each other. First you have "old" Bennett with established homes and nice trees. Then there is Centennial with run down homes, trashy looking yards, no trees, and no law enforcement. It seem to me that the people who live in old Bennett resent the Centennial subdivision and will not accept the fact that it even exists. We are always last in street cleaning, snow removal, law enforcement, etc.. This town better wake up and realize that there is a huge tax base in Centennial. I know! My property taxes are outrageous! If it wasn't for Centennial this town would be dead."

"I feel the town should be more involved in town issues rather than personal issues."

"Remove the city council and get someone who knows what they are doing. Some of the rules of Bennett are a bunch of b.s.. If the city council can't run the town, lets get someone who can. It seems like this town is like the City of Julesburg."

Law Enforcement

"I feel that the sheriff's department does an adequate job with the manpower they have. Bennett needs to do something about traffic and traffic control. The speeding in Centennial is out of control! People young and old, pay no attention to the speed limit. We have a bunch of small children playing on the sidewalks and in the streets of Centennial. Thank goodness, no one has been run

over yet. I feel more speed limit signs, stop signs, "children at play" signs, etc. should be installed throughout Centennial. At least drivers will be more aware of the conditions and maybe, just maybe, they might slow down a while in Centennial. "

"As I started earlier - drugs are becoming a definite problem. Instead of the law enforcement or those in a responsible position (parents included) turning their heads - we should make an effort to rehabilitate these people. Sure getting the pushers is a coup, but all of the users must be helped to overcome this fast growing problem."

"I am somewhat concerned with the Bennett rent-a-cops being so concerned with expired plates on utility trailers parked in the yard. I do not feel it is anyone's business as long as the vehicle is off the street and is not an eyesore. (In my case it was a new utility trailer, the cop had to trespass into my yard to check the tag as the trailer was backed in.) With all the speeding in the area, more productive use of their time is necessary."

Bus Service

"We really need bus service into town. It really makes it hard if my car breaks down or when it snows. What would it take to get bus service out here?"

"Definitely need bus service to Denver - Why have we paid RTD taxes for so many years? I've yet to see an RTD bus here."

Phone Service

"I think something should be done in regards to the cost of telephone calls being outside of Bennett, when 10 miles west of Bennett you can call to other parts of Denver for just twenty cents. Persons living 30 miles or less from Denver, west can call without toll charge. Why not east?"

"I feel the Moffet Phone Company should be moved clear out of Bennett."

Recreation

"Would like to see the pool converted for year round use and an hour or more set aside for swimming. We need tennis courts! And what is the community center for? We watched its construction, saved papers for its fund drives, but see little use made of it."

"Very much appreciate the work that is already being done on the parks."

"Community center seems to be off-limits to certain activities."

"The greatest complaint I hear from teens is boredom. They think entertainment requires an electrical cord. We need activities that not only stimulate their minds but also teaches a skill. Woodworking and photography will get them thinking, sports will keep them moving. We need to teach our children how to entertain themselves, rather than machines that entertain them."

Cable TV

"Bennett needs much better cable TV service like Cinemax, Nickelodeon, WGN, TNT, American Movie Classics, Lifetime, Family Ent., etc.."

"Cable TV is lousy We pay the same as Denver does and do not get any of the other channels, such as: TNT."

"I don't understand the obsession with the cable TV, people in Bennett need to get out and get

involved in the community, rather than sitting in front of the tube. Cable TV is a personal issue and I don't feel the town or its board need to waste its time on this issue."

About this Survey

"Thank you for this survey. There were a lot of important questions asked. Didn't think the town cared about a lot of the same problems that our family did. Hope something comes of this survey of how to improve the status of Bennett."

"Some questions were too vague, or poorly worded. You might have been more specific if you hoped to obtain the information. Room for comments under each question would have been useful."

"I feel this paper was a good idea to help pull the community together."

"I would like to thank the town council for giving the community a chance to speak out on the issues which were in this survey. It makes me and my family appreciate this community."

APPENDIX

APPENDIX: Number and Percentages of Responses

Explanation: For the following questions, TR refers to the total number of responses to the question; NR refers to the total number who gave no response for each question; N refers to the number of responses for each item or answer; and % refers to the percentage of responses for each item or answer.

Part I: Residency and Housing

1. Location of respondent within town:

TR = 223 NR = 13

<u>Area</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
1. Area 1 (north of Hwy. 36)	36	28.3
2. Area 2 (south of Hwy. 36, west of Hwy. 79)	122	54.7
3. Area 3 (south of Hwy. 36, east of Hwy. 79)	38	17.0

2. Length of time in Bennett and Colorado:

	<u>Bennett</u>		<u>Colorado</u>	
	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
1. Less than 1 year	24	10.4	3	1.3
2. 1-3 years	33	14.3	10	4.4
3. 3-5 years	30	13.0	10	4.4
4. 5-10 years	79	34.2	25	10.9
5. 10-15 years	14	6.1	25	10.9
6. More than 15 years	51	22.1	156	68.1

3. Three important factors for leaving Bennett:

TR = 116 NR = 120

<u>Reasons</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>% of C.</u>
1. Better jobs elsewhere	33	28.4
2. Job transfer	21	18.1
3. Lack of job here	29	25.0
4. Lack of recreational facilities	26	22.4
5. Better housing opportunities	20	17.2
6. Friends and/or relatives moving	7	6.0
7. Lack of good education facilities	17	14.7
8. Community is physically unattractive	18	15.5
9. Poor shopping facilities	47	40.5
10. Poor health facilities	24	20.7
11. Uncertain future here	18	15.5
12. lack of cultural facilities	5	4.3
13. Community distance to work	27	23.3
14. Other	20	17.2

4. Two best reasons for moving to Bennett in last five years:

TR = 127 NR = 109

<u>Reasons</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>% of C.</u>
1. Small town atmosphere	67	52.8
2. Affordable housing	51	40.2
3. Economic/job opportunity	8	6.3
4. Nearness to schools	9	7.1
5. Proximity to Denver Metro area	18	14.2
6. Climate	4	3.1
7. Health related reasons	3	2.4
8. Retirement	7	5.5
9. Friends/relatives live here	19	15.0
10. Better environment for raising children	45	35.4
11. Other	7	5.5

5. Respondent's current housing situation:

TR = 231 NR = 5

<u>Housing Situation</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
1. Renting	52	22.5
2. Buying	142	61.5
3. Own	37	16.0

6. Type of housing respondent lives in:

TR = 227 NR = 9

<u>Housing Type</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
1. Single family	187	82.4
2. Duplex	2	0.9
3. Apartment	4	1.8
4. Company-owned	1	0.4
5. Boarding house	0	0.0
6. Mobile home	22	9.7
7. Condo	2	0.9
8. Senior citizen	6	2.6
9. Other	3	1.3

