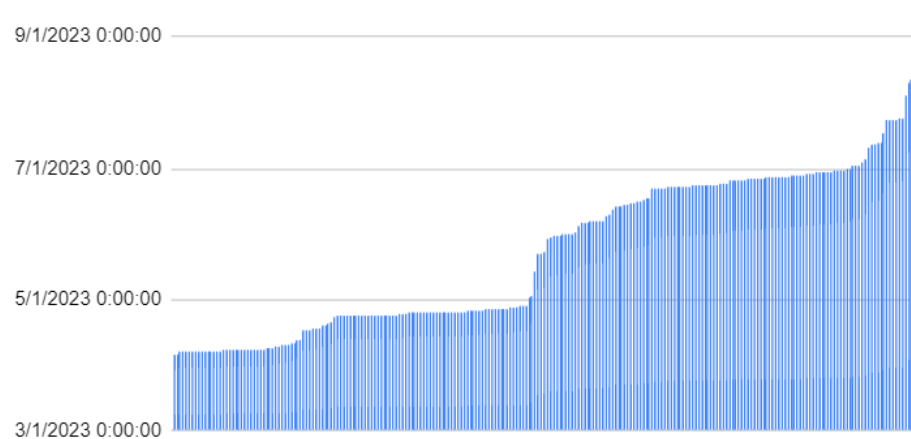


# Northfield 2023 Village Caucus Survey

243 Responses (4/5 – 9/13)

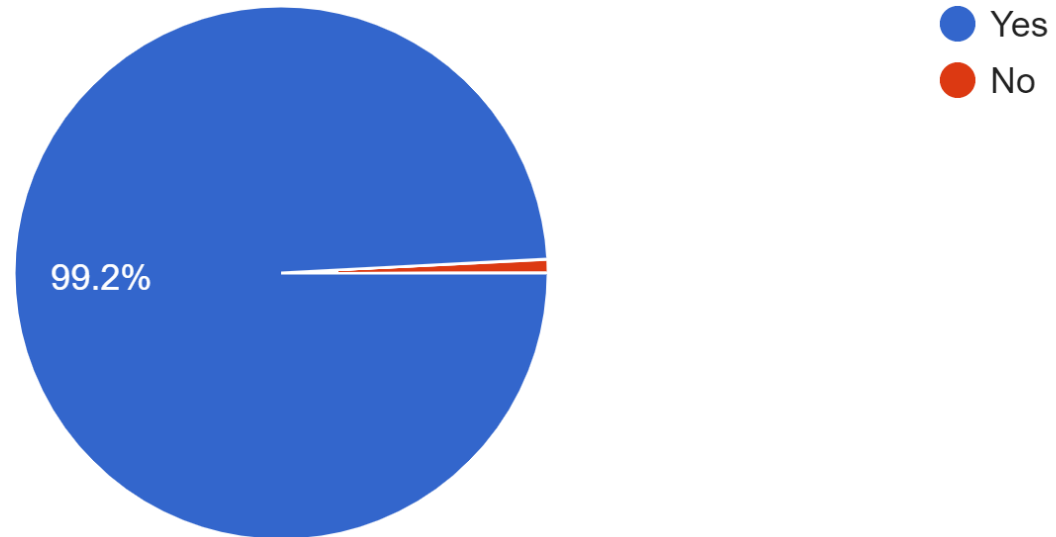


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# Question 1

1. Are you a Northfield resident?

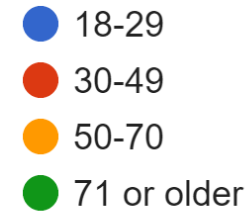
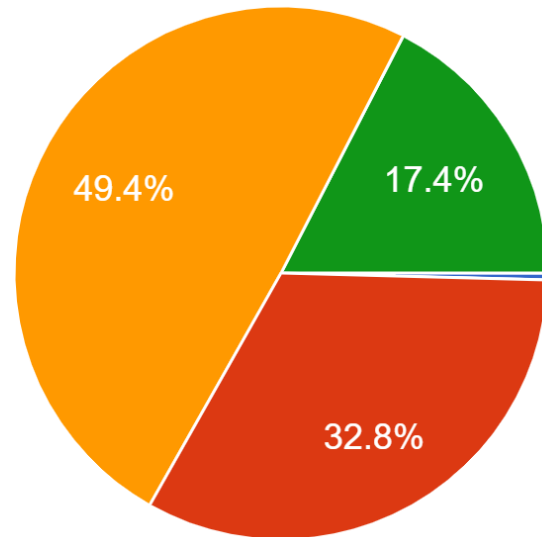
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# Question 2

2. What is your current age?

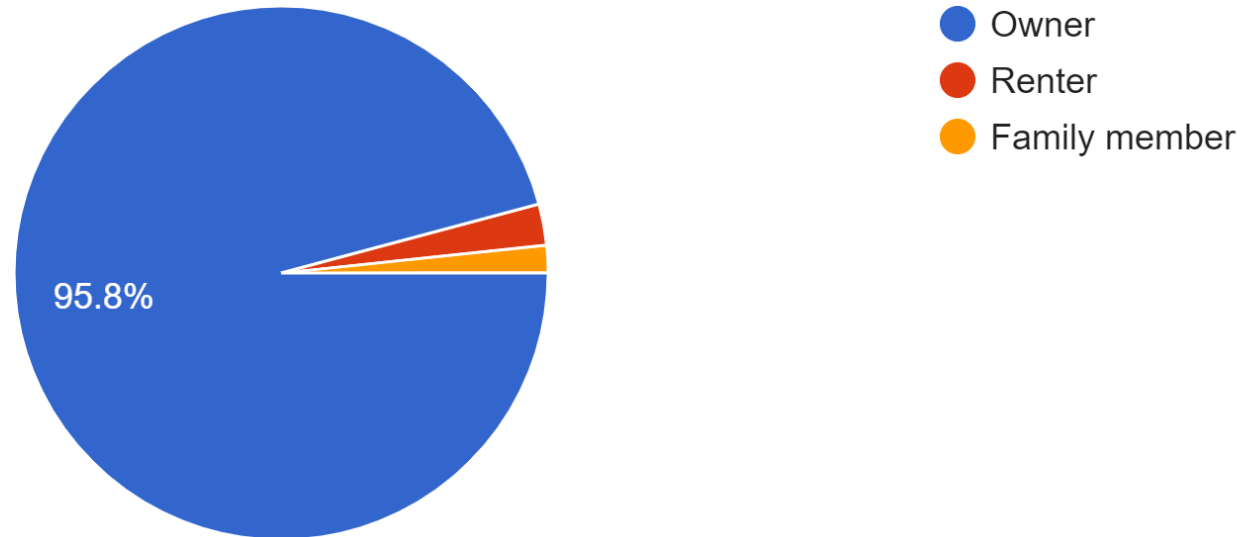
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# Question 3

3. Are you a homeowner, renter, or family member?

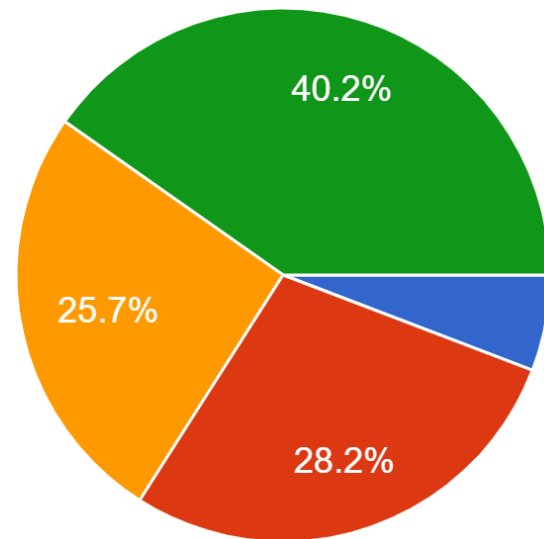
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# Question 4

4. How long have you lived in Northfield?

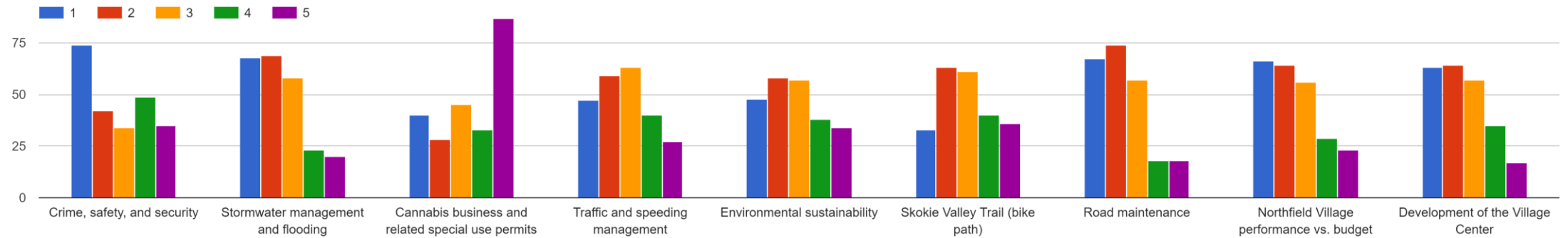
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- Less than 2 years
- 2 years to 10 years
- 11 years to 20 years
- Over 20 years

# Question 5 (80 additional responses)

5. Rank all the following for which you have a concern in the Village of Northfield. (1 - most concerned, 5 - not concerned)



