

## Welcome to your 2015 Winnetka Caucus Annual Survey!

In the next 15-20 minutes you can help set policy for Winnetka's Village, Library, Parks and Schools.

The questions in this year's survey pertain to important issues that affect all aspects of our Village. We hope you are familiar with most of the issues for which we're asking your opinion. If not, throughout the survey we've provided links to related websites where you can obtain background information provided by the governing boards.

After a few general questions, the survey is organized in four major sections: Village, Library, Parks and Schools.

In order to progress through the survey, please use the following navigation buttons:

- Click the "Next" button to continue to the next page.
- Click the "Previous" button to return to the previous page.
- Click the "Done" button to submit your survey once you complete the last page.
- An \* indicates question requires an answer.

The deadline for this year's survey is **Monday, September 14th**.

If you have any questions, contact us at [info@winnetkacaucus.org](mailto:info@winnetkacaucus.org).

Thank you for taking the time to participate in Winnetka's non-partisan form of democracy. Your input is important.

Your survey answers are kept anonymous and confidential, and they are the basis of the platforms that guide the Village Boards. The results of the survey will be presented at the Annual Town meeting in November.

Your answers will not be submitted and recorded until you click on the *"Done"* button at the bottom of the last page. You will not be able to change your answers once you submit them.

**\* 1. A postcard was mailed to your home containing your Unique Survey Code, a six (6) character alphanumeric code.**

**Please input this six (6) character code.**

## Demographics

### \* 2. What is your gender?

Female

Male

### \* 3. Below are age ranges. Please indicate the number of persons in your household in each applicable age range.

	1	2	3	4+
0-4 years old	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5-9 years old	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
10-17 years old	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
18-24 years old	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
25-44 years old	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
45-54 years old	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
55-64 years old	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
65 years and older	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

### 4. What is your source for information about current events and key issues in our village? (Check ALL that apply)

Winnetka Current

Emails from: Village, Schools, Parks and/or Library

Trib Local

Newsletters/Mailings from: Village, Schools, Parks and/or Library

Winnetka Talk

Board Meetings

Winnetka Patch

Friends and Neighbors

Website: Village, Schools, Parks and/or Library

Social Media - Facebook, Twitter

Website/Emails: Winnetka Caucus Council

Special interest groups

Other (please specify)