7. Satisfaction with present housing situation:

TR = 233 NR = 3

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
1. Very satisfied	71	30.5
2. Satisfied	131	56.2
3. Dissatisfied	27	11.6
4. Very dissatisfied	4	1.7

8. Why dissatisfied with current housing situation:

TR = 28 NR = 208

<u>Reasons</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
1. High taxes	1	3.6
2. Poor housing market	2	7.1
3. House too small	14	50.0
4. Houses too close together	1	3.6
5. House too large	1	3.6

<u>Reasons</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
6. House too poorly built	7	25.0
7. Dislike mobile homes	1	3.6
8. Lots too small	1	3.6

9. Rating the condition of properties in neighborhood:
 TR = 232 NR = 4

<u>Rating</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
1. Excellent	21	9.1
2. Satisfactory	157	67.7
3. Unsatisfactory	41	17.7
4. No comment	11	4.7
5. No house within one block	2	0.9

10. Should housing condition be of concern to other townspeople:
 TR = 221 NR = 15

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
1. Yes	89	40.3
2. No	106	48.0
3. Uncertain	26	11.8

11. Feeling about responsibility to notify owners/town authorities to correct substandard housing conditions:
 TR = 225 NR = 11

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
1. Yes	106	47.1
2. No	75	33.3
3. Uncertain	11	19.6

12. Rating of Bennett's tap water:
 TR = 232 TR = 221 TR = 227 TR = 223

<u>Rating</u>	<u>Taste</u>		<u>Odor</u>		<u>Pressure</u>		<u>Availability</u>	
	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
1. Very good	34	14.7	38	17.2	25	11.0	32	14.3
2. Good	110	47.4	101	45.7	82	36.1	105	47.1
3. Fair	59	25.4	46	20.8	67	29.5	57	25.6
4. Poor	26	11.2	23	10.4	52	22.9	26	11.7
5. Uncertain	3	1.3	13	5.9	1	0.4	3	1.3

Part II: Community Living

1. Best aspects of day-to-day life in Bennett:
 TR = 228 NR = 8

<u>Aspects</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
1. Its location	89	39.0
2. Its size	141	61.8
3. Climate	17	7.5
4. Close to schools	25	11.0
5. Economic/job opportunities	10	4.4

<u>Aspects</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
6. Friends and neighbors	109	47.8
7. All of these	14	6.1
8. Other	0	0.0

2. Rating Bennett as a place to live:
TR = 236 NR = 0

<u>Rating</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
1. Excellent	17	7.2
2. Good	120	50.8
3. Fair	89	37.7
4. Poor	10	4.2

3. Single important thing to make living better in Bennett:
TR = 225 NR = 11

<u>Reasons</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
1. More job opportunities	51	22.7
2. More recreational facilities	40	17.8
3. Better schools	17	7.6
4. More growth	23	10.2
5. No growth	10	4.4
6. More health care facilities	16	7.1
7. Child day care facilities	2	0.9
8. More shopping facilities	49	21.8
9. Other	17	7.6

4. Feeling on being adequately informed about community affairs:
TR = NR =

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
1. Yes	108	47.2
2. No	111	48.5
3. Don't care	10	4.4

5. Ten major improvements to be made in next year in Bennett:
TR = 175 NR = 61

<u>Improvements</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
1. Better recreation facilities	29	16.6
2. Town clean-up	16	9.1
3. Better law enforcement	14	8.0
4. Better shopping opportunities	14	8.0
5. Better schools	12	6.9
6. Better water service	9	5.1
7. More growth	6	3.4
8. Better employment opportunities	6	3.4
9. Better mail service	5	2.9
10. Lower taxes	5	2.9

6. Where respondent most frequently obtains services:

Type	Deer				Denver			
	Trail	Byers	Strasburg	Bennett	Metro	Watkins	Limon	Other
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
1. Beauty shop	0.5	1.9	8.3	44.7	40.3	1.5	0.0	2.9
2. Barber shop	0.0	3.2	8.1	25.3	57.0	3.2	0.0	3.2
3. Dry-clng.	0.0	1.7	0.8	36.4	35.6	0.0	0.0	0.8
4. Laundry	0.7	0.0	1.4	54.5	17.5	0.0	0.0	25.9
5. Medical	0.0	0.0	22.3	6.7	68.8	0.0	0.0	2.2
6. Dental	0.0	0.0	2.5	49.2	36.0	0.4	0.0	2.5
7. Banking	0.0	1.3	16.9	38.7	39.6	0.0	0.0	3.1
8. Eating out	0.0	3.6	3.6	29.8	60.7	0.0	0.0	2.4
9. Auto repair	0.0	0.5	3.7	46.0	46.5	0.0	0.0	3.3
10. Appl.repair	0.5	1.0	9.9	28.7	51.5	0.5	0.5	7.4
11. Recreation	0.0	0.0	3.3	18.7	71.3	1.4	0.0	5.3

7. Where respondent most frequently shops for following items:

Items	Deer				Denver			
	Trail	Byers	Strasburg	Bennett	Metro	Watkins	Limon	Other
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
1. Groceries	0.0	1.3	0.9	32.3	63.8	0.0	0.0	1.7
2. Drugs/medic.	0.0	5.6	17.7	2.2	71.4	0.0	0.0	3.0
3. Clothing	0.0	0.4	0.4	2.2	95.1	0.0	0.0	1.8
4. Hardware	0.0	0.9	7.6	30.9	60.1	0.0	0.0	0.4
5. Alcohol bev.	0.0	0.0	3.5	54.3	34.7	1.7	0.0	5.8
6. Gasoline	0.0	0.0	0.9	45.8	44.9	5.8	0.0	2.7
7. Appliances	0.0	0.0	0.9	3.6	90.5	0.0	0.0	5.0
8. Furniture	0.0	0.0	0.9	2.3	91.4	0.0	0.0	5.5

Part III: Economic Conditions and Public Facilities and Services

1. Rating the job Bennett is doing in solving problems and needs:

TR = 235 NR = 1

Opinion	N	%
1. Excellent	6	2.6
2. Good	67	28.5
3. Fair	84	35.7
4. Poor	38	16.2
5. Don't know	29	12.3
6. No opinion	11	4.7

2. What should Bennett consider regarding growth or no-growth:

TR = 226 NR = 10

Opinion	N	%
1. Contribute to slow rate of growth	88	38.9
2. Promote growth	77	34.1
3. Prevent growth	8	3.5
4. Neither encourage nor discourage	41	18.1
5. Other	12	5.3

3. Who has responsibility for paying for growth-related improvements:
 TR = 232 NR = 4

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
1. Tax payer	2	0.9
2. Builders/developers	172	74.1
3. Taxpayer/builder developer	53	22.8
4. Other	5	2.2

