

2021 WEST ST. PAUL

TOWN HALL SURVEY RESULTS



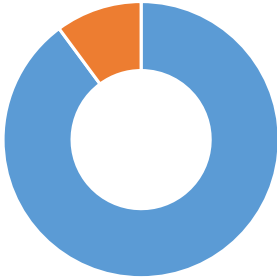
2021

DEMOGRAPHICS

I LIVE IN

(316 Answered)

West St. Paul: 90%
Outside WSP: 10%



IF WEST ST. PAUL, WHAT WARD?

(275 Answered)

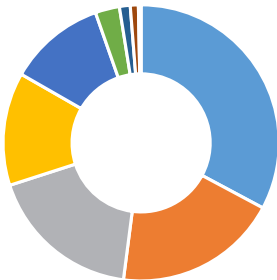
Ward 3: 31%
Ward 2: 24%
Ward 1: 23%
Don't Know: 22%



MY AGE IS

(317 Answered)

35 - 44: 33%
45 - 54: 19%
55 - 64: 18%
65 - 74: 13%
25 - 34: 11%
75 - 84: 3%
85+: 1%
18 - 24: 1%
0 - 17: 0%

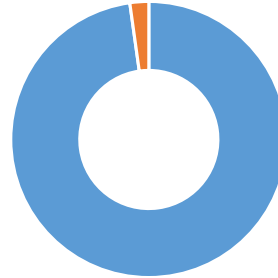


HOUSEHOLD LANGUAGE

(317 Answered)

Everyone in my household speaks fluent English: 98%

At least 1 person in my household does not speak fluent English, but speaks Spanish: 2%



At least 1 person in my household does not speak fluent English, but speaks Hmong: 0%

At least 1 person in my household does not speak fluent English, but speaks Somali: 0%

At least 1 person in my household does not speak fluent English, Spanish, Hmong or Somali: 0%

RACE OR ORIGIN

(355 Responses - Check all that apply)

White: 290
Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin: 31
Some other race or origin: 10
Black or African American: 8
Asian: 7
American Indian or Alaskan Native: 8
Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander: 1



CURRENT LIVING SITUATION

(310 Answered)

I own my home in West St. Paul: 84%

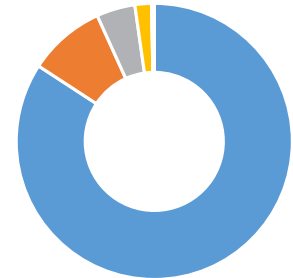
I do not live in West St. Paul: 9%

I rent an apartment in West St. Paul: 5%

I rent a single-family home in West St. Paul: 2%

I rent in a duplex, triplex or quadriplex in West St. Paul: 0%

I am currently homeless: 0%



CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATUS

(362 Responses - Check all that apply)

I work full-time: 177
I'm retired: 67
I work part-time: 34
I'm currently unemployed: 30
I own my own business: 24
I work more than one job: 15
I'm a student: 11
I work gig economy jobs: 4



DEMOGRAPHICS

WHERE DO YOU WORK?

(253 Answered)

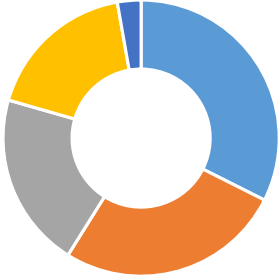
I work in St. Paul or Minneapolis: 32%

I work in a city other than West St. Paul, St. Paul or Minneapolis: 27%

I work at home: 21%

I work in West St. Paul: 18%

I work gig economy jobs in multiple cities: 3%



HOUSEHOLD FOOD & SHELTER SECURITY

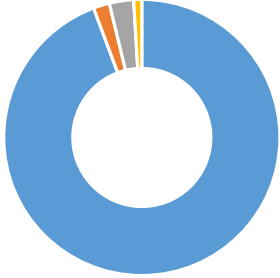
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I currently have food and housing security: 94%

I currently have food insecurity: 3%

I currently have food and housing insecurity: 2%

I currently have housing insecurity: 1%



RATINGS

QUALITY OF LIFE

	EXCELLENT	VERY GOOD	GOOD	FAIR	POOR
The overall quality of life in West St. Paul	44	149	98	22	2
West St. Paul as a place to live	43	146	92	25	5
	YES	NO			
I'd recommend living in West St. Paul	269	41			

GOVERNANCE

	EXCELLENT	VERY GOOD	GOOD	FAIR	POOR
Overall confidence in West St. Paul government	29	103	109	53	15
The overall direction that West St. Paul is taking	26	90	100	54	33
The value of services for the taxes paid to West St. Paul	40	100	101	41	15
Being open and transparent to the public	27	94	114	50	12
Informing residents about issues facing the community	23	81	104	73	19
Overall customer service by West St. Paul employees	48	112	65	34	5

ECONOMY

	EXCELLENT	VERY GOOD	GOOD	FAIR	POOR
Overall economic health of West St. Paul	8	68	120	76	12
Overall quality of business and service establishments in West St. Paul	15	62	122	82	29
Variety of business and service establishments in West St. Paul	16	30	96	111	57
Employment opportunities	6	29	88	67	27
Affordable places to live	23	56	94	62	25

MOBILITY

	EXCELLENT	VERY GOOD	GOOD	FAIR	POOR
Overall quality of the transportation system in West St. Paul	13	50	107	61	21
Ease of travel by bicycle in West St. Paul	15	45	81	79	34
Ease of walking in West St. Paul	16	57	100	86	41
Bus or transit services	15	43	80	38	27
Traffic enforcement	12	67	98	47	23
Street Repair	16	71	103	66	32
Street Cleaning	56	102	88	41	7
Street Lighting	23	74	112	59	19
Snow Removal	140	88	51	21	5
Sidewalk Maintenance	21	54	100	59	17

RATINGS

COMMUNITY DESIGN

	EXCELLENT	VERY GOOD	GOOD	FAIR	POOR
Overall appearance of West St. Paul	9	61	133	80	21
Your neighborhood as a place to live	65	111	84	23	5
Public places where people want to spend time	25	90	106	44	30
Variety of housing options	22	62	122	40	19
Availability of quality affordable housing	17	45	72	59	25
Land use, planning, and zoning	8	34	92	72	35
Property/Housing Code enforcement	12	41	91	45	17

UTILITIES

	EXCELLENT	VERY GOOD	GOOD	FAIR	POOR
Affordable high-speed internet access	24	59	90	56	35
Garbage collection	58	82	104	25	5
Drinking Water	84	100	71	20	1
Sewer Services	49	92	81	17	6
Storm water management	40	79	81	19	5