### \* 5. How many years have you lived in your community?

0 - 1 year

2 - 5 years

6 - 10 years

11 - 20 years

over 20 years

## Village Map

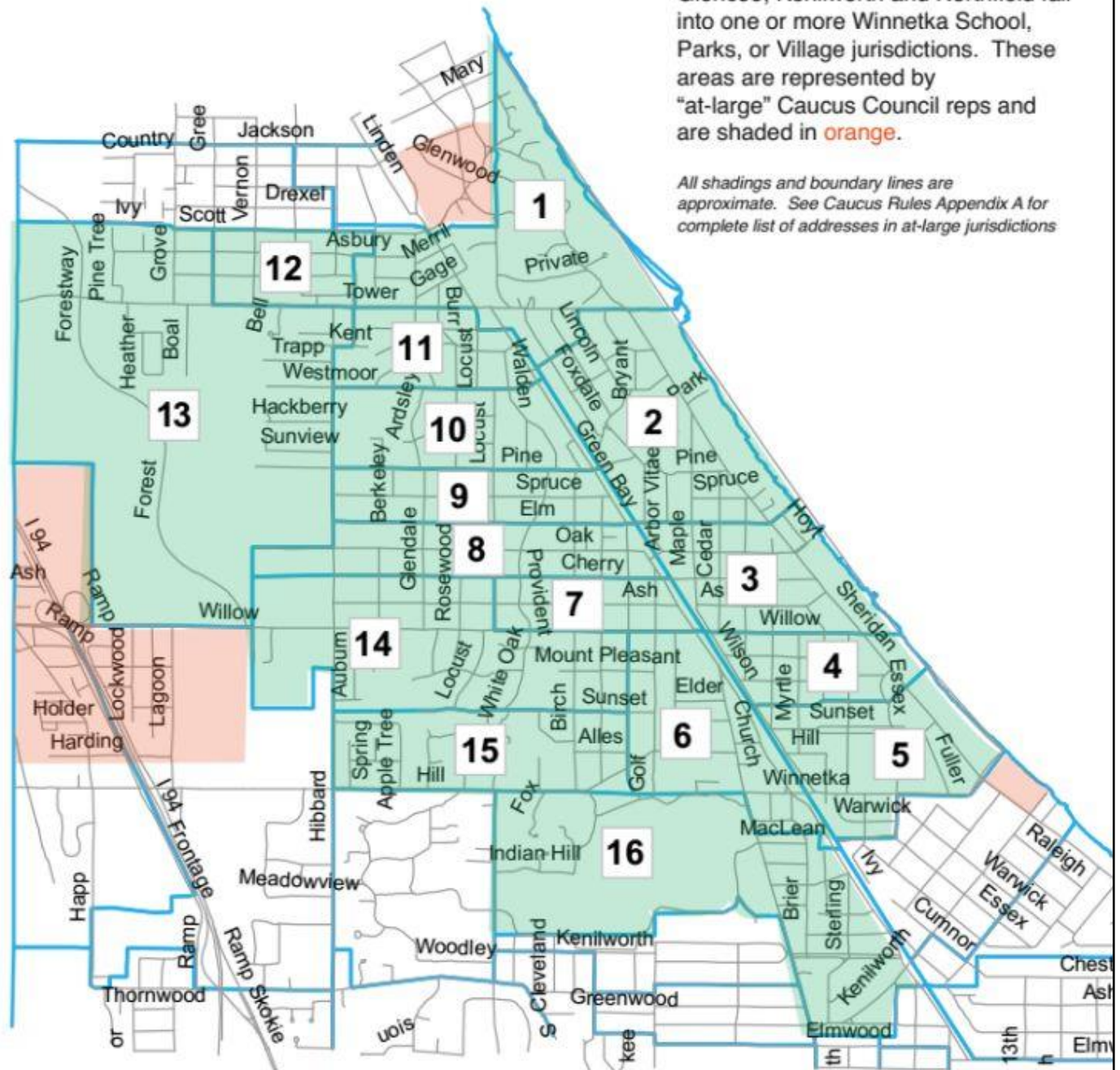


# Winnetka Caucus Council District Map

The Winnetka Caucus Council District Map used for representative distribution is based on the 2007 Illinois precinct map. Winnetka Caucus Districts are shaded in green.

In addition, certain areas in Glencoe, Kenilworth and Northfield fall into one or more Winnetka School, Parks, or Village jurisdictions. These areas are represented by "at-large" Caucus Council reps and are shaded in orange.

*All shadings and boundary lines are approximate. See Caucus Rules Appendix A for complete list of addresses in at-large jurisdictions*



Source: David Orr, Cook County Clerk  
Annotated by: Winnetka Caucus Council, May, 2013

**6. Using the map please Indicate in which district you live**

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Glencoe

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Kenilworth

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Northfield

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**7. All survey information is anonymous. Please check this box if you don't want your comments shared verbatim with the relevant boards.**

Please do not share comments

**\*8. I am a resident of:**

Winnetka

Northfield

Glencoe

Kenilworth

## Village of Winnetka

The next section relates to the **Village of Winnetka**, which includes Public Works, Community Development, Police, Fire, Water, Electric and Finance. The Village administration operates under the policies and directives established by the elected officials on the Village Council.

Earlier this year the Caucus Council circulated 2 on-line surveys regarding Stormwater issues and the proposed One Winnetka Development on the former Fell site. The results of these surveys are posted on the Caucus website at: <http://www.winnetkacaucus.org/>. There are also links to recent updates on the issues on our website.

There are no firm updates on either of these issues so in the interests of an already lengthy survey it was decided to not ask specifically about them. Please feel free to comment in the general comments area at the end of the village section.

