

2019 Neighborhood Meeting Survey Results By Question

1. My age is

ANSWER	WARD 1	WARD 2	WARD 3	ONLINE	TOTAL	%
17 or under	0	1	0	0	1	0.33%
Between 18-24	0	0	0	2	2	0.66%
Between 25-34	2	1	5	36	44	14.43%
Between 35-44	7	5	8	61	81	26.56%
Between 45-54	9	4	6	22	41	13.44%
Between 55-64	10	15	16	16	57	18.69%
65 or over	18	19	21	21	79	25.90%

To compare these answers to similar questions from previous years, see 2018 Question 1.

2. I have lived in West St. Paul for

ANSWER	WARD 1	WARD 2	WARD 3	ONLINE	TOTAL	%
Less than 5 years	10	8	12	43	73	24.01%
5-10 years	9	4	8	36	57	18.75%
11-15 years	1	4	6	17	28	9.21%
16-20 years	1	2	3	14	20	6.58%
21-25 years	9	2	9	14	34	11.18%
26-30 years	4	8	2	9	23	7.57%
Over 30 years	15	16	14	24	69	22.70%

To compare these answers to similar questions from previous years, see 2017 Question 4.

3. I live in Ward

ANSWER	WARD 1	WARD 2	WARD 3	ONLINE	TOTAL	%
1	24	7	0	24	55	20.37%
2	15	19	4	41	79	29.26%
3	8	19	13	61	101	37.41%
Don't know	3	0	1	31	35	12.96%

To compare these answers to similar questions from previous years, see 2018 Question 2.

4. How would you rate the overall quality of life in your neighborhood?

ANSWER	WARD 1	WARD 2	WARD 3	ONLINE	TOTAL	%
Excellent	14	10	17	22	63	20.52%
Very Good	28	26	22	91	167	54.40%
Good	8	6	9	28	51	16.61%
Average	1	1	5	13	20	6.51%
Fair	1	0	0	5	6	1.95%
Poor	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%

To compare these answers to similar questions from previous years, see 2018 Question 3 and 2017 Question 6.

5. How would you rate the overall quality of life in WSP? (outside of your neighborhood)

ANSWER	WARD 1	WARD 2	WARD 3	ONLINE	TOTAL	%
Excellent	4	3	3	12	22	7.21%
Very Good	25	13	27	57	122	40.00%
Good	15	20	19	60	114	37.38%
Average	4	5	5	24	38	12.46%
Fair	1	0	2	5	8	2.62%
Poor	0	0	0	1	1	0.33%

To compare these answers to similar questions from previous years, see 2017 Question 5.

6. What is the most serious issue currently facing West St. Paul? (Weighted Response)

ANSWER	WARD 1	WARD 2	WARD 3	ONLINE	TOTAL	%
Property/Housing Maintenance, Neighborhood Quality & Stability	56	66	59	166	347	19.11%
Crime	24	23	24	131	202	11.12%
Property Taxes	66	42	20	101	229	12.61%
Attracting Jobs and Employment	9	29	21	86	145	7.98%
Attracting Shopping and Restaurants	43	22	47	170	282	15.53%
Environmental Issues	14	19	27	41	101	5.56%
Improving Walkability	62	50	73	196	381	20.98%
Improving Parks and Open Space	23	18	26	62	129	7.10%

To compare these answers to similar questions from previous years, see 2018 Questions 7, 8, 9 and 2017 Questions 7 & 8.

