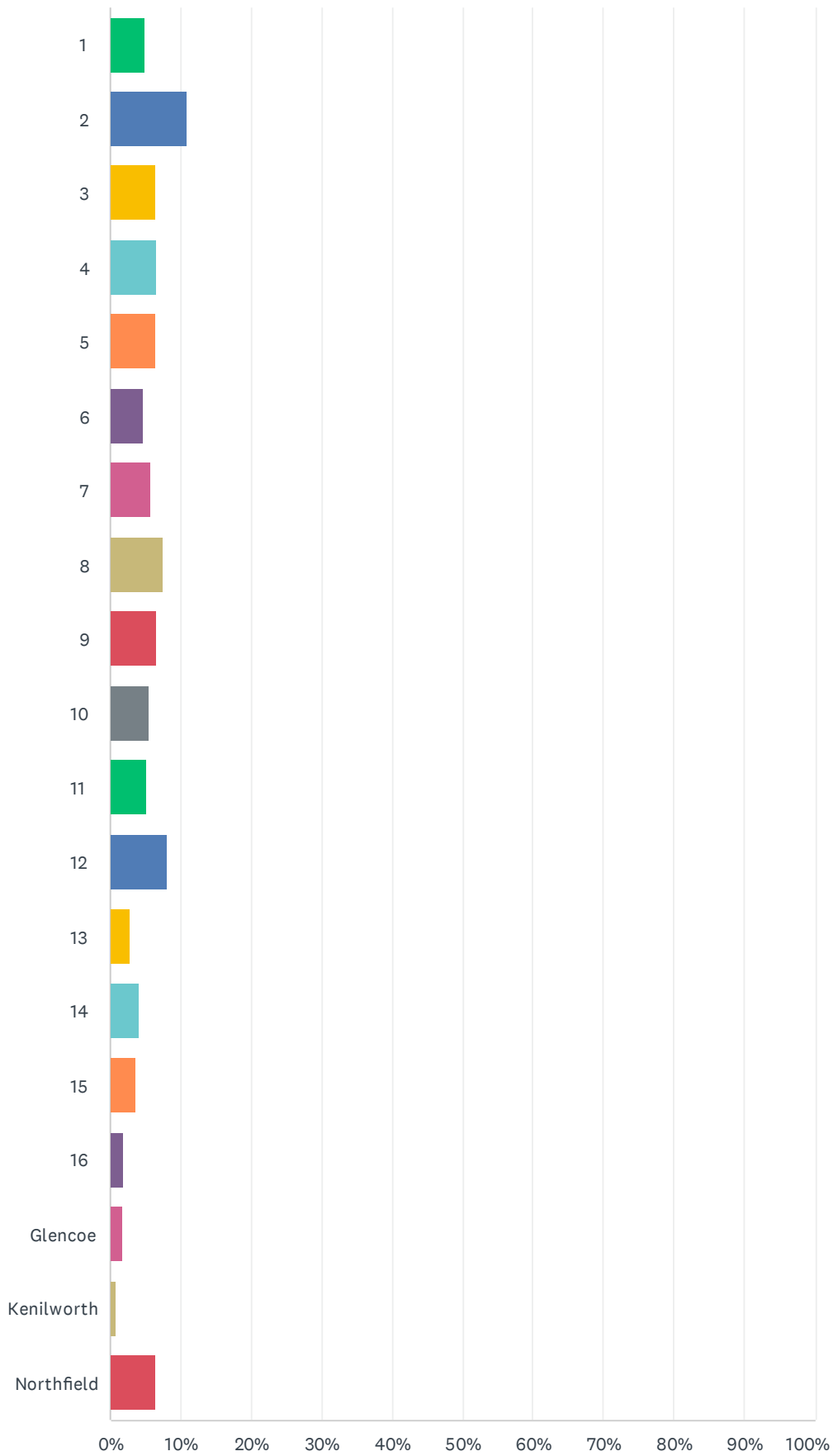


Q1 Select your district from the dropdown below. Northfield, Kenilworth, and Glencoe are listed after the districts.

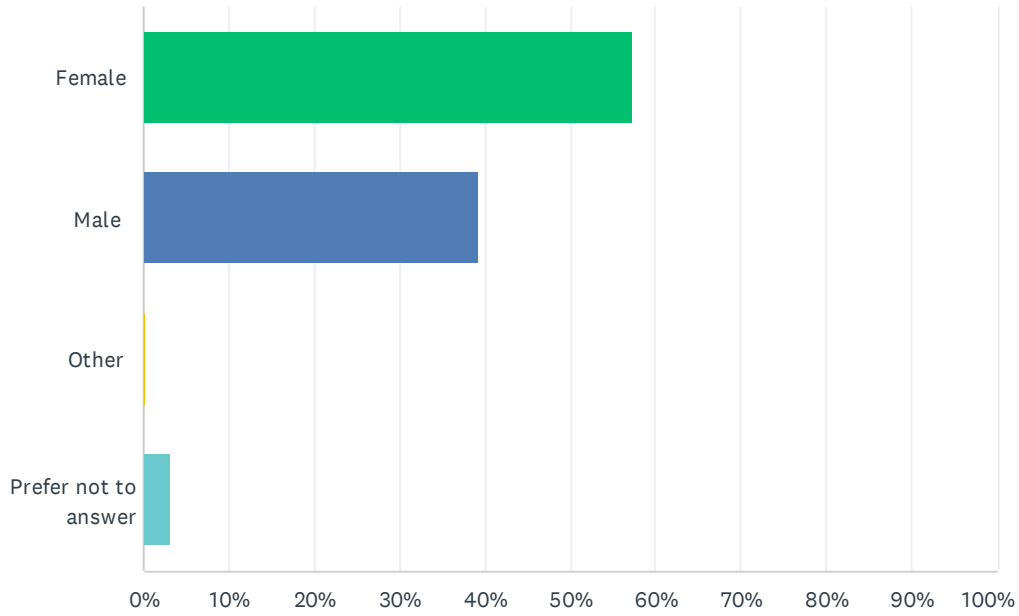
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1	4.93%	80
2	10.78%	175
3	6.35%	103
4	6.65%	108
5	6.41%	104
6	4.62%	75
7	5.85%	95
8	7.52%	122
9	6.59%	107
10	5.48%	89
11	5.11%	83
12	8.13%	132
13	2.77%	45
14	4.13%	67
15	3.70%	60
16	1.91%	31
Glencoe	1.66%	27
Kenilworth	0.92%	15
Northfield	6.47%	105
TOTAL	1,623	

Q2 What is your gender?

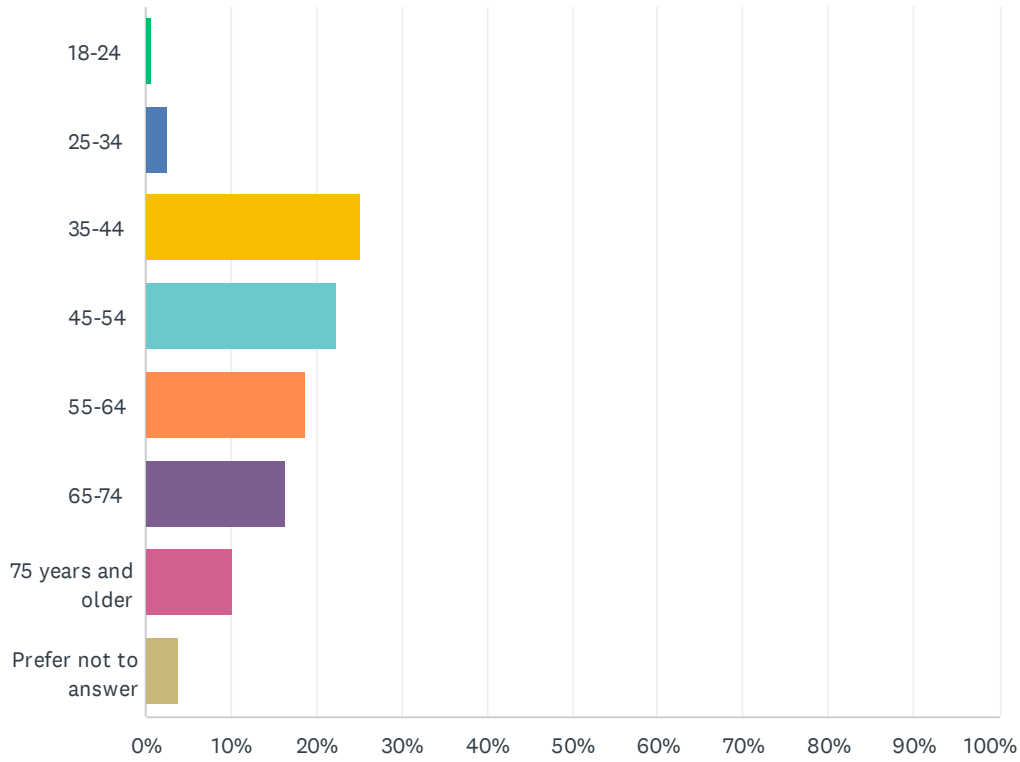
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Female	57.44% 919
Male	39.31% 629
Other	0.13% 2
Prefer not to answer	3.13% 50
TOTAL	1,600

Q3 How old are you?

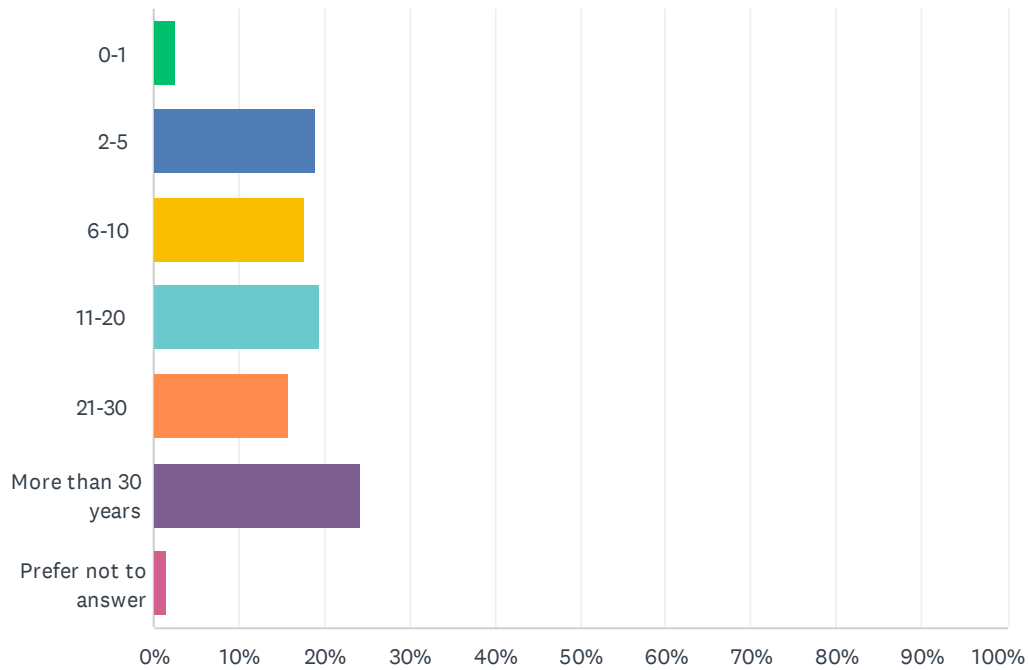
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
18-24	0.69%	11
25-34	2.56%	41
35-44	25.06%	401
45-54	22.44%	359
55-64	18.69%	299
65-74	16.50%	264
75 years and older	10.25%	164
Prefer not to answer	3.81%	61
TOTAL		1,600

Q4 How many years have you lived in the community?

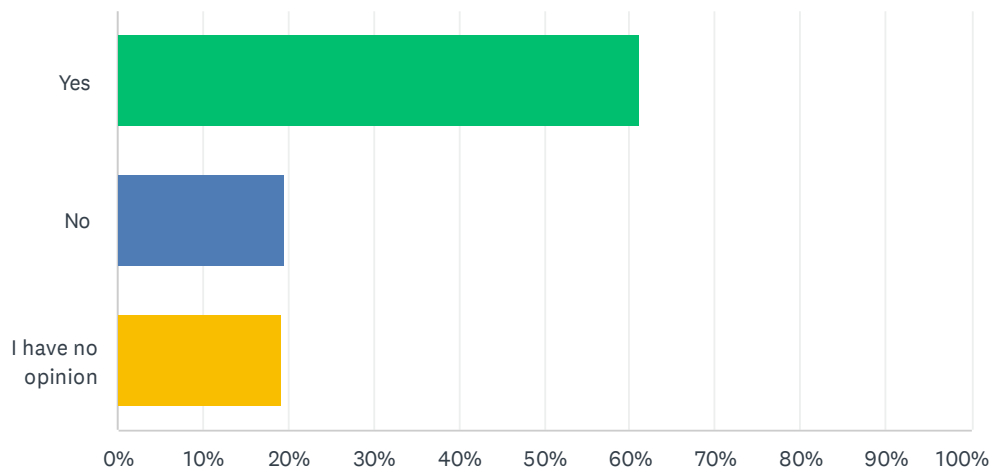
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
0-1	2.50% 40
2-5	18.88% 302
6-10	17.63% 282
11-20	19.31% 309
21-30	15.88% 254
More than 30 years	24.31% 389
Prefer not to answer	1.50% 24
TOTAL	1,600

Q5 The Winnetka Park District's Master Plan for the Lakefront involves the renovation of Centennial and Elder beaches. The issues surrounding the development are complex, involving both the Park District and the Village of Winnetka, and are currently unresolved. Many residents expect that the Village and the Park District will be able to work together to enhance our lakefront asset for generations to come, but it is anticipated to take time and significant deliberation. In the meantime, with the recognition that this may result in additional costs and time, should the Village and Parks prioritize a temporary solution at Elder Lane Beach, enabling swimming and beach access while the larger issues are thoughtfully resolved?

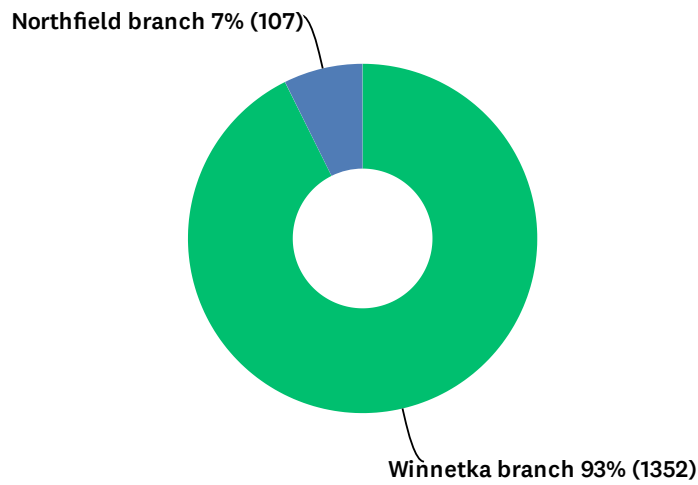
Answered: 1,558 Skipped: 65



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	61.30%	955
No	19.58%	305
I have no opinion	19.13%	298
TOTAL		1,558

Q6 Which branch do you consider to be your "home" library?

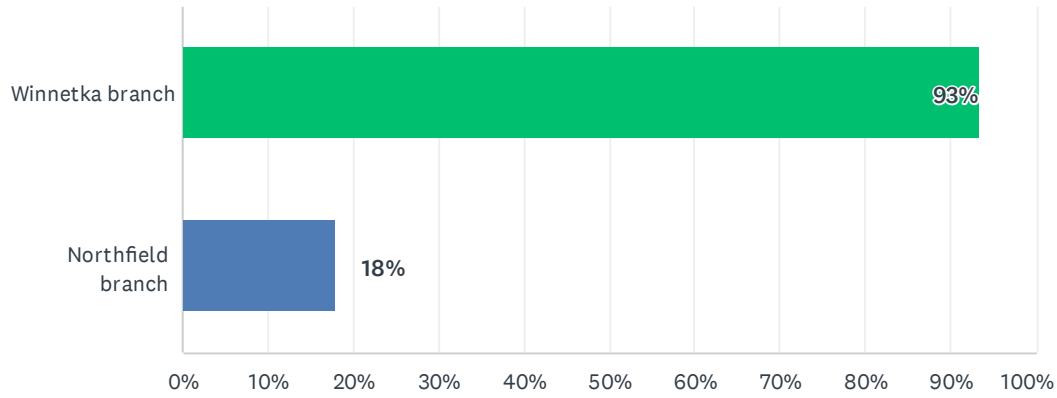
Answered: 1,459 Skipped: 164



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Winnetka branch	93% 1,352
Northfield branch	7% 107
TOTAL	1,459

Q7 Which branch(es) do you regularly use? Check all that apply.

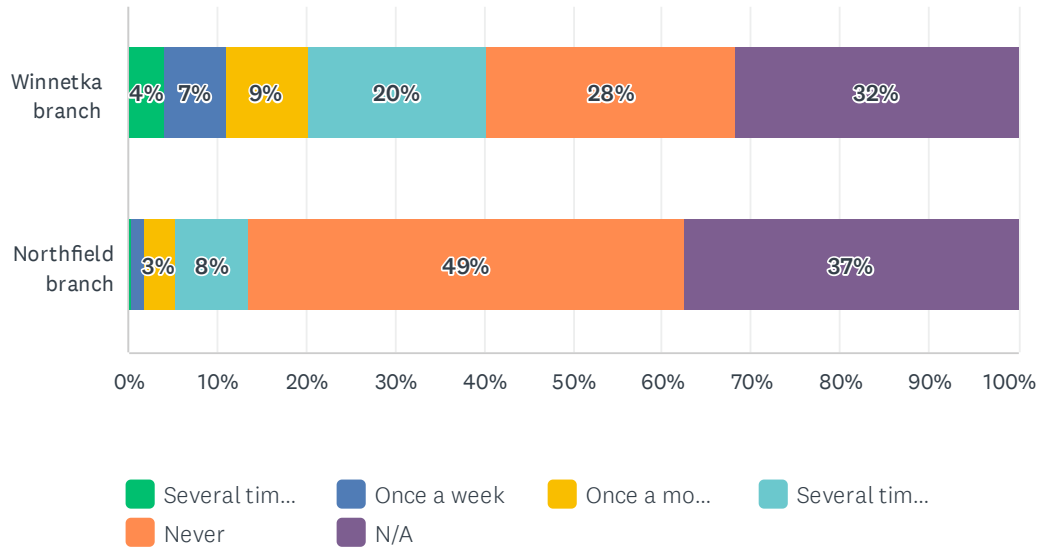
Answered: 1,327 Skipped: 296



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Winnetka branch	93%	1,240
Northfield branch	18%	237
Total Respondents: 1,327		

Q8 How often do you and/or members of your household attend children's library events with your child(ren)?

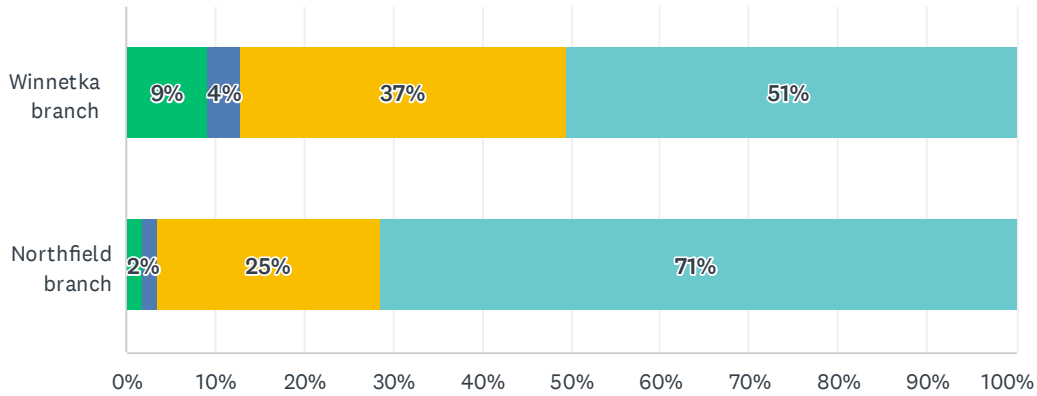
Answered: 1,402 Skipped: 221



	SEVERAL TIMES A WEEK	ONCE A WEEK	ONCE A MONTH	SEVERAL TIMES A YEAR	NEVER	N/A	TOTAL
Winnetka branch	4% 56	7% 95	9% 125	20% 275	28% 384	32% 433	1,368
Northfield branch	0% 5	1% 16	3% 40	8% 93	49% 561	37% 428	1,143

Q9 Have you ever been unable to attend a children’s library event because it has reached capacity?

Answered: 1,390 Skipped: 233

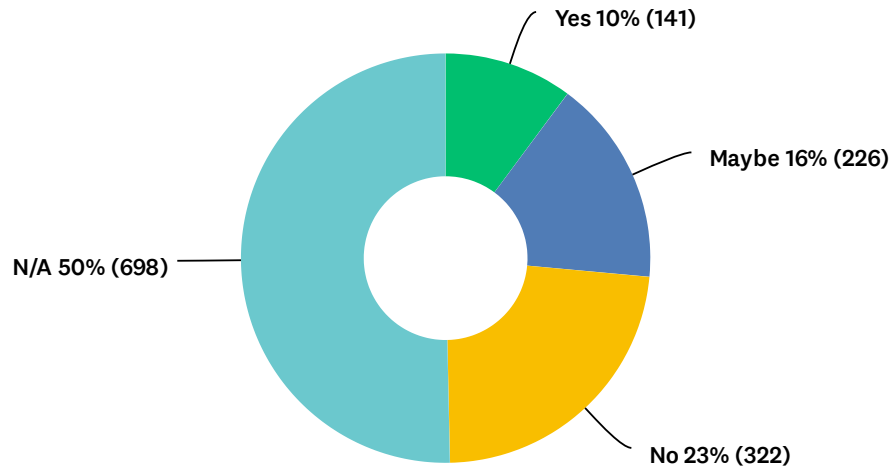


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	YES, MORE THAN ONCE	YES, ONCE	NO	N/A	TOTAL
Winnetka branch	9% 124	4% 51	37% 496	51% 687	1,358
Northfield branch	2% 21	2% 19	25% 283	71% 809	1,132

Q10 Would you attend more children’s library events if attendance wasn’t capped or if advance sign-up wasn’t required?

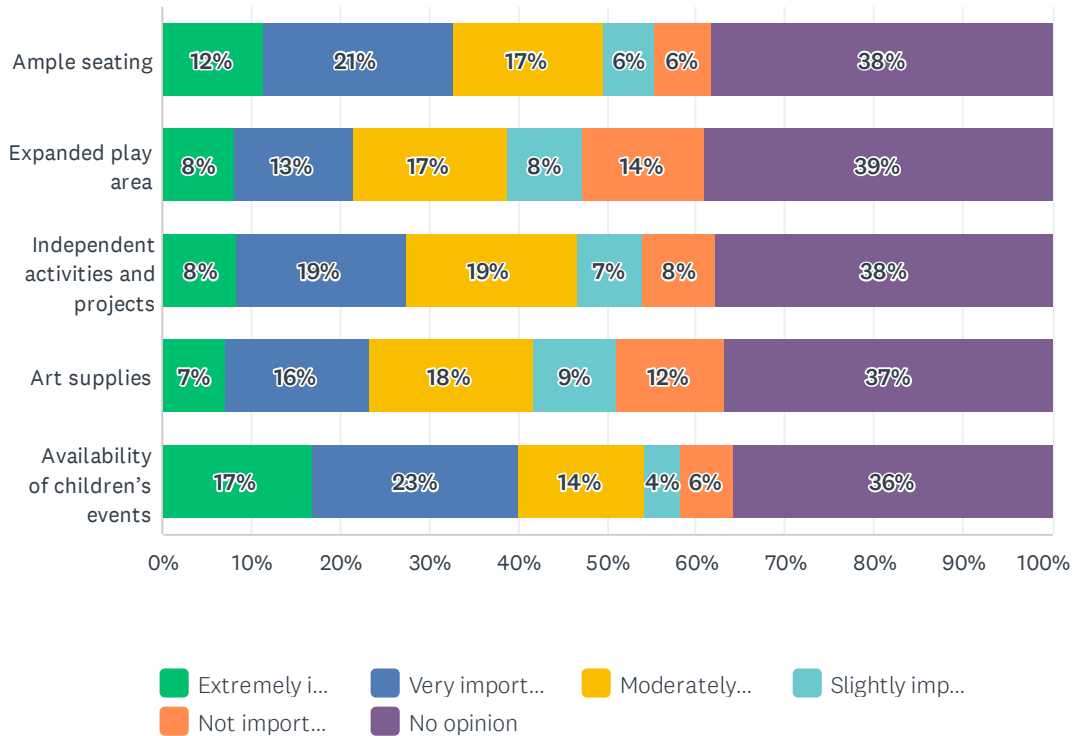
Answered: 1,387 Skipped: 236



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	10%	141
Maybe	16%	226
No	23%	322
N/A	50%	698
TOTAL		1,387

Q11 How important are the following features of the children's library at the Winnetka branch?

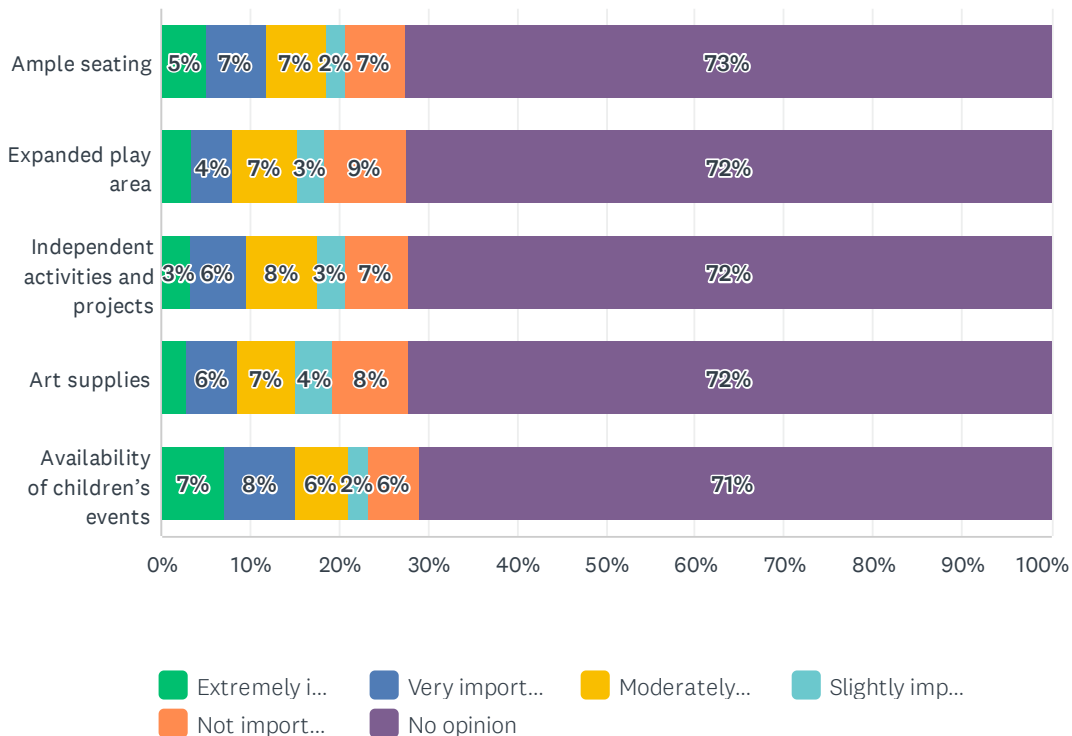
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	EXTREMELY IMPORTANT	VERY IMPORTANT	MODERATELY IMPORTANT	SLIGHTLY IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	NO OPINION	TOTAL
Ample seating	12% 152	21% 280	17% 225	6% 75	6% 84	38% 505	1,321
Expanded play area	8% 108	13% 172	17% 228	8% 110	14% 179	39% 509	1,306
Independent activities and projects	8% 109	19% 252	19% 250	7% 98	8% 107	38% 497	1,313
Art supplies	7% 93	16% 211	18% 241	9% 124	12% 157	37% 481	1,307
Availability of children's events	17% 223	23% 303	14% 187	4% 54	6% 77	36% 471	1,315

Q12 How important are the following features of the children's library at the Northfield branch?

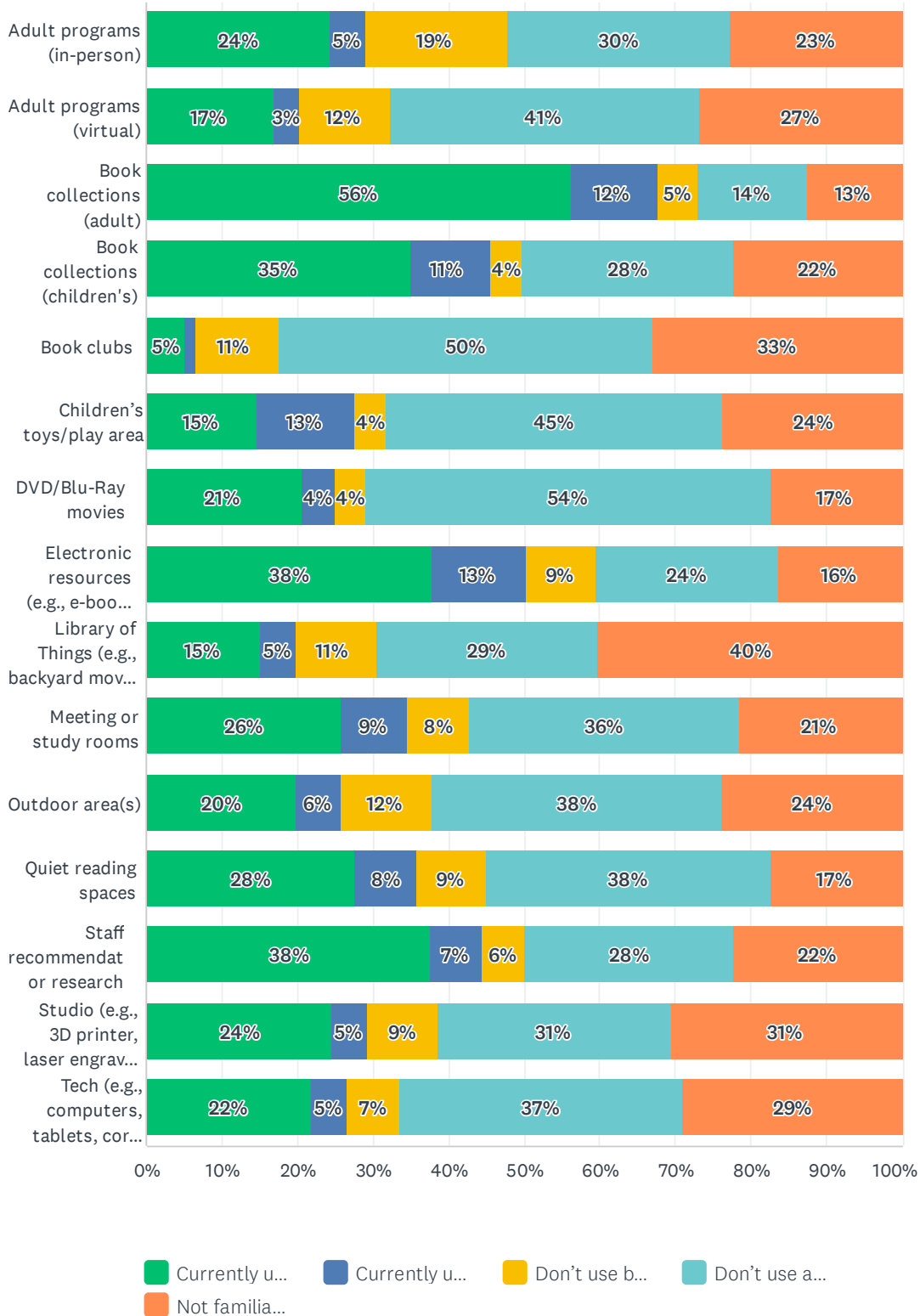
Answered: 1,277 Skipped: 346



	EXTREMELY IMPORTANT	VERY IMPORTANT	MODERATELY IMPORTANT	SLIGHTLY IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	NO OPINION	TOTAL
Ample seating	5% 64	7% 86	7% 86	2% 28	7% 85	73% 924	1,273
Expanded play area	4% 45	4% 56	7% 92	3% 38	9% 118	72% 912	1,261
Independent activities and projects	3% 42	6% 79	8% 104	3% 39	7% 89	72% 919	1,272
Art supplies	3% 35	6% 73	7% 84	4% 51	8% 107	72% 911	1,261
Availability of children's events	7% 90	8% 102	6% 76	2% 27	6% 73	71% 900	1,268

Q13 Please tell us about your use of, and satisfaction with, the following library resources in your home library.

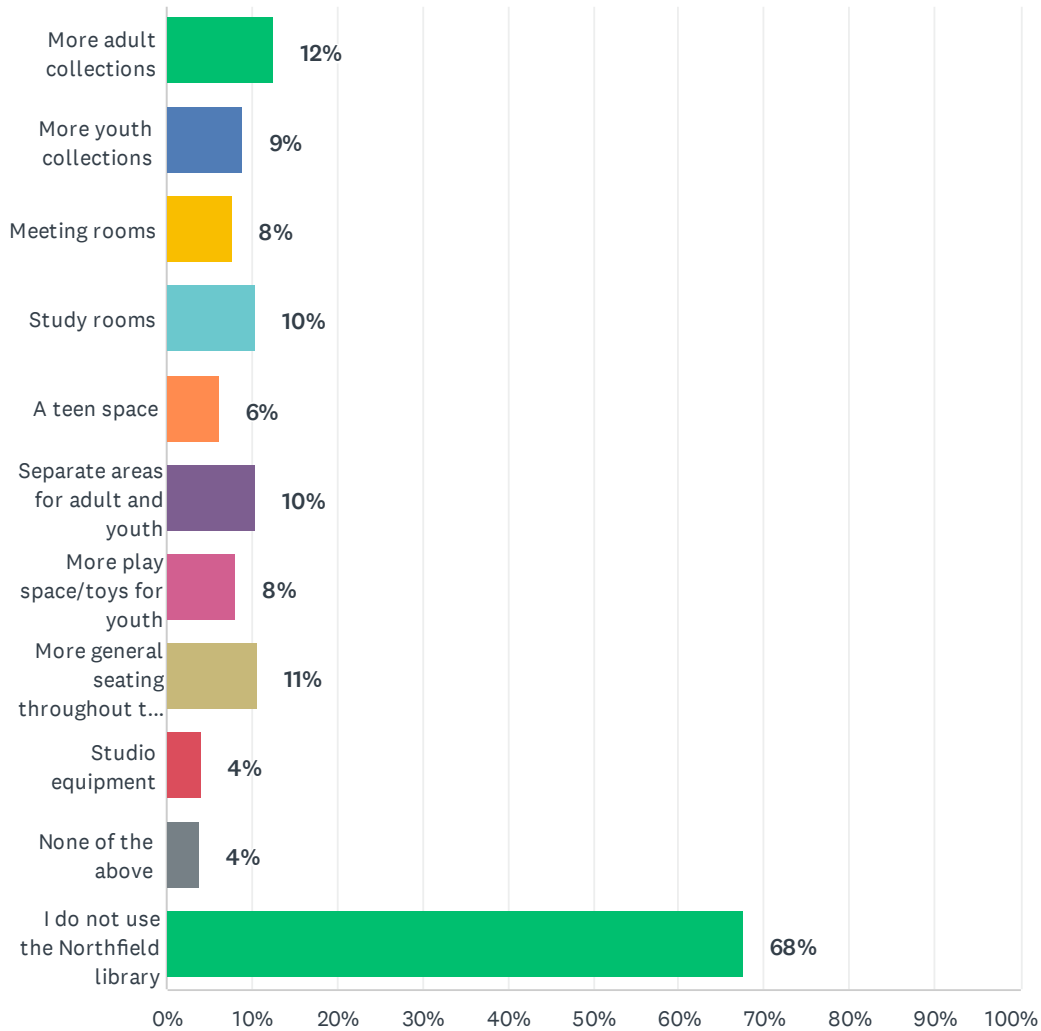
Answered: 1,379 Skipped: 244



	CURRENTLY USE AND AM SATISFIED	CURRENTLY USE BUT NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	DON'T USE BUT WOULD CONSIDER IF IMPROVED	DON'T USE AND HAVE NO PLANS TO	NOT FAMILIAR WITH THIS OFFERING	TOTAL
Adult programs (in-person)	24% 324	5% 61	19% 249	30% 392	23% 301	1,327
Adult programs (virtual)	17% 225	3% 44	12% 158	41% 543	27% 355	1,325
Book collections (adult)	56% 738	12% 151	5% 70	14% 189	13% 164	1,312
Book collections (children's)	35% 443	11% 135	4% 51	28% 356	22% 283	1,268
Book clubs	5% 65	2% 20	11% 139	50% 636	33% 421	1,281
Children's toys/play area	15% 187	13% 163	4% 53	45% 566	24% 301	1,270
DVD/Blu-Ray movies	21% 267	4% 55	4% 53	54% 693	17% 225	1,293
Electronic resources (e.g., e-books, audio books, e-newspapers, streaming)	38% 497	13% 165	9% 121	24% 315	16% 216	1,314
Library of Things (e.g., backyard movie kit, metal detector, seed library)	15% 194	5% 62	11% 136	29% 379	40% 518	1,289
Meeting or study rooms	26% 332	9% 112	8% 104	36% 461	21% 276	1,285
Outdoor area(s)	20% 254	6% 76	12% 153	38% 489	24% 306	1,278
Quiet reading spaces	28% 354	8% 104	9% 118	38% 482	17% 222	1,280
Staff recommendations or research	38% 482	7% 87	6% 72	28% 355	22% 285	1,281
Studio (e.g., 3D printer, laser engraver, media converter, other equipment and supplies, studio staff)	24% 315	5% 61	9% 120	31% 397	31% 393	1,286
Tech (e.g., computers, tablets, cords, scanner, copier, fax)	22% 280	5% 59	7% 89	37% 477	29% 371	1,276

Q14 The Northfield Branch is planning an expansion/remodel. What are the most important things for the library to include? Check all that apply.

Answered: 1,250 Skipped: 373



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
More adult collections	12%	156
More youth collections	9%	111
Meeting rooms	8%	96
Study rooms	10%	131
A teen space	6%	77
Separate areas for adult and youth	10%	130
More play space/toys for youth	8%	101
More general seating throughout the building	11%	132
Studio equipment	4%	51
None of the above	4%	49
I do not use the Northfield library	68%	845
Total Respondents: 1,250		

Q15 Please share your comments, clarifications, or concerns about any of the issues raised in this section.

Answered: 256 Skipped: 1,367

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Love the library. The staff is incredible. (Would be great if they had one more Nintendo switch)	9/19/2024 10:29 PM
2	I would like to see more books on the arts in this collection.	9/19/2024 10:07 PM
3	Libraries are one of the few free things to do with little kids in the village - during the winter when parks are less of an option, libraries are critical. Longer hours on Sundays would be good.	9/19/2024 8:58 PM
4	look at Wilmette Library!!!	9/19/2024 8:34 PM
5	I see private one-on-one tutoring in the private rooms. This is not right. The private tutor is getting paid to use our public facilities, depriving residents and patrons from using this resource. The library needs to monitor this and prevent this. The library has a huge budget, which is disproportionate to the use of it. I often see so many staff seemingly duplicating jobs or doing very little. Why not do a cost-needs/usage analysis to see if we have over-employed given usage by patrons. Just because this is a wealthier community does not mean tax payers' taxes should be exploited or misused. This library system is funded disproportionately to what nearby libraries are funded, relative to size of community and facility. The library is so small and outdated, so one wonders why the immense budget and are these tax dollars being wisely spent. Needs greater oversight or a committee to review so taxpayers do not feel cheated or exploited. The board is a joke--for the most part recently they just rubber stamp what ever the head of the library wants. No checks and balances, which disserved the taxpaying residents. ALSO, THE LIBRARY SHOULD NEVER GET INVOLVED IN POLITICS -EG AFFORDABLE HOUSING, SPEAKERS THAT ALWAYS LEAN LEFT BUT RARELY ARE RIGHT OR MODERATELY LEANING; BIG DISPLAY ON WOKISM WAS NOT PROPER WITHOUT A PARALLEL DISPLAY ON THE ISSUES WITH WOKISM. PLEASE BE NEUTRAL AND STRIVE TO EDUCATE AND NOT PROPAGANDIZE BASED ON YOUR PERSONAL POLITICAL BELIEFS/OPINIONS/PARTY.	9/19/2024 8:01 PM
6	I frequently need to obtain books from other libraries through an online hold. I used to get most books from the library. Are fewer books being purchased/held by the WPL?	9/19/2024 6:35 PM
7	I believe the town should move forward with Elder/Centennial beach projects as a permanent solution, not a short term temporary update.	9/19/2024 6:20 PM
8	Please consider offering programs for children and teens that have special needs, sensory issues, autism, etc. very minimal if any options for these kiddos that are community members.	9/19/2024 4:48 PM
9	Five years ago, we frequented story time with our first child and it was great. Since then, it has been overrun by nannies, and we are always turned away. It is a shame as our second child has never been able to take part.	9/19/2024 4:48 PM
10	I am a huge fan of the Winnetka-Northfield library system and its staff. Please remain focused on books as the priority for library services.	9/19/2024 4:19 PM
11	Add more scanners in the Winnetka branch's front room. I've waited for one person and someone has waited on me once in awhile.	9/19/2024 2:14 PM
12	Can only attend virtual programs so please keep them! thanks	9/19/2024 12:49 PM
13	I don't use the Northfield library. Why is a renovation needed? Will this be funded with Northfield tax dollars?	9/19/2024 12:39 PM
14	When our book group was very active NORTHFIELD was wonderful to work with in getting our monthly books!	9/19/2024 11:54 AM
15	Study rooms should be able to be booked electronically either online ahead or when you get to	9/19/2024 11:47 AM

the library so that you can reserve a "space in line". Wilmette and Northbrook both offer this service. We also need more rooms to study or small group work - the space that is currently the "quiet space" should be turned into a few more rooms or cubicles. High school students and Work from Home adults have a need for this. E-resources should be more easily accessible and advertised, they shouldn't be so difficult to access and there is no awareness in town you can get them. Completely underutilized.

16	No need for both the Northfield & Winnetka libraries	9/19/2024 11:25 AM
17	My use of the answer "don't use but would consider if improved" is best restated as "don't use but would consider if I know more about them." Perhaps some "information" days but be planned to demonstrate the various resources of the library (Winnetka branch)	9/19/2024 11:21 AM
18	I think I am in the minority, but our family used to be one of the heaviest users of the Winnetka branch of the Library. Our children made trips to the Library multiple times a week. That all changed when the Children's portion of the Library became a playroom instead of a library. Our happy users of the Library became so frustrated with books not being available to them because shelf space was replaced with a playroom that they stopped using the library. It frustrated them too much that every time they wanted a book they had to wait several days, up to a week for the book to be delivered from an associating library. This was a very sad time for us. Even though we started frequenting book stores, this change lead to a decline in the frequency of my children picking up books for an afternoon or night time read. Children can learn to use library voices and quietly look at/read books. Obviously, story time is great and should continue. My children have aged out of the Children's Library, but it makes me sad that our community asset, a place where children can learn to love books, has turned into a nothing more than a play room. For the adult portion of the Library, there is no real quiet. The last time I was researching something at the Library, a female, sitting in the upstairs portion answered her phone on speaker and had a 5 minute conversation. Not one staff member blinked an eye or asked her to step out of the Library for her call. That was my last time working at the Library.	9/19/2024 9:53 AM
19	The ads for the beaches in Winnetka are misleading. It looks like the plans are a done deal. Who is paying for these adds?	9/19/2024 9:20 AM
20	Reading about all these offerings reminds me to check out our libraries as I near retirement ! Thank you !	9/19/2024 8:14 AM
21	I have found the library staff to be always helpful and friendly.	9/19/2024 7:41 AM
22	Renovation is unnecessary	9/19/2024 7:17 AM
23	Some of the staff are quite rude and not very welcoming. It makes it very awkward and not enjoyable. In the past with Jimmy and Steve they never turned anyone away but now they turn people away all the time. I don't use the studio as much now because of this. In addition some staff need more training on the equipment.	9/19/2024 7:10 AM
24	In theory I'd be interested in more of a play space for kids but fear that it'll get more out of control. Whenever my nanny takes my kids to the library she comments on how most other Nannie's aren't paying attention to the kids and it's loud and messy because of it. It has become a place where Nannie's hang out and let their kids run wild. Not sure how to address that but I feel bad for the staff who has to manage it and it makes it a less pleasant place to be.	9/19/2024 6:59 AM
25	No comments	9/19/2024 6:08 AM
26	I use the library in traditional ways, checking out books, etc. I love being able to do so.	9/19/2024 6:06 AM
27	The studio at the Winnetka library is wonderful. I am new to it and was blown away. So much so that I have sent 3+ friends there. Zoe was so patient and knowledgeable and helped me with a huge project for my son's hockey team.	9/19/2024 6:01 AM
28	The Winnetka Park District board is a disgrace. Elder should have been repaired years ago. The Centennial Beach project does not reflect the needs of our community.	9/19/2024 12:17 AM
29	Too many of the adult library programs are virtual. Please have more in person programs.	9/18/2024 11:59 PM
30	My high school age children love to study at the Winnetka Library.	9/18/2024 11:23 PM
31	Close northfield and save money.	9/18/2024 10:38 PM

32	The Winnetka branch needs to keep its books longer. It also needs to tell the community what happened to the genealogy collection the former director deaccessioned.	9/18/2024 10:27 PM
33	We enjoy Petra and Andy programs, musical and drama events, art classes, movies, new books, lectures, book recommendations, travel books and videos	9/18/2024 8:56 PM
34	We have older Children it doesn't apply	9/18/2024 8:17 PM
35	Do not need 2 libraries. They should be consolidated.	9/18/2024 6:30 PM
36	Libraries are important part of the community and should be invested in with a focus on the child's experience	9/18/2024 5:20 PM
37	We moved from Glencoe to Winnetka 2+ years ago. My kids still prefer the Glencoe library - for the super knowledgeable and kind staff and the quieter atmosphere. Winnetka kids area can get loud and wild. And staff can at times be friendlier.	9/18/2024 5:13 PM
38	I go to the Northfield library for events. Often, there is a limit to the attendance, and we're on the wait list. It would be nice if that's not the case.	9/18/2024 4:29 PM
39	One must question the expansion plans and related costs per the per capita actual use	9/18/2024 4:06 PM
40	I very much miss the genealogy research center.	9/18/2024 3:37 PM
41	I do use the Northfield library, but only to check out books available nowhere else.	9/18/2024 2:10 PM
42	My kids are too old for the childrens library, but we enjoyed it and it worked well for us when they were little. Expanding availability of audiobooks on Hoopla and/or Libby for all readers would be what I would like to see more than anything else. I love the audiobooks so much!	9/18/2024 2:00 PM
43	My number one priority is the current dog beach. It a peaceful refuge and access to lake that is too often limited. The dog owners have a lovely community there. It is the highlight of the area for me.	9/18/2024 1:51 PM
44	Given the advancement of technology investment in a public library should be very low priority	9/18/2024 1:48 PM
45	The library is a huge tax burden to residents. The library is NOT an entertainment center. It is run like Disneyland currently	9/18/2024 1:20 PM
46	N/A	9/18/2024 12:27 PM
47	I would not decrease the adult/youth reading collections.	9/18/2024 11:54 AM
48	The libraries are great considering how small the population of our area is. Excellent!	9/18/2024 11:47 AM
49	Very happy w Winnetka Linrary	9/18/2024 11:39 AM
50	I love the study rooms that the Winnetka branch offers. I would love to see those offered in Northfield. My son gets tutored occasionally and they have always been so useful.	9/18/2024 11:02 AM
51	Broader kids book selection	9/18/2024 10:59 AM
52	Remove children's books that promote woke ideology	9/18/2024 10:53 AM
53	I value HAVING the libraries, but don't often use the libraries. It's a paradox I can't explain!	9/18/2024 10:53 AM
54	I use the Northfield and Winnetka library often to host Girl Scout meetings in their meeting space. They have been so hospitable with their rooms and children present.	9/18/2024 10:16 AM
55	while it's easy to get items from other libraries, our stacks don't have a lot of books for more spontaneous choices	9/18/2024 10:05 AM
56	Library use is being redefined-- would like a study outlining the future of spending in this area. Community gathering, study space and educational programming continues to be important but areas such as DVDs and CDs should be phased out. Spending should be sensitive to the actual needs of a well-resourced community while taking into account the desirability of attracting affordable housing residents. More outdoor space for the library seems completely unnecessary and I question why the library would "purchase" from the Park District outdoor space that has never been used.	9/18/2024 10:00 AM
57	I don't have young children so I don't use the childrens library now but used to use it regularly on a weekly basis	9/18/2024 9:52 AM

58	I have a 2 yo and 5 yo and it has gotten increasingly difficult to attend kids programming since the pandemic. In my opinion, it's not even worth attempting to attend because I'd need to arrive so early to even get a ticket to enter. I feel like a lot of the grownups that attend with children are distracted, on phones, chatting with other grownups and generally not paying attention to the kiddos they attend with (in the children's section and during programming). I generally try to avoid the library and the kids section when there's going to be an event - it's overrun, not enjoyable and impossible to find parking. I appreciate that the library recognizes there's a problem here and is trying to improve the experience by creating a lineup system or requiring library cards. I sincerely hope that helps the issues, but urge the library to continue looking for solutions if it does not.	9/18/2024 9:13 AM
59	My personal computer supplies all of the reference material I currently need.	9/18/2024 9:09 AM
60	Library: I have noticed in the past tutors that teach taking up tables. Is this a legal use of this space? I go to have a quiet space and it is more difficult to find a space in the quiet room or a reserved room. Wishing there was more emphasis on respecting that a library should be relatively quiet and keep conversations at a lower volume.	9/18/2024 9:04 AM
61	We love the library! It is such an important part of our town & can be used by every age group.	9/18/2024 8:51 AM
62	I think the third option on each question is problematic; I'd like to say for several that I might use but haven't yet. That doesn't mean that I think improvement is called for.	9/18/2024 8:49 AM
63	The library has an excess of funds and it shouldn't. It seems to be looking for a way to spend money.	9/18/2024 8:46 AM
64	The selection of independent reading books at Winnetka has drastically lowered since the remodel. There are not enough books for grades 3-7. There used to be a much larger selection. And there aren't enough interesting books for older boys.	9/18/2024 8:11 AM
65	The Winnetka library is a favorite of my 3 year old granddaughter and me. Very friendly staff, great facility	9/18/2024 8:00 AM
66	Increase selection of popular/recommended adult books. Often out of stock.	9/18/2024 7:48 AM
67	I SO appreciate the take home theme toy and craft for children and think even more would be amazing!!	9/18/2024 7:26 AM
68	Children are prioritized to the detriment of adults. There is no sense of community. Few chairs with a view of our beautiful village — it is hidden by bookshelves. No sense of how the study rooms might be used. Example: I am active in OLLI/Northwestern and frequently need a place to talk with fellow members from Winnetka and Wilmette. The studio staff is qualified and thoughtful, but not geared to adults. The programs are good, but there's little opportunity afterwards to just chat with the person sitting next to you. I'm a widow and not usually in a rush to get home.	9/18/2024 7:16 AM
69	The children's programs are so crowded and it seems like with the ticket process adults are arriving early and getting more tickets for their friends	9/18/2024 6:53 AM
70	Some of options I am aware of programs I just haven't used but I think the programs are adequate.	9/18/2024 6:32 AM
71	Winnetka Weeders (Garden Club) coordinates a children's Weeders & Readers program 2 a year. Based on the apparent demand indicated in this survey I wish we could more.	9/18/2024 6:24 AM
72	Love Libby but am often frustrated by the frequency of limited access on that service and delays in getting books.	9/17/2024 6:31 PM
73	We use both libraries often and the access is important, both from a physical location standpoint, but also accessibility and ease of use for elder patrons. Also, we very much enjoy the chair Yoga that you offer.	9/17/2024 5:03 PM
74	I wonder if the Northfield improvements are being driven by what Northfielders actually want, or by the perception that the branch should be more on par with the Winnetka building. Please ask the Northfield community. In the past they've expressed great satisfaction with their facility.	9/17/2024 5:00 PM
75	I want to see staff recommendations for adult fiction books at the library. Including new and existing books. My previous library had a special section you could browse that made it easy	9/17/2024 4:39 PM

to find fiction books and where you didn't have to browse the entire section. There are some audio books missing from Libby. There should be a way to request new books.