SAFETY

	EXCELLENT	VERY GOOD	GOOD	FAIR	POOR
Overall feeling of safety in West St. Paul	28	102	108	51	23
Police Services	80	88	87	18	15
Crime Prevention	21	72	99	53	21
Animal Control	29	66	79	16	20
Ambulance or emergency medical services	70	81	52	5	1
Mental Health Services	17	23	58	32	25
Fire Services	81	84	49	3	1
Fire Prevention and Education	34	63	48	19	3
Emergency Preparedness	27	58	60	11	2
In your neighborhood	34	88	87	16	8
In West St. Paul's retail and business areas	10	68	93	49	21
From Property Crime	9	44	97	58	31
From Violent Crime	25	81	79	42	11

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

	EXCELLENT	VERY GOOD	GOOD	FAIR	POOR
Overall quality of natural environment in West St. Paul	38	104	100	34	6
Cleanliness of West St. Paul	16	81	120	56	17
West St. Paul open space	26	78	110	42	19
Recycling Opportunities	41	78	86	40	21

RATINGS

PARKS AND RECREATION

	EXCELLENT	VERY GOOD	GOOD	FAIR	POOR
Availability of paths and walking trails	45	97	89	50	5
City parks	55	111	94	22	1
Recreation programs or classes	21	53	78	41	12
Recreation centers or facilities	15	50	90	52	24
Fitness opportunities	31	53	89	42	19

EDUCATION, ARTS & CULTURE

	EXCELLENT	VERY GOOD	GOOD	FAIR	POOR
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities	4	12	57	104	70
Community support for the arts	10	26	63	81	50
Availability of affordable quality child care/preschool	9	23	46	39	29
K-12 education	40	76	65	21	7
Adult educational opportunities	8	33	84	42	15

INCLUSIVITY & ENGAGEMENT

	EXCELLENT	VERY GOOD	GOOD	FAIR	POOR
Residents' connection and engagement with their community	21	48	104	62	22
Sense of community	26	64	104	58	26
Sense of civic/community pride	21	71	91	51	27
West St. Paul as a place to raise children	41	108	84	26	9
West St. Paul as a place to retire	27	68	87	46	25
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	37	68	75	62	23
Attracting people from diverse backgrounds	26	66	71	57	25
Opportunities to volunteer	21	56	84	36	19

HAVE YOU DONE THE FOLLOWING IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS?

	YES	NO
Contacted the City of West St. Paul for help or information	148	147
Contacted West St. Paul elected officials to express your opinion	131	159
Attended a local public meeting in person	75	210
Watched (online or on television) a local public meeting	218	80
Volunteered your time to some group/activity in West St. Paul	125	166
Campaigned or advocated for an issue, cause or candidate	135	153
Accessed the internet from your home using a computer, laptop or tablet	302	4
Accessed the internet from your cell phone	289	15
Used social media such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, WhatsApp, etc.	285	18

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- Additional comments or information you want West St. Paul officials to know.
- Please, for the love of everything, attract some additional/better internet options to WSP. US Fiber is rolling out in south Minneapolis and I'd love to see that option here. Comcast/Xfinity is consistently sub-par in value, and now with more and more things being on line their data caps are overbearing. This could impact our children's ability to get schooling, and definitely has impacted by ability to work remotely. Century Link's option is also very poor in value.
- Life in WSP has changed in the last 10 years and not for the better.
- Primary safety concern is drivers disregarding speed limit and other traffic laws. I support following the core cities' lead and implementing a 20 mph citywide speed limit as well as improving intersections and streets to calm traffic.
- "Walkability is poor, as I said, but it is headed in the right direction.
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- A tiny and non-representative (but admirably well-organized) clique has taken power at several levels of city government, and demands more power still. This has led to several missteps, and will lead to more if left unchecked. Of course, that clique contends it is displacing a prior clique which made its own missteps, which has some truth to it."
- While most police functions are very good, need police chief to be more educated about issues that may affect minorities, not just the dominant culture. Don't believe he is a bad person, just could be more educated, more sensitive, reach out more to non-white-male persons and communities. Needs to be aware that ANY sexual assault is too much and that an increase, regardless of his perceived reasons for it, is not acceptable, is not trivial, and address ways to combat it, NOT excuse it.
- More trails and sidewalks, please.
- I would like to see shoreline protections extended to Lilly Lake.
- High hopes for new council. Looking for a great deal more representation of women, BIPOC, and bi-lingual city staff, especially in leadership positions and police. Community center (and indoor park) is greatly needed, especially with the Y gone. More information in multiple languages, more sidewalks

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and cycling infrastructure is needed. Not confident city has marketed itself well to black owned or targeted retail businesses, such as Ethiopian, Cajun or Soul food, black beauty products stores and salons, and clothing stores popular with black community. I'd like city council, staff, police, fire, etc. to go through cultural competence training. Important to ask long standing council, committee and commission members to step aside and let others serve..

- how the increase in rental properties affects traffic and saturated businesses (i.e. Signal Hills, Walgreens on Butler/Robert is already small, crowded. Adding the 2 new apartments to Kmart area will increase congestion in this entire intersection and shopping area.. Many residents go to other communities for shopping, restaurants. We have basics - nothing more and there isn't room for anything more. Disappointing.
- "- Would like to see an organized trash collection. As many as 5 garbage trucks drive on my street and alley each week. Way too many.
- - Oakdale walking path needs to get done sooner than 2024.
- - Police need to step up enforcement of traffic laws. Getti"
- "We need more diversity of businesses in WSP
- (We have too many of the same types of businesses)
- I understand that can be difficult to achieve
- How about writing into ordinances a limit so that you can decline when another car wash or laundromat wants to replace a restaurant
- Thx for your work
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- "There needs to be a concrete diversity and equity plan that includes training for all city staff. West Saint Paul is getting more diverse all the time and in order to serve all residents adequately it cannot be the same structure and delivery as when WSP was overwhelmingly white home owners who speak English.
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- I also think there needs to be more support for locally owned small businesses. Chains just do not keep their earnings in the community like local businesses. We cannot compete with Woodbury or Eagan, who have much more space, for shoppers of the same national chain restaurants and stores. Unique local businesses are more likely to make us a destination and attract consumers from other areas.. Locally owned businesses also do not have the same brand visibility or marketing budget as franchises. They need more assistance to thrive through these times. The easiest way would be to have grants or policies to specifically attract these types of businesses"
- My neighborhood has increasing concern over the Robert Street/Butler Ave intersection with high traffic and the entrances with DQ and Little Ceasars (opposite sides of Robeet St). Furthermore, the increased traffic from the new construction in Signal Hills also poses new safety considerations.
- "Thanks for all the work the city is doing.
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- Love the additional transparency of having meetings broadcast online and archived.
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- Love that the town hall meetings and survey were available in Spanish. Thanks for that effort."
- Thank you for this survey.
- Sidewalks are needed in so many places. Please make this a priority.
- I think the sewer issue is not fair - there should be some type of rebate offered to homeowners or sellers who are required to have this done. Especially older home owners.
- You made a big mess of Robert street by putting in a medium.
- "I had a terrible time with Absolute Towing and Recovery and recommend the city find a new vendor or take it in house. I understand the need for city streets to be plowed and for snow emergencies, but the city's towing vendor needs to treat citizens with courtesy and have reasonable fees. It was my