4. Agreement with annexation statements:
 TR = 231 NR = 4

<u>Statement</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
1. Should not annex land in near future	15	6.5
2. Should annex land in near future	33	14.3
3. Should annex land under strict restrictions	39	16.9
4. Annexation should depend on circumstances	143	61.9

5. Importance of following issues in Bennett:

<u>Issues</u>	<u>Very Important</u> <u>%</u>	<u>Somewhat Important</u> <u>%</u>	<u>Not Important</u> <u>%</u>
1. Enforced of building codes (TR=214)	44.4	48.6	7.0
2. Enforced of zoning ordinance (TR=214)	43.9	45.3	10.7
3. Undertake park improvements (TR=217)	49.5	42.7	7.7
4. Land use planning (TR=217)	66.8	30.0	3.2
5. Animal control (TR=226)	64.2	32.3	3.5
6. Citizen participation ((TR=216)	66.7	30.1	3.2
7. Environmental protection (TR=220)	77.7	20.0	2.3
8. Water quality (TR=227)	93.4	5.7	0.9
9. Recreation (TR=221)	53.4	43.4	3.2
10. Town maintenance (TR=187)	75.4	23.5	1.1
11. Other (TR=23)	91.3	8.7	0.0

6. Developing non-polluting industries in Bennett:
 TR = 226 NR = 10

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
1. Yes	155	68.6
2. No	33	14.6
3. Uncertain	38	16.8

7. Developing additional commercial/retail in Bennett:
 TR = 225 NR = 11

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
1. Yes	194	86.2
2. No	10	4.4
3. Uncertain	21	9.3

8. Evaluation of the adequacy of governmental services or facilities:
(By percent)

<u>Items</u>	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Adequate</u>	<u>In need of Improvement</u>	<u>Non-existent</u>
1. Parks	5.4	41.0	52.3	1.4
2. Day care center	3.5	35.5	37.0	24.3
3. Street maintenance	5.8	59.6	31.4	3.1
4. Sidewalks	3.7	50.9	31.3	14.0
5. Street lights	6.8	59.5	27.0	6.8
6. Curbs & gutters	10.0	57.9	29.9	2.3
7. Drainage	6.8	47.3	42.7	3.2
8. Water service	12.2	53.6	33.3	0.9
9. Sewer service	12.1	79.5	8.0	0.4
10. Animal control	1.8	41.7	41.3	15.2
11. Snow removal	10.9	40.9	45.9	2.3
12. Speed control	7.1	44.6	40.6	7.6
13. Police protection	8.5	47.1	39.0	5.4
14. Fire protection	26.1	63.5	10.4	0.0
15. Electric/gas service	23.4	69.8	5.9	0.9
16. Phone service	14.1	44.9	39.6	1.3
17. Phone costs	4.5	35.7	57.9	1.8
18. Recreation facilities	2.8	26.3	55.8	15.2
19. Town meetings	4.2	60.8	30.2	4.8
20. Health services	1.4	28.3	54.3	16.0
21. Traffic control	1.9	59.1	25.6	13.0
22. Refuse collection	22.5	62.9	12.7	1.9
23. Cable TV	3.6	49.5	43.2	3.6
24. Other	4.2	20.8	37.5	37.5

9. Ten services or facilities marked "in need of improvement" or "non-existent" which Bennett should give high priority to:

TR = 198

NR = 38

<u>Items</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>% of C.</u>
1. Receptions facilities	58	29.3
2. Animal control	55	27.8
3. Health services	51	25.8
4. Police protection	43	21.7
5. Speed control	43	21.7
6. Phone cost	42	21.2
7. Phone service	32	16.2
8. Street maintenance	31	15.7
9. Water service	27	13.6
10. Parks	24	12.1

(Question #8) Illustrating the rating sum of Bennett's adequacy in providing government services and facilities:

TR = 233

NR = 3

<u>Rating</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
Excellent	437	8.8
Adequate	2,515	50.4
In need of improvement	1,725	34.6
Non-existent	314	6.3

10. Spending additional funds for improving or obtaining service or facilities priorities listed in Question 9:
 TR = 214 NR = 22

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
1. Yes	136	63.6
2. No	17	7.9
3. Uncertain	52	24.3
4. Other	9	4.2

11. Extent funds should be spent on specific services or facilities:
 (by percentage)

<u>Items</u>	<u>Spend More</u>	<u>Spend Same</u>	<u>Spend Less</u>
1. Fire protection	18.5	77.3	4.3
2. Police protection	44.4	53.7	1.9
3. Town maintenance	28.0	68.2	3.8
4. Water system	36.4	61.2	2.3
5. Sewer system	5.7	92.3	1.9
6. Animal control	39.3	55.1	5.6
7. EMT services	45.8	52.8	1.4
8. Snow removal	38.6	60.9	0.5
9. Park/rec. facilities	49.8	42.0	8.2
10. Other	54.5	18.2	27.3
Summary (TR = 225)	34.2	62.4	3.4

12. Rating following services provided by Bennett: (by percentage)

<u>Items</u>	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
1. Law enforcement	13.5	35.8	31.9	16.2	2.6
2. Animal control	0.9	22.7	28.0	44.4	4.0
3. Snow removal	8.0	28.8	36.7	22.6	4.0
4. Street maintenance	5.4	39.3	37.9	14.7	2.7
5. Park maintenance	6.7	42.7	38.7	8.9	3.1
6. Street sweeping	2.7	21.6	32.9	36.0	6.8
Summary (TR = 230)	6.2	31.8	34.3	23.8	3.8

13. Most/least desirable means of financing services and needs:

<u>Type</u>	<u>TR = 187</u>		<u>TR = 174</u>	
	<u>Most Desirable</u>	<u>Least Desirable</u>	<u>Most Desirable</u>	<u>Least Desirable</u>
	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
1. Town sales tax	77	41.2	31	17.8
2. User service tax	56	29.9	16	9.2
3. Property tax	23	12.3	102	58.6
4. Special tax district	22	11.8	24	13.8
5. Other	9	4.8	1	0.6

14. Feeling safe on street in Bennett after dark:
 TR = 233 NR = 3

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
1. Yes	105	45.1
2. No	33	14.2
3. Somewhat	87	37.3
4. No opinion	8	3.4

15. Three most common reasons why respondent places telephone calls to parties in Denver or its suburbs:
 TR = 209

<u>Type</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>% of Cases</u>
1. Work related	129	61.7
2. Family and relatives	125	59.8
3. Friends	93	44.5
4. Shopping information	87	41.6
5. Medical	72	34.4
6. Business related	39	18.7
7. Services information	12	5.7
8. General information	11	5.3