76	I do not think we should spend money on expansion or remodel of either library location.	9/17/2024 4:09 PM
77	The children's area was ruined when the books were reorganized into sections that only make sense if you're one of the librarians. Finding something specific independently is no longer an option. Also, an effort to bring in a better collection of classic books should be considered.	9/17/2024 2:27 PM
78	Would prefer is the kids space was separate from adult space so they can play more freely.	9/17/2024 11:48 AM
79	I don't currently use Northfield or children's resources with the library, but have in the past and likely will in the future, as grandchildren age. Loved a teen book club I did with Melissa in Northfield years back.	9/17/2024 10:49 AM
80	Have not used the adult programming but some of it looks quite interesting. Even tho we do not use the Northfield library, anything we say about Winnetka branch applies to Northfield in the spirit of what makes a good library.	9/17/2024 9:12 AM
81	I've consistently had negative experiences with the Children's library at the Winnetka branch. The staff is dismissive of my children and our family and I believe it's due to implicit bias as we are a trans racial household. They also do not have a collection of decodable books for those who are dyslexic and only offered me books geared towards young, typically developing pre-readers when I was seeking a resource for a middle schooler. Not sure how to address the racial aspect of the staff's attitude and knowledge, but when it comes to supporting diverse learners I suggest they connect with The Cove School in Northbrook to build out a more inclusive collection and approach to serve the needs of all their patrons.	9/17/2024 8:40 AM
82	NA - my use of the Winnetka library is non-existent, however my nanny takes my children there for activities which they very much enjoy.	9/17/2024 7:56 AM
83	Northfield is so small. Why is this expense necessary when they can use Winnetka and more options online	9/17/2024 7:45 AM
84	I've tried to use the library's electronic services eg ebooks, but found the system cumbersome and non intuitive, so I gave up. The Elder Beach fiasco is a giant embarrassment and Blight on the community. A camel is a horse designed by a (village) committee. Elder Beach is a sick, lame camel. For God's sake, when is the Winnetka One project ever going to move forward? It's another camel in the making.	9/17/2024 7:06 AM
85	I visit the library several times a week. The books and online periodicals are extremely important to me. Interlibrary loan is critical!	9/17/2024 6:03 AM
86	Public Libraries are essential for the residents of any community.	9/17/2024 4:50 AM
87	Don't waste money on the Northfield Branch	9/17/2024 12:29 AM
88	I am glad and hopeful the Winnetka library will stay in its current location.	9/17/2024 12:25 AM
89	The Winnetka branch does an exceptional job of curating their selections - especially the kids area which always feels fresh and new.	9/16/2024 11:09 PM
90	Show movies in person.	9/16/2024 10:10 PM
91	I think the librarians in the children's section at the Winnetka library could be friendlier and more welcoming and helpful to kids. My kids haven't had the best experiences with them and I have heard the same from other parents.	9/16/2024 10:08 PM
92	I am concerned about the heavy pressure in the children's picture book section of the Northfield Library toward politically divisive, age-inappropriate, and unnecessarily sexualized materials. It has gotten to the point where I don't feel comfortable bringing my young children to pick out books in person in the library. It seems that the ratio of these sorts of books to books without this content has gotten out of hand in the last few years, and it frankly makes me feel unwelcome in the public library.	9/16/2024 8:46 PM
93	We are satisfied with the library. We have high school students who use the study areas.	9/16/2024 8:32 PM
94	The young reader section could include more offerings, especially for boys. I have a son who isn't into sci-fi and there isn't much of an offering for him.	9/16/2024 8:31 PM
95	I wish the staff was more friendly in the children's area. They are often cold and short with	9/16/2024 8:30 PM

	kids/adults. I also wish the play area was more exciting. Pre covid, the dramatic play area was very inviting. It is not longer an inviting space and there isn't much for the kids to play with.	
96	I would like to see the Library use the new Library Park for quiet reading or programming	9/16/2024 7:52 PM
97	I automatically go to Winnetka if Northfield doesn't offer some things. I like that I can request a book for pick up in Northfield.	9/16/2024 5:08 PM
98	I feel we should focus on the Winnetka library and not northfield	9/16/2024 4:54 PM
99	Our nanny takes our two daughters to both libraries, however I'm not as familiar with them, especially not the Northfield Branch.	9/16/2024 4:34 PM
100	The Winnetka branch is lovely but can fill up a lot, esp. when high schoolers have exams. More seating would be great, but I'm not sure how to achieve that without compromising the collection, which is of course more important.	9/16/2024 4:00 PM
101	very supportive in search for obscure titles	9/16/2024 3:39 PM
102	I'm pretty happy with the existing Northfield branch. I use it a lot and it's great for my purposes. Please don't get too carried away with the remodel.	9/16/2024 3:28 PM
103	Costs should be kept down, I don't want to pay higher property taxes for improvements to the library.	9/16/2024 2:52 PM
104	I really wish we had more outdoor seating around the library.	9/16/2024 2:43 PM
105	I have heard from my nanny that Northfield is much more welcoming in the children's section. I wish Winnetka was since that's my home branch.	9/16/2024 2:28 PM
106	I consider Winnetka my home library as the Nfld branch doesn't have a Studio and Winn has a larger book collection.	9/16/2024 2:09 PM
107	If this section includes the point about making Elder beach useable while the larger plan is worked out, then yes! We discuss this almost weekly in our home. We live so close to a beach which is perfectly useable, yet it's locked off. PLEASE do something to allow us to use the space while the complexities are worked through!	9/16/2024 2:00 PM
108	It would be very helpful if we could reserve the study rooms ahead of time.	9/16/2024 12:51 PM
109	I only stop in if they have a book i want to read	9/16/2024 12:45 PM
110	Other than current novels, books can be outdated	9/16/2024 12:32 PM
111	Love to see more non- fiction books. The collection seems very dated and limited	9/16/2024 12:21 PM
112	studio classes should charge for supplies some patrons are making stuff there and selling it either on etsy or at benefits, like RUSH jr board benefit	9/16/2024 12:12 PM
113	I love the library!! We use the Northfield branch, and it is wonderful. I am able to easily place a hold online and pickup. The librarians are great and helpful. The children's section while small is great- lots of books, always clean, and fun programming. The children's and teen areas could be a bit bigger if expansion is planned, but overall I'm happy with the Northfield branch.	9/16/2024 11:59 AM
114	In Question 13, Any of my answers that are not "currently use and am satisfied" should read "currently don't use but would like to when I remember to do so" :)	9/16/2024 11:51 AM
115	My family regularly goes to the Winnetka branch and we love the offerings and the staff are always so friendly and helpful. Sometimes we have to put holds on books from other partner library systems because they don't show up when I search for them on the Winnetka library website. We still use the DVDs regularly, though many of them skip or have problems playing.	9/16/2024 11:49 AM
116	I'm sad that the libraries now allow loud talking. It's very difficult to read when you have people talking and laughing like they're at a party. Children need to be taught to be respectful of others at the library.	9/16/2024 11:40 AM
117	Most recent book acquisitions seem to have a leftist bias, without diversity of viewpoints	9/16/2024 11:21 AM
118	We have too many taxing districts. Our library districts should combine with our park district to create cohesive programs.	9/16/2024 11:19 AM
119	We need to address homeless individuals occupying the library which impacts how we utilize	9/16/2024 11:16 AM

the library. For example, my son was unable to use the quiet room to study for his LSAT exams because of this situation. Ultimately due to noise, hygiene, and safety, my son no longer utilizes the library. The staff was not cooperative and did not advocate on behalf of the patrons.

120	Staff at Winnetka always helpful. Areas to read well lit and ample space.	9/16/2024 11:15 AM
121	Please make sure library expansion included adequate parking.	9/16/2024 11:14 AM
122	I am generally satisfied with the Winnetka Library, although use other area libraries (Glencoe, HP, Wilmette) for items not available here.	9/16/2024 11:05 AM
123	I'd love for the library to be more of a destination for adults and children where it feels like a special place to visit	9/16/2024 11:02 AM
124	The children area should be enclosed. Very noisy	9/16/2024 11:02 AM
125	The weeds in the parking lot under electric lines and the lack of external plantings around library	9/16/2024 11:02 AM
126	No children at home	9/16/2024 10:53 AM
127	I have to admit I find the Glencoe library easier to use/ find interesting books	9/16/2024 10:32 AM
128	I have no children so no opinion on those topics	9/16/2024 10:31 AM
129	The upholstered chairs for quiet reading at the Winnetka branch could be improved. They're not that comfortable, especially if you're tall. Regarding enhancing the library's book club, I wonder if collaborating with The Book Stall might create a more dynamic and diverse experience. Just a thought.	9/16/2024 10:14 AM
130	No more expensive changes needed for at least a few years	9/16/2024 9:28 AM
131	Genealogy collection is missed. Couldn't you establish a small collection?	9/16/2024 9:22 AM
132	We use virtual resources exclusively for reading material, enjoy studio & library of things for eqpt.	9/16/2024 8:41 AM
133	I would love more programming for the 9-12 year old set. My kids have aged out of story time and events geared toward younger kids. We took advantage of offerings when they were in the 0-8 year old range which was wonderful.	9/16/2024 8:39 AM
134	Adult programming: I am always impressed by the quantity of offerings. Although the topics don't always excite me, or the timing doesn't work for me now, I imagine there will be a time in future years when I can and will attend more of the adult events Youth events: there are so many great offerings. While capacity does sometimes prevent us from being able to attend, I don't think it would make sense to make most events available without capacity; sometimes you need to keep the numbers smaller to preserve the quality of the experience Youth toys/games: my children have outgrown the toy area at the library, but we enjoyed it when it was age-appropriate for us. I'm sure some people might prefer a better selection of toys, but I fear that would turn the room into a big mess and distract from the true purpose of being there: books books books!	9/16/2024 8:38 AM
135	I'd like to be able to use the meeting rooms at the Winnetka branch but they make it very difficult.	9/16/2024 8:33 AM
136	We love the library. What a tremendous resource!	9/16/2024 8:27 AM
137	More in person adult programming and book clubs would be nice. No one needs virtual.	9/16/2024 7:58 AM
138	Children's section used to be great under Bronwyn when my kids were little, but they have aged out. Seems to emphasize books less now, which is sort of sad.	9/16/2024 7:55 AM
139	The library is one of my most favorite things about the town. However, we need more private rooms as they are always full, teens need a separate place as they deserve to have a place but they are not quiet.	9/16/2024 7:54 AM
140	We have two libraries we do not need to expand Northfield	9/16/2024 7:41 AM
141	More vox books - these are great for those with learning disabilities (the chapter books) please.	9/16/2024 7:39 AM
142	The adult events in person or virtual are interesting but somehow I never fit them in to my	9/16/2024 7:29 AM

	schedule	
143	I'd like to see enhancements to support more sophisticated 3d printing & higher end 3d scanning as well as high speed & high resolution scanning & digital processing of photographs, home movies, etc. At a higher level, I'd like to encourage the local library to engage in a cooperative discussion with other area branches about expanded capabilities like a woodshop, metal shop, etc.	9/16/2024 7:16 AM
144	Love both libraries and appreciate staff efforts.	9/16/2024 7:00 AM
145	The studio in the Winnetka basement is amazing, and the people there are so helpful! You need to advertise it in the weekly winnetka village email. No one knows about it!	9/16/2024 6:57 AM
146	Library staff could be friendlier and more helpful. There also seems to be a breakdown in communication and coordination among Winnetka staff as they seem to have silo-ed knowledge of how the place runs (which then isn't very helpful).	9/16/2024 6:12 AM
147	Not sure why the Northfield Branch needs to be expanded.	9/15/2024 10:24 PM
148	I generally use Libby but not often. I plan to increase my use of this offering when possible.	9/15/2024 8:38 PM
149	There is no quiet adult space in Winnetka. There is no where to sit comfortably and read. We have to put up with screaming kids coming from story time and strollers clogging up the entrance. See highland park adult reading room. It is a dream.	9/15/2024 6:03 PM
150	Less political leanings in the children's books. Make the kids books for kids, things like anti racist baby or the Gay B C's is inappropriate for children.	9/15/2024 5:47 PM
151	I am disabled so am unable to access the library during the winter (I use a scooter in the summer.) Appreciate that books can be brought to my car when needed.	9/15/2024 4:09 PM
152	For question 13, its unfortunate there is no response "am satisfied but do not currently use"	9/15/2024 3:57 PM
153	Prefer to keep Northfield small and cozy. Extra seating would be nice.	9/15/2024 3:20 PM
154	I believe that access to periodicals (both physical and electronic) are difficult. Library website could be made more helpful.	9/15/2024 2:27 PM
155	Both libraries need more seating	9/15/2024 2:17 PM
156	Embrace digital resources & shared resources (studio eqpt & library of things)	9/15/2024 1:58 PM
157	Do NOT expand and remodel the Northfield branch. Library board needs to curtail it's spending and reduce tax levy.	9/15/2024 1:08 PM
158	I love the winnetka library, in particular the children's play and book section and the basement studio. These are the best sections, please do all that is necessary to maintain and improve these as they are community treasures especially for residents with young children during the cold weather months	9/15/2024 1:01 PM
159	In the section where I need to select a bubble to show my use of things at the library, there is zero option to select don't use but the reason is not because the items need improved - it is because I don't have time as I have young children. For things like adult virtual events and book clubs, often those events are in the evening when I need to get my children to activities. When I am able I have taken advantage of almost all of the programming that the library offers. For the Library of Things and tech offerings, I have not used those items yet, but may in the future. There is also no way to express that.	9/15/2024 12:55 PM
160	The staff at the Winnetka library is unfriendly to children - it's extremely problematic.	9/15/2024 12:37 PM
161	We appreciate the work done by library employees	9/15/2024 11:23 AM
162	We appreciate the work done by library employees	9/15/2024 11:02 AM
163	Libraries are a think of the past.	9/15/2024 8:42 AM
164	The Winnetka library should consider relocating to the post office location to have better parking and bring more people to the shopping district.	9/15/2024 8:22 AM
165	Appreciate the Winnetka Library and support its continued use and the staff is excellent. I primarily utilize the books on disk.	9/14/2024 11:27 PM

166	I love the Winnetka Library but am surprised when I attempt to find a book in the combined North Shore collection and it's not available, which happens often for me	9/14/2024 5:48 PM
167	Would like foreign films to cite the country on the spine or identified in some way for ease in selection if interested in a particular country	9/14/2024 4:28 PM
168	More adult programs live and online	9/14/2024 3:53 PM
169	I go to baby story times in northfield and glencoe but find that Winnetka lacks in this area	9/14/2024 1:50 PM
170	I am not in the habit of going to the library... if, as a resident, I automatically received a library card in the mail... or one was available for me to simply pick-up it probably would've started a habit of using the library as soon as a moved to town.	9/14/2024 12:48 PM
171	Has any information been shared about this remodel? I did not know this was happening.	9/14/2024 10:48 AM
172	We just moved to Winnetka a month ago and have yet to visit the library but plan to use the Childrens events and offerings for children. We've heard from neighbors that it is difficult to get into the events that don't allow pre-registration, they have been turned away because of capacity.	9/14/2024 9:35 AM
173	The Winnetka library children's area is far inferior to neighboring libraries. The Glencoe library summer reading program is vastly superior to Winnetka.	9/14/2024 9:30 AM
174	Libby is great. I use it all the time. Also, unused the seed program this year. Great!	9/14/2024 9:14 AM
175	Library in Winnetka needs improvement. It is Lacking compared to neighboring towns, particularly Skokie. The state of our library, in such a prosperous town, calls into question the allocation of resources and village priorities.	9/14/2024 8:24 AM
176	Winnetka public library needs to expand. The outdoor space should be eliminated; it's a waste. I never see anyone using it. The building should be expanded and the children's area should have more hands on learning. There should also be more space for older student learning and study rooms. The Northbrook library has three floors above ground, Glenviews is large too. We should expand the first floor imprint and also add on to the second floor. I have 4 children, we have lived her two years; every time we try to sign up for an event it's full which stinks. I do not have experience with Northfield library. .	9/13/2024 8:38 PM
177	The questions aren't well written. The number of the things I don't use much but it's not because I don't think they're good or that they need improvement. I just don't really need them.	9/13/2024 8:32 PM
178	Winnetka is closed a lot. For the taxes we pay it is surprising how often the place is closed and the lack of rooms to access for quiet use.	9/13/2024 4:49 PM
179	I love the children's programs at the library, and used to go weekly, but largely stopped going because of caregiver misbehavior. It turned into nanny social hour, and it became difficult to hear the stories or navigate the kids running wild while their caregivers chatted in the back of the room. I also grew tired of caregivers fighting with library staff when they were asked to refrain from taking photos and filming on their phones. I would love to see a more strictly enforced "no cell" policy at kids programs to keep caregivers engaged (ie paying attention) to the kids in their care and to increase the comfort of people who don't want their children photographed.	9/13/2024 4:20 PM
180	I am very unhappy with the changes of the library itself. You have stripped any warmth, it is a cold and unwelcoming place	9/13/2024 3:45 PM
181	I love the Northfield Library. The staff is particularly great at adult fiction recommendations. I like its more intimate size.	9/13/2024 11:52 AM
182	Would like to see the library invest more in Ebooks. The selections are limited or often with no availability.	9/13/2024 11:12 AM
183	Needs more children's resources (e.g. Librarian recommendations for age appropriate books)	9/13/2024 10:33 AM
184	Glad to see the library continuing to evolve	9/13/2024 8:24 AM
185	I use Winnetka library. Quiet work areas are most important for me. Not sure how to bring this up but a homeless man comes regularly to the Winnetka branch and smells strongly. Is there some way we can stop this. I feel like it is also a safety issue.	9/12/2024 8:03 PM
186	There are some things that I do not currently use, but that does not mean that they need	9/12/2024 6:27 PM

	improvement. The wording is awkward in your choice offerings.	
187	limited use at this facility except for classes, and dvd loan	9/12/2024 2:07 PM
188	I don't really have strong opinions about the library's offerings. I believe that they offer a variety of programs/events for interested people to enjoy. No complaints.	9/12/2024 1:11 PM
189	Love our library system and think it is one of the most important parts of our village (and public libraries are democracy in action).	9/12/2024 11:30 AM
190	The library does not need to be a political tool; yet throughout the Winnetka library, books are displayed specifically for that purpose. Books on monster trucks? No. Books on celebrating the trending cause of the day? Front and center. Certainly an agenda in what books are displayed in the kids areas, and that is a sad statement of the times.	9/12/2024 10:33 AM
191	Both library facilities are outdated and difficult to renovate. The fact that Northfield is a rented space and has multiple problems with the layout and structure means that it would not be a good value for taxpayers to fund an extensive renovation. The district should consolidate the 2 libraries and build a better top-of-the-line facility on the Winnetka Post Office site rather than attempt to make 2 problematic buildings work for today's needs.	9/12/2024 8:00 AM
192	Library does not require additional expansion	9/11/2024 7:01 PM
193	I am very happy with the Northfield Branch as it currently exists.	9/11/2024 5:56 PM
194	LOVE the studio and the staff down there. Love the constant, ever changing book selection. Like that when our grandchildren come to town, we can visit the library, that there's always something going on for them to join. Your expanded offerings are impressive and noteworthy! Keep it up and add more!! thank you	9/11/2024 5:18 PM
195	On multiple occasions, I have asked library staff for book recommendations for older elementary boys, and they haven't been able to give suggestions, and are generally unhelpful and unenthusiastic. They even once recommended the video game section. This is an age when kids lose interest in reading and the library of all places needs to make a better effort to engage them.	9/11/2024 2:59 PM
196	I do not believe the primary function of a library is children's toys or play areas. I may be somewhat old fashioned, but I'd focus on reading materials.	9/11/2024 2:40 PM
197	The Winnetka Branch needs improvement. More titles and more space. The Glenview Library is a great example.	9/11/2024 2:18 PM
198	The Winoka library needs improvement. The facilities and offerings are dated and seem inadequate, considering the district. Glenview has an incredible library that should be looked at as an example.	9/11/2024 2:17 PM
199	It's a leased property. Don't waste money there. Consolidate both libraries into one facility. Look at PO property for new location. More space. Better parking.	9/11/2024 1:35 PM
200	The library district needs to be a better financial steward of villagers' taxes.	9/11/2024 1:00 PM
201	Wonderful library! Thank you for all you do for the community!	9/11/2024 10:59 AM
202	More events in the afternoon for kids at Winnetka. We need more options!	9/10/2024 12:36 PM
203	I am generally happy without our libraries. We could use more public meeting spaces, but that doesn't necessarily fall only on the library.	9/10/2024 9:49 AM
204	It would be great to have more office-friendly tools in the conference rooms so that they could be used for volunteer meetings more easily - multiple monitors, better soundproofing, whiteboards	9/10/2024 9:13 AM
205	Staff is soooo unfriendly when I go to collect books I have put on hold. I don't even need their help but they look Irritated and so unwelcoming	9/10/2024 8:35 AM
206	Use the library very very minimally	9/9/2024 3:42 PM
207	For a fully informed response for #5, you should disclose the toxic stormwater runoff in the water at Elder Beach.	9/9/2024 3:36 PM
208	It would be nice to have children's events on the weekends too.	9/9/2024 1:50 PM

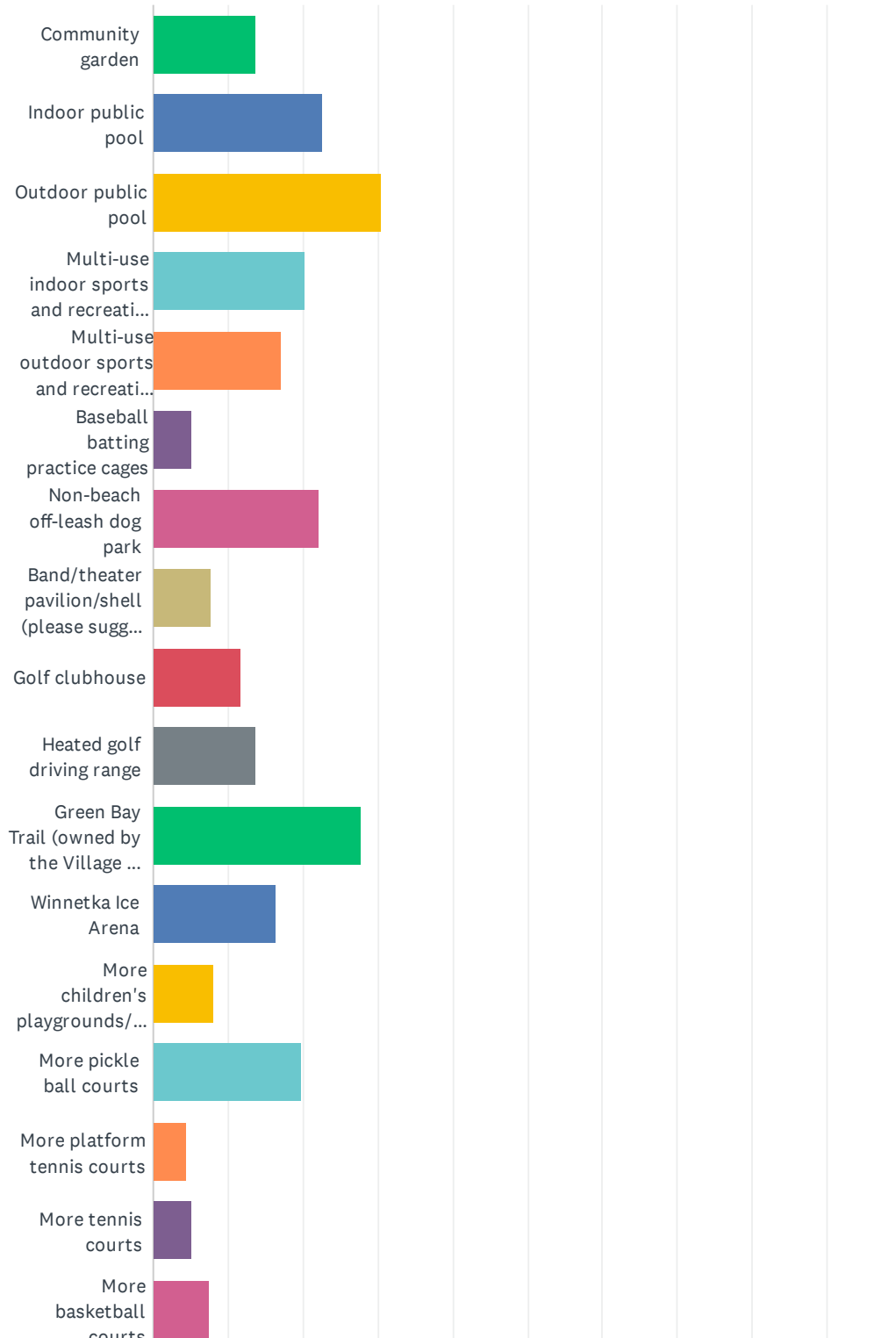
209	expand offerings in library of things	9/9/2024 1:23 PM
210	Can find what is needed by checking out books and DVDs, from consortium libraries if Winnetka does not provide. Often use Libby for audio books for driving and e books if hard copies not convenient. I was surprised that there was not more questions about improving digital access.	9/9/2024 1:21 PM
211	The Winnetka Library is a wonderful resource. I appreciate the use of electronic book rental via my Kindle!	9/9/2024 12:45 PM
212	I love the Libby App	9/9/2024 10:19 AM
213	My kids check out books weekly - that is our primary library use and it's awesome.	9/9/2024 9:19 AM
214	. Larger meeting rooms a must. This would allow more entertaining or learning programs. Very confined spaces.,	9/8/2024 11:25 PM
215	I wish the library can remain a warm friendly place to visit..... not a cold modern facility !! I like the wood- the staff at the entrance - the fireplace !	9/8/2024 7:29 PM
216	Would like expanded digital collections.	9/8/2024 6:13 PM
217	both libraries offer good offerings	9/8/2024 5:26 PM
218	I would prefer more adult programs to be in person rather than virtual. Although Winnetka is my home Library, I mostly use Glencoe for books. The staff is much friendlier and more engaging.	9/8/2024 4:01 PM
219	The Northfield library does not need expanding.	9/8/2024 10:25 AM
220	The Winnetka branch of the library has the least friendly youth librarians. If you visit Wilmette and then visit Winnetka, the difference is shocking. And it is shocking that the youth librarians do not have a relationship with the schools. The school's should have field trips creating a relationship between this community resource and the schools. The tension between the librarians and the public is palpable. When I go in looking for suggestions for my son, I have to get a librarians attention, and feel like I am interrupting some internet search to get help.	9/8/2024 8:50 AM
221	I use the adjacent meeting room for a knitting group. Library could be expanded, but I hope not at the expense of that meeting room. I don't think it is safe to have the children's area right by the outside back door which does see a fair amount of traffic.	9/8/2024 8:44 AM
222	As an older resident O have fond memories of the library providing what my family needed. O have only been k. There a couple times since its lay renovation but feel that it is an important aspect to This community and the children.	9/8/2024 7:21 AM
223	Would like to see priority given to restoring the genealogy collection. Taxes are TOO HIGH and need to be abated!	9/8/2024 7:17 AM
224	I am honestly only disappointed with one aspect of the Winnetka library - the kindness and helpfulness of the library staff. I choose to take my children to glencoe because the staff is so much friendlier. I mean this in the most constructive way possible.	9/8/2024 6:11 AM
225	None	9/7/2024 7:23 PM
226	Expanded weekend hours (for children) especially Sundays would be huge. Especially during the winter when parks are less of an option.	9/7/2024 2:56 PM
227	one person should not be allowed to monopolize the sole available computer at Winnetka Library as is currently the case	9/7/2024 8:33 AM
228	The children's area needs more social play group shared space. Teen& adults need more private spaces for 2 people to share for an hour at a time with 60min max to be booked ahead of time and no users can make more than a couple reservations a week to allow more residents to use those spaces	9/6/2024 8:10 PM
229	I recently visited the Skokie library and was blown away. It was so nice! The children's section is huge (that's the only part I really visited) and I was embarrassed of the Winnetka library compared to Skokie. I usually go to the Wilmette library over Winnetka, because there are more books for kids, more kids activities, and better parking. I do love the app to search for a book, reserve it, and pick it up. There is so much about the library I didn't k ow it offered, putting reminders about some of the offerings in the Friday Winnetka email would be helpful.	9/6/2024 7:12 PM

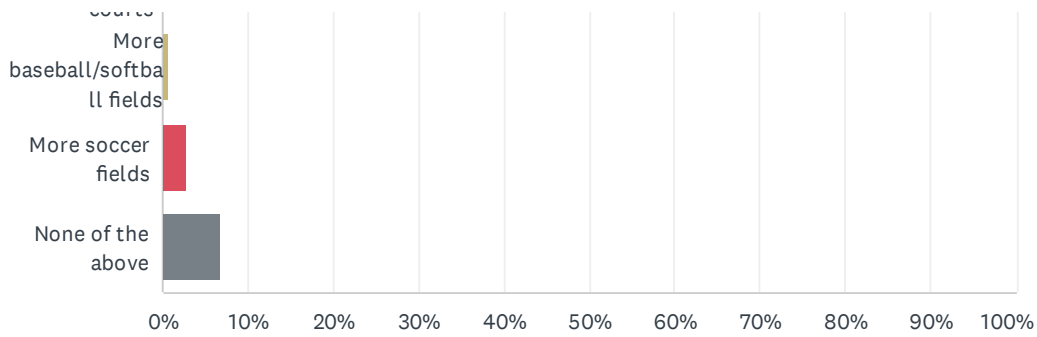
230	Would love more children events during weekend times. As a working parent, I can't attend most of the events due to their scheduled times in the weekday.	9/6/2024 6:23 PM
231	Love the studio - they should partner with the elementary school PTO organization creating fun personalized projects which both benefit the parents and it helps our younger families understand the assets of the studio.	9/6/2024 4:43 PM
232	The library communicates about their resources very well!	9/6/2024 4:05 PM
233	Greatly appreciate the Winnetka library and staff and would love for more seating, interactive opportunities for elementary and middle school aged children and technology such as a Maker Space.	9/6/2024 12:42 PM
234	None	9/6/2024 9:36 AM
235	Library is a great asset. We dont use it as much now, primarily due to kids in college, but support it. The way the questions are written may imply something else	9/5/2024 11:44 PM
236	The Library is great. We're lucky to have them both.	9/5/2024 10:18 PM
237	Waste of taxpayer funds to expand the Northfield Library.	9/5/2024 9:21 PM
238	Close Northfield and have those residents use Winnetka. Waste of taxpayer money to have 2 branches.	9/5/2024 8:34 PM
239	I enjoy using the library and hope to use more when I have more free time/no small kids at home	9/5/2024 7:05 PM
240	There should be more seating for adults in the children's are. It would be great if there were more chairs and space so adults could read while kids play independently.	9/5/2024 6:34 PM
241	Na	9/5/2024 3:56 PM
242	I most often use and very satisfied (and gratified) with scanner equipment. I scan 5-10 pages to send email most trips. The "main" scanner at the Winnetka branch is terrific -- excellent scan quality, very easy to understand and use, and staff are extremely responsive when I need help (I rarely need help). This is my favorite feature of the library.	9/5/2024 3:45 PM
243	why do we have two libraries? Given the internet and e-books, it is time the Village looked at consolidation like other municipalities.	9/5/2024 2:41 PM
244	Don't need two libraries. Space / expense could be applied better elsewhere	9/5/2024 2:02 PM
245	Most children's events take place on weekdays, and my children attend daycare so are not able to participate.	9/5/2024 11:32 AM
246	I love the Northfield Library, but it does seem like a half version of the Winnetka Library. It would be used more if it offered more. I realize space is an issue, but when I want to borrow something from Winnetka, the vibe is 'asking permission' not a shared item between two equals.	9/5/2024 10:02 AM
247	I wish they would create a great teen space and programming in the Winnetka library. Northfield isn't used enough to justify the cost.	9/5/2024 9:57 AM
248	I love the Winnetka Library and feel it could be improved by adding more residential seating and areas that would encourage spending more time there.	9/5/2024 9:57 AM
249	I think everything is fine currently.	9/5/2024 9:43 AM
250	We love the library. Would love to see a section on recommendations for adult books and a section with award winning books (eg Pulitzer, national book award, booker) to help with selection. Also wish there were more hard cover books of older books instead of paper backs	9/5/2024 9:20 AM
251	seems like every book i am interested in needs to come from another library. i appreciate that our library will buy or get books on loan when requested, but would like to see a broader selection. Libby is also impossible for me to figure out how to search for and place a hold with other libraries. i always need to call or go in to get a staff member to do this for me; seems like there must be some training or a better way of doing this.	9/5/2024 9:10 AM
252	Your question about not requiring tickets to Children's events is just plain dumb. You do know that there is not unlimited space, don't you?	9/5/2024 8:53 AM

253	IMO, the need for libraries has become less important and investments in parks and recreation would be a better use of our tax revenues.	9/5/2024 7:58 AM
254	Friendliness of staff in Winnetka needs to be addressed	9/5/2024 6:39 AM
255	We used the children's library all the time when our children were young, but they are grown now. Even though we don't use the children's library we are big supporters.	9/5/2024 6:35 AM
256	More adult programs. I have gone to NT extension courses. I plan to attend any social security or Medicare upgrades	9/5/2024 2:22 AM

Q16 The Winnetka Park District (WPD) regularly seeks feedback on the needs of its constituents. To help the WPD prioritize resources, what are the top three items you would like the WPD to address? Choose your top 3.

Answered: 1,302 Skipped: 321

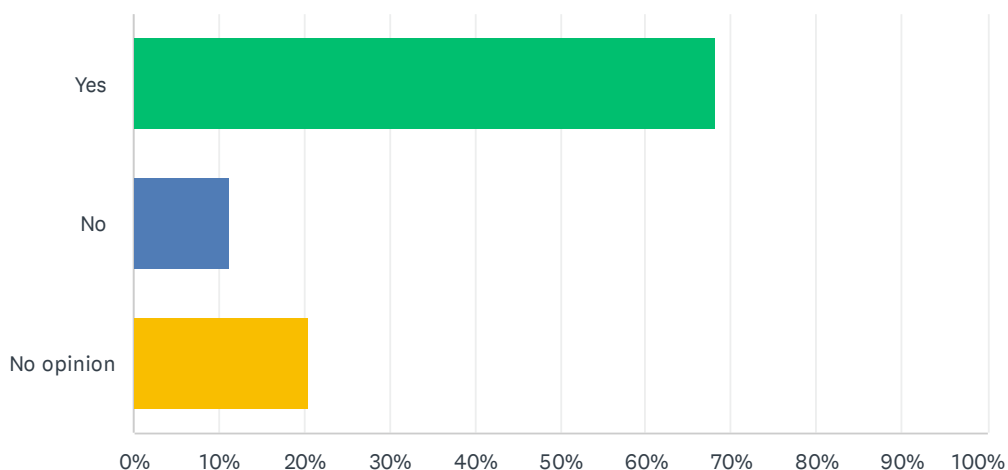




ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Community garden	13.59%	177
Indoor public pool	22.50%	293
Outdoor public pool	30.49%	397
Multi-use indoor sports and recreation center (track, basketball, dance, general use)	20.35%	265
Multi-use outdoor sports and recreation center (seasonally transitioned between ice and sport courts)	17.13%	223
Baseball batting practice cages	5.15%	67
Non-beach off-leash dog park	22.12%	288
Band/theater pavilion/shell (please suggest a location in the comments section)	7.60%	99
Golf clubhouse	11.67%	152
Heated golf driving range	13.59%	177
Green Bay Trail (owned by the Village of Winnetka)	27.73%	361
Winnetka Ice Arena	16.44%	214
More children's playgrounds/jungle gyms	8.06%	105
More pickle ball courts	19.74%	257
More platform tennis courts	4.45%	58
More tennis courts	5.07%	66
More basketball courts	7.45%	97
More baseball/softball fields	0.54%	7
More soccer fields	2.76%	36
None of the above	6.84%	89
Total Respondents: 1,302		

Q17 The Winnetka Park District manages 26 parks and uses the herbicides RoundUp QuikPRO (glyphosate) and Millenium Ultra 2 (dicamba and clopyralid). More information on these herbicides can be found here. In recent years, in an effort to reduce its dependence on these herbicides, the WPD has been instituting less toxic organic applications (such as spot treatment as needed vs. blanket spraying), and looking at other alternatives, including an organic herbicide pilot program conducted at a park by WPD staff in 2018. With the recognition that organic management techniques continue to evolve and there is an industry of consultants familiar with the latest techniques, should the WPD launch another pilot to use 100% organic herbicides which, if successful, could serve as a model for transitioning other parks to 100% organic herbicides?

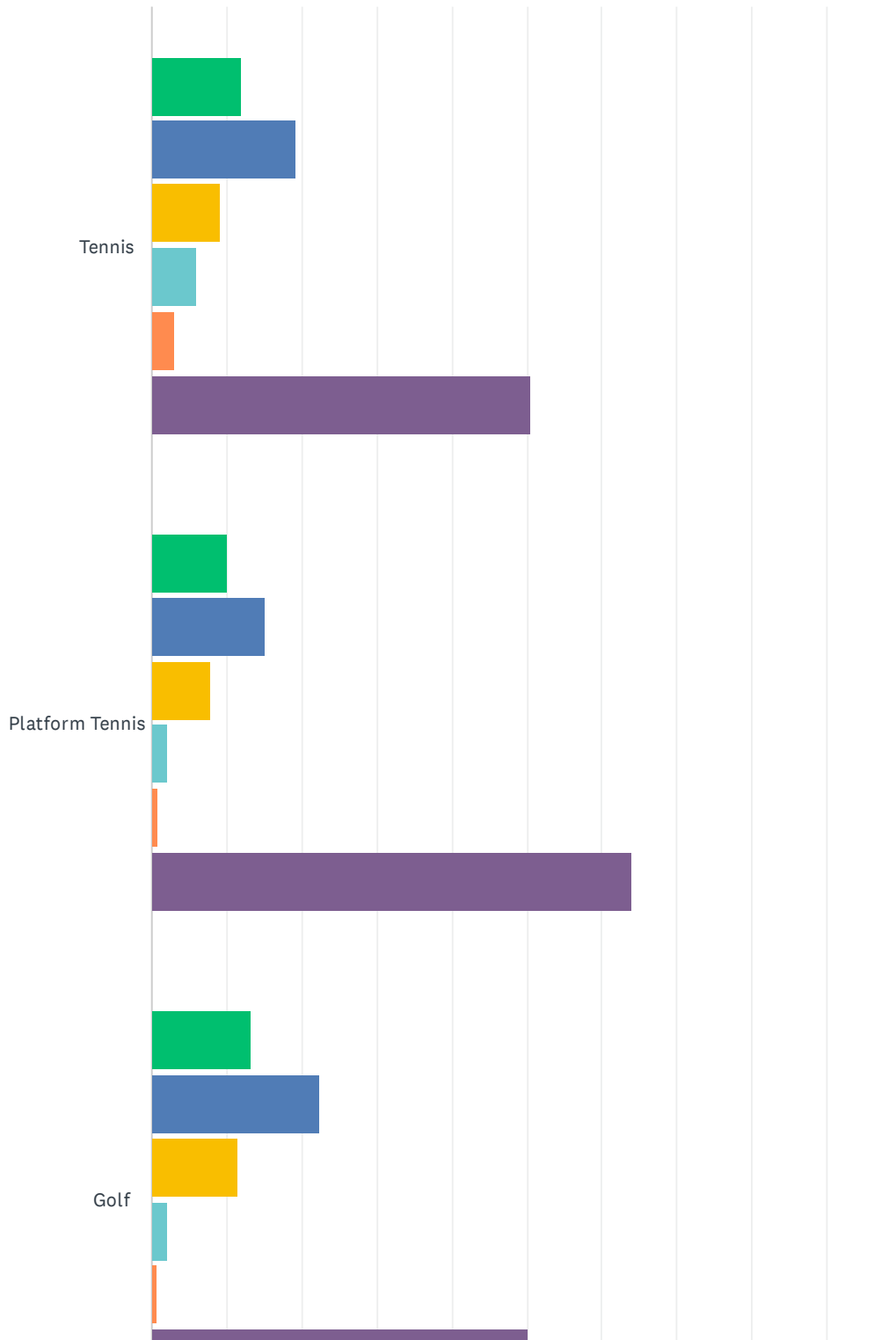
Answered: 1,317 Skipped: 306

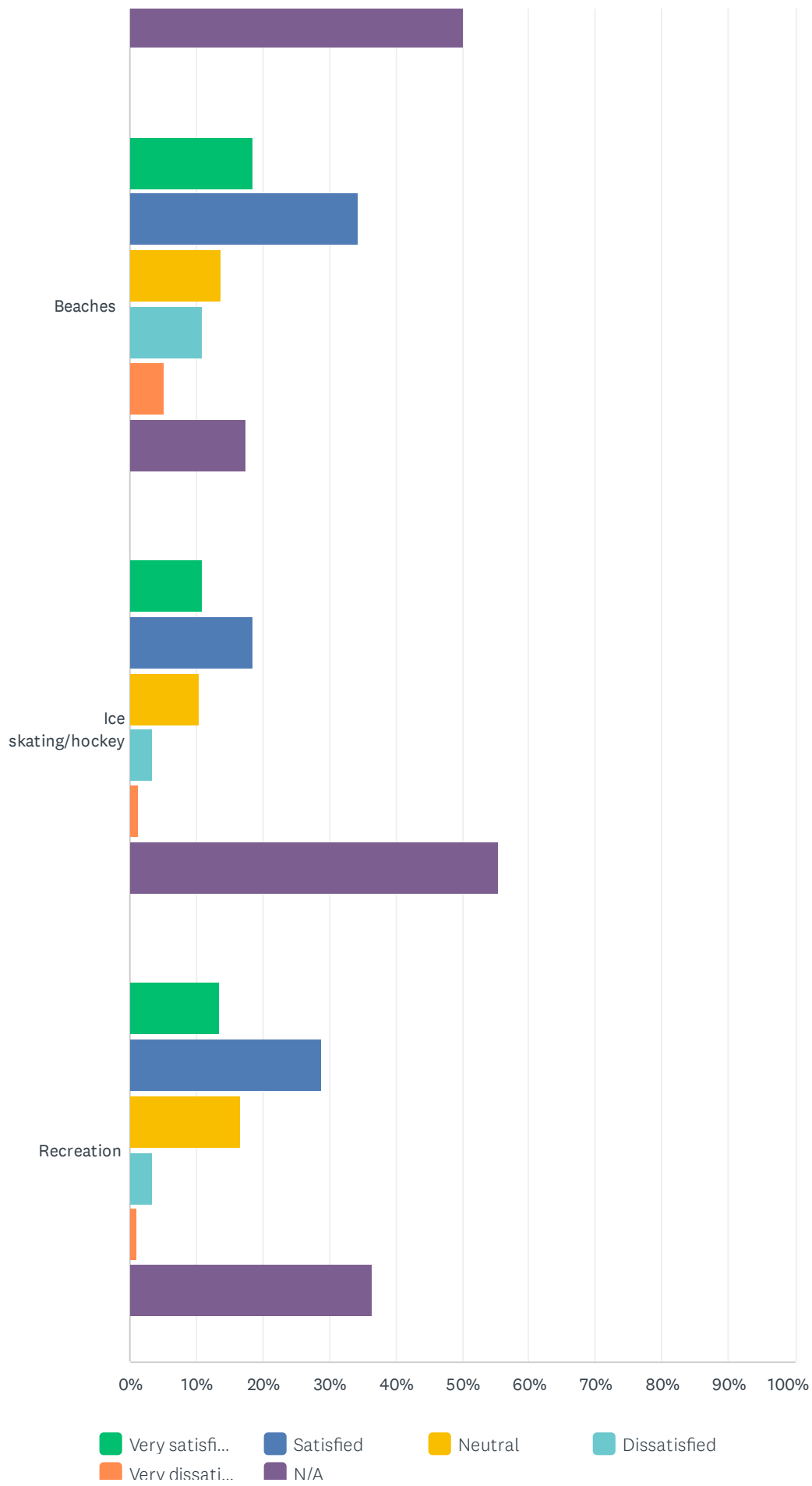


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	68.26%	899
No	11.24%	148
No opinion	20.50%	270
TOTAL		1,317

Q18 The demand for Winnetka Park District programming remains strong. Please rate your satisfaction with the registration process for the following programs. Feel free to use the Comments Box at the end of this section for additional thoughts.

Answered: 1,283 Skipped: 340



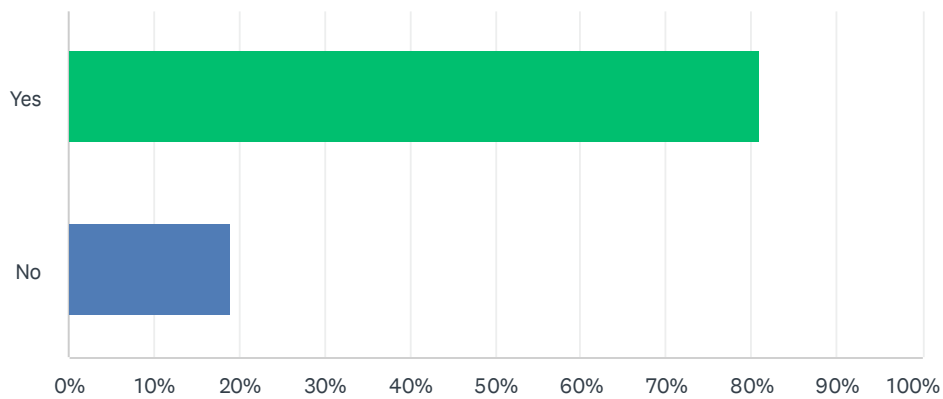


Very Dissatisfied Dissatisfied Neutral Satisfied Very Satisfied

	VERY SATISFIED	SATISFIED	NEUTRAL	DISSATISFIED	VERY DISSATISFIED	N/A	TOTAL
Tennis	11.93% 148	19.26% 239	9.27% 115	6.04% 75	2.98% 37	50.52% 627	1,241
Platform Tennis	10.04% 123	15.10% 185	7.84% 96	2.12% 26	0.90% 11	64.00% 784	1,225
Golf	13.19% 162	22.48% 276	11.56% 142	2.04% 25	0.57% 7	50.16% 616	1,228
Beaches	18.52% 232	34.24% 429	13.73% 172	10.85% 136	5.11% 64	17.56% 220	1,253
Ice skating/hockey	10.88% 134	18.59% 229	10.47% 129	3.33% 41	1.30% 16	55.44% 683	1,232
Recreation	13.45% 164	28.79% 351	16.74% 204	3.36% 41	1.15% 14	36.51% 445	1,219

Q19 Like neighboring communities, the Winnetka Park District provides summer camp services. For many families, summer camps are an essential bridge between school calendars. Regional options (i.e. public and private programs offered outside of Winnetka) range in price, accessibility, quality, and value. Please help the WPD understand the demand for and attractiveness of its summer camps. If you have school-aged children, would you consider or have you considered attending a WPD summer camp?

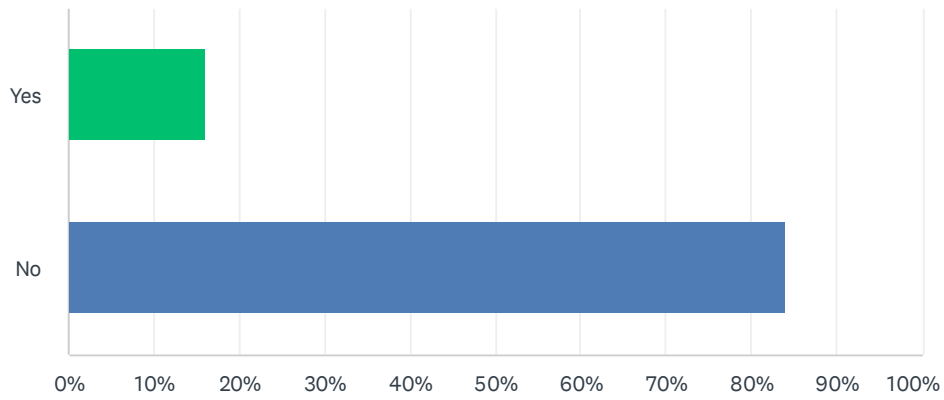
Answered: 804 Skipped: 819



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	80.97% 651
No	19.03% 153
TOTAL	804

Q20 Do you have a child who has worked as a WPD camp counselor?

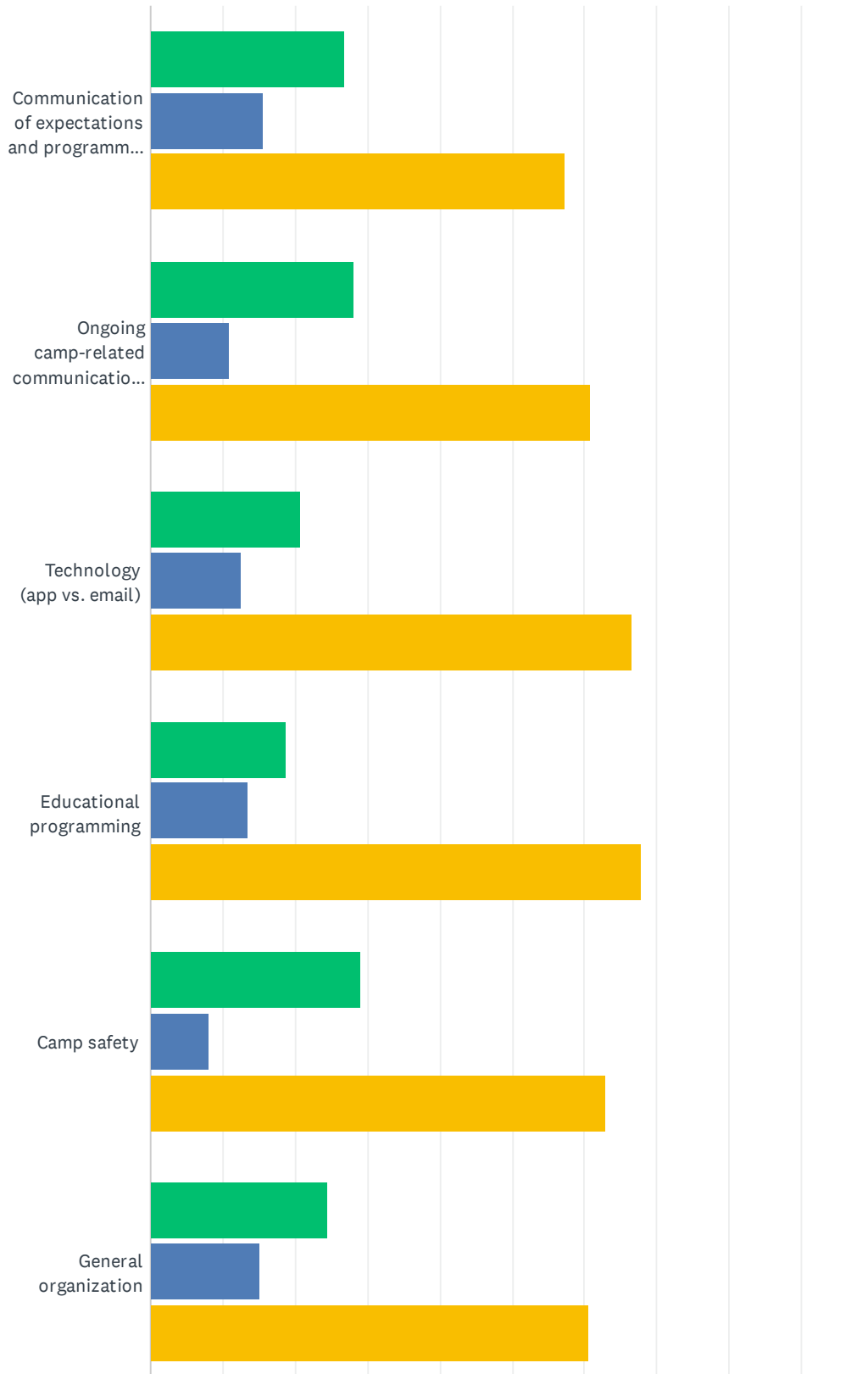
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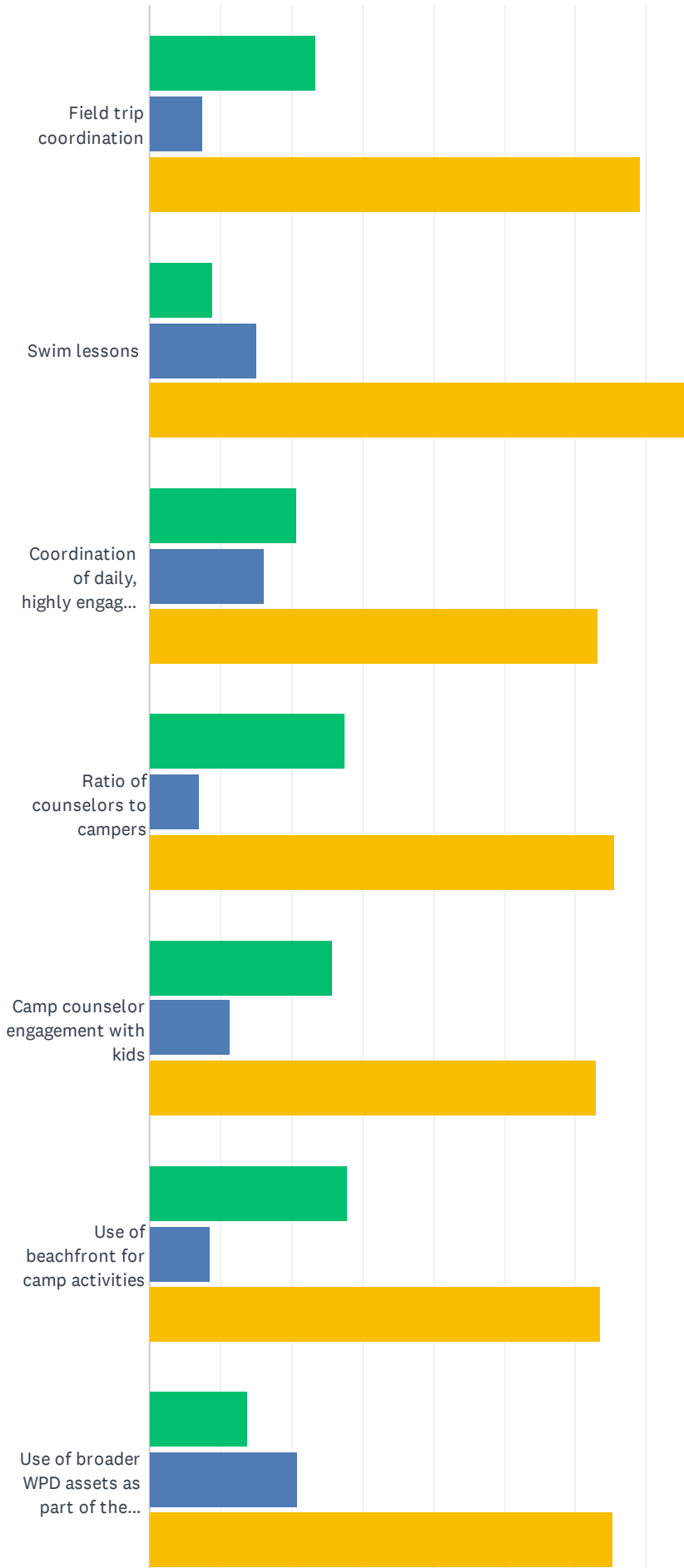


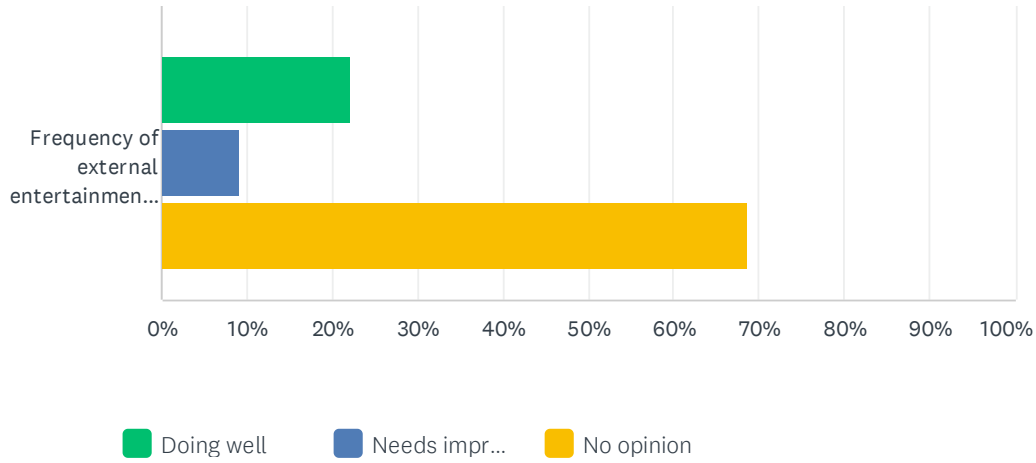
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	15.95%	163
No	84.05%	859
TOTAL		1,022

Q21 How satisfied are you with the following aspects of WPD Summer Camp?

