MAPLE PLAIN

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Comprehensive Plan

Community Survey

Report of Results

Introduction

In accordance with the Land Use Planning Act, a City's Comprehensive Plan is required to be updated every ten years. A Comprehensive Plan sets the 20-year vision to guide future land use, economic development, and investments in City services such as parks, transportation, and sewer and water systems. The City of Maple Plain understands that community stakeholders are a tremendous source or information and that their input aids in the production of better planning decisions. Accordingly, a community survey was sent out to capture information and input.

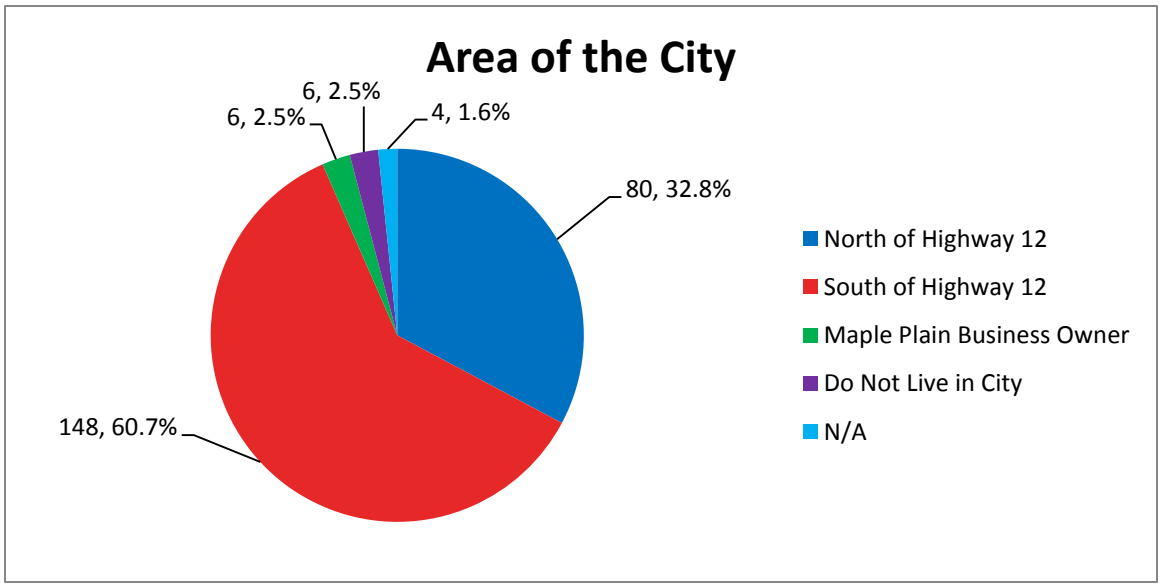
A total of 632 surveys were sent out to all utility billing customers including residents and businesses through a direct mailing. The survey was also made available online so stakeholders who do not receive a utility bill could also have the opportunity to participate. 250 responses were collected in total, 218 by mail and 32 online. Not every question was answered by every participant.

Respondent Demographics

As the results are analyzed, it is crucial to be able to have an understanding on what segments of the population have responded.

Area of the City

There were 244 responses.



Length of Residency

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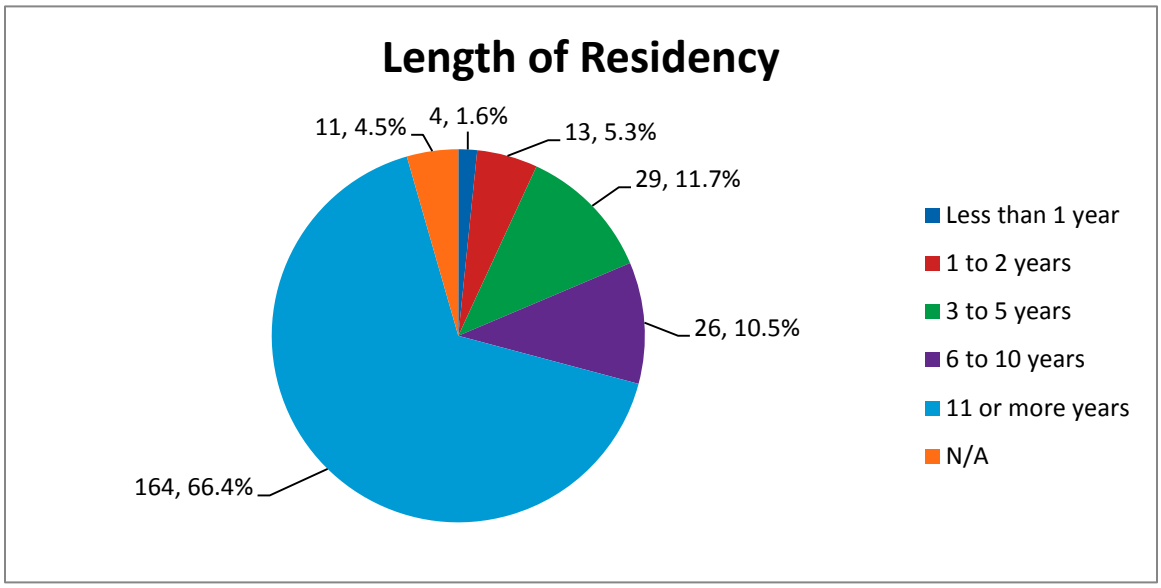


Participants by Length of Residency and Age*

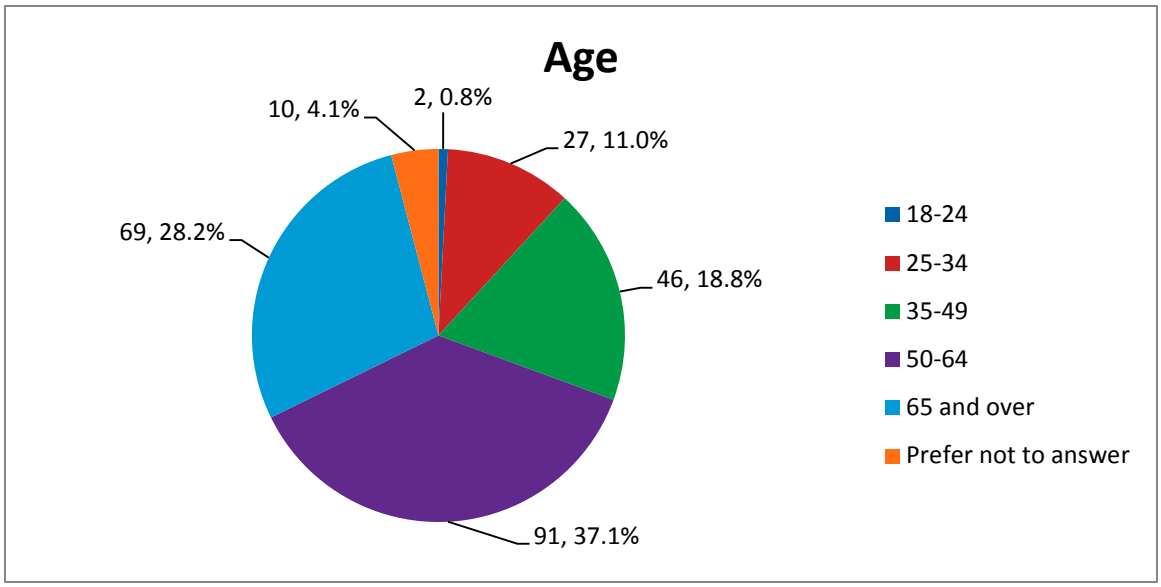
	18-24	25-34	35-49	50-64	65 and over	Prefer not to answer
Less than 1 year	0	2	1	1	0	0
1 to 2 years	1	4	3	5	0	0
3 to 5 years	0	9	13	4	3	0
6 to 10 years	0	7	10	7	2	0
11 or more years	1	4	19	70	61	7
N/A	0	1	0	4	3	3

