

Q12 Please provide any comments for the Winnetka Park District Board

Answered: 246 Skipped: 896

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	We need a dog park	6/26/2021 11:28 PM
2	When redoing the Winnetka Golf Course, please consider redoing the greens along with the fairways. Most of the other municipal courses in the area have redone their greens	6/26/2021 7:26 PM
3	Not having a pool is a big issue.	6/26/2021 2:20 PM
4	We recently joined a private club and now have pool access. We would have appreciated having a public pool to go to when we didn't have an option. Perhaps ask if people belong to a club or rephrasing your question to say would you support a pool rather than use it for people who belong to private clubs.	6/26/2021 8:58 AM
5	Having an outdoor pool would enhance the playfields and community	6/26/2021 8:43 AM
6	Having a pool in Winnetka is a very high priority	6/26/2021 8:27 AM
7	Find a way to build pools!!	6/26/2021 8:13 AM
8	If there were to be a pool I would only support a strict "Residents Only" access" with proof of ID	6/26/2021 7:58 AM
9	very disappointing that more green space will be taken away including beautiful trees to enlarge the paddle hut , which is typically only used during winter season. It is rarely rented out the rest of the year. It's a pity we have to bulk up brick/mortar at the cost of trees and green space that we all need. Environmentalists?	6/25/2021 10:15 PM
10	None	6/25/2021 9:09 PM
11	Make sure you look at all the areas the Village is looking to spend resident's money before coming up with another way to spend more.	6/25/2021 7:02 PM
12	Lloyd is beautiful!! Any chance people can swim there?	6/25/2021 6:02 PM
13	Lloyd beach looks great. Raise user fees for non-residents. Non-residents should never get bumped or have a difficult time getting tee times, court times, lesson spots. We shouldn't be subsidizing non-residents.	6/25/2021 5:05 PM
14	I am not sure there is need for a pool with all the beach access we have. It would be great to improve that experience first.	6/25/2021 5:01 PM
15	The Green Bay trail condition i. Winnetka is much inferior to that in our neighboring villages. Parts of it are in poor shape not befitting Winnetka. Time to allocate some funds to upgrading our part of the trail. As a bike rider, I use the trail often. Other Winnetkans do, as well.	6/25/2021 4:53 PM
16	Build the damn outdoor pool!	6/25/2021 3:58 PM
17	More bars and restaurants would be beneficial for community building g and money making!	6/25/2021 3:28 PM
18	I believe a pool would be a waste of money and I couldn't imagine it being profitable or even operate at a break even rate. I believe it would be more wise to invest in our lakefront facilities	6/25/2021 2:52 PM
19	The concept of a pool has been long debated. Its time to broaden the approach and move forward. we are far behind all the other communities of similar economic means.	6/25/2021 2:42 PM
20	Many Winnetka citizens, like ourselves, belong to a country club with a pool. I think an indoor pool would serve our community better.	6/25/2021 2:40 PM
21	I think a pool would be a waste of money. It would likely never turn a profit, and being so close to the lake I believe it would be more worthwhile to invest in improving our lakefront facilities	6/25/2021 2:38 PM
22	I go to Lifetime and they have inside and outside pools.	6/25/2021 2:33 PM

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23	There is a real need for childcare/supervision in our community. In line with surrounding communities, the WPD needs to start providing before/after care options for all summer programming, as well as full-day programming for days when school is not in session. It would be great if the park district worked with the school district to provide before and after care on school days, as well.	6/25/2021 2:33 PM
24	Do not put in a pool. No one will use it except non-residents.	6/25/2021 2:28 PM
25	1. the Wilmette pool is minutes away and many residents belong to private clubs. We don't need a pool. 2. Why is paddle not supported by the Park District? It is the most popular adult activity offered yet receives tepid support from the district. 3. AC Nielsen needs online registration for programs and indoor court reservations. It is overdue to join the 21st century.	6/23/2021 8:12 AM
26	Need more weekend open skate hours at the ice rink for families. Having open skate during week days is not useful for families with 2 working parents. Overall need more weekend sports activity options for kids ages 3-6 & accommodate families with 2 parents who work 9-5pm M-F.	6/16/2021 9:53 PM
27	The idea of a pool is ludicrous. We have the largest pool imaginable and it's called Lake Michigan. If folks want a water park, join Wilmette's pool.	6/16/2021 4:30 PM
28	I hate all of the ugly banners the park district puts around town. We don't need them and they make the village look u slightly. Also shouldn't spend taxpayer funds on this.	6/16/2021 4:19 PM
29	We do not need an outdoor pool. We have beautiful beaches, many homes have a pool (especially during covid - three homes have added pools on my street alone!) and many residents belong to clubs. We do not have the population or \$ to support a pool that is only used three months a year. Winnetka has been through this topic a number of times and always defeated. Please don't waste the community time and money on the topic of an outdoor pool, again!! Also, would like to know the status of the dog beach? Th dog beach is enjoyed by residents almost year round, the park district should be able to keep track of how many folks go down there in a daily basis by counting swipes to enter the gate. Next to Tower beach I would bet the dog beach has the highest utlliization of any other beach in Winnetka.	6/16/2021 1:42 PM
30	I would love to see an indoor or outdoor pool in Winnetka, available to residents	6/16/2021 12:45 PM
31	Before we put in a pool, we should put on another ice rink. I know there is private funding for that and it is a great source of revenue for the park district.	6/16/2021 8:47 AM
32	Get dogs off sll beaches from May to September. They are sources of pollution contamination. They can use during off season months.	6/16/2021 6:58 AM
33	We need to build a concession stand at the turf fields and hockey rink. We are losing out on the opportunity to make money off all the families that come to winnetka for the 1000s of sports events that happen here and bring in people cut them they go to Northfield to get lunch/ snacks/ etc. Also, can we please build restroom facilities at Nick Corwin Park. Lastly, let's invest in the buildings at Tower, Lloyd, Maple and Elder beaches!	6/16/2021 4:47 AM
34	A pool is an excellent idea if there is a good place for it that doesn't take away from other Winnetka amenities	6/15/2021 10:24 PM
35	Lake is polluted. Pool would be clean. Community needs pool.	6/15/2021 8:45 PM
36	There is no need for a public pool in Winnetka	6/15/2021 7:43 PM
37	Yes beach; No pool.	6/15/2021 7:10 PM
38	On first thought I liked the idea expanded dining for golf BUT I would rather see those people go to support our local restaurants...they need the business more. No need for more dining other than sandwiches.	6/14/2021 9:38 PM
39	Please limit the amount of banners littering the village. The white wooden posts in the middle of green space are ugly and the banners are detracting from the beauty of the parks.	6/14/2021 7:58 PM
40	strongly in favor of upgrading golf course and all related amenities	6/14/2021 4:55 PM
41	New Lloyd Beach looks terrific!	6/14/2021 3:58 PM
42	This topic has come up for over forty years and the village has said NO each time. Keep our OPEN lands. That Is the major asset to the village. Pools are too expensive to operate.	6/14/2021 1:40 PM

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43	Lloyd turned out exceptional. Well done! But couldnt we use the beach house for something?	6/14/2021 12:52 PM
44	Do not see the need for a public pool.	6/14/2021 11:03 AM
45	When I was growing up the golf course funded all other PD activities. We need to get back to it being that productive	6/14/2021 9:09 AM
46	Don't be afraid to spend our money for better services!	6/14/2021 8:51 AM
47	Keeping our beaches in good shape should be the #1 priority. Any community can build a pool- -Winnetka is one of the very few that has beaches. Our tax dollars and energy should be put toward ensuring our beaches remain an asset and a wonderful place for resident families to enjoy. No interest in a pool.	6/14/2021 8:13 AM
48	If it meant an increase in taxes to pay for the pool, we would not be interested in the pool.	6/14/2021 8:09 AM
49	Awesome job John Peterson, Marty, Ania and team! Thanks also to Parks foundation. All your efforts are 100% clear to an appreciative Winnetka. Friendly suggestions: Signage re littering at beaches, noting possible fine. "Welcome to our beach - please leave no trail and pick up your trash. Fine of \$xx for a violation." Too much leftover plastic bottles, food rubbage etc. More garbage cans? Finally clear signage at check in re: Welcome! Beach passes required. Daily fee: \$xx. I've seen large families walk around staff at beaches while they're working on something else. It's not an easy situation would perhaps more clear with signage so staff don't have to explain... Most of all thank you!!!!	6/14/2021 7:12 AM
50	My children are out of the house. I've always been a proponent of having a pool in Winnetka. I think it's important for the families and particularly the children to have a local pool. I know we have the beach, but a pool is different. If we had an indoor pool with water aerobic type of classes, I would use that very much but am probably in the minority there. A pool would also be very attractive to future Winnetkans.	6/14/2021 7:05 AM
51	Focus on the lakefront, beaches and lake not on a pool. This is our natural resource and asset.	6/13/2021 11:51 PM
52	Lloyd beach looks beautifully expanded and enhanced. Why is no swimming allowed there?!? This doesn't seems to make sense and we would like to advocate for a swimming section.	6/13/2021 11:33 PM
53	We don't need a pool. I will never support that. Waste of money.	6/13/2021 11:30 PM
54	Pray for rain	6/13/2021 11:11 PM
55	There was a strong push for a community pool 15+ years ago that didn't turn into votes of support. I would prefer that the Park District focus on improving our multiple public beaches and boat launch which are assets that make our community unique	6/13/2021 10:10 PM
56	Why spend all that money for an outdoor facility that is used for two months a year? Indoor or nothing.	6/13/2021 10:04 PM
57	The village needs outdoor basketball courts. Not a single park has a basketball hoop? Why is that?	6/13/2021 10:04 PM
58	We need to bring back the dog beach. It was well run until last year. There is too much focus on power sports. Non-resident passes are too inexpensive. Parking should be reserved for residents with a Winnetka village sticker (FL plates and other villages don't make the cut).	6/13/2021 9:58 PM
59	Terrible idea definitely do not support poil	6/13/2021 9:16 PM
60	We don't need a pool when we have Lake Michigan. I would rather the WPD put the money on developing and making the beaches nicer (e.g. better sand) than put money into a pool.	6/13/2021 9:15 PM
61	Bravo on the new Lloyd Beach!	6/13/2021 8:46 PM
62	I believe the removal of the Centennial Park Dog Beach to be a mistake. We love having access to the dog beach and use it at least 5 times per week. I am so disappointed in Winnetka that you are removing the dog beach. It was a main reason for moving to the neighborhood and one reason we love living here and consider it a tremendous resource. Taking away the dog beach is a major loss to everyone who uses it.	6/13/2021 8:28 PM
63	This would be a great option for those of us who cannot afford or don't have family help paying for a country club me membership. It's beyond me that Winnetka does not have a public pool. It would be a great community gathering place for families in the summer.	6/13/2021 7:43 PM

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64	Please ensure allergy-safe snacks.	6/13/2021 7:32 PM
65	Would like to see a spa (hot tub) as part of any pool complex	6/13/2021 7:28 PM
66	Was shocked to learn this weekend that the big buildout at Lloyd beach with a huge beach, much nicer sand, and more parking than Tower was unavailable for beach use-- just boating. Why build such a wide and deep beach for this limited purpose?? This was incredible to us as taxpayers especially given the temporary loss of Elder Lane and limited and fairly unattractive Maple Street beach. This sets up a 2 tier system for the beaches that makes no sense. We would also like to see more options that do not include a fee for residents-- we pay for Park District facilities in our tax bill and yet only the actual parks are available without charge for residents. Some user fees are appropriate and make sense (golf and beach fees, for example, are reasonable-- except after learning about Lloyd's limited access-- but it feels like neighboring towns like Glencoe offer more to their residents like overall nicer park facilities, a couple of free tennis, basketball, and pickleball courts, etc. We have so many playing fields that take up so much space and yet do not offer a variety of activities to others in the community. Lastly, would like to see an option to store beach gear at the beach with seasonal rental lockers.	6/13/2021 7:15 PM
67	I do not want any of our parks turned into more sports fields. Please keep the grassy areas as we don't need more car traffic to our area.	6/13/2021 5:02 PM
68	Don't put a restaurant on the beach: water always wins and the building will be undermined on the beach. One of the stupidest ideas I've heard here	6/13/2021 4:54 PM
69	Not only are we swimmers for exercise, lack of a pool decreases our property value	6/13/2021 4:46 PM
70	Utilizing any space whatsoever for a swimming pool in Winnetka, even if it were to be fully paid for [both the initial costs and full ongoing upkeep] by a private donor, would be a terrible idea.	6/13/2021 3:49 PM
71	Enforce beach passes and Winnetka parking at beaches/parks	6/13/2021 3:21 PM
72	Winnetka/Skokie Playfields would be so much better with an outdoor pool	6/13/2021 3:19 PM
73	When shall NO be respected? Pool. Winnetka Woman Club replacement venue (overlooking the lake). Private clubs always loose money and park district clubs accelerate consumption of public money.	6/13/2021 2:57 PM
74	Wilmette shouldn't be the only community with a dedicated harbor, we could add so much value to all the homes with our own private Winnetka harbor.	6/13/2021 2:48 PM
75	I think this is a nice amenity for families with young children and a nice amenity for the community. But there would need to be times set aside for adults-only swim.	6/13/2021 2:40 PM
76	Adding an outdoor pool would provide a great community place to have fun together.	6/13/2021 2:30 PM
77	Appreciate all efforts to enhance services with minimal additional financial demand on taxpayers.	6/13/2021 2:27 PM
78	Beach dining is a must. Better regulation of beach access is needed. The work that has been done at Tower and LLOYD beach has Ben amazing. I t would be nice for the people who paid for it to be able to enjoy it.	6/13/2021 1:50 PM
79	We continuously revisit this and it is a waste of time, it continues to be voted down by the community. People belong to country clubs and we have Centennial in Wilmette. I would like to see our financial resources be dedicated to improving lakefront options and restoring natural resources.	6/13/2021 1:19 PM
80	Lake front dining is a must.	6/13/2021 1:15 PM
81	Excellent organization. Thank you for Lloyd Beach and the new stairs and viewing platforms at Tower Road!!	6/13/2021 1:10 PM
82	This is going overboard on every front. We do not want dining at our beaches Winnetka teaidents pay taxes and it will become the place to go for all neighborhoods. Let us enjoy what we pay for.	6/13/2021 12:36 PM
83	in winter, make parks more usable by shovelling more and quickly	6/13/2021 12:28 PM
84	Winnetka needs an outdoor pool. This should be a priority.	6/13/2021 11:59 AM
85	I think building a community pool should be a priority over improving preexisting facilities (e.g.	6/13/2021 11:51 AM

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golf course, paddle, tennis, ice arena). It seems like there is a significant number of people coming from outside Winnetka to use those preexisting facilities which our community members are forced to support with our taxes while also having no option to pay exorbitant fees to find places to swim.