Answered: 1,040 Skipped: 583



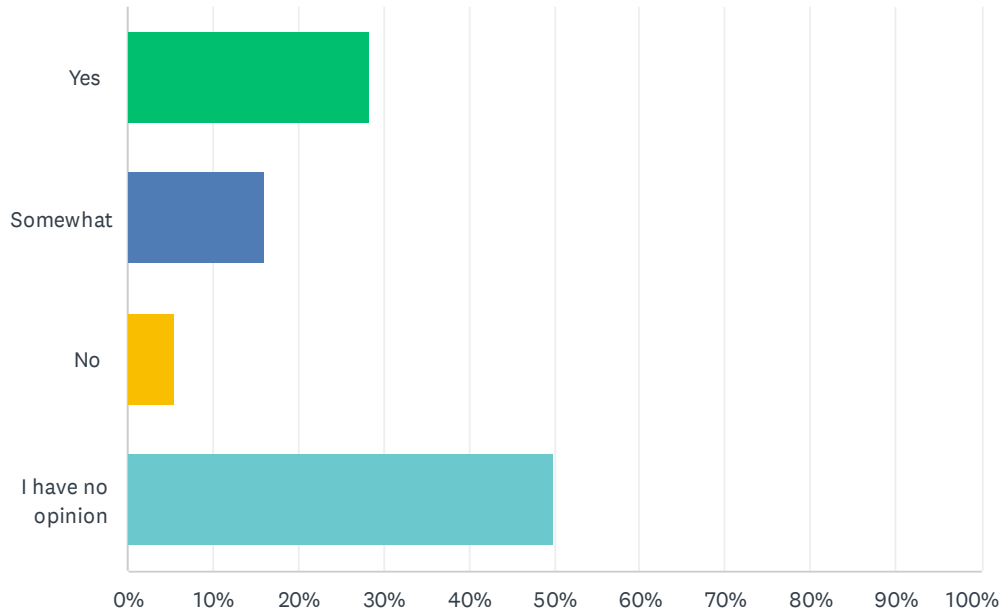




	DOING WELL	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	NO OPINION	TOTAL
Communication of expectations and programming before camp begins	26.94% 278	15.60% 161	57.46% 593	1,032
Ongoing camp-related communication throughout summer	28.24% 288	10.98% 112	60.78% 620	1,020
Technology (app vs. email)	20.76% 212	12.63% 129	66.60% 680	1,021
Educational programming	18.66% 189	13.52% 137	67.82% 687	1,013
Camp safety	28.95% 295	8.05% 82	63.00% 642	1,019
General organization	24.46% 250	15.07% 154	60.47% 618	1,022
Field trip coordination	23.48% 239	7.47% 76	69.06% 703	1,018
Swim lessons	8.92% 90	15.06% 152	76.02% 767	1,009
Coordination of daily, highly engaging camp activities	20.63% 210	16.21% 165	63.16% 643	1,018
Ratio of counselors to campers	27.44% 278	7.11% 72	65.45% 663	1,013
Camp counselor engagement with kids	25.74% 261	11.34% 115	62.92% 638	1,014
Use of beachfront for camp activities	27.89% 282	8.61% 87	63.50% 642	1,011
Use of broader WPD assets as part of the camp program (golf, tennis, paddle, etc.)	13.76% 139	20.99% 212	65.25% 659	1,010
Frequency of external entertainment brought to camps (magic shows, animal shows, etc.)	22.11% 220	9.15% 91	68.74% 684	995

Q22 If you have had a child in a WPD Summer Camp did the experience meet your expectations?

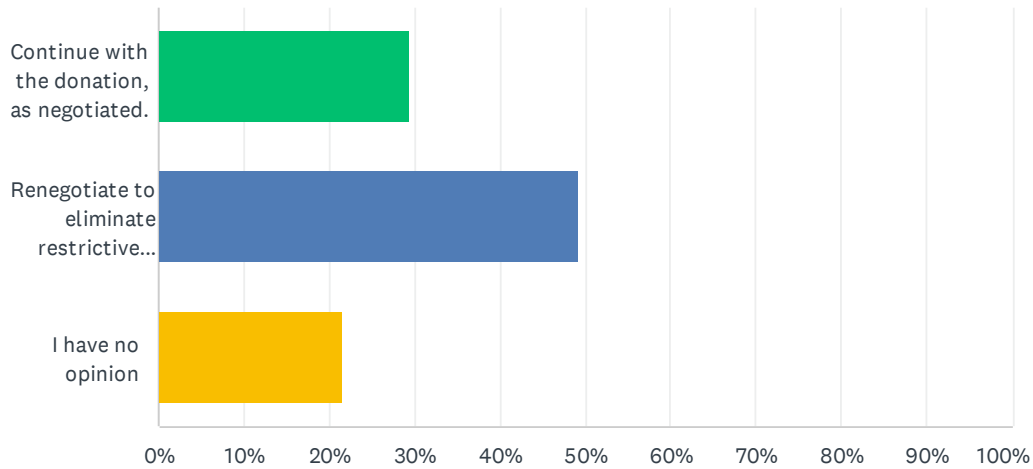
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	28.44%	281
Somewhat	15.99%	158
No	5.57%	55
I have no opinion	50.00%	494
TOTAL		988

Q23 This covenant has potential benefits and restrictions, and the Park has not received any money yet. Prior to money being accepted, what should the WPD do?

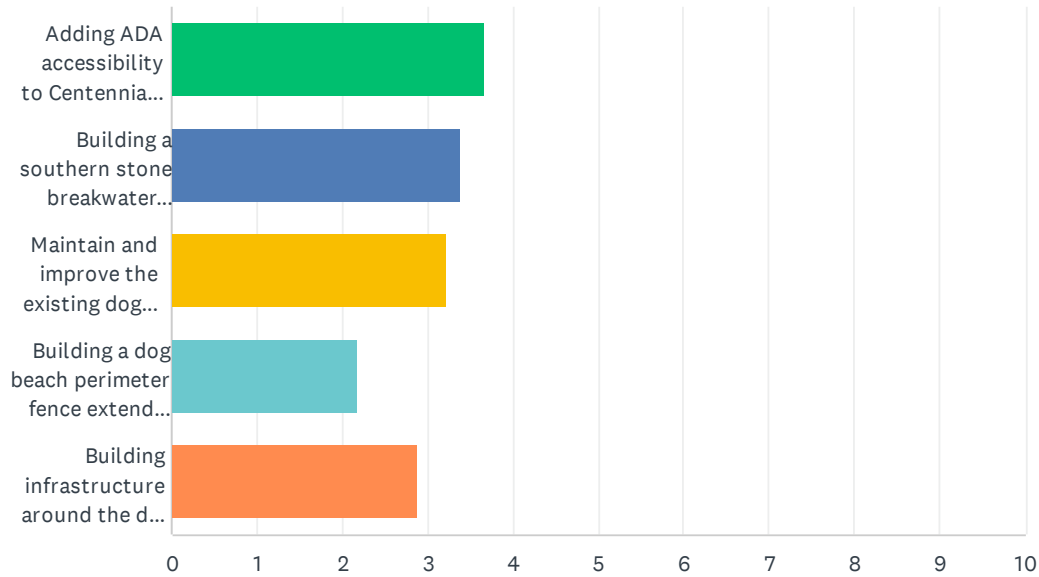
Answered: 1,248 Skipped: 375



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Continue with the donation, as negotiated.	29.33% 366
Renegotiate to eliminate restrictive covenants with the possibility that the WPD will have to seek alternative funding (reserves, debt, etc.) if negotiations fail.	49.20% 614
I have no opinion	21.47% 268
TOTAL	1,248

Q24 If full funding for the five project elements is unavailable, rank the ones in order of importance to you. 1=Most important

Answered: 1,143 Skipped: 480



	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	SCORE
Adding ADA accessibility to Centennial Beach	39.39% 414	24.45% 257	13.13% 138	8.66% 91	14.37% 151	1,051	3.66
Building a southern stone breakwater system	29.98% 310	25.05% 259	14.70% 152	15.28% 158	14.99% 155	1,034	3.40
Maintain and improve the existing dog beach, compliant with all laws and regulations	21.22% 223	22.65% 238	26.36% 277	17.89% 188	11.89% 125	1,051	3.23
Building a dog beach perimeter fence extending into the lake	3.74% 37	11.53% 114	16.68% 165	34.28% 339	33.77% 334	989	2.17
Building infrastructure around the dog beach to ensure public shoreline access	14.65% 151	19.01% 196	26.67% 275	18.91% 195	20.76% 214	1,031	2.88

Q25 Please share your comments, clarifications, or concerns about any of the issues raised in this section.

Answered: 470 Skipped: 1,153

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The village should not agree to the restrictions proposed by ██████. It is a bad deal for the village. It makes us look like we can be bought and sold. And makes the village look foolish. We're agreeing to the needs and wishes of ██████ and neglecting The other folks that live here. Why should he have priority?	9/19/2024 9:38 PM
2	Just want a bigger and better beach combining Elder and Centennial	9/19/2024 9:32 PM
3	The village and park district websites are challenging enough that it actually becomes a disincentive to register for things. New website desperately needed.	9/19/2024 9:04 PM
4	The dog beach must have an enclosed fence. my dog was almost killed when it ran and squeezed through the fencing and was running across Sheridan road during rush hour until i could sprint to catch her.	9/19/2024 8:53 PM
5	Dogs should be on owners own property	9/19/2024 8:38 PM
6	The state of Elder and Centennial beaches is a major black mark for the image of Winnetka. We can do better and need to move fast rather than fight over details.	9/19/2024 8:38 PM
7	Your questions are carefull written to avoid anyone from rejecting the very premise of an agreement. ██████	9/19/2024 8:33 PM
8	Dog beach should be eliminated. But I'm fine with the plan as submitted to the Village. The Village needs to move the storm pipe. Let's finally get the plan done!	9/19/2024 8:25 PM
9	These questions should have been joined with more background on this private donation---give us the background and history/contraversion so we can more thoughtfully answer the questions. A lot of newcomers do not know the history. You sHould have been more forthcoming and had greater clarity on these questions. The backgroud/history/wpd back room negotiations are eliminated here, but would help residents understand the donation /covenants better. The way this is posed makes it sanitized and non-contraversial, which is far from the history and truth.	9/19/2024 8:08 PM
10	I do not think the WPD should be in a restrictive covenant with any private homeowner, especially one whose property adjoins public park property.	9/19/2024 7:45 PM
11	The dog beach does not serve all of the residents and should therefore not be a priority.	9/19/2024 6:45 PM
12	Wilmette's Gilson Beach and Glencoe's Rosewood have us envious that we don't get passes to their communities instead of ours. The sand at their beaches is excellent, but at the Winnetka beaches, is rocky. I wish our beaches were brought up to parity.	9/19/2024 4:53 PM
13	Do not accept large private donations that have restricted covenants tied to their acceptance. It is foolish.	9/19/2024 4:52 PM
14	We need to maintain the dog beach as it currently exists! Strange and confusing wording on several options (need to have someone edit the wording for the options next year!	9/19/2024 4:36 PM
15	I think the dog beach is great. And I go several times a day to centennial park and haven't seen anyone who's handicapped walking the pathways around the park, nevermind going down to the beach with a pet. I feel that minimal amounts of money need to be spent there. And I really object to the fact that a "donation" with so many strings attached wasn't made public before it was accepted in any way. We are a wealthy community and the money is available without donations....unless they have no strings attached. What's going on with the park board?	9/19/2024 4:26 PM
16	The dog beach is not a priority at all. The amount of donation is completely inadequate for what the village is spending to consolidate the parks and the covenants restrict the village too	9/19/2024 4:24 PM

	far into the future.	
17	What happened to allow the building of the [REDACTED] property is very disappointing. It is a disgrace to our lakefront and our community. The Winnetka lakefront and bluff will never be the same.	9/19/2024 4:05 PM
18	Do not let the rented U.S. Post Office facility (and its public parking area) be turned into a "music facility/band shell" for the use of the Village President who has financial interests in the village's annual "music fest" that he owns with his partners. Do not.	9/19/2024 4:02 PM
19	It was not a donation, but a way for a wealthy individual to manipulate the system and drive an agenda that suits him. I am appalled that our Park District entered into such an agreement, and was so willing to take this "donation"	9/19/2024 3:39 PM
20	I wish WPD had group fitness classes for adults. I go to Wilmette for this and it would be great if Winnetka offered group strength training, Pilates, Zumba, etc.	9/19/2024 3:23 PM
21	We need a dog beach. That dog beach should not be moved because of the [REDACTED] family. The dog beach should not be eliminated, it was a core reason for our moving to this community. There is work to be done at Elder Lane beach. Despite it being closed, people are routinely on the beach and swimming at the beach. The restrictions around access are horrendous and people pay them no attention.	9/19/2024 2:41 PM
22	[REDACTED] should not be allowed to obstruct beach way access along the waterway	9/19/2024 2:17 PM
23	Public access along the lakeshore and no tall breakwater structures to ruin the view and beauty of our natural looking beach.	9/19/2024 2:10 PM
24	Public beach improvements and repairs should be subject to the same steep slope regulations as private property in the Village	9/19/2024 12:44 PM
25	I am opposed to the \$3 million [REDACTED] and question #24 is all about his property and WPD (residents)property.... the dog beach has had limited issues for over 30 years	9/19/2024 12:00 PM
26	I have no use for a dog beach. My only request would be there is clear separation and dogs are not allowed anywhere near the people beach.	9/19/2024 11:53 AM
27	Renegotiate the beach agreement!	9/19/2024 11:52 AM
28	I have researched each of the above and could not find any clearly stated descriptions of 1) what it means to be "building a dog beach perimeter fence extending into the lake, although I did see the Centennial Site Plan Rendering which looks to show that the dog beach area has been significantly reduced, and, 2) "building infrastructure around the dog beach to ensure public shoreline access" which suggests even more restrictions of the dog beach and I haven't found a rendering of this. Targeted links to each of these would have allowed, we the people, to easily understand what is being proposed. Most importantly is that the WPD has lost my trust and respect. It has been involved in secret negotiations of redesign plans that benefit one resident over the needs and wants of its residents, which, when revealed further support that the WPD's planning has been focused on satisfying the wants of one individual property owner. The property acquisition arrangement with a private resident should not be allowed as it sets a precedent that the Village is for sale without consideration of all residents especially as it includes the related "restrictive covenants." These restricted covenants hand over significant power and influence regarding our parks to one private resident. This has been a very disappointing process that has favored one private resident over the majority of the Village's residents. To repeat, the WPD has lost my trust and respect, and I am not the only resident who feels this way.	9/19/2024 11:38 AM
29	Too much of the donation is going to dogs and protecting the [REDACTED] property. Not enough is going to generalized use.	9/19/2024 11:19 AM
30	Fix Crow Island Woods	9/19/2024 11:09 AM
31	It is criminal what the village has allowed to happen in this area.	9/19/2024 10:28 AM
32	The 50 year control for the [REDACTED] family in exchange for \$3m is completely egregious. There is no doubt our community could raise the funds necessary to eliminate the incredible overreach of his demands. The dog beach must be kept intact. Fencing the dog beach should not be a consideration, dog beach users are among the most respectful and rule-abiding of Winnetka public park users.	9/19/2024 9:15 AM

33	No private donation or naming rights to fund any beach changes	9/19/2024 9:15 AM
34	Making beach access on weekends unavailable to residents who choose not to purchase a season pass is obnoxious. Why can't I show up with my government issued ID and cash to gain entry? The barriers around utilizing the beach for residents who aren't here much of the summer, but would like to use the facilities once or twice on the weekend is ridiculous.	9/19/2024 9:14 AM
35	The fact Elder beach has been closed has significantly negatively impacted my younger children's childhood in Winnetka. My older girls spent most summer days walking or riding bikes to Elder beach (the one one truly walkable from our home). Getting in a car completely changes the dynamic and my younger kids have not been able to use Elder for YEARS. Why? One Billionaire. End it now. No more negotiations. It's a measly \$3M. We have just approved spending \$70M plus for improvements for our schools that provide NO PROVEN academic improvements. MAKE ONLY SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TO PIER AND OPEN ELDER IMMEDIATELY. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. It is truly a joke how many years a tiny beach has been closed. Stop wasting our time. No southern anything!!!! No fences no walls. No more Winnetka employoeyes in [REDACTED] pocket. Stop making Winnetka a national news embarrassment.	9/19/2024 9:09 AM
36	Do not take money!! B	9/19/2024 9:08 AM
37	Dog beach at lake discriminates against breeds that are not water loving and cannot swim. Move the dog beach away from water and sand to a location all breeds can safely enjoy.	9/19/2024 8:58 AM
38	PD funds should not be used for redoing Elder/Centennial beaches. Consider outdoor pool, pickleball courts, teen programming. This should absolutely go to referendum. Not necessary as we have Tower/Llyod and Maple. Too short of a season to spend so much money. PD is afraid to go to referendum bc they know community not in favor	9/19/2024 8:43 AM
39	Survey design is poor. Need to add "If not relevant to you, skip to question #___". Question 17 should include an option to determine whether the alternatives are equally effective. Question 23 should summarize the restrictions rather than use a hyperlink. Maybe some people have time to engage in research projects. This respondent does not.	9/19/2024 7:48 AM
40	Money should NOT be accepted from a private donor who can then restrict public access to beach or park . I don't think you should take money from this donor who has so publicly flaunted his wealth & power over everyone who lives here.	9/19/2024 7:45 AM
41	Get the beach improvements done!! Who is dragging their feet??? Stop talking and do!	9/19/2024 7:31 AM
42	The park district should not give up its independent judgment on priorities and methods in exchange to a donation, which is a donation in name only as it is actually buying features of public property to benefit the southern boundary private land owner.	9/19/2024 7:17 AM
43	Our parks are great but they are kind of basic. When we travel we see and go to other parks and am blown away by them. More accessibility, more free play, more natural. Examples are the New ones in Naples Fl. I am very disappointed in Nick Corwin.	9/19/2024 7:17 AM
44	No fence into lake please,	9/19/2024 7:05 AM
45	I have serious concerns about receiving any money via restrictive covenant.	9/19/2024 6:25 AM
46	We do not need a dog beach in winnetka. We need more human swimming and clean water. We also need to protect the public land at the lake.	9/19/2024 6:24 AM
47	*No Roundup. This is 2024. Organic or nothing. If yin wouldn't spray it on a human don't use it. *NO to the "donation" with strings attached; it's a dangerous precedent. Isn't/wasn't there a offer to match with no strings? Even if not say NO. Everyone doesn't have to have a price. *Band Shell or music venue. Village Green Park Is large and underutilized.	9/19/2024 6:22 AM
48	I appreciate what the Park District does for our community. Would love to see more civility from our citizens and Board than we have seen in recent years.	9/19/2024 6:12 AM
49	A large portion of this community participates in ice hockey. Any additional support for Winnetka Ice Arena would go a huge way. I have heard several disappointing comments from visiting teams. "Oh this is not what I expected from a Winnetka rink", "I thought it would be newer", "hard to see" etc.	9/19/2024 6:05 AM
50	The Centennial project is an affront to this community and should not be funded. The members of the WPD who have voted for this debacle should be ashamed at what has happened to our	9/19/2024 12:45 AM

beachfront. A lake bluff has been blown out. A completely oversized eyesore is now rising up to fill 3 former homesites and a hideous stone jetty wall now inhibits public access along the lakefront. Elder Beach, damaged many years ago by water, still remains in a broken, unusable state. And what has happened to the stair access on Spruce street? Why has that not been rebuilt? This is not a body to entrust with spending this level of money. This is not a body to trust at all. Year after year the majority responses on this survey ask for a pool facility. Nothing ever comes of it. And what about recreational court facilities for basketball, volleyball and the like? Nothing. The Winnetka Park District doesn't have one basketball court. The courts they use are in the schools and those are hardly accessible at all. The Community House court is hardly ever available for any type of open court usage. The Winnetka Park District Board [REDACTED] makes a mockery of what it means to support the needs of its community. AC Neilsen continues to receive an F over its registration process. This facility is not a private club and yet it is run like it is by its upper management. Winnetka fields numerous tennis teams but the process of being selected for the teams is subjective, secretive and not publicly noticed to the Winnetka Community at large. All information regarding Winnetka teams should be readily available and accessible so that everyone has an opportunity to participate and vie for a position. Again, this is a public park district facility, notice of teams, notice of tryout dates, notice of the process to ensure as much fairness and objectivity as possible should be published well in advance. Anything less is discriminatory.


51	Combine Elder and Centennial. Do not miss the unique opportunity to do so	9/18/2024 11:59 PM
52	I think that accepting donations from residents, [REDACTED] sets a terrible precedent, even if the desired outcome seems beneficial for village residents. This creates a slippery slope and allows Winnetka's wealthiest residents to get what they want for themselves through "donations" and "restrictive covenants."	9/18/2024 11:46 PM
53	I still feel I do not have enough information on this topic	9/18/2024 11:43 PM
54	Why would you lock in a dog beach for 50 years when you could combine Centennial & Elder?	9/18/2024 11:31 PM
55	Stop the 3\$ million donation. You never should have taken it. It's a disgrace to the Village. He seems to be getting special treatment and stealing parkland and beaches. No special treat,ent, please. We don't need his money, Keep beach projects simple and inexpensive. Residents would appreciate fiscal responsibility.	9/18/2024 10:42 PM
56	These questions do not begin to get at the serious issues regarding Elder Beach.	9/18/2024 10:31 PM
57	I am very concerned about entering into a restrictive covenant with a billionaire who doesn't seem respectful of the community.	9/18/2024 9:45 PM
58	Dog beaches should be very low priority.	9/18/2024 9:14 PM
59	Do not feel that there should be any restrictive covenant. The beaches and park belong to the citizens of Winnetka , not one wealthy family. A lot can change in fifty years and the Village needs to be flexible. All our beaches should be open to walkers, including in front of lake side mansions. Beautiful views should not be blocked at our public beaches by a rich family overbuilding.	9/18/2024 9:11 PM
60	We should not allow wealth to move or determine our public parks and availability. Not now and certainly not 50 years from now.	9/18/2024 8:23 PM
61	Beaches should be available to the community, not controlled by wealthy donors. We oppose shifting access and beach boundaries.	9/18/2024 8:13 PM
62	It feels like the residents who use Elder regularly are being held captive by the park district. My family wants to use Elder. We used to go regularly with our neighbors. It wasn't fancy and we didn't care. It brought a sense of community. It has been too long. WPD is trying to build this mega beach that we really don't need. While waiting and fighting... guess what the beach came back! Elder needs to be made safe and opened up. They keep negotiating with a private party and do not recognize that they actually are her to serve the ENTIRE VILLAGE	9/18/2024 8:10 PM
63	Oppose additional structures in the lake	9/18/2024 7:59 PM
64	The beach cannot be impeded. That should be a violation of state law. Riparian rights are critical. A private citizen nor the village can make it inaccessible. If it is, I will make it my life's ambition to swim around it and pace the beach up to the high water line.	9/18/2024 7:14 PM
65	The restrictive covenant was the worst action taken by a public entity in the history of	9/18/2024 6:47 PM

Winnetka. There was an offer for a no clause donation that the WPD rejected. None of the above should be priorities, there are only 200 dog beach pass holders, and many non residents. Please do not take this restrictive donation

66	I do not believe that the small number of dog owners with beach licenses should have any designated beach. Humans need the beach more than dogs.	9/18/2024 5:33 PM
67	There are so many good questions that could be asked here, but instead these are the project elements that really do not address public need. The Park District focus is, and has been, off the mark. A fence into the water !?! The lake is for public use and the dogs do not swim into other parts of the lake. Will all of the Winnetka beaches and parks share these same elements? They certainly do not now. Moreover, some Park Board members are embarrassingly power hungry promoting their wants and needs over their fellow Board members and the public.	9/18/2024 5:24 PM
68	Would love to see more swimming offerings for kids! It's so important for kids to learn swimming - especially with the proximity of the lake. I would even like to see swimming classes incorporated into KW at schools	9/18/2024 5:19 PM
69	I would prefer we make a more public access beach that is NoT for dogs! We don't even have a beach for people.	9/18/2024 4:52 PM
70	I strongly feel that this Centennial/Elder park project is a waste of time and money. Why don't you put all the money you are wasting into Tower Beach. We do not need to redo Elder Beach. We have enough beaches for residents to use. Make Tower amazing.	9/18/2024 4:22 PM
71	Getting a proper ice rink in Winnetka should be a top priority. We pay more money than other similar travel organizations and do not have enough ice time. a 6 - 8 year old should be sleeping at 610a, not practicing hockey. Winnetka kids parks are underwhelming in comparison to Glencoe and Highland Park.	9/18/2024 4:22 PM
72	Why do residents have to pay a fee to use beaches when our tax dollars already go towards paying for maintenance?	9/18/2024 4:09 PM
73	This survey cites an WPD organic pilot program from six years ago; isn't that learning obsolete? Don't take the [REDACTED] donation and end the covenant. Let people swim in the clean water at Centennial and move the dog beach to Elder. Maintain public access across [REDACTED] beachfront.	9/18/2024 4:07 PM
74	We don't have children, and our use of WPD facilities other than the Village Green has always been minimal since we moved to Winnetka in 1980. NOT happy with the rise in our property taxes, from about \$4,000 to the current \$31,000 during this period.	9/18/2024 3:48 PM
75	Centennial Park does not need a big build out. Fix Crow Island Woods.	9/18/2024 3:25 PM
76	Deeply troubled by the very odd conduct of the WPD board in its single-minded drive to achieve ends that feel dubious, if not coopted by private interests. If so, obviously, this is unacceptable. If not, WPD needs to have done a much better job with transparency, communication, and transcending embarrassing internal problems.	9/18/2024 3:23 PM
77	I would like to see additional dollars go to support the ice arena. As a visitor to hockey / skating arenas in other towns in Illinois and Wisconsin, I find it very surprising that we have less ice than many others despite having a very large participation rate. Those other towns presumably have build the larger rinks with public dollars. I have heard that an expanded ice arena in Winnetka would likely need a significant amount of private funding, which makes no sense to me - shouldn't the parks facilities in Winnetka be best in class and able to house the demands of its citizens with limited private donations needed to fund? Beyond just the ice arena, I would expect this to be the case.	9/18/2024 3:09 PM
78	Do not accept a gift that allows the donor to make the rules, include restrictions like a fence into the water.	9/18/2024 2:15 PM
79	Our village seems to be lacking in dog parks. I would vote to do whatever we can to add dog parks. The existing one PLUS another large location like the park at Elm and Glendale - that could be fenced and dogs/people could enjoy. This seems like a valuable add to the town.	9/18/2024 2:08 PM
80	I am so disappointed in the Park Board. I've never seen a public board in Winnetka so out of touch, having such contempt for its constituents. The private land deal is inappropriate. Clearly, they should have a referendum for this large beach project.	9/18/2024 2:04 PM

81	These elements are unnecessary. I've used the dog beach since 2016 on a regular basis. It is only to the detriment of the dog beach community to implement these restrictions. This newcomer/ donor is overbearing and his changes are not welcome.	9/18/2024 1:51 PM
82	The arrangement with [REDACTED] has warped WPD priorities and been at odds with transparency, accessibility, economy, environmental protection and established design principles.	9/18/2024 1:39 PM
83	Don't waste money	9/18/2024 1:38 PM
84	Can't see the slides when watching the video online. There should be a split screen option. It was refreshing to watch Hemmings push back on the attorney who provided a response to his question but not an answer when discussing ethics. Rapp and James should be able to state their position without correcting the other's position.	9/18/2024 1:36 PM
85	The entire situation with the land swap and proposed "donation" with restrictive covenants has been poorly handled and has generated significant public outcry. Given the utter destruction of the bluffs by the construction by the donor, WPD would be well advised to step away from any land swap and instead retain and improve Centennial Beach. The demands by the donor are inappropriate for and counter to the best interests of the rest of the community. Public access to the entire shoreline is the only appropriate option under Illinois law, and razing the ancient trees in Centennial Park should never be allowed. The donor has already built a monstrosity that blights the lake front and destroyed the bluff. No perimeter fence should extend into the lake. The donor's money does not authorize violating Illinois law. I find the entire process distasteful and harmful to the Village and all of its inhabitants (other than the donor's self-interest).	9/18/2024 1:31 PM
86	It is going to take a long time to recover from the buffoonery of the most recent WPD's indiscretions. The public ridicule of board members by some leadership on the WPD is appalling.	9/18/2024 1:26 PM
87	Winnetka should only accept the deed to 261 Sheridan Road, not \$3, not \$3,000,000. [REDACTED] should not be trusted and should ABSOLUTELY not have 50 years worth of say on how Winnetka manages its beaches.	9/18/2024 1:09 PM
88	NA	9/18/2024 12:29 PM
89	I don't have a dog but building a fence extending into the water at the dog beach seems excessive. The Winnetka Ice Arena needs improvement but would love to be able to expand/improve without losing some of the 'local' feel. Park District facilities in the Hibbard Road complex need to improve parking and dropoff/pickup pathways. Vehicle traffic for youth events at the Skokie Playfields and Ice Arena are a nightmare!	9/18/2024 11:57 AM
90	The dog beach should not incur unreasonable costs. There are plenty of places to walk my dog and Winnetka is lucky to have a dog beach. Also beaches for humans should be a priority over dog needs.	9/18/2024 11:52 AM
91	Why are we still talking about dog beaches. Your dogs have a better beach than my kids.	9/18/2024 11:32 AM
92	WOD summer camp, almost anything goes, is a great resource for the community. The field trips they had planned were fantastic. I wish they had a more firm schedule that they could share with parents.	9/18/2024 11:18 AM
93	If the donation has restrictions, it sounds like the benefits outweigh the alternative of renegotiating and seeking alternative funding. the ADA accessibility is probably costly and required anyway.	9/18/2024 11:15 AM
94	Need beater de arena or do outdoor next to Current like watts	9/18/2024 11:05 AM
95	I think adding another ice rink should be the highest priority. Getting ice time for both figure skaters and hockey players is extremely challenging.	9/18/2024 11:03 AM
96	The Ice Arena is by far the most important issue to me. There is a strong need to increase the amount of ice available to local clubs and high schools and continue to serve children in the communities.	9/18/2024 11:03 AM
97	We need a bigger beach!!! NO DOG BEACH is needed. Let's focus on the needs of our children and families.	9/18/2024 11:02 AM
98	Please stop asking residents about a public pool - the question is basically a caucus twilight	9/18/2024 11:02 AM

zone moment every year. The Village will not fund such an expenditure and there is not a viable example of a public-private partnership to model after as the economics do not work.

99	I am not fully briefed on the Centennial park gift, but I would want to make sure the Park District and the general public needs are being accounted for.	9/18/2024 10:27 AM
100	Unclear to me why the Park District would accept a donation with restrictions and obligations extending through 2075 with the possibility of litigation if violated in some way. The donation and its attendant strings should be flatly rejected. Why did WPD reject the alternative unconditional offer? Further, I am very much against the idea of adding more rock pilings in addressing the erosion issue. These are unsightly, difficult to navigate when walking along the beach, and obstruct the sightline of our beautiful beaches. Would like WPD and Village to review alternative approaches such as: https://waterfrontalliance.org/2024/02/22/wedgs-first-freshwater-project-illinois-beach-state-park-shoreline-stabilization-project/ . ADA accessibility on Centennial is not warranted when nearby Elder Lane, as well as other beaches, offer accessibility. This is both a practical and a legal solution. Lastly, would like a response as to why several other beach access points at the end of public roads in Winnetka are blocked off from public usage-- even if swimming is prohibited. There are many areas of open water in Winnetka (including along Hibbard Road now) that are unguarded. All of the beaches in southwest Michigan are unguarded without catastrophe. Please address this issue.	9/18/2024 10:10 AM
101	Please stop putting personal agendas into decision making.	9/18/2024 10:05 AM
102	It has been over a decade this plan has been in the works, from the beginning has made no sense without owning the property between the two beaches! How much money, time and energy has been wasted when the park district does and did not own the key piece of property to make the plan happen? The park district already has made a wonderful boating and paddle beach, do not see the need at all for another paddle beach at Elder, less than a mile down the road from Lloyd! It is not the end of the world for the plan to make Elder a swim beach only, handicap accessible and leave Centennial a dog beach the way it has been. Plus fences have never been sustainable on the dog beach with the power of Mother Nature. Let the owner of the property between do what they want with it, that house has a terrible beach! The park district struggles to staff Tower Beach and Lloyd Beach I do not see it being able to staff a third large beach with a paddle beach and swimming beach! It is criminal Elder is fenced off and can not be accessed for residents who would like to walk the beach! The terrible drowning there was not a result of the beach being accessible it was kids making very unfortunate and poor decisions. Whatever the park district decides cannot be beholden to the "Restrictive Covenant Donation" that is laughable!	9/18/2024 10:03 AM
103	I'd prefer the Park District avoid taking donations from  or his Foundation.	9/18/2024 9:22 AM
104	The \$\$\$ costs for all of these projects. Worthy for some but not necessarily for 80+ year old retirees on fixed income. Reducing the cost of living in Winnetka would be of benefit to our household.	9/18/2024 9:16 AM
105	The multiple choices in question #24 demonstrate a lack of understanding of the proposed plan and render meaningful direction from the survey response difficult if not impossible to discern. Moreover, there is no opportunity to comment in the first question of the survey which in and of itself is misleading. The Park District spent the past two years revising the plans for Elder and Centennial involving dozens of meetings and hundreds hours of input. The Park District approved plans in October of 2023, which are presently in for permit, pending hearing before the ZBA, Plan Commission, Design Review Board and ultimately the Village Board of Trustees. The 2023 Caucus Survey results demonstrated strong support for moving ahead with the planned improvements and urged intergovernmental cooperation, yet the permit process was unnecessarily delayed by a 9 month "abeyance" period in order for the Village to consider and adopt a "steep slope" ordinance. The steep slope ordinance was intended to address R-2 residential uses and is not germane to the public uses found at Tower, Lloyd, Maple, Elder and Centennial. As a public entity, the Park District has a duty to provide access to the beach to patrons of all abilities as well as providing access for maintenance and emergency vehicles. With respect to the plan for Centennial, presently the dog beach occupies 21% of the useable beachfront in Winnetka, yet it does not comply with Cook County or Village of Winnetka ordinances for off-leash dogs. The plan proposed by the Park District elegantly solves for keeping dogs within a defined area (approximately 240' of beach front) and allows the public to transit the beach. The description of a fence extending into the lake is misleading. In fact, there was a fence extending into the lake at the north end of Centennial which was obliterated by ice and waves during the recent high water period. The proposed enclosure includes a railing along the southern edge of the proposed pier and a fence attached to the existing steel	9/18/2024 9:16 AM

jetty at the far south side of Centennial. The top of the fence was designed to be below the height of the existing stone breakwater on the [REDACTED] property, which was approved by the Village of Winnetka, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Illinois Department of Natural Resources. With respect to the railing on the south side of the proposed pier, please note the Village and Park District installs railings at Tower and Lloyd seasonally. The term "southern stone breakwater system" does not adequately describe the proposed improvement. Orchard 2020 installed as "southern stone breakwater" just beyond the south end of Centennial. The Park District proposes to construct a new pier that will form the southern end of the swimming beach at Centennial, separating the dog beach from the swimming beach. The new pier is 240 feet north of the south end of Centennial and will provide public access to Centennial which has otherwise been fenced, gated and locked for the exclusive use of dog beach pass holders for the past 29 years. The Park District voted unanimously in October of 2022 to maintain a dog beach of not less than 170 but not more than 270 feet of beachfront. The proposed plans respects the wishes of the dog beach users while also opening access to the balance of the beachfront to the public while also allowing pedestrians to by-pass the dog beach while transiting the lakefront.

106	I want the elder beach open. These governmental bodies need to find a solution to open them ASAP as a lot of families moved into town thinking they'd be able to walk to the beach. It's not a good look for anyone. Summer camps are very homemade feeling and should be assessed and professionally run.	9/18/2024 9:11 AM
107	The Park District should adopt the much less expensive renovation plan for Elder and Centennial presented at its meeting by a world class designer and resident. The Park District should abandon the land swap. No public property should be given to [REDACTED] and he should not have the right to control public space.	9/18/2024 9:03 AM
108	The WPD needs to continue to be transparent about it's negotiations and agreements made.	9/18/2024 8:58 AM
109	The beaches are beautiful. The lifeguards at the beach need some reigning in. The whistle blowing is out of control. We are supposed to be enjoying a nice day at the beach while the lifeguards are screaming at people to stay in the swim zone. The lifeguards are not the police of the lake. They can politely ask someone to stay in the swim zone, but its public and if someone wants to swim outside of the swim zone, they do so at their own risk and this need to be communicated to the public as well as the lifeguards. I watched a lifeguard make someone who was clearly training, get out of the water, walk around the swim zone and then get back in to swim the rest of the way down the shoreline, it is ridiculous. The centennial beach project should just be shut down. Maintain the beach as it was, the donation has created so much division; no one trusts the process anymore.	9/18/2024 8:57 AM
110	I am opposed to a fence into the water - hard to imagine it would be visually appealing, easy to maintain. I would not like to see tax dollars allocated to this! I'd rather hours to be set for dog use to control the dog/human interaction if the community feels that is necessary.	9/18/2024 8:56 AM
111	I have a dog so I like dogs very much but we spend too much time, money and effort on dog parks and facilities for very few that actually use the facilities that are actually residents of Winnetka	9/18/2024 8:52 AM
112	The forced ranking options don't reflect any opinion I have.	9/18/2024 8:49 AM
113	It is ridiculous that the dog beach is so big. When Elder was open, there would be families packed into a small area while a few dogs enjoyed an obnoxiously large beach.	9/18/2024 8:34 AM
114	Prioritize people Over animals. Having three goals pertaining to dogs is crazy.	9/18/2024 8:06 AM
115	The lakefront dog beach is nice but should not be the top priority	9/18/2024 8:06 AM
116	I absolutely do not think we should be building fences that go into the water and definitely do not think the WPD should be building any fences or barriers that benefit the private property owners to the detriment of the rest of the Winnetka residents.	9/18/2024 7:35 AM
117	The proposed Pavillon by Dwyer would be amazing. That park at least needs a bathroom or portable potties.	9/18/2024 7:31 AM
118	Somewhere in between on Restrictions say 10 years or 20 years not forever	9/18/2024 7:24 AM
119	Consider grandparents. My grandson used the hockey camp some summers ago and it was a wonderful way to be with the whole family. Introduced me to facilities I didn't know existed.	9/18/2024 7:24 AM

120	Need to address ice arena - since the existing facility needs a lot of capex and improvement and the strong demand for hockey and success of the New Trier Hockey program (7 teams with demand for more) a new 2 sheet complex would be great for the community and can address the need for more indoor space for the WPD	9/18/2024 7:23 AM
121	Question 23 is poorly worded and more complex than what you have here. You will get answers that do not address the real issues The WPD should have never accepted this money when an another funding source without covenants was rejected.	9/18/2024 7:06 AM
122	You should not take money with restrictions from residents. There were options with unrestricted donations	9/18/2024 6:36 AM
123	Make dog beach smaller. It is too nice of a stretch of beach to be used only for dogs. People need it more. Too many restrictions for all the beaches. Too heavily guarded. Let us have better access to the main reason most of us live in this town.	9/18/2024 6:28 AM
124	Last winter an anonymous resident offered \$3M WITHOUT STRINGS so the WPD could avoid the "private resident's" Restricted Agreement, and it was turned down. RIDICULOUS. The WPD didn't just drop the ball dealing with the "private resident," it took the ball and handed it to him. Not having protections for the bluff in place -- as EVERY other riparian suburb does -- was an oversight of such monumental proportions that imo the entire WPD Board (except those who objected to the "private" deals when they saw which way the wind was blowing) should be voted out.	9/18/2024 12:14 AM
125	Based on the questions: Tennis registration should be brought online. Very hard to get into youth tennis if you were not in the session previously. Almost Anything Goes should go back to entering 2nd grade. The 3rd graders needed more engagement. They missed beach day at least twice because of weather and a third time because of the 4th of July schedule. They should be able to make up the day on Friday. Camp communication at the beginning of summer should come out earlier. (by about a week) Park District Camp should make every effort to go until the Friday before Winnetka Schools start.	9/17/2024 10:55 PM
126	Band/theater pavilion at (soon to be former) Post Office site near downtown Winnetka	9/17/2024 10:07 PM
127	I do not care about a dog beach. If we need the southern stone breakwater system, then please prioritize that. I DO care about trading away a portion of one of our most beautiful parks. I DO care that we don't sign away our future rights. The lakefront should be for ALL Winnetka residents to enjoy. No monetary gift or combination of two parks is worth what we are giving away to a single individual.	9/17/2024 9:58 PM
128	The [REDACTED] deal is rotten to the core. What these governing bodies were thinking remains a mystery. Stop catering to the billionaire!	9/17/2024 7:39 PM
129	No breakwall at southern end of beach. No land swap.	9/17/2024 7:23 PM
130	On the issue of a location for a band shell, the proposed utilization of the old post office space for this purpose has my vote.	9/17/2024 6:39 PM
131	Do not let one homeowner control our beautiful lake front property. There should be no barriers into the lake!!! Do not accept the donation!!!! If it's a true donation there should be no strings attached.	9/17/2024 6:30 PM
132	50 YEARS FOR \$3 MILLION DOLLARS IS A JOKE - THE PARK DISTRICT'S HANDLING OF THIS SITUATION IS AN EMBARRASSMENT TO US ALL. WITH ALL THE MONEY SPENT ON POINTLESS, OVERPAID CONSULTANTS - INCLUDING THE CONSIDERATION OF HIRING CONSULTANTS FOR ORGANIC PESTICIDE - IS IT IDIOTIC THAT THE VILLAGE HANDLED THE [REDACTED] SITUATION WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT OUTSIDE HELP.	9/17/2024 6:04 PM
133	I am opposed to any private land owner having any rights over public land. If the WPD decides that any of the above improvements are in the broad public interest, the WPD and taxpayers should fund such improvements. That said, I am not in favor of any breakwater system within the lake.	9/17/2024 5:46 PM
134	Do not build any fences into the lake! Maintain public shoreline access along the entire lakefront! Preserve our bluffs! Conduct a referendum to determine how much of this massive project is actually wanted by our citizens. Stop catering to the billionaire bully on the property to the south. And by the way, when is the damaged, fenced-off end of Tower Road pier going to be fixed? It's an eyesore and an embarrassment to our community given the number to people	9/17/2024 5:10 PM

	who drive down to look at the lake there. Let's fix what needs fixing instead of concocting massive schemes for Centennial.	
135	I think the dog space should be much smaller. Winnetka beaches can be crowded and additional space for people would be a better use of resources.	9/17/2024 4:50 PM
136	need more summer camp slots...these go very quickly and frustrating for parents.	9/17/2024 4:21 PM
137	Centennial Park will never be as beautiful as it once was, please do not ever allow another lake front property owner to alter beach property and build in such a way that results in less scenic and pleasant parks and reduces beach access to people wishing to stroll along the lake shore.	9/17/2024 4:05 PM
138	The contract with a private property owner is not acceptable. The WPD should not give any control over public beaches to a private individual.	9/17/2024 2:59 PM
139	How can anyone on the Board even consider taking the \$3m donation? I'm shocked that it isn't illegal. Is it really a donation when there are strings attached? Question #23 should ask members of the community if they would like the WPD to reject the donation, which would only be fair. I did not respond to the question, only because it did not provide the option to reject the donation.	9/17/2024 2:39 PM
140	I was not aware that Roundup was being used in the parks. I definitely think that alternative options should be considered and instituted.	9/17/2024 1:10 PM
141	Paddle signup is very confusing, multi steps, and not clear. People should also be able to sign up with friends, if so desired and at similar levels. The summer camp signup process was very frustrating. My children were not able to get spots at Winnetkas camps this summer, so we had to seek more expensive private options. More spots and a better signup would be appreciated.	9/17/2024 12:02 PM
142	Ideal location for music pavilion + enhanced greenspace or park space is the current Winnetka post office location / parking.	9/17/2024 12:01 PM
143	We would like to either have access to a clean public beach at either Centennial or Elder.	9/17/2024 9:55 AM
144	Top priority for me is to resurface the outdoor tennis courts and do so in a manner that prevents cracks and dead spots from returning for quite awhile. It is amazing courts 7-12 have cracked given the last resurfacing was a rebuild starting with the rock foundation. I would think we have a warranty on this work Second priority is to resurface the green bay trail for the entire Winnetka portion (except for the section that was resurfaced a few years ago). I ride my bike up to Wisc alot on the trail and the Winnetka portion is the section in the worst condition. Lake Forest just resurfaced their section and prior to their resurfacing their section of the trail was in much better condition than winnetka section	9/17/2024 9:48 AM
145	It would be nice to have an unbiased summary of the current issues with ██████ and the Village/WPD to help residents understand the situation and form an opinion. Theater pavillion would be nice where the post office is.	9/17/2024 9:31 AM
146	I like many in our village am disgusted with the Declaration of Restrictive Covenant related to the ██████ land.	9/17/2024 9:19 AM
147	Frankly, I don't know enough about the ramifications of all of this to answer properly. I love the stone breakwater areas that some other towns have (Lake Forest) but I do think I need to know more if that has a negative affect on erosion down the beach.	9/17/2024 8:52 AM
148	This area is not a central location, much less gathering space, for our community. We should be focused more on offering centralized programming that all can easily access and participate in.	9/17/2024 8:48 AM
149	Did not answer 24 because None of those are necessary and I do not want to spend \$ on them. .cancel land swap. Refuse donation with restrictions. No more breakwaters and fences. Scale back beach plans significantly.	9/17/2024 8:40 AM
150	The Winnetka Paddle website is not clear, and registration is difficult without directly contacting a pro. Our section of the Green Bay Trail is in bad condition. It is in definite need of repaving. I have 3 children under 5 and didn't know WPD had summer camp. Definitely something we would consider for our kids of age appropriate but I think the marketing/comms about the program needs to be better - I've lived here for 3-4 years and didn't know about it. I don't care about having a dog beach.	9/17/2024 8:02 AM

151	How about putting humans first?! Beach improvements and safety. Please take a trip to look at Kennilworth, Wilmette or Glencoe facilities for ideas. The priority of the dog beach is pathetic and likely driven by the donor and ignoring the many residents.	9/17/2024 7:50 AM
152	Band theater/pavillion in the post office space on Chestnut	9/17/2024 7:40 AM
153	We live next to the largest body of fresh water in the world. People have a right to free and ample access. Also, federal law dictates that people have the right to walk along the shoreline. Homeowners that try to deny that right should be dealt with as the criminals they are.	9/17/2024 7:14 AM
154	The land is owned by the residence. No value should restrict how we the people manage our land assets. And if we were to tether a donation to a covenant, 3m is too small and 50yrs too long	9/17/2024 6:18 AM
155	I don't have a full understanding of the restrictive covenants. You can't have a dog park/dog beach without a fence. You might find this odd, but many people without a dog like to visit the dog park to see the dogs!	9/17/2024 6:09 AM
156	The shoreline should be accessible to all. Private donations should not restrict public access.	9/17/2024 5:04 AM
157	 The village REALLY screwed up letting him tear everything down to lake level and NOW your penalizing all laketront owners by telling them they can't sensibly build on their own table land.	9/17/2024 12:44 AM
158	As a user of Centennial Park since I was a child and having been alive since its dedication, I find this whole thing exasperating at best. \$3 million does not seem like much money at all given "the ask". And let us not forget to take into account the vast resources and reach of the "private organization" in the bargain.	9/17/2024 12:34 AM
159	We live nearby and purchased our property in part because of the proximity to Elder and Centennial Beaches. We have missed the last few years of access and just want the beaches open for our community to enjoy.	9/16/2024 11:44 PM
160	A lot of these seem over the top. Are there occurrences of dogs going out too far or swimming south over the neighbors new wall? Costs to maintain for 50 years would likely exceed donation	9/16/2024 10:38 PM
161	The questions are framed where all answers are bad. Protect the beach and access should be #1 and is not an option. Trading control of the park for 50 years is inexcusable and should be dropped. Glad to hear that is still an option- Drop it! Providing privacy to south property owner via a secure dog fence, and claiming 'cook county regulation' is inappropriate. Placing south wall anywhere other than south property line is giving away Winnetka Parks land and is inappropriate Enough already with the 'swap' and the 'donation' and the 'control'. Move on. The deal should be dropped and the Board should focus its resources on operational excellence rather than deal making. If \$3 million donation is needed so badly, the Winnetka Park Board should accept the alternate donation offer that had NO control restriction.	9/16/2024 10:37 PM
162	Post office location for theater/stage. Re Centennial Beach, one wealthy resident should not be able to control the community's use and enjoyment of public land, regardless of how much the pay (ie, donate). The agreement should be renegotiated or terminated altogether. And the focus should be on a swift resolution so that the community can move forward and enjoy its parks.	9/16/2024 10:19 PM
163	The donation is nothing but a bribe. It is totally despicable. The agreement should be canceled.	9/16/2024 10:05 PM
164	The donation is nothing short of a bribe from the monstrosity owner. Even if accepted, who's to say the funds are adequate for 50 years of maintenance. The whole thing is despicable.	9/16/2024 10:05 PM
165	The WPD should never take a donation with strings attached! Then it is no longer a donation!	9/16/2024 9:58 PM
166	Significant changes to beaches and parks, or contracts that propose significant changes, should require prior consent of the community with full disclosure.	9/16/2024 9:58 PM
167	Unleashed dog beach is an important benefit of paying our tax dollars. Preserve it as is at a minimum	9/16/2024 8:59 PM
168	Focus on the people in this community, not the dogs!	9/16/2024 8:46 PM
169	I object to a donation with restrictions. If an entity wishes to donate then give the money in good faith	9/16/2024 8:39 PM

170	The Winnetka Park Board should follow policy directives and the views of its constituents in restraining from engaging in transactions which promote the interests o private individuals. Not doing so shows a lack of respect for our rules and regulations, the public, and our form of government. Board members who continue to pursue deals with [REDACTED] should be relieved of any further service and replaced immediately with genuine public servants that have no conflicts of interest.	9/16/2024 7:59 PM
171	The questions regarding the project elements are confusing and misleading. The dog fence is required by Cook County and the Village leash laws. The breakwater system description is misleading and not clearly stated. It is not a breakwall - it is a pier allowing access for citizens of all abilities.	9/16/2024 7:52 PM
172	Prioritizing plans, strategies and support for dogs and no major plans for the opening of our beloved elder beach is concerning. Dogs over resident families is a bit backwards and priorities need to be readjusted.	9/16/2024 7:47 PM
173	I have no interest in our parks or beaches at my age of 89 .	9/16/2024 7:19 PM
174	The beach should be something other than a dog park. People already use the other parks for their dogs, enforcement doesn't exist. Just let it happen and let people in that one too	9/16/2024 7:14 PM
175	Dog beach is on valuable and scarce property. A number of dog owners enter dog beach from elder park avoiding the fee to have an access code to the dog beach. I realize alternative sites have been explored in the past and without much success. I have owned a dog in Winnetka and unlike my friends in the country space to run free is limited in Winnetka. If the village can't find an alternate site perhaps Winnetka has no dog beach.	9/16/2024 7:11 PM
176	Prefer no dog beach. Not paying high taxes for 100 dogs to have exclusive access to the lakefront	9/16/2024 6:53 PM
177	I would prioritize investment into existing resources before adding new ones to manage. Update the turf. Update playgrounds, improve the beaches according the the master plan. Don't go looking for new projects.	9/16/2024 5:53 PM
178	I'd like to think it was because of construction at the local schools that the camp experience this year for Almost Anything Goes was less engaging than it has been in the past. My daughter seemed bored when I'd pick her up and talked about spending most of the day indoors in the gym.	9/16/2024 5:49 PM
179	Strongly disagree with acceptance of \$3 million donation with restrictive covenant and object to lack of disclosure of the source of the donation in this survey as well as circumstances of acceptance of donation over other offers and failure to disclosure that in this survey.	9/16/2024 5:39 PM
180	ADA accessibility is crucial	9/16/2024 5:26 PM
181	Pavilion/band shell would be great at Dwyer Park or the lakefront! Tennis registration process and offerings are horrendous. There should be more adult (nighttime) and child programming to meet demand. I don't feel well versed enough to speak to the many conditions and ongoing developments on the beach deal. I just want Elder opened for swimming; we bought into this community with the expectation that that specific beach will be available to us as our children grow up. It's now been 5 years without access, I believe.	9/16/2024 5:13 PM
182	Question 24 didn't provide me the option to tell you that we should absolutely not prioritize dogs for beach access. They literally poop in public and they can find another option to run around.	9/16/2024 5:00 PM
183	Any form of access denial to the water and beaches by any structure is inimical to the community spirit and desirability to own property in Winnetka. Our beaches are, arguably, our most important asset.	9/16/2024 4:58 PM
184	Please reopen Elder beach, even in the interim. Also, please prioritize use of the Elder / Centennial beaches for humans, rather than focusing on dog beaches. We've gone for years now without the access to the beach closest to our home, which was one of the reasons we purchased our home! With regards to WPD camps--Adventures Camp has great field trips, but needs better organized activities during on-site days.	9/16/2024 4:54 PM
185	Currently, Winnetka Park District is the worst on the North Shore for dog friendliness. Why? Please improve for all of us.	9/16/2024 4:48 PM

186	The Park district should NOT have the authority to agree to a Restrictive Covenant that allows one wealthy individual to create a barricade to the lake front which belongs to everyone. \$3 million will never be enough to cover the damage a 50 years agreement will cause. No amount of money is worth this Covenant. The fact that the Village agreed to let this one person buy multiple properties and ruin the look of the lake front near our beautiful and serene Centennial Park is a black eye to our Community. Shame, shame, shame on all who agreed to let it happen. We are the laughing stock of the United State. The park district is giving away assets that belong to Winnetka. They cannot sell them for any amount.	9/16/2024 4:12 PM
187	Please do not get rid of the dog beach!!	9/16/2024 4:08 PM
188	The bluff in Elder Lane Park needs to be protected.	9/16/2024 3:52 PM
189	This donation was provided purely to the benefit of the donor. Why are we building a fence into the water or a breakwater system that only benefits the [REDACTED]. I'm disgusted that the Park District accepted this over the alternate anonymous \$3M donation in complete contrast from a usage perspective. So shady.	9/16/2024 3:52 PM
190	I don't understand why the village did not accept the unencumbered offer for the anonymous gift offered by a current resident. The response given was baffling!	9/16/2024 3:51 PM
191	When going to beach we should not have to walk down the street to go to the bathroom. Nobody should build walls into the water. Nobody has the right to restrict people from walking on the waters edge. We are neighbors!	9/16/2024 3:38 PM
192	I am totally against the Park District accepting the \$3 million "donation" - its a total payoff so the family controls access to the beach. I do not like anyone for any amount of money changing the current beach guidelines. This family has taken total advantage of THe Winnetka Board and has over reached their jurisdiction.	9/16/2024 3:19 PM
193	I think the WPD should take the alternate 3 million dollar donation that was offered with no strings attached, which would completely solve the problem.	9/16/2024 3:09 PM
194	Bring back the dog beach!	9/16/2024 2:55 PM
195	The primary problem with Winnetka beaches is that the WPD imposes exorbitant user fees for the few times a year that a resident and guest might use the beach. Teenagers are sneaking onto the beach to avoid these fees while adult residents complain that we're living in a lakefront community without free lakefront access.	9/16/2024 2:52 PM
196	The Park Board is a disgrace. The deal with [REDACTED] is inexcusable. They've backed themselves into a corner because of terrible process and a failure to understand their jobs. I've never seen a village board perform so disappointingly.	9/16/2024 2:50 PM
197	I think that Winnetka needs to consider the addition of a second ice rink next to the current rink to support not just future growth of the program, but its sustainability as an organization. To be competitive with the changing landscape, someone in the area is going to need to offer a AAA level team to keep kids in the area. To offer that level of competition and to keep kids from having to drive all over the city, having a northshore AAA club is vital to the future. A mix of public and private funds could cover this need.	9/16/2024 2:28 PM
198	Village and WPD seem to only rely on property West of Hibbard when adding programming and new facilities. They do so without consideration on how it effects the residents living near these facilities -- i.e. insane traffic traffic backups + safety concerns as it pertains to the high-level of traffic all of the new programming has brought to the area and the elevated noise levels. There is not an evening or weekend that goes by without intrusive noise levels associated with the constant programming. It is impossible to have a peaceful evening. With so many parks within Winnetka, it seems the Village and WPD should spread the programming and facilities around and not just focus on bringing even more to the facilities along Hibbard Rd. WPD and the Village have created a huge burden on the neighborhood around these facilities. I get it's all about money, but there is a serious inequality on the burden forced upon the neighborhood surrounding the WPD Property west of Hibbard. Concerning, herbicides. With the new Swamp the Village created along Hibbard (south of Willow). The mosquito populated has exploded; there should be a serious focus on that area -- spraying with the best product on the market to abate this problem. Organic herbicides aren't going to cut it as the Swamp is large and stagnant -- a mosquito's dream!	9/16/2024 2:17 PM
199	Really important that cross country skiing be maintained and improved or organized on the golf	9/16/2024 1:54 PM

course. This should be village decision not Kemper Sports decision. Cross country is an inexpensive way that more residents can use this huge space.

