

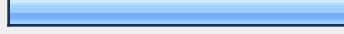



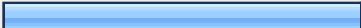
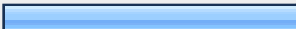
Cheney Mansion Site Plan

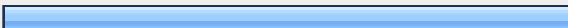


1. How many members of your household do you have in each age category?						
	1	2	3	4	5 or more	Response Count
Ages 0 to 5	50.0% (1)	50.0% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	2
Ages 6 to 12	42.9% (3)	57.1% (4)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	7
Ages 13 to 19	50.0% (3)	33.3% (2)	16.7% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	6
Ages 20 to 29	100.0% (4)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	4
Ages 30 to 39	25.0% (1)	75.0% (3)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	4
Ages 40 to 49	60.0% (6)	40.0% (4)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	10
Ages 50 to 59	61.5% (8)	38.5% (5)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	13
Ages 60 to 69	60.0% (6)	40.0% (4)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	10
Ages 70 and up	100.0% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	2
	<i>answered question</i>					31
	<i>skipped question</i>					0



2. How many years have you resided in the Village of Oak Park?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Less than one year		0.0%	0
1-5 years		6.5%	2
6-10 years		16.1%	5
11-20 years		22.6%	7
20+ years		51.6%	16
Non-resident		3.2%	1
	<i>answered question</i>		31
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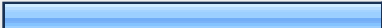

3. How often do you use Cheney Mansion or its grounds?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Once per week		19.4%	6
Two to three times per month		9.7%	3
Once per month		12.9%	4
Less than once per month		48.4%	15
Never		9.7%	3
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


4. The Cheney Mansion site is currently used for special events, programmed classes and passive recreation. Please check the statements with which you agree.			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Special events and programmed classes should be increased.		58.1%	18
Passive use of the site by the community should be increased.		45.2%	14
The number of public special events such as the plant sale should be increased.		58.1%	18
The current level of use is appropriate.		32.3%	10
The current level of use should be decreased.		3.2%	1
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skipped question			0

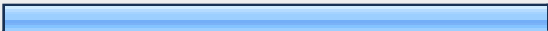


5. Do you feel that the Cheney Mansion is a public facility that is:			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Welcoming to the public.		54.8%	17
Not welcoming to the public.		45.2%	14
	<i>answered question</i>		31
	<i>skipped question</i>		0




6. The Cheney Mansion site currently has a perimeter landscape along the fence which provides the site with a sense of privacy. Do you feel:			
		Response Percent	Response Count
The perimeter landscape should remain as is.		87.1%	27
The perimeter landscape planting should be increased.		3.2%	1
The perimeter landscape planting should be decreased to provide more "windows" in to the site.		9.7%	3
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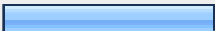

7. Do you feel the pedestrian entrance from Euclid Street to the site is;			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Clear and needs no changes.		33.3%	10
Is not clear and needs to be improved.		66.7%	20
	<i>answered question</i>		30
	<i>skipped question</i>		1

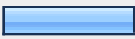
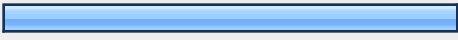


8. Do you feel the landscaping at the pedestrian entrance from Euclid Street to the site;			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Is fine the way it is.		58.1%	18
Is too dense, is too enclosed and blocks the view of the Cheney Mansion.		41.9%	13
Should be increased in density to create more of a transition from the street to the house.		0.0%	0
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<i>skipped question</i>			0

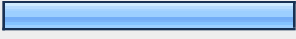
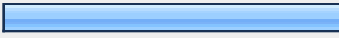

9. Currently, the principal pedestrian entrance is at the north end of the site on Euclid Avenue near the Cheney Mansion's entrance. Do you feel a secondary pedestrian entrance should be added to the site?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, in the southeast corner of the site along Ontario Street.		9.7%	3
Yes, in the southwest corner of the site at Ontario Street and Euclid Avenue.		9.7%	3
No, a secondary pedestrian access should not be added.		80.6%	25
<i>answered question</i>			31
<i>skipped question</i>			0