86	Pool would be great for the community! Brings people together, great meeting place. Maybe even a swim team!	6/13/2021 11:48 AM
87	Please do nothing which unnecessarily removes trees. Try to support a vibrant ecosystem with any plantings.	6/13/2021 11:45 AM
88	Please add at least 4 dedicated pickleball courts that can be reserved.	6/13/2021 11:27 AM
89	More senior options	6/13/2021 11:25 AM
90	We don't need this ongoing expense or liability right now. Don't build a pool.	6/13/2021 11:17 AM
91	Please build a pool! Not everyone belongs to a country club or has a pool at their house. Winnetka needs to attract younger families to stay vital and a pool would do this.	6/13/2021 11:13 AM
92	I strongly believe a pool is a bad idea. We have the lake- we should put more funds toward improving the lakefront experience before a pool.	6/13/2021 12:12 AM
93	less lawn, more plantings.	6/12/2021 8:45 PM
94	Nielsen Tennis front desk staff is outstanding.	6/12/2021 3:46 PM
95	Getting public support for an outdoor pool seems like a hard sell in Winnetka	6/12/2021 2:55 PM
96	Please put in a pool with indoor/outdoor functionality. It will pay for itself through annual fees and various activity rental usage. We also need basketball courts indoors/outdoors so that we are not dependent on limited school facilities. Volleyball playing areas at certain parks would be welcome addition as well - beyond Tower. Pop	6/12/2021 11:13 AM
97	We have a beautiful lakefront. Let's continue investing in that, and we can all use the many open-access pools in our neighboring communities (or Old Willow Swim Club) for the limited years we might want pool swimming. If we didn't spend so much on our schools we could afford a pool, but now and for the foreseeable future we are fiscally very constrained by our spendy schools.	6/12/2021 9:20 AM
98	More walking paths! Enclosed dog park	6/12/2021 8:26 AM
99	A public outdoor pool seems like a high cost/ low use facility due to our climate. Would prefer improvements to the turf field facilities (adding bathrooms) to the fields that are highly used for most of the year.	6/12/2021 7:26 AM
100	Do Northfield residents not have to buy a parking sticker for the beach? I don't have a Winnetka car sticker and I cannot park at the beach even though I'm a resident. It doesn't seem fair that Northfield residents can park at the beach parking lots and I can't.	6/11/2021 11:31 PM
101	Please consider adding shade structures at town playgrounds (over swings, slides, etc) most specifically at Dwyer Park.	6/11/2021 10:31 PM
102	Pool is a terrible idea	6/11/2021 9:41 PM
103	Consider joint venture with Northfield and discounted tix for beach and pool for Northfield residents.	6/11/2021 9:33 PM
104	Would love a village pool that has reasonable pay as go or season passes! Ridiculous to have to belong to a CC for swimming.	6/11/2021 5:11 PM
105	Winnetka needs to charge much more for daily passes at the beaches. It is overrun by non residents. Also, put an adult in charge on the weekends particularly at Tower. I have seen a lot of rude, non-residents bully their way past the token takers (I'm only going to drive down and turn around...then they stay). The entrance at the top of tower needs an adult to explain the charge/pass and parking situation. Other communities run their beaches more like a business with real adults running the show. Charge MORE, like Glencoe and Lake Forest	6/11/2021 4:10 PM
106	How many times do we the people need to keep saying the same thing over again: We don't need/want a pool. Please listen and stop asking and wasting your time/money and other valuable resources on this.	6/11/2021 9:27 AM

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107	do a better job of keeping dogs off of Winnetka beaches, other than dog beach. Owners let them run unleashed, poop on the sand and in the vegetation. Unacceptable yet no one does anything about it. Also do a better job of checking passes. People walk on to beach without paying fairly often. The attendants do nothing. Not fair to those of us who buy passes. Do better. Empower your attendants,	6/10/2021 11:02 PM
108	you are the most wasteful aspect of all of Winnetka's governing bodies	6/10/2021 8:59 AM
109	Golf courses should be minimized if user fees cannot support the normal upkeep.	6/9/2021 2:23 PM
110	I love the idea of the pool! It's long overdue!	6/9/2021 12:52 PM
111	Team sports could restore the "member of the community" self-identification of the residents, that Illinois deliberately destroyed.	6/9/2021 7:32 AM
112	Winnetka needs a community pool!	6/8/2021 9:49 PM
113	We need a dog park with the dog beach going away & it needs to be available before 2023.	6/8/2021 8:02 PM
114	Still looking for a dog park option.	6/8/2021 3:48 PM
115	Fix the golf course. Add a batting cage at the baseball fields.	6/8/2021 3:16 PM
116	would like to be able to reserve paddle courts like with tennis without paying \$400 per year! That is excessive for residents who pay high taxes.	6/8/2021 2:45 PM
117	Provide a dog park. It's a need in the community, find a way to make it happen. The board stopping all discussions before even finishing it's pre-approved process back in 2019 was embarrassing. It would be a resource that would be used ALL YEAR LONG by many, many people. How is that less important for the mission of the Park District than the opinions of the people who don't want to use it? Just because they are louder they get to deny a resource to the rest of us?	6/8/2021 1:05 PM
118	Build an outdoor pool before spending more \$ on golf!!	6/8/2021 10:52 AM
119	No pool!	6/8/2021 10:38 AM
120	While our children were young we enjoyed many WPD activities: tennis, movies in the park, bonfires, polar plunge, etc. We would have enjoyed the beaches more if there were decent concession/food options/bathroom facilities. A local pool would have been utilized for swim lessons, etc, had we an indoor pool (an outdoor is a challenge with northern IL weather). Whatever the WPD is able to do within tax parameters (please don't increase taxes as the overall tax burden already discourages home buyers) to maintain/enhance recreational enjoyment for our community is terrific. Ps-thank you for not placing a dog facility in our lovely neighborhood parks! Use your rec campus or landfill.	6/8/2021 10:08 AM
121	Be more transparent, responsible, responsive and accountable to the taxpayers that fund the park district. Run board meetings as a board reflecting critical thinking and not just going along with the onions of your friends on the board. Downsize or remove the ugly signs scattered throughout the Village; there are sign ordinances for a good reason.	6/8/2021 8:03 AM
122	We are frequent uses of the beach front. Your new stairs at Tower are safe and nice, however trash/garbage is collecting around the stairs and no one seems to be removing it. Prior, on our walks, we could reach and pick up the occasional piece of trash around the stairs. Now, we are unable. Please have someone go to the new stairs and retrieve the accumulating trash periodically before it ends up in the lake. Thank you!	6/8/2021 7:30 AM
123	Save beaches. New steps at Tower is overkill	6/8/2021 4:33 AM
124	Not in favor of a pool at all and especially not one at the Skokie Playfield location. Parking is bad enough there and then add a pool. Just crazy.	6/7/2021 8:46 PM
125	Build the pool! An outdoor pool would complete Skokie Playfields. Too much golf	6/7/2021 8:29 PM
126	I think indoor gyms are a higher priority than a pool and much less expensive. We have the lake.	6/7/2021 8:23 PM
127	Related to further development of our beaches: I believe our first priority should be to maintain welcoming green spaces that allow enjoyment of our beautiful lakefront throughout the year. Commercial food options requiring permanent structures, should be reserved for inland parks	6/7/2021 8:12 PM

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and green spaces. We need to be careful not to overbuild the lakefront -- out of season/unused facilities are unwelcoming and unattractive, whereas beautifully maintained green spaces are an attractive asset throughout the year. Facilities allowing evening events (and large/lit parking lots) do not belong on the public waterfront.

128	I am a lap pool enthusiast. I would use a pool only for exercise	6/7/2021 6:07 PM
129	Winnetka DOES NOT need a pool!	6/7/2021 5:15 PM
130	We do NOT need a pool! We have the lake.	6/7/2021 5:12 PM
131	Keep up the good work. I have witnessed much improvements to include professionally prepared staff.	6/7/2021 4:45 PM
132	We do NOT want a pool and it loses money badly even with mostly non-Winnetka users. How about giving the taxpayers a BIG break for about and stop spending money like sailors on shore leave on crack.	6/7/2021 4:38 PM
133	Winnetka should focus our tax dollars on beach investment like what has been done at Tower and Llyod beaches. A pool is not necessary and too costly.	6/7/2021 4:10 PM
134	Please do not create a platform for a bond issue to build a pool. This initiative has been brought up so many times and always fails.	6/7/2021 3:47 PM
135	NO Pool if this will cause our Taxes to increase AGAIN!!!!	6/7/2021 3:33 PM
136	our community needs a pool. I am a member of SCC but still, our community needs a pool and we would use it to enhance our community experience	6/7/2021 3:31 PM
137	if to have a pool make it year round and do not have it in business district but in area with easy parking (like by tennis courts) or similar	6/7/2021 3:25 PM
138	Nice job with Lloyd beach	6/7/2021 3:12 PM
139	It would be important to have an understanding of which Winnetka residents already belong to a country club that has an outdoor pool before a public outdoor pool is proposed. This statistic should be presented to the public if this is a real potential project.	6/7/2021 3:07 PM
140	Make parks more interesting to adults and youth vs nannies and toddlers	6/7/2021 3:07 PM
141	Keep up the good work!	6/7/2021 3:05 PM
142	Great job at Lloyd beach!!	6/7/2021 2:40 PM
143	Would love a pool	6/7/2021 2:38 PM
144	Any pool must be limited to only Winnetka residents.	6/7/2021 2:36 PM
145	Take better care of the common areas - streets, sidewalks, repairs and snow removal.	6/7/2021 2:25 PM
146	Many community pools have minimum time for general lap swimmers. Too many kid/school programs. Would very much affect my use.	6/7/2021 2:24 PM
147	I wish the Board had worked more diligently to try to redirect some of the truck traffic on Tower Rd during the restoration project that took almost a year. It was not fair that something that is benefiting the entire Village impacted Tower Rd residents exclusively with noise, pollution, road damage etc., especially enjoyment of the outside in the summer of 2020 during the pandemic.	6/7/2021 2:24 PM
148	Please please please don't take away the dog beach, and please please please reconsider giving residents a dog park. Don't listen to the loudest contingent, listen to the largest. Dogs are a big part of our community and it's safer to have them play in enclosed spaces specifically meant for them, then running free in unofficial places. Thank you!	6/7/2021 2:23 PM
149	Save the money on the pool and fix up Tower rd beach and concession/bathroom areas. We don't need more expensive ammenities.	6/7/2021 2:09 PM
150	Provide other lake access points like Spruce and Cherry streets. Fix Spruce street lake access	6/7/2021 2:08 PM
151	I would loved to have had a pool in Winnetka when my children still lived at home, but now that they are in college, I would not use it. However, I think pools are great places for people to	6/7/2021 2:06 PM

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meet and have fun as a community, and if it attracts younger families, I am all for having one in Winnetka!

152	Not interested in supporting a pool.	6/7/2021 1:59 PM
153	We need a pool	6/7/2021 1:55 PM
154	We need a community pool. Even 4-5 month use is critical. Have adult swim hours. Lake water is often too high in bacteria for swimming. They are not swimming beaches until water can be consistently safe.	6/7/2021 1:50 PM
155	Golf Course - Sunset Valley should be looked at as a best-in-class renovation. The golf course itself was improved significantly, making it in my opinion the best public golf experience on the north shore. The club house, as well, is perfect in that the food options are succinct but high quality, and the patio/dining area is designed to encourage socializing after rounds with beautiful views of the course, putting green, etc. around comfortable seating, fire pits.	6/7/2021 1:49 PM
156	Keep taxes down	6/7/2021 1:48 PM
157	A neighborhood pool would be a material, positive change for the community.	6/7/2021 1:46 PM
158	Please do not attempt to raise our property taxes	6/7/2021 12:39 PM
159	Good luck with Elder. Really looking forward to it.	6/7/2021 11:40 AM
160	I think the Park District should consider a new ice facility with two full sheets of ice and updated facilities similar to those that Evanston and Glenview have built in recent years. Our community rink falls far short of other neighboring communities.	6/7/2021 11:31 AM
161	Get rid of dog beach. No dog parks. Dogs are not children - they're perfectly fine without customized spaces. Our kids need more space to be free and play.	6/7/2021 10:17 AM
162	Please do not issue bonds that raise our property taxes	6/7/2021 8:57 AM
163	No pool.	6/6/2021 9:15 PM
164	I would oppose any neighboring community participation	6/6/2021 4:09 PM
165	Don't need or want a pool	6/5/2021 11:06 PM
166	Coastal rowing boats are becoming very popular. WPD should consider them At the beach	6/5/2021 12:56 PM
167	No pool. Also, no dog park.	6/4/2021 1:12 PM
168	I'm unsure of any program that would accommodate the disabled.	6/4/2021 11:23 AM
169	Please construct a bike path that would allow access from Hibbard Road west through the playfields/golf complex to the Forest Preserve trail. Riding on Willow or Tower is unsafe and unpleasant.	6/3/2021 7:49 PM
170	A pool in Winnetka is way overdue. For lap swim, for recreational swim, for swim team use...If you are going to invest the time, money, and resources, please make sure it is large enough to accommodate all needs!	6/3/2021 1:14 PM
171	I don't understand why we can't put a personal kayak into the water at Tower Road Beach, AND why we have to buy a \$200 pass to put personal (non-motorized, mind you) kayaks into the water at Lloyd Beach. I've been paying taxes here for 40 years, kids are all grown, and just now got a kayak, never imagining it was going to cost so much to use it. Wow!	6/3/2021 12:00 PM
172	You're selling too many beach passes for people who do not live in the village. All summer long they park on the street in front of my house, coming and going, yelling and shouting, littering, urinating in my bushes, trampling my garden, and generally disturbing the peace. Find some solution for where to put all these interlopers that does not infringe on my property rights.	6/3/2021 10:51 AM
173	Pool sounds good, but a money pit. Better for the high school or private club to handle. Too many residents have clubs/other options..need full community to use vs. a handful of vocal proponents.	6/3/2021 10:30 AM
174	There is not enough space for parking at the Skokie Playfields, etc. now. A public pool would make parking a complete nightmare.	6/3/2021 10:25 AM
175	Please take over the post office space when it becomes available, once in a lifetime	6/3/2021 9:14 AM