Click on the Village website for more information. <http://www.villageofwinnetka.org/>

### 9. Please indicate your satisfaction with the following as they relate to our Village Council:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know or No Opinion
I am satisfied with the financial management of the Village of Winnetka.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am satisfied with the Village Council's communications regarding financial issues.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am satisfied with the overall performance of the Village Council.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am satisfied with the overall communications from the Village Council.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

### 10. Should the Village Council affirm by a resolution that it will not issue debt for any capital project greater than \$10 million without a Village-wide referendum?

- Yes
- No
- No Opinion

### 11. Home Rule

In March 2005, the Village voted to become a Home Rule unit. Do you understand the implications of being a home rule community?

- Yes
- No

The link below is to a one page fact sheet about **Home Rule** prepared by the Village of Winnetka. [Home Rule Fact Sheet](#)

This link is also posted on the Caucus website.

## Individual Property

The next few questions relate to your property

### 12. Have you taken any of the following steps to manage storm water on your property:

	Yes	No	What's that?
Increased permeable surfaces?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Installed overhead sewers?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Created rain garden(s)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use sump pumps?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Have French drains?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Installed water barrel(s)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

### 13. Would you install any of them if there were a one time utility fee credit for doing so?

- Yes
- No
- Already installed one or more
- No Opinion

### 14. Would you like the Village to provide more information about these options?

- Yes
- No
- No Opinion

## LANDMARKS

Historic homes are being torn down and replaced with new construction.

### 15. Does this concern you?

- Yes
- No
- No Opinion

### 16. Should the Village reduce the cost of permits to improve property based on the age of a building; the older the house the lower the permit fee?

- Yes
- No
- No Opinion

### 17. Should Village zoning ordinances be stricter for new construction?

- Yes
- No
- No Opinion

If Yes in what regards

## VILLAGE INVESTMENT IN DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION

### 18. Should the Village spend taxpayer dollars for the following?

	Yes	No	No Opinion
Chamber of Commerce Activities (festivals, parades, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Streetscape (downtown beautification efforts)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public parking garages	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Partnership with Private Developer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

### 19. Currently Village ordinances allow commercial home improvement companies (painters, construction, etc.) to post advertising signage on properties they are working on up to a size of 3 feet by 5 feet. Would you support:

	Yes	No	No Opinion
Elimination of posting of such signage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reduction of up to 50% in the size of such signage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
No change to the current ordinance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

### 20. Currently most public parking in commercial districts is 90 minutes. There have been complaints that this does not allow enough time to “shop and dine”.

Would you support extending the time limit to:

	Yes	No	No Opinion
2 hours	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3 hours	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4 hours	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

### 21. Do the commercial districts need more public parking?

	Yes	No	No Opinion
West Elm St	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
East Elm St.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Indian Hill	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hubbard Woods	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

### 22. Do you support increased enforcement of regulations requiring employees of commercial district businesses to park in offsite employee lots?

- Yes
- No
- No Opinion

### 23. Housing Options

Do you believe there is a sufficient supply of suitable housing in the Village (e.g., one floor condominiums/apartments or ranch style houses) to meet the needs of residents who would like to retire in the Village?



- Yes
- No
- No Opinion

**24. What kind of suitable retirement housing would you like to see in Winnetka? Check as many as you feel are needed.**

- Apartment Rentals
- Condominiums
- Smaller Homes
- Retirement Communities
- None of the above

**25. Police**

**Should the Village put more resources (i.e, residential street cameras, increased patrols, vacation registry, identity theft and more) toward protecting homes against burglaries and vandalism?**

- Yes
- No
- No Opinion

**26. Additional comments for the police**

**27. Please add any additional comments you'd like to make about the Village**

## Winnetka-Northfield Public Library District

The next section relates to the Winnetka-Northfield Public Library, which serves residents of both communities at two locations: 768 Oak Street, Winnetka and 1785 Orchard Lane, Northfield.