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first winter living in WSP and I didn't know about the snow emergency alerts. Absolute Towing and Recovery came to tow my car, hooked it up, I noticed, and then I ran out to get my car. They forced me to pay \$100 cash on the spot to unhook my car from their truck. I felt like they were taking advantage of me and this driver just wanted to line his pockets. They did tow my other car and their fees are very expensive and their customer service poor.

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- West St Paul should also find a way to inform new residents about snow emergency alerts.”
- West Saint Paul economic development should be called “Free money for friends of the city council” The city reeks of political correctness. Adds 10 to 12 percent to any construction project with phony disadvantaged contractor program. White male contractor can just hire sleazy lawyer to set 51% of company in wife's name. Make up some business cards and have her sign documents. A nice touch is to add office for her for show. Government compliance workers basically look the other way so they can keep their good paying phony slacker jobs. Building trades have gotten rid of 2 year education requirements because they can't get slackers to go to school. Labor racketeers endorse this. Women and minorities have special rights and privileges on job hiring. Former police chief Bud Shaver was a racketeer who covered up crime for a city council member who is still on city council. His loyalty was to crooked labor union officials. Stupid policies on road construction add 10% to cost for contingency fund to cover changes and extras. If there is money leftover, the city pockets the money instead of returning it to taxpayer. Try that in private industry and you go to jail. Council makes every effort to add to costs but no added value. Council wastes our money on stupid branding scams like slogans. West Saint Paul has the middle class on the run and I would not choose to live here. 30 years ago we were always near the top of the list when it came to low property taxes. Robert street project had phony bill for about \$850,000 to remove muck and replace with fill sand. I have never heard an explanation as to what happened. They were more than one person involved in this. This isn't the first phony bill and won't be the last. Slip and fall lawyers will make money off you sidewalk program. As always. It will be a massive burden to shovel a sidewalk in front of my house. Can't even go away for weekend. Of course the council will try to get more city workers to do the job and waste my money. You keep trying to turn West Saint Paul into a Saint Paul or Minneapolis. High Taxes, High Crime, Lousy Schools, High Density, political correct shithole.
- done a great job of getting more housing in w.st.paul and trying his best to get other business to w.st.paul
- Very happy to have Dave Napier as mayor. Kudos to the hard working council members and committee volunteers. Shame on the left leaning liberal residents who shun and bully neighbors who don't agree with them. More needs to be done about crime and converter thefts from vehicles. More needs to be done about snowbird vehicles that block our streets from being plowed. Keep the WSP pool open!!
- “We seem to have an exceptionally competent staff, e.g. City Manager, Engineer, and Attorney. PLEASE listen carefully to them when they advise Council members. I am saying this because as I watch bi-monthly City Council meetings, I hear Council members advising on where driveways should go, where sidewalks should go, what we can do legally as a city, etc. It is important to listen to our professional staff.
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- Also, sidewalks are my biggest concern for our city. Bidwell, Emerson, and Smith should come WAY before a sidewalk on Moreland between Delaware and Smith. I walk there every day and there is very little traffic to avoid with a sidewalk. However, Smith Avenue between Moreland and Emerson is in dire need of a sidewalk. Emerson Avenue is also in dire need of a sidewalk. Bidwell is planned but sorely lacking since middle school children walk on that busy street every day. I know I am not alone in this request.
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- Thank you for listening to our opinions. “
- “I love West Saint Paul. I think it's a great place to live.
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- If I were to offer any concerns, I think we could work on being more inclusive, especially towards those who are renters or unsheltered. I also know our black residents do not always feel safe, either from the police or from residents (close family friends have been called the N word just when they're

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- walking about, at Heritage E-STEM there have been some racial tensions,
- police hassel8nf people just sitting in their cars, and I am completely ignoring the issues with tires/screws and tampons and porches).
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- I also think that we could stand to clean our city up a little, I hate to see litter. “
- The city is has not been as good about building sidewalk in ward one as they have been in other wards. It seems as though a lot of street rebuilding is being done in newer neighborhoods. Ward 1 seems like a poor relative
- My stepson, a young man of color, was stopped by the police on Robert St at about 10:30 at night when he and his girl friend were going to Taco Bell. There was no reason for the police to stop him (tabs were to date, lights all working, no noisy muffler). The reason the police used, after asking for license and insurance, was that the title of the vehicle is in his father’s name (my husband) who does not have a driver’s license. It is that way because he had helped his son get the loan for the vehicle, a vehicle that was purchased last summer. What bothers me is this could have escalated into a very serious situation ending in another accidental shooting of a young bi-racial man. He lives in WSP and is out and about all the time. Was it necessary to stop him at night?
- “I appreciate your efforts in providing this opportunity to engage on how West St Paul is performing as a community. The survey itself was a bit confusing and I am also wondering about the opportunities for responding more than once or false reporting on self demographics.
- I am also curious about how input is being solicited. I only saw this as I was accidentally on the WSP facebook page. My suspicion is that response rates may be lower than desired.
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- My overall recommendation to the Council is to invest in the future. There will always be reasons to avoid the hard decisions, but if there isnt a strategic and principled plan to think about where the community should be in 5-10 years, you will find yourself consistently in catch up mode... Community pride comes from creating the atmosphere and environment where people choose to invest in.”
- More walking and biking paths would be great. Very interested in how the Butler path study pans out. Would be great if there was more effort to support planting native plants / replacing invasive or non-native (commercial) grasses on private properties and more public green spaces.
- I think WSP government is getting better as it becomes more diverse and more inclusive. I hope to see this trend continue and the city to prioritize affordable housing in city planning. My adult children weren’t able to find housing they could afford in WSP, and had to move to other cities when they left home. We need more opportunities for families and young adults to access recreation and fitness without relying on privately owned gyms that charge fees. More activity-centered businesses in the city are needed as there are largely just restaurants for family “entertainment” and no longer any enclosed malls, movie theaters, bowling alleys, arcades, or even a ymca in WSP. Some areas of the city are very clean and presentable, others are a littered mess. The Walmart store is always very dirty, as is its parking lot and the corner of Robert Streetand Wentworth. More pressure needs to be put on Walmart to invest in our community by cleaning up the vicinity of the store or get out of our city. Thank you for your time in collecting these survey results.
- The city needs to work with the business community to promote WSP businesses to people who live and work in downtown St. Paul. The city has been wasting this opportunity for years as downtown residency continues to grow. It was very refreshing to see the Art Park at Butler and Oakdale to finally receive some art. The city should work on enhancing art everywhere in the community by engaging with local artists who may contribute their time and talents to keep the momentum for physical art going . The city should sweep the streets more often and better enforce litter ordinances for businesses who do not clean up around themselves often enough - especially Wal-Mart. The city could better promote adopt a street and hydrants programs and better recognize volunteers in a more public way. The city needs to better enforce leash laws for dogs when the have an opportunity to do so.
- Thank you for your service! Happy to see the blight of Signal Hills about to change. It’s about time.
- I have concerns about the lack of enforcement in regards to shoveling of snow after snow falls. Many sidewalks go unshoveled that results in icy,