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	opportunity to add green space in our village and expand Dwyer	
176	For as many households in Winnetka that have dogs, we are woefully late in providing a dog park.	6/3/2021 9:09 AM
177	This pool idea is absurd, you bring it up every year stating 'the community wants' and nobody does	6/3/2021 8:28 AM
178	Hi - my wife and I moved to Winnetka from the city last year and were genuinely surprised the Village doesn't have a public pool. I understand its been a priority for a long time but I hope it gets done soon.	6/3/2021 7:19 AM
179	Please, please, please offer a year-round public pool option!	6/3/2021 6:30 AM
180	Love the idea of a community pool. Neighborhood I grew up in had one and lived there every summer growing up	6/2/2021 10:47 PM
181	I think you should strongly consider adding a pool. Even though a lot of people belong to country clubs its great for the community and having families from the town all be together	6/2/2021 10:32 PM
182	Winnetka Park District should absorb the Northfield Park District. It would be a huge cost sharing/savings for both communities.	6/2/2021 9:14 PM
183	Build more paddle courts. 6 courts is not enough for the largest Paddle program in America.	6/2/2021 8:34 PM
184	More dining options!!	6/2/2021 7:12 PM
185	John Peterson is a breath of fresh air and good for Winnetka. If food trucks are used anywhere in Winnetka, than Winnetka needs to significantly increase their fee. These trucks take business away from our restaurants and the taxes the trucks generate go the city that the truck is registered, not Winnetka. Support our businesses and generate Winnetka sales tax revenue.	6/2/2021 6:59 PM
186	We have a beach there is no need for a pool.	6/2/2021 6:45 PM
187	Keep up the Winnetka beaches and keep them private. Don't waste money on new facilities like a pool that will be expensive to build and maintain with very low usage in a community like Winnetka.	6/2/2021 5:50 PM
188	For many years, we have appreciated the wide range of programming available for families.	6/2/2021 5:42 PM
189	Appreciate the work done at tower and Lloyd. Looking forward to more beach updates!	6/2/2021 5:40 PM
190	A pool would be a great addition to our community. But a dog park would be even better.	6/2/2021 5:15 PM
191	We would very much support a neighborhood outdoor pool	6/2/2021 4:24 PM
192	Do not raise taxes for a pool!	6/2/2021 3:35 PM
193	Be proactive in maintaining the facilities and stop asking everyone their opinion.	6/2/2021 2:18 PM
194	Indoor pool for residents only would be nice	6/2/2021 1:53 PM
195	I am against a community pool.	6/2/2021 1:44 PM
196	I'm very concerned about parking implications of a pool. I would also want to be able to limit it to Winnetka families and guests for safety and crowding concerns.	6/2/2021 12:19 PM
197	Please provide more young child programming on the weekends, not during nap time. Not all families have nannies and weekday programming is exclusive. We would participate so much more with our 3 children if there were more weekend time options.	6/2/2021 10:50 AM
198	A pool in this climate is really a waste of taxpayer funds and I would not support any public funding of a pool or of the significant land footprint that it would require.	6/2/2021 10:11 AM
199	Funding Winnetka Lakefront improvements should take precedence over a pool which has limited seasonal use.	6/2/2021 8:22 AM
200	Rental business could include bikes, cross country skis, fishing gear, sleds,	6/1/2021 10:37 PM
201	more picnic tables and or places to sit on the Lloyd beach park.	6/1/2021 8:54 PM
202	I'd like to reiterate: NO POOL! We have beaches, a VeRY short summer season, and the	6/1/2021 7:57 PM

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	ability to join places like Lifetime, Wilmette's pool and country clubs!	
203	The golf courses lose money, it is a dying sport. Build an outdoor pool! Would make a great gathering spot, build community and give teens a "supervised from afar" place to go.	6/1/2021 6:33 PM
204	Please do not over-develop the water front parks. In particular, we do not need restaurants in our parks. We need to maintain the natural character of the parks.	6/1/2021 5:50 PM
205	Kill the dandelions. Mow the parks. Our parks look shameful.	6/1/2021 5:33 PM
206	Please do not eliminate the dog beach! Still very interested in a dog park, especially if the dog beach changes	6/1/2021 5:15 PM
207	Must have a pool for building community. Not everyone can afford a country club. So sad the pool hasn't happened.	6/1/2021 5:01 PM
208	don't let a vocal minority drive community-wide policies	6/1/2021 4:39 PM
209	No pool. We've visited this numerous times. We have beaches, hundreds of private pools, private clubs with pools, and can pay to use Wilmette or Northbrook or Glenview pools. Don't use our precious limited land for this seasonal, limited audience purpose no matter how it could be paid for.	6/1/2021 4:31 PM
210	Why is the pool such a problem when the park district spends money on building new fields, outdoor skating rings, boat storage, and other things. A public pool is missing and should be paid for like everything else through the park district. Not everyone has their own pool, and the lake isn't always an option. It is shocking that Wilmette has a huge pool, Glenview has two, and Winnetka has none.	6/1/2021 4:23 PM
211	I think you should make room for a dog beach in the Master Plan. More people than ever have dogs now - very different from when plan was made. There should be room to have an area for a dog beach!	6/1/2021 4:21 PM
212	A pool for a village our size makes no sense. Way too costly.	6/1/2021 4:09 PM
213	There needs to be more restaurants and bar options on the beach. It would raise money to help pay for other beach improvements. Also Lloyd should be a swimming beach. It seems silly to speak 5 million and not allow people to swim.	6/1/2021 3:27 PM
214	The Winnetka Park District Board needs to support facilities and activities that the community embraces like Platform (Paddle) Tennis.	6/1/2021 3:23 PM
215	opposed to a pool under any circumstances; adds to Skokie Playfield congestion; limited usage period does not justify the cost	6/1/2021 3:08 PM
216	We need a pool!	6/1/2021 3:02 PM
217	Please record Board Meetings and post them on the Park District website, just like all the other taxing bodies in Winnetka.	6/1/2021 2:58 PM
218	PLEASE DO NOT BUILD A POOL	6/1/2021 2:52 PM
219	We need a fenced-in, off-leash dog park!!!!	6/1/2021 2:06 PM
220	the money spent for an outdoor for 3 months use would be silly.	6/1/2021 2:00 PM
221	I think having a public pool would be great for our community.	6/1/2021 1:59 PM
222	Our village is too small to support a public pool. We should use Wilmette and/or Glenview's pools. I would rather have limited food options at the beach. I like keeping the area more natural where possible (and prefer less trash).	6/1/2021 1:57 PM
223	We need a fenced-in, off-leash dog park!!!!	6/1/2021 1:47 PM
224	Do not build a pool.	6/1/2021 1:28 PM
225	No pool without a lot more parking	6/1/2021 1:00 PM
226	The only reason I'm interested in a pool concept is because of the number of beach closure days due to poor water quality.	6/1/2021 12:49 PM
227	Its impossible to rent paddle courts they are always booked. We really need more	6/1/2021 12:46 PM

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228	Pool not worth it for few months in summer	6/1/2021 12:26 PM
229	Our community travels to places along lakes in Wisconsin and Michigan, but we have all the same resources here. All we need to do is develop the beachfront and we can have all the same amenities right at home, saving time and environmental impact.	6/1/2021 12:23 PM
230	Previous studies have shown, even in perfect summer conditions, an outdoor pool could not support itself, especially because of long-term maintenance needs.	6/1/2021 11:53 AM
231	I recall many years back the outdoor pool was not built on the Skokie Playfield partially due to the smell from the garbage dump on certain warm and windy days. Maybe monitor how or if that has changed at all.	6/1/2021 11:43 AM
232	Winnetka does not need a pool. So many residents belong to private clubs. A public pool would just pull in non residents which is unneeded since there are other available public pools in the area. Our tax dollars should not go to building a pool.	6/1/2021 11:38 AM
233	pool inevitably would be available only to young families, leaving older citizens to foot the bill, but not use the facilities	6/1/2021 11:37 AM
234	More can be done to make use of Winnetka park district existing buildings for commercial use and help spread the park district costs between commercial enterprises and households, whilst enhancing the facilities at the beaches and in parks.	6/1/2021 11:27 AM
235	We have a beach and have gone this long without a pool which is expensive to build, maintain and insure. Stop finding ways to spend more money and price us out of the real estate market!	6/1/2021 11:25 AM
236	An often debated community pool would bring together many ages/families for low key recreation. Seems incredible given our resources and other available recreation options, we're lacking this...	6/1/2021 11:13 AM
237	Yes yes yes for a pool!!!! Can we also get a rock picker for the winnetka beaches like every other town on the north shore. Winnetka's beaches are embarrassing!	6/1/2021 11:06 AM
238	Having residential memberships and non- resident memberships would be great. Like Lincolnwood pool.	6/1/2021 11:03 AM
239	keep up the good work!	6/1/2021 11:03 AM
240	Need bathrooms at Dwyer park	6/1/2021 11:01 AM
241	We need a dog park! There are tons of Covid puppies in the village now. If there really isn't a spot for one, could we partner with Wilmette? \$200 for a pass to their dog beach is a little steep.	6/1/2021 10:58 AM
242	Lots of nearby communities have a public pool. If they can pay for it, I'm sure Winnetka could too. If there is one, year-round would be more useful imo. Summer is when it's least needed, and the only time outdoor is possible.	6/1/2021 10:54 AM
243	The two most important issues to us are a community pool and a dog park.	6/1/2021 10:45 AM
244	Have you ever considered adding an outdoor pool and/or club house with grill/restaurant in the grass area above Elder & Centennial Beach? We really need the outdoor pool! Have you ever considered adding a rec center with indoor pool, indoor courts (racket ball, basketball, etc), work out facility in the post office area downtown Winnetka?	6/1/2021 10:32 AM
245	Winnetka is too small a community to support the significant costs of building and maintaining a pool. There are too many more important competing demands for our tax dollars and there are outdoor pool alternatives available for use in Wilmette and Northbrook. I would never vote to support a publicly funded (even in part) pool in Winnetka.	6/1/2021 10:31 AM
246	Good job!	6/1/2021 10:23 AM

Q17 Please provide any other comments or suggestions for the Winnetka/Northfield Public Library District Board.

Answered: 92 Skipped: 1,050

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	move the library to the post office location- add a coffee shop and a patio overlooking the park. that would drive interest in my opinion.	6/26/2021 6:59 PM
2	Quicker access to new releases of ebooks, better library app	6/26/2021 9:20 AM
3	I find the search options very difficult to use. If you dont have the exact everything you get no results. Would also like more non-fiction selections for audio/e-books and also more conservations publications---very left-leaning material and speakers, for the most part. We are one community with various perspectives and need the library to respond and serve us with more balanced programming and materials. EG there was a big display on Wokism books, etc., Why pick and choose? Provide equal opportunity/space/platforms for other perspectives, too.	6/25/2021 10:26 PM
4	None	6/25/2021 9:13 PM
5	The library should consider offering more extended hours during New Trier exam periods	6/25/2021 3:23 PM
6	I love the library's core service of providing books, physical and electronic, for the community to borrow. The other services appear to be expense and used by few residents. In the interest of reigning in our rising tax burden, I'd encourage the library to focus on its core mission and running an economical district.	6/23/2021 8:17 AM
7	Front desk guy could be friendlier!	6/16/2021 4:52 AM
8	The open concept is a bad one. I don't want to listen to kids screaming at the checkout. Make check out for youth books in the kids area so they can just leave. Except for the study rooms there is NO quiet place to sit and study. The staff talk loudly and act like they'd rather not help you. It take forever to get a new book through library loan or virtually. I've had to wait 3 to 4 weeks. What am I paying for? Continuing to remodel? Yeah cause the terrace outside by the busy traffic is so appealing. Car noise and exhaust with my coffee is great. I might as well suck on the end of a car tailpipe. Stop wasting my money.	6/16/2021 2:39 AM
9	Digital collection is great. Keep expanding it.	6/15/2021 7:13 PM
10	Thanks for the computer back by the movies! Is there one on the 2nd floor; I think at one time it was removed, but it's needed. Great book displays! I like that books and media on a theme are displayed. Do the doors that open to the patio have screens to keep out insects and rodents? Can more native plants be used in the landscaping? Children's programs on growing vegetables? Butterfly garden plants? Subjects of school curriculum?	6/14/2021 11:11 PM
11	The children's section over the past 2-3 years has significantly expanded content in social justice topics which seem to be advancing an adult agenda rather than promoting basic learning and literacy and addressing more universal topics that are less divisive. It would be appropriate to provide summaries of the Caudill or other targeted book lists especially so that parents know what topics are covered (racial justice, LGBTQ, sex, immigration, climate change, mental illness, child abuse, etc.) and families are prepared to have a discussion if appropriate and don't discover these things after the fact. We have had a few surprises and are increasingly uncomfortable with our children enjoying the library without some further parent oversight even though are kids are old enough to be at the library unsupervised. Where did all the regular books about kids growing up and solving mysteries or navigating age appropriate relationships go? Where are the classics?	6/14/2021 4:23 PM
12	Would likely use more frequently if I had small children.	6/14/2021 4:08 PM
13	It would be nice to have some program for almost empty nesters such as beginning art, sewing, knitting, etc.	6/14/2021 10:28 AM

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14	Would be really nice to have more dedicated quiet spaces. kids come in groups and socialize while others are trying to study. I had to tell kids to go to Starbucks and get off their phones. I think staff should be assisting with that. Even the "quiet" areas have tutoring groups so it can be very hard to concentrate when trying to study.	6/14/2021 9:26 AM
15	Love the staff!	6/14/2021 8:53 AM
16	Add content for downloadable audio ebooks	6/13/2021 11:18 PM
17	Thank you so much for all that you do. Also thank you for print newsletter. We so appreciate reading it in that format	6/13/2021 9:20 PM
18	There should be library events geared to single adults.	6/13/2021 7:42 PM
19	It doesn't seem that continuing to add to our collection of DVDs makes sense given the large number of streaming options. Likewise, magazines and newspapers seem somewhat unnecessary unless the library finds it has regular users.	6/13/2021 7:15 PM
20	You got hoodwinked by the previous head librarian's weeding scheme. Getting rid of any book that shows any kind of wear is a VERY BAD collection development program, especially in a public library. Real librarians laugh at this strategy. The overall feeling of the "new" spaces is pretty cold.	6/13/2021 5:01 PM
21	The Winnetka branch could use good seating and good reading spaces for when it goes back to full operation. The renovations under recent library boards have been very bad. For example: 1) excellent wooden tables and chairs in the main reading room were replaced with uncomfortable and barely usable cafeteria-style furniture that is not usable because of the glare from the large windows on the surface of the tables, 2) the "quiet" reading room was re-furnished with ugly and uncomfortable furniture that is no good for readers because of the glare, 3) similar furniture problems make the balcony area barely usable, and 4) the removal of the dividing walls between the entrance area and the main library room increase a noise problem that was already bad. With the sole exception of the bathroom renovations, everything that was done was a triumph of bad taste, poor design and waste of money. In addition, the Library trustees should do whatever they can do -- including reducing staff -- to lower the current assessment on taxpayers. A good first place to start would be the complete elimination of the library's marketing department and public relations department -- people in Winnetka are not dumb; if they want to use the library, they will investigate what it has to offer on their own, without the expense of the current marketing/p.r. department.	6/13/2021 4:14 PM
22	Why should I bother when you chose to ignore my observations. My experience.	6/13/2021 3:10 PM
23	The library is a valuable community asset. Continue working with local garden clubs to enhance the grounds. Consider offering book clubs outside. Provide additional bike racks. Please follow-up on reporting to the community on the whereabouts of the genealogy collection that the previous director unilaterally removed.	6/13/2021 3:06 PM
24	Close the library	6/13/2021 1:51 PM
25	The Northfield Branch is highly valued by the community and should be supported to the same level (with the same hours of operation) as the Winnetka facility. Please provide sufficient seating when COVID restrictions are lifted. The residents anticipate enjoying the full use of the building.	6/13/2021 1:49 PM
26	Too fiscally conservative. Do something with your reserves instead of stockpiling cash.	6/13/2021 1:13 PM
27	More online is coming in genealogy and all print is going digital we do not need hard copies of everything every day it is all available online. Think about consolidating it is crazy as we go digital to duplicate one mile apart	6/13/2021 12:44 PM
28	The winnetka library always seems to have fewer books that I search for than wilmette, Glenview, Highland Park, Northbrook.	6/13/2021 12:25 PM
29	We love our library!	6/13/2021 11:15 AM
30	Excellent service. Staff very helpful	6/12/2021 8:15 PM
31	The library is critical for all members of the community. It's more of a Community House than the actual Community House.	6/12/2021 8:31 AM
32	Thank you for your consistent contacts, The Source & for keeping the library system going	6/12/2021 12:01 AM

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throughout this last, most difficult year. The new patio at the Winnetka Branch was a wonderful location for the League's Voter Registration. It will be very much enjoyed this summer.

