

CITIZENSHIP #6 - FINAL OUTCOME

SUMMARY OF NEWS ARTICLES

1. Key vocabulary:

Historic listing - a process that gains official government designation of something as historically important.

County - level of government above a city, similar to Rayon in Ukraine.

Conflict of interest - making a decision as a public official about something that will have personal benefit.

"Chickens home to roost" - an idiom meaning the same as "You will reap what you sow".

Originally suggested that curses are like chickens; they always come home to roost. Now meaning that your offensive words or actions are likely at some time to come back to bother you.

2. Opponents never give up, and attempt to stop the project even though students are building the lights. They seem to think gaining historic listing of the bridge will stop the lights, but that is false.
3. Opponents continue to try to influence the council. Weak-willed councilmen start to question their original decision, and schedule another public meeting.
4. Teachers, students, and a petition of support are presented to counter the opposition. The council votes to continue their support.
5. A powerful and aggressive county commissioner tells the city that the county has control over the bridge, and the city cannot proceed with the project. He claims (incorrectly) that installing the lights will prevent an historic designation, and makes other false claims of conflict of interest against two councilmen.
6. The city sees that it can avoid bridge maintenance costs forever if it accepts the county's opinion, so abandons the light project. Now the county is saying there need to be repairs costing \$25,000 dollars, and the city has to pay part of that cost. The city refuses.
7. An editorial outlining the whole sad affair, speaking about the abuse of power that lead to the loss of the light project, and how the county now has to "reap what it has sown".