10. At what level do you feel the landscape at the Cheney Mansion is maintained?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Good		83.9%	26
Fair / Average		12.9%	4
Poor		3.2%	1
		answered question	31
		skipped question	0

11. Do you feel the historic design of the landscape is:			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Very important		46.7%	14
Somewhat important		43.3%	13
Not important		10.0%	3
		answered question	30
		skipped question	1

12. Do you feel the greenhouse on site is:			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Very important and should be restored immediately.		61.3%	19
Somewhat important and should be stabilized until funds are available for its restoration.		32.3%	10
Not important and should be removed or allowed to fall into further disrepair.		6.5%	2
		answered question	31
		skipped question	0


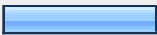
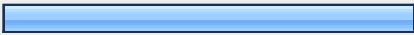
13. Do you feel the water feature in the southeast corner of the site in the woodland garden is:			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Very important and should be restored to its historic context.		20.0%	6
Somewhat important and could be restored if it can provide the sound of water, not have a deep pool of water and is not a safety hazard.		70.0%	21
Not important and should be filled in and left as stonework.		3.3%	1
Not important and should be removed entirely.		6.7%	2
	answered question		30
	skipped question		1

14. Do you feel that the level of lighting around the grounds of the Cheney Mansion is:			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Fine as is.		44.8%	13
Should be increased.		51.7%	15
Should be removed except for special events.		3.4%	1
	answered question		29
	skipped question		2

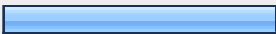

15. Have you observed instances of inappropriate or unlawful activity at the Cheney Mansion?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, many instances.	<input type="checkbox"/>	3.3%	1
Yes, a few instances.	<input type="checkbox"/>	10.0%	3
No.	<input type="checkbox"/>	86.7%	26
<i>answered question</i>			30
<i>skipped question</i>			1

16. Wheelchair access to the first floor of the building is currently provided by a series of temporary ramps laid over the existing steps. Do you feel this solution is:			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Good	<input type="checkbox"/>	6.7%	2
Acceptable	<input type="checkbox"/>	30.0%	9
Poor	<input type="checkbox"/>	63.3%	19
<i>answered question</i>			30
<i>skipped question</i>			1

17. Wheelchair access to the first floor is currently provided through the Solarium at the south end of the house due to architectural constraints at the front door. Do you feel that:

		Response Percent	Response Count
Wheelchair access must be at the front door for any and all circumstances.		13.3%	4
Wheelchair access should be provided to the front door if architectural conditions permit.		23.3%	7
Wheelchair access to the Solarium is acceptable if access to the front door is difficult.		63.3%	19
		<i>answered question</i>	30
		<i>skipped question</i>	1

18. Currently there is not a paved path or accessible route from the main entrance to the gardens and patio. Do you feel there should be a paved path and accessible route to the patio and gardens along the west side of the mansion?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		41.9%	13
No, the paved path and accessible route along the north and east sides of the building to the patio are sufficient.		58.1%	18
		<i>answered question</i>	31
		<i>skipped question</i>	0

19. Please state any other Cheney Mansion issues not addressed in this questionnaire along with recommendations on how those issues might be addressed.		
		Response Count
		21
	<i>answered question</i>	21
	<i>skipped question</i>	10

20. Are there any other amenities or changes you would like to see at the Cheney Mansion?		
		Response Count
		14
	<i>answered question</i>	14
	<i>skipped question</i>	17

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		Response Count
		21
<i>answered question</i>		21
<i>skipped question</i>		10