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slippery sidewalks which are hazardous to those of us that walk daily for exercise . Why is this not addressed

- The one thing that I'm NOT satisfied with is the snow removal on my part of Felix Street - 1109. For some reason they do a very mediocre job, on just the block from our house to Stanley, and the rest of it looks really good. I have contacted the city a couple of times about this, and there's been a little improvement, but still is not up to par.
- "We appreciate the opportunity to share our opinions. Thanks for asking!"
- "Thank you to the West St Paul police department for always being out and patrolling the city..I walk a lot and always see them out driving around. Our street and road crews are awesome keeping our streets open during the big storms. We really need some nice businesses for shopping (when I first moved here we had a NICE Signal Hills with Herbergers, JCPenney and a lot of little shops...now??)Target is my favorite place to shop and they are great but that Walmart is a dump. No nice dining places...all we keep getting are fast foods and sports bars...also, how many banks and laundromats do we need? And, don't feel safe walking inane of the parks with their paths...yet walking on the main streets we take our lives in our hands trying to cross some of the major streets like Robert St where sometimes the game seems to be to see how many red lights you can run. (I live a block off Robert and even with a green light I never start out until I look a final time each way to see if anyone is still coming...thanks for giving us this survey. And thanks for the set-up with the town hall meetings on the web streaming site. Zoom is terrible...this is really great!
- I think you do a great job and I feel heard as well as welcomed. I want to help the people in apartment buildings to become more involved in our community. Some that I have spoken with have lived in rentals for decades.
- Public Works is knocking it out of the park (no pun intended). They keep our city operating in far more ways than people realize. Snow removal, parks upkeep, sewers, streets, sidewalks, and many other things. Great work and I'm happy my taxes at work are so successful! Love seeing the City Council members working together and getting things done and new opportunities in the city.
- We need more sidewalks. Sidewalks sidewalks sidewalks. Live near Langer Circle, Emerson is not safe for walkers of any age. Bidwell is also dangerous.
- "We need to work on inclusivity/diversity in our community, starting with the police force. The last 2 hires were 2 white men. I am so glad there are 4 women on the city council, now we need to work to elect people of color and hire people of color at city hall.
- We need more diverse businesses in our community, let's think out of the box to attract more independent businesses or offer incentives for smaller new businesses owners. Especially those businesses offering services or goods for a diverse population, nobody is moving into our community if they can't find services/goods that reflect their cultural/ethnic needs. Why not a marketplace like global market on smaller scale? We need some of these white people to experience something other than white culture. Love the Tii Cup and Pepper Thai. More of that is good.
- We are behind with recycling in our community, we need to encourage curbside composting pick up and other ways to keep landfills free of items that can be recycled. We need to be good stewards of our resources.
- How about more activities for the youth besides sporting events in our community? Like drop in teen center? A safe place for arts/music for this age group outside of the schools? Especially for those adolescents and young adults experiencing homelessness. How bout job corps for the youth in our community?
- Lastly, we need a legitimate free/sliding scale clinic that provides reproductive health care for women and adolescents, not the pseudo health pregnancy centers like being rebuilt on Robert Street. In addition a free clinic/sliding scale clinic for families. Again, think out of the box and entice St Mary's free clinic to set up shop once weekly in a community space like a church or school on the bus line. Or contact a university that has nurse practitioner/nursing program to offer free clinic. Augsburg offers free clinic in their neighborhood, St Kate's recently opened a school based clinic in White Bear Lake schools for uninsured and underinsured students and families in the district. Not everybody in West St Paul has access to health care. If we want a healthy community, we need healthy community members and that's tough to do without health insurance.
- As we have more diverse families move into our community, we need some sort of forums to educate our community of the value of diversity. Ignorance

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- breeds racism, we have enough of that already in our community.
- Thanks for this safe space to let my voice be heard. I appreciate all that the new council is doing to make my community a more open, progressive and kinder one for all. “
- John Zanmiller was the single greatest mayor this town ever had. I named my kids after John Zanmiller and more people should do the same.
- “I am a life long WSP-er. I am very disappointed in the executive decisions by the council and planning commission to keep adding car washes, auto parts stores, laundromats, tire shops - such REPETITION to what is being allowed to take up valuable Robert Street retail space! Why keep allowing these same types of businesses? I would prefer Robert Street have a VARIETY of businesses, including more sit down restaurants, mom and pop small businesses, even unique chain places. Covid has killed lots of sit down restaurants and now WSP is choosing to instead fill those spaces with repetitive businesses.
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- Also - WSP Walmart! ISH! The City of WSP needs to hold Walmart corporate accountable for keeping a better establishment here. Lets force Walmart to clean up the litter from their parking lot and surrounding properties (the wooded area between Walmart and Hobby Lobby looks like a deserted landfill!) Have Walmart regularly/daily clean up debris from their grounds which blows around our town.
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- The new Robert Street improvements are already falling apart! The wall that was put in by the oil change shop on Robert/Moreland is already crumbling. Fancy fences are ending up being blowing trash nets. It seems we spent money on Robert Street only to let it go bad quickly. Lets get these issues fixed before they get worse.
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- WSP desperately needs more family friendly options - we let Chuck E Cheeses close (which is now ANOTHER auto parts store!), we lost the YMCA. Lets put it in the plans now to get a community center - somewhere where kids can play/swim, residents can work out, have meeting spaces, and a community space we can be proud of. Until that happens please do everything you can to keep the WSP swimming pool open.
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- Thank you to Dave Napier and all who help make WSP a good place to work/live/be.”
- More street lights in residential areas
- “west St Paul is a great place to live. Last year the crime level was up because of the riots sparked by the George Floyd killing. I hope that this year is different and the crime level decreases not only in West St Paul but across this city and the nation. Hopefully new restaurants can come in to the city replacing those that closed. Thank you for putting in new sidewalks making it a lot easier for those who walk around. I do have a suggestion that where there is a bus stop/shelter it is the responsibility of the business /store or resident to clean off the side walk or street so folks can board the city bus safely. I had this checked out by Metro Transit. The reason I am bringing this up is because last winter the bus stop for the #75 at Livingston and Minn-dota Road was never cleaned out making it difficult to get on the bus with groceries. That stop is right behind Cub Foods. Another thing that I want to express my concern on is sometime like last winter I had a hard time getting to Robert St because when I walked there a number of my neighbors never shoveled there sidewalks off. I have called the city and complained I may have to keep doing that. Please check out by who is responsible for cleaning out the bus stops by calling Metro Transit 612-373-3333 and if I am correct pass an ordinance to that effect. The elderly population including myself it counting on you for our safety.
- Thank you very much
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- The feeling of safety has gone down. Crime seems to be rampant and unchecked. The police can only do so much. They need the support of elected officials and the judicial branch as well. As long as criminals don't have serious repercussions they will continue. As long as the larger cities of Minneapolis