- Better clean up of trash along Com ED right of way and entire Village Parking Lot area East of Mariano's
- I'm concerned about the way the new bridge design was handled as it is quite the eyesore after the installation. In addition, all the bad press regarding the village president has me worried about how we are perceived to our neighbors.
- The scandal with the Village President
- How awful the bridge looks and how embarrassing it is that the Village President attacked an Amazon worker and still remains president
- Village vehicle stickers should be issued every other year to save on printing expense and the ecological footprint of the associated with yearly replacements on every village vehicle.
- Preservation of the unlaced Northfield nature trail
- No gambling machines in our village!
- I'm against video gaming in Northfield.
- Pedestrian safety at our major intersections
- Fixing the walkway on Winnetka rd from Wagner to Avon. It's too narrow and close to the road.
- Not enough moderate-income housing available
- Just mainly water flooding.
- Rising costs of water utility and city taxes
- Preserve the nature trail and don't let the Chicago crime spill over
- Centennial celebration, downtown attractions (books, music, wine, more restaurants)
- Fix Sunset Ridge Rd, encourage better restaurants to reside in Northfield.
- I am concerned on many levels. I am seeing public attacking not sharing of thoughts. We need really good thinkers on the Board I think caucus needs to step up a bit, visit meetings if they do not already and be a bit more engaged. I served on school board caucus and other forums and I went through the trustee application process, it could be much better.
- Accountability, respect and comportment of village leaders; expertise and professionalism of village staff.
- I think the village needs to have more green initiatives.

- Village Leadership
- The behavior of the village President not being publicly addressed. The hypocrisy of what he says and what he does. How dismissive he is to residents at board meetings.
- Village Manager needs to be open to listening to NEW ideas, the same old isn't working any longer. The "bridge project" is a disgrace. She doesn't attend community events, nor show any pride in the community. Appears to be collecting a paycheck and huge bonus and not doing much more. How about a third party auditing the Village? I hate to think what types of inappropriate spending have gone on with the Manager surely benefitting. Village Pres. Lungmus is embarrassing to the entire community. Caucus needs to replace him with someone who doesn't suffer from an ego and white privilege like him.
- Safety crossing Winnetka Ave with no lights east of edens
- Accountability of the Village Board
- Stormys needs to stay open later on the weekends!
- The businesses on the east side along Willow Road look rundown and abandoned. The grass and plants are overgrown and trash is thrown all over. It is embarrassing as people coming into the Village and leaving see it every day. It is a hazard to walk across the bridge. At times, the plants and grass covers the sidewalks. Many times, cars cannot see the pedestrians nor children on bikes. The Village plows the sidewalks, so why can't they mow the lawn as the state only does it twice per year? The East side is out of sight, out of mind.
- Gun shot noise all winter from the country club is insane. This is a residential neighborhood. Why does the village tolerate this?
- Northfield needs more of a downtown. All other villages around us have a downtown with several options for restaurants and stores. It would be great if Northfield had a part of town that felt more like a downtown.
- Coordination with — and support of — other village entities (ie park district, library, schools) The question about budget vs. performance is troublesome. Who knows what the village priorities are. Anyone can manage a budget...but are we doing what we need to do to ensure the vibrancy and attractiveness of our community? Business development seems lacking. Where are the new shops, restaurants, etc. for our residents that surrounding communities seem to have made a priority?
- The Village needs to manage noise better. For many months of the year we are subjected to gun shot noise from the country club every weekend day, all day. I never would have moved into this house had that been disclosed. It makes it impossible to enjoy a peaceful home on the weekends. I moved from the east coast and am shocked that this is tolerated. It has most definitely made me question how long we will stay in Northfield. We purchased a nearly 2 million dollar home for the privilege of having unacceptable noise levels both weekend days for months. I cannot fathom why this is allowed.
- Gambling is a real concern and should be more carefully evaluated
- E Frontage Rd. Trailers/yard waste/junk in driveways & yards, etc. Have called the Village for years ... nothing changes. All against Village code...please, please, please enforce
- The lack of accountability by the village president. It a horrible message,
- Outdoor space / playground
- Making northfield a destination with shopping and restaurant options



- village parks, park district land and facilities, dog park
- No gaming at Stormies
- 1 - The President's recent actions, which do not represent the values of this community, must be addressed. He needs to resign. 2 - There need to be safer routes for kids to get to school on bikes - Willow road is not safe right now. 3 - We need to stop wasting time talking about the Cannabis business, it has been approved, move on. 4 - We need to be more active during Pride week and in supportive LGBTQ+ initiative throughout the year
- increased and reckless driving on sunset ridge road
- It feels like our police force is maintained in order to hand out maximum number of speeding tickets as opposed to their true purpose, which is to protect. Do we need that many police cruisers and officers?
- Theft of checks from postal service boxes.
- not having reciprocity/resident rates for recreation not available in Northfield such as. Winnetka or similar parking for beaches, kids sports classes, etc. It seems this is sometimes available and sometimes not and it's very confusing.
- Affordable housing for seniors and young families.
- Creating a dog park  
Littering near parks and Willow Road Street  
repair and maintenance both public and private  
Beautification - plants/landscaping  
Some retail business exterior need updating and improvement  
Improved communication with emails - send notifications re events & updates
- Would love to build out the city center like Wilmette. We need more restaurants, healthy fast casual family friendly spots, connecting the bike path to restaurants/breweries
- Affordable housing
- Cannabis coming to Northfield!
- Adding new restaurants and making our downtown more welcoming

- Some of our trustees are more interested in infighting with each other and the staff. Some of them also waste time on things that are actually not a concern of residents who want efficient government and a family friendly community. For example, instead of spending all of our time trying to help Stormy's get video gaming, let's develop a true economic development game plan for the village that brings new restaurants and gathering spots. Why did we waste staff time trying to get a tower ladder fire truck when I'm hard pressed to think of a structure in the village exceeding three stories? Some of the virtue signaling some trustees want to engage in is relatively harmless but also a waste of precious time. It goes without saying the Village president behaved like an insolent child when he whipped a bluetooth speaker at a delivery person. He embarrassed the village and he is lucky the Amazon driver didn't press charges. That being said, at least our Village Board members are willing to serve. We need to encourage more voting by our residents and more involvement in civic affairs. With low percentage voter turnout and an unengaged citizenry, maybe we all deserve to have blue tooth speakers whipped at us as we deposit our paychecks into video poker machines.
- Why is our money being spent on the roundabout boondoggle?
- Storm water management is something the Village has delayed way too long to properly address. We were long ago promised a water management system under Winnetka road, yet nothing has been done.
- Sidewalks in side streets - cars speeding near children biking, more park district ongoing programming and kids activities, bike path development for cycling traffic
- Stormwater management unacceptable
- Current lack of transparency of crime occurrences in the Village. Does not appear in the Chicago Tribune blotter along with all other North Shore communities. Why???
- Lack of accountability of our board members
- Enforcement of local ordinances: Re-general property maintenance (or lack of). East Side Specifically.
- This board that the caucus slated is problematic, especially the president, who manages to find himself in the center of several controversies.
- Crosswalks, sidewalks, and complete streets
- Rancor on the Village Board. Trustees going rogue.
- Concerned about our village trustees, there is no transparency. I want televised meetings.
- Board dysfunction. Ensuring there is a process for removing board members who do not meet the responsibilities of their role.
- The lack of quality of the Village Board, the lack of professionalism of the Village Board- particularly the President
- I am concerned about the dysfunction on the Board of Trustees and the potential loss of an amazing village manager