200	I am supportive of modest improvements to Centennial but do not support a fence or huge unnecessary breakwater system. I do not support accepting funding from the [REDACTED] family or agreeing to a restrictive covenant as a condition of the funding.	9/16/2024 1:45 PM
201	The WPD issues a tax levy, has substantial reserves, and charges user fees. While user fees may be justified for usage such as tennis lessons, or golf, why the charge for Winnetka residents to use their own beaches?	9/16/2024 1:31 PM
202	I don't really know what the southern stone breakwater system is for - is it to protect the beach or for our new billionaire?	9/16/2024 12:50 PM
203	Dogs in the same area of water, even with fencing, invites the potential for contamination of the water where people swim.	9/16/2024 12:38 PM
204	Are there any plans on creating a dog park? We'd use this frequently	9/16/2024 12:37 PM
205	Beach access should be free to Winnetka residents w valid identification. Band pavilion (small) could be at maple street park.	9/16/2024 12:36 PM
206	I don't care if there is a dog beach, although if there is one would want it to be compliant and reduce any safety concerns to children or to water safety; for any breakwater or fences would want the human residents to be able to continue to enjoy the views and sightlines Centennial has offered to date as it is a wonderful walking and meditating and picnicing spot for neighbors	9/16/2024 12:24 PM
207	[REDACTED] should not succeed in buying park district land no matter what the price or deal...land swap etc.	9/16/2024 12:16 PM
208	I'm not sure I fully understand the fence proposal, but I would not want a fence to impede beach access or wreck sight lines	9/16/2024 12:08 PM
209	I have never been able to sign up for evening tennis because it sells out immediately. It would be nice if there were more evening options for women who work during the day. It is also frustrating that the Monday night women's paddle league is so limited in the amount of people they can take. I appreciate that they opened up a Sunday night league but I find it difficult to commit to Sundays. It is frustrating that men still have multiple evening options for paddle leagues when there are a lot of women, like myself, who have full time jobs and cannot play during the day. I understand you are working with limited space but just wanted to share this.	9/16/2024 11:56 AM
210	Private homes should not block public access to Lake Michigan, with easements at the lake front so people can enjoy longer beach walks. Building a 30k sq ft home should not entitle a resident to block access to our beautiful lake.	9/16/2024 11:54 AM
211	Winnetkans love their dogs but Winnetka is the least dog-friendly village on the North Shore.	9/16/2024 11:47 AM
212	WOULD LIKE THE STONE BREAKWATER BY [REDACTED]'S HOUSE TO BE REMOVED OR LOWERED. I CAN NO LONGER SEE THE CHICAGO SKYLINE.	9/16/2024 11:39 AM
213	Do not decrease the size of the existing dog beach and do not swap the southern part of the beach with the home owner directly to the south	9/16/2024 11:35 AM
214	The entire lakefront project is tangled with private owners's interests to the south of the property line. The Park Districts quiet deals with owner have lacked transparency and caused much concern among residents. Additionally, the Village's lack of or weak bluff preservation ordinances is embarrassing when you see what the owners have done and continue to do. The Village should NOT accept money from this group (however they have named/structured to gift money to Park district) and absolutely should not agree to any restrictions. Lakefront vision for merged Elder and Centennial is not universally desired among residents as I have witnessed many objections in my attendance at park district meetings on the subject. Village should restore elder. Unwind from any agreements with [REDACTED]. Fix dog beach and have a nice park in Centennial. Keep in simple and natural.	9/16/2024 11:31 AM
215	Having a dog beach in the middle of other public beaches could be hazardous if the dogs defecate in the water. How can the park ensure water cleanliness around the dog beach?	9/16/2024 11:30 AM
216	Winnetka needs to keep the dog beach. Winnetka is the only NS Community without a dog park.	9/16/2024 11:29 AM

217	This survey again takes way longer than the estimated time to complete	9/16/2024 11:25 AM
218	I would love to see the Winnetka Ice Arena expanded to match those of the rinks in neighboring towns. Addition of a studio rink, a larger lobby, more bleacher seating for ice shows would all be valuable.	9/16/2024 11:25 AM
219	Actions should be taken in best interest of village use of land/not private resident. Dog beach with fencing into water seems unsightly, dangerous, and unsanitary for swimmers near by. Why a dog beach at our most precious resource? Please leave rolling hills/walking paths in upper portion-we don't need for "planned" space for organized activities at the beachfront.	9/16/2024 11:25 AM
220	I do not care about a dog beach	9/16/2024 11:24 AM
221	Band / theater shell at post office	9/16/2024 11:23 AM
222	I have a dog and never go to the dog beach - Winnetka DOES NOT NEED a Dog Beach! There are better things to do with our shoreline properties!!! Winnetka Residents do not use the dog beach.	9/16/2024 11:18 AM
223	The Park District Board has lost the confidence of village residents. They should resign; there should be an outside investigation of their actions; and there should be no decisions or further money spent or any more deals without a referendum. When I say the Board's actions have been shameful, this is not intended as derogatory; it is simply a statement of fact. It is regrettable that this is what it has come to.	9/16/2024 11:16 AM
224	get rid of the dog beach - other communities prohibit dog beached in close proximity to recreation/swimming areas	9/16/2024 11:12 AM
225	Need more walking paths along lake	9/16/2024 11:06 AM
226	Elder Lane Beach must be a priority and opened for use next summer. Everything else is secondary in importance.	9/16/2024 11:05 AM
227	Why no questions on cost of Elder Centennial? Why no options for "none of the above" or "disagree"?	9/16/2024 10:48 AM
228	Adventure Camp is amazing and possibly the best value in summer camps on the North Shore. The remaining day camps for younger children were not as outstanding as they have been in past years and all of the staff not as engaged as they have been in past years. Hoping that the summer of 2025 with more school buildings available and staff available back on the normal calendar will be possible.	9/16/2024 10:39 AM
229	As a Winnetka resident who pays a lot of property tax I resent paying for beach passes. It seems beach access should be free to residents	9/16/2024 10:38 AM
230	I see no reason to have a dog beach; use the top of the old dump	9/16/2024 10:22 AM
231	The most important thing is to bring our beaches up to par with Wilmette/ Glencoe/HP/Lakeforest- we need to upgrade sand quality/ bathrooms/ food/ drink options	9/16/2024 10:14 AM
232	Winnetka needs an off-leash dog park, but word on the street is that it will only happen once the dog beach people are satisfied. That's not exactly fair and smacks of the squeaky wheel always getting the grease. My dogs don't like the water or the sand. Non-water-loving dogs and their owners need to be represented! I was involved in a petition drive five years ago to get an off-leash park on the agenda. It went nowhere.	9/16/2024 10:14 AM
233	Not clear on the status of the trade of the house for the south end if Centennial Park.	9/16/2024 10:02 AM
234	too much focus on dog beaches!	9/16/2024 10:00 AM
235	Why is the WPD entering into this agreement with restrictions? No matter the technicalities, it will be viewed for years to come as a wealthy individual buying influence to accomplish personal desires. The perception of impropriety cannot be divorced from this agreement. Although \$3M is a lot of money the WPD is clever enough to find alternatives that will eliminate the need for this "donation." Please consider other paths to achieve this community goal and let not the donation stop the process of good governing and stewardship. One can rationalize anything, of course. Wealth and power distort perception. I ask that the board reconsider this agreement with clear eyes so as to prevent self-deception by reason. On a more human note, declining this donation might actually be more beneficial for the family in the long run. Living in a community and raising one's children is a deeply personal experience. I	9/16/2024 9:49 AM

	think it would be kind to remove the specter of unseemliness that will hover over every interaction with school teachers, shop keepers, and neighbors. Thanks for your consideration.	
236	We don't want barriers on the beachfront to accommodate the lakefront scheme of new neighbor to the south.	9/16/2024 9:45 AM
237	Spend less taxpayer money. Do not accommodate requests by individuals, even if contributions are offered. Make as few changes as possible; for example, dog beaches and dog parks are not priorities, and they are problematic.	9/16/2024 9:44 AM
238	I think the new landowner near the beach is a criminal and is bribing local officials to get what he wants for his monstrous house. The situation is reprehensible.	9/16/2024 9:41 AM
239	Enough with the dog beach! How about we get the people beaches up to par with our neighbors- they're embarrassing!	9/16/2024 9:34 AM
240	Dog beach has been disgusting. I have seen dogs poop in the water. Question the whole concept and no longer use. We have lived in Winnetka for over 40 years. How do you prevent water pollution? No longer use beach. Have had a dog the entire time.	9/16/2024 9:33 AM
241	Letting [REDACTED] dictate what goes on a public beach is not right. I most people agree on this.	9/16/2024 9:31 AM
242	We would be idiots to not accept the \$3MM donation - we need a decent beach that does not have a steep access (this is not ADA compliant nor does it make using the beach a pleasant and efficient/easy experience) and lots of rocks, a better place to swim, and a completely separate dog beach. We could also use a more robust SUP rental service.	9/16/2024 9:27 AM
243	I'm not a lawyer. This seems like a billionaire's list of demands that are focused exclusively on [REDACTED]'s own personal interests. Separately, there are those in the WPD who dismiss dog owners as a "special interest group" yet pour resources into SUP and other limited use activities. Basically, I don't trust anybody involved in this mess to look out for my interests. But Winnetka's sole off-leash dog park has been at Centennial for years (decades?) and should remain there in a functional manner (i.e., it shouldn't be downsized to the point of being unusable by dogs).	9/16/2024 9:18 AM
244	You need to open Elder Beach and do whatever needs to be done to make the water safe and swimmable. That is goal #1. You need to build a public pool. I understand that public pools do not make money, but it is a community resource and important to families, especially those with young children. It is inexcusable that we have wasted so much public space for a golf course but fail to provide a pool that a much larger percentage of the community could enjoy. We need pickleball courts. I have not been able to take advantage of Winnetka's park camp because space was so limited for families who did not want to commit to the full summer. You need to offer families more flexibility and provide camp during August. You need to have camp sign up earlier - I could not wait until February to see if we could get a spot. Instead, my kids went to Glencoe camp and it was fabulous. More transparency is needed from the park district and caucus council regarding their reasoning and analysis of the issues. Also, I have no idea about the prioritization of the five projects, but it seems like the Village should probably be in compliance with the law. It's very concerning that the Village is operating public beaches that are not in compliance with the law. If you are not complying with ADA requirements, that puts the village at risk of a lawsuit.	9/16/2024 9:15 AM
245	Accepting a restrictive covenant on beach sue is not a good precedent.	9/16/2024 9:03 AM
246	Camps: in my experience, the summer camps at the middle school/junior high level need some improvement. Specifically: better options for rainy days and inclement weather, more variety in the games and activities offered on non-field trip days, more energetic/engaging counselors	9/16/2024 8:58 AM
247	Not clear from this description if the southern breakwater is the high wall between the public beach and [REDACTED]. I am totally against that. However if it is a low breakwater to prevent erosion of the beach, it is my first choice.	9/16/2024 8:56 AM
248	Tennis center needs additional resources for management. Need better signup process and class time offerings. Also, need a system for allowing makeup classes when a class is missed. Lastly, more evening league options for intermediate/advanced women's players would be appreciated.	9/16/2024 8:55 AM
249	Why are we so focused on dog beaches when the HUMAN beaches look the way they do?!? Tower Road beach & Maple Street beaches are a total mess.	9/16/2024 8:50 AM

250	It would have been helpful if the stone breakwater system was explained, or drawings describing what you are referring to as "building infrastructure." You have not provided enough information for me to make an informed decision on these items.	9/16/2024 8:49 AM
251	We do not need a a dog beach. Beach property is precious and extremely limited--a dog park is fine -- NO DOG BEACH!!!!	9/16/2024 8:47 AM
252	Reject any covenants— go back to the no strings attached donation if this one can't be cleared.	9/16/2024 8:45 AM
253	Don't care about any of these "improvements". Don't want somebody's breakwater blocking the view of the city like it currently is blocking things now. Shame on that person. The beach should be walkable if that is the natural state of the beach	9/16/2024 8:42 AM
254	The village should NOT accept this donation! Period!	9/16/2024 8:38 AM
255	Dog beach not important and we have a dog. Better use of funds would be to fix Tower road beach parking area and beautify the beaches like glencoe	9/16/2024 8:33 AM
256	We should not tie the hands of future Winnetka's through restrictive covenants.	9/16/2024 8:33 AM
257	The ██████s don't own Winnetka, the citizens do. Their "breakwater" is just an attempt to defray the cost of maintenance their private needs and desires for a naive government to take on their costs for a relatively small down payment in the form of a tax-deductible "contribution." It is transparently self-serving of them. We do not need to be beholden to them for 50 years.	9/16/2024 8:25 AM
258	We need to spend less time worrying about the dogs! I have one and use the dog beach a lot. There is never anyone else there. It's fine and underutilized so why spend more??	9/16/2024 8:17 AM
259	It's disappointing as a long-time resident to see members of the Park Board seeking to censure other members.	9/16/2024 7:58 AM
260	3 million dollars is not enough money to agree to the restrictions on the property. Please consider east/west bike trails to connect to the Skokie trail system. Hill road, willow road and tower road are all very dangerous for bikers trying to go to the trail. This should be a high priority for the WPD.	9/16/2024 7:48 AM
261	Camp schedule needs to align with school calendar. Very difficult for working parents when there is no camp coverage. Also, the early camp drop off it really helpful.	9/16/2024 7:47 AM
262	Look at newer alternatives like Illinois beach park. Keep our views clear and open NO MORE ROCKS no Disneyland, keep it simple and open! Open elder just fix the pier and gabion baskets!	9/16/2024 7:46 AM
263	Please continue with the improvement of Elder beach so the residents can use it again	9/16/2024 7:43 AM
264	There was a section on herbicide treatments. I'd like to see the park district develop/publish a set of maintenance standards, especially as it relates to the lakefront parks. In particular, I'd like to see the beachfront trees/vegetation maintained so that views of the lake are possible along the entire lakefront footage of all of the beachfront parks. I think that people should be able to see the lake from the benches in the parks and have clear views of the water while walking along the sidewalk on Sheridan Road. I think that the views should be treated the same way that a private land owner would maintain their views of the lake. At present, views of the lake are typically obstructed by vegetation along the shoreline.	9/16/2024 7:32 AM
265	communiteis are for people not to prioritize for dogs. sorry.	9/16/2024 7:26 AM
266	Majority of questions so far have been related to the libraries. No one I know in Winnetka talks about the libraries. Everyone I know in Winnetka is upset by the lack of beach access at Elder.	9/16/2024 7:22 AM
267	The park district board's handling of the real estate dealings at Centennial park and surrounding areas has been disastrous.	9/16/2024 7:17 AM
268	start working on the Beaches NOW! The village should stay out of the process	9/16/2024 7:16 AM
269	I find the dog beach to be very unnecessary and is only used by so few people. I want all resources to be focused on opening up Elder beach.	9/16/2024 7:15 AM
270	I have other priorities for beachfront spending over any of these listed	9/16/2024 6:44 AM

271	Too much money spent on beach project. It's too big and not necessary. Consider an outdoor pool and pickleball courts	9/15/2024 10:18 PM
272	Question 5 regarding a temporary solution at Elder Beach is leading and confusing. No workable temporary solutions have been proposed in park district meetings to my households knowledge. Any donations to the park should come free of restrictive covenants. We are just so sick of the fighting and hope there will be a beach in walking distance for our family while our kids are young enough to enjoy it.	9/15/2024 9:13 PM
273	This needs to be rethought and presented to the general Winnetka population as a referendum. It is poorly planned and a 50-year giveaway is thoughtless.	9/15/2024 8:54 PM
274	Leave Centennial mostly as it is. It is nearly perfect. Just needs a bit of cleanup and maintenance.	9/15/2024 7:56 PM
275	\$3million in a dog beach sounds way to much. Specially since Elder Beach has been closed for at least 4 years now	9/15/2024 7:05 PM
276	Keep the dog costs down, focus on the other beach products.	9/15/2024 6:12 PM
277	The WPD has been disappointing for several years, demonstrating a lack of transparency, poor management, and malicious in-fighting. The entire board should resign and be re-elected.	9/15/2024 5:26 PM
278	3/5 of projects around dogs - really? There are most important needs in this community than those of the minority dog owners!	9/15/2024 4:37 PM
279	I don't have any thoughts about #24 but I am tired of [REDACTED]	9/15/2024 4:24 PM
280	It's insulting that 60% of these projects revolve around the dog beach	9/15/2024 4:02 PM
281	Take down the fence	9/15/2024 3:23 PM
282	Don't understand why the park department did not accept the competing anonymous \$3M offered donation that did not come with any strings attached.	9/15/2024 2:46 PM
283	I do not understand the first, second, and 5th items. In order to express a reasonable judgment on those, I need to see some serious details with graphics.	9/15/2024 2:39 PM
284	1) We need to know if the land swap deal is alive or dead. Calling it 'dormant' sounds deceptive & just raises more questions. I'm very much against spending any money on land we're about to give away! 2) If we can't renegotiate the \$3MM donation without strings attached, try to restore access to the alternative \$3MM donation previously offered that had no strings attached! (I'm still very confused why this was never considered in the first place.) 3) Residents need to heal and feel heard about the Centennial/Elder project. The joint beach was a wonderful initial concept but the costs now far exceed the benefits. No new breakwaters, no cliff destruction, no impediments should be considered... it is a large part of the beauty and uniqueness of this community and its enjoyment must remain available to all.	9/15/2024 2:12 PM
285	Re: a theater pavilion, any suitable location with adequate parking should be fine. With regard to the Centennial "improvements" I don't like the idea of the Village accepting a bribe from a private property developer.	9/15/2024 2:05 PM
286	#24 is bad question. I don't want ANY of those projects. Want a SIMPLE beach. Do NOT do the [REDACTED] swap. Do NOT accept the \$3MM from him; take the anonymous \$3 MM. NO stone breakwaters or dog fences.	9/15/2024 1:12 PM
287	I utilized summer camp for the first time this year and it worked for my child's needs, though he was sometimes bored and could have used a little more structure to his day with more interaction from adult staff. With regards to general yearly programming, I notice that bigger Park Districts have more offerings, or their offerings occur on days that are not Saturday and Sunday. I would consider more recreation programs for my children if the availability of them did not only occur on weekends (Soccer and Baseball are two examples for my 5 year old and Yoga for my 9 year old - I think Yoga exists but is only available on one day at one time). In general, I do not understand why every Village in the area feels the need to have it's own programming, when each have strengths and weaknesses. I feel that partnering with neighboring villages may yield better results for everyone, if it involved our Village running specific things and neighboring villages running specific things. With regard to choosing the three most important items, most things listed include adding facilities. From my perspective, it seems we have plenty of fields for sports, yet most of the options to choose from are more	9/15/2024 1:09 PM

fields. I chose the Ice Arena because my family uses it often and the indoor spaces for viewing practice as well as preparing for games/performances/practice do not always fit the amount of people who wish to use the space. I don't know what if any changes could occur, but additional locker room spaces, prep spaces, and lounge/food spaces would probably be a welcome addition. My number one feature I would ask for is a pool. I have been a member at Wilmette's pool all the years I have lived here because there is no pool option here. If an outdoor pool in our Village is not manageable, I would highly suggest our Park Districts try to partner with another Village so that people that live here have that asset available to them to use, with benefits that residents receive.

288	It's a shame Elder Beach has been closed this long during negotiations. No matter what happens the park district should prioritize getting Elder open for public use ASAP	9/15/2024 1:07 PM
289	None of these questions address my concerns. There is a huge need for better tennis options in Winnetka, but more courts is NOT the solution. What is critical is to hire good professionals who are well paid (and want to be here). Start investing in the staff! Hire a new program director. Look at the financials. The facility is excellent and you have the opportunity to turn this into a great tennis club. Charge more for membership and drills. People will pay for quality instruction and drills that are fun -- look at North Shore Racket club where huge numbers of Winnetka and Northfield residents now play. I have been here for over 20 years and have watched the pros at Nielson become less and less happy and engaged. It is depressing and overall not enjoyable. You have a bit of a captive audience, but even with that, people who want good tennis play elsewhere after a while once they discover how much better other clubs are. Please look into what is happening at Nielson make some changes! On the beach issue, I am not ranking anything related to the dog beach as it should be closed! Please move forward with the Elder Centennial improvement plan for people! Don't waste money on a temporary fix or on improving a beach for dogs that is barely used! This is absurd (and I am a dog owner). What is the delay with the people beach improvement plan? Trustees who are standing in the way of this should be forced to resign. What has gone on with that beach area and the delay of the wider improvement plan is a criminal waste of this community's assets. The Village and the Park District should do whatever it takes to move forward with the Master Plan for the larger enhanced beach area for people! .	9/15/2024 12:38 PM
290	Don't give █████ control of elements of our public beach and park for 50 years. The scale of the house is a gratuitous eyesore, and no one person should be able to monopolize what happens to our public parks. What the park district and villager negotiating is embarrassing, shortsighted and it's not what the people of the village want.	9/15/2024 11:53 AM
291	dogs have been restricted in several states along beach fronts, for health and safety reasons.	9/15/2024 11:37 AM
292	Must renourish Elder Beach sand to eliminate rocks and concrete	9/15/2024 11:27 AM
293	If possible, renourish Elder Beach sand and eliminate rocks and concrete	9/15/2024 11:13 AM
294	Would prefer a non beach dog park. I think we shouldn't take any action on the beach until all matters are resolved and we can create a permanent solution free of any covenants. I'd prefer beaches to remain closed vs a bandaid solution.	9/15/2024 9:56 AM
295	Since I don't know the exact restrictive covenants for Question #23 it is impossible to know if it is good or bad.	9/15/2024 8:27 AM
296	We really need a place to play INDOOR BASKETBALL.	9/14/2024 6:09 PM
297	Once I perceive reality on the Winnetka One and Post Office properties, I will have a better concept of what the Village is actually doing and whether or not it makes any sense to me. Bandstand on the Post Office piece has potential. Ceasing the building of ugly cookie cutter homes would benefit all. Why the village has allowed a slew of homes that look like tract housing in Iceland is a conundrum to many. Bigger concern is the business usage of Winnetka and Hubbard Woods. Many do not get the feeling whatever the present thinking is makes a lot of sense. How many nail salons does Winnetka want to have? More restaurants, yes. Low-income housing...really? Diversity of establishments and rents bigger issues. Losing a Doyle's from its location in the village tells me small businesses have a tedious time here. Hubbard Woods is a very unappetizing environment. Old, tired and disjointed. Love Winnetka Village but the vibe of the "past" Village was much more inviting. Hometown coffee does a big business, but they cannot keep the area clean and inviting. Honeycomb is enjoyable. Think Glencoe has a better handle on a "Village" today than Winnetka and we love Winnetka! The Winnetka One debacle has been a real eye sore and diminishes the appeal of the area. It annoys everyone I	9/14/2024 4:34 PM

	talk with concerning the length of time the property has been vacant and the mismanagement of the development of those parcels.	
298	1) I would like the WPD to consider working with the Village to develop the Post Office property, and to tie it into the Dwyer Park experience. 2) you have no option if residents do not have children - #19, etc.	9/14/2024 2:36 PM
299	Worry about the residents before the dogs ...	9/14/2024 1:47 PM
300	Relative to question #23, I view the current restrictions on the "donation" to be obnoxious and disingenuous. The WPD currently owns that land, and should not be trading away our rights to develop/use as we please. We should not accept the donation as currently written... particularly while the property exchange agreement is 'dormant'. The other party is not negotiating in good faith for the benefit of Winnetka. We can raise the \$\$ we need... and should revisit the other donation that was offered in exchange for ending negotiations with the new neighbor to the south.	9/14/2024 1:19 PM
301	Camp sign up is stressful and we didn't even get into the program with signing up within 15 minutes.	9/14/2024 12:28 PM
302	He is trying to build as many barriers as possible between his home and the public beach, but he doesn't own the water and has no rights beyond the high water mark	9/14/2024 11:36 AM
303	this project has been pushed on the citizens to benefit a private homeowner. The park should be maintained by the WPD. The WPD has not maintained this park to expected standards. DO NOT continue this expensive and intrusive park plan. Study the more up to date science to protect the bluff. This expensive and not needed project is not for the citizens. This project, as it is presented, is NOT approved by unanimous approval of the Commissioners. The proposal is absolutely spending citizens \$ inappropriately. This project favors private citizens on the South and the North. This project is NOT Winnetka. Maintain Centennial and Elder. Do not turn Centennial Park and Beach into an intrusive 'playground' in the neighborhood and the Village. Protect the bluff with up to date standards - not Large Boulders to protect the Southern private owner and give that owner 50 years of control over the citizens park. This agreement was consummated by a Board and attorneys who really do not care about Winnetka. This project is full of controversy in the Village, more than any project in history. Open the Beach at Elder and check the purity of the water. Allow citizens to walk the beaches, as is their right, and do not allow the current proposal that blocks citizens rights. Update the existing ADA at Elder. Go back to the drawing board. This project as it is proposed is out of control and has moved forward by a minority. The project needs to go to VOTE at the polls. The project is spending the tax payers money and the WPD Board refused to ask for grant money from the State to relive the cost and plan. This existing plan is guided by a private citizen. This is not a private track of land.	9/14/2024 11:32 AM
304	The contract for the donation should not include naming rights.	9/14/2024 9:58 AM
305	The beach solely to be used a dog beach seems like a missed opportunity. Beach access for swimming is a greater need.	9/14/2024 9:47 AM
306	As a Winnetka dog owner we do not need a dog beach. Lakefront is a finite community asset and shouldn't be used for dog owners which is a small percentage of the population. The dog beach is not used and could be better used by humans only. We need a dog park, not a dog beach.	9/14/2024 9:37 AM
307	The community should invest more in other beaches and ensure access. The dog beach is underutilized and would be better suited to address the needs of all residents especially children. There should be expanded access and a clear delineation between beaches with dogs and beaches where no dogs are permitted. Furthermore, the community should enable more access and expanded hours at conventional beaches	9/14/2024 9:28 AM
308	Money should not be a driver for decisions. I think that the giant house being built was a big mistake for Winnetka. Seems too late now to do a urging about it.	9/14/2024 9:22 AM
309	The dog beach is an amazing Winnetka feature. Please please please maintain!	9/14/2024 9:01 AM
310	The dog beach at centennial is very poorly utilized by the town and residents. A minuscule percentage of residents have signed up for access and that bears out in the minimal utilization the park sees on a day to day basis. The fact that a large portion of a very finite community resource sits behind lock and key and therefore goes largely unused is civic malpractice.	9/14/2024 8:51 AM

Further, many dog owners choose to bring their dogs to other beaches. Park employees, with an already full complement of job duties, find it hard to police this. But enforcement needs to be a priority. I am a parent and my children can be afraid of unknown dogs and this hampers our enjoyment of the lake. Investing in the dog beach without addressing utilization or residents unlawfully bringing their dogs to other beaches does nothing to change a situation that is already suboptimal.



311	If the beach is to be used by people outside community, would like to see security added to maintain safety and cleanliness of area.	9/14/2024 8:09 AM
312	A public pool is needed in winnetka and would be highly valued by existing and future residents. The continued work at the beachfront, which is not always available to swimming due to conditions would be better utilized going towards a public pool that could be used for park district camps, lessons, parties, etc. Residents are using pools from surrounding communities or joining private clubs. A public pool will build a greater sense of community in winnetka.	9/13/2024 9:41 PM
313	More evening tennis lesson options for advanced women levels. Winnetka ice rink needs an upgrade in facilities - bathroom, locker rooms, bleachers etc.	9/13/2024 9:15 PM
314	1. The current Post Office in downtown Winnetka should be demolished - a mailbox should be added in the town hall parking lot and a few more around town. The area should be turned into a green space with a stage, potential ice skating in winter time, splash pad, similar to Clarkson Park in Northfield or Hubbard woods. 2. \$3,000,000 is not enough of a donation from the gentleman who is building on the lakefront. He is a billionaire and should be making a donation of at least \$15 million to the village. 3. Is a dog beach even really necessary in Winnetka? I love dogs but it seems like we should be making this area much smaller than the plans call for. 4. I hope the combined beach at elder and centimnel have playground equipment on the beach like Glencoe and Tower, or at least at water level instead of up top on the grass / parking lot.	9/13/2024 8:53 PM
315	I know this is a very complicated set of issues. I don't think I know as much as I would like to in order to weigh in more clearly.	9/13/2024 8:41 PM
316	I am hopeful that the land swap will go through and the two parks will be consolidated. I believe this gift to Winnetka is to the benefit of the community. I believe a small number of residents are voicing their disapproval of whatever the Park District does in order to voice their objection to the project to the south, and I believe this covenant has become a sad victim of their activism.	9/13/2024 5:26 PM
317	The entire handling of the development of the beach front on Sheridan road has been a negative mark on the village and council. The way other resident projects are treated lacks any level of service or support. Yet if you have a billion dollars, apparently the council and president are more than happy to roll over and serve. All residents should be served. Not just those with the largest wallets.	9/13/2024 4:56 PM
318	I do not think WPD should be taking the \$3 million from [REDACTED] because it is not unrestricted money that the WPD can do what it needs to do with.	9/13/2024 4:02 PM
319	Leave it as is! Who wants fences on a beach. These areas have been fine for many years, in the last years Winnetka is unrecognizable	9/13/2024 3:52 PM
320	Please reconsider the "need" to "revitalize" Centennial Beach. The Park's plans are over-engineered and very expensive. They are also outdated. The new science of saving lakefronts opposes huge breakwaters reaching out into the lake like enormous arms. The beaches are wonderful in their simplicity - access to the lake. Please do not use taxpayer money or "donations" (with very long strings attached) unnecessarily. I spend a lot of time at Centennial Park and the dog beach is my favorite spot in Winnetka. It needs no major revitalization and is wonderful as is. Please consider an approach that is more "do no harm" rather than major construction.	9/13/2024 12:00 PM
321	The [REDACTED]'s attempts to get the village to prevent free passage along the water's edge in violation of the law are shameful. Satisfying their demands would set a terrible precedent. I think the WPD has handled the situation poorly.	9/13/2024 10:58 AM
322	Acceptance of this "donation" from an individual with whom the PD and Village are litigating raises ethical and conflict issues that have not been adequately explained to the community. No "donation" of any kind should be accepted until this issue is resolved. The PD and the	9/13/2024 10:56 AM

	Council should discuss the US Supreme Court's recent Snyder decision and explain to the community why they are accepting this "donation."	
323	Maintain public access across ALL beaches. You should be able walk across so called "private beaches". Restore and protect existing bluffs to protect from erosion. The District needs to be stronger in its relationships with people building on the beach. Avoid private agreements that reduce public control over the beaches.	9/13/2024 10:49 AM
324	The agreement is not good. Person offering money is only thinking of himself. No educated community should agree with or support the deal. It should be called off. It makes Winnetka look stupid.	9/12/2024 8:13 PM
325	Give residents discount for golf	9/12/2024 4:19 PM
326	1) We should not be paying for / maintaining a breakwater system for the neighboring property - whatsoever. The lakefront and associated views in public parks belong to all Winnetka and park pass paying citizens - not just private land owners. I say this as a Winnetka resident living east of Sheridan road and as a long time Chicago resident - the lake is sacred to Chicago and north shore culture and citizens. It is not meant to be preserved only for those with extensive means. 2) Improvements should be prioritized that enhance all park users' experiences including the safety of dogs and humans	9/12/2024 3:42 PM
327	allow winnetka residents to use the beaches every day, by purchasing a daily pass- Annul the current restriction of having to buy a Season Pass on weekends! we are out of town quite a bit in summer- we pay our taxes, thus current restriction is unreasonable.	9/12/2024 3:38 PM
328	not in favor of dog beach	9/12/2024 3:38 PM
329	This issue should go to a Referendum	9/12/2024 3:22 PM
330	I tried not to overthink this survey. My children are adults now, though they grew up in Winnetka. I do not use the parks/playgrounds/beaches except when grandkids are visiting and want to go there. I leave the suggestions for improvement to those who are more invested - those who have young kids. I would suggest that the playground at Elder needs some shade - in summer, the equipment becomes too hot to use. That's a waste. Also, I don't think that the village should engage in restricted covenants with private entities. That sets a dangerous precedent.	9/12/2024 1:20 PM
331	We do not trust the counsel or park district with any further decisions regarding the south winnetka beaches. The covid-era secrecy and bull rush through of deals created a presumption of suspicious intent and self dealing. The south winnetka beaches do not need to be Gilson or Tower, they were great quiet resources for what they were. The public has been deprived of Elder Beach now for years because of inaction and missteps by the village.	9/12/2024 11:52 AM
332	Do not understand the need for a southern stone breakwater system Who is benefiting from this breakwater system ? Not all the residents of Winnetka, just a single homeowner	9/12/2024 10:42 AM
333	The Village and Park District need to move forward and figure this out. Change is constant and the Village never seems to embrace change. Elder and Centennial need improvements and it is embarrassing to have a chained link fence at Elder for years. Enough!	9/12/2024 10:25 AM
334	It seems as we are looking to spend a great deal of money to provide access for dogs to our beaches. People need to be prioritized, NOT animals. A dog can have a fenced in yard and be walked. I do not feel that public funds should be put forward for the benefit of animals, or their owners (or paid walkers).	9/12/2024 10:00 AM
335	I do not want a number of these elements and yet I still have to rank them. A fence into the lake is ridiculous.	9/12/2024 9:43 AM
336	Do not allow ██████████ to restrict public access to the lakefront area and beach. They have effectively done so already and the plans seem clear to continue to privatize their lakefront compound.	9/12/2024 8:09 AM
337	Despite reading all the press, this is still pretty opaque. What is happening with the house between the parks under the various plans? Do any of these plans include or require a land swap?	9/12/2024 7:02 AM
338	Keep it simple	9/12/2024 6:40 AM
339	I would need details on the covenants but \$3MM for a 50 year lock up may not be appropriate.	9/11/2024 9:29 PM

I would suggest negotiating for a phased approach (I.e. complete adherence for 10-20 years, then ability to deviate over time). 50 years is a long time, who knows what could happen that far into the future.

340	Band Shell at Tower Road	9/11/2024 7:44 PM
341	1. Turn down the \$3 million without additional concessions. 2. Clear additional trees on hill sides at Elder Beach (one section completed) and Maple Street Beach to provide unobstructed views of the lake.	9/11/2024 7:19 PM
342	The 50 year stipulation of the restrictive donation is ludicrous. I cannot think of a single element in the village that is currently 50 years old which hasn't become an additional problem for the village to deal with. I feel strongly that this deal needs to be renegotiated.	9/11/2024 6:21 PM
343	Working with local aquatics club, together, a community indoor/year round pool could finally benefit families young and old in our village.	9/11/2024 5:48 PM
344	I think k go forward with the arrangement and get it done	9/11/2024 5:24 PM
345	I am not sure why all the energy is put into a dog beach. I think we could make the current dog beach available to dogs, but also to all residents and minimize the dog section.	9/11/2024 5:22 PM
346	Regarding booking paddle courts: courts are always fully booked but, most of the time courts are empty. People book but do not cancel reservation. We don't need more courts. We need a system that ensures courts that are booked are used. Maybe a penalty for booking and not cancelling if you are not going to use it.	9/11/2024 5:16 PM
347	Opposed to taking donation from [REDACTED] We don't want to get locked into 50 year covenant . Don't want breakwaters out into lake	9/11/2024 5:01 PM
348	As a dog owner, I'm very much opposed to the dog beach. I have encountered far too many dogs off leash at centennial park. It creates unnecessary risk with irresponsible dog owners. We don't need a dog beach. I would much rather see the beach used for any other purpose.	9/11/2024 3:57 PM
349	I don't want a dog beach. I don't think a dog beach should be funded by the park district.	9/11/2024 3:39 PM
350	Do not add fences that give the illusion of private property. The shoreline belongs to the public. Adding fences into the water is a massive breach of public trust.	9/11/2024 3:06 PM
351	The feedback solicited for the beach improvement over the past few years has been frustrating. It's been presented as, this is what we're doing, and feedback has been limited. Why is it a given to have a dog park? A handful of very loud residents want a dog park and why are we limiting beachfront and spending millions for a dog park? With fencing all over? Let people bring their dogs to the beach before 9 am, and call it a day. It's a waste of money. And, there is already an ADA compliant beach at Tower and Lloyd. I'm confused why millions are being spent on this project rather than just making the beach safe and getting it open. Given the makeup of the village post pandemic, it's my experience people would prefer a public pool. Or public tennis courts. Or more basketball courts.	9/11/2024 2:52 PM
352	The WPD should honor it agreement	9/11/2024 2:22 PM
353	The WPD should not accept the money and take the \$3 million that was offered no strings attached. They should be transparent with their dealings with the property owner south of the park. WPD should not censure members with whom they disagree.	9/11/2024 2:19 PM
354	put the dog recreation area on top of the old land fill. I have 3 dogs, but understand recourses are limited. No need to give up prime shoreline property for a dog beach. A beach based dog park will only be used 3/4 of the year if that. People will not bring dogs to a "dog beach" in the winter. They will if it was land based on top of the land fill.	9/11/2024 2:10 PM
355	Would be great to have an outdoor pool so we don't have to travel to Northbrook or Wilmette to swim in the summer. Seems like an amenity Winnetka should have.	9/11/2024 1:06 PM
356	Summer camp through WPD is very disappointing. I want to send my kids there but it's so underwhelming and other park districts are better (significantly). Summer camp and a pool would bring Winnetka up to par with our neighboring communities.	9/11/2024 11:09 AM
357	I have followed the beach park situation from the outset. I have found the park district to have a vision that does not align with residents. Feels like an ego project for some in the park board. I believe [REDACTED] is only interested in his own agenda and the park district is a victim of his	9/10/2024 3:12 PM

agenda. It is appealing that Elder beach has been closed for so many years and now has an ugly fence up. It is egregious. Everything was fine before when Elder was open as a small beach with a dog beach next to it. There is no need for a grandiose beach plan, no need for a house swap for park land, no need for all the items listed above. It is a colossal waste of time and money and is someone's ego project.

358	Just finish the beach already so we can use it. We don't need much but my family wants access. Currently serves as a reminder that it is an eyesore and we can't get anything accomplished in Winnetka.	9/10/2024 2:25 PM
359	Public money should not be used to benefit a private billionaire citizen. A breakwater is using tax dollars to provide his property privacy. He should not be able to have complete beach privacy or take part of the public park for his own personal use.	9/10/2024 12:44 PM
360	Stop it with the dog beaches. Open them for us and our kids!!!!	9/10/2024 12:39 PM
361	We hope the interests of one rich family doesn't impact the wants and needs of the greater community.	9/10/2024 9:55 AM
362	The band shell should go in the underutilized parking lot between the post office and Dwyer Park	9/10/2024 9:48 AM
363	The water line is public property -u cannot extend a fence into the water! And do not take  money, it will Come back to haunt us.	9/10/2024 8:39 AM
364	Please fix our most valuable asset, our beaches. The park district has a long track record of successfully completing projects..the village doesn't (one winnetka, post office etc). Please keep beaches in the hands of the Park District	9/10/2024 8:26 AM
365	I don't need a dog beach. I would rather use money to fix up the beaches for people to use. It is ridiculous that we have not been able to use Elder Beach, for example. Also, facilities at other people beaches could be improved with that money.	9/9/2024 8:07 PM
366	We are not comfortable with the Village doing any deals with this private owner.	9/9/2024 7:05 PM
367	Donation should have no strings attached. If he doesn't want that, walk away.	9/9/2024 4:55 PM
368	WPD has no business taking a donation from a private citizen with covenants especially when you turned down an anonymous donation with no covenants For shame!	9/9/2024 4:23 PM
369	For a fully informed response for #16, please disclose the approx amount of additional tax dollars needed for each item to help prioritize the real need.	9/9/2024 3:41 PM
370	Very important to me that there are no restrictive covenants.	9/9/2024 2:34 PM
371	It is crazy that families don't have access to these beaches because they are reserved for dog owners (dog owner private beach). Get the beach built!	9/9/2024 2:20 PM
372	It would be best if residents could vote on this, as it is very important to the community. I don't understand the need for a perimeter fence for dogs extending into the lake, and do not approve.	9/9/2024 1:56 PM
373	1) Question 25 is tilted toward approval of the present plan which is illegal for a number of reasons, one of which is described in question 24. Thanks for allowing us to weigh in on the restrictive covenants that violate the Public Trust Doctrine of not restricting use of public land. 2) The present plan violates the public trust doctrine in yet another way: The dog beach fence as now designed forces trespass on 205 Sheridan's property which violates the public trust doctrine to provide access to public beach land. 3) The present plan also reduces access to the beach for the 3700 or more families that do not have dogs. Why should some 1/3 of the usable beach be restricted to 350 dog owners and exclude the other 3700 families. 4) Adding large stone breakwaters is not the least cost solution to beach stabilization. Kenilworth is achieving such stabilization with a small fraction of the cost without the large bulk and volume of stone breakwaters	9/9/2024 1:42 PM
374	please do not take any more park district space away from children and give to dogs.	9/9/2024 1:27 PM
375	Your elements include only  wishlist. Let's develop a new list with residents' wishes	9/9/2024 11:19 AM
376	Just open Elder beach. Here's how...take the fence down and add a lifeguard. Post a sign that says no public restrooms. Add a sign that says pier is closed. OPEN THE BEACH!!!!	9/9/2024 10:28 AM

377	I am opposed to the perceived need for ADA access, the breakwater, dog beach "improvements", perimeter fencing, and thus the need for a bypass goes away.	9/9/2024 10:09 AM
378	Please the WPD needs to fix Elder for use next year. Beautiful Centennial and the beloved dog beach should be left as is. The current plans to expand elder/centennial beach are outdated. Every caucus member needs to visit Illinois Beach State Park to see what current coastal engineering can accomplish. The WPD made a terrible mistake accepting the 3M donation with its restrictive covenant and should re-negotiate immediately. Finally, the WPD should NEVER have been allowed to trade, swap, give PUBLIC land to a private citizen without community input. Shame on them.	9/9/2024 10:04 AM
379	The huge expenditure for the redevelopment of Centennial and Elder beaches must be put to a referendum for all citizens to decide the best action. The plan cooked up by the WPD in collusion with [REDACTED] and his private wishes needs to be exposed for all to see and compared to plans other nearby communities have adopted for a fraction of the cost.	9/9/2024 9:50 AM
380	I have an issue with the lack of public beach front in Winnetka and the focus on the availability and improvement and money being piled into a dog beach when there is hardly space for humans.	9/9/2024 9:46 AM
381	WPD SHOULD NOT ACCEPT THE [REDACTED] MONEY. IT'S A ONE-SIDED OFFER FOR THE BENEFIT OF [REDACTED] FAMILY. IT HAS TOO MANY STRINGS ATTACHED THAT HAVE NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES FOR WINNETKA RESIDENTS/TAXPAYERS. WPD SHOULD SEEK LESS EXPENSIVE BEACHFRONT SOLUTIONS. WPD SHOULD PRIORITIZE OPENING ELDER SWIM BEACH WITH A SIMPLE LESS EXPENSIVE MAKEOVER. WINNETKA TAXPAYERS SHOULD HAVE OPTION TO VOTE ON A CENTENNIAL/ELDER BEACH PLAN REFERENDUM PRIOR TO WPD MOVING FORWARD WITH THEIR TOO EXPENSIVE, ILL-CONCEIVED PLAN.	9/9/2024 8:42 AM
382	Crazy that the PD wants to spend millions of \$\$ on uniting beaches when we already have Llyod/Tower. Not necessary for a short season. Consider an outdoor pool, pickleball courts (dedicated) at the very least go to referendum to learn what the citizens want. Something unethical is happening behind the scenes.	9/9/2024 8:06 AM
383	I don't think the WPD should take a donation with strings attached. Why would today's WPD put restrictions in place that the boards of the next 50 years will have to deal with? Let's put the beach issues to a vote in a referendum and see what the majority of Winnetkans want.	9/8/2024 10:37 PM
384	Need more tennis instructors for children. Far too difficult to get into classes.	9/8/2024 9:32 PM
385	don't start construction until money received and agreements signed. i think other sponsorship agreements are not agreed to without receiving money at execution or knowing date when money is to be received according to the agreement. rank ordering is good but you should not require all be answered if all are not a priority for the person answering.	9/8/2024 5:41 PM
386	The park district is doing an unbelievable great job. I worry that the village trustees do no know what they are doing. They are picking fights with everyone and not listening. Leave the park district alone.	9/8/2024 5:08 PM
387	The question with respect to the restrictive covenant wherein the WPD is conveying public land to a private special interest is deceptive and factually incorrect. The current beach design proposed by the WPD bears no resemblance to the 2030 Waterfront Plan (which was a headland beach system) and will not protect the bluff or preserve the beach. What it does do is to give a private special interest the buffer protection for privacy and security in accordance with that private interest's desires for a beach design the special interest wants. The WPD is conveying to a private interest an interest in public land for a 50 year period - there has been no inquiry whether this is lawful in Illinois; it is a case of fist impression. What is ironic is that all of these amenities are given to the private interest without the WPD securing unification of Elder/Centennial and contrary to the promise the WPD made to the public in 2022 that the District would not give special privileges to a private special interest. Currently the District has reserves in excess of \$20 million and could fund beach improvements without a 'pay to play' scheme. What is particularly disappointing is that the WPD has failed to consider alternative beach restoration efforts that recognize less invasive and more modern technology focused on a living shoreline (like seen at IL Beach State Park). The question is further deceptive in that it fails to recognize that the WPD has not even sought public grants for this work. This year, IL has \$30 million dollars budgeted for OSLAD grants but the WPD has not applied or considered grant opportunities. The WPD should focus on Elder maintenance, repair of the Elder pier while	9/8/2024 5:00 PM

the Village considers its East Winnetka stormwater project and get Elder open. Elder has been held hostage for over 3 years to garner public support for a very ill conceived beach design that places the public in danger with its many barriers, restricts public access to walk the public beach, and will restrict lakeshore vistas, all for the exclusive benefit of the neighbor to the South. The WPD has yet to explain at the 'full beach plan' to the public - what is intended should the WPD secure 261 Sheridan - is there a hidden commercial business desire that would commercialize a residential area? The public, particularly those residents in the immediate vicinity, have the right to know the full and future plan. Before \$15 to \$20 million of taxpayer dollars are expended on this ill-conceived plan the WPD should take the issue to referendum as the public has consistently requested for over 4 years.