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and Saint Paul allow the crime to go unchecked it will spill into our neighborhoods and ruin what used to be a decent city.

- Trash, dog poop and sidewalks not shoveled have been out of control. I wish there were more natural areas around ward 1 aside from Thompson. I like the parks. They are green space but not really natural. I wish there were more trash and recycling receptacles, not just in the parks. I'm worried about carjackings and auto/ cat converter theft. I want a large friendly fenced dog park.
- Please pay more attention to climate change and environmental issues
- "I think wsp could use more amenities and less rental property. Our housing is affordable and we now have enough affordable apartments for rent. I definitely do not want the rental density ordinance to go away. Code enforcement is important and vital to keeping up our neighborhoods' appearances.
- Thank you for your service to our city."
- "I live in Mendota Heights. I am afraid to go most anywhere by myself these days because of the rise in violent crime, carjackings, etc. I used to shop on Robert Street but am hesitant to do so now unless my husband is with me.
- On another note, it would be nice if there were some better restaurants on Robert Street. We are not interested in chains like Applebee's, Denny's, etc. We are more likely to eat out in Highland or along West 7th."
- Thanks for asking
- "No more laundry mat.
- No more banks.
- Straighten Robert Street out!!
- So dangerous when making a left hand turn. CRAZY that was even approved."
- West St. Paul has poor shopping experiences if u are not a bank or car. Becoming a dangerous communities with the additions of more apartment buildings. Robert St being torn up again when just newly updated several years ago. Poor council planning. Traffic will become impossible on Robert. Thompson and Butler. Our quiet beautiful community is becoming a noisy crime riddled community. It is not convenient anymore for seniors.
- Too much rental property. Too many low rent apartments. W St Paul is turning into a mess. Do not feel safe and hope to leave. It used to have a clean small town feel. Now it is a Walmart dump.
- "I'm very grateful to live in West St. Paul, where I've owned a home for the past 16 years. I love the quietness of my neighborhood, the low-key atmosphere, and the general level of community commitment. I'm thrilled with the development and direction of elected city leadership over the past several years - the priorities they represent, their style of governance, and their hard work. I'm pleased that the elected officials who abused their positions by bullying, harassing, and intimidating colleagues and constituents are no longer serving. This was a shameful period in our town's history.
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- It was hard to answer some of the questions on the survey because my feelings about West Saint Paul residential and park areas are very different than my feelings about Robert Street. While I appreciate the facilitates and resources on Robert Street, I'm troubled by the enduring issues of commercial vacancies, blighted lots, and some enduring ugliness, despite the renovation. I'm encouraged by the Signal Hills residential development, but I feel the town won't be really thriving until Robert Street's health is improved and stabilized.
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- Finally, while I'm thrilled by the leadership developments in the past few years, especially considering the alternatives, it's still painfully obvious that the town's leadership, elected and hired, does not represent the diversity of populations and communities it serves. More needs to be done to develop leaders of color - in administrative and elected roles. Moving in this direction will build health and well-being in the community. Right now we reflect the constructions of American society over the last century - its reinforcing biases and norms. It's time to push our lived reality into the present, and become a truly multi-culturally representative society.
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- Thank you for doing the Town Halls! I have learned a great deal this morning. “
- The city needs to focus on making WSP look less like University Ave and more like Woodbury or Apple Valley. We have too many laundromats, car part stores and not enough retail or sit-down dining. It looks ghetto.
- Thanks for town meetings. Well run. Interesting and informative.
- “Storm water run-off
- The rain/snow melt is directed into our pond on Carmel Ave. but has no way to exit so that the pond can clean itself. There needs to be water current in order to keep it clean and odor free. Since this pond is a help for WSP, otherwise Carmel floods when it rains, it would be helpful to have a way to clean it.
- Thank you for your time and effort in this matter.”
- Not currently working because of COVID-19, my job is in Eagan. I think WSP does very good overall. New engaged young residents are a real asset, I see WSP on an upward trajectory.
- I used to live here but moved. Property crime was too high and not enough housing options for families to grow. I loved the community, being able to walk most everywhere and a lot of other options with the area. It was a hard choice to leave
- We have plentiful affordable housing. We have too many apartment buildings for the size of our community and our population. We do not have enough housing for retirees, meaning main level living. It forces many to leave the area to move to other communities. Robert Street could attract so many more different businesses. It's disappointing that Granny's Donuts is going to be the sight of yet another apartment building. The former Perkins if going to be the site of another laundromat and the former Baker's Square site is going to be a car wash. Ridiculous! None of these are desirable businesses that are going to attract families to move to the area or keep them here. The school district is good but not great. If that tanks, families with other options will leave. West St. Paul has an amazing location. It has reasonably priced homes that can attract young home owners. Providing a safe community, good public services and great public schools will make this a community they'll want to remain in to raise their families.
- Stay the course folks, West St Paul is doing fine. Don't get hung up on diversity what will be will be. Treat everyone the same!
- “I want to see
- -a truly diverse police dept, from the top down.
- -less big box development
- -better sidewalks
- -a community center like SSP has w options and resources for the elderly
- -better public transport and biking lanes to main roads leading to schools.
- -adherence to the plan created around Signal Hills and mixed use development around all population dense development that currently exists. “
- Interested in getting the Art Park ready for extensive gardens and design.
- The West St Paul City Council has great intentions but they are not focusing on the real issues of WSP. The city has continued to develop with businesses and housing (mostly low income/market rate) which brings more and more people to WSP. However, the police department has been given no additional resources to handle the increased influx of people. WSP also has the highest felony level crime per officer in all of Dakota County per the Dakota County Attorneys Office. This is not new and WSP has been leading this sad statistics as the busiest city in Dakota County with the least amount of officers for years. As the city council and community continue to criticize the WSP police department, I would encourage all of you to do multiple ride-alongs on different shifts to see what WSP is really like. I hear a lot about rude neighbors, noise complaints that are “not addressed” and other quality of life issues. These are absolutely important issues however, I know WSP officers have their hands full responding to shots fired calls, robberies, assaults, etc. The manpower is limited and without the addition of more officers, these calls will continue to be a non-priority as officers begin to burn out and spend their time on higher priority calls for service. There is also very little support from the city council for the police department. Most (not all) of