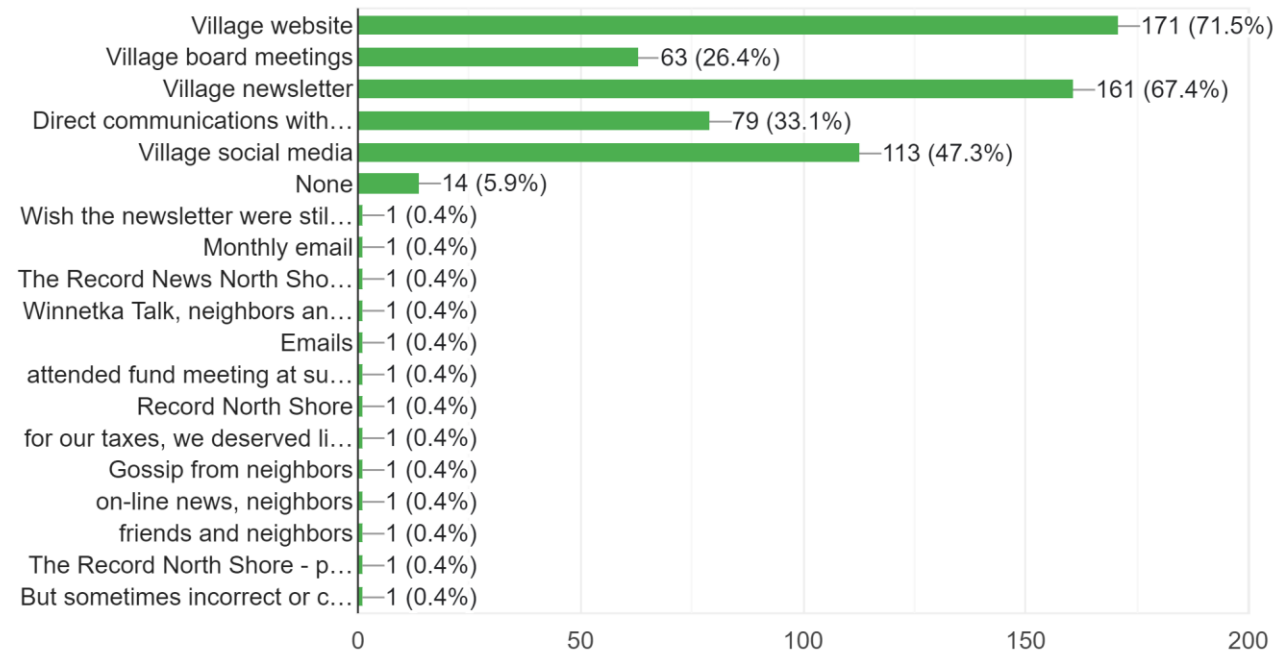
- Cleaning up dilapidated houses that are eye sores and pose a safety hazard. An example is the shed and overgrown foliage on the south/east corner of Bosworth and Churchill.
- The current dysfunction of the village board and the gossip regarding the village manager . I am in full support of Stacy Sigman .
- Lack of good trustee leadership!
- In attending monthly meetings of the board a few members go outside their responsibilities and seem to make issues and more work overall for small things. I think there should be some oversight of this happens. In the old days the caucus sat down with someone that may have repeatedly got in the wrong lane and have a word that cleared it up. I don't think that's possible anymore or advisable but we need a way to sanction and remove a trustee for lost of confidence.
- Please ban gas powered blowers.
- The dysfunction of the elected board members, particularly the president, is the greatest problem facing the community.
- Hotels? Strongly feel that hotels are the WRONG choice for Northfield. It is a family community. A restaurant, a brewery even, 2-3 story rowhouses could be considered, but PLEASE NO HOTELS! Please do NOT change the family small town character and feel of our village!
- The dysfunctional board, lungmus!
- Transparency of village government- lack of live streaming VB and park District meetings They spent all this money on the board room yet interesting that the audio of the residents and trustees is muffled.. who was accountable. If we paid people the need to fix it if not someone needs to be hired. Not acceptable
- Term limits and Cap on salary for Village Manager.
- Lead pipe replacement. Stacy couldn't be bothered hoping with her gone this issue can be addressed!
- Village Board President lack of morals and decency
- Lack of transparency in village board. WHY has the audio not been addressed in the Board room? All the money spent and beginning to think it “ by design” lived in other towns all meetings are LIVE streamed. This seems to be slow walked.. this takes zero money. Every other town does it but Northfield operates “ lights out”???

1. The tree ordinance hasn't been enforced and we're losing hundreds of 200+ year old oaks to developers. (E.g., Oak Tree, off of Briar lost 30 mature oaks in the last 2 years; Norfolk Rd., along the river, had a property clear cut to the river and road.) Other homeowners see the lax enforcement and are cutting down mature trees on lot lines illegally. The trees are important to the character of the village, provide screening and privacy, are absolutely vital to stormwater management, and soften the noise of the Edens. Why have the ordinance if it's not enforced? Suggestion to work with Openlands' Treekeepers, Chicago Region Trees Initiative, MWRD or other groups to replant some of what's been lost and explain the benefits of trees to neighbors, create education program at Middlefork & Sunset Ridge Schools. Integrate w/programs of Northfield's two garden clubs; Chicago Botanic Garden speakers; etc.
2. Northfield has many lanes and streets that don't have sidewalks and are a single lane wide. In past decades, people have treated those roads with much more concern for safety. E.g., yielding to pedestrians, allowing three feet to the side for walkers and bikers, and slowing down. But those safe behaviors have dramatically changed. Walkers, kids on scooters and bikes, dogwalkers, people walking relatives in wheelchairs, etc. -- all have found themselves treated aggressively. Even though I immediately stand to the side when I see a vehicle coming, I've been lightly hit and had to run out of the way of vehicles who haven't seen fit to slow down. And some vehicles fail to slow down or yield on roads when there are two cars and only one vehicle will fit. I propose the Village makes a few dozen attractive signs to post at the entry to these lanes (Meadowbrook, Sunset, Maple Row, Old Farm, Shadowood, Country, Somerset, Thornwood, Briar, Pleasantview, Woodland N & S; Norfolk, Suffolk, Middlefork, Earl, Pine, Dickens, Arbor, and any others). Something like: "Shared Pedestrian and Vehicle Roadway. Please slow down and yield to pedestrians." (But shorter.) It's really not nearly as safe to walk on the roads as it should be, and some signage could help in creating friendly driving culture and a more walkable Village again.
3. Developers are not following zoning rules, following the tree ordinance (setbacks from property lines, opacity guidelines, and re-planting plans) or adhering to plans presented to neighbors in request for zoning variances. It seems like the Wild West of development -- that any code enforcement has completely gone out the window -- did some code enforcement employees leave? Please prioritize enforcing code and visit recently developed properties to enforce re-planting of lost trees at edges.
4. Safety lighting has become more prevalent, particularly with high Kelvin, extremely bright (high lumens) LED lights. The Village needs a lighting ordinance to prevent excessive light trespass onto neighboring properties and help protect our ecosystem. Some basic limitations such as 'dark sky compliant' fixtures and requiring of shielding as in other towns. Places that have less light trespass (e.g., Dark Sky Compliant towns) find greater rises in property values. The Village could also include messaging about lighting in website and newsletters. E.g., recommending that lights are 2850 Kelvin or lower and dark sky compliant. That neighbors use motion sensors rather than leaving lights on all night. Newspapers have some nice graphics or flyers from various advocacy programs that could be used. Provide some funding of retrofitting for particularly problematic lighting -- e.g., at St. Philip/ Hyde Park Day School (Mike Cohen adds Temple Jeremiah security lighting) where super harsh lighting was installed. Ideally, install shielding on some of the problematic Village lights.
5. The traffic jams and number of SUVs crowding roads during school pick up and drop off are pretty unnecessary in a village the size of Northfield. The drivers are often in a hurry and driving aggressively such that parents feel less comfortable allowing their kids to walk or ride bikes to school. (It's worth mentioning that we're in a national epidemic of pedestrian deaths as driving has become considerably more aggressive and erratic.) Work on a safety campaign to encourage 'safe passage' to schools that's not via vehicle. Encourage parents who do drive to allow more time, calm their driving patterns and carpool. Make sure that robust bike parking (in secure spaces) is provided throughout the Village.
6. Increase awareness that Northfield hosts the Middle Fork of the North Branch of the Chicago River. It's a migratory flyway and a vital part of our ecosystem. Partner with the Urban Wildlife Institute at Lincoln Park Zoo to create program (or just a lecture from Dr. Seth Magle) about how to coexist and foster our environment. Not to mention, we have flood-prone land that could benefit from peoples' awareness of our interdependence with the river. Suggestion to include awareness of Friends of the Chicago River's 'Overflow Action Days' or education about how much water a single mature tree can absorb from storms. Thanks for reading my entry! I love the Village and have ideas about how to help it even stronger!

# Question 6

6. Select all methods of communication you use for Village information.

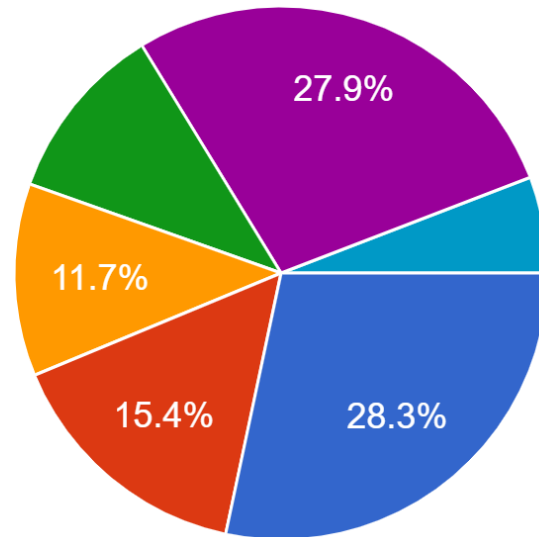
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# Question 7

7. Which one of the following best describes your experience with the Village website?

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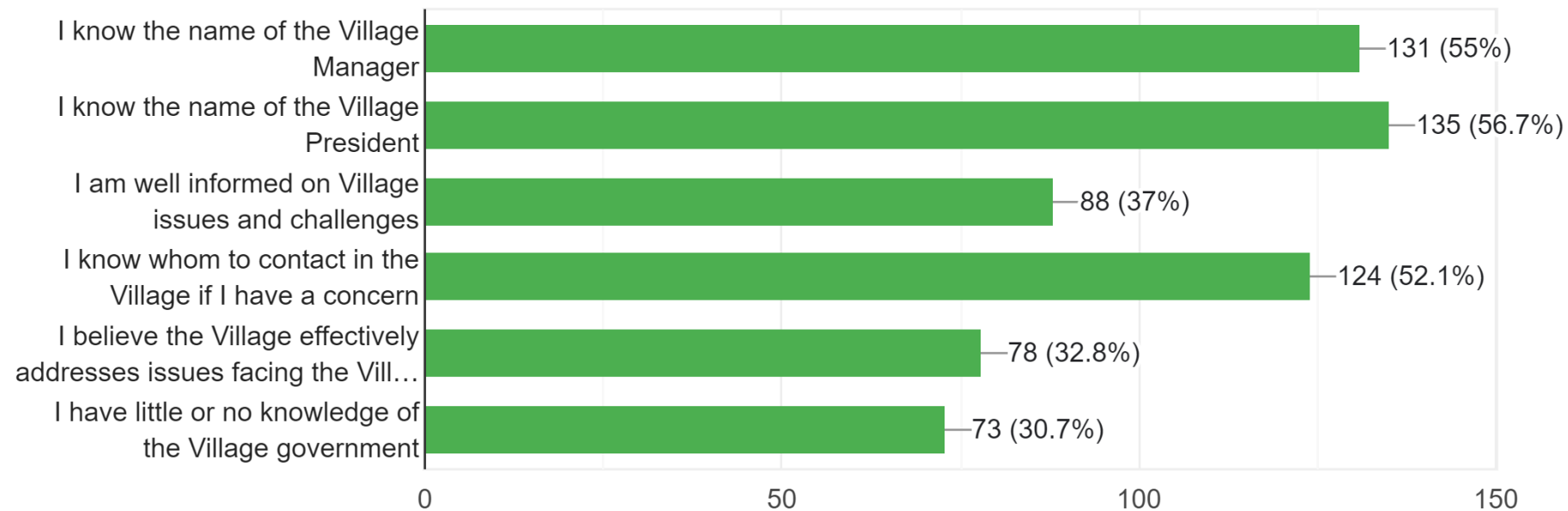