388	re: question 23. The donation should not be accepted. This was not given as a choice to choose from. In it's place, Winnetka should ask the donator to sign over ownership of 261 Sheridan Road to the Village/Park District.	9/8/2024 4:09 PM
389	the restrictive covenant is an insult to the community. the proposed plan is over designed and appears to incorporate features that benefit a specific home owner but not the entire community. no referendum is outrageous.	9/8/2024 3:57 PM
390	I question the entire design and process of the elder centennial beach project. I question the need for the breakwaters since it mostly seems to be purpose built for the private citizen to the south to provide him with a private wall, with the project being funded by taxpayer dollars. Similarly, the entire dog beach is flawed in its design and seems once again to be meant as a privacy buffer for the private citizen to the south and funded by taxpayers. Given the estimated costs I, like most community members, do not understand why this entire Elder Centennial project is not put to referendum. By not doing so, and together with the poor transparency and governance demonstrated by the WPD board leadership, the tax payer community is being disenfranchised.	9/8/2024 3:51 PM
391	There is no better place to offer this but the Village Council should respect the other elected boards and their efforts. The Park District and School District Boards are more than able to run their own affairs. It appears more and more, the Village believes it is a "superior" board and is making things harder for the other two Boards. That is not constructive.	9/8/2024 2:43 PM
392	The village should prioritize citizens not pets for valuable beachfront and consider making good beaches as Winnetka beaches are bad compared to beaches of surrounding villages. It's crazy	9/8/2024 2:25 PM
393	If full funding is not available, then the Park Board needs to sharpen its pencil and focus on "need to have's" like ADA and shoreline protection.	9/8/2024 11:54 AM
394	Still need a non-beach dog park.	9/8/2024 11:42 AM
395	WPD should not have accepted money from the [REDACTED] family - they've muddied the whole process and residents can only speculate that the Village has little leverage, as they still have not received the donation. [REDACTED]	9/8/2024 11:42 AM
396	Question 16. Where is the option to list items that are not on the list but perhaps a resident would like to see added to the WPD offerings? "None" gives the impression that your list is all inclusive and there is no room for other opinions. Questions 23 and 24 are incredibly misleading and look like they were written solely for the purpose of leading the community to a predetermined outcome - NOT what the Caucus is supposed to do. The Caucus Council is supposed to represent the taxpayers, not the governing bodies. Where is the question about a referendum? To date there has been NO verifiable, comprehensive data to show that the community wants ANYTHING done at Elder/Centennial except to get Elder open NOW, so why such a huge emphasis on only Centennial? Why is the survey assuming a dog beach should go on Centennial? The public has asked for a referendum question in the last 3 Caucus survey cycles and yet it has not appeared. The donor is not an organization, but a private resident, who is negotiating with the Park district to take our public land away from us. Where is that detail in the description? These 1-5 questions in section 24? Where is the "none of these"? Where is the space for other options MORE important than these to be added? Where is the data that created these 5 topics to be ranked? No-one has any idea what these are or why they should be ranked? Whoever wrote these questions did a huge disservice to the majority of residents who have no idea what is going on in our community by these disingenuous and misleading questions related to the WPD beach projects. The leadership of the Caucus Council promised the public that it would not repeat the same mistakes of last year, but the way these	9/8/2024 10:41 AM


questions were written makes it appear that they were purposefully placed to advocate for one agenda and lead to one outcome. Very disappointing.

397	The Elder Beach Park and Dog Beach Park have been unnecessary expenses and time to the Winnetka tax payer.	9/8/2024 9:10 AM
398	I hope the post office space is developed as a park, garden, bandshell. Tower beach facilities need improvement. A decent bathroom. Table for families to picnic.	9/8/2024 8:53 AM
399	Not really sure how to rate these? I do understand not ADA compliant but not sure how many need it? I just want it safe for dogs and people.	9/8/2024 7:31 AM
400	I cannot rank these. The \$3 million "donation" should be rejected outright. It's possible that none of these project elements is necessary, especially the southern stone breakwater system which is only being built for the benefit of the owner of 205 Sheridan.	9/7/2024 8:41 PM
401	Ensuring disability access should always supersede our dogs.	9/7/2024 7:27 PM
402	Band shell location in the metra commuter lot between Lincoln and the tracks. Huge underutilized lot adjacent to great community assets - Green Bay trail, community house, Lincoln retail corridor.	9/7/2024 3:04 PM
403	The  home/construction is an atrocity and an embarrassment for our community. I wish you had never gone forward with this deal.	9/7/2024 1:57 PM
404	The FIRST priority should be improving/protecting the beach. Similar to Lloyd. That is the core asset. Having most of the beach dedicated to dogs supports the 20-30 dog owners that can walk to the dog beach every day. While there are 300+ permit holders, only the "coffee club" that has a low-use, basically private dog beach benefit from spending so much time and thought on dogs. People live in this town and should be the priority over dogs. WPD has done a great job of working through the comp plan. The Village - acting as a super regulator - should get out of the way. The elected body that is the WPD board reports to the residents, not the Village Board. There ought to be a law...	9/7/2024 12:45 PM
405	Should renegotiate for use for humans. Plenty of other open space that can be repurposed for dogs in village.	9/7/2024 10:59 AM
406	It should be a NORTHERN stone breakwater. The only person benefiting from a southern stone breakwater is the property owner to the south Centennial. Prevailing winds and waves come from the north on Lake Michigan. Come on WPD - either use the money to benefit OUR beach - or don't take it. We are smarter than that.	9/7/2024 9:10 AM
407	stop letting mr isbah dictate park policy. leave the dog beach as it was before he imposed himself upon Winnetka and do not take any money from him. A dog beach that requires leashes is a joke. Cut back vegetation so that we can see the beach from above.	9/7/2024 8:41 AM
408	Do not see value in allocation of this beach area for dogs. Recommend dedicating to use for people without dogs.	9/6/2024 9:45 PM
409	There is so much research showing the negative health effects of glyphosate, I really want this discontinued. For the park district, my 10 year old has shown an interest in cross country/ track, but I don't see any opportunities for this. My kids grew tired of the park district camp, several beach days the beach was closed and they had to just hang out on the sand all day. Learning different sports during camp is a great idea. I don't know much about the dog beach since I don't have a dog, but as a resident that lives a short walk to elder beach, in general I am just very disappointed that it's closed every summer and there doesn't seem to be a strong plan to fix. Gilson beach in wilmette is great, so easy for schlepping all the beach stuff and kids (no hills, easy parking)	9/6/2024 7:26 PM
410	Focus on reopening Elder Lane beach should be a priority of the village and park district - but strictly with the long term view in mind. Don't waste money trying to open near term if the long term plan can be executed next summer. Village needs to move	9/6/2024 5:02 PM
411	i don't use the beach. hard to comment	9/6/2024 4:53 PM
412	Priority should be to reengage and complete the unification of Elder and Centennial into one contiguous property.	9/6/2024 4:30 PM
413	Which of these are intended to primarily benefit the owners of the property to the south?	9/6/2024 4:25 PM

414	The dog beach shouldn't be at the south end of centennial. The stormwater outfall at Elder emits pollutants. The park district wants our children to swim in polluted water.	9/6/2024 4:11 PM
415	I love the winnetka park district camp and would love to see more options for full day camps when winnetka schools are closed. Glencoe and Wilmette have full day options for all ages whereas winnetka's appear to start at age 8 this year for the schools out field trips. There's been some challenges with ac neilson changing policies and not communicating them uniformly. People find workarounds to get into classes that are full.	9/6/2024 4:10 PM
416	I found the above information to need further clarification, but my very strong opinion is that Winnetka should prioritize opening and updated Elder Lane and Centennial Beaches for the community. There is a huge influx of young families in South Winnetka who moved here for access to the beaches and it is a waste that these beaches are being underutilized due to private residents' concern for privacy on their property along Lake Michigan and due to a relatively small number of dog beach goers. Centennial is our nicest beach and it is not a great use of the asset that it is reserved only for dogs! Lloyd Beach is overcrowded and Maple Beach is run down. As an avid beach goer and lover of nature and our village, I would love for Winnetka to put more resources into cleaning and maintaining our beaches and finally open Elder and Centennial beaches, which will expand access to Lake Michigan for all community members and increase property values.	9/6/2024 12:56 PM
417	We DO NOT need a band shell as proposed for the post office site. We have the Hubbard Woods park for that and if needed, the village green would be a fabulous place for a larger musical event. The post office site is in the middle of a business area and should remain a place for business We certainly do not need the expense or liability of an indoor or outdoor pool. We are providing the beaches to all, so everyone can find pools to access.	9/6/2024 12:48 PM
418	do not build the breakwater and do not add fencing into the lake. Keep the centennial beach open and unobstructed with engineered breakwaters	9/6/2024 11:59 AM
419	I am absolutely opposed to the decision to receive this donation and the restrictive covenant(s) thereof. This is a terrible precedent set by the WPD and any other party involved.	9/6/2024 11:53 AM
420	I am completely opposed to the project planned by the WPD. I would be in favor of doing only what is necessary to make the beach safe. The rock walls will take away the views from the beach, are too costly and are a safety hazard for swimmers. I don't want to see the bluff damaged by building a boardwalk into it. There is no need to divide the beautiful open beach with walls and rocks.	9/6/2024 10:30 AM
421	Village Green Park is seriously underutilized and could be a great spot for a music venue.	9/6/2024 10:11 AM
422	the restrictive covenant is a negative for the community and only benefits a new homeowner. It is a disgrace.	9/6/2024 9:57 AM
423	None	9/6/2024 9:41 AM
424	Please move forward with the master plan. Too much time spend on the land swap and all the drama. I've attended Park District meetings and a few of the board members clearly don't understand they should be serving the community, not their personal interests. I admire the patience of those who don't walk out when they are losing a vote. But the Park District is only part of this issue. Why is there no section in their survey on our Village Council? What they did with the "Steep Slope" excuse, ignoring the facts and the strong opinions of residents across many hearings, and ignoring both legal precedent and common sense should have some members removed - especially as they have exposed all taxpayers to an enormous multi-million dollar lawsuit. Can the Caucus please ask residents if they are aware of the litigation? How do residents feel about illegal appropriation of private property and significant reduction in Village tax base?	9/6/2024 12:05 AM
425	Finishing the Elder Centennial Plan is critical. All the noise from a small subset of objectors and some very ignorant council members influenced by their spouses should be dismissed.	9/5/2024 11:34 PM
426	Parks registrations are tough in general and hard to get clarification.	9/5/2024 10:22 PM
427	All business with [REDACTED] should be cancelled. No land swap, no donation, no special treatment. This has been a [REDACTED] e ac e from the beginnin and the Park District has lost the trust of the public for its continued engagement wit [REDACTED] It makes me wonder why the Park District continues to favor him - are the board members that are supportive of these deals getting a kick back? The treatment of the 2 members who have opposed the [REDACTED] eals are treated	9/5/2024 8:50 PM

with disrespect. But they are the ones voicing the opinion of the public! Prefer no dog beach whatsoever. The plan for Centennial/ Elder is overdone and too expensive. Get back to basics and open the parks keeping views intact, beach and park natural. Forget the breakwaters and fences. Keep everything open! Any large amount of money needed (like current plan) should go to referendum. Why not use breakwaters such as this:
<https://waterfrontalliance.org/2024/02/22/wedgs-first-freshwater-project-illinois-beach-state-park-shoreline-stabilization-project/> Did not rank #24 because none of these are important. Park District should not give away parks. Park District should be financially frugal / respectful of taxpayers money. REFERENDUM for large projects.

428	I do not see a need for a dog beach	9/5/2024 7:01 PM
429	The WPD summer camp program needs significant improvement. Continual feedback each summer is kids do not enjoy, counselors are on phones and not engaged in kids & programming. As a community, we should have a robust program that is looked at as a model program.	9/5/2024 6:39 PM
430	This survey sounds a little biased against the Elder project, thus far. The way the questions are phrased. The beaches are one of best assets. Please do not sabotage the work that has been put in. The kids, families and community will benefit greatly from this project if done the right way which is what has been proposed. Lets get it done.	9/5/2024 4:20 PM
431	I ranked ADA LAST BECAUSE I ASSUME access available at other Winnetka beaches. If no access, I rank it 2	9/5/2024 4:08 PM
432	Shame on those who colluded with [REDACTED] and censured Colleen Root. Those WPD members have no integrity.	9/5/2024 3:53 PM
433	Dog beach plans should be lowest priority. It's nice to walk and let one's pet run near lake, but dogs don't really need lakeview,	9/5/2024 3:52 PM
434	I don't recall dogs or for that matter, any animals paying taxes. I would suggest strongly that the Village reanalyze the dog beach concept and additionally, analyze the fees we charge non-residents.	9/5/2024 2:45 PM
435	Stop wasting time on the negotiations and arguments. Enough has been vetted and decisions have been made - time to execute / govern.	9/5/2024 2:07 PM
436	I do not care about the dog beach. I think it's a waste of beach space that a vocal minority lobbies for at the detriment of the rest of the community. This money should go to services for people not pets	9/5/2024 1:49 PM
437	i do not feel any of the above should move forward	9/5/2024 12:56 PM
438	Do better, Caucus. The question relating to the donation agreement is absurd. The WPD detailed the negotiations, which included getting rid of or minimizing restrictive covenants. Continuously renegotiating donation agreements is not a strong message to those who may wish to donate. The question requesting a ranking of project elements is equally absurd. The funding is available, and the question is based on a false premise. We elect people to become knowledgeable and make these decisions, and we employ subject matter experts to help them make those decisions. This just invites uninformed second guessing. I don't know why anyone would want to give their time to volunteering for our community if this is the sort of backseat driving they have to put up with.	9/5/2024 12:15 PM
439	I actually would like 3 proposals to choose from, including swapping the people and dog beach so that people are not swimming near the water outflow into the lake and high bacteria levels.	9/5/2024 12:02 PM
440	the addition of life saving equipment (life bouys / life rings) at the dog beach are important as well. Without containment, the dog beach is not functional or a legitimate off leash space	9/5/2024 11:47 AM
441	Tennis programming for adults does not have morning or early evening hours available.	9/5/2024 11:35 AM
442	The RDA is a bribe and I'm disgusted by the park district board's decision to accept it. No one resident should [REDACTED] say in what Winnetka does with its park spaces. This [REDACTED] nonsense has gotten [REDACTED] ar. I'd rather have the stages of park development unfold as per the original plan than accept his bribe money to speed up those stages.	9/5/2024 11:29 AM
443	Get out of bed with Ishiba. He's toxic and only cares about the community [REDACTED] if it benefits himself.	9/5/2024 11:18 AM

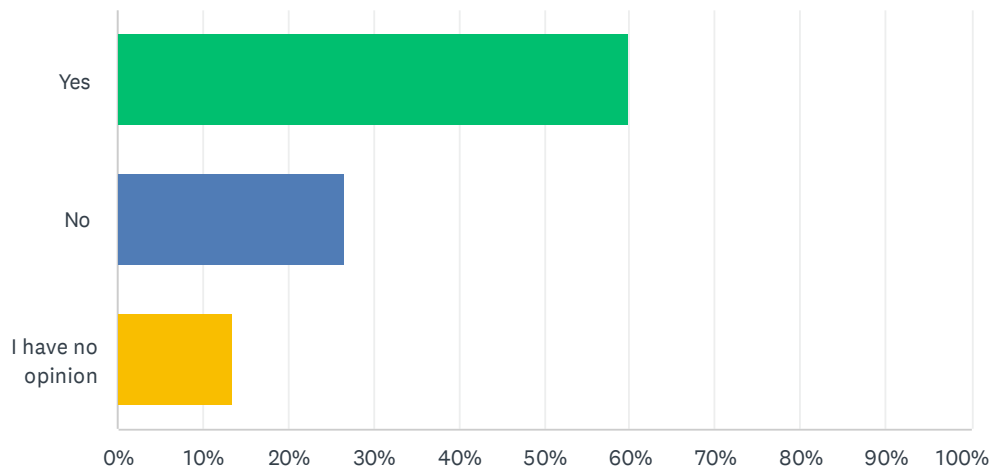
444	Each of these elements is equally important to me.	9/5/2024 11:06 AM
445	I wish the information regarding this troublesome project was written so a kindergartener could understand! Don't ask me to interpret a legal document. I think everyone who is deep into this process and has attended all meetings assume that the general public is as up to speed as they are. But we are NOT! Please keep this in mind when asking for everyone's opinions and input!	9/5/2024 11:02 AM
446	Rethink the beach plan. Greatly improve maintenance of Green Bay Trail.	9/5/2024 10:52 AM
447	I think it should be a human beach	9/5/2024 10:43 AM
448	Participants in a tennis program should be given priority for continuing to stay in the program in subsequent periods and programs should be expanded if there is excess demand.	9/5/2024 10:18 AM
449	WPD should not be agreeing to restrictive covenants that makes the village answerable to a 3rd party. A donation with strings attached sets a dangerous precedent and implies that village policy can be "bought".	9/5/2024 10:13 AM
450	WPD's Centennial plans would unlawfully privatize Centennial Beach and violate Cook County's dog park regs—which require four-sided fencing, not possible on the lakefront—as well as historic WPD resolution never to fence in a dog park in Winnetka. The plans are environmentally destructive, excessively expensive and unnecessary. Go to Referendum. WPD's plans are designed to assuage private interests, no survey has ever supported them. Centennial Beach is perfect now, leave it as is so people can traverse the shoreline. WPD's breakwaters and fences would be ugly, ruin the environment, block passage, and cost a fortune. Terrible.	9/5/2024 10:07 AM
451	Band/theater pavilion/shell should be where the post office currently is. For question 23, a dog beach perimeter fence extending to the lake? Seriously? Absolutely not!	9/5/2024 9:57 AM
452	Figure out a way for the park district to buy/own the house in between the two parks. Then work on improving the parks. Get the land secured first.	9/5/2024 9:51 AM
453	I think this whole situation is a disaster. It's just a black eye for the park district.	9/5/2024 9:38 AM
454	We strongly oppose the land swap deal and related arrangements including the notion that the town is agreeing to restrictive covenants that ultimately seem to benefit the donors. We believe the village should be using its full power to address the shoreline building and related violations.	9/5/2024 9:20 AM
455	 should not be setting the WPD agenda or conditions.	9/5/2024 9:11 AM
456	We dontneed a dog beach at all	9/5/2024 9:06 AM
457	Winnetka does not need a dog beach.	9/5/2024 9:02 AM
458	Any negotiations with the entity building the eyesore on three lots should be avoided	9/5/2024 8:59 AM
459	Of all of the beaches in Winnetka, my family uses the dog beach and Lloyd beach the most. One of the big reasons I moved to Winnetka was because of the dog beach. The beach is beautiful and I loved the views to the city. The mess that has ensued that has compromised the view and made me feel like I was doing some crazy disservice by having dogs that use the beach is ridiculous. We use Lloyd beach because it's easy to get paddle boards down and up to the beach (I have mobility issues and so being able to drive down, drop things and go is appreciated). Our closest beach is actually Maple. So making Elder easier for people with mobility issues to access the lake is a fantastic idea. But the beaches in Winnetka are rarely, if ever, fully utilized. So the idea that we need some project that costs millions of dollars is beyond me.	9/5/2024 8:29 AM
460	The number one priority of Elder Lane and Centennial beaches should be to finish the darn thing. Let us have access to our beach. (this doesn't answer your question but this was the first place I could voice my frustration.)	9/5/2024 8:09 AM
461	The primary focus of the E & C beachfront project is to prevent beach & bluff erosion. The WPD has the money and a comprehensive plan that has been reviewed and commented upon for years. The Village needs to support the project and move forward so Winnetka can enjoy E & C for the next 100 years.	9/5/2024 7:59 AM
462	It is a travesty that Winnetka residents have been deprived of the use of Centennial and Elder	9/5/2024 7:53 AM

Lane Beaches for so many years. The dog beach is a safety hazard and passholders compound the problem by having dogs run offleash in Centennial Park itself with no Park District enforcement. My preference is to eliminate the dog beach, but if it stays it must be compliant and safe for people.

463	In question 24, none of the options are important to me. Too much money has already been spent on Centennial Beach. Open it up as is for residents to use. We have full ada beach access at Tower Road beach, which is enough for a town our size.	9/5/2024 7:43 AM
464	The real problem in town is the new landowner next to the beach. He is ruining beach accessibility for everyone and is hurting Winnetka terribly with his selfishness.	9/5/2024 7:38 AM
465	Reopen Elder & improve leave Centennial's bluff. No need to spend millions on a giant beach that's a very short season. Use funds for a pool, pickleball & other programming	9/5/2024 7:34 AM
466	Question 17 is misleading and just factually wrong and should never have been on the survey. Questions regarding Elder/Centennial are simply biased. Please be honest and objective next time. Shame on the Caucus Parks Committee for allowing such questions. Do better.	9/5/2024 7:22 AM
467	Stop agreeing to anything or negotiating with the guy building the house to the south of Centennial. Do not deal with him at all. Also, why is the stone break water system proposed to be 200 feet to the north of the southern end of Centennial? That sounds like the PD is planning to sell/swap the land at the southern end.	9/5/2024 6:53 AM
468	The WPD has enough cash to bypass this donation and the covenants that are attached. In addition, moneys should not be spent for a dog park at the beach. There can be a dog park near crow island woods- this is a ridiculous discussion.	9/5/2024 6:52 AM
469	Let's get the projects done	9/5/2024 6:47 AM
470	Do not get rid of the dog beach! Taxpayers use it and we already have many other beaches!	9/4/2024 9:12 PM

Q26 Referenda, generally referred to as “questions of public policy” are regulated by the State of Illinois and Cook County, and are commonly used by municipalities to gain public approval for, among other things, various capital projects like property acquisition, public projects, plant and equipment purchases, etc. In 2005, Village residents voted to adopt Home Rule, a status that exempts it from many of the State’s and County’s requirements including referenda. Should the Village Council consider going to referendum to get residents’ approval for all spending for capital projects above a predetermined limit, even if not required by state law?

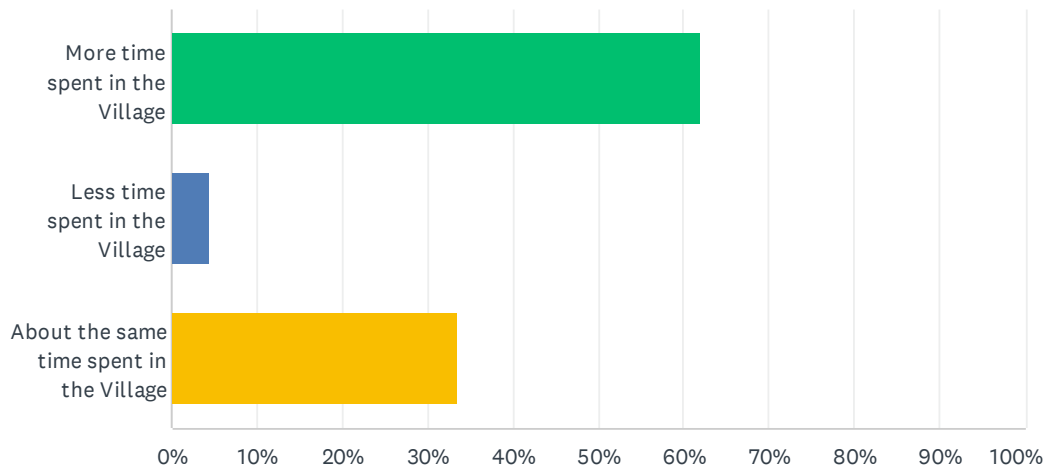
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	59.84%	748
No	26.64%	333
I have no opinion	13.52%	169
TOTAL		1,250

Q27 For the past 4 years, an increasing number of Americans have chosen to work from home, placing new demands on communities like the Village of Winnetka. To help the Village understand the impact these trends may have on our service offerings and infrastructure, please answer the following. Overall, how has your time spent in the Village changed since moving to Winnetka?

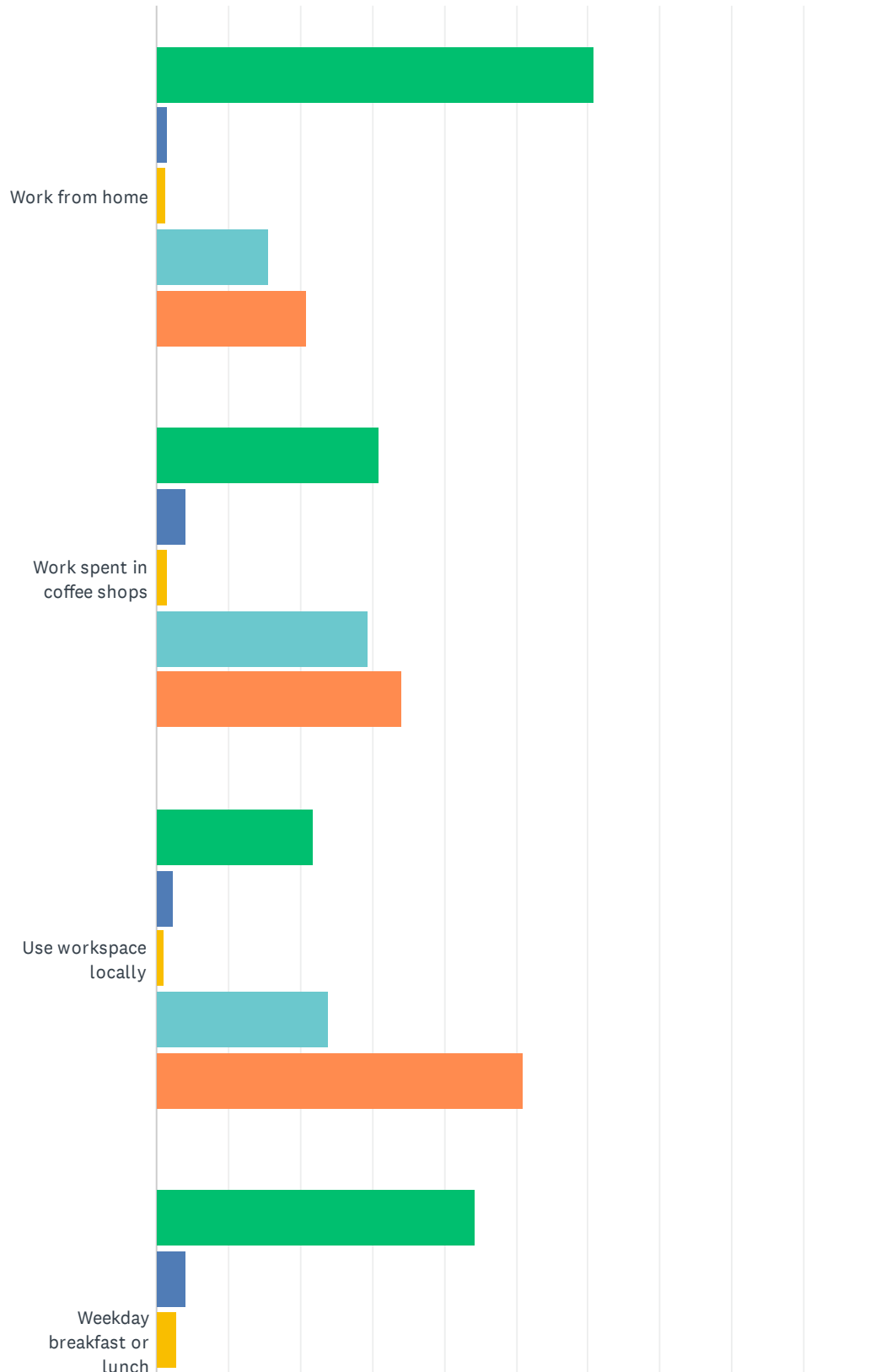
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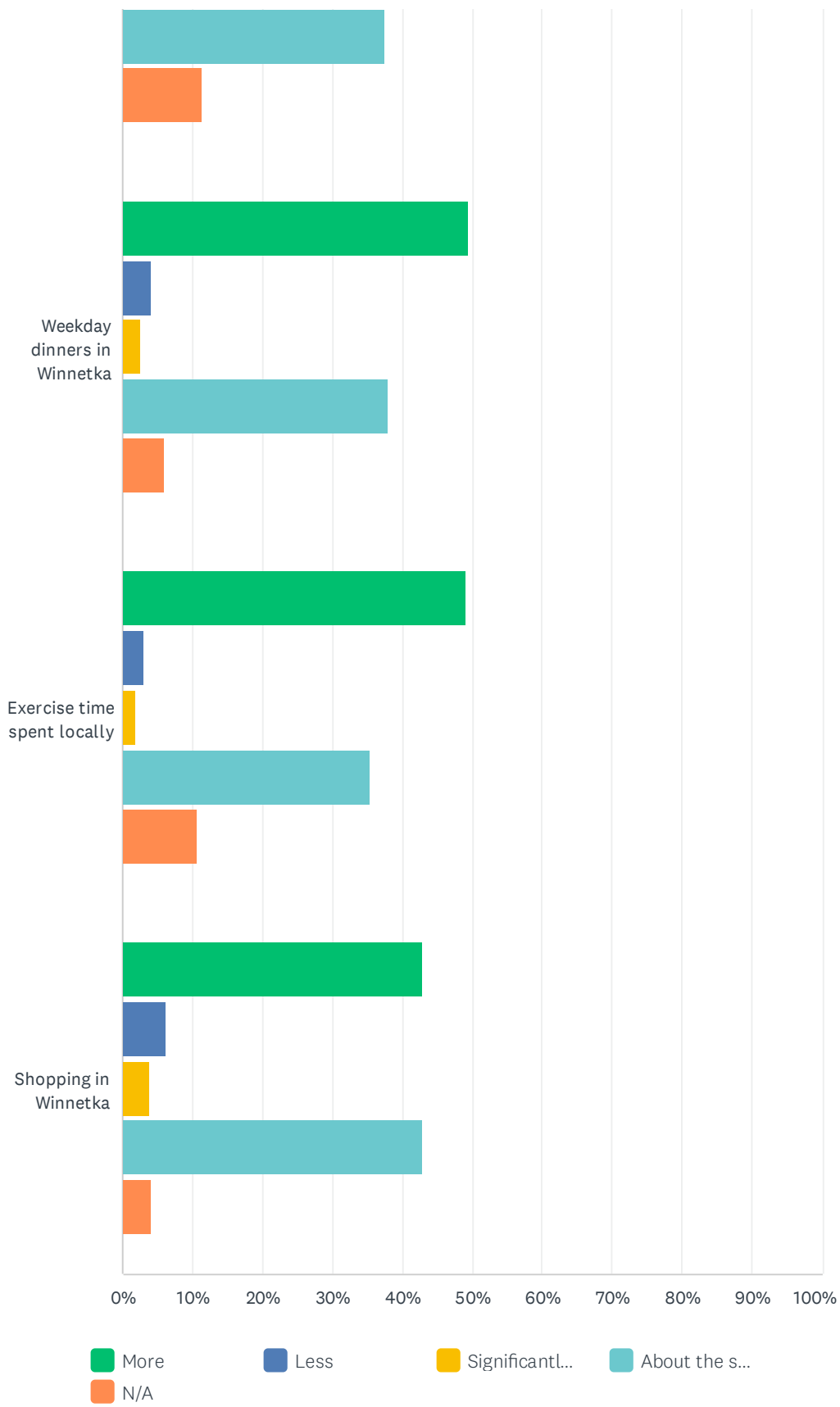


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
More time spent in the Village	62.05%	770
Less time spent in the Village	4.43%	55
About the same time spent in the Village	33.52%	416
TOTAL		1,241

Q28 How have you changed the amount of time spent on the following activities in the Village?

Answered: 1,230 Skipped: 393

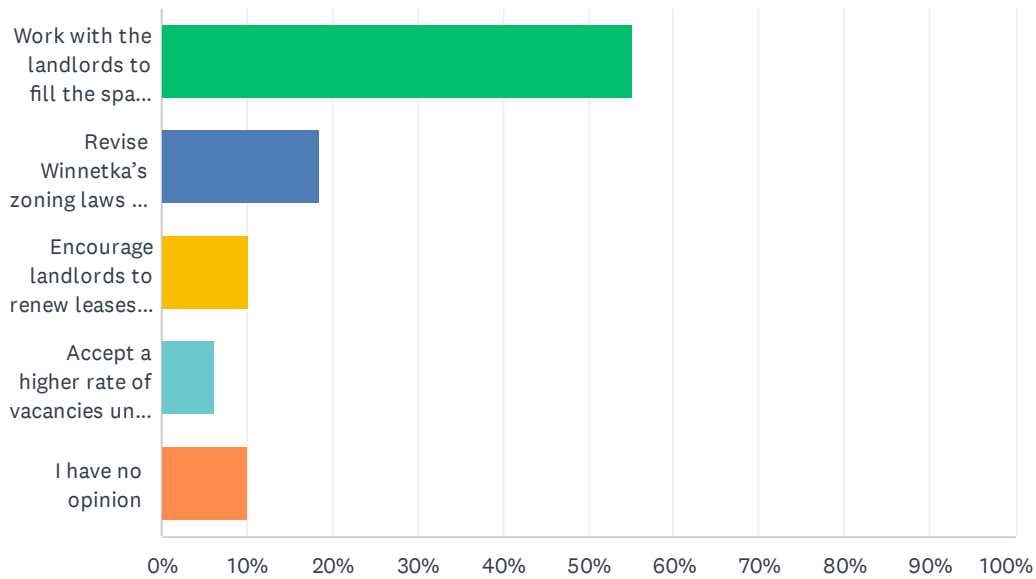




	MORE	LESS	SIGNIFICANTLY LESS	ABOUT THE SAME	N/A	TOTAL
Work from home	60.68% 736	1.48% 18	1.32% 16	15.58% 189	20.94% 254	1,213
Work spent in coffee shops	30.83% 373	3.97% 48	1.57% 19	29.42% 356	34.21% 414	1,210
Use workspace locally	21.82% 262	2.41% 29	1.08% 13	23.81% 286	50.87% 611	1,201
Weekday breakfast or lunch	44.40% 539	3.95% 48	2.80% 34	37.56% 456	11.29% 137	1,214
Weekday dinners in Winnetka	49.42% 600	4.04% 49	2.64% 32	37.97% 461	5.93% 72	1,214
Exercise time spent locally	49.09% 595	3.05% 37	1.90% 23	35.31% 428	10.64% 129	1,212
Shopping in Winnetka	42.92% 521	6.26% 76	3.87% 47	42.83% 520	4.12% 50	1,214

Q29 The Village’s commercial vacancy rate is significantly lower than that of neighboring communities. This suggests our businesses are thriving, but also suggests there is more demand. While the Village is not directly involved in renewing leases, how do you believe the Village should be involved as leases expire?

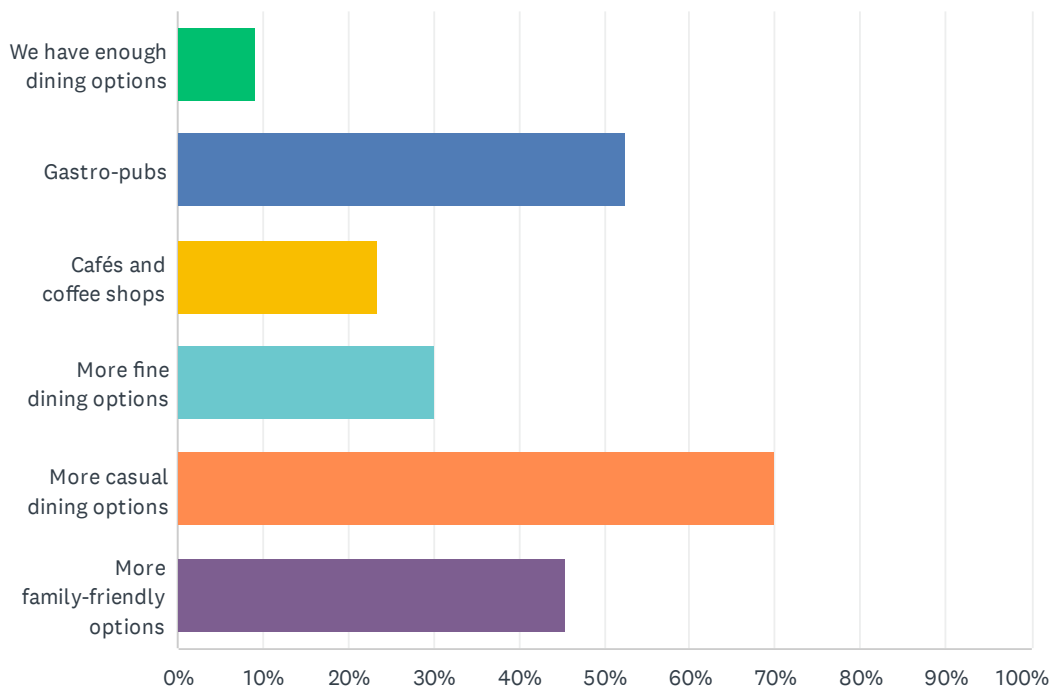
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Work with the landlords to fill the spaces with retail and dining options residents say they need, want, and would use, regardless of how long the stores remain empty	55.18% 682
Revise Winnetka's zoning laws to allow for more non-retail businesses (i.e. medical offices, financial services, etc.) without having to apply for a variance	18.45% 228
Encourage landlords to renew leases, even if many of the services are duplicates	10.19% 126
Accept a higher rate of vacancies until the right businesses come along	6.15% 76
I have no opinion	10.03% 124
TOTAL	1,236

Q30 Last year, when the Caucus Survey asked what types of new businesses residents would like to see in Winnetka, a bakery led the responses followed by a brew pub and a deli/butcher shop. That response enabled the Village Business Development team, among other things, to assist in Hewn Bakery’s plans to open a location in Winnetka. The additional comments also clearly signaled a desire to see an increased number of food options in the Village. What additional types of restaurants would you like to see in Winnetka? Check all that apply.

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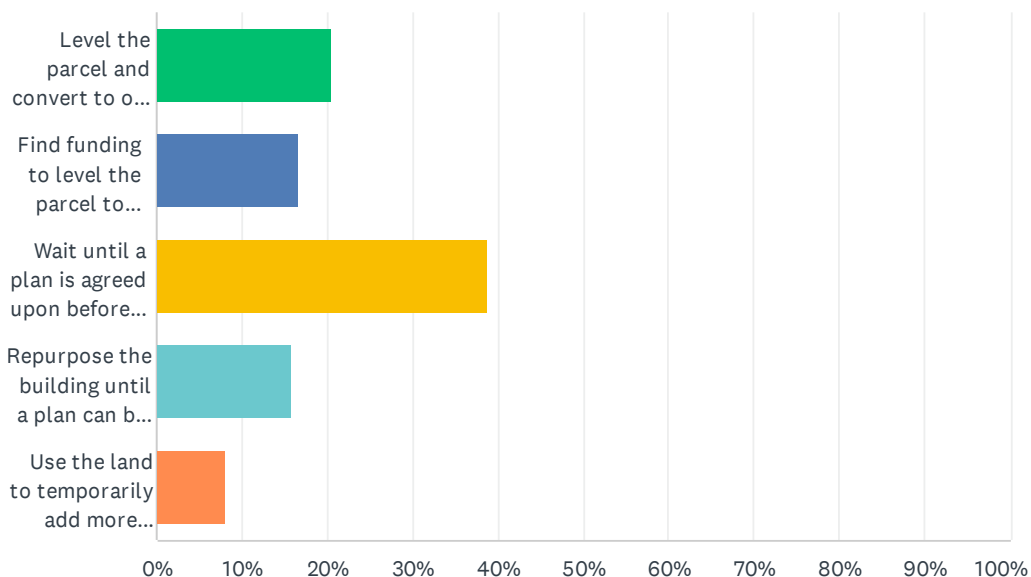


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
We have enough dining options	9.20%	115
Gastro-pubs	52.40%	655
Cafés and coffee shops	23.52%	294
More fine dining options	30.16%	377
More casual dining options	69.92%	874
More family-friendly options	45.52%	569
Total Respondents: 1,250		

Q31 The current Post Office lease runs through January, 2025 and will not be renewed. The post office will relocate to 586 Lincoln Avenue at the end of this lease. Last year, President Rintz proposed a development concept for the parcel. At its July 9th Study Session, the Village Council agreed to table the issue until the next Village Council in the Spring of 2025.

Meanwhile, the Council is considering tearing down the building and leaving the land as open space for the next Council to address. Provided there is funding in the 2025 budget, what would you like the Village Council to do?

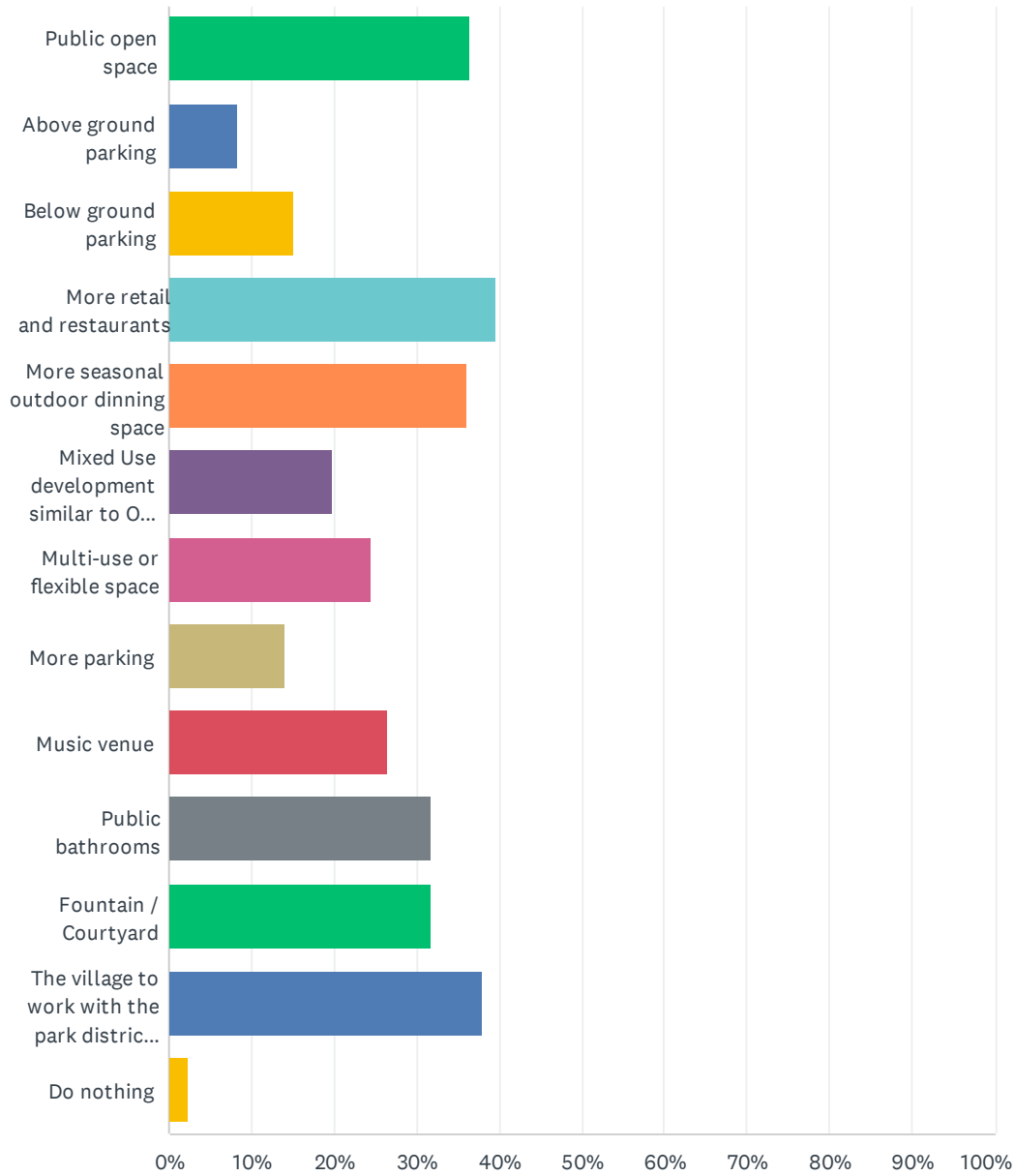
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Level the parcel and convert to open space.	20.54% 252
Find funding to level the parcel to greenspace with a few amenities (e.g., bathrooms) but not to the level of the original proposed plan.	16.71% 205
Wait until a plan is agreed upon before spending any money.	38.88% 477
Repurpose the building until a plan can be agreed upon.	15.81% 194
Use the land to temporarily add more parking.	8.07% 99
TOTAL	1,227

Q32 If the next Council were to decide to redevelop the Post Office site, what amenities would you like to see there? Check all that apply.

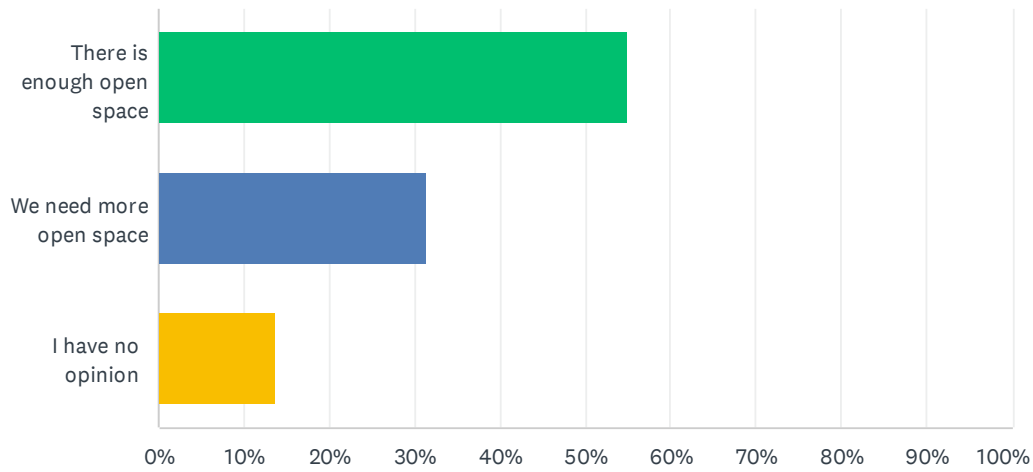
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Public open space	36.50%	453
Above ground parking	8.38%	104
Below ground parking	15.07%	187
More retail and restaurants	39.73%	493
More seasonal outdoor dining space	35.94%	446
Mixed Use development similar to One Winnetka	19.82%	246
Multi-use or flexible space	24.50%	304
More parking	14.10%	175
Music venue	26.35%	327
Public bathrooms	31.75%	394
Fountain / Courtyard	31.75%	394
The village to work with the park district to connect this location to Dwyer park	38.03%	472
Do nothing	2.26%	28
Total Respondents: 1,241		

Q33 How do you feel about the amount of open space in Winnetka?

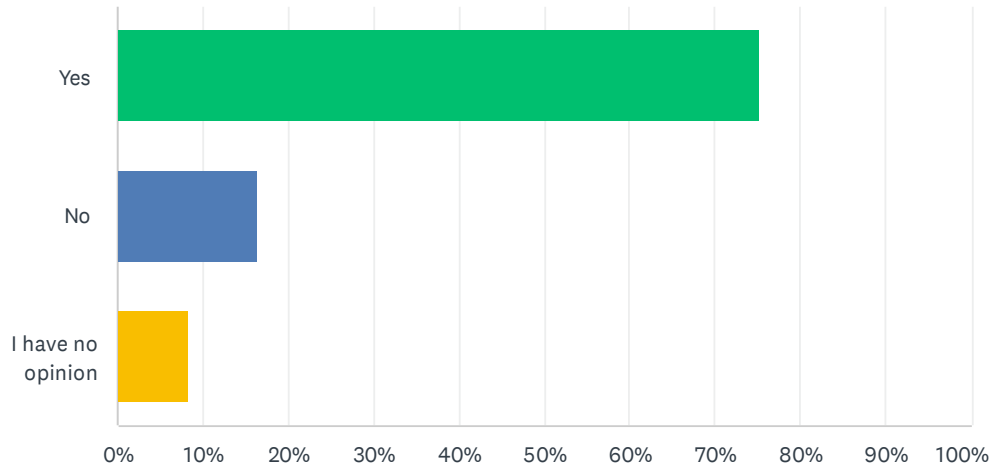
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
There is enough open space	55.07%	684
We need more open space	31.24%	388
I have no opinion	13.69%	170
TOTAL		1,242

Q34 Should the Village preserve all open space in Winnetka from being developed or sold to a private entity?

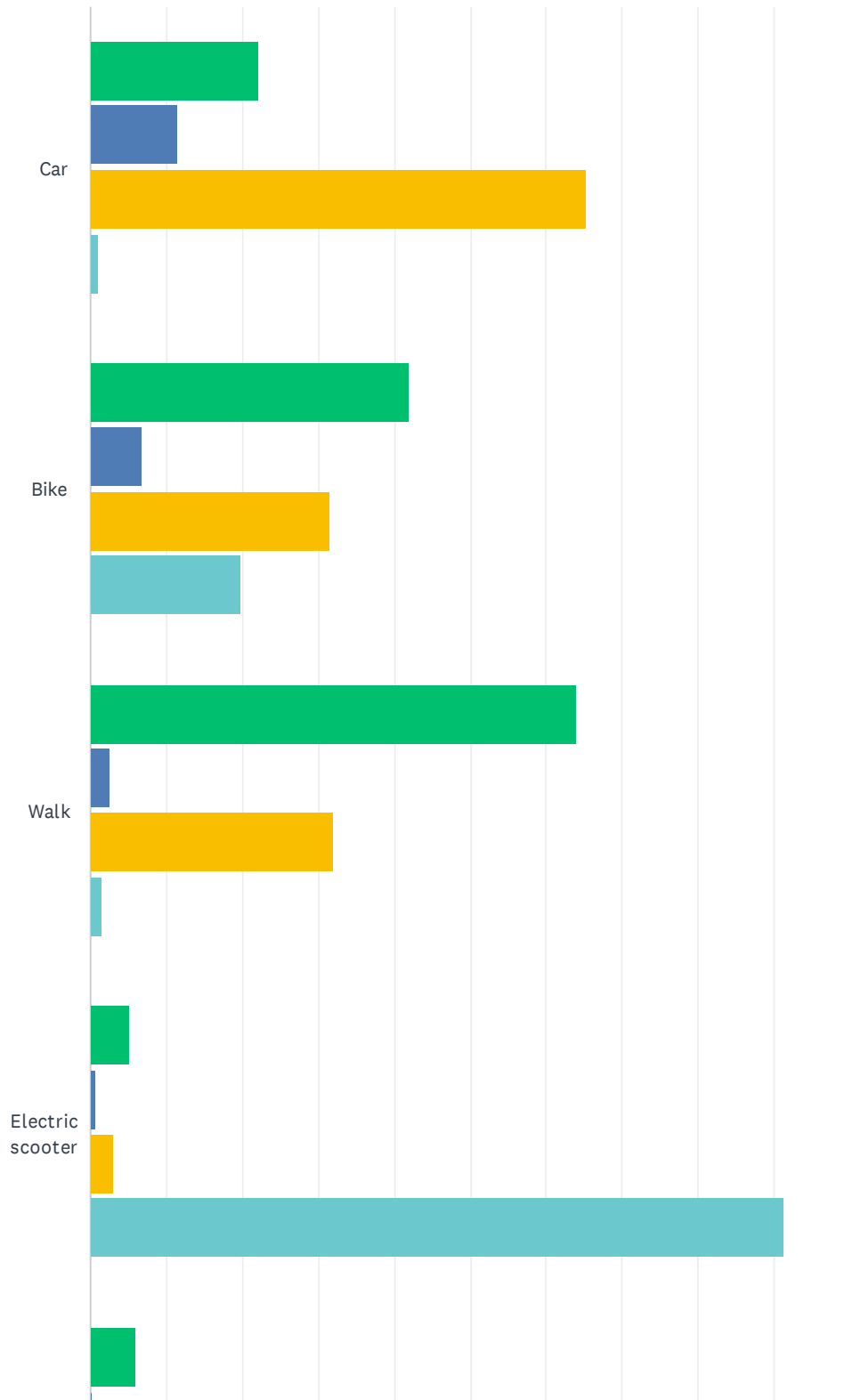
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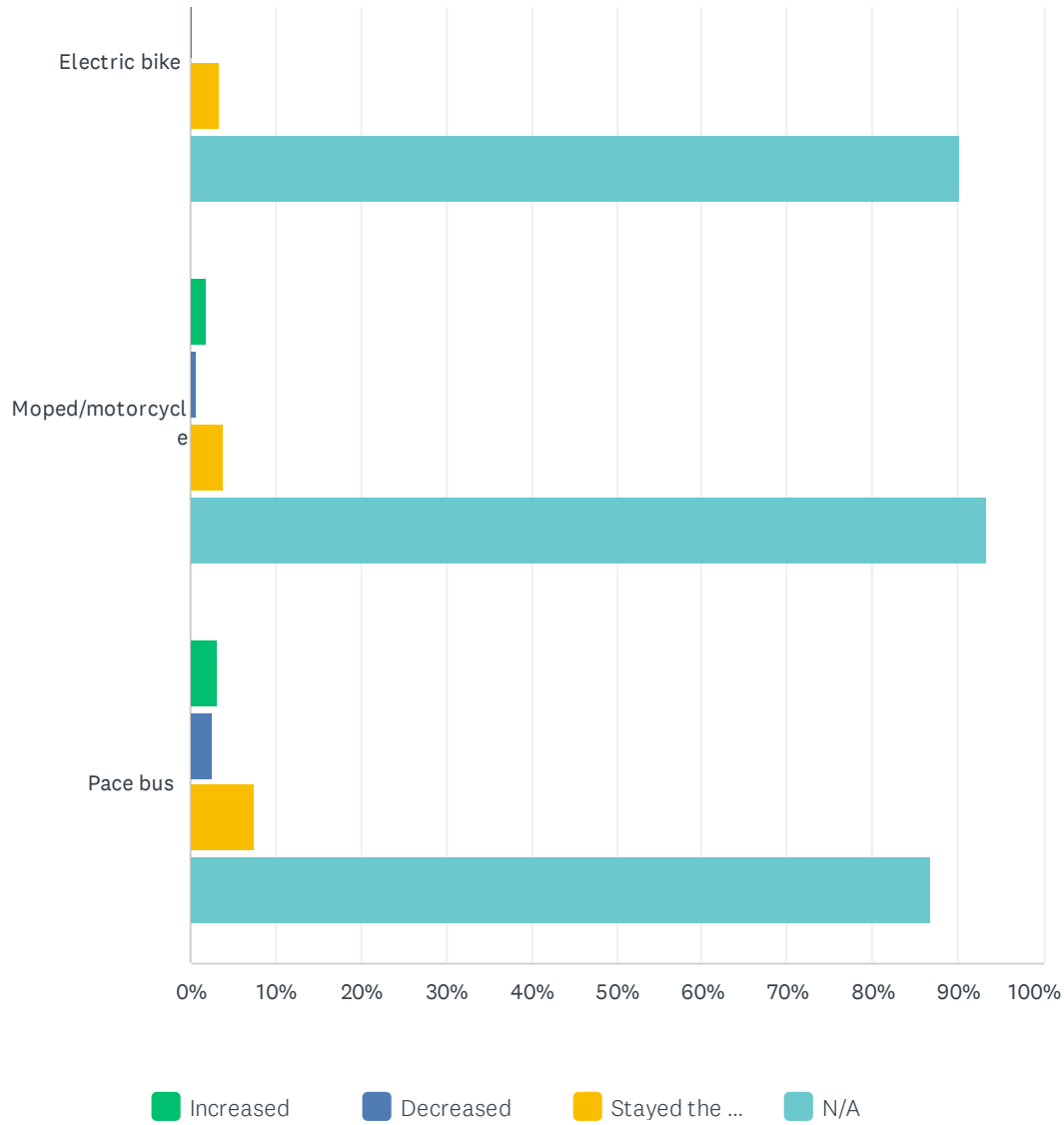


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	75.20% 940
No	16.40% 205
I have no opinion	8.40% 105
TOTAL	1,250

Q35 When traveling within the Village which modes of transportation do you and members of your household use and how has your usage changed over the past decade? Check all that apply.