7. In what area(s) should the City commit more resources? (Weighted Response)

ANSWER	WARD 1	WARD 2	WARD 3	ONLINE	TOTAL	%
Infrastructure Replacement or maintenance	86	77	101	298	562	32.08%
Police	20	23	29	129	201	11.47%
Fire	9	7	8	19	43	2.45%
Parks Maintenance	35	17	31	77	160	9.13%
Recreation Programming	14	14	14	65	107	6.11%
Debt Retirement	65	33	39	89	226	12.90%
Trails & Sidewalks	53	53	67	210	383	21.86%
None	4	1	7	25	37	2.11%
Other	4	1	0	28	33	1.88%

8. What park or facility do you frequent most often? (Weighted Response)

ANSWER	WARD 1	WARD 2	WARD 3	ONLINE	TOTAL	%
Sports Dome (RAC)	24	16	5	23	68	4.23%
Ice Arena (John V. Hoene)	3	0	6	24	33	2.05%
Outdoor Swimming Pool	11	16	13	44	84	5.22%
Marthaler Park	24	31	32	56	143	8.89%
Garlough Park	14	21	24	64	123	7.64%
Sports Complex (at Oakdale/Wentworth)	12	0	8	21	41	2.55%
Thompson County Park	105	53	45	176	379	23.56%
Harmon Park	23	32	42	204	301	18.71%
Trail System	23	19	34	88	164	10.19%
My Neighborhood Park (Orme 1	6	21	42	194	273	16.97%

9. What is the most important factor when choosing a community to live? (Weighted Response)

ANSWER	WARD 1	WARD 2	WARD 3	ONLINE	TOTAL	%
Quality of Schools	41	45	47	192	325	18.16%
Low Crime	57	41	77	239	414	23.13%
Proximity to Shopping & Restaurants	57	29	32	68	186	10.39%
Proximity to Night Life & Entertainment	1	3	0	10	14	0.78%
Quality of Parks & Open Space	22	21	24	64	131	7.32%
Walkability	24	31	34	99	188	10.50%
Access to Public Transit	10	12	20	22	64	3.58%
Proximity to Employment	18	34	35	112	199	11.12%
Neighborhood Aesthetics & Cleanliness	47	34	48	140	269	15.03%

To compare these answers to similar questions from previous years, see 2018 Questions 4, 5, 6 and 2017 Questions 9 & 10.

10. How do you receive most of your information about West St. Paul? (Weighted Response)

ANSWER	WARD 1	WARD 2	WARD 3	ONLINE	TOTAL	%
City Newsletter (What's Happening in West St. Paul)	85	51	78	204	418	23.75%
City Website	38	21	28	102	189	10.74%
City Facebook/Twitter	28	44	37	254	363	20.63%
Other Social Media Groups (WSP Neighbors)	43	54	35	260	392	22.27%
St. Paul Pioneer Press	16	13	33	26	88	5.00%
Minneapolis Star Tribune	5	12	8	8	33	1.88%
Southwest Review	15	7	16	8	46	2.61%
Cable Television (NDC4)	15	8	0	19	42	2.39%
Word of Mouth	45	36	39	69	189	10.74%

To compare these answers to similar questions from previous years, see 2018 Questions 15, 15, 16

2018 Neighborhood Meeting Survey Results By Question

1. My age is

ANSWER	3PM SESSION	6PM SESSION	ONLINE	TOTAL	%
17 or under	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Between 18-24	0	0	1	1	0.45%
Between 25-34	1	5	31	37	16.52%
Between 35-44	2	8	58	68	30.36%
Between 45-54	5	6	30	41	18.30%
Between 55-64	6	6	24	36	16.07%
65 or over	11	7	23	41	18.30%

2. I live in Ward:

ANSWER	3PM SESSION	6PM SESSION	ONLINE	TOTAL	%
1	6	6	30	42	19.35%
2	10	11	36	57	26.27%
3	6	8	39	53	24.42%
Don't Know	4	6	55	65	29.95%

3. How would you rate the overall quality of life in your neighborhood?

ANSWER	3PM SESSION	6PM SESSION	ONLINE	TOTAL	%
Very Good	8	12	47	67	30.18%
Good	13	14	91	118	53.15%
Average	5	5	18	28	12.61%
Fair	1	0	7	8	3.60%
Poor	0	0	1	1	0.45%
No Opinion or Don't Know	0	0	0	0	0.00%