- I rarely use the Village website
- I routinely check the Village website to look for new information
- I've tried to use the Village website a number of times and found it to be not...
- The Village website does not seem to answer specific questions or address...
- I have occasionally accessed the Village website and found it to be quite useful
- I have never used the Village website

# Question 8

8. Check all of the following statements that apply to you

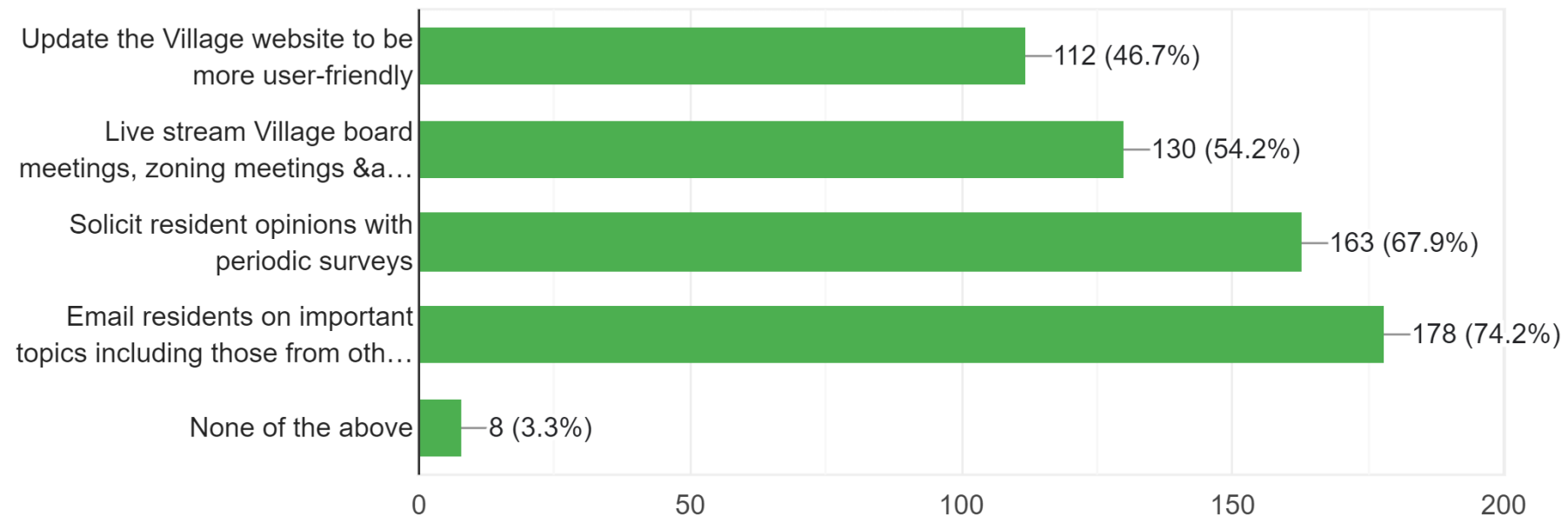
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# Question 9

9. Check up to three of the following potential communication options that you support

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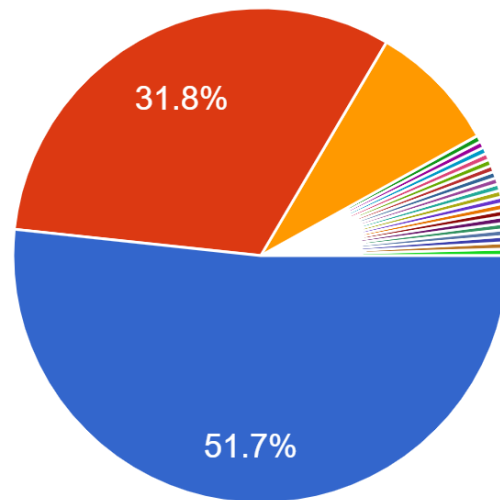




# Question 10

10. Select the statements below that reflect your view regarding the Northfield Vision 2040 Strategic Plan [Click here to view the Northfield Vision 2040 Strategic Plan](#)

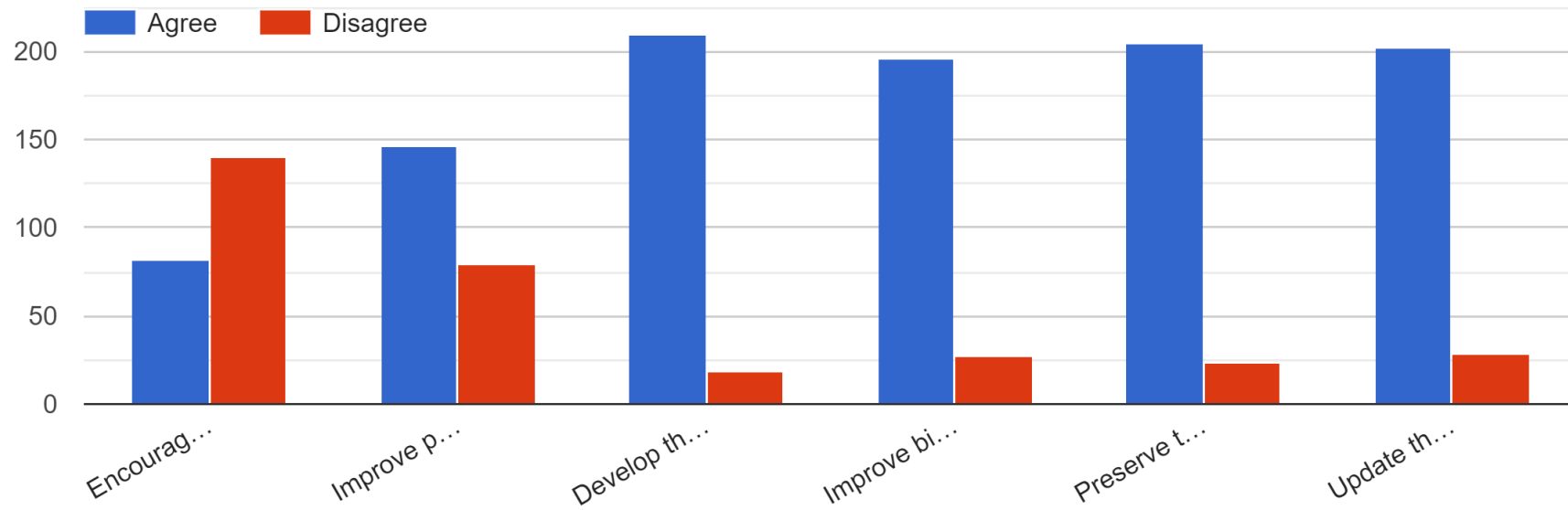
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- I do not know much about the Northfie...
- I read the Northfield Vision 2040 Strat...
- I read the Northfield Vision 2040 Strat...
- not sure - have read it, not sure how...
- Will not load
- The village Board does not feel bound...
- Hmmmm
- 2040 plan is already outdated and nee...