*Only individuals who answered both questions were included

The majority of survey respondents have lived in the City for 11 or more years and are 50 years of age older.

Age

There were 245 responses.



The percentage of respondents in each age group can also be compared to the U.S. Census Data to determine if respondents reflect the community as a whole. The table below compares the Comprehensive Plan Survey data to the 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates for Maple Plain. Only adults (18 & over) were counted.

Age Group	American Community Survey (% of total adult population)	Comprehensive Plan Survey	Representation
18-24	7.0%	0.8%	Underrepresented
25-34	14.5%	11.0%	Underrepresented
35-49	27.0%	18.8%	Underrepresented
50-64	29.6%	37.1%	Overrepresented
65 and Over	22.0%	28.2%	Overrepresented

Gender

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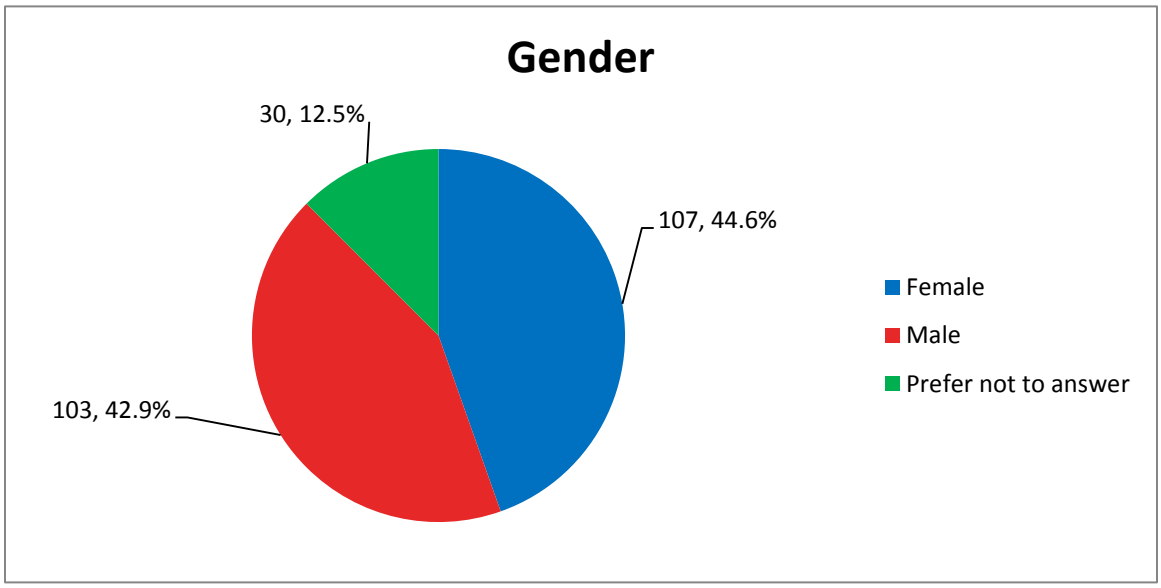

The percentage of respondents for each gender can also be compared to the U.S. Census Data to determine if respondents reflect the community as a whole. The table below compares the Comprehensive Plan Survey data to the 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimate for Maple Plain. Only those who indicated a gender were counted.

Gender	American Community Survey	Comprehensive Plan Survey	Representation
Female (18 & over)	51.7%	50.1%	Slightly underrepresented
Male (18 & over)	48.3%	49.0%	Slightly overrepresented

Commute to Work

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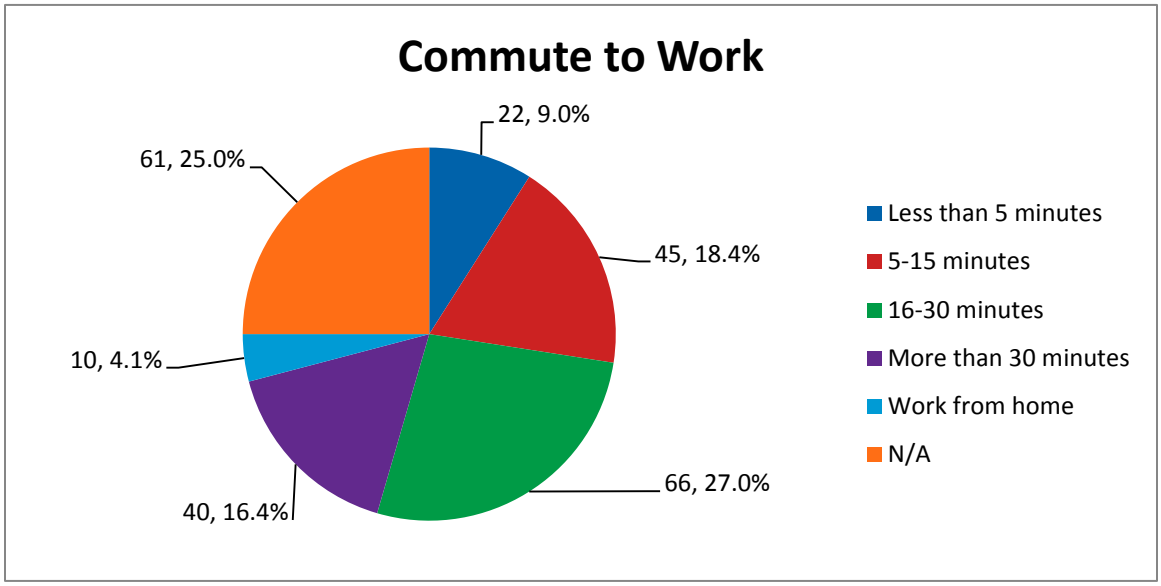
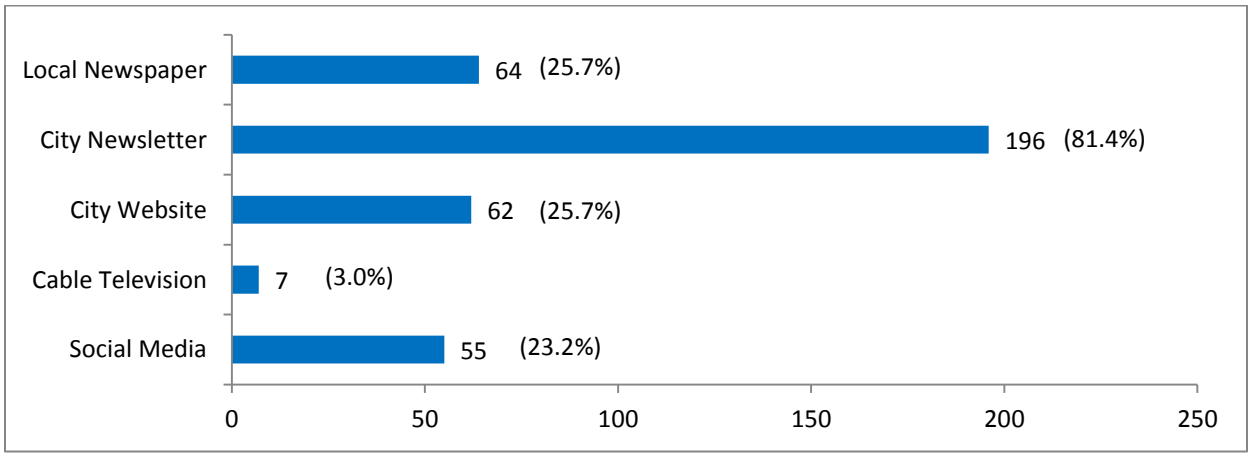