33	Add Friday and Sunday evenings	6/11/2021 10:47 PM
34	As above	6/11/2021 9:45 PM
35	Hire back Kristin. Extend hours. I like the new carpeting in Northfield. Love the interlibrary loan and love the Northfield staff. Miss Jimmy in teh studio. He really knew what he was doing.	6/11/2021 9:39 PM
36	Northfield facility should be expanded	6/11/2021 8:43 PM
37	There are so many mom groups/PTO, pre school board meetings that usually are held at a resistant, but perhaps the library would be open to reaching out to these groups to encourage them to meet at the library. I know the food and drinks might be an issue, but perhaps something could be worked out? Just a thought.	6/11/2021 4:21 PM
38	More conservative publications and newspapers---virtual and hardcopy--should be available. Library leans left (EG Big selection of WOKE material recently, but none available to offset or provide a crucial contrasting opinion to the WOKE philosophy/movement!)	6/10/2021 11:06 PM
39	We do not use the library facilities. The internet at home provides everything we need.	6/9/2021 2:37 PM
40	None	6/9/2021 12:55 PM
41	Stay the course. Please do not get distracted by transient fads and trends and concentrate on the true hallmarks of a helpful library.	6/8/2021 9:27 PM
42	Programs dealing with history & architecture of the area.	6/8/2021 8:10 PM
43	Please offer additional classes on using iphones and apple computers.	6/8/2021 4:03 PM
44	THE STAFF HAS GOTTEN NICER. IN THE PAST THERE WERE SOME VERY RUDE AND MOODY PERSONNEL. AT 5 TILL THE CLOSING HOUR EVERYONE GETS HYSTERICAL AND SCOWLS AT PATRONS IF THEY DONT SCUTTLE OUT THE DOOR BEFORE THE HOUR. VERY INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR FOR PROFESSIONALS	6/8/2021 2:53 PM
45	Make sure that people are using the services that you're purchasing. In other words, do a cost benefit analysis.	6/8/2021 10:43 AM
46	More parking is needed.	6/8/2021 8:49 AM
47	After the pandemic, please consider comfortable, cozy seating areas. (Maybe by the large windows?)	6/8/2021 7:42 AM
48	The library is doing an outstanding job!	6/7/2021 10:28 PM
49	Get rid of the library. It's a waste of taxpayer dollars	6/7/2021 9:42 PM
50	While I appreciate the need for diverse books and fully support tolerance and inclusion, the excessive focus in children's books on racial/social justice, gender/sex orientation awareness, mental health issues and child abuse has gotten out of control to the point where I don't feel comfortable with my kids wandering around the library to make their own selections as there is such an overload of questionable content advancing an adult political agenda hidden across many of the sections, especially new books and graphic novels. Definitely don't support banning books, but more disclosure on content or a few adult book discussions on what is actually on the Caudill list as an example are in order.	6/7/2021 9:37 PM
51	Can we use the library to teach newcomers about the Winnetka culture and history?	6/7/2021 8:56 PM
52	It would be prudent to work with the Winnetka Community House to align programs and more clearly define roles within the community.	6/7/2021 7:22 PM
53	You've done a wonderful job with the library. Should consider expanding your outdoor space or quiet sun filled reading room or collaboration rooms on the park next door.	6/7/2021 4:46 PM
54	Residents can easily afford any books or media resources they desire. The library does not need to have them and its services are duplicative and of little benefit.	6/7/2021 4:43 PM
55	Please create more crafting to give back opportunities! This initiative is so important for Winnetka youth right now.	6/7/2021 3:52 PM

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56	Please turn off all interior Library lights when the facility is closed. I live near the Winnetka Library Branch and the lights are on all night. This is a waste of Tax Payers money and unnecessary energy use. Emergency lighting only should be on when the facility is closed to the public.	6/7/2021 3:38 PM
57	Hold system, with interlibrary loan is VITAL. We use it every day.	6/7/2021 3:17 PM
58	Please continue the services	6/7/2021 3:09 PM
59	Get more new books to read.	6/7/2021 2:42 PM
60	The library doesn't provide anything of value to the community that you can't get on your cellphone.	6/7/2021 2:38 PM
61	Have printers available.	6/7/2021 1:55 PM
62	The library is a gem in Winnetka. We're so thankful for all it provides to the community!	6/7/2021 1:50 PM
63	I thought this decisive issue was killed off years ago.	6/5/2021 6:41 PM
64	Dedicated Studio staff and a serger sewing machine would be great.	6/3/2021 9:13 PM
65	I think having a dedicated studio staff would be helpful. I would like to see our library support diversity of THOUGHT - especially by having that reflected in the books circulated.	6/3/2021 8:29 PM
66	The lawn on the north side of the Winnetka library has great potential as event space. It could make a great beer garden in the summer.	6/3/2021 7:56 PM
67	We have used the arts and craft (right name?) section and been very impressed.	6/3/2021 11:14 AM
68	Fostering a love of reading/learning, particularly among our young, has got to be a top priority for the library. Servicing as a community center is a valid goal, but not when it compromises the first priority. Whatever we can do to imbue in our young the intellectual curiosity that comes with a love of reading, we should do. I am at a point where my visits are surgical: entering with a known mission and leaving quickly. For children, lingering on site is more important and we need to continue to make it a place they want to go and linger. Can we consider adding a coffee shop to encourage adults (especially those with small children) to linger and network?	6/3/2021 9:20 AM
69	After being a resident of Wilmette for almost 30 years, I've been disappointed and disillusioned by Winnetka. Sub-par park district offerings, and the lack of a public pool are unacceptable. Your residents deserve better.	6/3/2021 8:17 AM
70	The Libraries could be such a great community center. Also, study rooms for finals is needed at Northfield. The kids are not likely to go to Winnetka.	6/2/2021 8:59 PM
71	Expanded weekend hours are needed. Please open at 9 am on weekends.	6/2/2021 8:11 PM
72	Love the building--totally satisfied and staff is wonderful. Interlibrary loan means the world of knowledge can come to you!	6/2/2021 7:25 PM
73	Appreciate Jimmy's excellent guidance in the studio.	6/2/2021 5:45 PM
74	Truly appreciate all you do and did especially during Covid	6/2/2021 5:45 PM
75	Give the adults an adult only reading room that is away from the noise of the circulation area. I don't want to listen to kids coming and going from story time and screaming when they can't hold their books.	6/2/2021 5:23 PM
76	The entire reason I took this survey was to comment on the very small ebook and downloadable audiobook collection we have.	6/2/2021 4:44 PM
77	Leverage technology and virtual service tools to deliver services to taxpayers.	6/2/2021 3:30 PM
78	Would really love to see the Studio come back!	6/2/2021 6:33 AM
79	Need to maintain programming that is tasteful and reflective of conservative values consistent with citizens' sensibilities.	6/1/2021 10:43 PM
80	More outdoor tables for reading	6/1/2021 7:35 PM
81	magazine and newspaper collection is so bad that i go to wilmette to read periodicals	6/1/2021 4:41 PM

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82	The Winnetka/Northfield Public Library District Board should consider moving the library to the post office location to make it more central to the community. This will allow the library to be built in a with technology forward being the focus. This is what is needed today.	6/1/2021 3:27 PM
83	Much of the programming is unnecessary. I value having a library in town, but it doesn't need to offer 100 programs.	6/1/2021 2:57 PM
84	Next time the children's area is up for renovation, please expand shelving so there is more space for books.	6/1/2021 2:03 PM
85	I've only been in library twice in 15 years	6/1/2021 1:19 PM
86	Please continue to build out the virtual / e-publications such as WSJ, NY Times.	6/1/2021 1:07 PM
87	The approach library staff have taken during the pandemic stands out as being excessively cautious. "The Winnetka library will be the last place in the country to remove all the COVID restrictions" has become a running joke in our house. Cautious is good, but they took it far beyond. We lost some confidence in the library and its team.	6/1/2021 12:50 PM
88	Need more free access to electronic versions of newspapers/magazines.	6/1/2021 12:23 PM
89	Why is every holiday an excuse to shut the library for two days? Why has the library started taking snow days? Can't adults get to work when the library is on two bus lines and a rail line?	6/1/2021 11:44 AM
90	I'm not sure that we need two buildings.	6/1/2021 11:27 AM
91	Nice job! Please keep Freegal	6/1/2021 10:50 AM
92	Now that chaos is behind us, beautify the library	6/1/2021 10:44 AM

Q25 Please provide any additional comments on Village related issues or services

Answered: 152 Skipped: 990

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Keep following the progress on solving 1 Winnetka problems Continue to maintain the village's excellent financial standing	6/26/2021 11:39 AM
2	Projects that effect the greater good, not a select few	6/26/2021 9:23 AM
3	I would entertain sharing the cost of burying power, telephone and data lines on our property only	6/26/2021 9:16 AM
4	Our taxes are too high already and I would not support sharing the cost of anything. Bring in and support more business to increase tax revenue to the Village!	6/26/2021 8:05 AM
5	PLEASE MAKE IT CLEAR THAT TRASH AND RECYCLING CONTAINERS NEED TO BE STORED IN THE REAR OF HOMES. I NOTICE MORE RESIDENTS LEAVING THEM IN THE FRONT OF THEIR HOUSE. THIS IS NOT BECOMING OF OUR CHARACTER AND LOOKS "TRASHY." (PUN INTENDED). WE PAY MUCH TO RESIDE HERE SO PLEASE VILLAGE LEADERSHIP ENFORCE THE "BACK" OF HOUSE STORAGE POLICY FOR RECYCLING/TRASH RECEPTACLES. I HAVE WRITTEN THE VILLAGE MANAGER AND HE DOES NOTHING TO ENFORCE THE REGULATIONS TO KEEP THESE CONTAINERS OUT OF SIGHT. THIS IS THE VILLAGE'S RESPONSIBILITY, NOT NEIGHBORS. LET'S KEEP WINNETKA BEAUTIFUL AND REQUIRE RESIDENTS TO KEEP CONTAINERS IN THE BACK NOT FRONT YARDS.	6/25/2021 10:31 PM
6	None of the above. I had to pay to bury my overhead lines—why shouldn't everyone else?	6/25/2021 10:27 PM
7	None of the above for question 24.	6/25/2021 7:58 PM
8	Please continue to work to make our downtown areas vibrant shopping and eating areas. We don't need more real estate offices, dentists, nail salons, banks and dry cleaners at street level. Would like to see more restaurants at all price points.	6/25/2021 5:39 PM
9	Overhead power and data lines are a disgrace in a Village as wealthy and upscale as ours. They contribute to power outages and are eyesores.	6/25/2021 5:05 PM
10	Undergrounding the utilities may be a 30 year project - but let's get it started.	6/25/2021 3:35 PM
11	PLEASE REPLACE THE WINNETKA ONE PROJECT ASAP! DOWNTOWN IS AN EYESORE AND UNDERUTILIZED! NO NEW BUSINESSES WILL GO INTO THOSE OLD, DECREPIT BUILDINGS!	6/25/2021 3:14 PM
12	don't invest in bleeding edge technologies which will most likely change before we are done implementing them. fix the infrastructure and have options open to future needs.	6/25/2021 3:01 PM
13	I don't understand why part of the village have buried utilities and other parts don't. We need to get the entire Village buried.	6/25/2021 2:48 PM
14	Grateful to have the choice re back-door garbage collection	6/25/2021 2:31 PM
15	The village should consider getting out of the power generation business and using one of the private sector utility providers.	6/23/2021 8:19 AM
16	All 4 of those ideas are not worth the ROI.	6/16/2021 11:07 PM
17	ALL OVERHEAD POWER LINES SHOULD BE BURIED!!!	6/16/2021 8:26 AM
18	Can we bury the electric / telephone lines on my street :) :))	6/16/2021 5:01 AM
19	Please don't take up valuable parking for Teslas. Parking is so limited already. Also, I pay enough in taxes. The village needs to stop squeezing us.	6/16/2021 2:43 AM