# Question 11

11. Do you agree or disagree with the following options described in the Northfield Vision 2040 Strategic Plan?



# Please specify any other items in the Northfield Vision 2040 Strategic Plan that you agree or disagree with.

- Leadership should be making a far greater effort to increase sustainability and decrease the village's carbon footprint. Their current efforts are elementary and performative at best, and they seem to be hesitant to any real measurable commitment. In comparison to surrounding villages we are woefully fully behind.
- I would like the village board to encourage the development of a "downtown", encourage new businesses, and more family-friendly places to congregate (Home Town for example NO MORE banks).
- We are lagging behind our neighboring towns in implementing green initiatives with real impact (rather than ones that sound good but are actually not off-setting the village's municipal carbon footprint or individual Northfielders' carbon footprints). It's way past time to stop giving sustainable green initiatives a few bullet points on official documents and actually implementing programs that have a positive impact across our village. Please make this a priority.
- don't need a round-about
- Frontage Road auto corridor is too restrictive; cost us an \$80-million senior housing project
- Target business to move to Northfield that benefit residents. Banks and car dealerships do nothing to enhance the character of Northfield. Improve landscaping around the Village Hall and Mariano's — the landscaping looks tired and is a central part of the NF downtown. Improve walkability if Northfield. A walking path on the west side of Northfield Rd south of Mariano's would benefit residents, along with better access to the nature trail at Pine. Add a sidewalk on the Sunset cut through to make it safer for kids to get to school.
- Do not want the area to be a cookie cutter appearance.
- A more robust downtown
- The plan is great. What about execution? What progress have we made? I also wonder about simple cosmetic items that would make our community special — flowers in public areas, no weeds, no garbage on streets or near retail, etc.
- We need a more residential capacity for seniors close to the center. Increase walkability
- If Northfield was a small town in the middle of Iowa with no other big cities to support it, it would be a horrific place to live. There is little or nothing for kids to do, one park with green space the size of most yards, hardly any places to eat or be entertained. We are failing as a city. Relying on the surrounding cities to prop us up

- It would be good to have less paved areas in the proposed new plazas, 3rd places, etc.
- Preserving lot size and homes within the current character of Northfield
- We need a vibrant, walkable town center with good restaurants! We need to modernize Northfield!
- not sure about the roundabout
- If my taxes will go up even more, do nothing.
- Village isn't a village without a village center
- I do not think any hotels would be a desirable addition to downtown Northfield nor would that be in demand. I do think that it would be desirable to have Mariano's replaced with a better grocery store or have a specialty grocery store like a Dom's Market.
- I know we need some commerce, but first of all it should be appealing to the residents. I would not like to see businesses of little interest to people in Northfield competing for customers from outside our general area. (For example, I have no problem with the automobile dealers because they are patronized by the locals. However, I'm not so sure about the sale of Cannabis.)
- need to make this a 2030 plan vs 2040, make this similar to Wilmette restaurant area, Need more healthfood/fast casual restaurants (smoothie shop/breakfast), move Happ Inn to the front of the street and parking lot behind it, make the bike path feed into the restaurant center/brewery to encourage neighboring towns to stop on their way up the bike path, move police office out of the city center (by fire station), more restaurant/bars with outdoor patio along the river, bring the current restaurants to the streetside and move the parking lots (marianos/happ inn) behind.
- Some of the concepts presented for Village Center require more thought.
- No need for a hotel. Exercise eminent domain on Winnetka Rd. From Bristol past Dickens to move sidewalk a safe distance from road.
- I would like the village to consider affordable housing (section 8 housing) in one of the buildings suggested for mixed use. We are a safe, serene village with fantastic schools. Would love to see us welcome some disadvantaged neighbors
- I strongly agree with the redevelopment of the city center.
- Our Village Center today is embarrassing and leaves money on the table. We should aggressively follow the plan's recommendations and think about where retail, dining, family amenities, mobility and technology are headed as opposed to where it has been. Forget about expanding video gaming machines in substandard bars. That's desperate and the opposite of family friendly and visionary.
- Encouragement of PUDs since the village routinely chooses \$ over forcing amenities and code adherence
- The Village is doing the absolute minimum with respect to sustainability and green initiatives, especially compared to many neighboring villages. The time to start leading residents in this area is now.
- Not sure how you can change anything downtown since there is no space and buildings are already built.

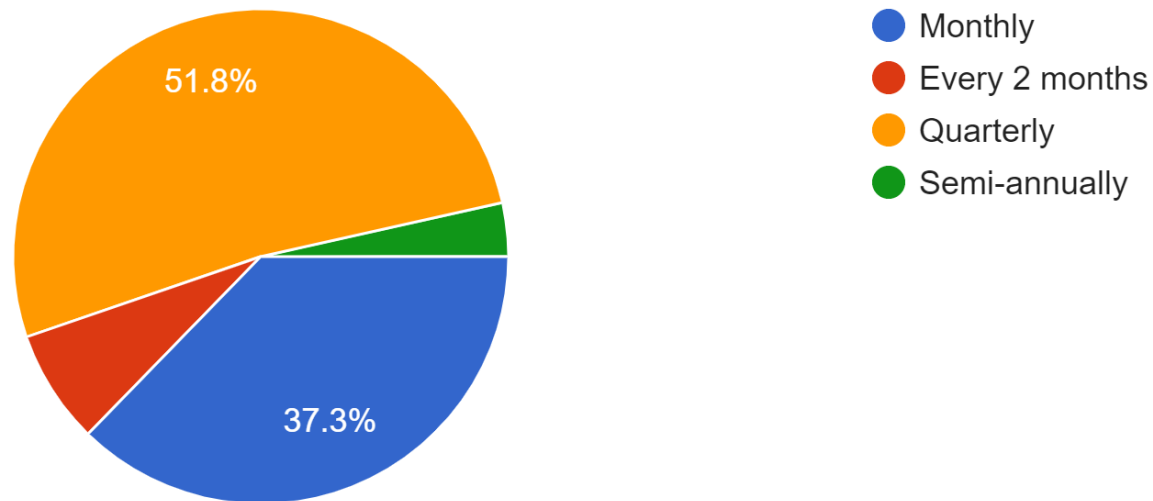
- NO NEW SIDEWALKS IN SUNSET RIDGE AREA
- No
- n/a
- I agree with the plan.
- Major concern - How to effect the changes along the Happ corridor, given most buildings are privately owned.
- Fix the bridge to meet the character of the community
- The rotary seems like it's going to cause a lot of problems and confusion
- More emphasis needs to be placed on removal of dilapidated homes and structures.
- Not a fan of the roundabout - definitely no fountain !
- Wish that the village dealt seriously with sustainability.
- I agree with redeveloping the Village Center.  
 I would like to see more small businesses and dining options, on par with what Wilmette and Winnetka have done. It seems that we have a number of storefronts that are underutilized and old/not very interesting (at least from my perspective).  
 It would be great to attract a Ballyhoo establishment (several in Wilmette, and now Glenview is getting one), a non-chain coffee shop like Hometown, etc.  
 Enhancing appearance of roads - agree, and Sunset Ridge Road, particularly the stretch between Happ and Skokie Blvd, is in desperate need of repaving.  
 Safe Routes to School - I am not sure if the left turn lanes on Willow Road to turn on to Wagner have ever been studied. I usually am going eastbound on Willow to turn left on Wagner. This intersection seems extremely dangerous to me. If there is a car in the opposite left turn lane, it is close to impossible to tell if there is a break in oncoming traffic to make the turn. I hold my breath every time. It seems that this could be potentially widened or somehow reimagined to make this safer--particularly given that Middlefork School is right there.  
 I would be curious if there could be more regulation/restriction on ATVs, motorbikes, etc. I live on a private road so I know our abilities might be limited, but there are several teenagers who use our road as a race track for motorbikes (and I know for a fact that they do not live on our road).  
 These are loud and disruptive, not to mention dangerous, particularly as we have several young children on our street.

- NO HOTELS. It is important to our family to maintain a classic family neighborhood charm. We are not interested in becoming a destination town for visitors. We already have so much traffic on Willow Road. We chose Northfield because it is a family oriented community. The schools, park district and proximity to the lake and the city along with decent taxes keep us here. We do not want more development - better use of what we have would be ideal!
- As far as environmental the stadium lights at the park district fields half the time no one is on the fields and we seem to be “ hosting” mostly outside of our town groups... the cost, energy waste and not surging our taxpayers needs to be looked into...
- Strongly agree with the need to build pedestrian safe way to cross the on/off ramps on I94 as well as other proposed improvements for pedestrian and bike mobility especially on school routes - this should be priority given safety implications. Bike routes and trail access improvements are a nice to have feature, but not critical and should not be prioritized over items that have imminent safety implications.
- Address lead pipes as all surrounding towns are.

# Question 12

12. The Village recently changed the billing cycle on water bills from quarterly to monthly despite the increased processing costs of doing so. What billing cycle would you prefer?

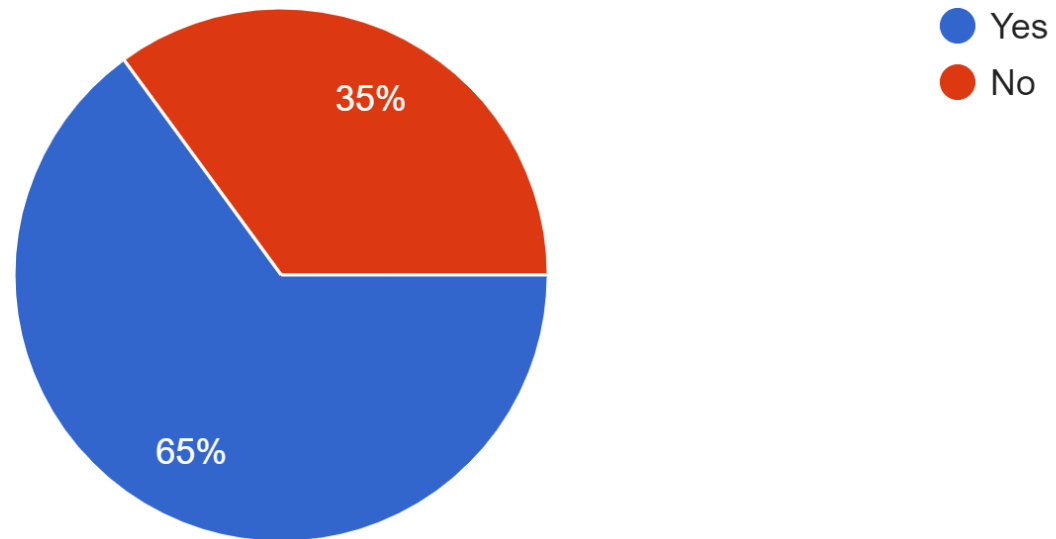
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# Question 13