Here is a link to the Library Website: <http://www.winnetkalibrary.org/>

### 28. Satisfaction Questions

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know / No Opinion
I am satisfied with the financial management of the Winnetka-Northfield Library.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am satisfied with the communications that come from the Winnetka-Northfield Library.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am satisfied with the performance of the Winnetka-Northfield Library Board.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overall, I am satisfied with the Winnetka-Northfield Library.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

### 29. How often does your household use the services offered by the Winnetka-Northfield Library? (choose one)

Once a week or more	At least once a month	Every 2 - 3 months	Several times a year	Once a year	Never
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

### 30. I am satisfied with the level of service our household received from the Winnetka-Northfield Library?

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know / Have Not Visited
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

### 31. In the past year have you or a family member visited other public libraries in the area? Choose all that apply or None of the above.

- Glencoe
- Wilmette
- Evanston
- Northbrook
- Glenview
- Highland Park
- None of the above

Other (please specify)

### 32. If you visited another public library in the past year, how or why have you or a family member used the other library? Choose all that apply.

- Group Study space
- Quiet space

Atmosphere; I like it better

Travel programs

History programs

Live music

Lecture

Cooking programs

Gardening programs

Meeting rooms

Ease of access/parking

Computer classes

Hands on learning program

None of the above

Other (please specify)

## Youth Services

The next few questions address the Youth Services Department at the Winnetka & Northfield libraries, specifically.

**33. Currently, the Youth Department services the needs of children 13 and under. What ages do you think the Youth Department should focus on going forward?**

- 9 and under
- 13 and under (status quo)
- I don't know/No Opinion

**34. Do your children use the available technology (computers) in the Youth department and what do they use it for? Check all that apply**

- Yes, learning games
- Yes, homework
- Yes, card catalog
- Yes, databases
- Yes, surfing the internet
- Yes, videogames
- No, my child(ren) don't use the available technology
- No, I have no young children

**35. Should the Winnetka-Northfield Library continue to incorporate technology into the Youth Department?**

- Yes, continue access to desktop computers
- Yes, make laptops & iPads available for checkout
- No, kids these days have enough access to technology
- No Opinion

## Genealogy

The Winnetka-Northfield Library houses a unique collection of genealogy materials in its Winnetka facility. Until July 2015, this collection was housed in a 493 square foot room in the basement of the Winnetka facility. Citing space constraints throughout both branches, the Library Board elected to close the genealogy room and investigate moving the genealogy collection to another library outside the district. Until a suitable home can be found, the genealogy collection will remain within the Winnetka facility. The reclaimed space, similar in size to the Lloyd Room, will be used as a multipurpose room for classes, programs, and meetings.

### 36. Are you aware of the genealogy collection at the Winnetka Library?

Yes

No

### 37. Have you used the genealogy collection in the past year?

Yes

No

### 38. Do you plan to use the genealogy collection in the next year?

Yes

No

### 39. What is your opinion on the Library Board's decision regarding the genealogy collection?

The Genealogy collection should be restored to the basement of the Winnetka library and actively promoted

The Genealogy collection should be moved to another library and the space utilized differently.

No Opinion

## New Library Building

The final two questions of the library section are intended to gauge community interest in a new Winnetka library facility.

**40. Given the space constraints of the current library, would you favor building a new Winnetka Library, funded by taxpayers?**

Yes

No

**41. Would you consider donating with naming rights to a new Winnetka Library?**

Yes

No

**42.**

**Please add any additional comments you'd like to make about the Winnetka-Northfield Library:**

## Winnetka Park District

The Winnetka Park District (WPD) manages the parks and recreation activities for our community, including parks, beaches, AC Nielsen Tennis Center, Winnetka Golf Club, Winnetka Ice Arena, and the Winnetka Platform Tennis Club. Revenues are generated through a combination of user fees and tax revenues.

Here is a link to the Park District Website: <http://www.winpark.org/>

### 43. Satisfaction Questions.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know / No Opinion
I am satisfied with the financial management of the WPD.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am satisfied with the value that I receive from the WPD.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am satisfied with the performance by the Board of Commissioners for the WPD.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am satisfied with the communication about finances that I receive from the WPD.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am satisfied with the communication of major initiatives that I receive from the WPD.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

In the space below, please provide any feedback, comments or suggestions related to the services provided to all user groups of the Winnetka Park District facilities, including those for families, children, senior citizens and individuals with special needs.