16. Should Bennett make more effort to insure that properties are kept in good condition:
 TR = 222 NR = 14

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
1. Yes	141	63.5
2. No	38	17.1
3. No opinion	43	19.4

17. Priority improvement choices felt to be needed in Bennett:
 (By percentage)

<u>Improvements</u>	<u>First Choice</u>	<u>Second Choice</u>	<u>Third Choice</u>	<u>Fourth Choice</u>	<u>Fifth Choice</u>
1. Better law enforcement	18.7	8.6	5.9	4.1	5.7
2. Better animal control	6.8	12.9	10.8	11.3	7.8
3. Eliminate long distance phone charges	41.1	23.8	12.7	7.2	5.7
4. Improve cable TV	0.0	4.3	6.4	10.3	7.8
5. Expand water supply	8.7	12.4	12.3	7.7	8.9
6. Commnty. beautification	3.2	5.7	4.4	10.8	6.8
7. More residential	0.5	1.4	7.8	4.6	6.3
8. More commercial	6.8	11.4	11.3	14.4	12.5
9. Maintained yards	1.4	4.8	5.4	4.6	4.7
10. More rec/entertainment	5.9	7.6	13.7	12.8	17.2
11. Rehab. older homes	0.9	1.4	2.5	6.2	7.8
12. More sidewalks	0.9	3.3	4.4	2.6	4.2
13. Other	4.1	2.4	2.5	3.6	4.2

Summary of top improvement priorities felt to be needed in Bennett:
 (in order of priority) TR = 219

<u>Improvement</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
1. Elimination of long distance charges to Denver	191	87.2
2. More recreational/entertainment opportunities	115	52.5
3. Attraction of more retail development	114	52.1
4. Expanded water supply	102	46.6
5. Better animal control	101	46.1
6. Better law enforcement	90	41.1
7. Community beautification	62	28.3

18. Feelings about the following appearance issues in Bennett:
 (By percentage)

<u>Issues</u>	<u>Not a Problem</u>	<u>Somewhat of a Problem</u>	<u>A Major Problem</u>
1. Junk & junk cars	24.4	51.1	24.4
2. Weeds	14.2	55.0	30.7
3. Housing upkeep	29.6	56.3	14.1
4. Dilapidated buildings	23.6	50.0	26.4
5. Poor yards	26.6	56.1	17.3
6. Lack of trees/shrubs	36.2	40.8	22.5
7. Storage in yards	35.7	47.6	16.7
8. Unattractive businesses	53.0	38.1	8.8
9. Unattractive parks	56.7	37.5	5.8
10. Railroad property	63.8	30.0	6.2
11. Unpaved business parking	55.6	33.2	11.2
12. Unpaved driveways	71.7	25.5	2.8
13. Poor fences	50.2	41.2	8.5
14. Poorly swept streets	38.6	42.4	19.0
15. No sidewalks	44.0	32.9	23.1
16. No curbs and gutters	56.4	31.8	11.8

19. Retaining the Bennett Cable TV Channel:
 TR = 184 NR = 52

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
1. Yes	47	25.5
2. No	75	40.8
3. No opinion	62	33.7

20. Most important law enforcement problem in Bennett:
 (By percentage)

<u>Problems</u>	<u>First Choice</u>	<u>Second Choice</u>	<u>Third Choice</u>	<u>Fourth Choice</u>	<u>Fifth Choice</u>
1. Vehicular speeding	26.9	16.7	15.7	10.8	15.4
2. Reckless driving	10.6	27.4	15.2	21.0	8.8
3. House break-ins	15.7	14.4	22.1	16.4	15.4
4. Vandalism	9.7	21.9	21.6	26.7	12.6
5. Selling/using drugs	32.4	9.8	15.7	8.2	15.4
6. Family disputes	2.8	5.1	5.4	10.3	13.2
7. Physical violence	0.5	3.3	4.4	6.7	17.6

Top five law enforcement problems:

<u>Problem</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>% of C.</u>
1. Vandalism	187	86.2
2. Vehicular speeding	175	80.6
3. Reckless driving	170	78.3
4. House break-ins	170	78.3
5. Selling/using drugs	167	77.0

21. Respondent or family member interest in attending evening meeting to discuss the following with police or other specialists:
(By percentage)

<u>Meeting Type</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
1. Crime prevention in home	54.7	45.3
2. How to report a crime	47.3	52.7
3. Juvenile delinquency	51.3	48.7
4. Drug abuse	58.2	41.8
5. Observation techniques	46.0	54.0
6. Alcohol abuse	41.9	58.1
7. Defensive driving	40.7	59.3
8. CPR training	61.1	38.9
9. Police procedures	54.3	45.7
10. Operation of judicial system	46.5	53.5
11. Other	32.1	67.9

Part IV: Recreation

1. Five recreational and cultural improvements most needed in Bennett:
(By percentage)

<u>Type</u>	<u>First Choice</u>	<u>Second Choice</u>	<u>Third Choice</u>	<u>Fourth Choice</u>	<u>Fifth Choice</u>
1. New parks	8.9	2.0	3.2	2.2	3.5
2. Improved parks	11.8	8.1	7.9	6.0	7.5
3. Fitness trail	6.9	4.1	4.2	6.0	2.3
4. Soccer field	2.5	4.1	1.6	2.7	5.2
5. Improved play grounds	4.9	8.1	9.5	7.1	8.7
6. Tennis courts	2.5	9.6	5.8	8.8	6.9
7. Bike paths	8.4	11.2	6.3	7.1	3.5
8. Improved ball fields	4.9	3.0	6.8	4.9	1.7
9. More ball fields	2.5	3.6	3.7	3.3	2.3
10. Improved swim pool	22.7	14.2	12.6	11.0	11.0
11. Theatre group	1.5	2.0	3.7	3.8	4.6
12. Improved picnic fac.	2.0	4.1	6.8	6.6	6.9
13. Concert series	1.0	3.0	4.7	3.3	4.6
14. Improved comm. center	3.0	3.0	4.2	6.6	6.4
15. Outdoor skating area	3.9	7.6	4.7	7.1	4.6
16. Outdoor handball courts	1.5	2.5	2.1	1.6	4.0
17. Pedestrian trails	8.4	7.6	12.1	8.8	10.4
18. Equestrian trails	0.5	1.0	0.0	1.1	3.5
19. Other	2.5	1.0	0.0	1.1	1.7

Summary of top choices for recreational and cultural improvements:
 TR = 203

<u>Type</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>% of C.</u>
1. Improvement swimming pool	137	67.5
2. Pedestrian/bicycle paths	89	43.8
3. Improved parks	79	38.9
4. Improve playgrounds	72	35.5
5. Network of bicycle paths	70	34.5
6. Tennis courts	63	31.0
7. Outdoor ice skating rink	53	26.1