Response Text		
1	<p>Flexible seating should be available, and the back wall and gate should be renovated with plantings to cover the wooden fence and renovation of the back gate.</p> <p>The lighting is too obtrusive currently. If there is a need for lighting, it should be sunk into the ground with no extension above the groundline. If there is to be any extension of a walkway, it should not be concrete and should allow for flexibility in the use of the space.</p> <p>The lawn and surrounding gardens are fine as they are, so do not expand. Less is more when it comes to the Cheney Mansion grounds.</p>	Oct 21, 2009 9:45 PM
2	Private events is a primary source of revenue. We should not change things in a manner that will deplete this revenue source. Also, for private events held by my family in the past I have created a parking arrangement with church one block north of Cheney. Perhaps there is room to formalize that arrangement if that is a way to increase marketability of facility for private users.	Oct 21, 2009 10:33 PM
3	Prominant signage on north, west and south fences. Signage indicating that an event is ongoing and the public is restricted during this time.	Oct 21, 2009 11:09 PM
4	I think the maintenance of this place is a great waste of money. The space would be better utilized as a parking lot.	Oct 21, 2009 11:13 PM
5	I would love to see the Mansion used for a more important and necessary need.	Oct 22, 2009 1:21 AM
6	would like to see more environmental/ecology class offerings	Oct 22, 2009 1:38 AM
7	I would like to see a formal group established to help raise funds to restore the greenhouse called something to the effect Friends of the Cheney Mansion Greenhouse.	Oct 22, 2009 1:40 PM
8	I don't think most people think of Cheney Mansion as a public park. It should be better identified and promoted for more activities. As long as Cheney Mansion seems like a "private" space used for weddings and parties, Oak Parkers will wonder why the Park District needs it and why the Park District is competing with private venues.	Oct 22, 2009 6:30 PM
9	I think the landscaping and gardens are totally beautiful and should be left the way they are.	Oct 22, 2009 8:56 PM
10	You should maintain original design to greatest extent possible. Don't turn the site into a playground or park	Oct 25, 2009 4:18 PM
11	The Mansion needs to be made regularly available to school and scouting groups and local clubs at no charge. It is vacant most of the time during the week.	Oct 26, 2009 5:24 PM

Response Text		
12	Adding an entrance to the grounds on the South side of the property will cause a serious risk of security problems. With the high school and Tasty Dog a block away additional entrances especially on the South side of the property will make the property much less secure.	Oct 26, 2009 8:28 PM
13	The management staff is not very friendly and inviting. It gives you the feeling that there is an exclusvie membership to use the facilities. Get new management and staff.	Oct 26, 2009 9:35 PM
14	I feel as though it would be very helpful for catering companies to set up earlier that currently stated. 2 hours just isn't enough time for companies to set up for large events	Oct 27, 2009 5:46 PM
15	This property is a drain on the taxpayers of OP. I think it should be converted by a major hotel chain into a boutique hotel w/parking and a pool.	Oct 28, 2009 4:20 PM
16	Tasteful signage added to the entrance(s) encouraging a stroll through the property	Oct 30, 2009 6:26 PM
17	Like many folks I talk to here in Oak Park, I did not know that Cheney was a park property, open to the public. Once I learned that (8 years into living here), I ventured over whenever I could to enjoy the grounds. It is lovely. That said, I've been kicked out a number of times because of private events--which I do understand, mind you. I just mention that because the feeling that Cheney is not for everyone is perpetuated that way.	Nov 2, 2009 11:10 AM
18	In 2000 my fiance and I considered Cheney as a wedding site; they were so highly restrictive that we opted for Pleasant Home and had a lovely ceremony there. I don't know what the current restrictions are, but if they were more lenient, Cheney would be a lovely venue and should be promoted in the Oak Leaves adn Journal for wedding showers, baby showers, anniversaries, etc, as well as weddings. It would also be a good corporate meeting location for companies who desire something close to the city, but far enough away to enjoy the venue and the surroundings. Cheney is not promoted enough.	Nov 2, 2009 9:21 PM
19	1. Since the grounds are within earshot of the OPRF Stadium, those renting the grounds should be made aware of the stadium's schedule of use prior to making a reservation. Concurrent use of the stadium also impacts the amount of parking available to users of the mansion. 2. I live across the street from Cheney Mansion and 90% of the time enjoy the benefit of free, quiet live "background music." However, there have been times when the content and noise level of the music accompanying an event is way too loud and objectionable. There needs to be an established maximum noise level for users to follow that takes into consideration that CM is a single-family residential neighborhood.	Nov 2, 2009 10:18 PM
20	Q4 - Private use of Cheney Mansion that interferes with public access to the grounds should be decreased. Cheney Mansion is a unique property in Oak Park and the only one that has grounds maintained at its very high level. During the summer especially it is closed too often on weekends, which is usually the only time that a person who works full time will be able to take advantage of this park. Oak Park has too little passive park space as it is, and only 1/6 of the total park acreage recommended by the NPRA. Q5- Open hours and relevant park rules (e.g., no dogs off leash) should be posted clearly at all entrances. Q12 - It's hard to gauge what should be done with the greenhouse without any idea of the cost of various options. Can these be estimated? Q13 - I would leave the stonework for the disused water feature as is. Q18 - The path on the east side of the mansion seems to be blocked sometimes by a lock on the gate.	Nov 5, 2009 4:14 PM
21	better signage for the historic nature of the building lighting should be increased but not excessive	Nov 5, 2009 6:54 PM