Preferred Method of Communication

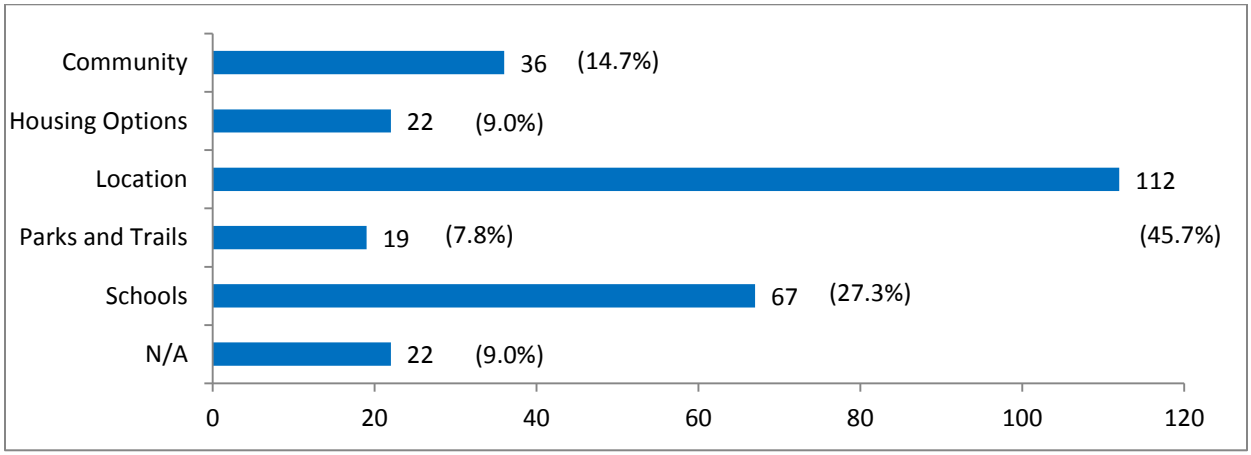
240 individuals responded with 384 answers meaning many chose more than 1 method. City Newsletter, City Website, and Social Media were present in all age groups. Local Newspaper and Cable Television were only present in the older age groups with the exception of one answer. There were also 7 comments regarding preferring email.



Primary Survey Questions

Why do you choose to live in Maple Plain?

245 individuals responded with 303 answers meaning many chose more than 1 reason.

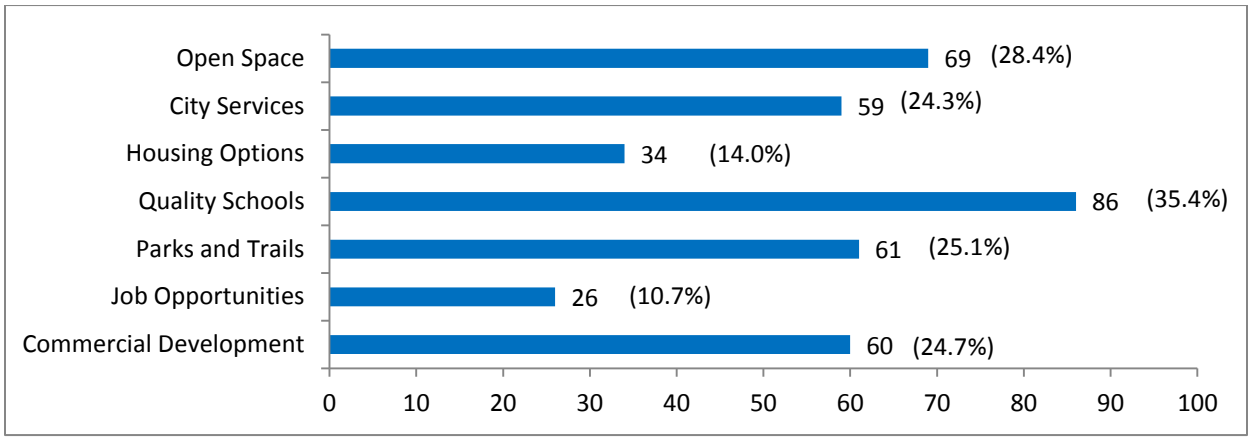


Other Answers:

- Small Town – 6 (2.4%)
- Home mortgage cost/Affordable – 3 (1.2%)
- Family – 2 (0.8%)
- Born Here – 2 (0.8%)
- Work/Close to Work – 2 (0.8%)
- Business – 2 (0.8%)
- Grew Up Here – 2 (0.4%)
- Owned home since 1945 (parents bought) – 1 (0.4%)
- Really good neighbors – 1 (0.4%)
- Parents moved here – 1 (0.4%)
- I don't know – 1 (0.4%)
- Because it's awesome – 1 (0.4%)
- Industrial – 1 (0.4%)

Which of the following items are most important to ensure quality of life in Maple Plain?

243 individuals responded with 416 answers meaning many chose more than 1 item.