Answered: 1,251 Skipped: 372

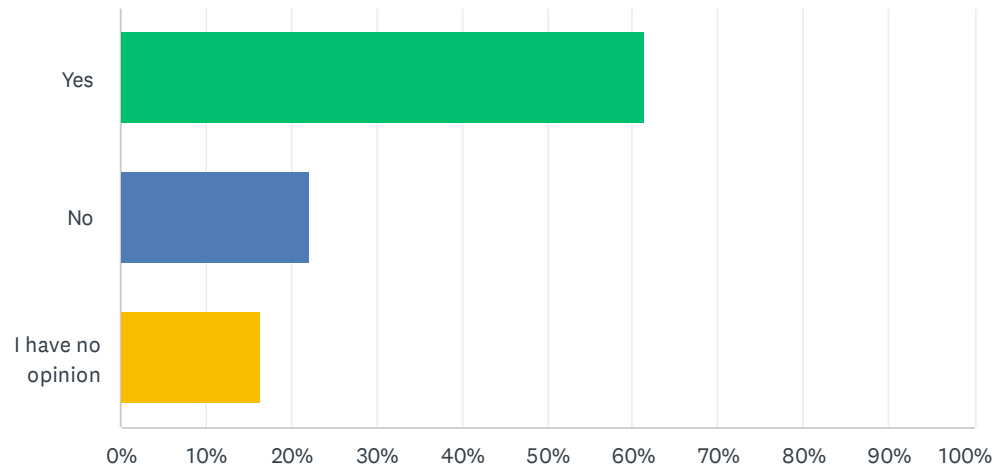




	INCREASED	DECREASED	STAYED THE SAME	N/A	TOTAL
Car	22.22% 274	11.44% 141	65.21% 804	1.14% 14	1,233
Bike	42.03% 506	6.73% 81	31.48% 379	19.77% 238	1,204
Walk	63.99% 789	2.51% 31	32.04% 395	1.46% 18	1,233
Electric scooter	5.07% 58	0.61% 7	2.97% 34	91.35% 1,046	1,145
Electric bike	6.01% 69	0.26% 3	3.48% 40	90.25% 1,037	1,149
Moped/motorcycle	2.01% 23	0.70% 8	3.84% 44	93.45% 1,070	1,145
Pace bus	3.29% 38	2.60% 30	7.37% 85	86.74% 1,001	1,154

Q36 One of the goals of the Village is to enhance bicycle and pedestrian traffic throughout the Village. While Green Bay Road, Hibbard Road, the Green Bay Trail and others provide for North/South bicycle traffic, there is no route specifically designated for East/West bicycle travel. Should the Village designate an East/West thoroughfare for non-motorized vehicles?

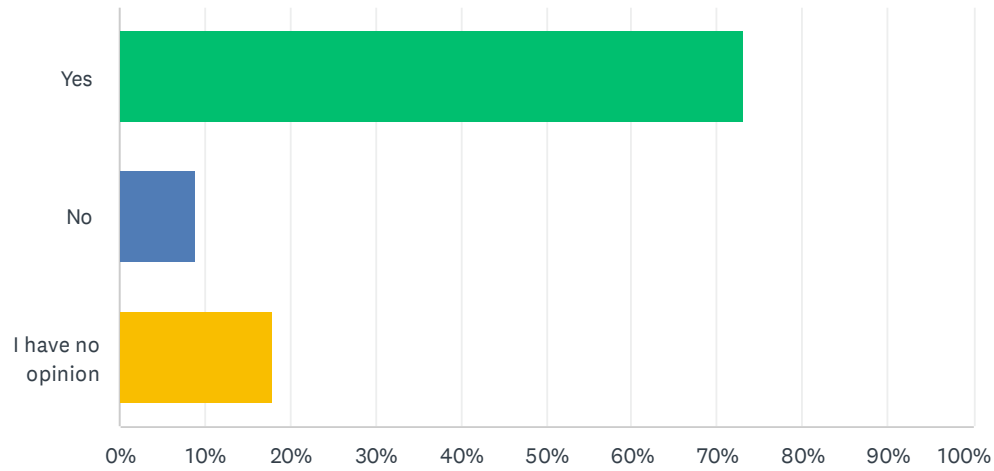
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	61.33%	763
No	22.27%	277
I have no opinion	16.40%	204
TOTAL		1,244

Q37 If yes, should the Village provide safer and more convenient routes and practices that would allow commuters and school-children safer East/West access?

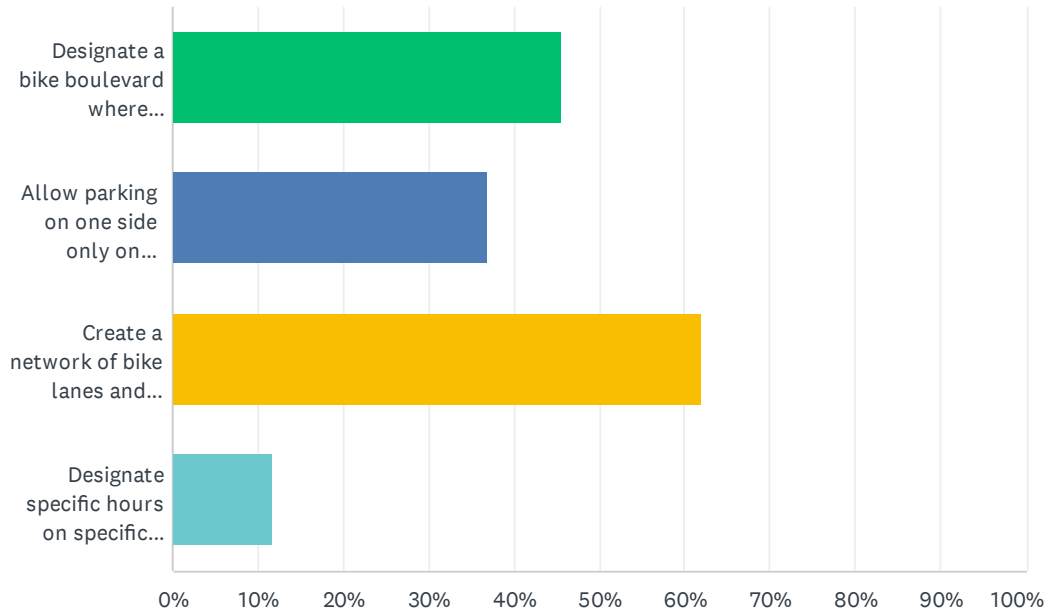
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	73.18%	824
No	8.97%	101
I have no opinion	17.85%	201
TOTAL		1,126

Q38 If yes or no opinion, what would you have the Village do? Check all that apply.

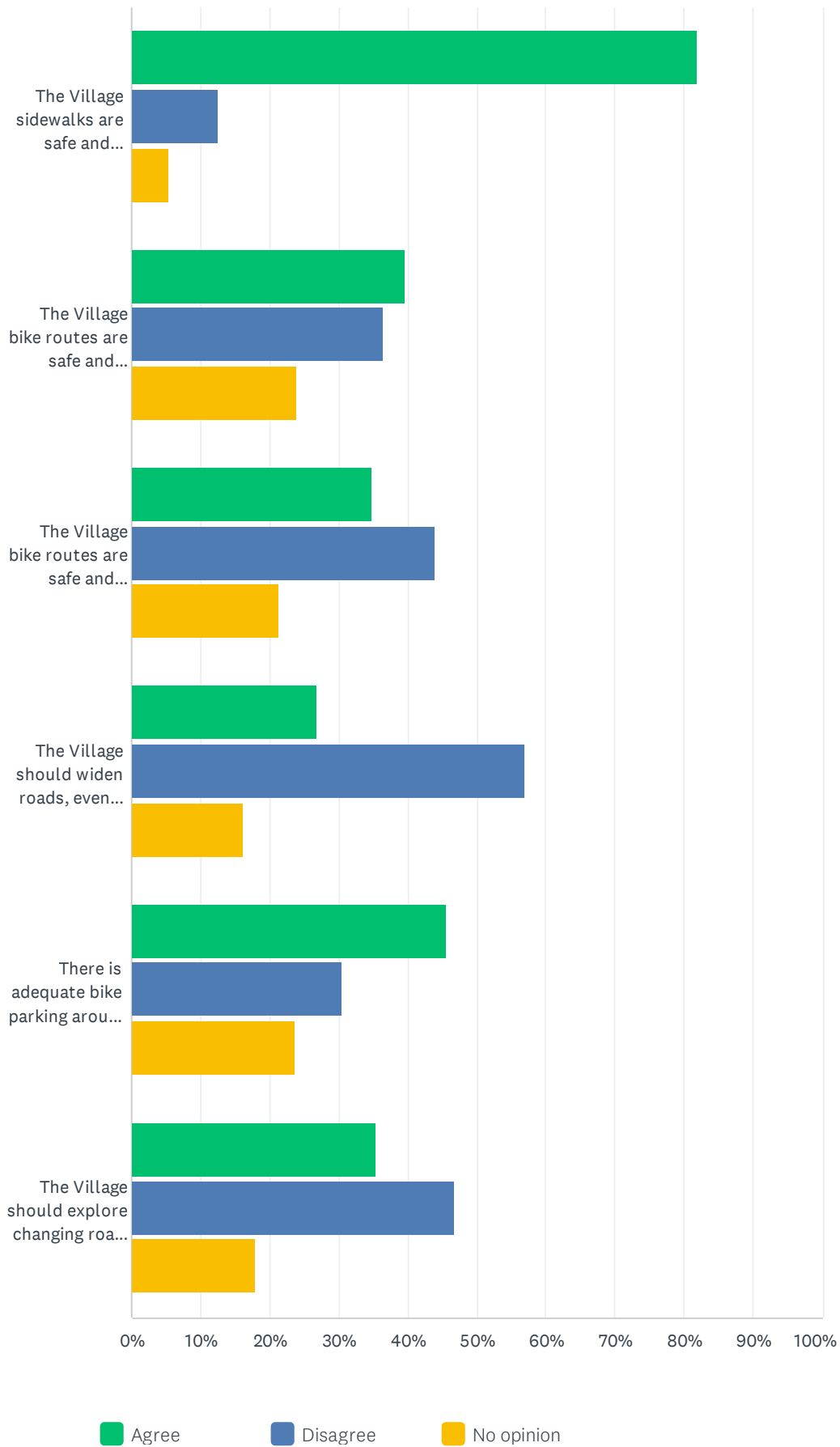
Answered: 918 Skipped: 705



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Designate a bike boulevard where non-motorized transportation has the right of way	45.53%	418
Allow parking on one side only on designated streets	36.82%	338
Create a network of bike lanes and stripe them	62.09%	570
Designate specific hours on specific streets where no motorized traffic is allowed	11.66%	107
Total Respondents: 918		

Q39 What is your opinion of the following?

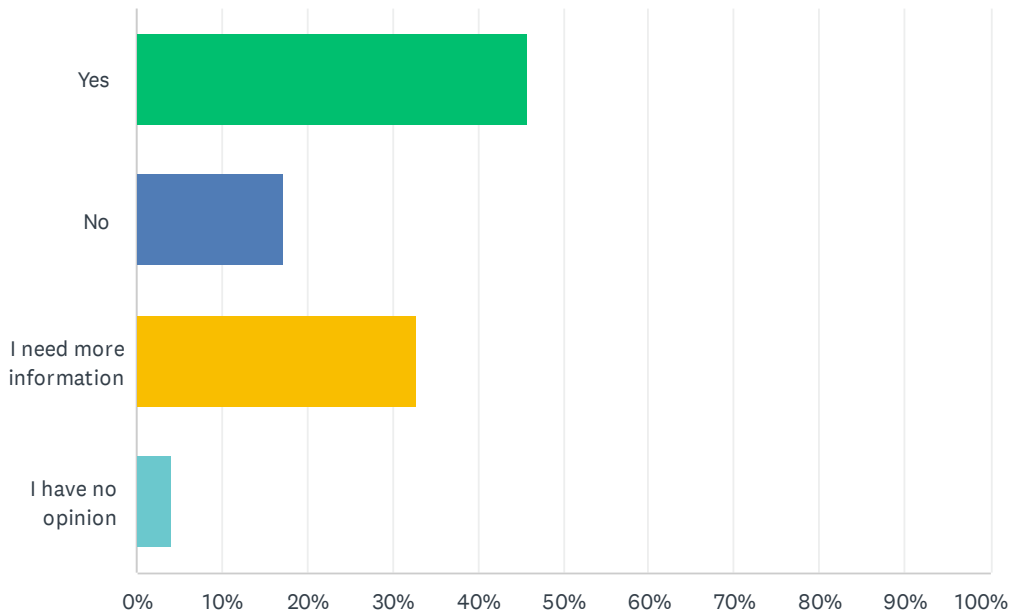
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	AGREE	DISAGREE	NO OPINION	TOTAL
The Village sidewalks are safe and accessible	81.92% 983	12.67% 152	5.42% 65	1,200
The Village bike routes are safe and accessible	39.74% 465	36.41% 426	23.85% 279	1,170
The Village bike routes are safe and accessible for children and young people	34.68% 411	43.97% 521	21.35% 253	1,185
The Village should widen roads, even though it may reduce parkway space, to increase bike safety	26.77% 318	56.99% 677	16.25% 193	1,188
There is adequate bike parking around our business districts	45.70% 548	30.53% 366	23.77% 285	1,199
The Village should explore changing roads, even though it may alter traffic flow or reduce parking spaces, to increase bike safety	35.32% 414	46.67% 547	18.00% 211	1,172

Q40 Nearby communities are considering or, like Evanston, have enacted ordinances to regulate the use of motor assisted transportation (e.g., skateboards, motorized or motor assisted roller skates, motorized scooters, or motor assisted pedicycles). Should Winnetka address this issue?

Answered: 1,246 Skipped: 377



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	45.91%	572
No	17.17%	214
I need more information	32.91%	410
I have no opinion	4.01%	50
TOTAL		1,246

Q41 Please share your comments, clarifications, or concerns about any of the issues raised in this section.

Answered: 327 Skipped: 1,296

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Biking is generally safe and awesome with a few big gaps. Access to north branch trail and Green Bay trail is unsafe and a huge deterrent to accessing our world class trails. And then there are small but meaningful disincentives to bike in the village - the no bike parking signs on Green Bay between tower and gage; wilson street and hill road not allowing bikes are two examples. There seems to be a lot of frustration with kids parking and riding on sidewalks (so many signs) but we don't really have safe and convenient places for them to park or ride - and there don't appear to be education efforts. So seems like bikes are getting a bad rap because we're not being thoughtful about how we address these issues.	9/19/2024 9:19 PM
2	Bikes do not follow the rules of the road. And then they wonder and lament when they become sailcats.	9/19/2024 8:42 PM
3	Q29 - my opinion is not in a multiple choice question. My response is "the Village should not be involved"	9/19/2024 8:36 PM
4	The electric motor bikes and scooters are out of control -- driving way too fast on residential streets.	9/19/2024 8:21 PM
5	Too many young kids are using motorized vehicles on roads and sidewalks. I am concerned about their safety. I don't think kids should use motorized vehicles off their property. Also, I thought WN had a law that required bikers to ride single file (eg on Sheridan Rd). I would like to see that law enforced and signs posted regarding this law.	9/19/2024 6:52 PM
6	The use of motorized scooters and bikes need to be limited by age.	9/19/2024 6:49 PM
7	Unfortunately, there is a small group of motorized bikes that ruin it for others. There should be rules and enforcement for power bikes (not peddle-assisted) on Green Bay Trail.	9/19/2024 5:30 PM
8	Elder beach is the biggest concern. We were once able to walk to it. Now we have to drive to Tower. Please open it for next summer and leave beautiful Centennial park alone. It doesn't need improvement. Elder beach also needs paddle board racks again. It has been incredibly disappointing and frustrating for so many of us that Elder beach has been unusable for so long. Please make that the number one priority for Winnetka. Thank you.	9/19/2024 4:47 PM
9	Do not let Village President build his music hall on the post office site; too many conflicts of interest. Get rid of most of the "overlay" restrictions on businesses: you have too many; you still allow taxidermy shops for heaven's sake but drive out new businesses because of your demand for "variances" to the types of businesses: Pull back and businesses will appear. Most of the empty storefronts are due to one multinational company that raises rent prices to drive out the original shops and then fills them with the conglomerate's partly owned/fully owned subsidiaries. Wake up. Just turn the old Post Office site into another park. You can name it after me.	9/19/2024 4:16 PM
10	Please widen streets and increase bike safety on roads. Fix the holes and cracks on bike lanes on roads.	9/19/2024 2:27 PM
11	We need to address motorized scooter etc use; very unsafe as of now	9/19/2024 1:52 PM
12	Motorized transportation such as electric bikes, scooters, etc. are vehicles and should be subject to the same regulations of motor vehicles. As an avid walker throughout the Village, motorized scooters, bikes, etc. have proven to be extremely dangerous as they are driven on sidewalks, not streets, and have no regard for those walking on the sidewalks. And, the occasions during which they are driven on streets, they have no regard for traffic regulations, crosswalks, etc.	9/19/2024 12:28 PM
13	Children should be able to ride a bike to school safely	9/19/2024 12:15 PM

14	Question 29 is poorly designed in that the answers are not mutually exclusive and together cover all options. This data should be excluded as it is likely to be misleading of community sentiment. Alternatively it could be revised to make multiple choice with more options. But you should not use this data	9/19/2024 11:57 AM
15	1) Regarding #33, the Village should maintain the same proportion of open land, but should be able to exchanges that would achieve that result. 2) Regarding #36, I have a lot of angst about children on bikes and car traffic and think the present practice of most kids ridding their bikes on the sidewalk should be encouraged. Unfortunately, East/West traffic in the Village is already so hampered, it would not make sense to further restrict it. 3) Regarding #40, it looks like the Village has given up on enforcing the restriction of motorized vehicles on the Green Bay Trail. This is a mistake and I am surprised I have not heard of any bad accidents to date. There should definitely be a prohibition on riding motorized transportation on the sidewalks.	9/19/2024 11:56 AM
16	Village needs to evaluate sidewalks in Hubbard woods, especially where there are not any.	9/19/2024 10:40 AM
17	I have a big issue with kids not yielding to the many signs in the village business district about riding bikes. It's wildly dangerous - especially for older adults (who make up more of this village than 18 and younger). The leave their bikes all over sidewalks making the sidewalks unusable. Clearly, they think the signs are a joke.	9/19/2024 9:54 AM
18	Unlike neighboring villages to the north and south, Winnetka has no bike lane on Sheridan road. UNSAFE!!	9/19/2024 9:26 AM
19	East-West bike traffic, particularly on weekends, is a hazard on major thoroughfares. Adult bike riders take over roads and block traffic, endangering themselves and cars. Electric mopeds & scooters have become a glaring danger. There are teenagers younger than 16 speeding down streets, doing wheelies, and ignoring traffic laws. Winnetka needs to implement safety measures that require registration & drivers license to operate any electric moped or bike on streets.	9/19/2024 9:21 AM
20	As any college will tell you, motorized scooters are one of the most dangerous things on campus. Seeing these kids buzzing around, no helmets. It's terrifying. Also, kids trying to bike, and parents trying to get kids to school from east to west on tree streets east of greenbay have major challenges each morning. Please widen tree streets east of GreenBay and implement one way streets and no lawn service or construction before 8:45am when dropoffs complete. Enforce with police.	9/19/2024 9:19 AM
21	The failure of the Village Council (and its long-serving president) to implement a plan to replace the Post Office building is one of the great acts of governmental NON-feasance of all time. No one made these people run for office. The ineptness and incompetence is appalling.	9/19/2024 7:54 AM
22	Police need to step up enforcement on e-bikes and motorized scooters. I often see riders blowing through stop signs particularly around New Trier East	9/19/2024 7:48 AM
23	Keep all electric/motorized bikes and scooters off sidewalks. The danger is to pedestrians - not the riders.	9/19/2024 7:30 AM
24	The kids biking is not an issue. It is the adults that bike and don't follow the rules of the road. Most kids do, their problem is that they don't wear their helmets.	9/19/2024 7:23 AM
25	*The post office site should be mixed use with business on the first floor and housing above. We need more apartments/condos and the village has plenty of green space. *Motorized bikes & scooters etc are going as fast as cars and often ridden by kids. Agree to regulate.	9/19/2024 6:31 AM
26	Someone is going to get hurt especially on sidewalks when electric scooters drive by.	9/19/2024 6:22 AM
27	The survey helped open my eyes to the limited east-west bike options. We should definitely do something about that.	9/19/2024 6:18 AM
28	The multiple choice answer options to questions need to include the option of "I do not agree with any of these choices." No public property should be sold to private entities. The post office should be converted to a public facility that our community is currently lacking - an indoor/outdoor recreational court facility with bathrooms. How many kids have to be hit by cars before the Village provides for designated non-motorized routes before and after school? The Village needs to do a much better job controlling large construction vehicles use of the roads. Why have multiple, simultaneous construction projects been allowed in the nexus of the middle schools? No one is managing the blockage of roads by cement trucks, big delivery semi	9/19/2024 1:04 AM

	trucks and construction crew parking. Roads within several blocks all around the middle school are log-jammed on a daily basis because there is no accountability.	
29	Children should be required to use helmets or ticket their parents, speed limits, and they do not belong on sidewalks. Also, children bike east and west on Oak St to get to Skokie and Crow Island Schools. There should be a 4-way stop sign at Provident & Oak. Kids bike right through that intersection without stopping, and because Provident curves, visibility is reduced for seeing East/West bicycle traffic. I live near this intersection and have kids. I'd like to see a 4-way stop sign installed prospectively and not after someone gets hit by a car.	9/18/2024 11:59 PM
30	Be fiscally responsible	9/18/2024 10:46 PM
31	Increase bike safety by making more roads one-way and using the space from one of the former car lanes for bikes.	9/18/2024 10:39 PM
32	The traffic lights at the intersection of tower and Green Bay should be removed and replaced with a roundabout.	9/18/2024 9:23 PM
33	At the very least I'd love to see heavily trafficked crosswalks where children often ride their bikes / walk clearly marked as pedestrian crossings with flashing stop signs. Additionally providing better access to the Green Bay trail via bridge tunnel might provide a better, safe experience for riders.	9/18/2024 9:05 PM
34	Leaving the post office empty would be an embarrassment to the city. If we're going to get rid of it turn it into grass / park for now until we can figure out a plan since that actual plan will take 15 years.	9/18/2024 8:49 PM
35	The post office space should have indoor recreation like basketball courts and a gym. There are not enough basketball courts in winnetka- especially indoor. Northfield's facility provides a good model.	9/18/2024 7:20 PM
36	Public land is invaluable, please do not ever sell any public land.	9/18/2024 6:58 PM
37	Regarding the post office space, we absolutely do not need a music venue. We have a great space at Hubbard Woods which is only used in the warmer months. We need a community gym with space for cafes/meetings areas. Basketball courts for our teens. Teens have no place to gather in our village. Northfield has a fantastic facility that includes gym/courts/space for other classes, etc.. We do not need a village band shell named after a trustee member- it is a total waste of limited space. Please don't say that this would infringe on the Winnetka Community House. That is a private business. There are enough activities to make it worthwhile.	9/18/2024 5:46 PM
38	We are missing safe bike routes to schools. Sidewalks are ending, dangerous crossing streets is required. Would love to see more dedicated safer bike routes (for myself too)	9/18/2024 5:28 PM
39	The post office land could be used for a retirement community and/or assisted care facility that is reasonably priced so that Seniors may stay in the community and have care options.	9/18/2024 5:26 PM
40	More park land for kids' athletics	9/18/2024 4:16 PM
41	Keep motor-assisted transports off our streets and sidewalks. Facilitate their safe use in dedicated spaces in parks.	9/18/2024 4:00 PM
42	More police presence in school zones and on school routes is needed.	9/18/2024 3:28 PM
43	Riding through the village & riding to a business are different. Residents don't bike to dine or shop. Bike racks are empty. How many days p/year will people bike? Add'l buildings for retail & restaurants aren't needed for the size of Winnetka which has 4 districts. The Chamber combining Winnetka events with Northfield & Glencoe (red invitation & sidewalks sales, Shop the Shore) adds competition to the Winnetka businesses. Makes no sense as most can't walk from one business district to another let alone from one village to another. West Elm's sidewalk sale was depressing.	9/18/2024 2:50 PM
44	We need to be more bike and pedestrian friendly. Discourage cars and encourage walking and bikes. Do not over regulate electric scooters and bikes.	9/18/2024 2:50 PM
45	I don't know much about the topic, but I can see the need for safer bike routes. Additionally, I feel concerned about children under 16 years of age on the roads on their motorized devices; especially without helmets. They don't know the rules of the road; which is alarming. Also,	9/18/2024 2:21 PM

	some tend to drive very fast. I've avoided more than one collision barely and it scares me that I might hurt a child because THEY are driving the wrong way down a street.	
46	Why are you asking a referendum question about the Village, when where it's needed is under the Park Board?	9/18/2024 2:15 PM
47	This is not a priority issue and should be addressed well after some of the more pressing issues like vacant commercial buildings that look like they should be condemned	9/18/2024 2:01 PM
48	We live on the South side of Hill road and for our children (and adults) to cross to the North side in morning or afternoon is deadly and unbearable - our children have NO safe option for getting to school except for driving. Hill road needs additional stop signs, additional side walk to the south and more police presence.	9/18/2024 1:57 PM
49	Need sidewalks	9/18/2024 1:44 PM
50	wider roads tend to increase vehicular speed, not increase bike safety.	9/18/2024 1:43 PM
51	kids on motorized scooters are in danger of being hit by cars, especially on Pine, where drivers speed to make the light at green bay road	9/18/2024 1:24 PM
52	The Village should collaborate and support the Park District as it figures out what to do at Elder/Centennial beaches and deals with the nouveau riche BS next door.	9/18/2024 1:18 PM
53	Bikes should have license plates. Age limit allowed on streets	9/18/2024 12:54 PM
54	E-scooters and e-bikes should not be used by children (underage) on the public roadways. They are fast and cause accidents and can cause damage to both children, bystanders and property. They also clog up traffic in a village full of big families where people are driving to school in large SUVs. Mopeds and motorcycles should have to obey helmet laws and speed limit laws if they are on the roadway.	9/18/2024 12:04 PM
55	Better bike/pedestrian connection to the bike path in the forest preserve/lagoons (path/sidewalk along Willow Road/Winnetka Road) is needed.	9/18/2024 11:57 AM
56	Need ice rinks	9/18/2024 11:44 AM
57	Motorized scooters & motorized dirt bikes need to be regulated. Almost saw a school age kid get killed by some dumb teen driving a motorized dirt bike	9/18/2024 11:36 AM
58	We need to staunchly protect our open spaces in Winnetka and clearly our turf field on hibbard has very high demand. We should develop open space in town where it makes sense (post office and one winnetka are good example) and create more open space where possible. Additional turf field on land dump? More access to outdoors sports on land dump like climbing walls/ropes course/dirt bike park? We should really take advantage of that open space.	9/18/2024 11:29 AM
59	I personally had a major electric scooter accident in CA that ended me up in the Emergency Room. These are dangerous vehicles and should be regulated as such given speed and force they can travel.	9/18/2024 11:29 AM
60	Some of the questions don't really allow for a complete answer. An example is question 29 - the village has no real insight into private property owner's capitalization, plans, etc. So it should merely be business friendly and do everything it can to help owners, tenants, brokers, etc with information, streamlined approvals, etc. It isn't a "should we wait for vacancy to fill or have landlord's renew tenants"...that isn't a real world situation question. Similarly, narrowing roads or adding/reducing parking is totally situational. Parking is tight/tough around Elm Street metra and the surrounding retail district. It is not crowded in the garage up by Hubbard Woods...so overall parking is sufficient but not evenly distributed/useable.	9/18/2024 11:25 AM
61	Electric bikes are so dangerous...seen an accident happen and others will follow.	9/18/2024 11:09 AM
62	The village should also consider including motorized/electric golf cart type vehicles in its ordinances and regulations.	9/18/2024 11:07 AM
63	E-bikes and e scooters seem very dangerous scares me to think they could run into a young child	9/18/2024 11:07 AM
64	Many residents don't adhere to no parking/stopping/standing signs on the north side of Elm St. across from Washburne. This is a safety issue that needs to be addressed more aggressively.	9/18/2024 11:02 AM
65	12 year olds, no lights, no helmets, motorized scooters bombing around in the dark—no	9/18/2024 10:00 AM

	chance this ends well	
66	I think bike safety would be improved if bicyclists actually followed the rules of the road. Large groups of bicyclists often do not ride single file towards the outside of the lane nor do they stop at stop signs.	9/18/2024 10:00 AM
67	There is a huge safety issue with children on bikes going to school - designating an e/w route would go a long way	9/18/2024 9:57 AM
68	The post office site deserves further study. The previously proposed plan does not address fundamental needs within the community while duplicating existing facilities.. Connecting Moffet Mall to Dwyer Park is a desirable planning feature, yet it can be accomplished along with underground parking and additional uses along Elm and Oak streets. The need for another music venue is questionable, because Hubbard Woods Park provides a venue for music, regularly programmed as "Wednesdays in the Woods". The current location of the Farmers Market is ideal for the following reasons: 1) The commuter lot is underutilized on Saturdays, 2) Drive by traffic on Green Bay Road brings in more customers, 3) the existing train station facilities include bathrooms and storage which would otherwise need to be duplicated at the post office, 4) The otherwise underutilized Station Park provides extra space for patrons and vendors. I question the veracity of the vacancy statistics and wonder what the numbers would look like if they included the vacant space at Lincoln and Elm known as "One Winnetka." The Village should cooperate with local property owners to facilitate vibrant retail. Providing more housing options of for residents in the 55-75 year age cohort should be the focus of further study, which is distinct from "Senior Housing" which typically involves higher levels of care.	9/18/2024 9:38 AM
69	Need to make sure that any motorized/electric bikes on the roads are operated by somebody who has gone through traffic safety training at a minimum	9/18/2024 9:34 AM
70	An all out effort should be made to encourage parents to teach their children to obey stop signs when riding bikes and, especially electric powered bikes and skate boards. I watch kids blow through the stop sign at Grove and Asbury all too frequently. It is only a matter of time when a serious injury will occur.	9/18/2024 9:33 AM
71	Love the idea of increasing bike numbers and safety in the village. Our kids commute from near the village green to Skokie school. East west separate from car devoted bike lane would be great.	9/18/2024 9:18 AM
72	E-bikes have become a problem. Not sure if there is a law requiring a drivers license, but I see youngsters acting recklessly on these vehicles and it is scary.	9/18/2024 9:15 AM
73	The cyclists are out of control and should also be reined in. They have no respect for traffic and want to be treated as vehicles but never follow the same rules as vehicles. Police should be ticketing the cyclists on sheridan road for not following traffic rules. The "walk your bike" signs are ridiculous. Kids are now riding their bikes in the street because they are kids and that is easier than walking your bike. Instead of constantly creating more laws and rules, perhaps actually punish those that are causing problems instead of creating rules for everyone. Kids live here too. Same goes for the electric bikes and scooters, DO NOT enact an ordinance against them, the kids like them. IF they act inappropriately, then have an appropriate punishment. This town hold no one personally responsible, they just punish the whole group.	9/18/2024 9:10 AM
74	We need enforcement of the non-motorized vehicular traffic on the Green Bay Trail as this has created many situation I have witnessed putting walkers and non-motorized bikers at risk (school commuter hours are the most dangerous).	9/18/2024 9:08 AM
75	During the day, I believe the bikes are safe - it's the cars that drive too fast and don't look at intersections. At night, there are too few bikes that use their lights - making it impossible (&extremely dangerous) for a driver to see a biker. Kids should be given citations if on a bike at night without a light!	9/18/2024 9:07 AM
76	I do think the motorized skateboards, bikes, etc. needs some attention. In out neighborhood, most of the youth riding or using these, pay no attention to the STOP signs or other rules of the road....DANGEROUS!	9/18/2024 8:52 AM
77	Laws on motorized vehicles should be enforced for the safety of all. Bike and vehicle road sharing must be prioritized to improve east/west and north south cohabitation, particularly at school time and on weekends. Taking some parkway on key roads to add a dedicated bike lane and figuring out a safer bike transit from Hibbard to Skokie Lagoons is very important.	9/18/2024 8:45 AM

78	The pelotons of adults biking on Green Bay should be more regulated by police. These people regularly impede traffic, ride several people across and are dangerous, especially at peak commuting hours. (e.g., school commute times). They routinely ignore traffic signals, lane markers, and pedestrians in pursuit of their own exercise, not a commute. The large groups of 10,20,30 should not be allowed.	9/18/2024 8:24 AM
79	Requiring a referendum for capital projects over a certain level is a terrible idea tho it may sound good. See "tax caps" and what it has done to our taxing bodies. The remedies offered to address commercial vacancy should not be either-or; many remedies are necessary. I'd also explore whether an impact fee can be imposed on vacant commercial spaces. The PO site is smaller than people think, but we could still get some good multi family housing there, and maybe public opinion is more supportive of density than it was when the first plan was shot down by open space advocates 20 (?) years ago. See the success of Wilmette's new residential buildings. We need sidewalks on every block! Can't believe how many streets near schools have no sidewalk. Wider roads don't always translate to safer roads BTW. Sometimes narrower roads with a "complete streets" approach are safer.	9/18/2024 8:23 AM
80	Keep motorized vehicles off the sidewalks	9/18/2024 8:15 AM
81	Need safer routes for kids to ride their bikes to school. Drivers are always in a rush and distracted so I am concerned for the kids' safety.	9/18/2024 8:02 AM
82	I walk a lot along Green Bay Road and the bike traffic is deadly. Children are zooming by, often in groups, frequently on iPhones.	9/18/2024 7:39 AM
83	I currently do not have sufficient information on this topic to form an opinion. I will research it. We should try to optimize safety and traffic flow. Safety is of the utmost importance. It would be a tragedy to lose anyone, including a child.	9/18/2024 7:25 AM
84	Important to lessen interactions between motor assisted transportation and other people.... Meaning; restrict possible encounters	9/18/2024 6:42 AM
85	Yes to East-West Bike route	9/17/2024 11:02 PM
86	The lack of an east-west thoroughfare is a significant problem and safety issue. Winnetka clearly comes in last among other North Shore communities in marking bike lanes and providing safe routes for bicycle riders.	9/17/2024 10:20 PM
87	Do NOT add silly bike lanes everywhere. We are already overrun with spandex-clad weekend bike warrior tribes and don't need more nonsense like that.	9/17/2024 7:45 PM
88	In particular, motorized/e-bikes are a hazard. Until they can be regulated--i.e. licensed, insured, formal training--they need strict controls. It's not fair for a driver to have to suffer the trauma of colliding with one of these when the adult is following the rules of the road.	9/17/2024 5:27 PM
89	The sidewalks in the business area are very dangerous for pedestrians. Signs to "Walk Your Bike" have not been effective. The police and schools need to take an active part. Enforcement by the police is critical and they are doing very little if anything.	9/17/2024 3:02 PM
90	The packs of bicycle riders that ride their bikes through Winnetka particularly on weekends needs to be addressed, especially on Sheridan Rd. They do not follow the rules, including riding in a single file and along the side of the road, which makes driving a car difficult.	9/17/2024 2:51 PM
91	Electric scooters are FAST, becoming more plentiful, and sharing roads (with cars) or sidewalks (with non-electric scooters, kids on bikes, pedestrians). Would love to see a bit more regulation around where/how electric scooters can go.	9/17/2024 1:32 PM
92	School aged kids biking to school on the sidewalks is a safety risk. There need to be bike lanes for children who bike on the road, separate from sidewalks. This should be addressed ASAP	9/17/2024 12:15 PM
93	Hate bike paths on roads. Dangerous. Awful.	9/17/2024 12:02 PM
94	This is such a terribly designed questionnaire that I feel like I do not have the opportunity to share my opinions. the response choices are often not comprehensive, or are overlapping/not exclusive and there is rarely opportunity to strength of commitment to one answer vs another. And too few opportunities to provide open ended responses so that it would take me hours and hours to provide the feedback I'd like to. I think the responses will generate more questions	9/17/2024 11:16 AM

than answers and not be actionable. I know I could poke endless holes in most conclusions that were drawn from the responses. I hope you do better next time.

95	We need to keep electric bikes (except for the very low power ones) off the GBT. I have been hit many times by electric bikers who are riding fast and smoking pot. I would like the GBT to also become non smoking and have it enforced	9/17/2024 9:56 AM
96	We should incentivize less car transportation within our village.	9/17/2024 9:37 AM
97	I think that Sheridan Road in particular desperately needs clearly marked, white striped crosswalks, with flashing lights that can be activated by a crossing pedestrian or biker, to better ensure safety. Some drivers treat Sheridan Road like a small highway and engage in dangerous speeds. There are absolutely not enough safe places to cross. Also, the bike lanes are very poorly marked despite significant bike traffic, especially on weekends. This is a real safety problem and a fatal accident waiting to happen. Other nearby communities like Evanston have addressed these safety concerns on Sheridan Road quite well.	9/17/2024 9:31 AM
98	Resident approval for capital projects - while the idea sounds great, I think it could be a slippery slope leading to time delays. I'm not certain the average resident is qualified to meaningful opine on capex spending. Renewing leases- the village should have no involvement in this.	9/17/2024 8:10 AM
99	Scooters and motorized bikes use the same lane as cars. They are also seen going the same right as cars while on the sidewalk. This is worrisome that a tween without any training or license is doing this.	9/17/2024 7:57 AM
100	Motorized scooters/bikes are a new phenomenon. Similar to skateboards in the 80s the village should address safety for all residents	9/17/2024 7:51 AM
101	Electric / alternative transportation is here to stay and growing. Join the 21st century and embrace it.	9/17/2024 7:22 AM
102	E-bikes need our leaders to create good rules. The bikes are fast enough to legally be on the road, meanwhile travel on sidewalks too. It's dangerous for children and walkers. E-bikes, they MUST be regulated, children are driving these meanwhile the law says they cannot operate a motorcycle, yet the e-bike travels in the same space as a car, and over 25mph. It makes no sense. The issue shouldn't be e.vs combustion. Let's lead the way and protect not just the rider but more important the other citizens of our beloved Winnetka. I pick my kids up at Skokie school, kids from Washburne fly down the SIDEWALK, no regard for middle schoolers. They don't obey the rules of the road. Because they are not old enough, savvy in the ways of law or impacts of error. Please, we must regulate e-bike age and how it's used. Good common sense.	9/17/2024 6:31 AM
103	Are these things a problem? I wouldn't want to see people coming from other communities to hang out.	9/17/2024 6:20 AM
104	Users of motor assisted transportation frequently disregard traffic laws (ie speed limits, stop signs, street crossing rules) which presents a hazard.	9/17/2024 4:39 AM
105	Tough issue. But some of the motorized and EV stuff, and children biking on sidewalks throughout the village causes chaos and liability.	9/17/2024 12:46 AM
106	Bike access across east west along routes like to New Trier campuses could be improved. For example bike route through Skokie lagoon east-west near Hill Rd	9/16/2024 10:52 PM
107	There are a few safe bicyclists, but most feel they own the road and drive dangerously. The larger the group, the worse it is. Between careless car drivers and those who still feel texting and talking on their phones are more important than watching their surroundings, it's really a guess how improving bike safety is going to happen. No car driver is ever pulled over for texting or careless drivers, neither are there any repercussions for bicyclists who defy safety. Maybe the village should have a conversation with WPD to get to the root of the problem.	9/16/2024 10:29 PM
108	These questions are either poorly phrased or they don't provide a response that accurately reflects opinions. E.g., I could not even answer #29 because none of the answers fit my thoughts. Many of my answers resemble inaccurately my real thoughts, but there wasn't an alternative.	9/16/2024 10:20 PM
109	Bike safety for Children is one of the key reasons we chose Winnetka. Making a East-West street bike only around school open/close hours and weekends is brilliant	9/16/2024 9:11 PM

110	The electric bikes and scooters need to be regulated. They go so fast and there seems to be no parameters in place for where they can or can't be. Winnetka needs to make it safer for kids to get across Green Bay road and the underpasses need to be regraded so bikes can pass through more easily	9/16/2024 9:02 PM
111	A process to recall park commissioners should be promulgated and implemented to remove those who ignore public sentiment, survey sentiment and caucus rules and regulations. The people of Winnetka have a right not to be subservient to people whose interests are adverse to our own.	9/16/2024 8:12 PM
112	Going East and west on Winnetka roads with a bicycle is not easy. Riders on Hill road and Tower clog traffic. Need to address.	9/16/2024 8:09 PM
113	The question on intergovernmental cooperation is editorialized. If the Village expedited the permitting process for the beaches, a temporary fix to Elder would not be necessary. Not sure why that section of your survey did not have an opportunity for comments. The 2023 Caucus planks included the call for intergovernmental cooperation and moving forward on Elder and Centennial. A year later, we are in the same position waiting for the Village to process the WPD's permit application. The Village should have defined the process and expedited the permit review as requested by Village Citizens. Certain members of the Village Board announced their opposition to the plans during the Fall Town Hall. I hope the WPD plans receive an objective review and vote. I am not sure why the Post Office plan has been delayed once again. It has been close to 20 years of contemplation as to what to do with the site. I would like to see public input and timely action occur.	9/16/2024 7:56 PM
114	A few things: I think there should be an ordinance capping the number of buildings any one person or entity may own. I'm seeing a monopoly of a certain landlord that is not very kind to their tenants. Also, I am very concerned kids are not required to have any safety and driving courses to drive these vehicles. I think they are extremely dangerous to handle, with sometimes four kids riding on one. They are not wearing helmets, pads, and have on opened toed shoes. They ride on the sidewalks, which is terrifying because of how fast they can go and cars can't see them when they pull out of driveways. I know the teens are also riding them late at night-I don't want my daughter on one after dark. My own adult son crashed on one, chipping his front teeth and breaking his wrist when he hit a wet grassy patch and wiped out. I just saw a child driving a mini-moped on the sidewalk going to school. These aren't toys-they're motorized vehicles.	9/16/2024 6:24 PM
115	The village should work to complete the projects they have started at the level we expect as residents and find a way to stop putting up roadblocks to progress that the Park District is attempting to complete.	9/16/2024 5:59 PM
116	Love the idea of using the post office space for restaurants, but we can't even seem to fill the spaces we have vacant now. Can we be more open as to the types of establishments we'd allow? How about a sports bar? Overall in the village, we need to allow more restaurants access to our spaces. There's no reason we couldn't have the same vibrancy downtown that Wilmette has. Would be great to get a pool in the post office space.	9/16/2024 5:35 PM
117	I love biking, but feel biking in Winnetka is dangerous! It wasn't mentioned in the questions above, but Sheridan Rd is a major bike thoroughfare, and it's both dangerous for bikers and slows down traffic. I would love biking on Sheridan if bike lanes were exchanged and made safer. Would also love for my future Skokie and Washburn kids to have a safe way to bike to school going west from the lake.	9/16/2024 5:33 PM
118	Tower Road is a mess; too much non-local traffic headed to/from the Edens. Huge backups at Forest Preserve. Maybe Willow should be one-way and Tower the opposing way...	9/16/2024 4:57 PM
119	A number of children commute on bicycles and run into dangerous situations at the intersection of Green Bay and Willow. This is a major intersection with a lot of traffic during rush hour, and many drivers are impatient as left turns are difficult. Please consider adding a traffic light to help everyone at this intersection.	9/16/2024 4:24 PM
120	Village should consider redeveloping the Post Office as the Public Library. Use would benefit all. Current library site could be parking or other needed use.	9/16/2024 4:15 PM
121	One option for the post office that wasn't listed that I think would be wonderful is to create a small boutique hotel like Deerpath Inn in Lake Forest! It'd so nice to have a place in the village for visiting friends and family.	9/16/2024 4:12 PM

122	The intersection where Willow Road meets Green Bay Road needs a traffic light instead of a stop sign!!!! My child rides his bike to school along Green Bay Road and cars will NOT stop for him as he crosses during the morning rush hour.	9/16/2024 4:10 PM
123	I would love to see a boutique hotel, like the Deer Path Inn, in place of the post office building.	9/16/2024 4:03 PM
124	Please do not creat bike lanes on the side of the streets. The city of Chicago is a disaster bc of this. We don't need that here. Bikes, cars and pedestrians on the sidewalk seem to share it all just fine.	9/16/2024 4:00 PM
125	There are too many kids that have very fast moving electric bikes and scooters that are driving on the roads with no understanding of the rules of the road	9/16/2024 3:58 PM
126	I live between Crow Island, Skokie and Washburn and am very concerned about the car traffic and kids riding their bikes. Perhaps consider making roads one way during school hours - especially around Skokie!!!! People hardly stop at stop signs and drive too fast. I really hope you address before there is a fatality!	9/16/2024 3:31 PM
127	Why ask about referenda for village capital projects but not for Park District projects? Don't let the Park District off the hook.	9/16/2024 3:00 PM
128	I applaud the Village's efforts to encourage bicycle transportation. Winnetka's an ideal place for quick bike rides to the grocery store, library, restaurants and other destinations. Please continue to thoughtfully enhance bike safety and encourage bike usage.	9/16/2024 2:59 PM
129	The East/West bike route should consider east winnetka children riding bikes to/from Skokie and Washburne and NT WEst	9/16/2024 2:59 PM
130	Use of bikes with motors is a growing and dangerous situation.	9/16/2024 1:59 PM
131	I would very much like to regulate the speed of electric motorcycles and ban them from the sidewalk.	9/16/2024 1:50 PM
132	To my knowledge there is no facility or parks in Winnetka to play pickleball. Please add places to play given the popularity. Thank you.	9/16/2024 1:49 PM
133	Biking is very dangerous for kids still- especially on the tree streets with 'alternating stop signs' on cross walks- there should be a stop sign at each intersection on the tree streets. Card go far too fast	9/16/2024 1:49 PM
134	We live on Green Bay road and often have bicycles pass us on the sidewalk (road to busy) with no warning...not sure how to ameliorate this	9/16/2024 1:44 PM
135	I get nervous any time I have to walk or bike across Green Bay Road with my little kids throughout the entire village of Winnetka. Many cars at Winnetka Ave. and Green Bay don't like to wait for pedestrians and will aggressively cut off pedestrians. Being a pedestrian at the intersection of Oak St. and Green Bay with little kids is also stressful. Drives aren't observant of pedestrians. I have gone out of my way to find alternative routes so I don't have to cross Green Bay Road when I'm walking or biking with my kids.	9/16/2024 1:32 PM
136	it feels very dangerous to have young kids on motorized scooters/bikes within traffic	9/16/2024 1:01 PM
137	The band shell/pavilion could work at the post office site.	9/16/2024 12:51 PM
138	Kids should have to pass a rules of the road for biking in Winnetka schools.	9/16/2024 12:27 PM
139	10 year olds plus are riding electric bikes and scooters on sidewalks and streets going up to 30 mph ignoring traffic signs motorized vehicles should be outlawed on sidewalks before pedestrians and dogs are killed by these kids who almost never warn of their approach	9/16/2024 12:23 PM
140	E-bikes should not be allowed on the sidewalks.	9/16/2024 12:11 PM
141	Unfortunately, bikers make Sheridan Road more dangerous, as bikers rarely observe traffic rules. A better option may be to improve the GB Trail and replace Sheridan to create a bike land like the one at Northwestern.	9/16/2024 11:58 AM
142	Ebikes - particularly those with throttles are endangering the North Shore and my little private road. I have witnessed kids riding ebikes (with throttles!) without helmets, doing wheelies and riding at high speeds on both roads and sidewalks. My dog and I jumped out of the way of a group of about 10 young men speeding up the Green Bay Trail, and a middle aged man going no handed on a throttle-assisted ebike Right now, Winnetka classifies all Ebikes (whether	9/16/2024 11:54 AM

peddle assisted or throttle) as regular old bikes. Winnetka needs to update their laws governing these vehicles, empower the police to stop reckless behaviors, and institute a safety program in the schools and throughout the community. Meanwhile, I will keep calling the police so that they talk to my next door neighbor about "safety" concerns. Winnetka is not staying ahead of this and needs to get on the ball before someone gets hurt. Also another concern I have - and I don't see an appropriate spot for this - many residents are installing outdoor pools with extremely loud sound systems. Right now, the noise ordinance limits noise after 11pm. This is too late - I would like the Village to limit noise after 10pm. Also, it seems like we need a village wide program to build a sense of love for our village and kindness to others. Maybe this would help neighbors think twice before blaring loud music for extended periods.