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		Response Count
		14
<i>answered question</i>		14
<i>skipped question</i>		17

Response Text		
1	Seating.	Oct 21, 2009 9:45 PM
2	Historical marker and info about the architect and the home.	Oct 21, 2009 10:33 PM
3	Moveable benches, seating.	Oct 21, 2009 11:09 PM
4	it would be terrific to see some public sculpture.	Oct 21, 2009 11:11 PM
5	Tear it down.	Oct 21, 2009 11:13 PM
6	The elevator on the inside working	Oct 22, 2009 1:21 AM
7	<p>I'm not an athlete and I don't have children. Passive-use parks are important to me. I like historic house museums. Cheney Mansion is likely the biggest private home in the Village and is essentially intact. Keeping the grounds essentially as they were in the house's early days lets visitors see what life on that scale in those days was like.</p> <p>Especially since the Park District seems to have concluded that restoring the grounds of Pleasant Home wouldn't be worth the effort, keeping Cheney Mansion in its historic form is really important. The house should include exhibits on its history and that of the area, and should be promoted as part of heritage tourism. I think having a "public" greenhouse for residents to play in is as important and useful as having athletic fields.</p>	Oct 22, 2009 6:30 PM
8	If the greenhouse is restored or a new structure built, it should be available to teachers to use as a learning opportunity for students.	Oct 26, 2009 5:24 PM
9	It would make a beautiful hotel or bed and breakfast. The kind of uses it has now are insignificant and could easily be held elsewhere.	Oct 28, 2009 4:20 PM
10	<p>Tasteful signage added to the entrance(s) encouraging a stroll through the property.</p> <p>Promotional activities to encourage hosting events at Cheney.</p>	Oct 30, 2009 6:26 PM
11	<p>I wonder if it is up to ADA code for accessibility.</p> <p>Also, do they ever have a couples' candlelight dinner night, mother-daughter tea or father-son events??????</p>	Nov 2, 2009 9:21 PM
12	The Cheney Mansion is a beautiful venue for public and private special events. I visit several times per year to enjoy the historic architecture and well-manicured grounds.	Nov 2, 2009 9:43 PM
13	<p>The laminated signs on the fence aren't in keeping with the rest of the feel of the Cheney Mansion, and don't seem to be updated often enough. For example, when I was there Oct. 30, there were still signs for events that had occurred in September, and the sign for the Oct. 20 community meeting was still up, but the sign for the Nov. meeting wasn't.</p> <p>There are a few places in the beds where the landscaping would be improved by increased planting.</p>	Nov 5, 2009 4:14 PM

Response Text		
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14	no - it is an assesst to our community	Nov 5, 2009 6:54 PM
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