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20	PLEASE fill the storefronts and do something about One Winnetka space. Compared to our neighbors to the north and south, our downtown areas continue to suffer.	6/15/2021 7:48 PM
21	The intersection of Chestnut and Elm is awkward. Why all the bump outs and ugly lights? Like all the new restaurants in town--keep up the good work to bring them here. However, I'm concerned about Hoffman RE company "buying up" all of town.	6/15/2021 7:17 PM
22	Provide composting	6/14/2021 9:44 PM
23	None. We have other priorities.	6/14/2021 9:44 PM
24	Our village, especially Public Works, is very responsive to resident needs and professional in their management.	6/14/2021 4:25 PM
25	from a quality of life standpoint, work on burying these unseemingly ugly power and cable lines before you work on solar/green technology.	6/14/2021 1:29 PM
26	Please minimize the number of nail salons, dental offices, real estate offices, banks and other services in the downtown areas. I'm glad to see that burying the overhead lines is being considered which would significantly improve the appearance of our village and our properties. I'm glad that you've moved the Music Festival away from the downtown area--it was too disruptive to residents and local businesses where it was previously held. Relatedly, I don't believe this should be funded by taxpayer dollars in anyway. The festival should reimburse the village for security, sanitation and any other costs it incurs.	6/14/2021 8:30 AM
27	This is a tough question. Too much of a financial burden is already being passed to residents for flood control. Reduce flood spending where the winners have been the consultants	6/14/2021 12:08 AM
28	My second choice under Q23 would be replace aging water lines	6/13/2021 11:31 PM
29	More restaurants downtown- more ethnic like Indian... not upscale American!	6/13/2021 10:21 PM
30	Let's get the storm water project done soon - its been a decade!	6/13/2021 10:15 PM
31	Village employees often seem bitter — why? There's no need to allow random services in village shops. Real estate offices are a waste of space. Quality Pubs are ok. Take aggressive action against bad land owners — a vacant property is unsafe and we need to stop letting these people use retail space as ransomware. Act on vacant homes too. Be assertive.	6/13/2021 10:15 PM
32	Sustainability should be considered more in the new master plan as it relates to new construction. There should be a requirement for deconstruction instead of demolition and certain sustainability goals required with new construction	6/13/2021 10:05 PM
33	Bury the cables and let's prevent tree damage to power lines and as a potential for loss of power	6/13/2021 8:33 PM
34	Winnetka needs to work towards going GREEN	6/13/2021 7:48 PM
35	Power poles and lines are a real eyesore in our beautiful community. Would like to see Village sponsored (and encouraged, composting).	6/13/2021 7:16 PM
36	stop with the progressive green virtue signaling bullshit	6/13/2021 7:13 PM
37	none	6/13/2021 5:31 PM
38	Power lines severely impact the tree growth. Approaching an entire block of people may encourage all of them to participate financially so that the project for that group of homes would be completed quickly. The way it has stretched out over decades doesn't seem to be working. Also charging a homeowner ~10k to connect under ground vs ~2k that it should cost has also been a problem.	6/13/2021 4:36 PM
39	Taxes are very high, and very burdensome, Although I realize that the Village portion of the taxes we pay is relatively small compared to other taxing bodies, the Trustees should do everything they can to keep expenditures as low as possible.	6/13/2021 4:15 PM
40	Reimagine how bikes might be integrated into community transportation plans. Look at the bike lanes that neighboring communities such as Evanston have developed. Think about how grocery stores, for example, might make it easier for people to park their bikes with attached carts and trailers for groceries.	6/13/2021 3:43 PM
41	Lightning protection is provided as part of above-ground electricity distribution. Underground	6/13/2021 3:34 PM

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distribution requires that each home REQUIRES lightning Rods and copper connection to ground plane. FIRE PROTECTION. NEXT SURVEY, within next several years do you intend to home-charge one or two electric vehicles and upgrade volt/amperage electricity to your home.

42	The ravines are constantly very dirty and a high place to litter - try and provide options to community clean up	6/13/2021 2:55 PM
43	Please focus on improvements that can be done within the current budget. Our tax burden is ridiculous and getting worse.	6/13/2021 2:37 PM
44	Anything we do to "green" the community will make it more attractive to the next generations.	6/13/2021 2:35 PM
45	We have contributed to this as we were required to with our home renovation	6/13/2021 2:13 PM
46	None of the listed utility improvements are necessary.	6/13/2021 2:00 PM
47	It seems with stormwater improvements and ripping up infrastructure might be a good time to bury some of the electricity and cables	6/13/2021 1:27 PM
48	Draw more people to winnetka with a plan to make area in front of Dwyer a destination.	6/13/2021 1:01 PM
49	The project for burying overhead power, telephone, data lines was approved years ago. Why hasn't it happened?	6/13/2021 12:55 PM
50	the downtown reconstruction is a goddam disgrace for its effects on businesses. the Toy Shop went under as a result of the construction, for godsakes!	6/13/2021 12:35 PM
51	It is almost impossible to rationally rank/prioritize and/or discuss participation in the financing of utility improvements without any information regarding the cost of making the improvements. #23/#24 are meaningless exercises without associated cost and implementation information.	6/13/2021 12:03 PM
52	Fix ease Elm Street business district. Unspeakable embarrassment to Winnetka.	6/13/2021 11:59 AM
53	Lease space in Tower Rd power plant to parties who could add batteries, small scale wind and solar; consider long term options for clean reliability solutions eg green hydrogen (electrolysis/storage/fuel cell) instead of fossil fuels. Make Tower Rd parking lot an EV and H2 charging site. Plenty of private financing and tax credits available- no need for Village funds to do this	6/13/2021 11:59 AM
54	Big shout out of thanks to our Village staff and Public Works personnel!	6/13/2021 11:52 AM
55	Enforce ban on leaf blowers	6/13/2021 11:44 AM
56	Taxes Are high enough!	6/13/2021 11:34 AM
57	Burying overhead lines should be a priority, particularly in the tree streets. Recycling should be prioritized over waste. The village revamped garbage pick up program and the largest container exceeds the standard green recycling bins. Recycling bins should be at least as large, if not larger, to encourage residents to recycle more particularly as more people are shopping online and the amount of cardboard boxes used has increased considerably over the past year and a half a result of the pandemic. I would also like to see the village offer a composting program for residents.	6/13/2021 11:23 AM
58	Really appreciate all the flexibility, sound thinking and good communication in response to Covid.	6/12/2021 4:07 PM
59	Utilities such as Comcast should be held to a higher level of service by the Village. Many of us endure spotty & unreliable service despite high rates. We don't have much choice in providers if the residence location does not get good service. Customer service provided by these utilities is abysmal. Installations and upkeep are shoddy & poorly executed.	6/12/2021 12:22 PM
60	Please bury the lines and disassociate from the coal energy plant. Top ten polluter in US.	6/12/2021 11:29 AM
61	The Lakota group is not great. Recent plans for park and streetscape are terrible. Why aren't Village projects put out for bid? Why do we keep hiring the same firm without hearing from others and obtaining competing bids?	6/11/2021 9:27 PM
62	As to funding for utility improvement projects, am willing to support community wide, tax based funding of projects that benefit the whole community.	6/11/2021 7:56 PM

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63	There needs to be better traffic flow or parking in Hubbard Woods. Please figure this out. Can anything be done to the deteriorating train bridge across the tracks near HW park? It is terrible. Can the village buy the property or pay to do the pedestrian bridge replacement??? PLEASE	6/11/2021 4:29 PM
64	Would not want to share any costs related to burying overhead power, telephone, data lines. Absolutely not!	6/11/2021 9:46 AM
65	The Village should not seek to subsidize the costs incurred by those who work remotely by providing space for them. I believe you sort of already do by providing space and free Wi Fi at the Library	6/10/2021 9:17 AM
66	Comcast service over the past several years has steadily improved.	6/9/2021 2:47 PM
67	None	6/9/2021 12:58 PM
68	Winnetka is a wonderful community, but over 50 years after Dr. Martin Luther King spoke at our Village Green about open housing, our village continues to lag far behind other communities in terms of economic and racial diversity. To address this deficiency, we as a village should consider ways to encourage more diverse housing and a more diverse village workforce.	6/9/2021 11:57 AM
69	I'm so happy to see Qs 23-24. Please focus on all of these items!	6/9/2021 8:56 AM
70	Too many people on the council and in the village lack vision. And what vision there is is constantly stymied by the general conservatism of the council members and the community. This will always make Winnetka a reluctant follower rather than a thoughtful leader that brings the community along.	6/8/2021 1:22 PM
71	Please allow other internet/cable providers other than Comcast.	6/8/2021 12:30 PM
72	Sick of all the add-on charges like storm water and garbage pick-up (esp. when streets still flood and refuse pick-up has missed my area several times).	6/8/2021 10:46 AM
73	We need additional choices for internet service providers! Retail overlay districts have already been significantly eroded in our commercial districts by landlords pushing for higher-paying service tenants! Allowing banks/real estate offices, etc, to take over core shopping areas will only deaden those areas as we saw before the overlay was in place. Your biased Q doesn't account for historically low vacancies, COVID, nor that landlords/owners charge extremely high rents/costs that force out retail/restaurants and favor banks/real estate and the like. Why don't you look at the reasons that retail/restaurants have a difficult time operating long term in Winnetka....what kind of a town do you want to be???	6/8/2021 10:09 AM
74	It would be nice to bury power and data lines, they are unsightly. Car charging stations? Only if they pay for themselves with fees for users. I pay enough for people to have their electric cars already via government subsidies. NO more!	6/8/2021 6:36 AM
75	I'd love it if the Winnetka beach pass is also valid for Glencoe.	6/8/2021 12:48 AM
76	Reconsider the moratorium on demolition of older homes	6/7/2021 10:49 PM
77	Also add more police force. People run stop signs and pay no attention to people in crosswalks at an alarming level.	6/7/2021 9:22 PM
78	Overhead power lines are out of keeping with Winnetka's image... a "black cloud" hanging over our beautifully green community.	6/7/2021 8:28 PM
79	Please do not raise RE taxes to pay for any of these projects	6/7/2021 7:51 PM
80	Please ALLOW residents of Zone 16 to use the Winnetka Public Library. We would also like to be part of the Winnetka School System. Thank you.	6/7/2021 7:30 PM
81	dim the lamps at elm and chestnut	6/7/2021 6:29 PM
82	Living near New Trier WiFi is horrible at times and unreliable. Would be nice to see school step up to help solve this issue	6/7/2021 5:28 PM
83	you need to penalize landlords that keep their downtown spaces vacant.	6/7/2021 4:49 PM
84	For working couples that move in, Saturday morning hours by eliminating Wednesday morning (for example) would be very helpful. The current approach has been around forever and it has been difficult and unwelcoming all that time.	6/7/2021 4:49 PM

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85	Why are the other options outlined important? Is there data that shows they are needed?	6/7/2021 3:56 PM
86	I would NOT be in favor of supporting any of the above Utility Improvement Projects until the town has 90% of the vacant spaces leased and open for business. I strongly feel the Utility Improvement Projects listed above are by no means necessary and are NOT and should NOT be a priority for our Village.	6/7/2021 3:48 PM
87	have office coffeeshops where pay a fee maybe hourly but a coffeeshop. i am tired of trying to socialize with folks at local place and table space being taken for hours by adults and stdents doing their work for hours and no space left for regular restaurant type customer	6/7/2021 3:43 PM
88	Winnetka Police and Emergency Services are outstanding - we're sorry you didn't ask about them.	6/7/2021 3:32 PM
89	Liz Kunkle is amazing but she needs way more Village support to actually bring this Village to a proper level of sustainability. It is so sad that such a wealthy community doesn't acknowledge the nonstop waste that exists and doesn't do more to combat environmental pollution.	6/7/2021 3:15 PM
90	Improve recycling opportunities	6/7/2021 3:13 PM
91	In my experience the city has not availed it self of the many experts liveing in the city.	6/7/2021 2:51 PM
92	The roll-out of the new curbside refuse collection program was abysmal as time wore on. Although we found it easy to sign up for it, and did so as soon as we were able, we were initially told the new curbside containers would be delivered starting May 1. We received NO communication from the Village Manager's Office that this timeline had been changed. No one ever answered the phone at the Public Works Department. When we called the Village Manager's office in mid-may, they were unable to tell us when the containers would be delivered and they referred our inquiry to someone at Public Works, who left a message. PW is a Village department. The Village Manager's Office staff should be fully aware of changes to the timeline and other details of the program. The VMO could easily have included an update in one of their weekly email blasts. They did not. Yet, those emails had a lot of relatively unimportant information. As it turned out, the letter sent by PW and the message left by the PW staff member said the containers would be delivered by June 1. We did not receive ours until June 5 at 4:45 pm and only AFTER directly emailing Chris Rintz, the Village President.	6/7/2021 2:36 PM
93	I already paid to bury my power lines yet still have a pole in my yard. Is this fair?	6/7/2021 2:16 PM
94	The roll out of the new refuse program was abysmal. Although the Village sends weekly emails with updates, they never provided updates about implementation of the new program and schedule changes to the delivery of the new containers to households who opted for the curbside service. No one in Public Works ever answered the phone to answer questions about when the containers would be delivered. The Village should've done a better job communicating updates to residents about it. We did not get our new refuse container —even though we signed up really early —until June 4 at 4:45 pm and ONLY after emailing Chris Rintz, the Village Council president. They were supposed to be delivered by June 1 according to both the letter PW mailed as well as a message a PW staffer left me. Delays aren't the problem. The lack of communication from the Village Manager's Office was inexplicable and inexcusable.	6/7/2021 2:10 PM
95	i have ZERO interest in the other options for questions 23 & 24	6/7/2021 2:06 PM
96	We need additional network providers operating in the village. Comcast is the only high speed option. My top infrastructure priority would be to attract an additional high speed ISP or otherwise convince AT&T to upgrade their offering.	6/7/2021 2:02 PM
97	We need a community swimming pool. The beaches are not swimming beaches - water often has bacteria.	6/7/2021 1:59 PM
98	23 and 24 are trick questions you did not include 'none of above"	6/7/2021 1:54 PM
99	Please don't raise our property taxes	6/7/2021 12:42 PM
100	Please partner with a compost company (like collective resource out of evanston) to provide a compost pick up on the same day as garbage/recycling pick up	6/7/2021 10:21 AM
101	Please do not raise our property taxes via bonds	6/7/2021 9:07 AM
102	We are one of the last areas that still has unsightly, dangerous power poles and lines strewn	6/7/2021 8:38 AM

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around the neighborhood. The increase in home values due to improved aesthetics alone should make everyone willing to share in this cost.