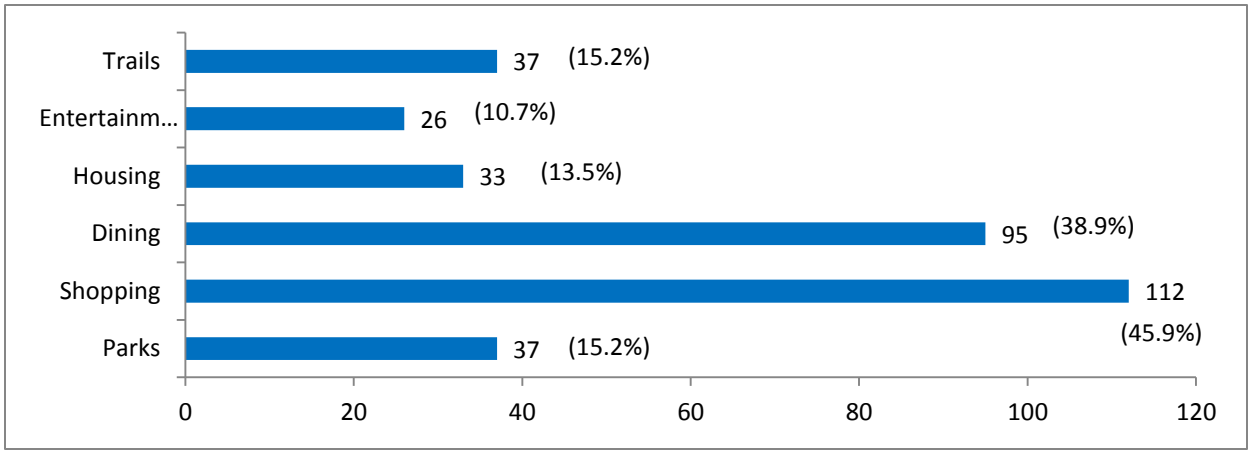


Other Answers:

- Small town – 2 (0.8%)
- Pharmacy/Drug Store – 2 (0.8%)
- Responsive City Council & Administration – 1 (0.4%)
- Shopping and restaurants – 1 (0.4%)
- Slow down development – 1 (0.4%)
- Balance between viable business and housing while maintaining small town feel – 1 (0.4%)
- Restaurants, carwash – 1 (0.4%)
- Grocery store – 1 (0.4%)
- Safe – 1 (0.4%)
- Small businesses not corporate chains – 1 (0.4%)
- Safe pedestrian passageways (sidewalks, painted designated areas on road, speed bumps to reduce speed) – 1 (0.4%)
- Low taxes – 1 (0.4%)
- Small, safe community – 1 (0.4%)
- Clean – people need to clean their yards – 1 (0.4%)
- Small town downtown (ice cream shop, town square) – 1 (0.4%)
- Hwy 12 improvement through Maple Plain – 1 (0.4%)
- Churches – 1 (0.4%)
- Return safely to our neighborhoods. Stop people from racing through neighborhoods to get somewhere fast – 1 (0.4%)
- Closer doctor – 1 (0.4%)

Which of the following should the City focus on developing and/or securing?

244 individuals responded with 374 answers meaning many chose more than one.

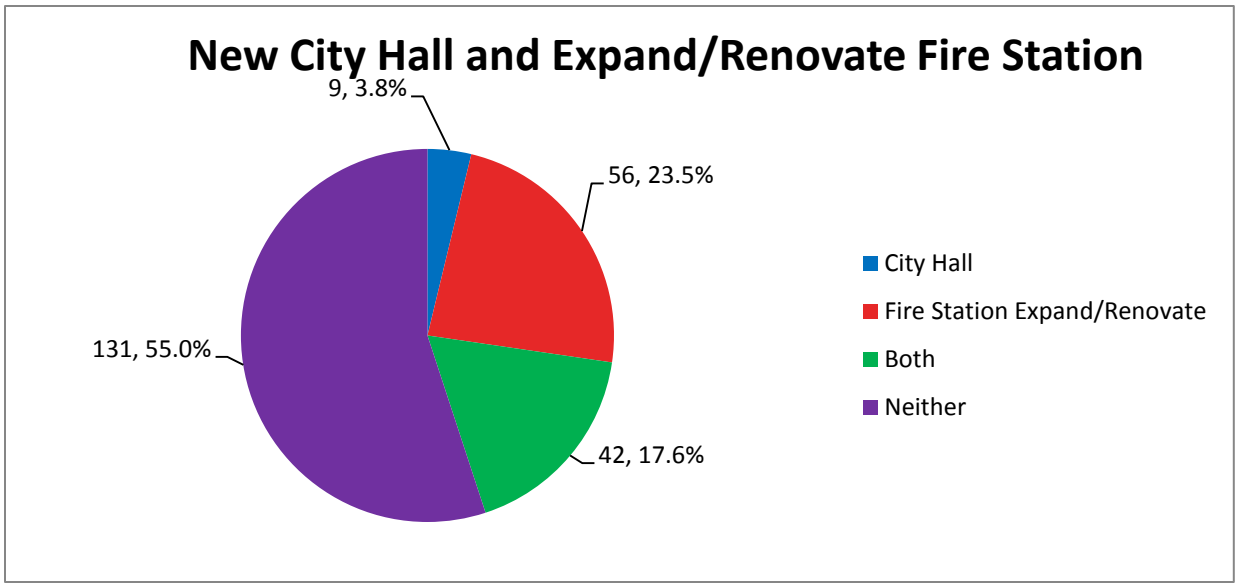


Other Answers:

- Commercial Development –5 (0.8%)
- Infrastructure/road maintenance – 5 (0.4%)
- Grocery store (Large, quality good one, Aldi/Hyvee – 3 (0.4%)
- None or slow down development – 3 (0.4%)
- General appearance/City Planning – 2 (0.4%)
- Gas station – 2 (0.4%)
- Affordable senior housing – 1 (0.4%)
- Affordable housing- multi-unit and senior – 1 (0.4%)
- Senior housing – 1 (0.4%)
- Open space – 1 (0.4%)
- Dollar Store – 1 (0.4%)
- Menards/Home Depot – 1 (0.4%)
- Outdoor community swimming pool – 1 (0.4%)
- Safe pedestrian passageways (sidewalks, painted designated areas on road, speed bumps to reduce speed) – 1 (0.4%)
- Make it easier and safer to get around Maple Plain – 1 (0.4%)
- Hospital/Healthcare facility – 1 (0.4%)
- Making West Main a one-way – 1 (0.4%)
- Minimal government regulations – 1 (0.4%)
- All the above – 1 (0.4%)
- Planning Hwy 12 for future- make it go outside of Maple Plain – 1 (0.4%)

I would support the use of tax dollars to develop a new City Hall and expand/renovate the Fire Station?

There were 238 responses. Many commented next to the question asking for more information or why/if it was necessary.