3. Desirable organized town-wide recreational activities:
 (By percentage)

<u>Type</u>	<u>Highly Desirable</u>	<u>Somewhat Desirable</u>	<u>Not Desirable</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
1. Volleyball	24.1	45.4	21.8	8.6
2. Basketball	19.3	42.6	29.0	9.1
3. Softball	29.7	44.0	16.6	9.7
4. Soccer	23.4	33.1	33.1	10.3
5. Wrestling	6.5	23.7	55.0	14.8
6. Baseball	30.5	39.1	19.5	10.9
7. Football	24.9	38.7	26.6	9.8
8. Dog obedience	17.8	30.5	39.7	12.1
9. Tennis	21.7	36.0	32.6	9.7
10. Golf	21.5	24.4	41.9	12.2
11. Horseshoes	20.7	40.8	27.0	11.5
12. Skiing	14.1	32.9	40.6	12.4
13. Backpacking	8.9	33.9	45.8	11.3
14. Swimming	57.5	30.9	8.3	3.3
15. Camping	24.7	43.5	21.8	10.0
16. Pottery/Ceramics	28.0	39.4	25.7	6.9
17. Exercise class	41.6	36.0	14.6	7.9
18. Photography	18.0	37.1	34.1	10.8
19. Dancing	32.0	34.9	24.6	8.6
20. Other	51.7	6.9	17.2	24.1

First three choices of recreational activities rated as "highly desirable" by categories: (By percentage)

<u>Children Activities</u> (TR = 118)	<u>N</u>	<u>% of C.</u>
1. Swimming	101	85.6
2. Soccer	36	30.5
3. Baseball	36	30.5
4. Volleyball	28	23.7
5. Football	21	17.8

<u>Teen Activities</u> (TR = 89)	<u>N</u>	<u>% of C.</u>
1. Swimming	46	51.7
2. Volleyball	26	29.2
3. Football	23	25.8
4. Baseball	17	19.1
5. Basketball	12	13.5
6. Camping	12	13.5
7. Dancing	12	13.5

<u>Women Activities</u> (TR = 106)		
	<u>N</u>	<u>% of C.</u>
1. Exercise class	54	50.9
2. Swimming	46	46.2
3. Pottery/ceramics	32	30.2
4. Volleyball	31	29.2
5. Dancing	23	21.7
6. Softball	20	18.9

<u>Men Activities</u> (TR = 104)		
	<u>N</u>	<u>% of C.</u>
1. Swimming	35	33.6
2. Horseshoes	24	23.1
3. Softball	24	23.1
4. Golf	22	21.1
5. Basketball	19	18.3
6. Camping	19	18.3

Part V: You And Your Family

1. Sex of respondent:

TR = 222 NR = 14

<u>Sex</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
1. Female	148	66.7
2. Male	74	33.3

2. Age of respondent:

TR = 223 NR = 13

<u>Age Categories</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
1. 18-24 yrs.	12	5.4
2. 25-34 yrs.	77	34.5
3. 35-44 yrs.	73	32.7
4. 45-54 yrs.	25	11.2
5. 55-59 yrs.	12	5.4
6. 60-64 yrs.	6	2.7
7. 65 yrs. and over	18	8.1

3. Marital status of respondent:

TR = 222 NR = 14

<u>Status</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>% of C.</u>
1. Never married	12	5.4
2. Married	168	75.7
3. Separated	7	3.2
4. Divorced	19	8.6
5. Widowed	14	6.3
6. Other	2	0.9

4. Education levels of respondent and spouse: (By percentage)
 TR = 219 NR = 172

<u>Educational Level</u>	<u>Respondent</u>		<u>Spouse</u>		<u>Summary</u>	
	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
1. Jr. High or less	4	1.8	1	0.6	5	1.3
2. Some high school	15	6.8	19	11.0	34	8.7
3. High school grad.	85	38.8	75	43.6	160	40.9
4. Some college	80	36.5	58	33.7	138	35.3
5. College grad.	32	14.6	12	7.0	44	11.3
6. Master's	3	1.4	6	3.5	9	2.3
7. Ph.D.	0	0.0	1	0.6	1	0.3

5. Total number of people in household:
 TR = 223 NR = 13

<u>Number</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
One	20	9.0
Two	46	20.6
Three	45	20.2
Four	68	30.5
Five	27	12.1
Six	11	4.9
Seven	4	1.8
Eight	0	0.0
Nine	2	0.9

Mean number of persons per household = 3.435

6. Number of males and females in household by age categories:

<u>Age Category</u>	<u>Male</u>		<u>Female</u>		<u>Summary</u>	
	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
1. Under 4 years	36	10.4	38	10.7	74	10.6
2. 4-11 years	66	19.2	56	15.8	122	17.5
3. 12-17 years	39	11.3	35	9.9	74	10.6
4. 18-25 years	25	7.3	31	8.7	56	8.0
5. 26-39 years	105	30.5	125	35.2	230	32.9
6. 40-60 years	58	16.9	49	8.2	107	15.3
7. Over 60 years	15	4.4	21	5.9	36	5.2

7. Occupation of respondent and spouse:

<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Respondent</u>		<u>Spouse</u>		<u>Summary</u>	
	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
1. Teacher	10	4.7	7	4.0	17	7.9
2. Professional	22	10.4	13	7.3	35	16.3
3. Farm owner	2	0.9	0	0.0	2	0.9
4. Proprietor	14	6.6	9	5.1	23	10.7
5. Clerical	20	9.4	19	10.7	39	18.1
6. Sales	9	4.2	9	5.1	18	8.4
7. Skilled	17	8.0	28	15.8	45	20.9
8. Machine operator	12	5.7	24	13.6	36	16.7
9. Household worker	3	1.4	1	0.6	4	1.9
10. Service worker	12	5.7	8	4.5	20	9.3

<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Respondent</u>		<u>Spouse</u>		<u>Summary</u>	
	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
11. Farm labor	1	0.5	3	1.7	4	1.9
12. Laborer	2	0.9	7	4.0	9	4.2
13. Student	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
14. Homemaker	36	17.0	17	9.6	53	24.7
15. Retired	12	5.7	8	4.5	20	9.3
16. Unemployed	2	0.9	2	1.1	4	1.9
17. Disabled	3	1.4	2	1.1	5	2.3
18. Oil field	3	1.4	0	0.0	3	1.4
19. Child care	8	3.8	0	0.0	8	3.7
20. Aviation	4	1.9	5	2.8	9	4.2
21. Other	19	9.0	15	8.5	34	15.8

8. Number of wage earners in household:
 TR = 203 NR = 33

<u>Number</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
None	9	4.4
One	77	37.9
Two	102	50.2
Three	12	5.9
Four	1	0.5
Five	1	0.5
Six	1	0.5