4. What is the most important consideration in choosing a community to invest or live? (1st Choice)

ANSWER	3PM SESSION	6PM SESSION	ONLINE	TOTAL	%
Quality of Schools	0	8	40	48	22.22%
Low Crime	8	5	59	72	33.33%
Proximity to Shopping & Restaurants	1	3	7	11	5.09%
Proximity to Night Life & Entertainment	0	0	1	1	0.46%
Quality of Parks & Open Space	4	1	11	16	7.41%
Walkability, Trail & Sidewalks	3	6	22	31	14.35%
Access to Public Transit	0	0	2	2	0.93%
Proximity to Employment	1	3	9	13	6.02%
Neighborhood Aesthetics / Cleanliness	2	4	16	22	10.19%

5. What is the most important consideration in choosing a community to invest or live? (2nd choice)

ANSWER	3PM SESSION	6PM SESSION	ONLINE	TOTAL	%
Quality of Schools	2	3	30	35	15.56%
Low Crime	2	8	35	45	20.00%
Proximity to Shopping & Restaurants	3	3	24	30	13.33%
Proximity to Night Life & Entertainment	0	0	1	1	0.44%
Quality of Parks & Open Space	9	4	16	29	12.89%
Walkability, Trails & Sidewalks	2	5	23	30	13.33%
Access to Public Transit	0	1	4	5	2.22%
Proximity to Employment	1	4	13	18	8.00%
Neighborhood Aesthetics / Cleanliness	7	4	21	32	14.22%

6. What is the most important consideration in choosing a community to invest or live? (3rd Choice)

ANSWER	3PM SESSION	6PM SESSION	ONLINE	TOTAL	%
Quality of Schools	2	2	19	23	10.50%
Low Crime	3	6	16	25	11.42%
Proximity to Shopping & Restaurants	6	10	21	37	16.89%
Proximity to Night Life & Entertainment	1	0	6	7	3.20%
Quality of Parks & Open Space	2	4	36	42	19.18%
Walkability, Trails & Sidewalks	4	3	33	40	18.26%
Access to Public Transit	1	0	6	7	3.20%
Proximity to Employment	1	1	10	12	5.48%
Neighborhood Aesthetics / Cleanliness	2	5	19	26	11.87%

7. What is the most serious issue facing West St. Paul in the future? (1st Choice)

ANSWER	3PM SESSION	6PM SESSION	ONLINE	TOTAL	%
Maintenance and Repair of Streets	5	3	29	37	16.52%
Property/Housing Maintenance, Neighborhood Quality and Stability	3	13	29	45	20.09%
Crime	1	1	24	26	11.61%
Property Taxes	6	3	11	20	8.93%
Attracting Jobs and Employment	1	1	12	14	6.25%
Attracting Shopping and Restaurants	3	4	21	28	12.50%
Environmental Issues	0	1	3	4	1.79%
Improving Walkability, Bike Trails	4	6	33	43	19.20%
Improving Parks and Open Space	2	0	5	7	3.13%

8. What is the most serious issue facing West St. Paul in the future? (2nd Choice)

ANSWER	3PM SESSION	6PM SESSION	ONLINE	TOTAL	%
Maintenance and Repair of Streets	3	3	29	35	15.70%
Property/Housing Maintenance, Neighborhood Quality and Stability	6	2	28	36	16.14%
Crime	2	2	20	24	10.76%
Property Taxes	6	6	13	25	11.21%
Attracting Jobs and Employment	2	4	12	18	8.07%
Attracting Shopping and Restaurants	0	7	21	28	12.56%
Environmental Issues	0	1	14	15	6.73%
Improving Walkability, Bike Trails	3	4	15	22	9.87%
Improving Parks and Open Space	4	2	14	20	8.97%