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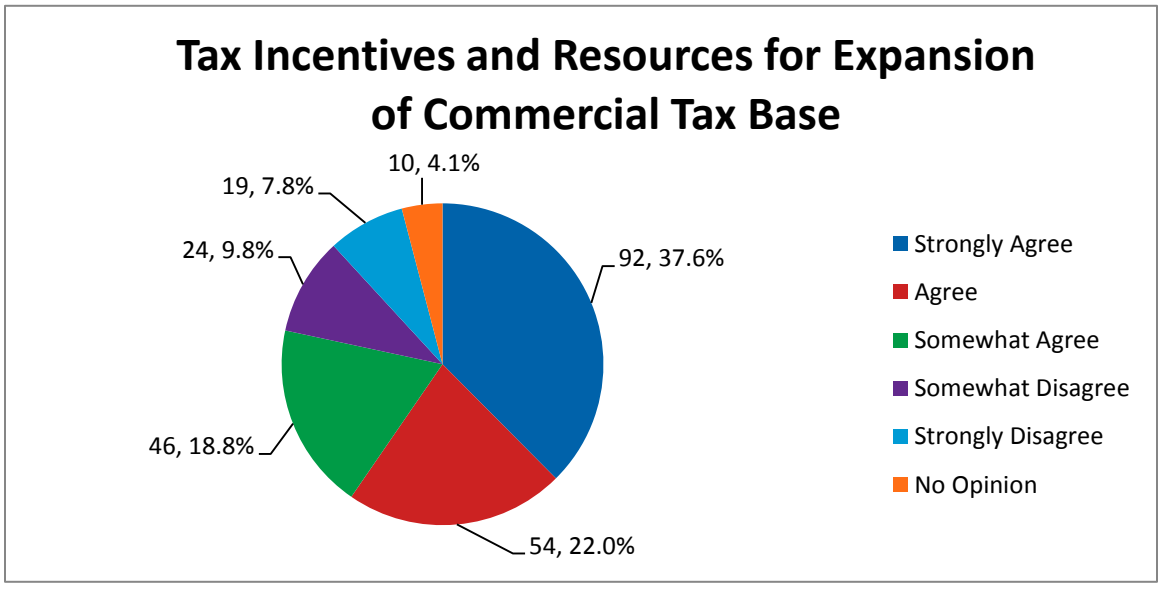

The responses divided up by the following age groups (prefer not to answer not included):

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
18-24	1	0	1	0	0	0
25-34	17	6	2	0	2	0
35-49	19	9	7	5	5	1
50-64	33	21	17	6	7	4
65 and Over	11	18	14	7	3	5

All age groups overall strongly agree or agree that Maple Plain should use tax incentives and other resources to help bring businesses to the City and expand the commercial tax base.

I would support urban development (more density and taller buildings) in the downtown areas of Maple Plain.

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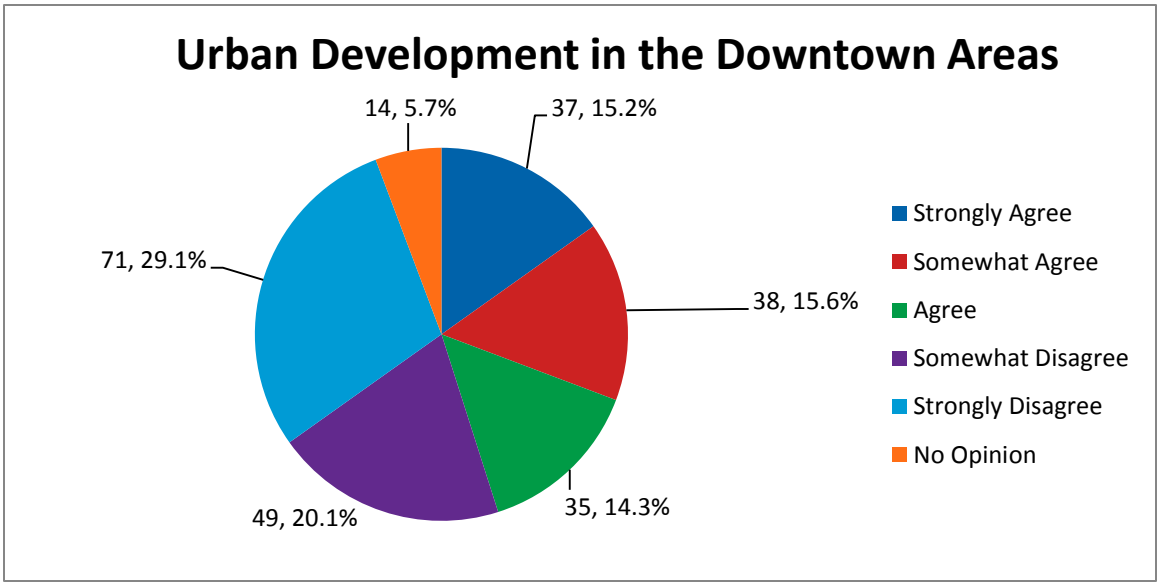

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25-34	5	4	6	4	7	1
35-49	7	6	10	6	17	0
50-64	14	17	13	17	23	5
65 and Over	9	7	8	17	19	7

In all age groups, the top answer is strongly disagree. For the majority of age groups, the second highest response is either somewhat agree (all age groups besides 65 and older) or somewhat disagree (50-64 and 65 and over). This demonstrates although there are a variety of responses in all age groups, those 64 and younger tend to be more open to urban development in downtown Maple Plain.

Rating of City Services

City Service	Good	Fair	Poor
Overall City Services	137	92	13
Overall Appearance of the City	61	119	69
Quality of Fire Protection Services	225	20	0
Quality of Police Services	221	24	3
Condition of City Streets	62	123	64
Quality of City Water	126	82	33
Quality of City Sewer	152	79	9
Snowplowing of City Streets	162	63	23
Condition of City Parks	154	73	18
City General Customer Service	128	92	18
Building Inspection Services	113	78	17
City Communication with the Public	136	80	30
Communication with Elected Officials	99	102	37

Overall Appearance of the City Divided by Section of the City

	Good	Fair	Poor
North of Highway 12	23	41	15
South of Highway 12	33	69	45

Residents North of Highway 12 rated the overall appearance of the City higher than residents South of Highway 12.