13. Should Northfield install electric vehicle charging stations in public parking areas?

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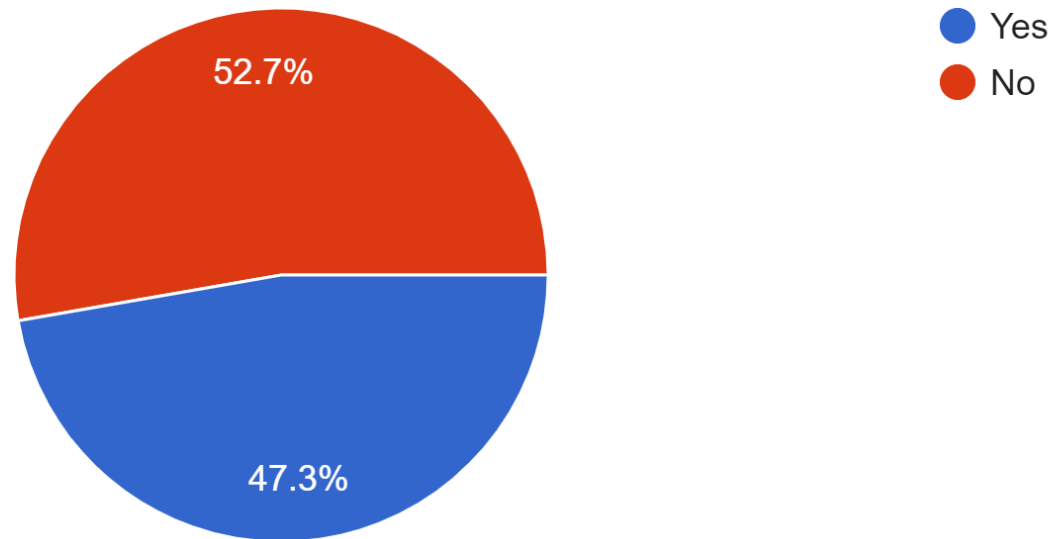




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14. Should the Village consider looking for ways to increase parking capacity in the Village Center?

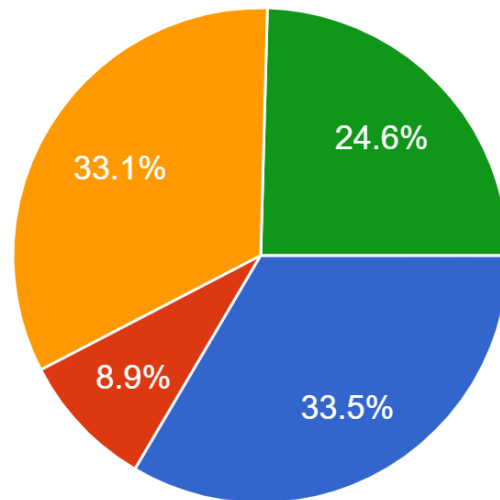
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# Question 15

15. Below are four statements regarding cannabis facilities in Northfield. Which statement best describes your opinion on the subject?

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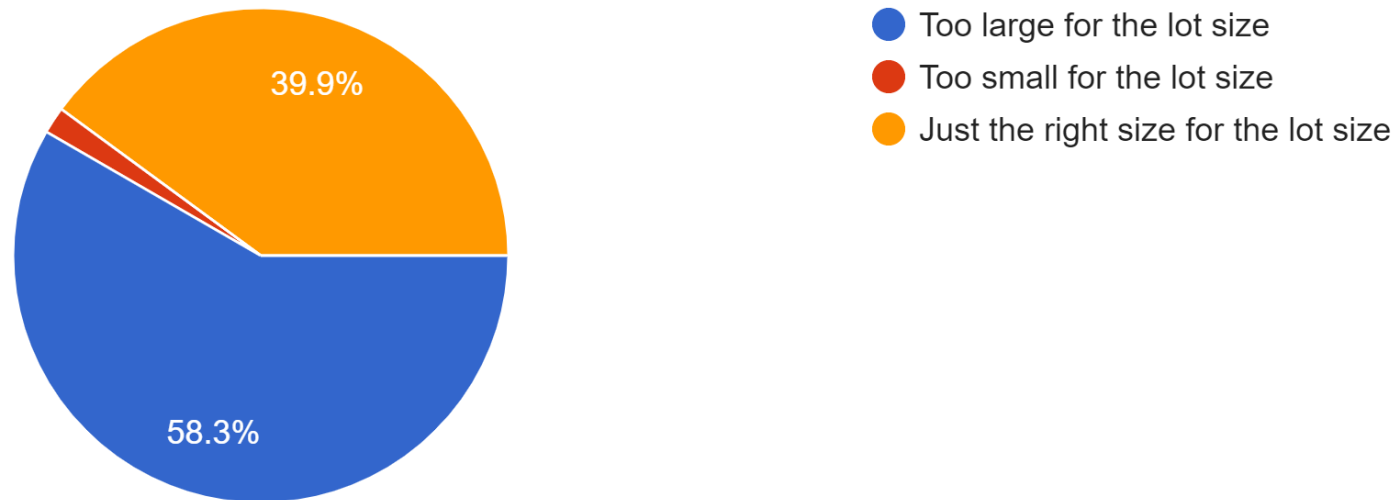


- I am opposed to any cannabis facility in Northfield.
- I am in favor of only a medical cannabis facility in Northfield.
- I am in favor of cannabis facilities in Northfield but they must be appropriate distances from schools, churches, healthcare facilities and residential are...
- I am in favor of cannabis facilities in Northfield.

# Question 16

16. For new or renovated residential construction projects in Northfield, do you typically think the project is:

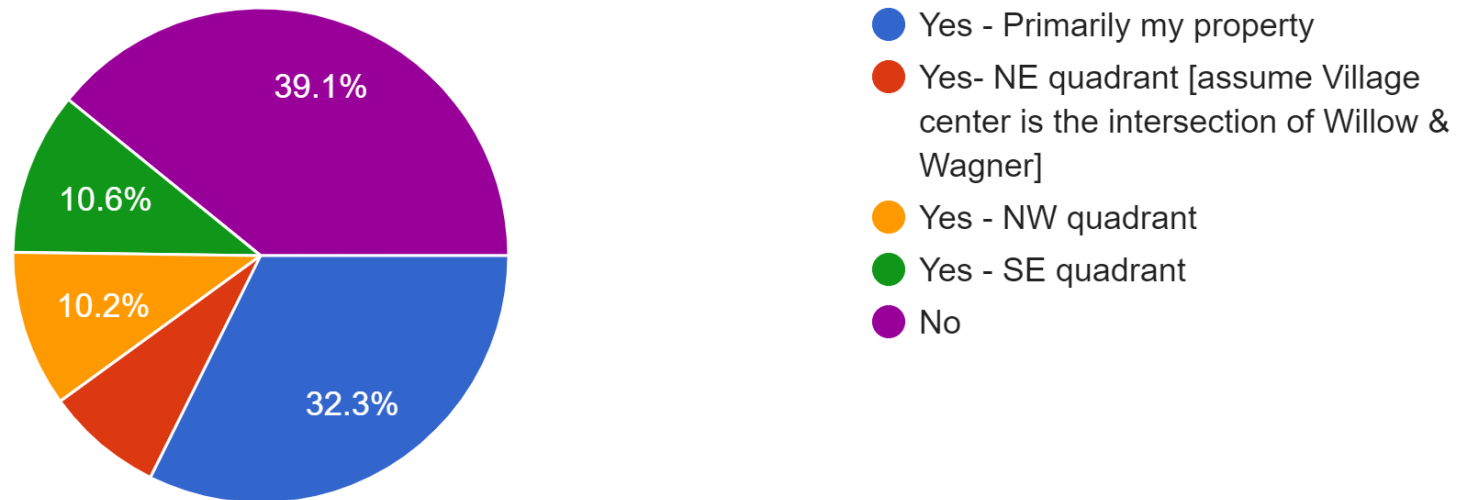
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# Question 17

17. Have you experienced flooding in your basement or other flooding such as road flooding in Northfield?

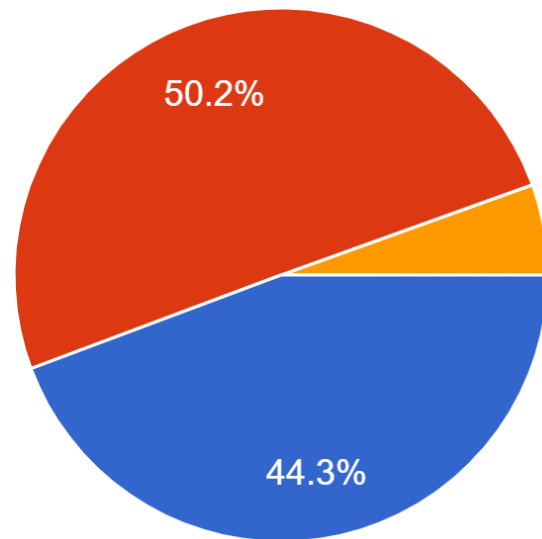
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# Question 18