The Parks' Board has been actively working on a Lakefront Master Plan to rejuvenate and improve the services and access to Winnetka's lakefront and beaches. The Lakefront Master Plan relates to Winnetka's beaches: Tower Road Beach, Maple Street Beach, Elder Lane Beach, Lloyd Beach and Centennial/Dog Beach.

Please click on the following links to see additional details on the Lakefront Master Plan:

<http://www.winnetkalakefrontplan.com/>

[WPD-Waterfront-Concepts.pdf](#)

**44. Were you aware of the WPD Lakefront Master Plan?**

- Yes
- No
- No opinion

**45. Have you had an opportunity to review the initial proposals?**

- Yes
- No
- No opinion

**46. As part of any proposed plan for the beaches would you support the following (check all that apply):**

- Connect Tower Road Beach and Lloyd Beach
- Improve existing beach houses
- Add a new, upscale lakefront food and beverage venue
- Add motorized watercraft storage and rental opportunities
- Improve and enhance dog park opportunities
- Provide additional activities for paddle boarding and open water swim lanes
- Prefer not to spend tax dollars on beach projects.

**47. Please describe what you like about the Lakefront Master Plan**

**48. Please describe what you do not like about the Lakefront Master Plan.**

**49.**



**In the space below, please provide any feedback or suggestions on the Lakefront Master Plan.**

## Strategic Plan

Winnetka Park District Strategic Plan Questions: The WPD Commissioners are initiating a five year planning process.

**50. Were you aware of this planning process?**

Yes

No

No Opinion

**51.**

**Please offer any ideas and/or suggestions you have for the WPD to consider as it looks ahead to 2020.**

**52. Please add any additional comments you'd like to make about the WPD.**

## Winnetka Public Schools

Winnetka Public Schools, also known as District 36, is the public school district serving Kindergarten through 8th grade in Winnetka. It does not include New Trier High School, which has its own school district.

Here is a link to the District 36 Website: <http://www.winnetka36.org/>

**53. Within the past five years, has your household included any school age children (K-8) who were enrolled in Winnetka Public Schools (Crow Island, Greeley, Hubbard Woods, Skokie, Washburne)?**

Yes

No

## D36 Satisfaction

### 54. Satisfaction Questions.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know/No Opinion
I am satisfied with the financial management of the Winnetka Public Schools.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I believe the Winnetka Public Schools does a good job of preparing students for success in high school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am satisfied with the communications that come from the District.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am satisfied with the performance of the School Board.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overall, I'm satisfied with the Winnetka Public Schools.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## Value/perception

### 55. I believe Winnetka's home/real estate values correlate directly with the reputation of Winnetka Public Schools.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- Unsure / No Opinion

### 56. I moved to Winnetka because of the reputation Winnetka's Public Schools.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- Unsure / No Opinion

### 57. What do you believe to be true about the Winnetka Public Schools today (check all that apply):

	Currently are
They are the best feeder district	<input type="checkbox"/>
They are the same as the other feeder districts	<input type="checkbox"/>
They are falling behind other New Trier Feeder districts	<input type="checkbox"/>
They are one of the best districts in the state	<input type="checkbox"/>
They are lagging behind the best districts in the state	<input type="checkbox"/>
They are one of the best public school districts in the country	<input type="checkbox"/>
They are lagging behind the best public schools in the country	<input type="checkbox"/>
They are comparable to private schools	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify)	
<input type="text"/>	

### 58. What do you believe should be true about the Winnetka Public Schools today (check all that apply):

- They are the best feeder district
- They are the same as the other feeder districts
- They are falling behind other New Trier Feeder districts
- They are one of the best districts in the state
- They are lagging behind the best districts in the state

They are one of the best public school districts in the country

They are lagging behind the best public schools in the country

They are comparable to private schools

Other (please specify)

**59. Do you believe Winnetka Public Schools should be: (select one)**

A public school district comparable to other public schools in the area

Leaders in education, innovation, and setting standards for education in the state and around the country

**60. Do you now or did you at one time have children that attended Winnetka Public Schools (Crow Island, Greeley, Hubbard Woods, Skokie, Washburne)?**

Yes

No

**61. High School Age Children within the past 5 years.**

- Child currently enrolled or enrolled at New Trier within past 5 years.
- Child enrolled at New Trier more than 5 years ago.
- Child currently enrolled or enrolled at different high school.
- Child enrolled at different high school more than 5 years ago.
- No High School Age Children.