9. Name of city where respondent and family members work:

<u>Location</u>	<u>TR=165</u>		<u>TR=131</u>		<u>TR=22</u>		<u>Summary</u>	
	<u>Male</u>		<u>Female</u>		<u>Child</u>		<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>
	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>		
1. Bennett	21	12.7	41	31.3	6	27.3	68	36.0
2. Aurora	39	23.6	25	19.1	9	40.9	73	38.6
3. Denver	74	44.8	50	38.2	3	13.6	127	67.2
4. Strasburg	3	1.8	4	3.1	0	0.0	7	3.7
5. Kiowa	0	0.0	2	1.5	1	4.5	3	1.6
6. Brighton	3	1.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	1.6
7. Watkins	5	3.0	0	0.0	2	9.1	7	3.7
8. Denver Metro West	7	4.2	6	4.6	1	4.5	14	7.4
9. Commerce City	10	6.1	1	0.8	0	0.0	11	5.8
10. Henderson	2	1.2	1	0.8	0	0.0	5	1.6

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PART I: RESIDENCY AND HOUSING

Case No.

FIRST, WE ARE INTERESTED IN KNOWING HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT YOUR HOME AND RESIDENCY IN BENNETT.

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Card No__

1. The map below shows the Bennett community divided into two different areas. In which do you live? (Please circle the number below which corresponds to your location.)

- 1 = Area 1: north of Hwy. 36 (Colfax)
- 2 = Area 2: south of Hwy. 36, west of Hwy. 79
- 3 = Area 3: south of Hwy. 36, east of Hwy. 79

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HWY. 36 (Colfax)

2

HWY.
79

3

2. How long have you lived: (Put an "X" in the appropriate space for each question.)

	Less than <u>1 year</u>	1-3 <u>years</u>	3-5 <u>years</u>	5-10 <u>years</u>	10-15 <u>years</u>	More than <u>15 years</u>
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In Colorado?

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In Bennett?

3. If you are planning to move within the next year, what are the three most important factors influencing you to leave Bennett? (Circle any three.)

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|---|--|
| 1 - Better jobs elsewhere | 8 - Community is physically unattractive |
| 2 - Job transfer | 9 - Poor shopping facilities |
| 3 - Lack of a job here | 10 - Poor health facilities |
| 4 - Lack of recreational facilities | 11 - Uncertain future here |
| 5 - Better housing opportunities | 12 - Lack of cultural facilities |
| 6 - Friends and/or relatives moving | 13 - Commuting distance to work _____ |
| 7 - Lack of good educational facilities | 14 - Other (specify) _____ |

10__11__

12__13__

4. If you moved to the Bennett area within the past five years, which two of the following best describes your reason for moving here? (Circle two only.)

14__15__

16__17__

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|------------------------------------|--|
| 1 - Small town atmosphere | 7 - Health related reasons |
| 2 - Affordable housing | 8 - Retirement |
| 3 - Economic/job opportunity | 9 - Friends/relatives live here |
| 4 - Nearness to schools | 10 - Better environment for raising children |
| 5 - Proximity to Denver metro area | 11 - Other (specify) _____ |
| 6 - Climate | |

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5. What is your present housing situation? (Circle one.)

- | | | |
|-------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 - Renting | 2 - Buying (financing) | 3 - Own (fully paid) |
|-------------|------------------------|----------------------|

6. In what type of housing do you live? (Circle one.)

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- 1 - Single family house
- 2 - Duplex
- 3 - Apartment
- 4 - Company-owned housing
- 5 - Boarding house or room
- 6 - Mobile home
- 7 - Condo
- 8 - Senior citizen housing
- 9 - Other (specify) _____

7. How satisfied are you with your present home? (Circle one.)

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- 1 - Very satisfied
- 2 - Satisfied
- 3 - Dissatisfied
- 4 - Very dissatisfied

8. If you are dissatisfied, why are you dissatisfied? _____

21__ 22__

9. How would you rate the condition of the properties in your neighborhood? (Within one block of your residence.) (Circle one.)

23__

- 1 - Excellent
- 2 - Satisfactory
- 3 - Unsatisfactory
- 4 - No comment
- 5 - No other homes within a one block radius

10. If your housing situation is satisfactory to you, do you feel that your home and its condition should be of concern to other townspeople? (Circle one.)

24__

- 1 - Yes
- 2 - No
- 3 - Uncertain

11. If another person's house seems substandard to you, do you feel you are entitled to take action to correct the situation (by notifying owners or the proper town authorities)? (Circle one.)

25__

- 1 - Yes
- 2 - No
- 3 - Uncertain

12. In the last month, how have you found Bennett tap water to be with respect to: (Put "X" in space for each question.)

26__

27__

28__

29__

	<u>Very Good</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Uncertain</u>
Taste?	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Odor?	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Pressure?	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Availability?	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

PART II: COMMUNITY LIVING

NEXT, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW SOME OF YOUR THOUGHTS AND IDEAS ABOUT LIFE IN BENNETT.

1. What are the best aspects of day-to-day life in Bennett for you? (Circle only two numbers.)

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- 1 - Its location
- 2 - Its size
- 6 - Economic/job opportunities
- 7 - Friends and neighbors

(additional categories on following page)

- 3 - Its size
- 4 - Climate
- 5 - Close to schools
- 8 - Friends and neighbors
- 9 - All of these
- 10 - Other (specify) _____

2. How do you rate Bennett as a place to live? (Circle one.)

32__

- 1 - Excellent
- 2 - Good
- 3 - Fair
- 4 - Poor

3. What is the single most important thing that would make living in Bennett better for you? (Circle one.)

33__

- 1 - More job opportunities
- 2 - More recreational facilities
- 3 - Better schools
- 4 - More growth
- 5 - No growth
- 6 - More health care facilities
- 7 - Child day care facilities
- 8 - More shopping facilities
- 9 - Other (specify) _____

4. Do you feel you are adequately informed about activities and community affairs in Bennett?

34__

- 1 - Yes
- 2 - No
- 3 - Don't care

5. What one major improvement would you like to see made in Bennett in the next year? _____

35__ 36__

6. Where do you and your family most frequently obtain the following services? (Circle one number for each line.)

Deer Trail Byers Strasburg Bennett Denver Watkins Limon Other -
Metro specify

36__

Beauty shop 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____

37__

Barber shop 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____

38__

Drycleaning 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____

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Laundry 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____

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Medical 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____

41__

Dental 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____

42__

Banking 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____

43__

Restaurant

44__

(eating out) 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____

45__

Auto repair 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____

46__

Appliance repair 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____

47__

Recreation/Entertainment 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____

7. Where do you and your family shop most frequently for the following items?
(Circle one number for each line.)

	<u>Deer Trail</u>	<u>Byers</u>	<u>Strasburg</u>	<u>Bennett</u>	<u>Denver Metro</u>	<u>Watkins</u>	<u>Limon</u>	<u>Other - specify</u>	
48	Groceries	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Drugs/								
49	Medicine	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
50	Clothing	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
51	Hardware	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Alcoholic								
52	Beverages	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
53	Gasoline	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
54	Appliances	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
55	Furniture	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

PART III. ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AND PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES

WE ARE ALSO INTERESTED IN HOW YOU VIEW THE SERVICES, FACILITIES, AND COMMUNITY OF BENNETT.