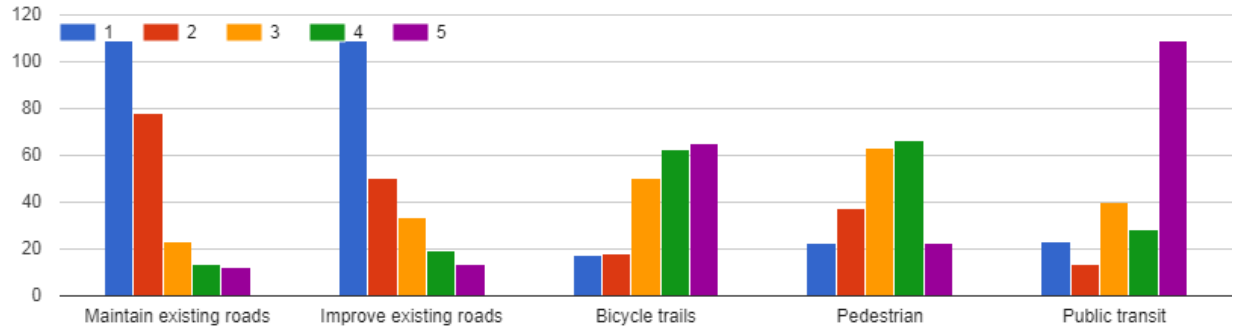
Condition of City Streets Divided by Section of the City

	Good	Fair	Poor
North of Highway 12	15	31	34
South of Highway 12	40	80	27

Residents South of Highway 12 rated the Condition of City Streets higher than residents North of Highway 12.

How do you think the City of Maple Plain should use their tax dollars to improve/maintain transportation facilities?

For this question five answers were provided. It was the intention that each answer would be marked with a number 1 through 5 with each number only being used once in order to produce a priority ranking. However, many individuals marked the same number for multiple options. Unfortunately, it is infeasible to pinpoint the effects of this on the priority rankings.



	1	2	3	4	5	Average	Priority Ranking
Maintain Existing Roads	109	78	23	13	12	1.90	1
Improve Existing Roads	109	50	33	19	13	2.00	2
Bicycle Trails	17	18	50	62	65	3.66	4
Pedestrian	22	37	63	66	22	3.14	3
Public Transit	23	13	40	28	109	3.88	5

I would support the City using tax dollars to develop or enhance the following recreation facilities.

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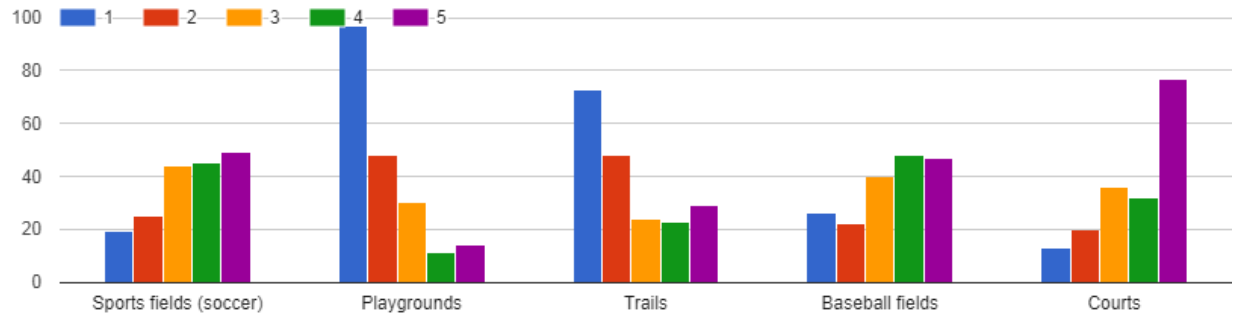

	1	2	3	4	5	Average	Priority Ranking
Sports Fields (soccer)	20	25	44	46	50	3.44	4
Playgrounds	97	49	31	11	15	2.00	1
Trails	74	49	24	24	29	2.43	2
Baseball Fields	27	23	40	48	48	3.36	3
Courts	13	20	38	33	77	3.77	5

Other recreation facility you would support the City of Maple Plain using tax dollars to develop or enhance.

- None/Just maintain current – 14
- Ice Skating Rink – 3
- Splash pad/pool - 3
- Bandshell – 1
- Dog Park – 1
- Downtown #1 – 1
- No preference – 1
- Pickleball court needed – 1

What types of housing should the City of Maple Plain use their resources to promote and develop?

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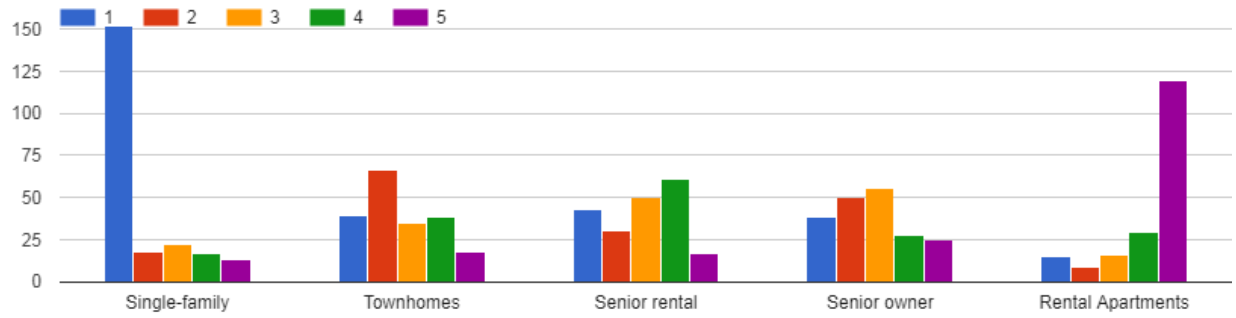

	1	2	3	4	5	Average	Priority Ranking
Single-Family	152	18	22	17	13	1.74	1
Townhomes	39	66	35	38	18	2.64	2
Senior Rental	43	30	50	61	17	2.90	4
Senior Owner	38	50	56	28	25	2.75	3
Apartments	15	9	16	29	120	4.21	5

What types of businesses should the City of Maple Plain use their resources to promote and develop?

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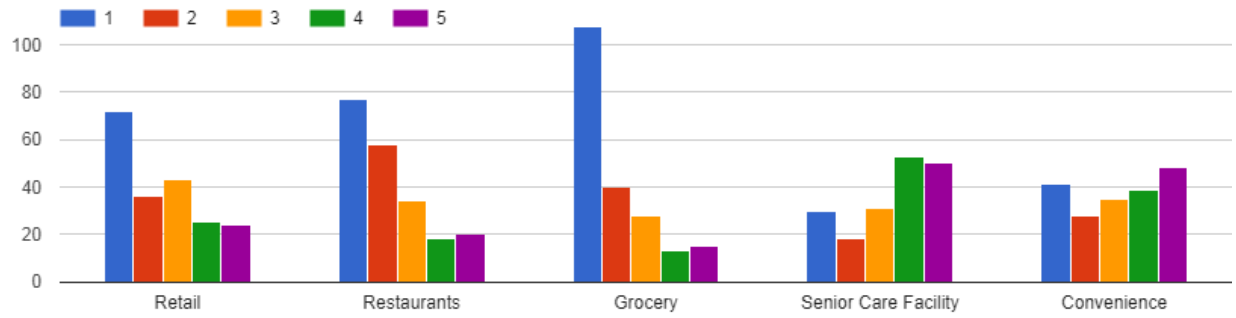

	1	2	3	4	5	Average	Priority Ranking
Retail	72	36	43	25	24	2.47	3
Restaurants	77	58	34	18	20	2.26	2
Grocery	108	40	28	13	15	1.96	1
Senior Care Facility	30	18	31	53	50	3.41	5
Convenience	41	28	35	39	48	3.13	4

Other types of business the City of Maple Plain should use their resources to promote and develop.