Other (please specify)



## High School

### 62. My child was well prepared for High School by the Winnetka Public Schools.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- No opinion

Other (please specify)

## Assessment of D36

**63. I believe that the Winnetka Public Schools prepare our children for "Success in the 21st century" (Collaboration, digital literacy, critical thinking, and problem-solving).**

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- Unsure / No Opinion

**64. Please rank the following in order of importance for your child on graduation from District 36 schools. (with 1 highest and 8 lowest)**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Leadership	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Citizenship / social emotional	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Test Scores	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
New Trier Placement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Well Rounded Student	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Grades	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Resilience	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Happiness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)



Not Important  
at all

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Very  
Important

Having a school calendar that starts after Labor Day.

## D36 Financial Questions

District 36 is in a stable Financial condition.

Here is a link to the published amended budget for district 36 for 2014-2015

<http://www.winnetka36.org/sites/default/files/5/D36BudgetAmended2014-2015.pdf>

and the proposed 2015-2016 Budget [2015-2016 Budget](#).

**68. Are you aware that the school board has reduced the Winnetka Public Schools surplus by reducing the tax bill by \$570 per every \$20,000 of property taxes to home owners?**

Yes

No

**69. On a scale from 1 - 10 how important is this savings to you?**

Very Important	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Not Important at all
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**70. What do you think the Winnetka School Board and Administration should do with the existing budget surplus?**

**Please select all that apply:**

- Increase educational services for students
- Keep for future and use when needed
- Improve school facilities
- Paydown debt obligation to save taxpayers money
- Refund portion of surplus to taxpayers
- Unsure / no opinion

Other (please specify)

**71. Do you think elementary school families should pay \$242/child/year for recess and lunch supervision (as they do now)?**

Yes

No D36 should cover supervision costs

No Opinion

**72. Please add any additional comments you'd like to make about the District 36 Schools**

## New Trier High School

In July 2014, the Winnetka Caucus Council sent a brief online survey which contained the following question:

Historically the only Winnetka Caucus involvement with New Trier High School has been nominating Winnetka Residents to the New Trier Caucus that slates candidates for the New Trier Board of Education. Would you like the Winnetka Caucus Council to include questions about New Trier High School in its surveying?

84% of the responses indicated "Yes".

**73. Please indicate in order of importance what you consider the three most significant issues with New Trier High School. Your responses will help the Caucus Council evaluate future involvement with New Trier High School.**

One	<input type="text"/>
Two	<input type="text"/>
Three	<input type="text"/>

**74. Please provide any additional comments you'd like to make about New Trier High School.**

## Your Winnetka Caucus Council

The next few questions are to gauge awareness of the Winnetka Caucus Council.

Rule 127 b. of the Caucus Council Policies and Procedures describe the action at the annual Town Meeting only as:

“The adoption of a platform”.

At sparsely attended Town Meetings small groups of citizens in attendance can modify or remove platforms, which are developed based on the majority input from the annual survey, with no opportunity for a majority review.

**75. Would you be in favor of modifying the language of Rule 127 b. to allow for electronic feedback to modified platforms presented at the Town Meeting?**

- Modify at Town Hall Meeting only
- Modify at Town Hall followed by Electronically
- Modify Electronically Only
- No opinion

**76. Would you be in favor of modifying the language of Rule 127 b. to an online vote to adopt platforms or should platforms be only adopted/rejected, in person, at the Town Meeting?**