9. What is the most serious issue facing West St. Paul in the future? (3rd Choice)

ANSWER	3PM SESSION	6PM SESSION	ONLINE	TOTAL	%
Maintenance and Repair of Streets	1	6	21	28	12.56%
Property/Housing Maintenance, Neighborhood Quality and Stability	5	3	26	34	15.25%
Crime	4	2	21	27	12.11%
Property Taxes	2	4	11	17	7.62%
Attracting Jobs and Employment	2	3	11	16	7.17%
Attracting Shopping and Restaurants	1	3	22	26	11.66%
Environmental Issues	4	1	8	13	5.83%
Improving Walkability, Bike Trails	4	6	29	39	17.49%
Improving Parks and Open Space	2	3	18	23	10.31%

10. What type of housing is most needed in West St. Paul? (1st Choice)

ANSWER	3PM SESSION	6PM SESSION	ONLINE	TOTAL	%
Affordable Rental	1	2	30	33	14.93%
Market Rate Rental	1	1	7	9	4.07%
Senior Rental	2	4	6	12	5.43%
Single Level Townhomes	13	9	26	48	21.72%
Condominiums	0	1	6	7	3.17%
Single Family Homes	8	9	71	88	39.82%
None	2	3	19	24	10.86%

11. What type of housing is most needed in West St. Paul? (2nd Choice)

ANSWER	3PM SESSION	6PM SESSION	ONLINE	TOTAL	%
Affordable Rental	1	4	19	24	10.96%
Market Rate Rental	2	4	27	33	15.07%
Senior Rental	2	2	18	22	10.05%
Single Level Townhomes	8	4	31	43	19.63%
Condominiums	0	3	14	17	7.76%
Single Family Homes	10	8	27	45	20.55%
None	2	3	30	35	15.98%

12. For ownership housing, on what price range should WSP focus?

ANSWER	3PM SESSION	6PM SESSION	ONLINE	TOTAL	%
Under \$200,000	2	5	50	57	25.91%
\$200,000-\$300,000	12	16	75	103	46.82%
\$300,000-\$400,000	5	9	13	27	12.27%
Over \$400,000	1	1	1	3	1.36%
All of the Above	6	0	24	30	13.64%

13. For rental housing, on what price range should WSP focus?

ANSWER	3PM SESSION	6PM SESSION	ONLINE	TOTAL	%
Under \$900/month	1	3	29	33	15.49%
\$900-\$1,200/month	7	13	81	101	47.42%
\$1,200-\$1,800/month	11	10	38	59	27.70%
Over \$1,800/month	7	5	8	20	9.39%

14. How do you receive most of your information about WSP? (1st Choice)

ANSWER	3PM SESSION	6PM SESSION	ONLINE	TOTAL	%
City Newsletter (What's Happening in West St. Paul)	8	9	47	64	28.83%
City Website	3	2	9	14	6.31%
City Facebook/Twitter	2	6	49	57	25.68%
Other Social Media Groups (not run by the City)	4	9	51	64	28.83%
St. Paul Pioneer Press	3	2	2	7	3.15%
Minneapolis Star Tribune	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Southwest Review	1	0	1	2	0.90%
Cable Television (NDC4)	2	1	2	5	2.25%
Word of Mouth, Friends, Relatives	3	0	6	9	4.05%

15. How do you receive most of your information about WSP? (2nd Choice)

ANSWER	3PM SESSION	6PM SESSION	ONLINE	TOTAL	%
City Newsletter (What's Happening in West St. Paul)	9	9	48	66	29.46%
City Website	5	2	19	26	11.61%
City Facebook/Twitter	3	2	42	47	20.98%
Other Social Media Groups (not run by the City)	3	8	22	33	14.73%
St. Paul Pioneer Press	1	5	8	14	6.25%
Minneapolis Star Tribune	1	0	0	1	0.45%
Southwest Review	2	1	3	6	2.68%
Cable Television (NDC4)	0	1	2	3	1.34%
Word of Mouth, Friends, Relatives	3	3	22	28	12.50%