- None – 2
- A convenience store/gas station on the west end of town – 1
- Community Center in old Dey Distributing building
- Drug store – 1
- Gas station/convenience – 1
- Get rid of MPFC and replace with a Hy-Vee. We need another convenience store like Olson's. Holiday is too expensive and always dirty – 1
- Grocery stores – 1
- Hospitality – 1
- Target or Walmart – 1
- Ice Cream Parlor/Dairy – 1
- Kwik Trip – 1
- MPFC is out of line with their prices. Bring in HyVee, Trader Joes (for people that cannot eat MSG and preservatives) Caribou, Good Bakery, Perkins – 1
- Manufacturing and business service – 1
- Medical facilities – 1
- Menards. Would like to be closer to hospital and big box stores – 1
- Need a gas station in town – 1

- Need more grocery. Gas station. – 1
- New gas station – 1
- Pharmacy – 1
- Please, please level the grocery store and start new. A well maintained grocery store in that location could really do wonders for the community. – 1
- The ones we have are fine. Let's keep and promote our small town feel. – 1
- Tim Horton's – 1
- Trader Joe's or Aldi. Medical Center Pharmacy, Senior housing, Deli takeout- healthy options salads, fruits, veggie, hot entree options – 1
- VFW or Legion like the one in Buffalo – 1
- We need another Olson's at this end of town. Better coffee though! And somewhere that sells bait. – 1
- Bakery, ice cream, drug store, a REAL grocery store – 1

Other Comments.

Other comments that were written have been organized by topic. Many individuals wrote a comment that included more than one topic. In those instances, the highlighted text is the portion of the comment that relates to the corresponding topic.

Appearance:

- I think a major way to improve the aesthetics of our city would be to have/enforce rules around outdoor storage (junk) allowed to sit in homeowners lawns. Old vehicles (with no licensing) and other junk is an eye sore for all and does not lead to a positive city image.
- Should have an ordinance on how much junk you can have in your yard. Some yards are pitiful.
- The appearance of this town is atrocious.
- I wish the City had a better way to have residents maintain their properties, not allowing junk in yards and portable toilets- too many poorly maintained properties.
- Only if needed (in regards to City Hall and Fire Station) When you drive into Maple Plain from the west, the house south on 12 is a mess!!! That's what people see coming into our city. The KMH which isn't much better.
- Many homes are not maintained. Cost of water is too higher. Many times the plow clips the corner lots. Bryant park needs repair
- Taxes too high for what we get. Highway 12 west of town is a big mess.
- Get rid of Mediacom and open alternative internet option to citizens. Stuffed toys on poles near bridge- eye sore.
- Bryant wood Park- graffiti on slide, pea rock filled with weeds. MPFC needs updating or new ownership. Lack of local pharmacy is frustrating. Collision Corner makes City look poor. Welding business on Budd on a regular consistency has "free-items" (aka trash) sitting on curb. Looks dumpy.

- Stay renting in Discovery Center? Is Fire Station Expand/Renovate needed and how? (in regards to new City Hall and Fire Station Expand/Renovate question) Streets- very disappointing too many potholes. Parks- work in progress. Appearance of city- empty business. We moved to MP nearly 40 years ago - chose to stay for the schools and strong sense of community here with the churches as a big focal point.

Communications:

- Would like to receive City information via email
- Prefers information by targeted emails
- Communication by email
- The newsletter is great, very personable and we read it every time! The Pioneer is great too! We like our small town- keep it that way!
- Email for communication. Being a younger family it is extremely inconvenient to grocery shop 20 minutes away 2x a week. We desperately need a good grocery store.
- Communication by text message. I love Maple Plain. With that said, there needs to be a stoplight by the Library before something terrible happens. Thank you for all you do!
- Is there a problem with the current facilities? (In regards to City Hall and Fire Station). Wants affordable housing of all types. Prefers communication via email.
- Downtown is a dud. Wrote email to City officer and never received an acknowledgement.
- City Hall should be downtown and not located in a neighborhood. Need to update website with meeting minutes sooner. Keep pass through traffic on Hwy 12. Turn Independence Street into a cul-de-sac and return our neighborhood to the people and kids that live here- not for the convenience of those that use the Discovery Center. Hwy 12 access is fine for them.
- We have Baker Park and plenty of trails- but no shopping. Likes text or email for communication. We moved back to MN after 36 years and found MP very disappointing compared to change in Long Lake and Delano. Could not believe we have to drive to Delano or Plymouth to get to a drug store! And a grocery store.
- Need more detailed information as to why and for what purpose. Nice or necessary? (in regards to new City Hall and Fire Station Expand/Renovate question) Not rentals- police will tell you they get the most calls from rental apartments, we have enough. Email a newsletter- people could opt in or out. Links to events- sign -ups etc. A place for business to advertise specials, services, etc. You could charge them for that.
- Parks build community and we have seen this with the use now of Rainbow Park. Maintaining and keeping the area looking nice goes a long way, including the ice rink. I have tried to email comments and there is no direct line of communication to board members – poor for this day and age. Permits are not cost friendly.

Design Team:

- Whatever happened to the Design Team's recommendations? So many people involved in city mgmt. are newcomers that may not be aware of previous studies etc. that have been studied (to death) but never realized.
- What happened to all the work we did as a City with the design team several years ago? They addressed all these questions and presented some great plans- a few are apparently done by the post office - but- it seems a lot of work was done with little implementation! We get tired of doing our part and city officials disregard it.