- In person at Town Hall
- Online vote after Town Hall meeting
- No opinion

**77. Have you ever served on the Winnetka Caucus Council?**

- Yes
- No

## Served on the Caucus in the past

78. If Yes, please rate your experience.

Very Satisfied

Somewhat Satisfied

Somewhat Dissatisfied

Very Dissatisfied



79. Did serving on the Caucus increase your understanding of Winnetka Governance?

Yes

No

80. What were positive aspects of your experience on Caucus Council?

81. What were negative aspects of your experience on Caucus Council?

82. What improvements could be made?

83. How can the Caucus Council be more responsive to residents?



## Not Served on the Caucus

**84. The Caucus aims to be representative and responsive to all members of the community.  
What are your reasons for not volunteering to serve? (Check all that apply.)**

- Do not have time to serve due to Work commitments
- Do not have time to serve due to Family commitments
- Do not have time to serve due to other commitments
- I am serving the community on other boards in the Village
- Did not know what the purpose of the Caucus was
- Did not know how to apply
- Do not think the Caucus system of government is relevant

Other (please specify)

## Contact information

### Resident Involvement in Winnetka Governance

Winnetka depends on citizen involvement to run its government. Please consider donating your time and talents to help our Village.

*Winnetka Caucus Council:* Nominates candidates for all Village boards, conducts an Annual Village survey and a few online brief issue focused surveys. Click on the website for more information. <http://www.winnetkacaucus.org/>

Winnetka Village Commissions: Ten boards and commissions serve the Village Council in an advisory capacity on a variety of issues within the community. Click on the website for more information. <http://www.villageofwinnetka.org/government/boards-and-commissions/>

#### 85. Have you ever served in an elected or appointed position on any of the taxing bodies in the Village?

Yes

No

#### 86. If you did not receive the email with the link to this survey, but you would like to participate in future online surveys and be informed about important Caucus matters, please share your email address with us.

We will not share your email address with any third parties. Your email address will not be associated with your survey response; your survey response is anonymous and confidential.

Email Address:

#### 87. Join the 2016 Caucus Council

The Caucus Council is responsible for slating candidates for the taxing bodies, conducting the annual survey, preparing platforms to present to the taxing bodies and holding town meetings (Spring and Fall).

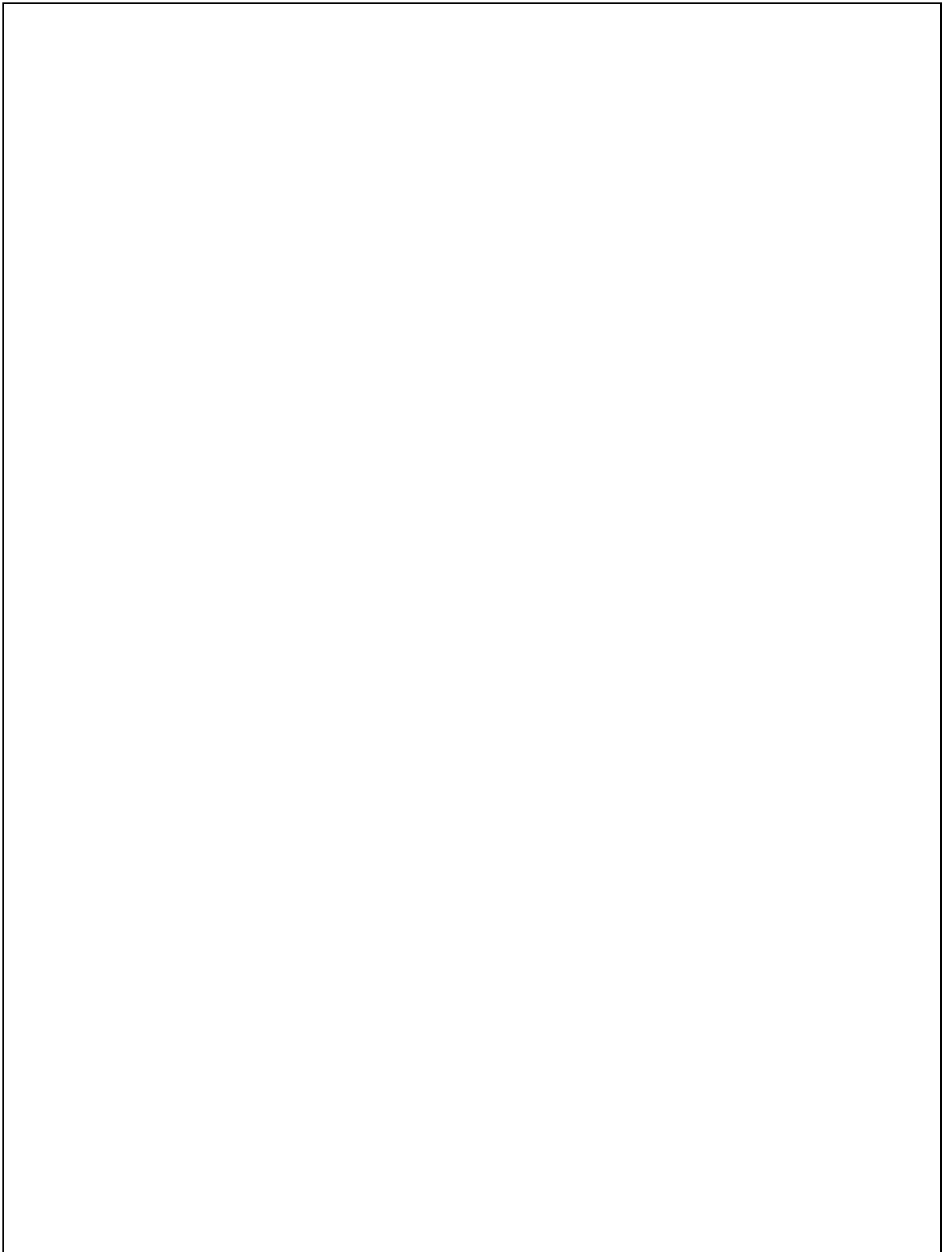
If you would like to represent your neighborhood by serving on the 2016 Caucus Council, or know of someone who would like to serve, please provide contact information below or click on the following link: [2016 Caucus Interest Form](#).