103	Question 23 is flawed. I don't want ,oat of those!	6/5/2021 11:10 PM
104	Winnetka is crippled by the antiquated internet cable network	6/5/2021 1:03 PM
105	Rather than improving cable, I'd rather funds be spent on fiber. Especially if this would become municipal-owned or at least not owned by a single major telecom (like leased access or something)	6/5/2021 10:02 AM
106	Already do so	6/4/2021 1:19 PM
107	To the extent the Village can become a leader in a transition to green technology, and do it in creative and interesting ways, it will become more vibrant and attractive to both residents and non-residents.	6/4/2021 8:09 AM
108	Slowing down traffic on residential streets. More 4-way stops, allowing golf carts on public streets. Make Winnetka a pedestrian destination.	6/3/2021 8:08 PM
109	Replace residential lead water mains	6/3/2021 4:26 PM
110	Green energy doesn't work reliably enough to replace fossil fuels/natural gas. See California, Texas, et al. in 2020 to understand the unnecessary misery created in people's lives as a result of the over-reliance on "green" technologies that are historically unreliable and extremely difficult to scale. Rolling brown/blackouts, not being able to run air-conditioning, lack of refrigeration, and other power shortages are the hallmarks of the third world, not prosperous nations. Resist the alarmism of the weather pagans who think it is possible to control nature and micromanage their neighbors' thermostats. You'll save yourselves a massive amount of trouble when the elitist leftists who insist on "greening" everything can not charge their iPhones or Teslas for lack of reliable power.	6/3/2021 11:11 AM
111	When you look like a ghost town, you feel like a ghost town. Please do whatever you can to bring vitality back to our commercial districts. When you bring us back into routine contact, you build a community.	6/3/2021 9:35 AM
112	At our current tax base, we should already have all these things. Get it together.	6/3/2021 8:21 AM
113	You get enough tax dollars. You need to spend more wisely. You wast a lot of time and money on stupid mastications.	6/2/2021 9:26 PM
114	I am not interested in the above	6/2/2021 8:15 PM
115	More outdoor dining options and fill our empty store fronts ASAP. The One Winnetka space is a complete eye sore and the Village needs to find a way to get out of that legal maze and bring back east Winnetka.	6/2/2021 7:58 PM
116	While delayed due to COVID, the streetscape plan in West Elm was intended to rejuvenate the business district. It's time to get back to that commitment. The constant chatter from residents and business owners on the difficulties of dealing with the Village needs to be seriously addressed. The Village loves consultants (e.g., how many have been hired for the Post Office planning), so hire a consulting firm to evaluate and recommend process, documents, organizational, and system changes to better support it's residents and businesses. Any for-profit worth their salt understands the importance of regular review and improvements as organizations evolve. Because a form has been made longer, and they keep getting longer, doesn't mean that the form has been improved. It means that the form is longer. Recognize kingdom building vs value add in staff employees. Remember, simplicity is the result of profound thought. Get over the "not invented here" syndrome. While the Village has made progress in many areas, NIH is as strong as ever. Strongly encourage Caucus board members to attend at least 5 Village Council meetings per year. While new and younger blood can be value add, dropping the endorsement of 2 experienced professionals and Village Trustees for 2 residents that had little to no gov't or board of directors experience to a team of 7 shined a bright light on the Caucus members lack of understanding of the complex issues that the Village Council tackles. The Village Council deserves more respect than the Caucus has demonstrated and I'm leaving out the exceptionally poorly run meeting where residents voted on the Caucus slated candidates. Hopefully the Caucus leadership knows that the high level turn out for that meeting was due to the resident email chain supporting Bob Dearborn. Raise your expectations of the Chamber of Commerce.	6/2/2021 7:41 PM

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117	Please figure out a way to get more businesses, restaurants, etc into store fronts. No more realtors, banks, etc. You mentioned Brewpubs in the above question but we don't have any. How about a brewpub? More restaurants like Wilmette!!! And Glencoe!	6/2/2021 7:23 PM
118	I will not find infrastructure for car charging, solar power, WiFi, or burying lines. I pay enough in taxes to this community.	6/2/2021 5:30 PM
119	None of these projects are necessary, do not raise taxes.	6/2/2021 3:39 PM
120	Make it more affordable to bury line for upgrading 100-200 amps	6/2/2021 1:53 PM
121	I'd like an update on when the village lead water pipes will be replaced and what the plan is for that.	6/2/2021 11:11 AM
122	The vacant buildings on Lincoln and Elm are an embarrassment. Please fix those!!!	6/1/2021 9:09 PM
123	Public works does a great job on all their projects and responsibilities!	6/1/2021 5:12 PM
124	Burying power and data lines is a significantly more important project than the other options listed. The power lines and poles are unsightly, ruin our trees and are old and a hazard.	6/1/2021 4:34 PM
125	Again, how is it that infrastructure improvements which benefit everyone are now considered things that individuals should "share the cost for?" I almost never use the residential streets east of Green Bay, why are my taxes used to pay for them? (That is a rhetorical question to illustrate my point.) I guess the alternate answer is that I am willing to pay for all of those things by paying my taxes.	6/1/2021 4:30 PM
126	We need central business district parking solutions for Winnetka. People that come to shop have to have a place to park. It is the number one priority. Of course, one Winnetka was going to help. We need to move on it. Plus the post office site is a undiscovered Jewel	6/1/2021 4:21 PM
127	It would nice to have WiFi available to all houses. We need evening bars with outdoor space. Maybe an out door basketball court.	6/1/2021 3:33 PM
128	Updating the Village infrastructure should be a priority which is review annually.	6/1/2021 3:31 PM
129	Tax dollars are not infinite. Lowering taxes and fees is highest priority.	6/1/2021 3:06 PM
130	I would not be willing to pay for any of the above.	6/1/2021 3:01 PM
131	I don't know who thought it was a good idea to tear up every downtown street at once but the village is absolutely impassable now. I spent 20 minutes trying to get to starbucks today - I could walk there faster. Streets that aren't under construction have so many parked cars on them that they are essentially blocked as well. Add in the lack of parking downtown and I will avoid going there as much as possible. Even willow was partially blocked this morning at birch st.	6/1/2021 2:26 PM
132	village council needs to examine the code pertaining to special uses. It took months for Plan Commission hearings on Winneta One. The Chair, herself a seasoned tax lawyer noted the problem was the code was terrible!	6/1/2021 2:13 PM
133	the above infrastructure is unnecessary in a town that has no downtown business.	6/1/2021 1:51 PM
134	Let the marketplace figure it out. Don't use village resources to pursue "green energy" political agendas.	6/1/2021 1:47 PM
135	Car charging is very expensive if you park off the alley because house can only have one meter. When I considered buying an all electric car I discovered I'd have to bury a line from my parking pad off the alley to my home meter which would cost \$3K. That was too much to go green.:(6/1/2021 1:26 PM
136	Please consider ways to repurpose the Hubbard Woods train station building. So much potential for a restaurant & bar.	6/1/2021 1:21 PM
137	Solar energy should be able to pay for itself (utilizing a PPA to utilize tax incentives) and then refinance in 6 years with a bond. Upgrading the data lines (fiber optic) would greatly improve home quality of life and provide independence from Cable monopolies.	6/1/2021 1:17 PM
138	Plow private roads	6/1/2021 1:12 PM
139	It's not the Village's job to subsidize powering stations for rich people who buy Teslas. It would	6/1/2021 12:35 PM

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be different if people were buying cars to help the environment, such as a Prius, but these are privileged people buying status symbols.

140	The pool is #1, picking rocks at the winnetka beaches to make them enjoyable to use is #2 and #3 is blocking off streets downtown during the warmer months to have food trucks, live music, etc to bring more people out. The other towns on the North Shore are doing a great job in all these areas. Winnetka seems far behind	6/1/2021 12:34 PM
141	Do something with one winnetka asap. Limit the ability of one organization to buy up the town. Want health competition.	6/1/2021 12:33 PM
142	Provide free composting services (or build fee into garbage/recycling charges), or partner with nearby towns to use theirs	6/1/2021 12:28 PM
143	Don't forget your residents living in apartments in commercial districts- notify us when you plan on having late night construction or noise!	6/1/2021 12:21 PM
144	Banning leaf blowers and gas trimmers would green up the village by reducing pollution and traffic without costing a cent	6/1/2021 11:49 AM
145	reinforce to the community the role of the Village's economic development department in filling the empty storefronts and building community spirit through the farmer's market	6/1/2021 11:15 AM
146	I would be willing to share the cost for the power and phone lines to be buried on my property only	6/1/2021 11:14 AM
147	We really need an alternative to Comcast as a Cable provider. Their service is horrible	6/1/2021 11:00 AM
148	I would like to better understand the barriers to businesses wanting to come to winnekta. i am not sure I fully appreciate the choice of allowing for special use permits to quickly fill up vacant space vs. understanding the systemic issues	6/1/2021 10:54 AM
149	None of the above is my answer to 24.	6/1/2021 10:44 AM
150	The items in #24 should be funded from the tax base.	6/1/2021 10:36 AM
151	How about 'none' as an option on #24	6/1/2021 10:26 AM
152	We should be looking at municipal cable / fiber and offering green power. It is embarrassing that a village as well off as Winnetka is part of a power consortium that is prod of the coal plant it recently built / purchased	6/1/2021 10:18 AM

Q31 Please provide any other comments or suggestions for the Winnetka District 36 School Board.

Answered: 166 Skipped: 976

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The school board needs to remove masking requirements and get kids, especially in the elementary schools, completely off ipads. They don't need it anymore and it hurts young kids.	6/26/2021 12:14 PM
2	Too much focus on SEL and CRTL is taking away critical time from teaching the core curriculum for our students. It seem like there is more and more of an expectation that the core curriculum is supplemented at home. That is quite a burden on families, particularly dual working households. There is also a lack of transparency on how students are progressing even with the new progress reports which do not provide teacher assessment results. The progressive approach isn't for every child or family and children that aren't on IEPs/504 plans or excelling are lost in the crowd. For these reasons and the strong teacher union, we may leave D36 after the 2021-2022 school year if things don't improve.	6/26/2021 9:31 AM
3	Take seriously the shortcomings of progressive education	6/26/2021 8:29 AM
4	it has always depended on what team your child was on from 5-8 grade. there needs to be more uniformity of curriculum. I love progressive ed but our children need to learn grammar- and they DO NOT know it. and it hurts them in high school and college! They are good writers and creative but that piece is totally missing.	6/25/2021 9:31 PM
5	My son attended k-5 in Winnetka and 6th at Faith Hope. I think D36 does an excellent job of inspiring a love of learning, for which I am grateful. It is inspiring. I was, however, repeatedly disappointed by the rigor of the math curriculum in D36 and much more please at FHC. There are many, many kids in D36 who are capable of FAR more challenging and interesting math. I think it is the biggest problem in the K-6 education in Winnetka. My son really enjoyed having some math challenge in 6th grade at FHC. He could also voice, however, missing the more exciting science curriculum at D36.	6/25/2021 7:44 PM
6	Very difficult to rank these. All are important. If the children are inspired to learn, find learning new things exciting and challenging, individually and collaboratively, the rest falls together naturally. Combining subjects, like music and history, or art and science, can enhance the learning process.	6/25/2021 6:31 PM
7	My wife and I were seriously surprised and concerned to learn that Washburne adopted a new "woke" Sex Ed curriculum with very little notice or information provided to parents ahead of time about the exact content of the curriculum or how to elect to have their children opt out. I have reviewed the Lurie program. It's not clear which parts of this curriculum are being taught. However, my child's sexual orientation and gender identity is not something that they should be requested to share in class. The Lurie program includes many topics (anal sex, abortion, transsexualit, anti-absinence, etc.that are completely inappropriate to be "taught" in school. Those are topics that should be addressed at home by parents.	6/25/2021 5:59 PM
8	Community building and SEL should be at the forefront of 2021-2022 school year.	6/25/2021 3:52 PM
9	Where are we on getting rid of all the lead pipes in the school buildings? Are drinking fountains all OK now, or are some still shut down? High priority to replace all lead pipes!!	6/25/2021 3:45 PM
10	Pay the teachers more. I bet if you review the test scores they increased more than years past. Parents need to trust teachers.	6/25/2021 3:41 PM
11	THE STUDENTS ARE WAY BEHIND DUE TO COVID AND THE TEST SCORES PROVE IT. SERIOUS FOCUS NEEDS TO BE PUT BEFORE/DURING/AFTER SCHOOL DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR AND THE SUMMER TO GET THEM BACK ON TRACK.	6/25/2021 3:24 PM
12	too many choices above. technology is ever changing and is not separate but embedded in all. core intellectual learning and curiosity were skipped. interpersonal learning also should be imbedded in the core	6/25/2021 3:07 PM

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13	In furtherance of the prior section about building community spirit, the separate elementary school districts really divide the community. We're happy with our neighborhood school and identify more with Crow Island than we do with Winnetka.	6/25/2021 2:58 PM
14	Emphasize, enlarge and promote civics and U.S. history	6/24/2021 2:03 PM
15	Drop the Progressive orthodoxy and focus instead on meeting state standards and those of our neighboring school districts, which get better results.	6/23/2021 8:22 AM
16	We should not expect taxpayers to pay for iPads and other similar technology. Parents should pay for these things just as they do a calculator or other devices. I'm one a large group of parents who are getting concerned about what the school is doing to about CRT. We don't want or need this kind of indoctrination in our schools. The entire 1619 project is not based on fact.	6/16/2021 5:03 PM
17	Start teaching reading earlier to kindergarteners. Play and progressive teaching and actually teaching reading does not have to be exclusive ideas! By not diving into reading more, you are putting all kids who may be struggling readers at a disadvantage because you do not see the issues until later on. This is why we have a high number of IEPs fir reading ans writing. Also, please get the interventionists and special Ed teachers trained in Wilson or Slant programs and make this consistent across the district and schools. Lastly, Need more emphasis on producing great writers!	6/16/2021 5:13 AM
18	Really? Trying to find ground to bring back the referendum? Kids don't need air conditioning for the maybe 6 weeks out of the year that it's needed. And don't use that consulting company like last time. They just had their own agenda. Same with realtors. They cry crocodile tears saying home prices will fall but really they only care about their commission.	6/16/2021 2:46 AM
19	Kudos for making the best of the pandemic and focusing on the kids needs during this trying time	6/15/2021 10:42 PM
20	Focus of 2021/22 school year should be on academic slide (due to pandemic) and not another referendum!	6/15/2021 7:54 PM
21	Our community schools are great. Keep capital expenditures to a minimum. Focus on the basics--kids need math, writing, reading, science. Share more specifics about curriculum content with parents; make it easier for us to see exactly what are kids are being taught everyday.	6/15/2021 7:23 PM
22	Get rid of the masks!!!! This is horrifying!!	6/14/2021 10:57 PM
23	The D36 School Board has not been a leader relative to providing a high quality educational experience for children during this pandemic. The Winnetka schools were the last of all New Trier feeder schools to provide a 'modified full day' experience despite the fact that our village supports the maintenance of FIVE school buildings during a time of relative low student enrollment. The administration failed to provide a creative and dynamic experience for the children to attend in person school and defaulted to iPad school for the majority of every school day until April 2021 when districts like Wilmette and Kenilworth were able to provide a longer in person school day beginning in the fall of the 2020-21 school year. This begs the question, why do we pay taxes to support inflated salaries of administrators that are not able to properly manage school buildings and teachers/staff? Winnetka Schools have been on the decline and this year illustrated further challenges without proper leadership to guide the way for teachers and students.	6/14/2021 10:30 PM
24	Greater awareness on how sensitive topics (social/racial justice, LGBTQ+, Sex Ed) are covered in the classroom is warranted by the School Board. These topics are covered in a lot of areas without a lot of parent communication and transparency. Recent curriculum changes and pending legislative action on sex education is a case in point. School Board should also be holding district accountable for student academic results and execution on any improvement plans. It seems that plans may be developed, but there is little oversight on implementation and result tracking.	6/14/2021 4:36 PM
25	It is impossible to rank all items in Q 30 as all are important.	6/14/2021 4:20 PM
26	Don't have D36 age children any more so will rely on the stakeholders who do.	6/14/2021 2:49 PM
27	D36 needs to begin leading again! We need to give these children the most normal school year possible. Starting with MASK OPTIONAL in school. Winnetka was once the envy of so many school districts. We need to re-prioritize and get back to the basics.	6/14/2021 2:10 PM