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the city council members continue to publicly critique the police department, call for reviews of nonsense complaints without any background information into those situations, and could stand for a reality check as to what the WSP Officers deal with on a daily basis. The WSP Police do have a diverse group of people working there and applicants are picked based on skills and ability to do their job. The constant critiquing of our “diversity level” takes away from the hard work all our officers (including those who are non white or female) do everyday. Get to know your Officers and what a real shift looks like before you worry about improving a institution you know nothing about, other than what the TV shows you.

- Storm water runoff from local area is directed into the Carmel ave pond. With only one inlet/outlet from Carmel road, causes the pond health to become stinky, green and brackish. It would be helpful to have second inlet/outlet to control the flow for natural cleaning for the pond.? Thanks for listening!
- “It’s disappointing to see the loss of sit down restaurants but understand that’s out of your control. But it would be nice to have more options.
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- It would be nice to see a larger variety of businesses along Robert Street. I don’t know that any street needs 4 chicken restaurants, 4 or more car washes (with the possible new one) or so many laundromat, which say low-rent district to me. I understand that with the zoning ordinances you have little control on who takes these spots but it would be nice to woo some other businesses.
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- Finally, force businesses along Robert Street to clean up their trash! You expect home owners to keep their property nice, but Robert Street businesses and bus stops look like pig pens. It’s disgusting and embarrassing.
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- Thank you for reading my comments.”
- “Taxes keep going up and all we get for our money is some lousy bike paths. Just about every road in the city is junk and we keep constructing new infrastructure. We can’t even afford to maintain what we have right now.
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- Maybe an adjustment in priorities is worth considering...
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- -Concerned Citizen”
- “I miss WSP dearly. It’s a wonderful family oriented City. I feel a sense of new and important things happening. Not a big fan of 2 laundromats within the same block.
- I know you can not pick who wants to open a business in WSP. So how can the City draw the businesses residents desire? Different with so many stores not surviving on line shopping. A community center would be a great asset. And opportunity for WSP school age youth is a good direction to move. I like the opportunity for families with food shortages to be able to get out to the food drives. And if they can not get to the food drive, a group of residents that could deliver the food would be a win, win. It’s a great networking tool.
- Thank you and take care! “
- Overall West St. Paul has so much potential and even more so with some new faces at the council table. But we all know there are major issues with safety for women in this community, uneven policing of people of color and women, and code enforcement. This city needs continued and increasingly bold, progressive leadership for change to keep up with the world and to value the viewpoints and experiences of all its citizens more, as well as climate change, diversity and inclusion, and accessibility. I love living here, honestly, and recommend others do, too, but I also am willing to acknowledge how much change is still needed so that we can move forward. I would love to see that reflected in policy and city initiatives. We have a very serious problem with economic development in this city and I won’t have it that we can’t do something about it. Other cities do. Strategic, visionary, imaginative solutions are needed. There are lots of people who have been punished for their engagement with their city issues, and it has a chilling effect on others who want to be involved but are nervous about the blowback. It doesn’t have to be rooted in conflict. It can be rooted in trying to do the best for everyone who lives

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here and loves this city. Thank you for your time.

- Why did the link to the survey take me directly to the Spanish version?
- “Frustrated with the ongoing development of more apartment rental housing. Robert street functions but is such an eyesore with excessive amounts of fast food, tire, and convenience stores.
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- A community that values the community would focus on creating connections “ community/fitness center and a major Focus must be on making the gems of the city (parks, nature, schools) more accessible to everyone via bike and walkways. Charlton, smith, Moreland, butler, Bernard, bidwell, Livingston, Emerson should all have bikeways and sidewalks. The investments in this type infrastructure in the wealthier, less populated areas of the city is fantastic for those neighborhoods but profoundly Inequitable to the safety and ease of use for the majority of the community.
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- “West St Paul used to be an excellent place to live. We were hopeful that improvements around Robert Street would make it even better but most of Robert Street is just a blight. It’s not attractive or safe. It attracts too many unsavory types and seems to be a great place for crime”™
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- Also the push to bring in more and more apartments and low income housing has caused overall drop in standard of living”
- Speeding on main roads in Ward 3 is out of control. Please address!
- “West St Paul’s location is both a curse and a blessing. It’s five square miles are surrounded by major highways providing easy access to metro areas. This also provides easy access for the criminal element to flee their crime.
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- Robert Street provides retail but as retail grows so does the opportunity for crime.
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- A variety of housing options are available but more police resources will be needed as more and more multi-housing units are built in West St Paul.
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- West St Paul is a city that provides so much to so many people. Those looking for a wonderful thriving community will find it here.
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- West Saint Paul needs more quality restaurants and not fast food chicken places. Also some other retailers like Kohl’s.
- The Zoning / business model on Robert Street is holding WSP back. There are very few options for dining, and nothing that isn’t a chain on the street. It looks junky. Working to attract a variety of quality businesses, something other than fast food and tires, would go a long way toward making WSP a more desirable place to live.
- I think there should be sidewalks on all snow emergency routes. Those streets are busy streets and it’s so uncomfortable having to walk down a busy street with no sidewalk. Emerson Ave West is one that gets busy and people drive fast so it can be very uncomfortable at times.
- “Green space, parks, trails, and nature areas are important to us.
- I’d like to see more unique stores and restaurants. Seems like all we have are big box stores, chicken, and hamburgers.
- Racial equity, advancement of women, and LGBTQ issues are very important to our family. “
- In general, a very convenient and safe place to live. Would like to see more choices in sit down restaurants and more family activities.

