



Olsburg, Kansas

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- 2010 Census Population 219
 (UP 14.1% since 2000*) KS- 6.1%
- 2016 Estimate is 238 (UP 8.7% since 2000 KS- 8.1%)
- 13% college educated, 95% high school or GED
 - KS 31% college education, 90% HS or equivalency
- 75.8% family households, 24.2% non-family
- Poverty rate is 9.0% (KS=13.6%)
- Median Age 33.4 years (36)
- Median household income is \$48,750 (\$52,205)

^{* 2000} Census was 192



Web Presence:

www.olsburgks.com

- "Impressed with the information and pictures."
- As of 2-9-17, "being reconstructed." On 2-11-17, seemed intact again.
- Impressive: "41 businesses in Olsburg!" and it is communicated on the website.

FaceBook

- https://www.facebook.com/places/Things-to-doin-Olsburg-Kansas/105586892808265/
- Nice posts recently, including one about the visitors to Olsburg and the community meeting—with desserts!
- Found out about the Shannon Creek Barn and the Nelson Farm from "People also liked" and "Liked by this site.





The "Five-Minute" Impression

Clean and well-maintained.
 The sign at the highway was eye-catching.







The "Five-Minute" Impression

 Good radio reception; minimal cell service (AT&T). Most homes have propane. Some cleanup needs to be done. A number of satellite systems. Well-maintained. Great locationclose to Manhattan and KSU.







The "Five-Minute" Impression

• Family town. Lots of playground equipment.









Downtown Business Area

- Buildings were well-maintained and had signage.
- Friendly greetings and good service at the businesses.









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Downtown Business Area

 There are benches downtown, some could use fixing up.

Good parking, clean streets and appealing

store fronts.







Other Retail Shopping Areas

Grab-N-Go and gas station

was well-kept









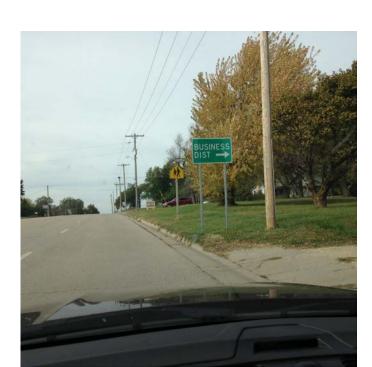






Industrial Parks/Commercial Areas

- Visitors weren't sure about designated Industrial areas.
- Appears to be room for expansion of both residential and commercial areas.







Health Care Services

- Excellent health care services are provided within 30 minutes. (Manhattan)
- Visitors did not observe housing for seniors or assisted living.

Your leadership team told me that most necessary services are available locally, which bodes well for seniors.





Housing

- Visitors didn't observe many houses for sale.
- Some houses were not desirable.
- A nice mix of housing that would appeal to all incomes.
- Did not see any defined rental properties.





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Areas for Clean up













Housing data		KANSAS
 Total Housing Units 	111	
 Total Occupied Houses 	91 (82%)	(89.5%)
 Vacant Houses 	20 (18%)	(10.5%)
 Owner Occupied 	82 (90%)	(66.7%)
 Renter Occupied 	9 (10%)	(33.3%)





Housing data

Year Structures Built

• 1939 and older: 40.7%

• 1940-1979: 28.6%

1980-2013: 30.8%





Schools

- McCormick Elementary is the K-4 attendance Center for Blue Valley School District.
- School is attractive and appears in good repair.





Childcare

• Childcare is available (Emily's DayCare). Visitors were unable to discern affordability or quality.

On website, Link 'n Log Day Care





Faith/Religion

 Methodist and Lutheran churches inside the City limits. Very nice looking structures with well-kept yards.



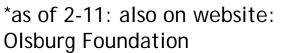




Civic

- Evident through information at City offices.*
- 4-H, Extension Unit, Quilters, Legion Post 284.
- PRIDE & Senior Center









Public Infrastructure

 Well-maintained public areas and sidewalks, with restrooms in the park area.