18. Do you believe managing stormwater is a high priority for the Village?

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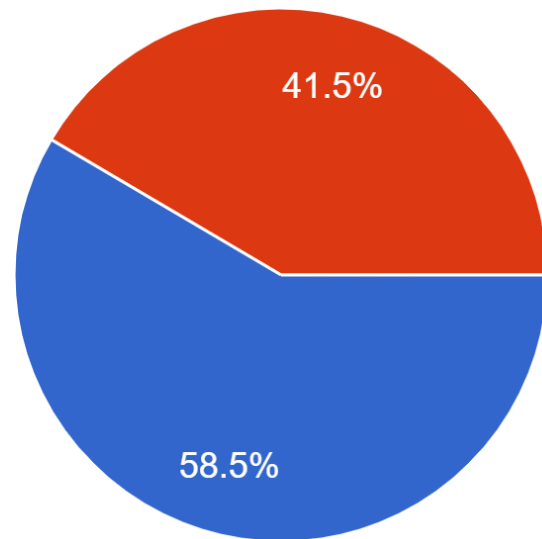


- Yes, and the Village has been managing sufficiently
- Yes, but the Village needs to do more
- No

# Question 19

19. Should the Village increase efforts to keep traffic within posted limits?

236 responses

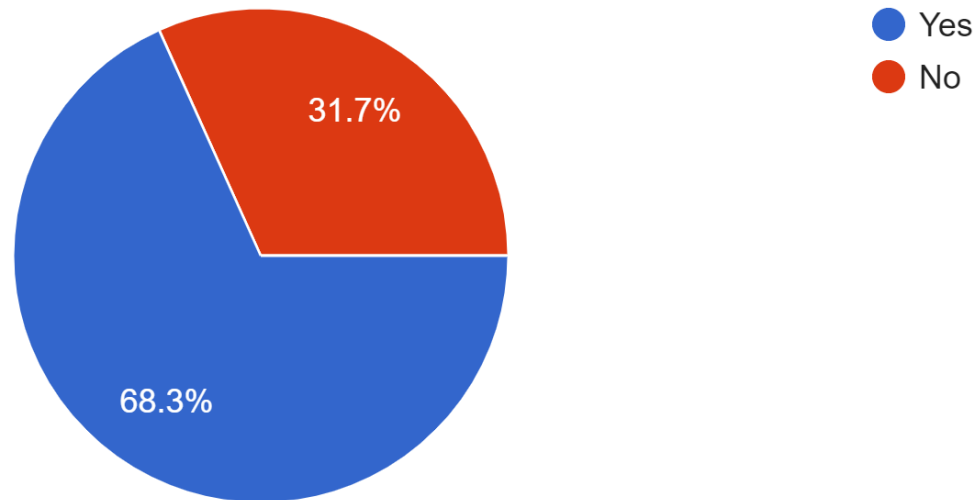


- Yes, especially on main roads such as Willow Road would be helpful.
- No, current efforts are adequate.

# Question 20

20. Should the Village redevelop Northfield Village Square with mixed use or commercial development with a building located along Happ Ro...sant Street to provide a walkable shopping area?

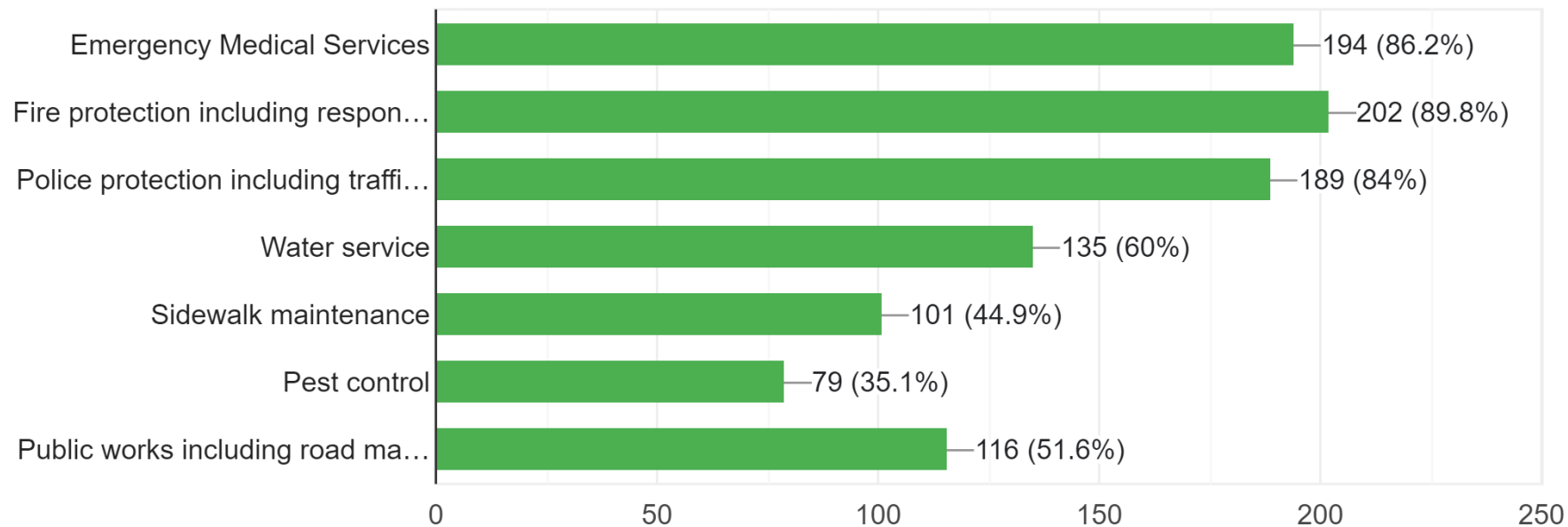
230 responses



# Question 21

21. Please select all the Village services listed below which you believe are being performed well.

225 responses

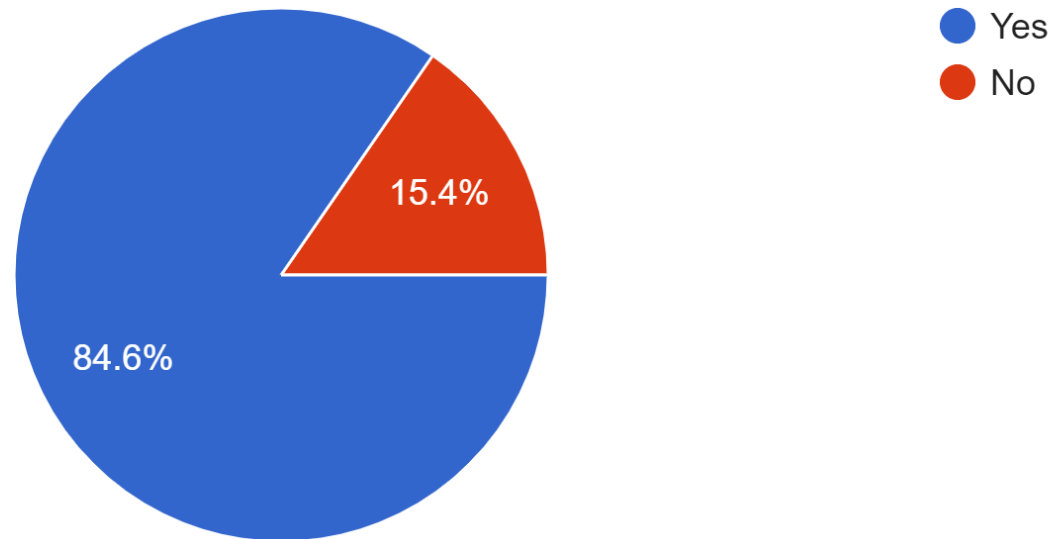




# Question 22

22. Did this survey provide useful information on Village issues?

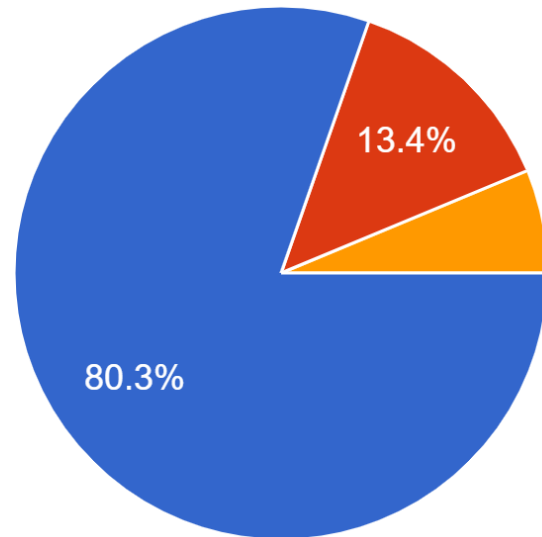
234 responses



# Question 23

23. Should the Caucus conduct surveys more frequently?

239 responses



- Yes, every other year
- Yes, every fourth year
- No, every eight years is fine

## Question 24: Please share any other topics or issues related to the Village of Northfield that you would like the Caucus to consider.