For more information, visit <http://www.winnetkacaucus.org/>.

Name:

Email Address:

Phone Number:



Your answers will not be submitted and recorded until you click on the "Done" button at the bottom of this page. You will not be able to change your answers once you submit them.

## CALL FOR CANDIDATES

We are seeking candidates for Village Trustee and we will be contacting potential candidates in September to schedule interviews.

If you are interested in serving please click on the link below to provide basic contact information to us. We want to be sure we are able to contact everyone who is interested or recommended, so please be prepared to provide the best email and phone number for this purpose.

[2015 Village Trustee Interest Form](#)

If you would like to nominate someone else please use the following link.

[2015 Village Trustee Nomination Form](#)

The deadline for applications is **September 15, 2015**.

Thank you for your support of the Winnetka Caucus Council and this important nomination process. Please feel free to contact the appropriate committee chair with any questions.

**Frnak Neaylon**, Chair of the Village Candidates committee: [WCC.Candidates.1@gmail.com](mailto:WCC.Candidates.1@gmail.com)

Thank you for taking the time to participate in Winnetka's non-partisan form of government. Your input is important.

Your survey answers are kept anonymous and confidential. They form the basis of platforms that guide the policies of Winnetka's Village, Schools, Parks, and Library Boards. The results will be presented at the 2015 Annual Town Meeting:

**Skokie School Auditorium**  
**Monday, November 9th, 7:30 p.m.**

The slated candidates for the Village Board will be voted on at the Annual Town Meeting.

The Winnetka Caucus Council is an independent organization that relies 100% on contributions from residents. We receive no tax dollars or government funds. We rely solely on the volunteer efforts of residents and the financial contributions from members of the community.

Please consider donating to the Winnetka Caucus Council.

You can send donations by check made payable to the Winnetka Caucus Council at the following address:

Winnetka Caucus  
P.O. Box 311  
Winnetka, IL 60093

Alternatively you can donate via paypal by clicking on the **Donate** button on the Winnetka Caucus Website <http://www.winnetkacaucus.org/>, or as you close the survey, thanks.

Please click on the "*Done*" button below to submit your answers; you will not be able to change your answers once you submit them.