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28	Based on 3 kids that went through K-8, the math program is not strong enough for a kid to move on to NT math when qualified. They are behind when they get into NT math compared to other neighboring towns. There should be a different track or program for kids who are really good with math early on starting at 1-4 grade.	6/14/2021 10:42 AM
29	Better reporting strategies for Skokie school. More communication. More community building programs. Auditorium needs more use to build community in that school. e.g. talent show, plays, speakers for kids, have more visitors, authors come to speak, Holiday shows for parents to come and watch like they do in the lower schools. Skokie needs a better sense of community. There's a push for social emotional learning - use that time to let the kids outside to play more. They will develop those skills during that time and it gets them moving - better for brain development too.	6/14/2021 9:40 AM
30	This question assumes there needs to be a ranking. What if you view them all as equally important. There should be an option for the same vote for multiple items. Poorly written question.	6/14/2021 9:35 AM
31	I was raised in Winnetka and have returned to raise my family here. I am significantly concerned about the current national trend to force concepts like Critical Race Theory, "Civic Activism" and Early Sex Education into local schools. There is no place for these flawed "programs" in Winnetka schools and I am strongly opposed to any plans to introduce them into our curriculum. I am not alone in thinking this, however, many parents are afraid to speak up for fear of attack or retaliation. The school board needs to carefully look at what the value systems, needs, issues are of WINNETKA students, families and residents as they may be pressured to implement these ideas. Our schools have a history of being exceptional--and not because we do what everyone else does. Focus on the subject areas and topics that let our students succeed--they need more time on the basics---STEM, reading, writing, music and art. Leave "Civic mindedness"and discussions of race, religion, sex, politics, etc. to parents to have at home.	6/14/2021 8:47 AM
32	Technology tools and devices should be provide by the home; these resources should be provided only for those who are in need.	6/13/2021 11:52 PM
33	Do not forget working parents!	6/13/2021 10:25 PM
34	Training and facilities are not the issue. Make better use of what we have. Use tools and methods wisely. Stop measuring work with a clock — measure results.	6/13/2021 10:21 PM
35	Not able to answer question because no longer have kids in the schools	6/13/2021 10:09 PM
36	No Critical Race Thierry Training	6/13/2021 9:41 PM
37	Having the opportunity to observe college classrooms this year, I am stunned at the poor critical thinking, reading and writing skills at top level universities. These skills are the most important aspects of elementary education - learning how to learn and communicate.	6/13/2021 9:30 PM
38	Parents need to trust the teachers and trust the wonderful system and philosophy of our district. Thank you for all you have done and are doing	6/13/2021 9:27 PM
39	Thinly veiled effort to bring up the referendum again.	6/13/2021 8:50 PM
40	Please remember that Music incorporates all of the subject areas into one area of study. It is NOT expendable, and feeds the soul as well as the brain.	6/13/2021 7:58 PM
41	ADA compliance and discussions with children to express equity amongst the population is vital.	6/13/2021 7:48 PM
42	We totally disagree with the white guilt, social engineering, progressive minded political bullshit. Its not the schools place to be indoctrinating our kids into thought patterns and philosophies that parents may not agree with or approve	6/13/2021 7:25 PM
43	I'm tired of District 36 parents demanding that their children get special treatment. Arrogant A-Types threatening extra curricular instructors because their bored whelps didn't excel in the sport or competition is REALLY common here. Teach students to reason with their offensive and unrealistic parents; call the A-Types out when they embody the arrogant Winnetka bossman stereotype.	6/13/2021 5:29 PM
44	District 36 should do everything possible to lower -- not raise, or raise modestly, but actually lower -- the current assessment levels.	6/13/2021 4:18 PM

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45	1. Writing is not focused on enough in elementary. 2. Upgrade the elementary schools! Invest in our kids!	6/13/2021 3:54 PM
46	Support traditional education- reading, writing, math, history, arts, PE	6/13/2021 3:36 PM
47	Focus on teaching basics of education, worry less about the trendy progressive political narratives for education	6/13/2021 2:43 PM
48	It is ALL so important, hard to rank	6/13/2021 2:17 PM
49	As a result of the pandemic, I think education has a huge opportunity to capitalize on creativity, innovation and leadership...	6/13/2021 1:35 PM
50	All three of our children went through WN public schools for K-12. We have not had a child in the K-12 system since 6/13; however, all three of our children would have benefited from a system which focused more on academic building blocks than leadership/collaboration to be better prepared for the rigors of New Trier. All other feeding K-8 programs better prepare their students for ninth grade at New Trier.	6/13/2021 12:15 PM
51	Kids pickup technology easily —no need to teach them. But it's important to provide classes for digital arts	6/13/2021 12:12 PM
52	The school system really needs to work on and address diversity issues.	6/13/2021 12:11 PM
53	Don't hide the data about student performance. There are curricula out there that work better than what we have in place. Adopt them. Focus on student learning not technology and buildings. Focus on teacher development and accountability.	6/13/2021 12:01 PM
54	Keep or reimagine the experiential progressive elements such as the Mayflower Project, the Pioneer Room where young minds can immerse themselves in imagination and learning - there seems to be a gradual winnowing out of this experiential learning.	6/13/2021 11:59 AM
55	Survey is odd. All are important, some more than others for different kids.	6/13/2021 11:43 AM
56	Share thoughts on things like civic mindedness and collaboration with parents - some of this is best dealt with at home. There are only so many hours in a day and parents can't teach grammar ... but the schools are not doing it either. Four kids attended Winnetka schools from K- 12 and have had to do tutoring for grammar to score well on advanced exams and one 26-year-old is learning grammar for the first time to study for the GMAT. He says he never saw this before in his life. His 29-year-old sister who just graduated from Stanford for her MBA said she had to study for it as well for her GMAT. That is ridiculous.	6/13/2021 11:38 AM
57	Stop trying to subvert the community's decision not to spend millions on unwise projects. Freeze property taxes and young people will move to Winnetka	6/13/2021 11:37 AM
58	D36 seems to significantly lag behind in STEM compared to other NT feeder districts. need to make this a priority and catch up! for the few D36 kids that do excel in STEM, this seems to be a result of parents supplementing at home and not a result of the D36 education system.	6/13/2021 11:27 AM
59	I think the district failed the students this year, is in denial as to how our students stand up to other districts going to New Trier. Our schools focus on the middle of the pack and those who need lots of extra help. They do nothing for those students who are advanced and in my opinion actually hurt the advanced students by dumbing them down to their peers so everyone feels equal. This is not real life and is a shame to have happen in our schools.	6/13/2021 9:20 AM
60	I do not know about the curriculum	6/12/2021 9:03 PM
61	This (asking people to rank areas for additional focus) is a terrible question. Which school, which grade, on what basis? This will result in bad info.	6/12/2021 4:17 PM
62	Please place way more emphasis on equity of outcomes in reading and math among elementary schools and de-emphasize comparability of physical facilities.	6/12/2021 4:15 PM
63	Academics at D36 have fallen significantly. Teachers use way too many YouTubes to teach our children. Huge codependency on screens to teach (and parents and tutors) has negatively impacted the educational experience. The lack of homework- the life skill of time management- is nonexistent. Social-emotional learning focus for past several years has not produced significant results compared to other local schools. D36 social/psychological support at schools is deficient. IEP and 504 plan adherence poor and fails to catch many kids early enough. The lack of KW during pandemic - and Zoom KW was a joke- was embarrassing for	6/12/2021 11:53 AM

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what we pay in taxes. The inability to get our children back in full day sooner was nothing less than a complete failure. The administration's continued obfuscation of how poorly Winnetka stacks up to other New Trier feeder schools is shameful.

64	Winnetka has buried test results that were once readily available. What's more, D36 appears disinterested in testing and learning where kids stand with their academic progress and how to appropriately meet them now that a more traditional school year will occur. The fear of publishing "bad news" outranks being truthful to themselves, students and parents. And comparison to other districts is relevant and important so that kids don't emotionally crash when they get to New Trier and realize how underprepared they are relative to Township peers. The time and money wasted on referendum and physical building space desires is an embarrassment. What's more it completely distracts from the important mission of content and education. The next referendum will NOT pass. Guarantee it - even with tricky financing and more lying. Please give these poor kids air conditioning, make it a very reasonable small spend so that it can be approved and then drop the dreams and unnecessary distractions of the Ritz. Kids learn bad lessons rather than learning to appreciate how great they have it relative to the rest of Chicago.	6/12/2021 9:35 AM
65	Please focus on the 3 Rs. I was told my children were learning higher-level mathematics, and in order to do so, the parents were asked to teach the children their "math facts". Fine with me, but the entire class/grade is held back because most parents don't do so. Another example: how can the students study Spanish for 6 years (Greeley + Skokie) and not speak/read a single word of Spanish? That's not teaching; that's pandering. Please compare Winnetka's New Trier entrance exam results with Glencoe and Wilmette. Why should we be satisfied if we're behind?	6/12/2021 8:40 AM
66	Improve academics! Need consistent rigorous curriculums across grades. Started to do this with K-4 but isn't happening in 5-8. Kids receive very different experiences based on who they have as a teacher and it isn't even close to equal. Improve after school offerings for 5-8 to help keep adolescents active and engaged and off screens. Stop with the social/emotional focus and increase academic standards. Offer enrichment for those who need it (no longer an option for those in our schools, "differentiation" doesn't happen and isn't sufficient).	6/12/2021 7:38 AM
67	Seriously upgrade accessibility access tools for those with disabilities, starting in earliest years	6/11/2021 10:58 PM
68	I am strongly opposed to any activities that promote Critical Race Theory. As a parent of 3 children currently in our schools, I do not want this or its ideas "taught" to my children. Similarly, I am concerned about the possible new Illinois law that mandates a particular Sex Ed curriculum. Even before this goes into effect, D36 is failing To be transparent about what is being taught to our children—all materials should be sent home significantly ahead of time and parents should be given specific information about how to have their children opt out of some or all of this program if they so desire. Many aspects of the Lurie program and other related resources run extremely contrary to many family's beliefs and much material covered is age inappropriate. Please keep in mind who your "customers" are and design a curricula keeping in mind the values and experiences of families a In our community.	6/11/2021 9:40 PM
69	Please use gender specific pronouns. Please refrain from teaching critical race theory.	6/11/2021 9:34 PM
70	District already devotes sufficient energy in all areas although would like to see increased opportunities for student leadership without adult overreach.	6/11/2021 8:04 PM
71	Not sure where it falls but Executive Functioning should be a high priority	6/11/2021 4:50 PM
72	Get the kids OFF the iPads! If you need to have a resource, use laptops. Nobody uses an iPad in college. Real Books and worksheets, stop with the reading off the iPad	6/11/2021 4:35 PM
73	Holistic approach in which all learning results in furthering the following: Deep critical thinking; problem identification and solving; honing of emotional, cultural and contextual (contextual always overlooked) skills; cooperative collaboration in which compromise is valued as a way to ensure inclusion and equity (i.e., everyone gives a little and gets a little).	6/11/2021 9:55 AM
74	you pay everyone who draws a paycheck from the school system except the custodians WAY TOO MUCH. Your solutions to the problems the system faces are all geared to spend WAY TOO MUCH money	6/10/2021 9:26 AM
75	The district does not do a satisfactory job of keeping students at the same level as other New Trier feeder schools.	6/9/2021 10:25 PM

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76	STEM classes are essential preparation for the future. Remember that Winnetka taxpayers don't have ATM's with unlimited cash resources. We all have to learn to make do with what we have. But I realize that is old school thinking coming from an 80 year old.	6/9/2021 3:02 PM
77	None	6/9/2021 1:04 PM
78	As I have no kids in the system, I don't know. However in general, music, the arts and social-emotional learning should not be relegated to a lower focus.	6/8/2021 4:06 PM
79	Stop all the referenda and use the money from the earlier referendum to do the things that were promised (safety and facilities for a larger school population).	6/8/2021 10:52 AM
80	Our schools have been the driving force for maintaining property values as parents search for educational excellence when choosing where to live and raise their children. Maintaining/enhancing our children's education to have the base/tools necessary for today's challenges is paramount.	6/8/2021 10:22 AM
81	The above concepts are not in isolation and throughout the years, Winnetka Public Schools has done a fine job in nurturing the WHOLE child. This must continue as it is the basis for the strength of this entire community. Without schools that approach excellence in ALL areas of the human mind/spirit and social engagement, Winnetka is just like any other town. Resources of all types must be enhanced to ensure that the schools provide a total education. Going back to your local projects- ask volunteers to help with buildings and grounds, or vet out community retirees/adults to help read/support children's learning. Ask for community support in helping students with science projects/building labs etc. The community has a wealth of knowledge and expertise and the connection/investment in their local schools would be only an enhancement. It's important to maintain the high quality in all regards in our schools.	6/8/2021 8:00 AM
82	You have done a fantastic job this year! Thank you!	6/8/2021 7:44 AM
83	Traffic surrounding Wasburne on Elm and Oak is Very busy.	6/8/2021 6:59 AM
84	Asking whether you are satisfied with Dist. 36 outcomes vs. other feeder schools at NT is a joke since HT guards that information as top secret. How would anyone answer with anything more than a gut-feel? Come on...	6/8/2021 6:40 AM
85	Greater transparency on what D36 is teaching on important topics like sex and gender education is needed, especially with current pending legislation regarding state curriculum mandates. The Board and community should be much more involved as these topics are integrated in classes other than science and students have so much content exposure at school at all grade levels.	6/7/2021 10:48 PM
86	Science, tech and math are key. Don't waste our money teaching politics.	6/7/2021 9:28 PM
87	I would rate civics higher, but am concerned it will be a vehicle to promote woke political activism. We must not let this toxic woke culture, particularly critical race theory, to poison our youth.	6/7/2021 9:17 PM
88	Kids are too good at technology for fun and need work on using tech (programming, data searches, historical research) to solve problems and support their opinions/ideas.	6/7/2021 8:42 PM
89	These savvy students are very aware of technology. There are few tech teachers that could keep up with these kids! Writing seems to be paramount, especially how to properly write a paper.	6/7/2021 7:36 PM
90	Teachers are not teaching properly. They are not being monitored and have too much freedom and children are given way too much busy work, even before pandemic and worse with it. There should be a stronger curriculum with standards to meet. English needs to stop assigning book after book and also broaden their scope. While black history and lives are definitely important, there is too much of an emphasis on this and the learning is too narrow. Teachers need to stop using their position as a platform for their agendas. More conservative children are made to feel ashamed and shunned for their opinions. They learn not to share them and can only do so if it is in line with the teachers which are always liberal. The shaming of this district's children needs to stop. They were born in privilege and did not chose to and are made to feel badly for this. This is unfair. Teachers are often unqualified to teach the subjects. They are uncaring and disengaged. The high school is dropping in ranking I believe because the teaching quality is bad. Opportunities are not offered such as outside lab work and scholarships to high achieving children. Other schools make children aware of outside	6/7/2021 6:38 PM

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opportunities. There is a serious problem with the teaching at the high school level and this district must address this and the curriculum which is weak and not interesting.