- I would urge the caucus to continue to seek non-partisan candidates, as they have done, but work harder to provide much needed diversity to our board.
- Please address current behavior of Village President. Not only how he treated the Amazon driver, but how dismissive and unprofessional he continues to be when this is brought up.
- more restaurants, library renovation, more say for Northfield residents in library board slating (currently slated by Winnetka caucus with little input from Northfield residents).
- More police on willow because people speed and it's horrible! They don't care what time it is!
- A ban on Truck engine braking on Willow road. Including posted signs stating it is prohibited and strictly enforced with large fines.
- Better outreach for future surveys - mail or email to each resident
- Winnetka does annual surveys. Why not here too?
- Slating candidates for village board that are aligned with what the residents want. The results of a recent survey for video gaming was 2-1 against & yet some village trustees are still supporting the passage of it. The residents are currently conducting a letter writing campaign to stop this from happening.
- I know candidates will obviously put on their best face during the vetting process, but please keep in mind that Northfielders care about "soft" skills like self-control and diplomacy.
- More restaurant's and shopping. A Family restaurant, a bagel shop, More boutiques
- Sunset Ridge Road is abominable. this road needs to be repaired. Please
- project 2040 is a bad idea. Leave Northfield as it is.
- Noise reduction along Edens expressway (noise barrier or trees), higher quality restaurants, road repair on Sunset Ridge Road, Saturday morning farmers markets
- All village meetings should be videotaped and made available to the public in timely manner

- Effective Storm water mgmt. Village President—should have previously recused himself from voting in any further action regarding himself and should apologize to all. Residential construction site mgmt (work time enforcement, actions affecting nearby properties, construction compliance, etc).
- Work towards achieving more goals towards green initiatives.
- Accountability of the actions of our elected officials. Please have the survey advertised more.
- Please watch the management by paid employees. Likely in the next 5 years you will have a new police chief, fire chief and manager. What's the succession plan? Village Board seats are going to be critical when making decisions about filling these roles. We can't have more of the same- Northfield has changed.
- I'm all in favor of a more walkable downtown area, but don't mess with Stormys!
- Why is the cannabis store being brought as they are already building the facility? Can we get online request for Public Works service requests? That way there is proof that a request was made and completed.
- Every year tracking surveys against goals should be performed
- I don't think many residents are even aware the caucus exists. I lived here 12 years prior to learning about the caucus.
- As a neighborhood representative and former Caucus member I believe all is mostly OK+
  - 1 - The President's recent actions, which do not represent the values of this community, must be addressed. He needs to resign.
  - 2 - There need to be safer routes for kids to get to school on bikes - Willow road is not safe right now.
  - 3 - We need to stop wasting time talking about the Cannabis business, it has been approved, move on.
  - 4 - We need to be more active during Pride week and in supportive LGBTQ+ initiative throughout the year
  - 5 - We need a vibrant, modernized town center!
- We are concerned about the flooding of the river. It is becoming more of a problem in our backyard every year and it is eating away at the banks.
- concerned about recent behaviour of the village president. also, it seems that several board members have very specific agendas, specifically, the trustees that voted in favor of Stormy's gambling license
- Reduce budget and tax burden I believe it is out of proportion for our population
- Proper behavior for board of trustees
- Affordable housing for Northfield seniors who are downsizing. The questions I left unanswered needed more than a yes/no response. My answer would depend on the particulars of how each item would be handled: water bills, electric charging, residential construction, redevelopment of Northfield Square (which is already walkable). Surveys by volunteers are a lot of work. I appreciate the Caucus taking this on every eight years. I wouldn't want the members to be obligated to do this more often.

- building up the city center, make it like wilmette, update marianos grocery or get another grocery store chain, we need more options in our downtown vs going to other downtowns
- It would be nice if the Caucus could have someone report on each board meeting, whether televised or not, and circulate an email immediately after that independently summarizes the proceedings. Both the official meeting agendas and the meeting minutes are delayed far too long and often lack important detail.
- Northfield should be a place where young families live nearby their parents and other family members. That's our wheelhouse and we should make that our home base for all development decisions.
- Mosquito abatement
- Would love a question about library usage
- The temporary traffic lights at Happ and Winnetka have been "temporary" for at least 6 years now. The fact that the the Village spends so much time talking about making Northfield look better, yet can't figure out a way to have proper traffic lights there instead of ones hanging from wire across the street is a joke. I understand it is a County issue, but make it a priority to push them to make those lights look better and become permanent.
- BACKYARD flooding is of MAJOR importance to me. It's heinous and unacceptable (300 Meadobrook Dr.) Meadowbrook Dr is bumpy, Sunset Ridge road is a NIGHTMARE - needs resurfacing pronto.
- Storm water
- I'd like to see more retail in the Village so I don't have to travel to other villages nearby to shop.
- Why doesn't crime in Northfield appear in local papers or the Tribune? It seems to be purposefully left out. It used to appear in the Tribune. Why was it removed???
- Election need to be more clearly announced
- There should be care standards for homes. Grass cutting, tree removal etc
- The board currently is dysfunctional and has been so for awhile. Leadership seems to be lacking. The last meetings have shown an utter disregard for decorum and how meetings should be run. I fear the town's faith in this iteration of the board is lacking. I am concerned that the president and his supporters have been ginning up outrage in the community to get them to come and exhibit performative outrage at meetings. If he has not, then he certainly does nothing to quell it. I am appalled. I am concerned there are several storms at which the village president is center. I am concerned that the only people screaming and shouting at the latest nonsense were folks who seem to think that serious allegations of impropriety are "FINE" or have been going on forever with other presidents, too. Or that bringing it up is misogyny. The misogyny is not investigating and making sure that the imbalance of power between a boss and an employee is not being abused.
- n/a

- transparency for village board, committees and commissions
- Better sidewalk maintenance especially on the ABC streets.
- I think the caucus should provide more information to residents on their selections for village offices .... I had no idea who the caucus chose for village trustees !
- Clean up the board of trustees!
- I'd like the caucus to support in a public way they're candidates. There needs to be a committee that will campaign for our candidates if there are people running outside the caucus slate. I also think the caucus should attend meetings of village board each member taking a turn or two so you get a good cross section of opinion on how effective leadership is. I also think there has to be some body that reviews and can give feedback to the board. I think given the times we are in these days the caucus role is important crucial and if not developed more the system will go away. Young people need to see the value of this group.
- Police protection is fantastic, but speed on Willow Road needs to be enforced consistently by somebody. Question 21 should have broken police protection and traffic management into separate categories to assess this issue independent of other policing priorities. Redevelopment of south Willow from opposite Chapel Hill intersection to the west should extend to Sunset Ridge Road including the pink pigeon house and Rex's. And bury the hideous power lines in front of Sunset Ridge School - so unsightly, unsafe and distracting, especially at the corner of Willow and Sunset Ridge Road - should have been done when the road was widened - a visual eyesore in a crucial gateway.
- Dysfunction of village board is greatest threat to community's future.
- We are REALLY disheartened by the many HUGE stone homes that are SO out of place on Wagner and even private lanes like Dickens Road. The homes look out of character and as a GREEN Community, we do not think we should be overbuilding like that! These homes are enormous. How did these HUGE homes get approved??! Large homes use more water and take green space and dwarf the neighbors. Something must be done so that smaller (and affordable) homes are not torn down, but updated. We have lovely traditional homes and these HUGE stone homes are an eyesore. It is so nice when builders update a ranch home or build to fit the space. We need a variety of homes in Northfield!

We would also like to see some sort of "neighborly guidelines" developed or more prominent- some people don't trim trees/bushes that border the sidewalk and don't mow or maintain their property. If they are people in need, perhaps the Village needs an "angel fund" or "angels" who could volunteer to help people mow or paint or replace broken sheds/garage doors/ screen doors, etc. Upkeep is important in being a good neighbor. Some homes are just not well tended.

In addition, parking on corners anytime there is an event at Clarkson is problematic and dangerous. Maybe the side streets are better for parking on those days and Bosworth can remain 2 lanes. Super dangerous to have Bosworth SO packed, but we LOVE the park events! LOVE this little community! More thought needs to be put into keep Bosworth a thoroughfare. And maybe a notice to always park on the east or the west side of side streets! Only one side. Our streets are SO narrow!

The traffic speeds are not as much concern as the actual volume of traffic itself. The lights are not timed well or something all along Willow at Happ/Central especially and also the gas station/bank/Dunkin intersection. Terrible back-ups! Now that it is summer we have many kids riding bikes to get lunch or ice cream and that adds to the traffic confusion.

- While on the topic of bikes - an email blast from both Northfield and Winnetka about bike safety and where you can or can not ride bikes would be SO HELPFUL! Bike riders need to be aware but especially drivers need to know to watch out for bikers. Can kids bike on sidewalks? Adults? More and more bikes and we need clear updated guidelines sent to all residents.

We are excited about the roundabouts on Happ and how that area will improve! No need for a fountain! Too fancy and too much maintenance and cost. Simple and in keeping with our charming neighborhood village. We are not Arlington Heights.

Many thanks to those who serve our Village from the police to the teachers, the librarians, the shop keepers, the firefighters, the restaurant servers, the administration and Village board. The volunteers, too!

- High integrity people for the board
- There are approximately 90 homes with lead water service in the village. There is a state mandate to remove them by 2030 or sooner. There is state - federal monies done in forgivable loans done in grants. Our congresswoman Jan Schakowsky in her yearly community grants got 2 M for our neighbor Skokie.... I don't believe Northfield applied for any grant money last year. 2 M would likely cover the entire cost of changing out these lead services., I would like to see a more proactive effort in securing some of this grant money before it runs out...
- Term limits and Cap on salary for village manager position. Stacey's salary was Obscene!!!!!!
- planned 2024 tax referrunmen of 45 to 90 million dollars to build/modify Avoca school buildings. The 90 million ask would expand student capacity by 24% . Given a decade long drop in births, building additional capacity to the school district is counterintuitive.
- Lungmus needs to resign

## Question 25 (17 people responded)

25. Are you interested in joining the Caucus?

225 responses