Development/Business:

- Maple Plain is the closed business grave yard, stuck in the 1960's.
- Love the City- but we need more restaurants, retail, and to bring in more business, jobs, and tax base.
- Support in the use tax dollars to develop a new library
- It would be great to have a large grocery store such as Cub or Byerlys in Maple Plain!
- We love living in MP but would love to see more commercial business that would bring in tax revenue. It's a fine line between growing community and keeping the small town feel.
- Maple Plain is a small, safe community. Don't let the developers try to turn it into a mini Maple Grove. Leave it the way it is, that is why people love this town.
- Be more open to convenient shopping: -Good grocery store -Family dining
- We need to see gas station in town and someone with vision down the road or future to stimulate business growth- we are lacking in this area.
- The Park & Ride is a joke. The City should not build a new city hall or fire station. Use what we have.
- Email for communication. Being a younger family it is extremely inconvenient to grocery shop 20 minutes away 2x a week. We desperately need a good grocery store.
- We would love to see a community pool or splash pad located here - plenty of kids. Also, HyVee would be a perfect addition here - it takes care of food, retail and grocery in one place.
- We need more businesses! Bring back street dance!
- I am a small retail business owner in Maple Plain, and am thoroughly frustrated with the demise of the retail draw to our city. We have and will continue to be a drive by city without destination locations. This City will not thrive and grow unless more is done to improve our retail opportunities. Maple Plain continues to focus on large business, commercial development - which does bring in jobs - but also has the potential to support more retail. I have seen numerous retail businesses come and go over the last few years - one recently lasting less than 6 months! The only couple of things I would guess would draw a family to MP is lower housing costs and Orono Schools. Otherwise, there is nothing in this town to offer.
- Please improve that awful grocery store- it's overpriced and under-stocked.

- Everyone knows the MPFC must be torn down! Please!! We are very proud of our schools and community. Please UPDATE our city. Thank you.
- We miss Olson's! Do not squander our tax dollars!
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- Need shelter for homeless people that are trying to put their life back together and have a free community flower and veg garden where people can volunteer to take care of the garden. Family events: movies in the park, music in the park, community picnics, ice cream social, fish fry. Have events during spring, summer & fall.
- Where? Not $400,000 homes like behind the bank. There was a viable business (Olson's) bringing in taxes- now the City has open space! What ever happened to the comprehensive plan that was devised several years ago?
- Need more restaurants, better pedestrian routes along Hwy 12, police officers that know the area and don't take two hours to find a house within city limits.
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- Strongly agrees with urban development and strongly disagrees with taller buildings (in regards to question on supporting urban development in downtown areas of Maple Plain)
- Too many strip malls especially ones not being used. Do not build more buildings that will be empty. Trashy!
- We need more restaurants like other surrounding cities.
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Housing:

- More housing options for ownership for lower and middle income families would really be beneficial to the community of Maple Plain.
- Wants patio homes
- The City needs more single family homes in $200k (first time home buyer price range)
- Affordable housing for young families and college grads instead of building $400-$500 thousand dollar homes.
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- Is there a problem with the current facilities? (In regards to City Hall and Fire Station). Wants affordable housing of all types. Prefers communication via email.
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- Need more detailed information as to why and for what purpose. Nice or necessary? (in regards to new City Hall and Fire Station Expand/Renovate question) Not rentals- police will tell you they get the most calls from rental apartments, we have enough. Email a newsletter- people could opt in or out. Links to events- sign -ups etc. A place for business to advertise specials, services, etc. You could charge them for that.
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New City Hall and/or Fire Station Expand/Renovate:

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- The City should not build a new city hall or fire station. Use what we have.
- In regards to City Hall- tore old one down!? In regards to fire station expand/renovate- plan 1980-new exp. 2000-2010. Never happened "safety of high concern"

- Only if needed (in regards to City Hall and Fire Station) When you drive into Maple Plain from the west, the house south on 12 is a mess!!! That's what people see coming into our city. The KMH which isn't much better.
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- City Hall should be downtown and not located in a neighborhood. Need to update website with meeting minutes sooner. Keep pass through traffic on Hwy 12. Turn Independence Street into a cul-de-sac and return our neighborhood to the people and kids that live here- not for the convenience of those that use the Discovery Center. Hwy 12 access is fine for them.
- No increases to taxes
- Is there a need? (in regards to City Hall/Fire Station question) Thank you!
- Do not know what
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- If needed yes both
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Parks:

- Would love improvements to Rainbow Park
- Build a year-round walking trail around Northside Park
- Playground equipment on Rainbow Park is outdated, needs repairs too.
- We would love to see a community pool or splash pad located here - plenty of kids. Also, HyVee would be a perfect addition here - it takes care of food, retail and grocery in one place.
- Many homes are not maintained. Cost of water is too higher. Many times the plow clips the corner lots. Bryant park needs repair

- Bryant wood Park- graffiti on slide, pea rock filled with weeds. MPFC needs updating or new ownership. Lack of local pharmacy is frustrating. Collision Corner makes City look poor. Welding business on Budd on a regular consistency has "free-items" (aka trash) sitting on curb. Looks dumpy.
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Streets/Traffic:

- Snowplowing good besides Parkview Ave.
- Fix the roads. I've seen better gravel roads.
- Need to control speed on Hwy 12, perhaps with additional traffic light on Main which is part of Co Rd. 19 jct with 12. It is very difficult to cross 12 in town by vehicle.
- With the amount of traffic going through Maple Plain everyday, I think it is imperative to focus our resources on controlling traffic and reducing speeds for that safety of pedestrians and the citizens of Maple Plain. One road I see habitual speeding on is Main Street East north of Hwy 12 to Baker Park Rd. It would be nice to have a second speed sign north of Boundary Ave going north towards Baker Park Rd and another right after Howard going south towards Hwy 12. Speed bumps along Main Street East would be nice too, or curb bump outs to make the road feel slower and less wide
- Should stop larger vehicle traffic on Main St. E. A lot of people like to bike and walk to trails safely, too many kids play there, And also shouldn't jake brake in the town, very noisy!
- Communication by text message. I love Maple Plain. With that said, there needs to be a stoplight by the Library before something terrible happens. Thank you for all you do!
- Many homes are not maintained. Cost of water is too higher. Many times the plow clips the corner lots. Bryant park needs repair
- As a family we have discovered that the City is not pedestrian friendly- need sidewalks or shoulders on main roadways and more crosswalks- on CSAH 83 in particular
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- Taxes too high for what we get. Highway 12 west of town is a big mess.
- Quit raising the taxes, I see no benefit from increases.
- We miss Olson's! Do not squander our tax dollars!
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Water:

- Cloud city water is despicable. Have been told since April it would be fixed in 2 weeks and 4 and a half months later it is still horrible. Please fix. Sad part is we are paying the same amount. Not right.
- Wish you had envelopes to mail back your water/sewer bills.
- City water- cost too high for what you get.
- Eliminate City sales tax and storm sewer fees.
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- City water too expensive.

Other:

- Great way to get the community involved!!! Be sure to include the link in the city newsletter so everyone has an opportunity to take the survey!
- The Mayor & her team are doing a great job!
- Put city workers to work- very lazy!! Flush fire hydrants
- City maintenance staff not up to standards expected.
- Thank you for asking our opinion on all subjects.
- Great idea. Thank you for requesting input from residents.
- Is there a need? (in regards to City Hall/Fire Station question) Thank you!
- I love this town!
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- Everyone knows the MPFC must be torn down! Please!! We are very proud of our schools and community. Please UPDATE our city. Thank you.
- I feel we should have a third party do this analyzing not 2 City persons
- Great police dept! The less City government intrudes and regulates the better.
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