143	Motor assisted transportation used by children under driving age has created many hazards.	9/16/2024 11:41 AM
144	And it would be helpful if bicyclists followed the laws.	9/16/2024 11:36 AM
145	More ethnic restaurants.	9/16/2024 11:33 AM
146	Stop promoting the use of bikes. It is a bad idea. Local government should be netral on this, not promoting bike use.	9/16/2024 11:32 AM
147	Winnetka needs more restaurants of all kinds.	9/16/2024 11:30 AM
148	I bike a lot and k use the sidewalks until it isn't allowed. Then I move to the road. I wouldn't say I feel in danger but there should probably be more flow and designated biking areas. Though j wouldn't want to reduce parking. Or maybe we need more parking options to open up space?	9/16/2024 11:29 AM
149	For the sake of elderly pedestrians, please ensure bicycles and scooters and skateboards are forbidden from using sidewalks.	9/16/2024 11:18 AM
150	I am concerned to see people on electric bikes, etc. on the streets and Green Bay trail traveling at significant speeds. Definitely a safety risk for the pedestrians and riders.	9/16/2024 11:15 AM
151	Why ask if Village should have referendum but not other 3 Boards?	9/16/2024 10:52 AM
152	Bike safety really has peak times of day for kids and commuters. It would be ideal to specify a policy for how to make that work. Otherwise, the signs to walk bikes in business districts has also kept walking safer.	9/16/2024 10:45 AM
153	SUVs are getting too big and dangerous to pedestrians and cyclists! Cell phones distract drivers!	9/16/2024 10:29 AM
154	Thank you for posting those sidewalk signs in downtown Winnetka - a huge step in the right direction! Last summer I almost got run over by a group of kids on their bikes.	9/16/2024 10:16 AM
155	i question your interpretation of 'open space.' to me the village green is open, and we need more space like that. don't fill truly open space with attention-getting gewgaws, etc.	9/16/2024 10:05 AM
156	I am concerned about bike safety throughout Winnetka, and do not want our son biking to school. Hubbard and Tower are dangerous with cars going over the speed limit and not paying attention to students. Also, children are not using night lights, hand signals and calling out when adding pedestrians on the street. I am not sure what can be done, mandatory bike safety classes with a registration..? There was one at HW school, however, it did not cover any safety concerns.	9/16/2024 10:01 AM
157	Bicycle and pedestrian safety are of paramount importance. Regulations and requirements need to be communicated regarding bicycle and pedestrian safety. Crosswalk safety remains a concern. Access to the Forest Preserve trails needs to be improved.	9/16/2024 9:59 AM
158	No more rules on top of rules!	9/16/2024 9:56 AM
159	Motor vehicles are not allowed on the Green Bay Trail but they are there, and speeding past walkers. Please enforce the existing ban.	9/16/2024 9:56 AM
160	We walk a lot. Children are riding bikes to and from school. Safety is a concern. Please address the homeowners who do not trim trees. Fallen branches are often picked up by us. Or are too heavy to move. Some walkways are partially blocked by bushes. For example corner of Edgewood and Vernon.	9/16/2024 9:50 AM
161	More people (especially kids and teens) are using motorized scooters/bicycles, etc. and so	9/16/2024 9:33 AM

	there needs to be more governance around their usage to prevent accidents	
162	We should have at least one or two north-south and one east-west road providing bike lanes even if it means reducing parking. This would support the commuters and school children. However, I don't support multiple east-west and north-south options reducing the capacity for automobile traffic on multiple roads. Sidewalks are also an option for bicyclists.	9/16/2024 9:32 AM
163	Winnetka needs a place for more fun adult activities like darts, billiards, axe throwing, etc.	9/16/2024 9:30 AM
164	Re Post Office. I'm confused. The Post Office lease ends January 2025. You tabled a plan to develop the parcel to March 2025. How far are you in your discussions with agreeing to a plan? You should do whatever "studying" you need to do between now and March 2025, including obtaining adequate community input, and move forward. You have six months. That should be enough time. You should not allow parking on Winnetka Ave. It is incredibly dangerous with the New Trier students biking to school on the side walks. It is also an incredibly dangerous place to park (especially between Church and Green Bay). Designated bike lanes need to be clearly defined on the street. High school students should have safe bike lanes on the street to get to school, so walkers can safely walk to school.	9/16/2024 9:29 AM
165	I believe children should be allowed (and required) to ride their bikes on the sidewalks and to walk their bikes through high-traffic sidewalks in town. Children should be discouraged from riding their bikes in the street, especially west of Green Bay during busy times before & after school. Also, children who do not have a driver's license should not be allowed to operate motorized vehicles (scooters, mopeds, e-bikes) in the streets. I have seen young kids operating motorized bikes in the street, but they haven't learned the rules of driving yet (left turn right of way, yielding when cross traffic doesn't have a stop sign, pedestrian right of way). This is extremely dangerous for everyone!	9/16/2024 9:12 AM
166	School-aged children with no helmets, or unstrapped helmets, are whizzing by on electric bikes to school. It is incredibly dangerous. The school should not allow the use of these bikes to and from school, and the village should regulate these bikes like motorized vehicles. Children are not wearing helmets and riding erratically down the middle of streets, they are also without proper reflectors and lights at nighttime. I am very concerned that a child will be injured before the Village acts to do something about this rampant problem.	9/16/2024 9:01 AM
167	Children under the age of 16 should NOT be driving mopeds to & from school.	9/16/2024 8:55 AM
168	re post office; id like to have an A SUMMER ICE RINK (LIKE IN NYC) CALL NANCY FOX	9/16/2024 8:55 AM
169	The Post Office property should not be converted to green space--Dwyer Park fills that need. Mixed use is ideal--there is a huge need to empty nester housing as well.	9/16/2024 8:51 AM
170	Please add pickleball courts— they will add so much energy to our shopping & restaurants!	9/16/2024 8:50 AM
171	The last communities on earth we should be trying to model is Evanston (or even Wilmette). They have ruined the ability to move around their communities by taking away driving lanes in exchange for bike lanes and turn lanes. These communities reek of Safetyism....keep Winnetka as Winnetka. Can't stand going down there.	9/16/2024 8:50 AM
172	Bike safety for children going to New Trier West should be improved. More bike parking everywhere.	9/16/2024 8:45 AM
173	People under the age of 16 should not be using motorized vehicles. They often ride at excess speeds on sidewalks and the middle of streets and without helmets. There is bound to be a tragedy if some laws banning their use by children.	9/16/2024 8:40 AM
174	It would be a positive for the kids going to Skokie school to have an easier path East and West to encourage more kids to ride their bikes to school. I see the drop off and pick up lines at the schools and I think it's ridiculous that so many people drive their children to school. Maybe if there was a safer option, we could reduce this huge traffic influx we have every morning from 8 to 8:20. As far as the increase of scooters and electric vehicles, I think that's up to parents to teach kids what's right and wrong	9/16/2024 8:29 AM
175	Evanston is messed up. Please don't model anything they do.	9/16/2024 7:57 AM
176	I'd like to see the village consider selling the post office site to a developer & let them build whatever they think makes sense as long a no zoning variations are required. The slow progress on One Winnetka has been an unmitigated disaster in my opinion & the village has been talking about the post office site for 25 years or more. I think the objective should be to	9/16/2024 7:47 AM

	have the post office site completely developed by 2028. Putting restrictions on the site for things like ground level retail, etc just make developing the site more difficult. The objective should be to get more housing options so that more people live in the area. Having more people will drive more retail & restaurant customers.	
177	I disagree with the premise that Winnetka's commercial vacancy rate is lower than other nearby communities... what about east Winnetka? The Fell properties? They have been vacant for years!!	9/16/2024 7:23 AM
178	Children attending Skokie and Washburne are essentially driving motorcycles to school without training or safety measures. Extremely dangerous.	9/16/2024 7:06 AM
179	I have seen so many speeding electric motorcycles with 12-15 year old kids driving them on streets and sidewalks. It is dangerous. I think we need to address the issue.	9/16/2024 6:51 AM
180	High-speed eBikes and Scooters (those that go above 20mph) are a real and growing danger in the community - both to pedestrians and other cyclists. Such vehicles should be treated as motorcycles and banned and limited to use on roads (not bike paths or sidewalks).	9/16/2024 6:27 AM
181	Fine kids who disobey the non-motorized safety regulations. Have schools/village teach the safety standards.	9/15/2024 9:11 PM
182	Generally there needs to be more policing with bicyclists. None ever follow stoplights or stop signs and often create dangerous situations on village roads. But they are never held accountable. I've seen so many almost hit on forestway/tower because the cyclists ignore the stop sign or think it doesn't apply to them. It's also an issue along tower road where cars can't easily and safely go around cyclists creating huge traffic backups.	9/15/2024 8:32 PM
183	Motor assisted transportation by kids is a big problem and there will be an accident sooner or later.	9/15/2024 8:03 PM
184	Safe bike path between new trier west and east	9/15/2024 7:15 PM
185	The scooters on the sidewalks are very dangerous. I've almost been hit. Dog too.	9/15/2024 6:45 PM
186	Kids ride electric bikes and scooters on sidewalks not paying attention to pedestrians. It's dangerous! Also the huge peloton of bicycles should be banned until adequate bike lanes put in. Then pass laws that they have to stay in bike lane	9/15/2024 6:13 PM
187	There are too many children biking on business distance sidewalks and not yielding to pedestrians. Kids also commute to school on recklessly on motor assisted transportation and do not follow traffic rules.	9/15/2024 5:41 PM
188	More space for restaurants or noise-generating options (like pavilion) is not needed in post-office space. Too many residents live in the immediate area and this would significantly decrease the quality of their surroundings. Green space, underground parking make sense but some of the other options were obviously generated by those that don't live in the downtown areas at the expense of those residents!	9/15/2024 4:50 PM
189	Build a new, bigger library in the post office space and repurpose the library space. It's too small to meet demands of patrons.	9/15/2024 3:30 PM
190	I do not understand question # 32. Is there an option that the current post office will remain? I thought it was already decided that the post office would be moved. Also, I would like to check more than one option on question # 29.	9/15/2024 2:53 PM
191	Regarding bikes and bike safety - nowhere did you ask about pedestrian safety. Pedestrians are just as unsafe in our Village as bikers as because motorists are unaware of pedestrian laws and use excessive speed in many areas. My children walk home from Crow Island and I can't trust cars to stop at the Provident/Elm intersection for my children to cross. That location specifically is very unsafe and should have signage/paint/something added to signify that pedestrians have the right of way. I lived in the city for 12 years before moving here and was never hit by a car. Within a few months of living here, I was hit by a driver at the intersection of Oak/Linden/Green Bay Road crossing to go to the library. In general, I do not think motorists are aware of pedestrian laws and the Village should work with the Police Department to make these laws better known to drivers and to help with accommodating bike and pedestrian traffic.	9/15/2024 1:32 PM
192	Village should absorb WPD and Library.	9/15/2024 1:18 PM
193	Would love to see more designated, striped biking lanes so that same biking around town can	9/15/2024 1:11 PM

	be made safer and encourages	
194	If landlords are not reasonable our town will be just restaurants, banks, and real estate offices. You want a healthy variety of businesses.	9/15/2024 12:01 PM
195	Green Bay Rd. is too fast and it is dangerous to cross between around Taha and 7-Eleven. The road should have the number of lanes reduced to support bicycle and pedestrian access So that the businesses there thrive instead of being treated like stores along a highway	9/15/2024 12:00 PM
196	Winn s should encourage solar panels and composting services	9/15/2024 11:38 AM
197	Enough bike access as is.	9/15/2024 8:56 AM
198	We should be creative in the use of the post office lot. Again, moving the library to this location would help bring more people to the shopping district.	9/15/2024 8:33 AM
199	ban scooters and e-bikes for everyone under 18 unless disabled	9/14/2024 8:14 PM
200	There are too many kids riding "electric bikes" that are really motorcycles, most of them don't have driver's licenses. Someone is going to get seriously hurt or killed!	9/14/2024 7:05 PM
201	Need designated bike lanes or better full roads for bikes only. Do not like biking on roads.	9/14/2024 6:12 PM
202	Motor assisted whatever is a deterrent to enjoyment of the Villages. Kids on bikes, no matter what, refuse to obey "Walk the Bike" commands or signs unless by one of Winnetka's police. Motor assisted clown's care about no one but themselves and how best to show off.	9/14/2024 4:36 PM
203	#41 - work with the regional mayors on best practices. The state of Illinois is very broad on this issue, and it's becoming increasingly dangerous.	9/14/2024 4:21 PM
204	Fix The Streets. The Main Roads too many pot holes.	9/14/2024 4:10 PM
205	Lake forest uses a sticker? "Walk your wheels"; looks very nice; enough of signs w/ 'no this or that'	9/14/2024 2:22 PM
206	Motor assisted vehicles can serve an important role in reducing traffic or the need for a household to need two cars, why would we want to restrict access to these to prioritize SUVs on the road	9/14/2024 11:47 AM
207	The Post Office is a wonderful opportunity for Winnetka to demonstrate leadership as a community that cares about sustainable living and preserving natural settings to be enjoyed by all. For that reason, any development of the Post Office site should make these the top priorities: (1) maintain and expand open space with native trees and plants, (2) provide spaces for community gatherings such as concerts, and (3) ensure that any structures are relatively modest and are built with the highest standards of sustainability and are all electric.	9/14/2024 10:12 AM
208	I have been run off the sidewalk by kids.on electric scooters and bikes and have had kids on electric scooters and bikes not stop at crosswalks and stop signs. SOMETHING MUST BE DONE.BEFORE KIDS ARE KILED OR PEOPLE ARE INJURED. AND THE RULESNMUST BE ENFORCED!!!!	9/14/2024 9:30 AM
209	Love the idea of more protected bike areas. However, I think the current infrastructure needs to be better managed. For example more enforcement is needed in bike free areas: ravine on Sheridan and Wilson between hill and Willow. More bicyclists have been ignoring the posted restrictions. These roads and the surrounding conditions make it unsafe for cars and bikes to use simultaneously. Drivers tend to go quickly on Wilson and it gets dangerously narrow with the wall from the Green Bay trail. I worry about Wilson in particular given the proximity to all of the schools and the likelihood of student drivers and riders. A culture of complacency around enforcement is going to lead to more riders where they shouldn't be.	9/14/2024 9:09 AM
210	Bike safety is a big concern. Especially for school children riding there bikes from east to west to get to Skokie school or Washburne from Sheridan. I have t lived here that long and have seen many junior high kids struggle crossing Green Bay and there are no bike lanes anywhere	9/13/2024 9:01 PM
211	Motorized bikes/scooters are a school drop off hazard. Many of these questions I am not qualified to answer and I believe need someone with an urban planning degree to vet choices, design, and cost.	9/13/2024 6:48 PM
212	Electric bikes are out of control on public pathways - the GB trial specifically. Speeds over 20-25 mph while kids are around is unacceptable. An accident is going to happen.	9/13/2024 5:02 PM

213	I'm afraid to walk in the village with all the bikes on the sidewalk, consider ticketing those who do not comply	9/13/2024 4:02 PM
214	The residential parking has gotten out of control and there is so much daily street congestion that visibility is challenging. I bike everywhere, and it is hard to see intersection traffic when cars are parked up and down both sides of the street. Winnetka was designed long before it was the norm for families to own multiple cars. This change has significantly upped street congestion of parked vehicles and is a real nuisance and safety hazard.	9/13/2024 12:06 PM
215	Winnetka is very walker friendly. Please keep this as a major priority.	9/13/2024 11:04 AM
216	As an electronic bike rider, we must make the streets safer for us riders	9/13/2024 8:37 AM
217	There is NO NEED for any sort of bandshell or music venue in that space. There is not 1 basketball court in Winnetka. It would be great to have space where teens could go and play.	9/13/2024 6:38 AM
218	E scooters are a complete disaster.	9/12/2024 9:36 PM
219	The biggest bike and pedestrian safety issue, in my opinion, is the numbers of laneways that exit onto sidewalks with little to no visibility of sidewalk pedestrians. My kids have almost been hit by a car twice in the last 3 months.	9/12/2024 8:42 PM
220	I see kids and adults zipping around and fear for their safety. Cars can't see them always and kids aren't wearing helmets. So regulation would be good.	9/12/2024 8:27 PM
221	Post Office move: Please maintain a drive-by mailbox in that area or somewhere nearby. There are NO mailboxes on the west side of Winnetka otherwise. Some of us still use the mail, believe it or not.	9/12/2024 8:23 PM
222	There has been nothing done about Winnetka One, and I would like to see improvements to this plan that my taxpayer money goes to.	9/12/2024 8:14 PM
223	Enforce rules against electric bikes on the green bay trail	9/12/2024 7:51 PM
224	To have much better street lighting on side roads	9/12/2024 4:27 PM
225	east/west bike path ? where?	9/12/2024 3:50 PM
226	When I am out walking, I have noticed a lot of older teenagers and adults riding bikes on the sidewalks. I do not mind children riding on sidewalks, but I believe that the village should ENFORCE the rule that adults must ride in the streets (unless in areas specially marked, such as Hill Rd.). I am tired of trying to avoid the bikes and if I get hit, it is going to do some damage to me.	9/12/2024 1:31 PM
227	Does the village commercial vacancy rate take into account the One Winnetka raccoon nest? Before taking on another decade long project of repurposing the post office, perhaps refocus efforts on the two existing debacle in east winnetka and the south winnetka beaches. We simply do not trust the current village management to come through on solutions for Dwyer Park/Post Office when the past few years have had dismal progress elsewhere in the village. Adding several nail salons and a coffee shop is not pat your self on the back material.	9/12/2024 12:05 PM
228	scooter use should be encouraged. We have owned and used one for 22 years. It is an easy more sustainable mode of transportation.	9/12/2024 11:51 AM
229	Post Office Location. PLEASE do not put a band shell there. We already have a place for out door bands in Hubbard woods. Also, the village and park district are not working together on lake front, and I think trying to work with park district on post office site will make that property sit ugly and empty for a long time. I have been VERY disappointed with how the village board has handled the Winnetka One project (left empty, ugly corner for over 10 years, developers frustrated and give up). Please DO NOT let the Post Office site be Winnetka One all over again! Change is constant and it happens.	9/12/2024 10:45 AM
230	I have noticed signs put up to eliminate use of wheeled traffic in business districts--bravo! People, especially the elderly, can be hurt as they are going in and out of stores if quick moving wheels are not stopped. We want a Village where people can sit and dine outside without worry that a bike will run them down. The post office site is ugly and not re-useable. As it is moving in January, the least the Village can do is demo the site and simply gravel it. Put in trees along the parkways that would remain in those spots so they can begin growing. The cost of demo will be incurred at any rate, so it is best to clear the site so the entire area can be viewed as decisions are thoughtfully made.	9/12/2024 10:16 AM

231	The lack of safety on downtown sidewalks is due to bike riders, not in spite of them.	9/12/2024 8:06 AM
232	It's just a little dangerous to have more and more motorized scooters and bikes on the sidewalks and streets. A bike lane next to the curb might be helpful.	9/12/2024 8:06 AM
233	E-bikes are too fast to be safe in a normal bike lane. They should comply with car laws and travel in car lanes as do motorcycles	9/12/2024 7:09 AM
234	The sidewalk on Willow Road from the village maintenance building to the forest preserve is extremely dangerous with a narrow sidewalk and no barrier between the sidewalk and a busy four-lane road.	9/12/2024 6:46 AM
235	First, many of Winnetka's sidewalks are not ADA compatible. It is especially dangerous walking at night because there are tripping hazards everywhere. Second, I have witnessed several near accidents due to motorized scooters, motorized bikes and cyclists not adhering to rules of the road. Are we waiting for someone to get killed? Third, we already have a vacant and dilapidated building on elm that the village can't seem to move forward on. We moved from a well run suburb to be close to the lake, and it is actually shameful how little this village is able to accomplish with all the resources it has.	9/11/2024 10:03 PM
236	Dedicated bike lanes or bike only streets are really the only way to guarantee a true bike friendly experience. Cars and commercial vehicles (e.g. Amazon delivery trucks) will always park in unprotected but designated bike lanes.	9/11/2024 9:34 PM
237	The redesign of Lincoln Ave in the east elm district made the road too narrow and the sidewalks too wide. That should be one way now like chestnut for safety and convenience	9/11/2024 7:52 PM
238	The old post office plan should be used as a public space with amphitheater, a fountain in the courtyard that can convert to an outdoor hockey rink in the winter. We need a space that can be used year round and attract residents to the city center. Ideally it would have some pop up businesses along the sides similar to Chicago's skating rink in millennium Park.	9/11/2024 7:40 PM
239	The post office should be converted to public space and connected to Dwyer Park.	9/11/2024 6:48 PM
240	Electric bikes on the Green Bay Trail are dangerous and an accident is sure to come. Small children are riding bikes, parents pushing strollers, people walking dogs, people jogging- all at slow paces. Then a bike going 30 miles per hour that one can not hear coming practically runs you off the trail. Same for electric scooters with young children driving them often in dangerous manner and not adhering to rules of the road. Another accident waiting to happen. Please consider an ordinance to protect all citizens.	9/11/2024 5:30 PM
241	Bike safety is a huge issue because so many bicyclists do not follow bike laws. They often ride in the middle of the street. They ride 2, 3 4 or more alongside one another as if the street is a bike path. Bike laws should be enforced and tickets issued for those disobeying bike laws.	9/11/2024 4:57 PM
242	Cyclists on Sheridan in particular are an ongoing problem. They disregard traffic laws and often take up the entire lane when traveling in groups. I don't want to attract more cyclists to the area	9/11/2024 4:02 PM
243	I am very excited to hear there is momentum for bike lanes. Increasing bike safety would be a win win. What is being done about the vacant block on Lincoln and Elm? That should be developed- we need condos and more retail/dining options.	9/11/2024 2:58 PM
244	You teed this question up purposefully omitting "electric bicycles" What are "motor assisted roller skates"? You either lump them all together or you don't. This question should have had better clarity and mentioned on or off sidewalks. There is no difference between an electric scooter or skateboard vs an electric bike. Evanston is considered a city and has a university campus. They need that regulation. We do not.	9/11/2024 2:26 PM
245	The Village needs to slow the rate of regulation in all regards.	9/11/2024 1:06 PM
246	I'm in favor of bike safety but have seen many parts of Chicago add bike lanes and it makes driving lanes very narrow. I love the wide open spaces of Winnetka and don't want to drive around narrow streets. Hopefully there is a better solution that I'm not thinking of.	9/11/2024 12:21 PM
247	In spite of what you're saying, Winnetka has fallen behind Wilmette and other communities with regard to shopping and restaurants. I feel they are not being honest about these specifics.	9/10/2024 3:48 PM
248	Let's finish Elder beach and the post office and Winnetka One. Not worried about creating bike	9/10/2024 2:36 PM

	lanes when we can't even finish one of the projects we already have. Life goes by quickly. Winnetka One has been vacant for a decade now, Elder Beach too? It's a shame as Wilmette is rocking it!	
249	Stop catering to bikers. They have enough space and parking. They are not the only ones using the roads and parking spaces.	9/10/2024 12:44 PM
250	Electric bikes and scooters should be regulated the same as motorcycles. There should be a dedicated bikeway linking Sheridan to the Green Bay Trail to the Tower/Forestway intersection (which is a key junction in the forest preserve trail system)	9/10/2024 9:53 AM
251	We've seen many children riding these vehicles in an unsafe manner.	9/9/2024 7:11 PM
252	Small children are on motorized scooters. Maybe an age limit?	9/9/2024 6:14 PM
253	it would be lovely to have a small inn with a pub on the post office site ala Deerpath inn	9/9/2024 4:29 PM
254	I think GBR and Hibbard (Tower and Willow) are all too busy to ride bikes on. Its best to navigate Winnetka on a bike by taking quiet side streets.	9/9/2024 3:42 PM
255	RE #32 the post office site, why not consider enlarging Dwyer Park which is always crowded? I would like to see the whole area as a green space in town. We don't need more stores. There are many young families now, thankfully, that could use it.	9/9/2024 2:07 PM
256	The businesses have already gone through YEARS of construction related to our sidewalks and roads. Lets enjoy what we have and not spend more money and hurt our local businesses by making more changes	9/9/2024 2:06 PM
257	Comments on specific questions 26) This question should have been in the Parks section. My yes assumes a high trigger level~ 20 Million. Infrastructure repair is costly but necessary. 38) Focus on bike path choke points -- like those on way to NT East and West. 39) Kids riding on sidewalk are a good solution --- until I need to back out of my driveway on Elm. I need to pay more attention to kids on bikes than oncoming cars on Elm -- which already prohibits parking on the south side, at least west of Green Bay.	9/9/2024 2:05 PM
258	Honestly, people shouldn't be riding bikes, it's too dangerous. Let the kid going to school ride on the sidewalk. That's it. Done.	9/9/2024 10:36 AM
259	I feel Winnetka needs a boutique hotel (like the Deerpath Inn) -not too many rooms (20 or so), but a fine dining restaurant, a coffee shop/cafe, a rooftop dining option , below ground parking, and maybe even a speakeasy or Pub in the basement that has a small stage. Additionally closing off Chestnut between Elm + Oak to pedestrians could be a great place to gather and have Holiday markets, a fountain and maybe the occasional food truck.	9/9/2024 9:54 AM
260	Motor assisted pedicycles should not be allowed on designated bike and walking paths	9/8/2024 9:54 PM
261	I do not believe the village has a low vacancy rate. You must not include the One Winnetka space that has been vacant for over a decade. The village is not doing its job.	9/8/2024 5:15 PM
262	I would like to see a high-quality boutique hotel with a restaurant at the post office site. Commensurate withThe Deerpath Inn.	9/8/2024 4:50 PM
263	re: #32: the Village should not be a developer	9/8/2024 4:17 PM
264	Biking (especially for students) should be encouraged but management measures (ex. crossing guards for Green Bay(should be prioritized over capital/facility changes.	9/8/2024 2:45 PM
265	The village should prioritize development of the current post office location. I don't want to see a decade-long debate on use like OneWinnetka, which is what I fear will happen the space sits as an empty eyesoar.	9/8/2024 2:31 PM
266	Building or designating a bike-first road assumes that bikers would end up using that road. Bikers use the route that is most convenient or is the route they want. Unless it's something like the Green Bay Trail why would they alter their course, esp for an East/West route?	9/8/2024 11:50 AM
267	I'd love to see the Village become a more bike-friendly and walkable place. Put a skatepark where post office is -- kids at New Trier go and use the tennis courts sometimes - there's demand for it.	9/8/2024 11:49 AM
268	You asked if the Village should be required to go to referendum but not the Winnetka Park District or the Library? The Village is the only governing body that actually keeps its spending	9/8/2024 10:41 AM

	in check and is responsible with their budgeting. The community has asked for the Caucus Council to ask about the WPD being required to go to referendum for years but the Caucus refuses to ask. Makes no sense. The referendum question should apply to all Boards.	
269	I am very worried about parking in Hubbard Woods. I think it will get worse when Hewn opens (which I am thrilled about). You need 15 min zones in front of Hewn which should be enforced.	9/8/2024 10:24 AM
270	Turn the post office into a public pool...like Wilmette	9/8/2024 9:25 AM
271	Winnetka Looks beautiful. Restaurants like Tocco have been creative to create with the Village help, outdoor dining space without building or changing anything. Loosen the rules so they can create a way to do their business best.	9/8/2024 9:17 AM
272	If it's not broken, don't fix it. I am unaware of issues with motorized vehicles in pedestrian areas. Bike lanes cause as many problems for motorists as they alleviate for bikers. How about regulating the parking and street blocking issues created by landscape services? Also, the student pickup congestion around Skokie School at dismissal every afternoon. Sometimes Spruce and Berkeley is so parked up that cross traffic cannot be seen.	9/8/2024 9:10 AM
273	The motorized bikes and boards on sidewalks are dangerous. The East/west passage across Green Bay for children going to school is DANGEROUS	9/8/2024 8:57 AM
274	I believe the intersection at Green Bay and Scott is very dangerous and thus I can't send my kids to school on their own	9/8/2024 6:28 AM
275	I am in favor of walking one's bike while in the village. Common courtesy applies. also, when confronting a pedestrian, biker should always go around, on the grass. Pedestrians should have the right of way. again, common courtesy.	9/7/2024 4:58 PM
276	Village needs a commissioned bike master plan bc different treatments will make sense in different places.	9/7/2024 3:12 PM
277	I use a mobility scooter and it often difficult in business district during warmer months to navigate where there are restaurant tables.	9/7/2024 1:52 PM
278	The priority for the Village should be new/better/different forms of housing in the downtown area for the various stages of life: young couples, empty nesters, semi-retired, etc. Having more people in your downtown - 24/7 - will provide the market for better retail uses (which most interprets as restaurants). We DO NOT want be in the event production business with a bandshell - we have wonderful open spaces, but we have ZERO new housing options now for 15+ years. Apartments, condos, townhouses should be a priority.	9/7/2024 12:54 PM
279	keep motorized bikes etc off the green bay trail and sidewalks.	9/7/2024 8:47 AM
280	The only area of focus where bicycles are concerned is Sheridan Road. This needs to be addressed.	9/7/2024 8:32 AM
281	The kids on motorized scooters are a bit lawless. Afraid someone will get hurt.	9/7/2024 5:46 AM
282	Please do not over develop and change what is already great. Please focus on maintaining and add a casual restaurant or two. Parks are fantastic. Village does not need an attraction like a music venue.	9/6/2024 9:54 PM
283	I regularly see kids and teens on sidewalk on e-scooters, and same on e-bikes on street and green bay trail.	9/6/2024 8:07 PM
284	Having a child that now has to cross Green Bay to commute to middle school, bike safety has become extremely concerning to me. In general I think most of Winnetka is bikeable in term of distance, but not in terms of safety.	9/6/2024 7:38 PM
285	I am concerned seeing the young kids on electric bikes heading to Washburne/Skokie on the street, without helmets at a fast speed.	9/6/2024 6:57 PM
286	We need a real bar not lame restaurant bars. A huge influx of young families moved from the city and all we have been told is that it isn't possible.	9/6/2024 5:47 PM
287	The Village keeps wanting to add additional level of controls or authority on the businesses, property owners, and people in our community. This needs to stop.	9/6/2024 5:13 PM
288	Post office site should be developed as a way to draw people downtown in all times of year. The development proposed by President Rintz appeared to have limited seasonal use, which	9/6/2024 4:43 PM

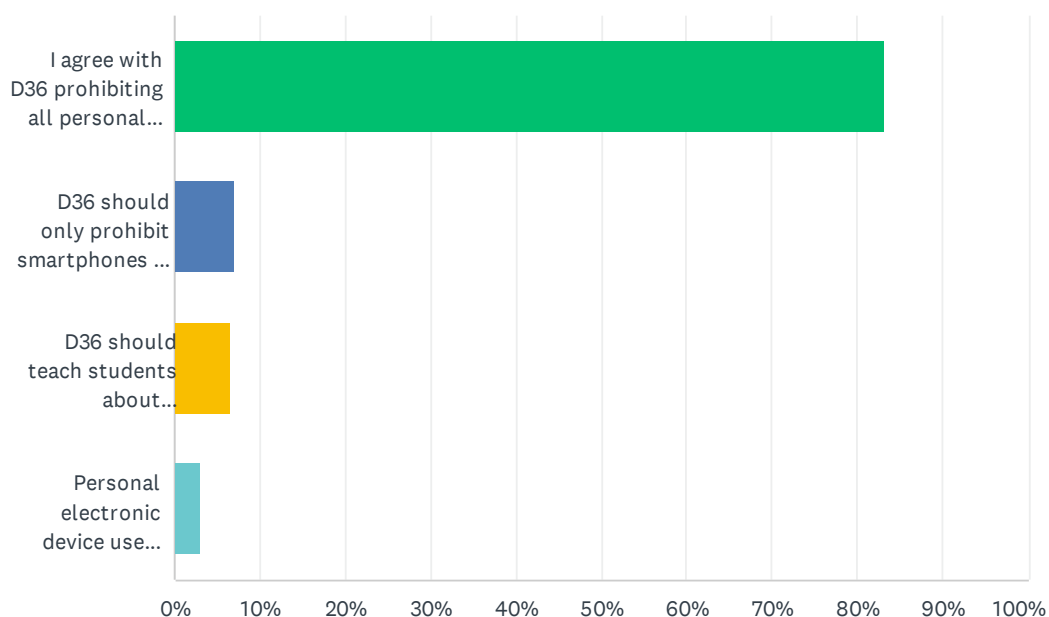
	would sit empty and unused the majority of the year.	
289	Tower Road and GBR already have too much bicycle traffic. Not sure what the solution is - this is unsafe.	9/6/2024 4:42 PM
290	I don't know what you mean by changing roads.	9/6/2024 4:35 PM
291	I think people go too fast on bikes and scooters (e-bikes or racing bikes) on the Green Bay trail and it can be dangerous for kids using the Green Bay Trail or families walking or riding together. I don't think drastic/expensive changes are needed to make biking safer.	9/6/2024 4:14 PM
292	I regularly witness motorized scooters traveling down my street at high speeds -- dangerous for kids and cars traveling.	9/6/2024 1:01 PM
293	there is no mention of natural open space with native landscapes, or access to nature. Rewilding some of our public parks should be identified. There is also no mention of native animal or insect habitat and native plantings can embrace that concept. Walkability and bikeability in the village should be a priority and rethinking village car circulation to allow that would be wonderful. Eliminating parking on one side of streets and identifying bikelanes would be great. Walkability is a key selling point of this village and it can be strengthened and enhanced.	9/6/2024 12:07 PM
294	None	9/6/2024 9:49 AM
295	Children on motorized vehicles is a serious accident waiting to happen. Only auto licensed drivers should be allowed to drive them and never on sidewalks.	9/6/2024 8:22 AM
296	Could the post office site have more parking on the commercial side and more green space on the residential side? Does it have to be all one or the other?	9/5/2024 10:29 PM
297	Get rid of people begging on streetcorners and Streetwise sellers in the Village. Keep our town safe.	9/5/2024 8:51 PM
298	Biking around Winnetka generally feels safe but more should be done to encourage this mode of transportation.	9/5/2024 7:57 PM
299	there needs to be a crossing guard @Tower/GreenBay Rd. it is so unsafe and the lights don't adequately address this. especially at the east corner near the gas station and dry cleaners.	9/5/2024 4:34 PM
300	I thought no electric scooters were allowed. Since they are, prefer helmets be required due to tragic accidents tied to electric bikes and scooters. Or maybe age restriction requiring helmets?	9/5/2024 4:32 PM
301	Riding bicycles should be forbidden on Village sidewalks.	9/5/2024 4:28 PM
302	treat motorized scooters and e-bikes and make riders are 16 years or older	9/5/2024 2:50 PM
303	With the increase in working from home, it is long overdue to allow for more internet service providers to provide more options and competition.	9/5/2024 2:11 PM
304	How about we encourage the Village to do something positive, rather than impede permits and enact ordinances that they are neither capable of enforcing nor educated enough to understand.	9/5/2024 12:22 PM
305	I cannot believe our business vacancy rates are the same or similar to neighbouring areas. It is an embarrassment that we have whole blocks of empty storefronts that have been vacant for decades. Enact fines for empty / undeveloped space over a certain time frame.	9/5/2024 11:53 AM
306	Cars, and in particular driver behavior is the main issue with regard to safety and the use of non-automotive modes of transportation. Better enforcement of speed limits and stop signs, along with enhanced bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure will improve safety and utilization, which is good for property value and business development.	9/5/2024 11:24 AM
307	I am answering this question with both commuter and school age bikers in mind - I DO NOT support adding lanes for packs of exercise bikers! I feel like encouraging biking is difficult to do with such narrow streets filled with construction and landscaping trucks. I've also noticed that despite the Walk Bikes signs all over town, school age children still ride through town sidewalks on their bikes (assuming because it's safer than the road?)	9/5/2024 11:13 AM
308	No bikes, skateboards or scooters- motorized or not on sidewalks. Teaching non- pedestrians to safely navigate in streets in this very small town makes them better drivers and more	9/5/2024 11:12 AM

	considerate citizens.	
309	Not sure how these kids are getting away with riding ebikes and motorized scooters to District 36 schools and going faster than cars.	9/5/2024 10:18 AM
310	I am strongly in favor in re-imagining the village to be less car friendly and more pedestrian and bike friendly. I also feel strongly that the various e-bikes, e-scooters, e-whatever need to be regulated strictly (particularly when being used by minors) for a variety of public safety reasons.	9/5/2024 10:18 AM
311	Sidewalk bike traffic in the business areas needs to be more strictly enforced; I know there are efforts, but more needs to be done and more bike racks added.	9/5/2024 10:16 AM
312	Do not award unnecessary projects to The Lakota Group, which feeds off taxpayer money to generate unnecessary projects.	9/5/2024 10:07 AM
313	I think making some of the east west roads one way would significantly help with traffic flow (and therefore bike safety). Having spruce one way, then pine one way the other way, etc would help with flow in and out of downtown, without taking away parking, and still making it safer for bikers.	9/5/2024 10:04 AM
314	pedal-assist bikes are very different than motorized scooters. Some older people like me need them	9/5/2024 10:00 AM
315	Add better access to the Green Bay trail for bikes.	9/5/2024 9:59 AM
316	Motorized bikes on sidewalks should be regulated. Some are almost as large as motorcycles, and adolescent riders ride at unsafe speeds (for pedestrians) on sidewalks	9/5/2024 9:48 AM
317	Enforce traffic laws for bikers	9/5/2024 9:32 AM
318	we really need to encourage/enforce the use of bike lanes/side of roads for bikes. there are too many people walking and jogging on the street, into traffic, including with wagons full of children, rather than using sidewalks. this is dangerous and unnecessary. the existing bike lanes have huge pictures of bikes with an arrow pointing in the right direction, yet people walk there (against the arrow) instead of using the sidewalk right next to the bike lane. unless this is enforced, no amount of bike designated lanes will matter.	9/5/2024 9:21 AM
319	Electric bike/scooter use by children should be prohibited. Someone is going to get killed.	9/5/2024 9:14 AM
320	All users of motor assisted transportation should be required to wear a helmet	9/5/2024 9:03 AM
321	I frequently encounter high school students using motorized bikes and scooters on sidewalks and on the Green Bay Trail. I believe this is dangerous as many of the e-mobility devices go significantly faster than a traditional bicycle.	9/5/2024 8:08 AM
322	Sheridan Rd carries too much bike traffic and is dangerous for both bikers and pedestrians, especially when bikers are in large groups. Some children and adults choose to ride on Sheridan Rd sidewalks, which should be banned. A safer local alternative to Sheridan should be designated for local bikers, as many of the Sheridan bikers are riding long distance from other communities.	9/5/2024 8:03 AM
323	The drivers need monitoring- the bike access is sufficient. It would be nice for an E/W bike safety "lane" before and after school for a limited amount of time. Otherwise, we have enough regulation!	9/5/2024 7:01 AM
324	In addition to more bike routes, there is a real problem of cars ignoring stop signs and endangering pedestrians and bikers. It has become significantly more dangerous riding a bike around town and children going to school are particularly at risk.	9/5/2024 7:00 AM
325	The village should distinguish between children and adults commuting by bicycle and cyclists engaged in exercise. The large groups of cyclists on Sheridan and Green Bay routinely violate traffic regulations. The Police should enforce these laws against cyclists until they start to comply.	9/5/2024 7:00 AM
326	e bicycles and other motorized forms of transport need regulation to enhance safety of others on bicycles and while walking	9/5/2024 6:23 AM
327	If we are going to talk about bikes, can we address the ridiculous amount of bikers on Green Bay Road by redirecting them to the Green Bay Trail, etc? I am tired of commuting to work and	9/4/2024 9:16 PM

having a bunch of bikers in front of me or behind while driving. It is completely unsafe.

Q42 The School District 36 (D36) parent-student handbook prohibits personal electronic device use during school hours, unless integrated into the curriculum. EXCERPT: Personal Device(s) - Using or possessing a personal electronic device during the school day is not allowed and must be kept powered-off and out-of- sight during the regular school day unless: (a) the supervising teacher grants permission; (b) use of the device is provided in a student’s individualized education program (IEP), or (c) it is needed in an emergency that threatens the safety of students, staff, or other individuals. However, many D36 teachers and parents have been concerned that personal electronic device use is still a problem. To further curtail personal electronic device use during the school day, the District 36 School Board approved a new system called Yondr to manage personal technology in our middle schools, effective at the start of the 2024/2025 school year. The D36 school board defined personal technology as any device brought from home such as a smartphone, smartwatch and/or airpods/earbuds. By using Yondr, the D36 middle schools will be a personal-technology-free space. With the new Yondr system for the middle schools and a greater emphasis by D36 administrators and teachers to curtail personal electronic device use during the school day, please let us know your views on the recent actions taken by D36.

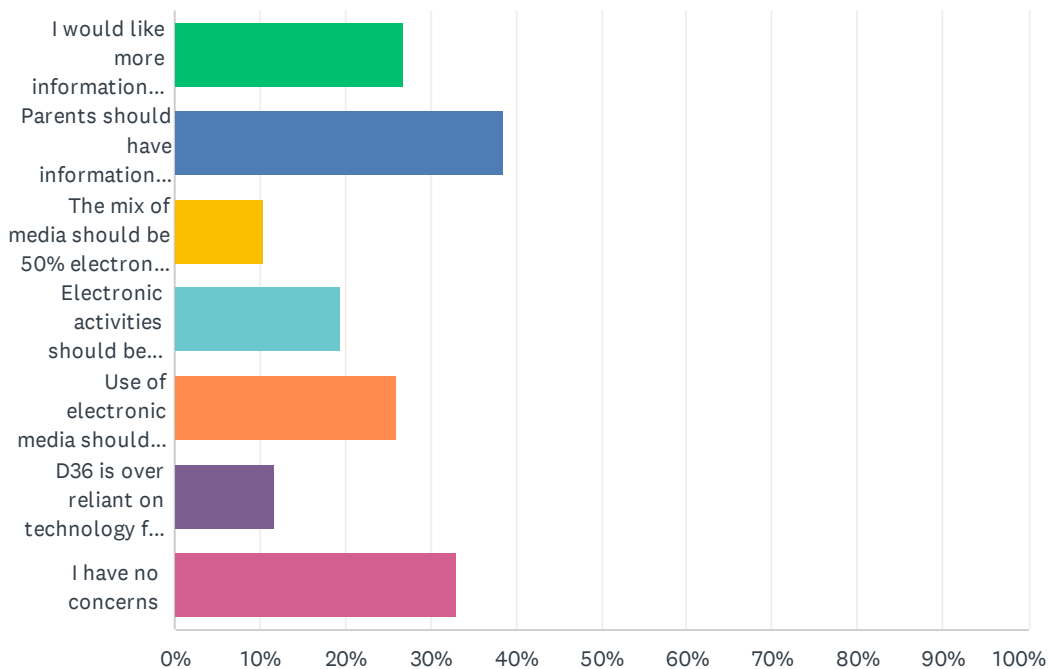
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I agree with D36 prohibiting all personal electronic devices during school hours and I believe these steps will improve teaching and learning	83.21%	927
D36 should only prohibit smartphones but still allow wearables or “non-smart phones” during school hours	7.09%	79
D36 should teach students about responsible personal electronic device use, but not prohibit personal electronic device use during school hours	6.64%	74
Personal electronic device use should be addressed by individual families, not the school district	3.05%	34
TOTAL	1,114	

Q43 District 36 (D36) uses a mix of digital and paper media for classroom instruction. This includes lectures, videos, hard copy books, digital books, written assignments, typed assignments, paper submissions and electronic submissions. How do you feel about the mix of media used in the classroom? Check all that apply.

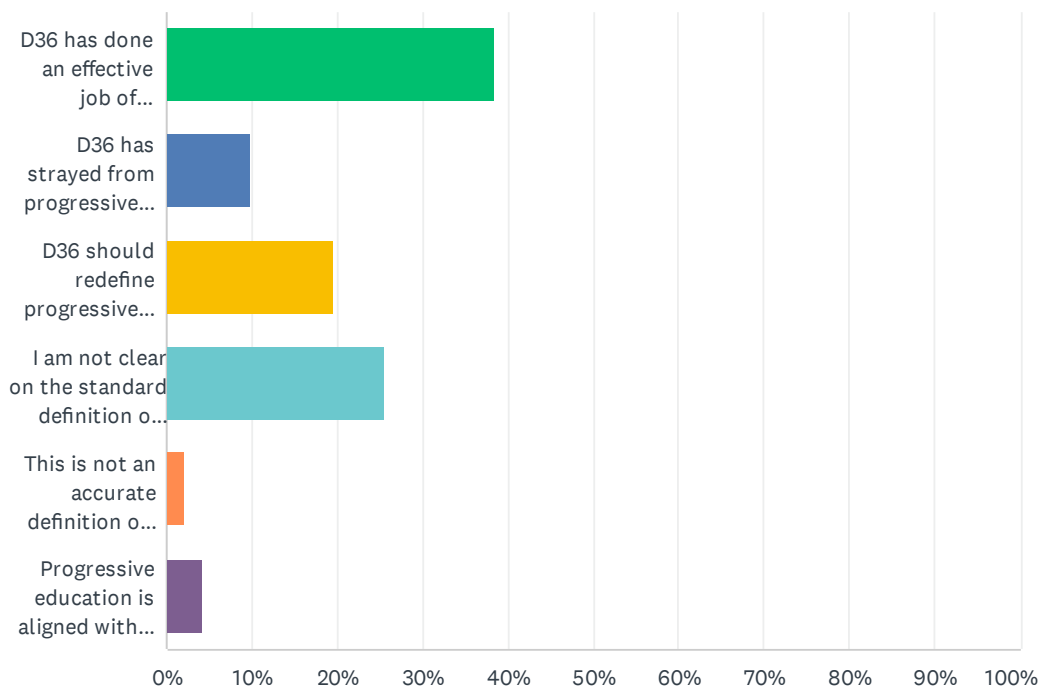
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
I would like more information about how technology is being used in the classroom and why	26.93% 289
Parents should have information about how much time is spent on screens vs. traditional media	38.68% 415
The mix of media should be 50% electronic and 50% other media (including written text, written assignments, and projects)	10.34% 111
Electronic activities should be de-prioritized over hard copy activities	19.48% 209
Use of electronic media should be consistent across teachers in the same grade	26.10% 280
D36 is over reliant on technology for homework	11.74% 126
I have no concerns	32.99% 354
Total Respondents: 1,073	

Q44 In 2023 the Winnetka Caucus survey asked respondents how well they understood the concept of “progressive education” - Carelton Washburne’s teaching philosophy used in District 36 (D36) schools. Over 80% of the respondents indicated they were familiar or somewhat familiar. The Caucus Council has suggested that the School Board update their definition of progressive education and help clarify that “progressive”, used in this context, is not a political term. This past school year D36 shared its mission and described progressive education as one that “honors the whole child, fosters creativity, inspires lifelong learning, and develops civic responsibility.” D36 further shared its vision and goals for each student. How do you feel D36’s mission aligns with the need to measure a students’ progress?

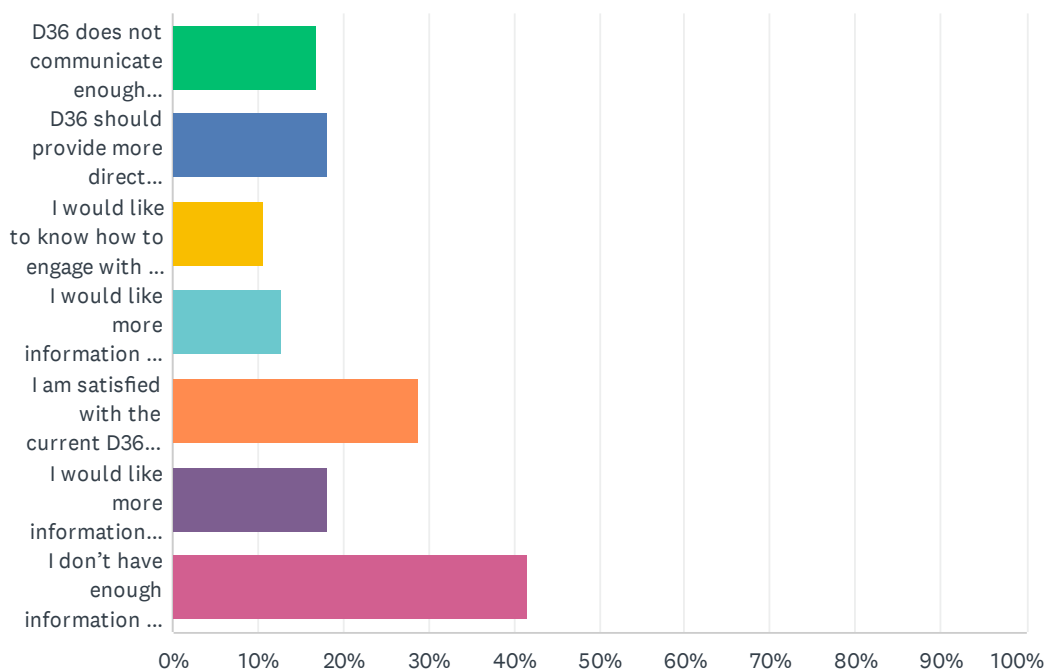
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
D36 has done an effective job of balancing the goals of progressive education, with increasing the need to measure progress	38.44%	384
D36 has strayed from progressive education and the current implementation is not consistent with what I understand to be the founding principles of progressive education	9.91%	99
D36 should redefine progressive education, with a lens on modern day facets of life such as technology, connectivity, and academic measurement	19.62%	196
I am not clear on the standard definition of progressive education and am unsure of D36's evolution	25.63%	256
This is not an accurate definition of progressive education	2.10%	21
Progressive education is aligned with a progressive political agenda	4.30%	43
TOTAL	999	

Q45 District 36 (D36) provides programming around sensitive subjects. In D36, examples of sensitive subject programming are “societal affairs and current events”, “sexual health education”, and “social/emotional learning.” Last year, more than 1/3 of survey respondents indicated they would like more information about sex education and DEI topics that are covered in D36 schools. How effective is D36 communicating to caretakers about specialized “sensitive subject” programming and how well is D36 providing programming options for D36 students? Check all that apply.

