

First Impressions

Quinter, Kansas

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F O U N D A T I O N

Quinter Demographics

- Population – 918
- Median Household Income - \$48,625
- High School Education – 95.6%, College Education – 23.5%
- Median resident age is 41.4 years
- Poverty rate is 3.2%

Source: factfinder.census.gov



Web Presence:

- www.cityofquinter.com
- www.lovesmalltownamerica.com/quinterks.php



The “Five-Minute” Impression

- Nice small town
- Well kept and light up sign entering downtown informed me of local events
- Strong Christian community with a place to stay and sights to see



- Has all needed amenities
- Business, industrial and residential separated
- Recent updates to older homes
- 6 signs on interstate from east



Downtown Business Area

- Mostly brick and metal buildings. Well maintained.
- Main street businesses were nice and there was a wide variety



- Downtown streets and sidewalks in good condition
- Only a few vacant buildings
- Nice patriotic banners throughout town



- Good customer service
- Several benches to sit and relax
- Good landscaping and streetscaping



- Nice digital sign displaying events and activities
- Traditional middle of the street sign
- Good use of posters to promotes events and activities



Other Retail Areas

- Just off of I-70, but to the North and South
- Variety of shops and businesses as you head towards the downtown business area



- Services – restaurants, hotels, gas
- Some look more inviting than others



Industrial Parks/Commercial Areas

- Welding shop, elevator, ag services to the North
- Some areas could use a little clean up or mowing



- They felt industry could easily expand to the North, East or West
- They missed the industry South of I-70



Health Care Services

- More available than expected
- All easy to find and access
- Quinter is know for it's health care services!



- All nice facilities and well maintained
- Draw from a large service area
- Transportation service



- Long-term care
- Assisted living
- Senior Center



- Downtown pharmacy
- Wellness Center
- Good promotion of healthy activities through posters



- What opportunities are being looked at for this facility?



Housing

- Total Number of Housing Units – 454
- Occupied housing units – 405
- Vacant housing units – 49
- Owner occupied – 73.3%
- Renter occupied – 26.7%



Housing observations

- Variety of homes
- Housing could be found for most income levels



- New housing development a big plus
- Apartment Complex



- Housing improvement occurring
- Some houses could use some improvements or clean up



Schools

- Brick buildings – K – 8 and High School
- Grounds looked nice
- Buildings appear to be adequate in size



- Nice athletic fields
- Good to see kids riding bikes to school
- Might consider some improvements to grade school playground



Childcare

- Facility at a church
- Hospital facility
- In home child-care



Faith/Religion

- Five different denominations noted
- All looked in good shape
- Cinnamon role sale hosted by Dunkard Brethren Church

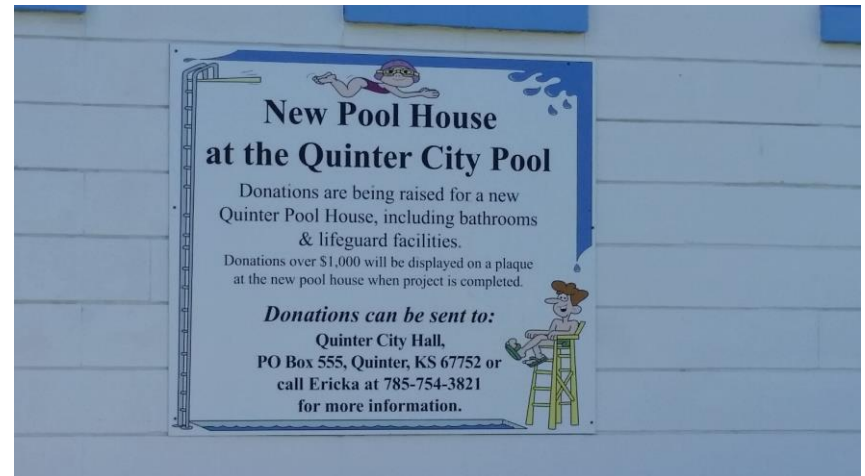


- Unsure of what this facility is?



Civic

- There looks to be a Masonic building
- Citywide garage sale and businesses displaying merchandise outside
- Working on baseball fields getting ready for a game



- Scout Program
- Sponsorship of community and out of county events

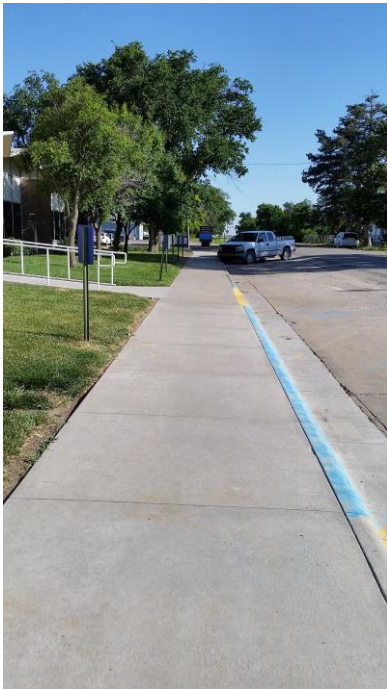


- Wonderful community garden



Public Infrastructure

- Streets are kept up and signage is clear
- Where there are sidewalks, they are in good condition.
- Not all corners to downtown sidewalks are handicap accessible



- Nice plantings and unusual yard art in residential areas to add interest



- City Hall located a block off of the main street
- Directional signage would be nice
- Friendly with a lot of information available



- Very nice EMS and fire facilities
- Saw an officer on patrol and state trooper



- Nice library, Jay Johnson Library
- Good recognition of donors inside front door



- City park, pool and ball fields all conveniently located together. Wonderful facilities!



- Ball field with batting cage



- Nice pool with bathhouse
- Basketball courts next to the pool



Recreation/Tourism

- Castle Rock – 15 miles South of Quinter
- Quinter Historical Society Museum
- RV Park



- Recreation Commission
- Nice sign in city office
- Building on main street not signed
- Sign up info on the website



Most Positive Observations!

- The people are very friendly
- Clean and well kept up; nice mix of homes
- Well set-up infrastructure community



Biggest Obstacles/Challenges

- Drawing attention to Quinter over larger surrounding communities
- Declining population



What will you remember the most in six months from now?

- It is a very nice quiet town I would consider a great community to raise a family in.
- Medical services excellent!
- A lot of newer style homes – 1970's on up



Recommendations:

- Larger welcome to Quinter sign
- A few way finder signs
- Improvements to sidewalks
- Consider a skate park
- Improvement to Castle Rock Signage



- The Dane G. Hansen Foundation wants to help communities in Northwest Kansas become the best they can be and take great PRIDE in who they are and what they can be.



- <http://danehansenfoundation.org/>