• Streets showed evidence of snow graded, but

not salt or sand application.







City Hall,

- Jackie at City Hall was wonderful! Took us to lunch and introduced us to the mayor, City treasurer and Fire Chief. She is a great asset to the City.
- Lots of information at City Hall. Friendly reception.



(City Hall Photo from website) Retrieved February 2017





Fire, EMS and Police Services

- Heard from the Fire Chief that they are getting ready to move to a bigger building.
- The Sunday visitor saw evidence of the fire volunteers gathered near the station.



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Library

 Thanks to Jackie, everyone knew where the library was and that it was well-used by the community on the day.

Is open once a week and has a great summer

reading program.

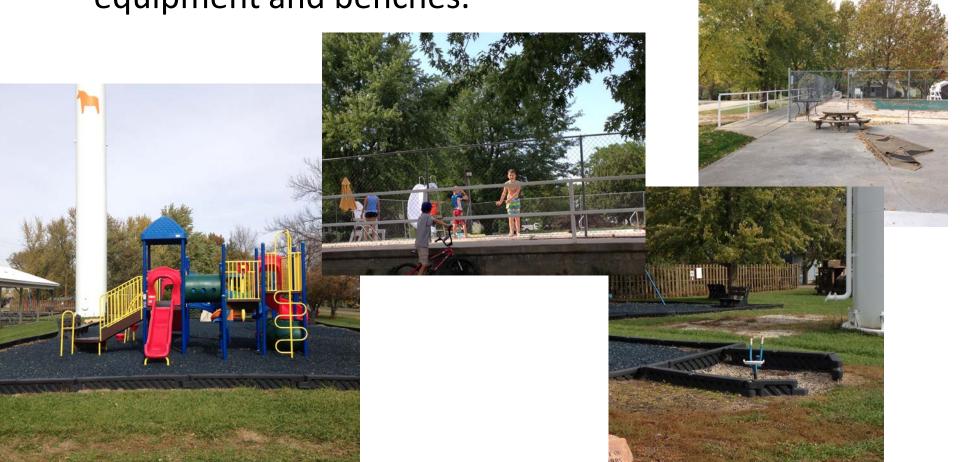






City Parks

 The park area was fabulous! Very well maintained with lots of nice options, swimming pool, good equipment and benches.





City Parks

- Lots of options.
- Loved the train!







Recreation/Tourism

- Visitors were aware that there are lots of great events through the year (web presence & Jackie).
 Those aren't evident to a visitor "out of season."
- Swedish heritage is evident in the Dala horse logo.
- Visitors were not aware of Greenwood Park Camp Grounds before they came, but felt it would draw visitors.









Other?

 Nice community restaurant and gift shop for visitors in town.





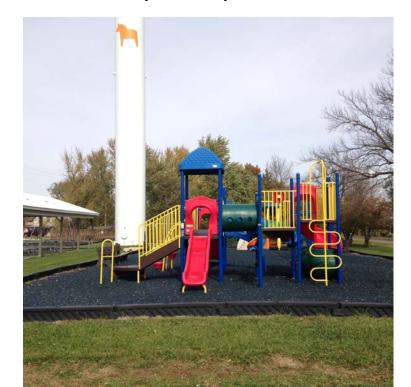


Most Positive Observations!

- Friendly people!
- A "Big" small town: good proximity to larger services, swimming pool and parks.
- Lots of community pride
 – events, safe, close to a

major university.







Biggest Obstacles/Challenges

- Some housing is inadequate for residents.
- Concern about internet/TV providers in the area, satellite systems on houses.





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

- "Olsburg—a Community with Pride."
- The City Clerk taking time for us on a weekend.
- Lovely park and play areas.
- A very nice community.









Next Steps:

Thank our leadership team:

- Jeannie Johnson
- Charlotte Braddock
- Cindy and Gary Jeffrey
- Jeannine Lamb
- Set next steps!
 - Which group will lead the discussion?
- Contact me if you need resources or help:
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