16. How do you receive most of your information about WSP? (3rd Choice)

ANSWER	3PM SESSION	6PM SESSION	ONLINE	TOTAL	%
City Newsletter (What's Happening in West St. Paul)	2	3	32	37	17.05%
City Website	8	3	22	33	15.21%
City Facebook/Twitter	1	3	25	29	13.36%
Other Social Media Groups (not run by the City)	1	4	19	24	11.06%
St. Paul Pioneer Press	3	6	16	25	11.52%
Minneapolis Star Tribune	0	1	1	2	0.92%
Southwest Review	1	5	5	11	5.07%
Cable Television (NDC4)	2	1	2	5	2.30%
Word of Mouth, Friends, Relatives	7	4	40	51	23.50%

2017 Neighborhood Meeting Survey Results By Question

1. Is there anything that would prevent you from living in West St. Paul as long as you want to?

(More than one response allowed. Results NOT weighted)

ANSWER	WARD 1	WARD 2	WARD 3	FINALE	ONLINE	TOTAL	%
No	15	24	26	13	19	97	49.0%
My home doesn't have what I need or isn't configured well	1	10	10	2	10	33	16.7%
Available housing isn't the right size	3	5	1	2	1	12	6.1%
No housing available if I need assisted living or nursing care	1	3	6	1	1	12	6.1%
Cannot afford housing alternatives that are available	1	8	2	1	0	12	6.1%
Other	3	6	12	2	9	32	16.2%

2. Is there anything preventing your kids (or grandkids) from living here when they move out?

(More than one response allowed. Results NOT weighted)

ANSWER	WARD 1	WARD 2	WARD 3	FINALE	ONLINE	TOTAL	%
No	11	24	13	7	16	71	38.0%
Lack of starter homes to buy	1	3	5	1	2	12	6.4%
Lack of apartments or rental homes	0	2	2	0	0	4	2.1%
Housing is too expensive	2	1	2	1	3	9	4.8%
Housing isn't desirable for young people	3	16	13	6	10	48	25.7%
Other	7	5	14	6	11	43	23.0%

3. Is there anything preventing you from walking or biking where you want to go?

(More than one response allowed. Results NOT Weighted)

ANSWER	WARD 1	WARD 2	WARD 3	FINALE	ONLINE	TOTAL	%
No	3	7	9	3	8	30	8.4%
Lack of sidewalks	18	14	34	9	21	96	26.7%
Lack of bike lanes or trails	15	15	20	6	20	76	21.2%
Lack of crosswalks where I need them	8	3	22	2	10	45	12.5%
Major roads too large, busy or fast to cross	16	7	25	7	17	72	20.1%
Other	2	26	8	2	2	40	11.1%

4. I have lived in West St. Paul for:

ANSWER	WARD 1	WARD 2	WARD 3	FINALE	ONLINE	TOTAL	%
Less than 5 years	4	5	6	2	4	21	12.3%
5-10 years	1	7	8	1	11	28	16.4%
11-15 years	2	5	4	1	9	21	12.3%
Over 15 years	16	29	29	11	16	101	59.1%

5. Overall I would rate the quality of life in West St. Paul as:

ANSWER	WARD 1	WARD 2	WARD 3	FINALE	ONLINE	TOTAL	%
Excellent	2	4	6	2	1	15	8.8%
Very Good	14	27	32	12	19	104	60.8%
Average	5	14	7	2	19	47	27.5%
Poor	1	0	1	0	1	3	1.8%
No Opinion	1	1	0	0	0	2	1.2%

6. I would rate the quality of life in my neighborhood as:

ANSWER	WARD 1	WARD 2	WARD 3	FINALE	ONLINE	TOTAL	%
Excellent	6	11	11	5	4	37	21.8%
Very Good	10	19	27	7	24	87	51.2%
Average	5	9	6	5	10	35	20.6%
Poor	2	3	0	0	2	7	4.1%
No Opinion	1	2	1	0	0	4	2.4%