1. On the whole, how would you rate the job the Town of Bennett is doing in responding to, and working on, the problems and needs of the community?
(Circle one.)

- 56
- | | |
|---------------|----------------|
| 1 - Excellent | 4 - Poor |
| 2 - Good | 5 - Don't know |
| 3 - Fair | 6 - No opinion |

2. Which of the following should Bennett consider doing with regard to the issue of population growth or no-growth? (Circle one.)

- 57
- 1 - Develop policies to contribute to a slow rate of growth in Bennett.
 - 2 - Develop policies to promote population growth in Bennett.
 - 3 - Develop policies to prevent growth in Bennett.
 - 4 - Neither encourage nor discourage growth in Bennett.
 - 5 - Other (specify) _____

3. If growth is to occur, do you feel it is the responsibility of the taxpayer or the homebuilder or property developer to take on the burden of paying for water, sewage and utility plant improvements needed to service their projects?
(Circle one.)

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|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 - Taxpayer | 2 - Builders
or Developers | 3 - Taxpayer/Builder
or Developer | 4 - Other (specify)
_____ |
|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|

4. Regarding annexation, which of the following statements do you agree with most? (Circle one.)

- 59
- 1 - Bennett should not annex any new land in the near future.
 - 2 - Bennett should annex new land in the near future.
 - 3 - Bennett should annex new land only under strict regulations.
 - 4 - Bennett's annexation of new land should depend on the circumstances.

5. How important are each of the following Bennett issues to you? (Circle one answer for each question.)

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important
60 <u> </u> Enforcement of building codes	1	2	3
61 <u> </u> Enforcement of the zoning ordinance	1	2	3
62 <u> </u> Undertake park improvements	1	2	3
63 <u> </u> Land use planning	1	2	3
64 <u> </u> Animal control	1	2	3
65 <u> </u> Citizen participation in local planning	1	2	3
66 <u> </u> Environmental protection	1	2	3
67 <u> </u> Water quality	1	2	3
68 <u> </u> Recreation	1	2	3
69 <u> </u> Town maintenance (specify)	1	2	3
70 <u> </u> Other (specify)	1	2	3

6. Would you like to see non-polluting industrial development in Bennett? (Circle one.)

71 1 - Yes 2 - No 3 - Uncertain

7. Would you like to see additional commercial/retail development in Bennett? (Circle one.)

72 1 - Yes 2 - No 3 - Uncertain

8. Evaluate the adequacy of the following in services or facilities in Bennett. (Circle an answer for each category.)

Card No

	Excellent	Adequate	In need of improvement	Non-existent
5 <u> </u> 1. Parks	1	2	3	4
6 <u> </u> 2. Day care centers	1	2	3	4
7 <u> </u> 3. Street maintenance	1	2	3	4
8 <u> </u> 4. Sidewalks	1	2	3	4
9 <u> </u> 5. Street lights	1	2	3	4
10 <u> </u> 6. Curbs and gutters	1	2	3	4
11 <u> </u> 7. Drainage	1	2	3	4
12 <u> </u> 8. Water service	1	2	3	4
13 <u> </u> 9. Sewer service	1	2	3	4
14 <u> </u> 10. Animal control	1	2	3	4
15 <u> </u> 11. Snow removal	1	2	3	4
16 <u> </u> 12. Speed control	1	2	3	4
17 <u> </u> 13. Police protection	1	2	3	4
18 <u> </u> 14. Fire protection	1	2	3	4
19 <u> </u> 15. Electrical/gas service	1	2	3	4
20 <u> </u> 16. Phone service	1	2	3	4
21 <u> </u> 17. Phone costs	1	2	3	4
22 <u> </u> 18. Recreation facilities	1	2	3	4
23 <u> </u> 19. Town meetings	1	2	3	4
24 <u> </u> 20. Health services	1	2	3	4
25 <u> </u> 21. Traffic control	1	2	3	4
26 <u> </u> 22. Refuse collection services	1	2	3	4
27 <u> </u> 23. Cable TV service	1	2	3	4
28 <u> </u> 24. Other (specify)	1	2	3	4

15. Please list below the three most common reasons (for example, to call friends, relatives, work site, retail establishments, etc.) why you place telephone calls to parties in Denver or its suburbs?

55 56
 57 58
 59 60

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

16. Should Bennett's town government make more of an effort to insure that people keep their properties in good condition?

61

Yes _____ No _____ No Opinion _____

17. Please number from 1 to 5 those improvements which you feel are most needed in Bennett (for example, first choice #1, second choice #2, etc.).

62 63
 64 65
 66 67
 68 69
 70 71

1. Better law enforcement _____
2. Better animal control _____
3. Elimination of long distance charges on telephone calls from Bennett to Denver and its suburbs _____
4. Improved cable TV _____
5. Expanded water supply _____
6. Community beautification _____
7. Attraction of more residential development _____
8. Attraction of more retail development _____
9. Better kept up or maintained yards _____
10. More recreational and entertainment opportunities _____
11. Rehabilitation of older houses _____
12. More sidewalks _____
13. Other (please list) _____

Card No

18. How do you feel about the following appearance issues in Bennett?

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	<u>Not a problem</u>	<u>Somewhat of a problem</u>	<u>A major problem</u>
1. Junk and junk cars	_____	_____	_____
2. Weeds	_____	_____	_____
3. Housing upkeep	_____	_____	_____
4. Abandoned/dilapidated bldgs.	_____	_____	_____
5. Poorly maintained yards	_____	_____	_____
6. Lack of trees and shrubs	_____	_____	_____
7. Excessive use of yards for storage	_____	_____	_____
8. Unattractive businesses	_____	_____	_____
9. Unattractive parks	_____	_____	_____
10. Appearance of railroad property	_____	_____	_____
11. Unpaved business parking lots	_____	_____	_____
12. Unpaved residential driveways	_____	_____	_____

(additional categories on following page)

17 ___
18 ___
19 ___
20 ___

- 13. Poorly maintained fences _____
- 14. Poorly swept streets _____
- 15. Lack of sidewalks _____
- 16. Lack of curbs and gutters _____

19. If you are a cable television subscriber, would you prefer that the Bennett community channel be retained or that it be replaced by a new cable channel (for example, WGN from Chicago, Nickelodeon, etc.)?