91	Im unfAMILIAR W THESE ISSUES	6/7/2021 6:34 PM
92	I do NOT want Critical Race Theory or other Marxist Woke nonsense taught in our schools and I do not want our children learning about sex pursuant to government (highly incompetent dolts) specs. Unbelievable, inconceivable tripe. Politics does not belong in our curriculum particularly when it is all lefty one-sided. Our children can wait until college to hear nonsense when 99.9% of the professors are all Marxists with no clue whatsoever how the world actually works.	6/7/2021 5:00 PM
93	These questions are far to detailed for a broad community survey. The purpose of the caucus survey needs to address more global issues than this	6/7/2021 4:55 PM
94	Stay away from CRT	6/7/2021 3:46 PM
95	all of the above	6/7/2021 3:45 PM
96	To ask parents to rank math higher than writing or science higher than reading is kind of silly. This particular portion of the survey is pretty lackluster.	6/7/2021 3:20 PM
97	Teachers need to teach the way a child learns	6/7/2021 3:18 PM
98	More information about school effectiveness	6/7/2021 3:17 PM
99	No one trusts the administration or board not to raise taxes. Should commit to 5 year tax freeze to rebuild credibility	6/7/2021 2:49 PM
100	Don't waste time with any Apple products. Teach kids how to write again!!! Its absurd to teach Apple and not writing.	6/7/2021 2:49 PM
101	Fix the schools. District 36 is a joke. Trisha Kocanda is the biggest problem in Winnetka. Multiple students that have moved away or left the district have found their kids to be a year (or more) behind because of District 36's policies and superintendent. You have to ask people that have objective opinions with experience inside (and outside) the district. I've met ZERO people that have been forced to move from District 36 who have found their kid at or ahead of kids at their destination schools. Those that are only in District 36 schools don't even know how bad the education is and how bad Trisha's leadership is.	6/7/2021 2:45 PM
102	Please limit online learning and get everyone back into the classroom. Opposed to any Critical Race Theory Training...this and politics should not be part of a school curriculum. Please focus on upgrading our school's ratings by focusing on math, reading, science and history.	6/7/2021 2:45 PM
103	Basics first	6/7/2021 2:35 PM
104	Question thirty is impossible to answer from your tech. Basically arts needs to be more emphasized. And I'll less social emotional learning has drastically changed it is useless as bullying is in my opinion the number one problem in our school system.	6/7/2021 2:25 PM
105	I don't think that the ranking of the above items is helpful, as many of these things are equally important and many of them are like comparing apples to oranges. For instance, you may gain any number of the listed skills by studying music and participating in orchestra, but listed alone, it ended up at the bottom of my list. I think the lower-ranked things on my list are more important than this ranked list implies!	6/7/2021 2:25 PM
106	Do not under any circumstances introduce any aspect of "critical race theory" or "anti-racism" or "diversity/inclusion" into the curriculum	6/7/2021 2:23 PM
107	Please focus on the Math, Science, Writing and reading and leave the rest to the parents.	6/7/2021 2:22 PM
108	Taxes for education are far too high.. too many levels of non teachers	6/7/2021 1:58 PM
109	Our "one of the best school systems in the nation" has fallen behind. Apparently, NT is ranked #841 in college readiness.	6/7/2021 12:51 PM
110	I think D36 has been in decline overall for a few years now. I am unimpressed with the leadership of the current superintendent and the administrators at the two middle schools, in particular. When I compare the experience my oldest child had, to my middle child, to my youngest, it has been a steady downhill slide made worse by the mishandling educationally of the pandemic where academics and learning was not given enough attention. This leaves the kids unprepared for New Trier and without the building blocks of study skills, the importance of	6/7/2021 11:40 AM

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striving for excellence and readiness to take on the stresses of future life. We should be doing all we can to correct this trend and get back to progressive education that differentiated appropriately to both support and challenge individuals while teaching them the life and academic skills needed to progress.

111	anti racism training and LGBTQ inclusion training for kids	6/7/2021 10:25 AM
112	The kids need AIR CONDITIONING!!	6/7/2021 9:39 AM
113	Critical Race Theory and the Lurie sex Ed programs have no place in our school. Those are topics and information that should be covered by parents, not school. The Lurie curriculum content is extremely inappropriate.	6/6/2021 9:25 PM
114	More resources needed for students who are fast learning let's and need additional academic challenges. These services are NOT provided leaving families to find outside resources	6/6/2021 7:53 PM
115	Too many subjects to rank here. ☐	6/5/2021 1:09 PM
116	Very hard to complete the rankings on this site	6/4/2021 11:47 AM
117	My rankings are somewhat arbitrary. We need to develop competent ,well-rounded citizens who care about the people around them. The top priority should be the development of social sympathies.	6/4/2021 8:18 AM
118	Let's get rid of the masks. Very little evidence that elementary school kids can spread COVID, and all school staff should be vaccinated by this point.	6/3/2021 8:12 PM
119	We do not utilize Winnetka public schools for our children.	6/3/2021 1:31 PM
120	Do not teach marxist critical race theory that teaches children to feel like guilty oppressors because of their immutable characteristics. Make sure students understand that marxism is responsible for the murder of 100 million people in the 20th century and that it is impossible to create utopia on earth because man is a fallen creature.	6/3/2021 11:25 AM
121	Make sure administration is aligned with the community first and staff second	6/3/2021 9:38 AM
122	All these parents come out of the wood work thinking they are CDC experts. Tell them all to buzz off, they are clueless	6/3/2021 8:36 AM
123	1. It's time to get rid of masks so that students can properly interact with their teachers and classmates. And having our students masked in hot, un-air conditioned buildings seems unhealthy and certainly doesn't create an environment conducive to learning. 2. It was extremely disappointing to discover that D36's return to in-person shortened the school day by one hour. I can't understand how this could possibly be explained as being driven by COVID - it feels as though there was a teacher negotiation to reduce the working hours and the students' school day.	6/2/2021 9:49 PM
124	Core competencies need to be focused on. Children are falling behind. Too many families feel the need to hire private tutors to keep their children up to speed. This should not be needed. Children should be taught these things at home.	6/2/2021 8:23 PM
125	This pandemic has brought to light the URGENT need of facility updates for our District. The community insisted on keeping neighborhood schools so now we must bring them up to 2021. The majority of the updates needed are not luxuries but necessities that should have been done decades ago. Cafeterias, A/C, HVAC updates, library/resource centers, getting rid of mobile classrooms (ridiculous that we have trailers with the taxes that we pay). I urge the school board to take bonds out to pay for some of these updates prior to going to referendum. If these kids are even remotely supposed to be in masks next year we should be working on putting A/C in this summer. This is a health life safety issue at this point. It shouldn't even need to go to referendum.	6/2/2021 8:05 PM
126	Having had 3 children go through the Winnetka schools, I found that they were behind their peers when they got to New Trier. Ultimately, they went to excellent colleges and found success in their careers, but we had to hire tutors to fill in the gaps at New Trier. I would encourage more consistency among the teachers, as well as a greater emphasis on math and science.	6/2/2021 5:58 PM
127	This is a very thinly veiled attempt to bring back the referendum that failed several years ago. Do we really need a consulting firm that prioritizes it's own agenda and realtors who cry wolf at how not having shiny new buildings will affect hone prices? They're in it for their own bottom	6/2/2021 5:36 PM

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line - commissions. Kids have been educated in these buildings for over 100 years. Is the education my 24 and 22 year olds obsolete because they didn't have a multipurpose room or air conditioning? I hope not!

128	The current poverty of fundamental improvements like drinking fountains without lead tainted water, lunchrooms for students and reasonable climate control is embarrassing at best and negligent at worst. We can do better for our kids.	6/2/2021 5:27 PM
129	I would like to see more focus on the academics.	6/2/2021 4:51 PM
130	Phonics should be a major focus in kindergarden. Too many kids enter 1st grade having no idea how to read. Come up with a progressive way to teach phonics in kindergarden.	6/2/2021 3:47 PM
131	Curiosity. None of the above can happen without curiosity.	6/2/2021 2:15 PM
132	My children are out of the school system	6/2/2021 2:09 PM
133	Please do not combine Skokie and Washburne. If the pandemic has taught us anything is that we need the SPACE. We do not need an ego trip for the administration so she can go get a bigger better job.	6/2/2021 2:00 PM
134	I'd like to see the district find ways to partner with the library to create educational programs for the students to help them learn about things they don't have a lot of exposure to in this community (e.g. other life experiences, diverse cultures around the world, travel to remote places, etc)	6/2/2021 11:18 AM
135	Please continue to focus on preparing our kids academically for high school. SEL is great but not at the expense of the kids being so academically behind when they get to Washburne/high school, which then creates great anxiety. In addition, there needs to be an earlier focus on writing, reading and spelling so that the older kids can focus on creativity and more in-depth writing and comprehension projects rather than having to continually catch up on those fundamental skills that they should have learned in K/1/2.	6/2/2021 6:39 AM
136	Critical race theory and other divisive myopic philosophies minimizing the individual's power and impact should never have a place in our school district.	6/1/2021 10:57 PM
137	Our grandchildren attend Winnetka schools and seem to have thrived on the educational format in Winnetka.	6/1/2021 9:16 PM
138	I once needed to hire a tutor for my New Trier student. The tutor (who works with students throughout the NT school district) said to her "oh, you grew up in the Winnetka schools? Then I need to teach you the grammar you've never been taught." Very matter of fact. No judgement, just making a statement. And frankly, I believe they were right. This was several years ago, my daughter graduated NT in 2015, and I hope it is no longer a true statement.	6/1/2021 8:14 PM
139	All of the above are essential	6/1/2021 6:02 PM
140	FYI have no children in District 36. Just answering questions as an involved/interested resident.	6/1/2021 5:16 PM
141	Ok, 2 things: First, asking how satisfied someone is with outcomes "WHEN COMPARED WITH OTHER FEEDER SCHOOLS" shows a huge bias in the questioner. Can you be satisfied with an outcome without comparing it? Are you unsatisfied because you don't understand how the "other" is different? In short, why was it so important to ask the question as a "comparison" to others? I guess, the competition starts early... Second, the ranking of areas of focus seems pointless. I doubt many people have a good handle on all the aspects you mention, and are you suggesting that some things should be demphasized?	6/1/2021 4:40 PM
142	No Critical Race Theory. No "civic-mindedness" is that mean "activism."	6/1/2021 4:38 PM
143	Winnetka District 36 School Board should close all K-5 schools rebuild Skokie as 1 school and then address what needs to be done with Washburne.	6/1/2021 3:37 PM
144	Create a more specific math curriculum that can be utilized throughout the district	6/1/2021 3:36 PM
145	Most important is to learn critical thinking and not what to think	6/1/2021 3:14 PM
146	Standardization across teachers within the same grade.	6/1/2021 2:55 PM
147	My kids are a number of years out of these grades but when they were there, there was a lack of differentiated learning for kids at the higher ends of learning at the grade school and middle	6/1/2021 2:36 PM

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school levels. Usually extra material was given as added homework rather than truly working with kids at an appropriate level. Washburne is very high pressure on the other hand and pushes kids in an unhealthy, overly competitive way - encouraged by some of the teachers - that then is increased at new trier. There is a reason why a very large percentage of students in this area are stressed, anxious, and depressed during their preteen and teen school years.

148	Don't use district resources to pursue progressive policies. Focus on core subjects and developing strong minds capable of critical thinking.	6/1/2021 1:49 PM
149	All the Arts are soft skills which children frankly get exposed via their parents and their family situations. The underlying skills need to be focused on what parents cannot teach their children - STEM skills to begin with should be primary focus. Frankly Collaboration is a "buzz word" being over used. IMHO Team sports through KW is the easiest way to appreciate Collaboration	6/1/2021 1:38 PM
150	No children in school as they are adults	6/1/2021 1:15 PM
151	If politics must be introduced in a classroom environment, all viewpoints should be impartially presented.	6/1/2021 1:08 PM
152	There are issues with how the 'ranking grids' work. i suspect your results will be tainted as people inadvertently rank 1-13 in order by clicking on the main grid.	6/1/2021 12:58 PM
153	Rather than continuing to put bandaids on the elementary school buildings, I think it's inevitable that each school will need to be torn down and rebuilt. Each school can be rebuilt within a year timeframe. It'll enhance everyone's home values. Winnetka is supposed to be progressive. It's about time we start acting like it. Right now we seem to be stuck in the era when kids were going home for lunch. Winnetka needs to start catching up and stop saying "this is how we've always done it"	6/1/2021 12:43 PM
154	Low test scores are simply unacceptable. The kids in D36 have both nature and nurture on their side and it's inexcusable to claim you can't teach academics because you're more focused on play and social and emotional well-being. Both must be achieved.	6/1/2021 12:41 PM
155	D36 needs to focus on aligning all schools administration and teachers to meet the mission and vision of d36. D36 needs to run like a well oiled machine. And it does not.	6/1/2021 12:40 PM
156	Too many choices to rank	6/1/2021 11:37 AM
157	Too much time given to Social-emotional learning and not enough to the basics of reading, writing and mathematics	6/1/2021 11:37 AM
158	Critical thinking skills are sorely lacking. NTT teachers have commented on this to multiple Reunion groups. It's not even on the Caucus list.	6/1/2021 11:25 AM
159	Hard to rank- all important	6/1/2021 11:14 AM
160	for the love of God, UNMASK THE KIDS--at least outside. FOLLOW THE SCIENCE	6/1/2021 11:00 AM
161	Collaboration and Communication were ranked last because your use of the terms is vague.	6/1/2021 10:59 AM
162	We need to understand how to educate our kids better on D&I in a way that the community can support	6/1/2021 10:58 AM
163	We take the progressive education too far. Our kids are sponges ready to learn and we're missing the window on creating executive function and meaningful academic strides.	6/1/2021 10:55 AM
164	Stop with the incessant referenda	6/1/2021 10:54 AM
165	Way too much technology. Lack of in-person learning was a huge failure.	6/1/2021 10:30 AM
166	END THE MASK MANDATES FOIR KIDS IN SCHOOL.	6/1/2021 10:12 AM