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- Facebook cannot be the main way to communicate with WSP citizens.
- I dream of curbside composting. If a commercial business can get a residential-sized composting bin picked up weekly, residents should be able to buy this service too. I get not exactly a city issue but it's important to me.
- Live in south Saint Paul. Do a lot of business in west Saint Paul.
- Enforce snow and ice removal on sidewalks throughout the city.
- Community communication is a area of needed improvement. The sidewalk on Robert is still terrible.
- PD needs to get a better handle on petty crime or it's going to explode and increase in severity.
- I grew up in WSP, Went to Grass Jr High And Sibley. My 2 older daughters graduated from Sibley and my youngest son is currently at Heritage Stem. While we don't live in WSP we do live in Mendota Heights.
- "I'm very concerned about the traffic situation with the building of HyVee. I realize it is a boon for our area, but it is hard for me to visualize keeping pedestrians safe and maintaining a safe traffic flow. I live at 142 Carmel Ave. and the adjacent pond is becoming more stagnant and putrid each year. Last summer the smell was noxious and clouds of gnats were present through July and August. It's no longer a pond, but simply a quagmire of decaying leaves. I don't know the solution, maybe fill it in and install a ditch of some kind for drainage? The scum, smell and neglected appearance is not a boon for the area.
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- Thank you for your attention."
- After watching the Town Hall meeting I will be moving out of West St Paul. I have been here for 28 years but watching the City Council I am not happy with the issues the Council see as important. Total lack of focus on what makes a community livable. Dissapointed how a great deal of Council members love to hear themselves talk but really don't say anything.
- Really excited to see and support the new make-up of the West St. Paul Council. Have had many positive and wonderful interactions with our Chief of police (and department) who are great and caring. Have had many positive interactions with city officials and love that they are accessible and responsive.
- Meed more things for kids to do please!
- "West St. Paul police are liars, they suck!
- We need more for children to do. "
- "We are pleased with recent increase in diversity in elected positions (specifically female representation and working age adults vs many retirement age white men previously). Would like to see more racial and ethnic diversity in elected and hired city roles.
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- I am concerned with accounts I've heard of various community members' interactions with WSP police. Specifically, harassment and nails in tires likely from Dave Meisenger or other community member against women voicing their opinions and running for office, but also including WSP police interactions with non-white residents and with those experiencing mental illness. I'd like to see more non-white police officers and employees hired into WSP, and I would also like to see more public statements, commitments, dialogue and action on diversity, equity and inclusion.
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- I'm pleased to see development happening on Robert Street but am wondering how we might be able to attract more variety in stores and restaurants. Would love Trader Joe's, TJ Maxx, healthier restaurants, and an Asian grocery store. The loss of the YMCA is a disappointment. Would love to see a bigger, better community pool and water park built in WSP similar to St Louis Park or Apple Valley or Edina, or even IGH or Eagan. Looking forward to the pedestrian/bike tunnel! "
- "Section 3 answers skewed due to

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- Covid isolation”
- Need more opportunities for teens age13-15.
- Would love more sidewalks for safe walks with children! The children’s section at the library could use some sprucing up too.
- “It’s a nice place to live. It’s convenient.The snowplowing has always been good. Our schools are good. We love the small family businesses and small chains.
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- Safety & crime is a moderately high concern for us. It would be nice to have more for kids to do, though our parks are nice and I appreciate the improvements over the last few years.”
- “A newly West Saint Paul resident of 9 months....
- Formerly long time Inver Grove Heights resident.”
- “Please NO MORE FAST FOOD OR CHAINS !!! The population in general is overweight or obese, partly due to the poor food options we have in our city.
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- We need more HEALTHY food choices and options in our community. Also why aren’t there more family owned or privately owned restaurants with real food here?? Why not a vegetarian or vegan specialty restaurant? Why not a bakery? Why not any of the unique independent restaurants that are in South Minneapolis, Eagan or Woodbury as an example?
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- Why don’t we partner with a chef school and offer a business deal to some chef students to start their own restaurant in WSP? “
- Left property code enforcement blank as the question is ambiguous. Business property is poorly maintained with no repercussions yet homeowners are unfairly persecuted by biased enforcers.
- I work in W. St. Paul & think it’s a great community. Lots of amenities and great individuals. I also think the police are very kind, responsive, & understanding.
- “We need senior physical activity as a priority.
- Pickleball courts , beyond the 1 or 2 courts being considered.
- Harmon Park is the ideal location as the school kids would love pickleball.”
- Robert Street needs regular trash pick up from Annapolis to Southview. Walmart needs to be responsible for their littered grounds. Parking enforcement needs to start towing snow birds. Vitelli needs to retire from council. Justen needs his massive ego deflated. Berry should never again “talk black” in council meetings. We do not need any more fast food, laundromats, car washes, tire shops, & auto parts stores on Robert St.
- We have lived in west st paul for 25 years and have grown to love it very much. I know that crime is happening all over but we are a bit concerned about the uptick of petty crimes in the area. We love and support our police dept and I am hoping that they continue to get the communitys support to do their job and keep ceime at a minimum. We love west st paul.
- Love the splash pad and playground at Harmon Park. It is very popular and used by a lot families! At times, it has even been what I would describe as crowded. Would love to have more space / amenities like the splash pad and playground at Harmon Park. Thank you
- I would like to see more opportunities to connect with my community advertise on social media because I don’t really see them anywhere but I’m sure they’re out there. I also really want a dog park.
- “WSP is doing a good job. We do need more businesses - - not chicken, taco or car places.
- Disappointed with the code enforcement when it comes to the city sidewalks in the winter. I am a walker
- and find it very difficult to walk because a large number of sidewalks are never shoveled. Walking in street is
- so dangerous. It seems to be the same households every winter who do not shovel at all.