21 ___

Retain the Bennett channel: Yes _____ No _____ No opinion _____

20. Please number from 1 to 5 which of the following in your opinion constitute the most important law enforcement problem in Bennett (for example, first choice #1; second choice #2; etc.)?

22 ___
23 ___
24 ___
25 ___
26 ___

- 1. Vehicular speeding _____
- 2. Reckless driving _____
- 3. House break-ins _____
- 4. Vandalism _____
- 5. Selling or using drugs _____
- 6. Family disputes _____
- 7. Physical violence _____
- 8. Other (specify) _____

21. Would you or another member of your household be interested in attending an evening meeting to discuss with members of the police department or other specialists:

27 ___
28 ___
29 ___
30 ___
31 ___
32 ___
33 ___
34 ___
35 ___
36 ___
37 ___

- 1. Crime prevention in the home Yes _____ No _____
- 2. How to report a crime Yes _____ No _____
- 3. Juvenile delinquency Yes _____ No _____
- 4. Drug abuse Yes _____ No _____
- 5. Observation techniques Yes _____ No _____
- 6. Alcohol abuse Yes _____ No _____
- 7. Defensive driving Yes _____ No _____
- 8. CPR training Yes _____ No _____
- 9. Police procedures Yes _____ No _____
- 10. The operation of the judicial system Yes _____ No _____
- 11. Other (specify) _____

PART IV: RECREATION

1. Please number from 1 to 5 those five recreational and cultural improvements listed below that you feel are most needed in Bennett (for example, first choice #1, second choice #2, etc.).

38 ___
39 ___
40 ___

- 1. New parks _____
- 2. Improved parks _____
- 3. Fitness trail _____

41 _____
 42 _____
 43 _____
 44 _____
 45 _____
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 47 _____
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 52 _____
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4. Soccer field _____
5. Improved playgrounds _____
6. Tennis courts _____
7. Network of bicycle paths _____
8. Improved baseball/softball fields _____
9. Additional baseball/softball field(s) _____
10. Improved swimming pool _____
11. Community theatre group _____
12. Improved picnic facilities _____
13. Concert series _____
14. Improved community center _____
15. Outdoor ice skating area _____
16. Outdoor racquetball/handball court _____
17. Pedestrian/bicycle trails _____
18. Equestrian (horse) trails _____
19. Other (specify) _____

3. Please circle which of the following organized town-wide recreational activities you or a member of your family would find desirable. (Please circle appropriate number for each activity.)

	Highly Desirable	Somewhat Desirable	Not Desirable	Don't Know
57	1	2	3	4
58	1	2	3	4
59	1	2	3	4
60	1	2	3	4
61	1	2	3	4
62	1	2	3	4
63	1	2	3	4
64	1	2	3	4
65	1	2	3	4
66	1	2	3	4
67	1	2	3	4
68	1	2	3	4
69	1	2	3	4
70	1	2	3	4
71	1	2	3	4
72	1	2	3	4
73	1	2	3	4
74	1	2	3	4
75	1	2	3	4
76	1	2	3	4

Card No _____

From those activities in Question #3 that you rated "highly desirable", please indicate your first three choices for each of the categories listed below. (Using number of left column above).

	Children Activities	Teens Activities	Women Activities	Men Activities
5 6	_____	_____	_____	_____
7 8	_____	_____	_____	_____
9 10	_____	_____	_____	_____

PART V: YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

THESE LAST FEW QUESTIONS ARE ABOUT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. THEY ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO BENNETT PLANNERS AND POLICY-MAKERS IN HELPING TO INTERPRET YOUR PREVIOUS INFORMATION.

1. Sex of respondent: (Circle one.)

11 ___

1 - Female 2 - Male

2. What is your age? (Circle one.)

12 ___

1 - 18-24 5 - 55-59
 2 - 25-34 6 - 60-64
 3 - 35-44 7 - 65 and over
 4 - 45-54

3. What is your marital status? (Circle one.)

13 ___

1 - Never married 4 - Divorced
 2 - Now married 5 - Widowed
 3 - Separated 6 - Other (specify) _____

4. What is the highest level of education completed by you and, if applicable, by your spouse? (Circle one for you and, if applicable, one for spouse.)

14 ___

15 ___

<u>Education Level</u>	<u>You</u>	<u>Spouse</u>
1. Junior high or less _____	1 _____	1 _____
2. Some high school _____	2 _____	2 _____
3. High school graduate or GED _____	3 _____	3 _____
4. Some college _____	4 _____	4 _____
5. College graduate _____	5 _____	5 _____
6. Master's level graduate _____	6 _____	6 _____
7. Ph.D. _____	7 _____	7 _____

16 ___ 17 ___

5. What is the total number of people in your household, including yourself?

6. Please indicate the number of males and females in your household in each of the age categories listed below, including yourself.

8 ___ 25 ___
 9 ___ 26 ___
 19 ___ 27 ___
 20 ___ 27 ___
 21 ___ 28 ___
 22 ___ 29 ___
 23 ___ 30 ___
 24 ___ 31 ___

<u>Age Categories</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
under 4 years	_____	_____
4-11 years	_____	_____
12-17 years	_____	_____
18-25 years	_____	_____
26-39 years	_____	_____
40-60 years	_____	_____
over 60 years	_____	_____

7. Which of the following categories best describes your occupation and, if applicable, your spouse's occupation? (Circle one for you and your spouse.)

Occupation

You

Spouse

1. Teacher	1	1
2. Professional/technical (doctor, nurse, lawyer, etc)	2	2
3. Farm owner or manager	3	3
4. Owner, proprietor, official, manager (other than farm)	4	4
5. Clerical	5	5
6. Sales	6	6
7. Foreman/skilled craftsman	7	7
8. Machine equipment operator/truck driver	8	8
9. Private household worker	9	9
10. Other service worker (waiter, custodian, nurse's aide, etc)	10	10
11. Farm laborer	11	11
12. Laborer (other than farm)	12	12
13. Student	13	13
14. Homemaker	14	14
15. Retired	15	15
16. Unemployed	16	16
17. Disabled	17	17
18. Oil or gas field worker	18	18
19. Child care	19	19
20. Aviation employment	20	20
21. Other (specify)	21	21

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37 38
39 40

8. How many members of your household are wage earners? _____

9. Where do you or other family members work (that is, the name of the city or town)?

Male _____ Female _____ Child _____

PLEASE CHECK TO SEE THAT YOU HAVE ANSWERED ALL QUESTIONS ON THE SURVEY FORM. ADD ANY COMMENTS YOU MAY HAVE ON THIS PAGE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

If you or another member of your family would be interested in participating in certain community improvement activities in Bennett, please indicate his or her name and address below:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Particular areas of interest (if any): _____