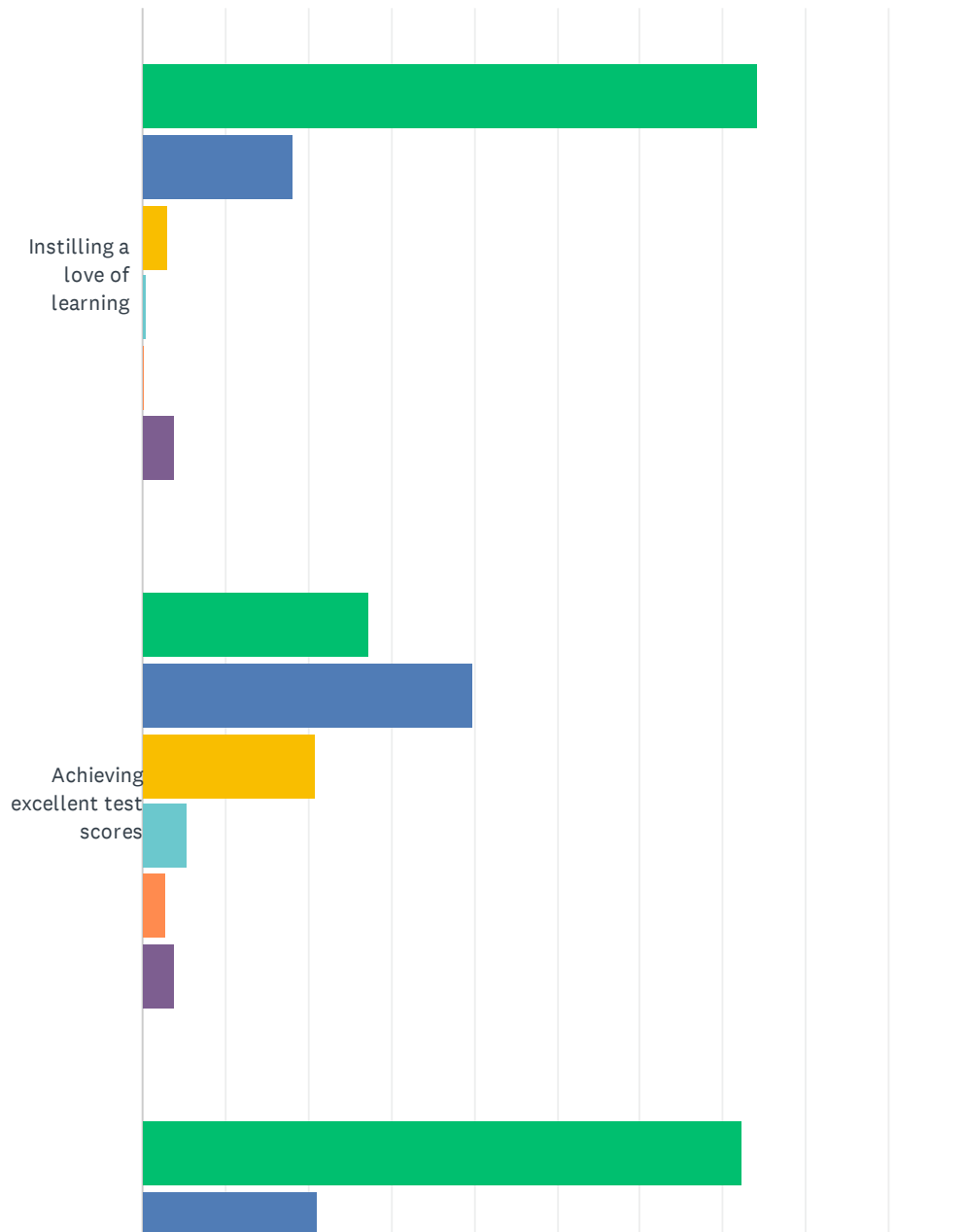
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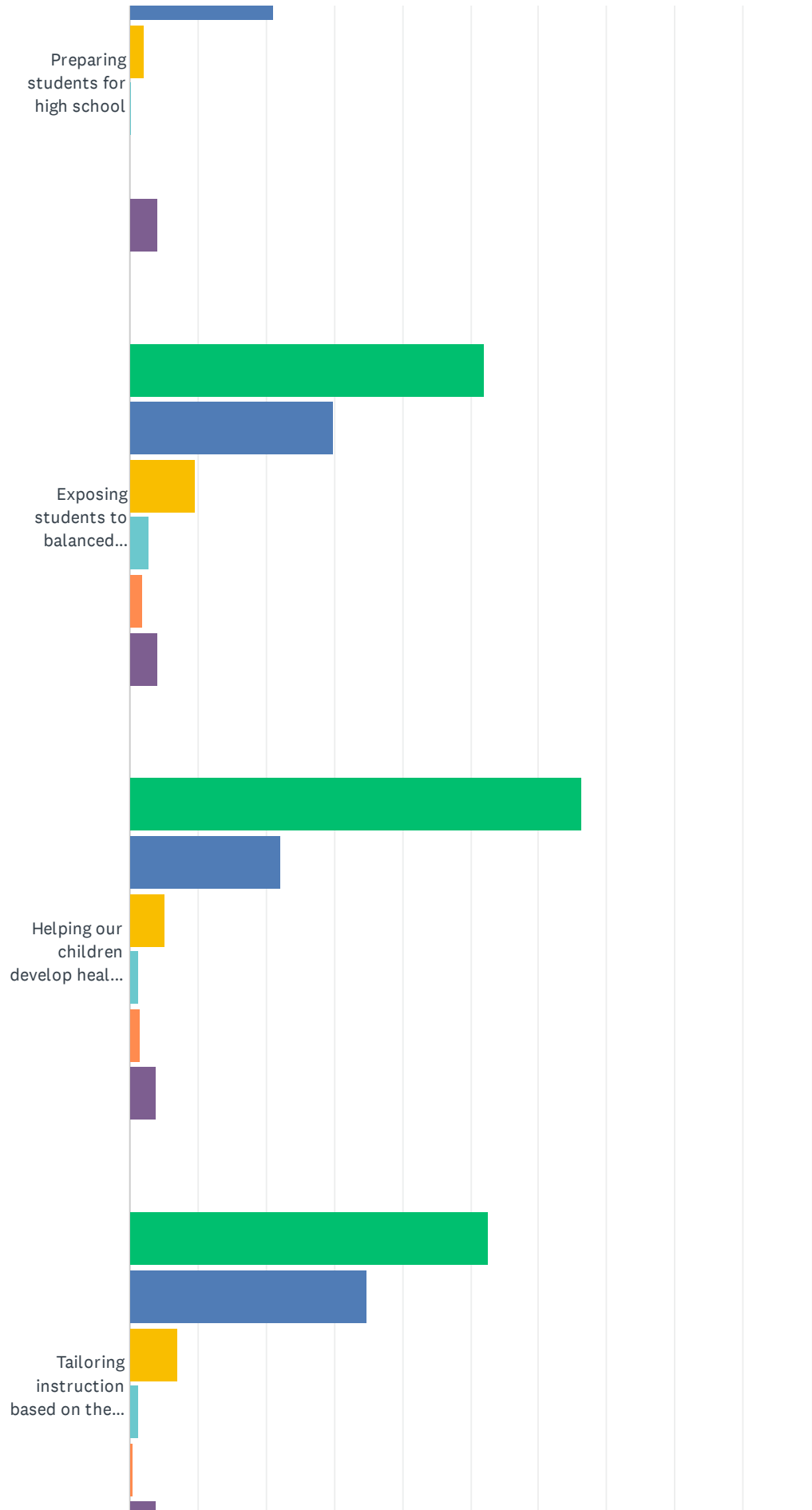


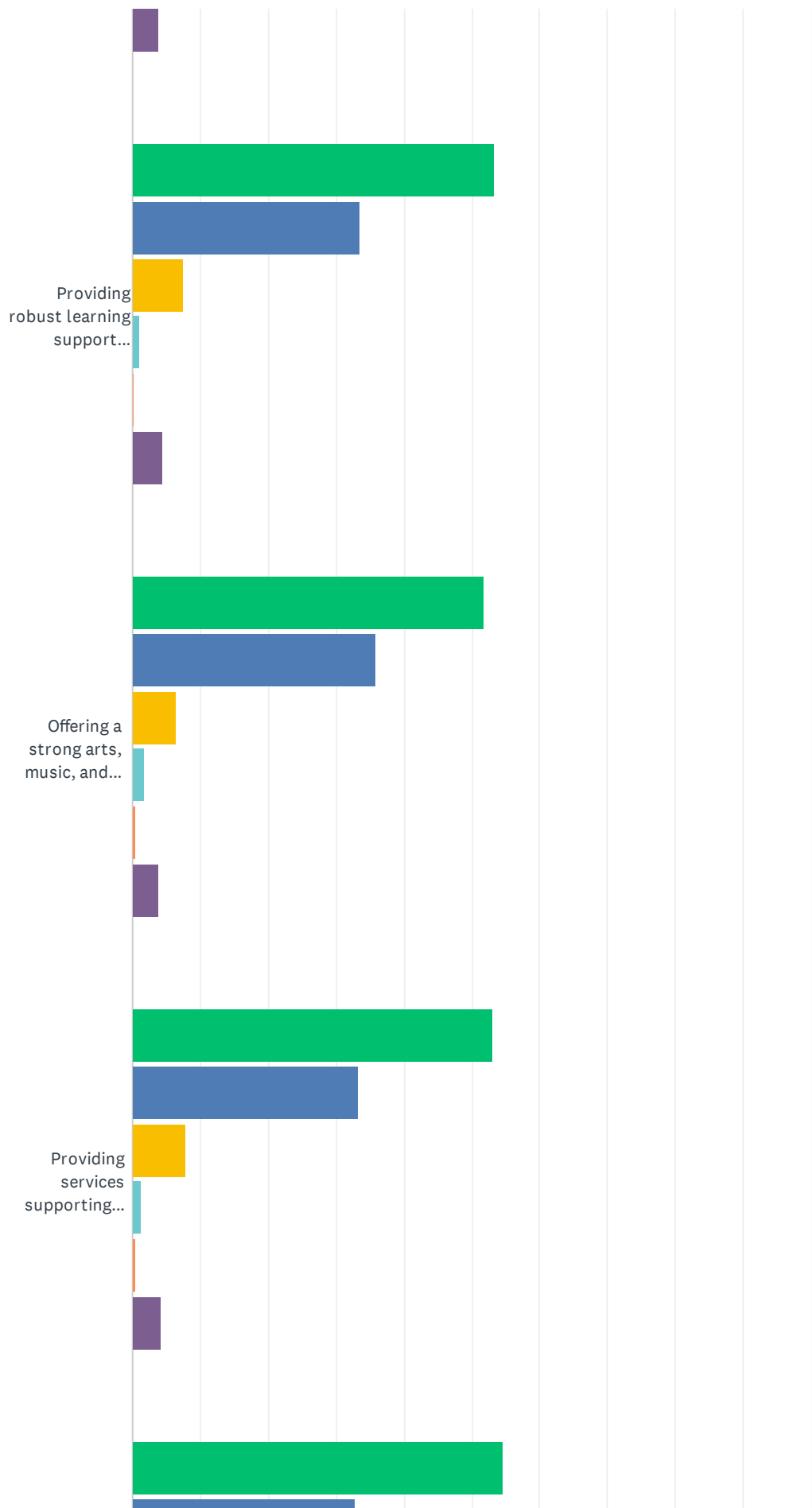
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
D36 does not communicate enough information about the content that will be presented through sensitive subject programming	16.76%	173
D36 should provide more direct communication to caretakers regarding sensitive subject programming	18.12%	187
I would like to know how to engage with the school if I have concerns with sensitive subject programming content	10.76%	111
I would like more information on the Illinois learning standards, pertaining to sensitive subject programming, that is required of public schools in the state of Illinois	12.89%	133
I am satisfied with the current D36 communication and I am satisfied with D36's sensitive subject programming options for students	28.88%	298
I would like more information from D36 on the content that will be presented to D36 students through sensitive subject programming	18.12%	187
I don't have enough information and I am unable to answer this question	41.67%	430
Total Respondents: 1,032		

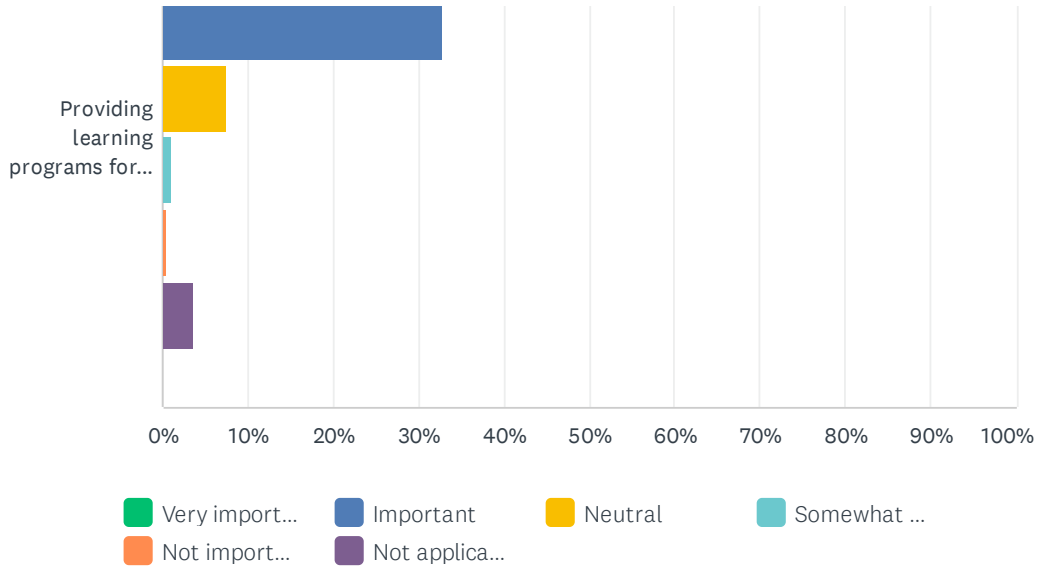
Q46 In 2023, the Winnetka Caucus Council solicited feedback to inform planks (2023 plank details provided below) for D36's 2021-2025 strategic plan. Survey respondents' answers, coupled with regular feedback from parents and students, help D36 capture new trends and understand the needs of D36 students and families. The Winnetka Caucus Council is asking again for your help to capture the effectiveness of the current D36 strategic plan and to help D36 prioritize resources and focus their efforts as they build future strategic plans. Please indicate how important each quality is to you.

Answered: 1,091 Skipped: 532









	VERY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	NEUTRAL	SOMEWHAT UNIMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	NOT APPLICABLE	TOTAL
Instilling a love of learning	74.26% 799	18.22% 196	3.07% 33	0.46% 5	0.19% 2	3.81% 41	1,076
Achieving excellent test scores	27.30% 294	39.93% 430	20.80% 224	5.39% 58	2.79% 30	3.81% 41	1,077
Preparing students for high school	72.34% 782	21.18% 229	2.13% 23	0.28% 3	0.00% 0	4.07% 44	1,081
Exposing students to balanced variety of perspectives	51.95% 559	29.83% 321	9.57% 103	2.70% 29	1.86% 20	4.09% 44	1,076
Helping our children develop healthy social and emotional skills	66.33% 717	22.11% 239	5.09% 55	1.30% 14	1.39% 15	3.79% 41	1,081
Tailoring instruction based on the academic performance or needs of the individual student	52.63% 570	34.81% 377	7.11% 77	1.20% 13	0.37% 4	3.88% 42	1,083
Providing robust learning support services	53.36% 571	33.46% 358	7.38% 79	1.12% 12	0.19% 2	4.49% 48	1,070
Offering a strong arts, music, and language curriculum	51.81% 559	35.77% 386	6.39% 69	1.76% 19	0.46% 5	3.80% 41	1,079
Providing services supporting individual learning needs	53.20% 574	33.18% 358	7.78% 84	1.20% 13	0.46% 5	4.17% 45	1,079
Providing learning programs for students who demonstrate advanced aptitude or skill	54.57% 585	32.93% 353	7.37% 79	1.03% 11	0.47% 5	3.64% 39	1,072

Q47 Please share your comments, clarifications, or concerns about any of the issues raised in this section.

Answered: 164 Skipped: 1,459

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	We believe strongly in progressive education. We also believe that a healthy society is an informed one (this includes comprehensive sex education, a diversity of perspectives, and the inclusion and belonging of all students).	9/19/2024 10:42 PM
2	No matter the answer.....YOU ARE SPENDING TOO MUCH MONEY	9/19/2024 8:47 PM
3	These questions are terrible for those of us that don't have children part of the D36 school system today. We trust the board and the teachers.	9/19/2024 8:41 PM
4	Progressive education does a great job of promoting life long learning and individualized education. I wish we had a high school that followed the principals of progressive education.	9/19/2024 7:00 PM
5	More attention to children whom have special needs and are differently abled needs to be provided in house versus aligning with True North - abolish that relationship as it is not in the best interest of children with profound needs.	9/19/2024 5:01 PM
6	The school budgets are too big; you don't need all these buildings. Also, if parents of students are too paranoid or reactionary to teach their children to be good people, then I'm all for schools showing them that there is a bigger world out there than their rich biased parents' opinions.	9/19/2024 4:24 PM
7	D36 is bogged down by hubris. Washburne was progressive and forward thinking. D36 needs to also be forward thinking. We are in a different world now than Washburne was and our schools fail miserably with outsized resources. no excuses.	9/19/2024 3:49 PM
8	I tried to limit my kids' use of electronics and was disappointed when D36 started them on iPads in first grade. Its use was limited, but I felt that I didn't get help from the school in limiting electronics.	9/19/2024 3:46 PM
9	I do not think the district supports advanced learners. Schools should offer leveled classes. Additionally, for kids that qualify for NT math in 7th grade, the district does not provide transportation to NT. Wilmette and Glencoe do. This creates a burden for families to get their kids to NT every morning. Additionally, the kids are forced to go to NT to take a class at 7:45 AM to then get to washburne for a study period. They have to have an extra period, an extra long school day and wake up earlier since they are in NT math. It doesn't seem like they are being supported.	9/19/2024 3:32 PM
10	We are not yet in D36 schools (will be next year) but I am hopeful that school are using the science of reading and investing in providing teachers with research backed tools to teach kids literacy. I am also hopeful that social- emotional learning is a priority and that outdated tools (behavior mgmt charts) are no longer used.	9/19/2024 3:19 PM
11	I think there is a lot of confusion about what progressive ed is and, more importantly, why it is better for our children than a traditional education. The world has changed a lot in the past 100 years and parents want to feel confident that progressive ed still works / still is best with larger class sizes, etc. It is hard to understand how a child is doing and how teachers are evaluated. I also would like to see D36 provide services for students who are performing above average - to make sure these children remain challenged and engaged.	9/19/2024 2:42 PM
12	I find Questions 44 and 45 to be extremely flawed in that they make it seem like these are major issues raised by residents when, in reviewing past survey responses, they in fact are NOT issues that are raised by even a substantial number of residents. I believe that including these as 2 of the 5 schools-related questions misleads residents into thinking a large number of residents are raising these as significant issues, when they are not. Also, I find the possible responses to these questions to be inadequate and, again, misleading, and will be interested to see how you interpret the responses you receive.	9/19/2024 2:12 PM

13	"D36 needs and should redefine the meaning of progressive education to reflect today's students needs and to match the level of education implemented by the neighboring towns. It is appalling that our schools, who are mainly funded from our property tax, are still relying on an outdated 150 years old philosophy"	9/19/2024 1:43 PM
14	The District's definition of progressive education has no focus on academic or professional success nor does it teach that students are competing for access ti universities, jobs, income, services etal. The agenda is way too focused on liberal identity politics versus academic and career success measurements and milestones. .	9/19/2024 1:02 PM
15	"Learning by doing" continues to be an essential element of a robust education that involves active thinking, listening, doing, and collaborating, which not only better reinforces knowledge and skills, it allows students to develop "healthy social and emotional skills" as it requires collaborating (i.e. negotiating) with others that typically requires respectful compromises that lead to tangible outcomes (even when working on a team presentation). There is also evidence that the visual, audio, performing, and language arts and culture can be transformative, so these are key components of a holistic education.	9/19/2024 12:47 PM
16	Children that demonstrate advanced aptitude need more rigor to be set up for New Trier. Winnetka kids are at a disadvantage vs other feeds in rigor and preparation for New Trier.	9/19/2024 12:10 PM
17	With regard to #44, I would prefer if it read, "D36 has done an effective job balancing the need to measure progress with the goals of progressive education." I think the rewording reflects the understanding that there will not be more assessments, the job done so far is a good one.	9/19/2024 12:09 PM
18	End wokeness in education	9/19/2024 10:25 AM
19	D36 needs (and should) redefine the meaning of progressive education to reflect today's students needs, and to match the level of education implemented by the neighboring towns. It is appalling that our schools who are mainly funded from our property tax, are still relying on an outdated 100 years old philosophy.	9/19/2024 9:02 AM
20	There is a ton of bullying at Skokie and Washburne. There are a ton of mean kids. Ruthless. Boys throwing balls at girls and boys. Boys talking about rape and going up girls' dresses. Girls telling others they are ugly, fat, poor etc. Kids need to stay with their friends and not be moved around all the time. I have a friend whose daughter now sees a therapist and another whose son fights going to school. It is the social aspect that is harming them. Some of these kids are just awful.	9/19/2024 7:30 AM
21	I heard that D 36 was adopting basal readers this year - that is NOT progressive education nor is it effective reading instruction	9/19/2024 7:22 AM
22	Political agendas have no place in public school.	9/19/2024 6:39 AM
23	D36 does not do a good job challenging students beyond grade level work. Teaching has become overly reliant on technology. Students do not know how to write well or easily. Banning personal devices has been proven to increase student engagement in school. Ipads need to be restricted in what they can access beyond curriculum. Numerous studies exist now that show us the negative impacts being "online" have on childrens' social, emotional and mental health and well-being. The schools have an obligation to restrict these activities as much as possible.	9/19/2024 1:20 AM
24	My perspective is coming to you from a Jewish parent and licensed clinical social worker. I would like to be fully informed on the curriculum for "sensitive subjects," before the subjects are taught to my kids. Although I generally trust D36's handling of these topics, schools around the country have abused this responsibility with imposing far left wing ideology that has propagated horrific antisemitic rhetoric, normalized anti-white racism, and spread misinformation about gender that is more about pop culture than grounded in actual science and facts. Even though Winnetka is not Berkeley or Evanston, I think that parents need to know what is being taught beforehand. It will engender trust and enables us to intervene with our kids if things are being taught that don't align with our values.	9/19/2024 12:32 AM
25	District 36 is a treasure. Stay focused on the whole child and foster an inclusive environment centered around engaged learning. Leave teaching to the professionals.	9/19/2024 12:01 AM
26	Love D36	9/18/2024 11:49 PM
27	Be fiscally responsible. Last referendum ridiculous.	9/18/2024 10:48 PM
28	Too many people move to Winnetka for "the schools" without understanding progressive	9/18/2024 10:45 PM

	education. Educate the realtors so people who don't support progressive ed. won't move here.	
29	There is an extreme need for more emphasis and action to foster belonging and encourage openness to different perspectives across the D36 schools, students and community. In our 6 years in the district our family has observed numerous acts (from both students and parents) of open hate speech, bullying and aggressions toward people, beliefs or views that are not white, Christian and/or heterosexual. This does not set any student in our community up for success in high school or beyond, and it also does not create a safe space for learning and ultimately achieving the best test scores.	9/18/2024 10:28 PM
30	Schools feel untrustworthy and teachers are presenting inappropriate education when it comes to sex Ed, dei, and lgbtq... topics. Parents need to be informed and schools need to reconsider allowing these practices and focus more on teaching academics not politics.	9/18/2024 10:10 PM
31	In the 13+ years we have lived in Winnetka it's become very apparent that many families are hiring supplemental learning tutors. Perhaps the district should implement additional rigor and resources for learning.	9/18/2024 9:20 PM
32	Skokie seems to be the place where everything starts to be a potential problem. My kids all struggled to get what they needed there. Its the weak link in the school system. The superintendent Kelly Tess is more a politician than a servant of children. She communicates about irrelevant issues and often seems to have a personal agenda. She should be replaced by an outsider with fresh ideas. Separate from that, i sense too much pronoun sensitivity through the school system. Sex and gender ambiguity issues get too much attention for how few they impact.	9/18/2024 7:30 PM
33	I believe in progressive education but I think starting to give students 'grades' starting in 5th grade would help with the transition to high school. Many kids don't have a grasp on what the % means. It doesn't have to be a big focus but an ease into understanding what high school is like.	9/18/2024 5:51 PM
34	I strongly believe that a majority of the value of living in Winnetka is directly correlated to the strength of our school system.	9/18/2024 5:33 PM
35	Kids need help developing emotional maturity, exec function, resilience, balance, confidence, empathy and kindness	9/18/2024 4:25 PM
36	Use of personal electronic devices during school hours should be restricted for all educational levels, NOT just middle school. However, exceptions should be made for devices when used for medical purposes such as substitutes for hearing aids and monitoring heart and other health issues.	9/18/2024 4:12 PM
37	This section was very poorly managed. Questions clearly had an agenda. Answers were extremely detailed and unrepresentative of individual views. I trust the D36 board will effectively disregard the results of this section due to poor methodology.	9/18/2024 3:39 PM
38	I believe there should be more tracks for academically gifted individuals.	9/18/2024 3:18 PM
39	Kids need to be encouraged to be curious and to explore their strengths and weaknesses. I do not favor teaching kids how to get high grades and test scores. This is a short sighted way to teach kids.	9/18/2024 3:02 PM
40	Too much focus here on items that should be addressed at home, like current hot button political items. School should focus on learning reading, writing, and math.	9/18/2024 2:08 PM
41	I pay winnetka property taxes and am located in the village of winnetka however I do not have access to D36. I do believe that the districting should be D36 for all properties that are incorporated in Winnetka - I pay a ton of property taxes with no access to D36.	9/18/2024 2:00 PM
42	Meeting and exceeding Illinois state standards should be part of D36's mission. Too many students are falling short.	9/18/2024 1:48 PM
43	I do not have children in D36 anymore.	9/18/2024 1:45 PM
44	D36 is doing a great job especially with the tax dollars available to the schools. No need to increase spending and taxes. D36 is light years ahead of other public schools in the state and the kids are mostly high achievers in elementary school and beyond.	9/18/2024 12:09 PM
45	Social and emotional skills are taught at home. Teachers should NOT impose their opinions on anything remotely political including sexual preferences	9/18/2024 11:58 AM

46	The options and text of questions 44 & 45 are misleading, if not totally biased to be anti-D36. In addition, when taking this survey, not one question was asked about the demographics of my home - none of the data coming from this survey should be used to make a platform recommendation to the School Board, when it is unknown how many respondents actually have children in District 36. Who wrote this thing?	9/18/2024 11:43 AM
47	I have been happy with my child's education generally. I think there should be some additional focus on the core subjects at younger ages and put a bigger emphasis on geography and our place in the world.	9/18/2024 11:38 AM
48	The school board has taken it upon themselves, from my understanding, without guidance, acceptance, or representative from the Hubbard Woods community to install a new principal at Hubbard Woods who has an extreme focus on test scores. Teaching to test does not align with the 'Washburne way' of education. The community and teachers as I've come to hear are not pleased with this decision and are anticipating a less than pleasant response from the children as it relates to enjoying school. I believe this decision and change in educational direction needs to be thoroughly reviewed, with ample input from the families affected by the change.	9/18/2024 11:27 AM
49	Hard to disagree with any of these	9/18/2024 11:10 AM
50	This section stinks of a committee with political views strongly guiding the questions. Keep your mythical god and his 2000 year old book out of D36 education.	9/18/2024 10:34 AM
51	A sidewalk on Locust Rd. between Hill Rd. and Illinois Rd. for pedestrian and bikers to use should be a top priority. There are so many walkers and bikers who have to share the road with vehicles, very dangerous. Bike lanes in business districts can have a very adverse affect on parking and access to businesses, I have seen this first hand in Chicago. Winnetka does not have the "commuter" bike traffic like the city, To limit parking and lane usage because of bikes is a poor idea.	9/18/2024 10:17 AM
52	Focus on practical skills that will be universally desirable to succeed in life. Correct use of English language, STEM, make History relevant to what is going on today in the world so that knowledge becomes relevant.	9/18/2024 9:47 AM
53	D36 needs to quit being scared of confronting problematic kids and parents. It seems the administration is too fearful of parents? I'm sure it's probably 1% of the student population that is abusing phones so instead of talking to those kids and their parents you create a rule for all? Or instead of telling parents not to text their kids at school, your implement a rule for all? It's absolutely absurd, the yondr pouches are a complete overreach and should not be continued. This is like The Dwyer Park shooting, a few kids did it, all get punished by having to go to some assembly. Stop punishing all for actions of a few.	9/18/2024 9:22 AM
54	D36 is doing a phenomenal job with our children and frankly, don't get enough kudos for all the hard work and dedication they put in for the sake of our kids. I especially applaud the efforts to remove personal technology from inside school!!!	9/18/2024 9:12 AM
55	Don't understand the progressive ed question—says its is about the mission but most of the answers are about implementation. Defining progressive ed is a continual challenge and responsibility. It helps build understanding and support and forces the district to be mindful of how it is doing in meeting that mission. People get confused by the word "progressive" or think that changing teaching tools (computers, calculators, film strips) require a new educational philosophy. Parental anxiety about testing is perennial, but progressive ed is not against measuring progress, it's just looking for measurements beyond that of simple testing (portfolios, group work projects, self-assessments.) The mission statements are fine, if brief. I would like to see deeper statements about the meaning of progressive ed, as we saw in years past. In terms of implementation, I hope D36 still holds true to the mission of progressive ed. Regarding "sensitive subjects" please do not let outspoken parents railroad the professional educators	9/18/2024 8:44 AM
56	I have been very pleased with the K-4 education. With my second child at Skokie, I believe that the 5/6 grade education remains weak. There is not a robust enough education for students who are ready for more challenging work. Neighboring districts have more students in higher level classes at NT, because our middle schools don't challenge them when there are no stakes, and they don't learn to manage challenges at school.	9/18/2024 8:30 AM
57	Promote excellence in general	9/18/2024 8:19 AM
58	I'm not a parent but I care about the future. Is there a way for other members of the community	9/18/2024 7:48 AM

	to engage in D36 education?	
59	The more opportunities offered, the greater the interest and involvement of learning by students	9/18/2024 6:48 AM
60	This survey is too long.	9/18/2024 6:39 AM
61	Imo nothing is more important as a community concern than our children's education.	9/18/2024 12:24 AM
62	if "exposing students to a balanced variety of perspectives " means allowing religious beliefs or the teaching of politically motivated curricula like "slavery had some good points" or the denial of basic American history, then I disagree. If it means exposing our kids to other races and demographics and to perspectives from less wealthy neighborhoods, then I agree. I was disheartened to hear that some parents objected to the wonderful "diversity days" my children experienced.	9/17/2024 10:19 PM
63	WOULD NEVER ATTEND WINNETKA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	9/17/2024 6:08 PM
64	It is essential that all students stay challenged and that academic success is measurable.	9/17/2024 5:01 PM
65	I do not believe grade school-age students should be exposed to any DEI-related curriculum.	9/17/2024 4:30 PM
66	The current math curriculum is not meeting the needs of many students, particularly those who excel in math. This has led parents to seek out additional resources and programs to challenge their children. I believe we can do better and provide a more rigorous and engaging math education for all students.	9/17/2024 1:54 PM
67	Our eldest child just started Kindergarten and I am blown away by how many emails I received before she stepped foot in school. Everyone needs to chill the F out and stop this culture of helicopter teaching, coaching and parenting. It's absurd. Teenagers have never been more depressed in our history as a country.	9/17/2024 1:04 PM
68	Not opposed to the use of technology but want to understand how/when/why it is being used	9/17/2024 12:29 PM
69	Ugh. Some of these questions were just unanswerable.	9/17/2024 11:23 AM
70	we need to excel at teaching the basics (math, reading, science) and not spend so much time on other topics. We need to get our test scores back to top of the state. That should be our top goal	9/17/2024 10:00 AM
71	A comment related to the above- The construction over the past couple years on our aging school facilities has been necessary but also disruptive as far as schedules. For families with klids at D36 and kids at New Trier, the disparity in calendars makes for some frustration in terms of planning from a family POV.	9/17/2024 9:39 AM
72	Referring to Parents as CARETAKERS is concerning and is indicative of the schools leftist approach. We are parents;you are teaching MY children- I'm not just their caretaker.	9/17/2024 8:49 AM
73	This entire caucus survey is WAY too long.	9/17/2024 8:19 AM
74	Parents of students that elect to tutor their child to get ahead should not alter school decision making. It is unrealistic to cater to this delusional demand	9/17/2024 8:01 AM
75	Not teaching young children a foreign language is a tremendous missed opportunity. The language skills will be enormously helpful to them and their communities throughout their lives.	9/17/2024 7:26 AM
76	I'm concerned that "exposing children to a variety of perspectives" only runs one way: to progressive views. I'm concerned that social-emotional learning is used to reinforce negative self-views ("What do you feel anxious about?" asked repeatedly causes anxiety). I'm concerned that Health Ed causes students to believe that "everyone is doing it" and introduces children to drugs use and sex, rather than protecting them.	9/17/2024 6:28 AM
77	Progressive education is about the WHOLE CHILD. It is NOT a political agenda.	9/17/2024 5:42 AM
78	I have no children in Winnetka presently, so the answers above reflect only my general beliefs.	9/17/2024 12:47 AM
79	The school district does an amazing job. I am a product of this district as are our kids. We must hold true to the philosophy of the district while keeping current I know. But please people trust the teachers and the system. They know what they are doing. If people do not like the philosophy of the district they should live somewhere else. Read Carleton Washburne's	9/16/2024 11:28 PM

	philosophy. Again I know have to stay current which the teachers know. Trust them. We are so blessed to have such an amazing school district	
80	Trade-offs exist where resources have to be reallocated, so questions are hard to answer individually	9/16/2024 10:59 PM
81	At the elementary level, I think there should be more measures of academic progress and more meaningful feedback to parents. The color coded progress reports are minimally helpful/informative. Also, while there seem to be a lot of resources for children with learning challenges, there are far fewer resources for kids who advance/learn more quickly. I wish there was much more differentiation at the elementary schools in terms of reading, math and writing so that kids could progress with peers who are on a similar level.	9/16/2024 10:39 PM
82	All items listed are important. Also important to balance these and not get too invested in one over the other.	9/16/2024 9:17 PM
83	All of these things are important and as much as I'd like to say test results shouldn't be the focus, I can't find any other way to determine if a child is getting what they need	9/16/2024 9:09 PM
84	The average teacher in our district does not know how to differentiate instruction, leaving a large population turning to tutoring to meet their child where they should be. I have been in this district year after year with the same narrative "it is being done just not in your classroom". Teachers rely on their instructional coaches to differentiate, which happens once, maybe twice a week. Due to the "progressive" way, there is no accelerated approach or accelerated grouping for kids that need it. This actually goes against meeting "every child where they are" and WIN time so far has been unsuccessful in helping with differentiated instruction.	9/16/2024 8:58 PM
85	Our 3 children went through th Winnetka schools over 25 years ago. My wife and I feel they all received an excellent educations. Each received needed and timely attention throughout their school years. I don't know how the district works today. So even with our children out of the system, we have grandchildren in the new trier district and it would be nice to know how a significant portion of my property taxes are spent each year.	9/16/2024 8:18 PM
86	The environment and attitudes of our community (Winnetka, Kenilworth, and Glencoe) continues to be hostile to brown people, and those that aren't judeo-christian, in the extreme.	9/16/2024 7:26 PM
87	I'm concerned about class sizes at Washburne. Some 8th grade teachers have 24 students per class while others have only 17-18. That's 1/3 greater work load for the same pay. It affects the kids re: classroom discussions and individualized attention to students. Will the district please add staff back to the eighth grade team? Apparently there was a reduction and I don't understand why. I also have concerns regarding a specific teacher that I think is struggling emotionally. For decades now, her reputation among students is "she's mean." How can we better help any teacher that might be struggling? Does the staff feel secure enough to share their struggles with administration without fear of repercussions? I empathize with teachers. They have one of the most stressful jobs.	9/16/2024 6:37 PM
88	Question 44 has many errors in it. You are not linking to the Portrait of a student, you are misstating the mission statement it is all wrong. Question 45 is also poorly articulated and misleading.	9/16/2024 6:17 PM
89	Two points here: 1- I agree students should not be allowed to use personal devices during school hours, but I do think Yondr takes it too far. In today's world, I want my child to be able to contact me in an emergency. To not have the ability to access their phone is reckless. But I do agree that devices should be put away during the day. 2- I agree that we need to develop the whole child, but sometimes there is far too much emphasis on social / emotional and not on academics. In 6th grade, we really don't need a full week of ice breakers with our classes before starting actual learning. And by the time these kids get to Washburne, they are overwhelmed because there is no accountability in any prior grades. Additionally, the level of academic rigor is inconsistent among teachers.	9/16/2024 5:45 PM
90	Yondr pouches make it impossible to reach students in the case of an emergency. I think the school should consider having the magnet in each classroom so teachers can make the decision to release them immediately if the situation merits it.	9/16/2024 5:32 PM
91	Please drop the emphasis on progressive education. It has become an excuse for poor performance and a barrier to evolution and improvement. Focus on providing the best possible education to our students. Surely, Progressive Education does not have a monopoly on that goal nor all the answers for how to provide.	9/16/2024 3:05 PM

92	My children are older so don't have informed answers here.	9/16/2024 2:03 PM
93	When the district is about to change/implement a new way of covering sensitive topics, the parents should be notified and the new ways explained, so that our questions can be heard BEFORE implementation.	9/16/2024 1:57 PM
94	I think grading should be added as the natural transition to Skokie, it doesn't need to wait until 7th- its overwhelming then because it comes so late relative to their piers- if it happens 'softly' in 5th- and more in 6th- when math starts to be tracked- it will be more helpful for all.	9/16/2024 1:52 PM
95	One of the biggest struggles in the district, in my opinion, is differentiating instruction based on the needs of individual children.	9/16/2024 12:51 PM
96	I applaud the work that our teachers and administrators are doing under stressful circumstances. I trust you will make the right decisions for kids.	9/16/2024 11:54 AM
97	Having had two children go through D36 and excel at college and grad school- the biggest impact was love of learning and fostering the satisfaction from inquisitiveness and discovery not performance. Lower grades need to provide the foundational coping skills and confidence.	9/16/2024 11:39 AM
98	Outlaw book banning.	9/16/2024 11:22 AM
99	Whole person learning is very important, but we also need to prepare them for the rigors of high school and college so that they do not crash into it and drown in the work and expectations.	9/16/2024 10:59 AM
100	Please indicate where in the 2023 the term DEI was used? How could 1/3 of respondents express concern when that very term was not in any of the questions. This entire segment of the survey is misleading. It is very apparent that the way these questions were drafted will allow for someone to gather the data and claim "a majority of parents...." agree with certain viewpoints held by a minority of respondents. It is also interesting that there is no question pertaining to how many children respondents have currently attending D36 schools. It's almost as if the people drafting these questions wanted the voices of actual school age parents to be drowned out by other voices. In addition, the retirement of a person that drafted this survey coinciding with the school board slating is highly suspicious, don't you think.	9/16/2024 10:53 AM
101	I think the district has failed to balance its progressive tenets with the need to monitor student performance and mastery. Additionally, there are VAST discrepancies between classrooms across grade levels on the content and rigor of instruction. Maybe teachers rely heavily on iPads and EdTech apps for student "engagement," despite evidence that this is not the best way to learn (nor does it activate higher order thinking levels). Much of the use of technology results in passive absorption of content, or rote practice of tasks rather than active exploration and problem-solving. Furthermore, there has been little to no consistency across classrooms in how student progress is monitored on a formative (rather than summative) level. All that said, I do know that there are new systems in place to streamline and normalize the instruction, particularly with the new literacy curricula being implemented this year. It is my sincere hope that similar steps can be taken to ensure all teachers are using technology as a supplement to enhance their teaching rather than as their primary tool in delivering content and practice.	9/16/2024 10:49 AM
102	Please do not dilute or diminish Progressive Education in the name of "progress" or updating. I understand that parents want quantifiable measures, however, we risk losing what has made D36 truly exceptional for over 100 years. If parents better understood the educational philosophy and demonstrated effectiveness of Progressive Education then we would not be pushing in new "curriculum" that crowds out the ability for teachers to teach in this most exceptional way. Ask graduates in the past what they remember from their time in school and it will be the units through which these talented teachers weave all aspects of the curriculum; the unhurried inquiry that springs up naturally from authentic curiosity. It will not be some rote unit created by an educational firm that sold the district a program of "learning." I would ask that each board member plan a day long visit to one elementary school and to Skokie and Washburne. See the impact of the board's decisions on the school day. Is there room for Progressive Education to coexist with the new curriculum requirements? Is the consequence of increased testing/measurements the episodic absence of classroom teachers in the room? (Who is doing the testing and then are the other students missing out?) Since there is a shortage of substitute teachers who is covering the classrooms? I understand Board members and Administration work to improve education. However, I wonder if the well intentioned in theory looks vastly different from what can actually be realized. Please go see for yourself. Thank you for your consideration.	9/16/2024 10:28 AM

103	My kids have been out of D36 for too long for me to answer many of these questions, but the use of technology is a universal concern regardless age of the student or citizen	9/16/2024 10:20 AM
104	We are very concerned that when a child is seen doing excellent work that not enough support is given to help that child excel in a given subject. We also have never been given information on the district's rules for disruptive children in the class and how that is successfully managed.	9/16/2024 10:09 AM
105	I like WPS's definition of a Progressive Education (i.e. "honors the whole child, fosters creativity, inspires lifelong learning, and develops civic responsibility."); HOWEVER, I'd love to see the word "Prepared" in it. To me, that word the missing link between the the Mission and the very important need to measure students' (and teachers'!) progress.	9/16/2024 9:54 AM
106	This does not impact my family so I feel it's best not to respond	9/16/2024 9:54 AM
107	As someone who has worked in schools, I have seen first hand how difficult it is to control phone use and how it distracts from learning. Ban phones in schools! Parents can call the front desk in an emergency. Also, I feel the push to standardize test and assign lots of homework has moved the school district away from progressive education. We are seeing the results in rising anxiety levels. Return to progressive education and allow the love of learning and each child to progress at his/her own pace with supports	9/16/2024 9:40 AM
108	I have taken major issue with the way sex education is presented to students. There needs to be a separation of boys and girls when this is presented, to ensure the comfort of the kids and to help foster an environment where they feel comfortable asking questions. I am also disappointed with the quality of language offering, especially with regard to French instruction. ALL FOREIGN LANGUAGES SHOULD BE TAUGHT BY A NATIVE SPEAKER. This should not be new information to the superintendent nor to anyone else in education, especially foreign language instruction.	9/16/2024 9:38 AM
109	As a parent of elementary students, the school does an amazing job providing special services for children, particularly through IEPs. I am more concerned that the school is unable to tailor education to support students with advanced skills. More needs to be done, especially with math, to help advanced students flourish. Also, the schools need to get rid of the ST Math. Khan Academy provides much better math instruction with the ability to work ahead to more complex concepts.	9/16/2024 9:35 AM
110	I think a greater focus needs to be made on the fundamentals of writing, spelling, and grammar. My children are very much lacking in this department after a D36 elementary education. My son just started high school and wrote the words "between" and "circumference" as "beetween" and "circumfererence" in one of his physic reports within the first few weeks of high school. I find this unacceptable for a bright kid to not have basic spelling skills. I would also see time devoted to test taking strategies, study skills, and executive function skills. My son started high school after a D36 education and was lacking in the fundamentals of note-taking, and an understanding of HOW to study, and how to stay organized for school.	9/16/2024 9:30 AM
111	The Yondr program is a policy blunder. It ignores the concepts of personal responsibility and discipline, and it's nearly impossible to enforce in any uniform/consistent way. If a child repeatedly disrupts class through the use of a personal technology device, the school should coordinate with that child's parents on an appropriate solution. This feels like calling a school wide assembly because because a few kids terrorized Dwyer Park with airsoft guns. Instead of dealing with those few kids, D36 lectured the entire community. We need more personal responsibility and accountability; not less.	9/16/2024 9:20 AM
112	the last two questions need to be seen as the same question.	9/16/2024 9:19 AM
113	If the schools can teach a love of learning the children will do well.	9/16/2024 9:06 AM
114	The schools should teach kids about Math, Reading, Science, History, etc and leave the social and emotional development to Parents. I find it disgraceful that the school wants to teach my kids about [REDACTED] when overall scores for the school academics are down. Stop trying to program and parent my kids and get back to teaching the kids fundamentals.	9/16/2024 9:03 AM
115	Progressive education is a hallmark of the Winnetka educational tradition--should not be diluted--my kids did great at New Trier after progressing K-8 through our D36 schools. Rabble-rousing parents should think about another community for their children's education if they don't like it here.	9/16/2024 8:54 AM

116	Firmly believe that students need to master the basics in math, English, spelling, grammar, science and Tech. Repetition and homework are good things. We need to prepare them for life outside of Winnetka!	9/16/2024 8:47 AM
117	If the schools returned to progressive principles, and complied with the requirements of the Progressive Education Network, most/all of these concerns would be met. Teaching to the test brings us down to the lowest common denominator of this country's internationally-below average education system. Winnetka has historically been a leader, and has resisted calls to adhere to poorly-drafted, uninformed, and ineffective practices. Be progressive, be bold, and lead the children by allowing them to flourish as children do in a progressive educational environment	9/16/2024 8:42 AM
118	We hope D 36 has gained understanding of the needs of gifted students. We had to remove one of our children from d36 to a private setting due to lack of appropriate educational opportunities for the child.	9/16/2024 8:16 AM
119	District 36 does an excellent job, we are very pleased with the education our children receive.	9/16/2024 8:00 AM
120	I would like to see more classical learning content and books. Let's get away from controversial and garbage books... the stuff we give our kids is sometimes ridiculous. My kids often say that they are given books with questionable content.	9/16/2024 7:58 AM
121	They did a great job of educating our two children. They prepared them for high school and college.	9/16/2024 7:57 AM
122	Less administrators more teachers	9/16/2024 7:32 AM
123	Teach the subjects kids are supposed to learn and get the politics out of schools.	9/16/2024 7:07 AM
124	We are providing a lot of individual services in our district schools. It seems like families are interviewing different communities before moving from the city and selecting to move here because we provide them with the highest level of individual learning services. I am not saying this is the wrong thing but we as community and taxpayers should know this is happening. The district provides services which protect kids with behavior disorders and cannot get them in trouble if they show bad behavior due to their behavior disorder. This aspect is hard on students in the classroom who have to put up with this behavior on a daily basis as well as teachers. This is something that should be considered and looked at. Is there no expectation or standard of behavior? how is behavior dealt with when there is a behavior disorder?	9/16/2024 7:03 AM
125	Keep the teacher's political and social bias OUT of the classroom.	9/15/2024 6:49 PM
126	Less DEI more STEM	9/15/2024 6:41 PM
127	The schools need to stop indoctrination	9/15/2024 6:16 PM
128	Technology is our current world. While there needs to be some balance in the early years, limiting in the later grades will cause these kids to be behind. And sex education (especially that of anatomy and physiology) and DEI are not "sensitive". Give kids facts, allow to ask questions - don't pretend these don't exist. How is that fostering learning or having the whole child at center?	9/15/2024 5:00 PM
129	More public information would be very important for Winnetka citizenry.	9/15/2024 3:19 PM
130	As a parent at the elementary level, I am satisfied with all that D36 is doing for its students and think that their Portrait of a Graduate and Portrait of an Educator with the progressive tenets showing as the roots of the portraits clearly communicates their vision/goals. I think it is challenging to fit testing in and I think they do a great job of working toward growth, instead of specific numbers. Personally I feel that some schools with high test scores also have kids with high anxiety who don't love learning or going to school. Emphasis on the love of learning at this age is imperative for later education. I am also excited about their new literacy curriculum and how that will be implemented and excited for the improvements being done to Crow Island as part of the expansion project.	9/15/2024 1:44 PM
131	All of these things are important, but I think the district already does a good job of supporting children with learning difficulties and needs to do more to support children who require more challenging work.	9/15/2024 12:54 PM
132	I really do not appreciate that Winnetka's philosophy is clearly not in line with state assessments. There is an air of hysteria every time of year when state assessments take	9/15/2024 12:45 PM

place and all of the children are scoring extremely low. All this means is that the Winnetka parents are all seeking extra help and external tutoring for their kindergartners, which makes no sense.

133	We should also consider a program to increase bike helmet use for all. I have interpreted hundreds of head CTs in the aftermath of head trauma over my career and am shocked by the dirth of helmets in this community.	9/15/2024 12:13 PM
134	My child is not yet school age but generally I support no phones in school and being looped in on what is being taught. I preference a focus on teaching strong social skills, balance of creativity/arts, but also focusing curriculum on key areas to prepare for high school and beyond(stem, literature, foreign languages, etc).	9/15/2024 10:18 AM
135	I think district 36 is moving in the right direction with supporting students with special needs and being inclusive within the schools.	9/15/2024 9:01 AM
136	Public schools are failing the children. The priority is on woke ideology rather than excellence.	9/14/2024 4:36 PM
137	Winnetka has always had a 'balanced' approach to learning. 'Educating the whole person.' I am concerned that politics have infiltrated all aspects of our lives; I would prefer that we go back to more basic needs in educating the 'whole child.' If parents want more, there are wonderful private options available. Just because people are loud, does not mean they are right?!	9/14/2024 2:35 PM
138	Remove the politics from the school. If you don't think politics are in the school, you are part of the problem. You are not the parents of these kids - focus on reading, writing, and math - not pushing an agenda. Hire the best people regardless of race.	9/14/2024 2:00 PM
139	Too much emphasis is placed.on grades. Dewey's progressive education is no longer being done in Winnetka. My kids went to D36 schools over 30 years.ago when progressive education existed. I grew up at U of C lab school where progressive education was followed.it was a great.experience.	9/14/2024 9:40 AM
140	Remove the Lurie's sex ed curriculum completely. This is biased and has a hidden agenda that promotes gender confusion and transgender medical requests. Let parents decide and put the curriculum design in the hands of teachers, not medical professionals.	9/13/2024 9:25 PM
141	Thus far the communication and leadership in D36 has been great ; we are pleased. I do wish there was more science taught at the school.	9/13/2024 9:08 PM
142	Please continue the progressive educational system that Winnetka has been famous for since the days of Carleton Washburne. It served my children well. They are thriving members of society because of Winnetka's public schools.	9/13/2024 5:36 PM
143	Inspiring a love of learning seems like too personal of a journey to teach. I would like more rigor like book reports and other reading activities (which we were missing in 4th grade last year). My son's test scores in reading really fell off as a result. His 4th grades lessons were not what I had expected from this district.	9/13/2024 12:27 PM
144	D36 does an excellent job on a number of fronts: trust teachers and administrators to manage electronic tools. Make sure students have access to cellphones to be used in case of an emergency (such as school shootings). Continue the excellent efforts to address DEI, sex education, race, and other "controversial" topics. Do not bend to the controversy around "progressive" education. Carlton's definition is just fine.	9/13/2024 11:24 AM
145	Great school system	9/13/2024 8:42 AM
146	Let's stay true to learning & fostering a sense of curiosity among students. No gender-specific, DEI efforts that make children feel guilty for being straight, white & Christian.	9/12/2024 9:41 PM
147	I can only speak for Crow Island's approach, and I think it's fantastic. The principal and the teachers that we've worked with have been exceptional. What we value most is their commitment to supporting social emotional development alongside traditional learning, as well as their accommodations for children with unique needs (e.g. neurodiverse children). Can't praise Crow Island enough.	9/12/2024 8:50 PM
148	Language offering in the Winnetka public schools grades 5-8 is very poor. This must be improved. Winnetka students are at a disadvantage at New Trier vs. their peers.	9/12/2024 8:36 PM
149	As stated earlier, my kids are adults. But they attended D36 schools and NTHS. They were well-prepared for university success. I feel it is important to teach kids critical thinking skills,	9/12/2024 1:52 PM

especially with regard to examining statements for veracity and for discerning the difference between the objective truth (the facts) and "my" truth (how I feel about the facts). This skill is crucial with the rise of social media and other online sources of information. I do not think that D36 should have trouble attracting teachers who are talented enough to provide differentiated learning to students at various levels within their classrooms, and moreover D36 should be able to provide support to those students who are struggling. I feel that music and the arts are non-negotiable parts of education. They stimulate the mind and create well-rounded adults. I hate that schools have to teach kids the life skills they should learn at home - how to be empathetic, how to be kind, how to be conscientious, how to develop integrity, how to accept people who are different from them - but this is the world in which we live and these are vital lessons that are unfortunately relegated to the classrooms. I am a big believer in sex education. I don't believe that this is solely the purview of parents, as some parents are not prepared scientifically, mentally, or emotionally to have these conversations with their kids. So please carry on.

150	The testing initiated last year for K-2 was unhelpful, generic and told parents and educators nothing. Most Kids at that age are not familiar or comfortable with times tests or even know how to use iPads very well. It seemed like administrators were just checking a box to show test scores to certain parents who wanted them.	9/12/2024 12:19 PM
151	Keep political agendas out of the school. Teachers must be held accountable by principals, school boards, and parents that overreach from their mandate of instruction to pushing social causes of the day thru indoctrination.	9/12/2024 12:12 PM
152	I am thankful for D36. My 3 children were educated k-8 in D36. D36 instilled a love for learning in them, not just in school but in life. I am a BIG fan of progressive education, please do not stray too far, this is a special way to educate children of all levels (advanced or with learning differences). Thank you!	9/12/2024 10:56 AM
153	My children are adults now, but I never believed that everyone should get a trophy just for participating! They know who the smart ones are, and the ones who are struggling. They "level" themselves!! EVERYONE matters, but let's not be afraid to teach according to abilities and needs. Sure enough they grow up and learn the world is a big place. What they need to learn is everyone has a place within it.	9/12/2024 10:26 AM
154	Prohibition on electronics in school is fine is there are exceptions for emergencies (this was not reflected in the answer selections).	9/12/2024 9:57 AM
155	I find it concerning that the Yondr program was introduced over the summer without much discussion. I watched the board minutes and it looked as though this was pushed through by a few loud parents looking for an immediate fix to a situation that does not have a simple answer. I saw the parent "petitions" that were based on the "Anxious Generation" book that went around last spring and know that many parents did not agree with these petitions. As someone who works in the field of mental health and has read the "Anxious Generation", I can tell you that the research studies quoted by the author of the book were based on correlational data. Correlation does not equal causation. In short, the author cherry-picked his data to make a profit off of parents who would jump on the chicken little "the sky is falling" band wagon. There are many other factors outside of "smart phone use" that are contributing to the degradation of our children's mental health. I can also tell you that even the APA is not entirely sure of the answer, and has even highlighted published research that shows the benefit of smart phones and social media. (For example, in a sheltered, monolithic community like Winnetka, smart phones can expose children to the beauty of our multicultural society and teach them about the disparities that exist in the world that are often ignored within our own community). The use of Yondr is wrong. As my own junior high student pointed out "The money they wasted on Yondr could have been put toward keeping our schools safer from school shootings and the things that could really hurt us." They were better ways to handle this. Create rules and regulations for classrooms. Follow through with discipline when it comes to students that don't listen.	9/11/2024 10:27 PM
156	High achievers should not be held back to avoid upsetting others who are not at their pace. Kids are resilient. DEI should not be promoted but instead respect for others and honest education of past wrongs should be promoted.	9/11/2024 9:38 PM
157	The Winnetka schools are terrific. The teachers are professional and they clearly care. However, why are we wedded to the progressive teaching model? Can that ever be reviewed? Times have changed and we may have to change with them.	9/11/2024 6:50 PM

158	Please, DO NOT offer gifted programing (as some of your questions suggest). Allow progressive, hands on, whole child learning to be continued. Winnetka schools are unique in this philosophy and goal. please teach a love for learning rather than teaching to a test.	9/11/2024 5:32 PM
159	Let's teach the basics not social issues	9/11/2024 5:31 PM
160	The township math program in which 7th and 8th grade students attend new trier high school for math first period is a program for about 20-30 students at Washburne. The program itself is a good one, but Winnetka 36 does not help transport the students TO New Trier in the morning and only only provides bus transportation to return to Washburne in time for second period. All the other feeder public schools provide their students with transportation both ways. This is not acceptable that Winnetka does not provide this. Also, there is not a dedicated bus for these students back to Washburne, so the students are left to wait at New Trier until the bus drops off the elementary kids and then picks them up. The other feeder districts have buses that wait for their students for the 45 min class period.	9/11/2024 2:51 PM
161	D36 has become very political over the years. It has drifted from educational progressiveness to political progressiveness. It is a shame.	9/11/2024 1:09 PM
162	The D36 report on their progress was exceptional. Keep up the great work!	9/11/2024 12:33 PM
163	D36 teachers and curriculum are too left leaning. The schooling needs to be more politically neutral.	9/10/2024 3:22 PM
164	Progressive desire to teach them to love learning should not trump academic rigor. Being uncomfortable or challenged is the only way to transform them into highly productive students and transfer that to the workplace.	9/10/2024 12:49 PM