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- I have dealt with the city street, parks and maintenance crew, and they always smile and seem happy and try to do a good job.
- Disappointed with city decisions when it comes to bringing in new businesses.”
- “Love the survey.
- Love the idea of town hall meetings...meant to go...will go in future.
- Get us a nice restaurant please and some retail.”
- Whatever happened to a maintenance district being formed for Robert Street? We need to keep up the plants in the median and keep the litter down. Please work with the Met Council and business community to keep the litter off of Robert and the side streets and especially the bus stops! A clean city is our way to show that we have civic pride and care. I know the police and public works are busy, but when large bags of trash are sitting on the side of the streets, find a way to have someone pick it up instead of just driving past it. Right now caring citizens are the only mechanism in ensuring litter is picked up.
- Hoping for Pickeball courts in the near future - heard you were meeting about this
- Since my wife, myself and our 2 children moved to West Saint Paul in 2013, we have seen fewer and fewer outlets and and places for children to gather. West Saint Paul needs to incentivize the YMCA to return or build a skate park, arcade, emporium, roller rink or rec center for our children to congregate and build fine memories of their home town. It seems that all this town is doing these days, is creating an environment in which our children will be anxious to uproot and begin their adult lives elsewhere.
- Give it a rest on every little thing geared at racial equality. That is all you ever hear about. Work on making it cleaner. Half the time WSP looks like trash.
- The lack of truly affordable rental housing (not market rate rental housing) is an issue that I see in West St Paul. I live a block from the border, and work for a church in South St Paul that is close to the WSP border, so we have many members who reside in WSP. Affordability is the issue that I hear most often about from members and friends.
- Lack of quality in businesses. To many laundermats, car wash's, and auto part places for one city.
- It sure would be nice to have a community center with actives for all ages. The old K Mart site would have been perfect for the city to buy and use for this. What a lost opportunity...
- Could you please consider allowing ADUs in the future. Minneapolis and St. Paul have both approved ADUs in the last few years. I would the opportunity to build an apartment for my aging family member.
- “We need fewer apartments and more retail opportunities. More food options other than drive throughs.
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- Apartments, liquor stores, and fast food chicken is no way to a bright future.
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- We miss the bowling alley. We miss sit down restaurants. “
- I gave low marks for police services especially because of the fact that they do not tell us what is happening like many other communities do and I know that there are problems that it would help to be aware of and I do not like this secrecy. I am afraid to walk by myself anywhere because of what I know is going on near me.
- Communication from the police department is very good. They are doing it right. Others need to take note. Excellent public safety.
- The need to support street maintenance and public safety is very important.
- “Public safety is well done compared to other cities. They give a sense of welcoming to every individual no matter their gender and/or race. I feel confident in their works and I wouldn't be afraid to reach out to them as they listen to concerns and consider the opinions of the community.

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- A sense of welcoming of ALL individuals needs to be more of a focus. Left leaning and right leaning. The left needs to be more welcoming to the right. The right needs to be more welcome of the left. There is a lot of talk about issues of diversity, but that can't be the faults of single groups such as public safety.. how can they have control of certain incidents that happen when it's out of their hands. How can they control who is applying for law enforcement jobs and how is it their fault that diversity isn't in the mix. Pointing fingers and putting blame creates stress and doesn't do well for mental health amongst city workers, especially public safety when they are already under a lot of stress with their job as is. The golden rule...treat others like how you'd want to be treated. “
- West Saint Paul needs a community center! There are many families with children that would utilize a community center, look at how popular Harmon Park is now. There aren't many places to gather as a community right now.
- I just want to express some concerns about our City Council. I'm not a huge politics person but enjoy watching the council meetings to hear about things happening in our city. A couple meetings ago I noticed one of the council members become very defensive and have a bad attitude that I think really set a bad imagine to our City Council. I have noticed that same member have a very selfish image reflective attitude and I disagree with how they represent themselves. It should not be about how they look in a position of power but yet as a representative for our city. Again I'm not a very political person but I disagree with such self centered attitude. I also want to express concerns our council and some members of the public had with our public safety. I think our Police Chief did an amazing job speaking about awareness with diversity in our Police Department. I have had good and bad interactions with law enforcement throughout my life, but never have I with any Officer in the City of West St. Paul. Most Officers I have interacted with yes have been white but yet their race hasn't had anything to contribute to their professionalism. I don't disagree with the thought that sometimes diverse people dealing with diverse people is better but yet with the City of West St. Paul Police Officers they have always been willing to listen and become understanding. I think that our Police Department has done an amazing job with the changing of times and becoming educated. I don't think the race of an officer should matter in my personal opinion, I would rather have a qualified officer than one who is of a certain ethnic background. I think we need to stop looking at race as a qualification and be more accepting of everyone as a whole. If we are to ridicule the Police Department for hiring two Caucasian officers then we should also ridicule the Council for having no people of color either. To me that just doesn't sit right and I think race shouldn't always be looked at. Let's be more accepting as a whole and keep working together and growing as a city. Keep up the amazing work West St Paul Police Department, thank you for your time.
- Robert Street and its businesses are one huge trash heap. If we removed Walmart from our city, it would 100% improve my opinion of our city.
- Ward 1 needs more side walks. Many medical practitioners are leaving West St. Paul.
- We love WSP! Would love to see more promotion of environmental efforts!
- When will the city raise the minimum wage to \$15 like St Paul has done?
- I'm unaware on what is happening in the city and how to take part of it. It's like the meetings and stuff are secret and only hear about them after the fact. Many places with no sidewalks and not easy to walk around with my daughter unless we go in the street. Many side streets in my neighborhood need repairs.
- I love living in WSP and have been here for 15 years. I was not planning on raising my family here... but here I am with two kids! I really wish the city would enforce code rules though.. I have a neighbor who although able to shovel, pick up their trash and mow their lawn, the let that go. I feel so bad for those trying to walk their pets, the mail person trying to do their job and the delivery people. The grass in the summer is at least a foot high and I'm getting trash in blown into my yard which I am constantly picking up. I really love my home and don't want to say anything to them. I just wish the city could step up and help keep our city clean and beautiful. Otherwise, I am so happy to be here! We have a home that is perfect. Great school, great parks! Excited to use the new bike trail with my kids! Our little slice of nature and beauty in the city!
- I moved here 6 months ago from another state and I love it. Due to covid restrictions, I haven't gotten involved in much locally but once things ease up, I'll be able to meet people and get more involved. I look forward to that.

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- I would like to see more events for community gathering. Somehow I seem to miss some of the great things that are put on (the police dept. Has been doing a great job of having events). The splash pad was obviously a success! Things like that would be great to see more of. Concerts in the park? Things that are easy to attend and mingle with others in a fun environment.
- I'm interested in knowing Who/How to contact Government officials about questions related to my street and my property. Examples: An easement, obtaining a crosswalk or speed limit flashing sign. Thank you.
- We live on the West Side and love West St. Paul. We strongly wish you'd have shopping/ dining for those of us with sufficient incomes. Everything seems geared to low income. We worked hard, had good luck, and would love to spend our dollars closer to home.
- We need more police
- Wish there were more bus stops on off streets rather than having to walk to miles to get to a bus stop when there are busses that go right past my house on butler. Also have a better plan when dealing with dogs that have been called on more than 7 times. Also know that there racial issues within the community and figure out ways to deal with it when problems arise.
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- The following were submitted in spanish and translated to english.
- There should be more sidewalks and better lighting throughout the city. It would be good if the buses would pass more frequently