7. What do you think is the most serious issue facing the community today?

ANSWER	WARD 1	WARD 2	WARD 3	FINALE	ONLINE	TOTAL	%
Nothing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Crime	3	7	0	1	10	21	12.4%
Taxes	2	0	6	3	2	13	7.6%
Aging Infrastructure	16	28	19	4	15	82	48.2%
Jobs and Employment	1	0	2	1	1	5	2.9%
Property Upkeep	3	4	7	5	8	27	15.9%
Changing Demographics	1	6	10	1	4	22	12.9%

8. What do you think is the 2nd most serious issue facing the community today?

ANSWER	WARD 1	WARD 2	WARD 3	FINALE	ONLINE	TOTAL	%
Nothing	1	3	1	1	3	9	5.4%
Crime	1	7	2	4	6	20	12.0%
Taxes	3	1	6	2	2	14	8.4%
Aging Infrastructure	1	10	12	5	8	36	21.6%
Jobs and Employment	0	6	3	0	6	15	9.0%
Property Upkeep	11	11	15	3	10	50	29.9%
Changing Demographics	5	6	6	1	5	23	13.8%

9. What is the most important consideration when selecting a community to live in?

ANSWER	WARD 1	WARD 2	WARD 3	FINALE	ONLINE	TOTAL	%
Quality of schools	7	10	5	3	14	39	23.5%
Taxes	3	0	2	1	2	8	4.8%
Perception or image of the community	3	5	1	1	4	14	8.4%
Proximity to shopping and restaurants	0	3	5	0	4	12	7.2%
Quality of Parks, Trails and Open Space	3	13	11	2	4	33	19.9%
Proximity to family and friends	1	2	8	4	2	17	10.2%
Proximity to employment	0	3	7	2	4	16	9.6%
Desired housing available	5	7	6	3	6	27	16.3%

15. Which of the following is the top thing your City Council should focus on?

ANSWER	WARD 1	WARD 2	WARD 3	FINALE	ONLINE	TOTAL	%
Maintaining stable property taxes	4	4	5	3	2	18	10.4%
Maintaining the community's infrastructure	5	8	8	1	8	30	17.3%
Attracting new businesses including restaurants and retail stores	5	9	13	7	14	48	27.7%
Making the community safer	2	4	0	1	5	12	6.9%
Improving the quality of neighborhoods	5	5	2	2	3	17	9.8%
Providing more sidewalks and bike trails throughout the city	9	15	15	1	8	48	27.7%

16. Which of the following is the 2nd top thing your City Council should focus on?

ANSWER	WARD 1	WARD 2	WARD 3	FINALE	ONLINE	TOTAL	%
Maintaining stable property taxes	3	5	6	5	4	23	13.5%
Maintaining the community's infrastructure	8	9	8	4	12	41	24.0%
Attracting new businesses including restaurants and retail stores	3	12	15	4	6	40	23.4%
Making the community safer	1	1	0	0	4	6	3.5%
Improving the quality of neighborhoods	4	3	2	0	7	16	9.4%
Providing more sidewalks and bike trails throughout the city	6	14	15	3	7	45	26.3%

17. How well does the City communicate key issues to residents?

ANSWER	WARD 1	WARD 2	WARD 3	FINALE	ONLINE	TOTAL	%
Excellent	0	3	2	0	1	6	3.6%
Very Good	11	13	17	10	14	65	38.7%
Average	11	17	17	4	14	63	37.5%
Poor	1	11	8	2	10	32	19.0%
No Opinion	0	1	0	0	1	2	1.2%

18. How would you rate the quality of parks and trails in the City?

ANSWER	WARD 1	WARD 2	WARD 3	FINALE	ONLINE	TOTAL	%
Excellent	2	4	5	3	6	20	11.6%
Very Good	12	12	28	11	19	82	47.4%
Average	7	25	6	1	9	48	27.7%
Poor	6	2	4	0	5	17	9.8%
No Opinion	0	1	3	1	1	6	3.5%