

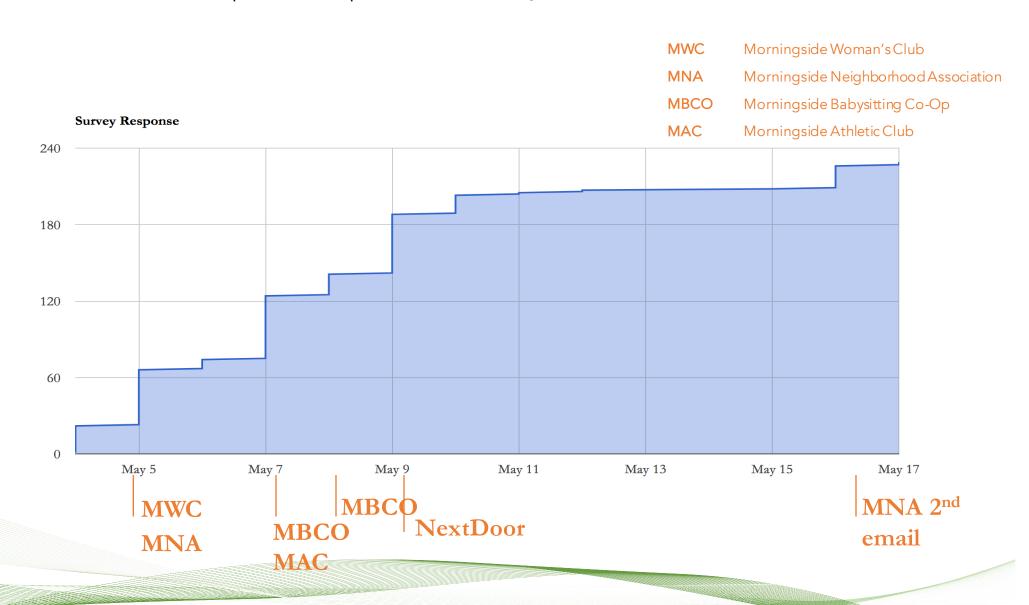
# Morningside Neighborhood Association

Neighborhood Survey, Spring 2017

## 239 Total Responses



The chart below tracks when the following neighborhood organizations encouraged their members to respond to respond to the survey.

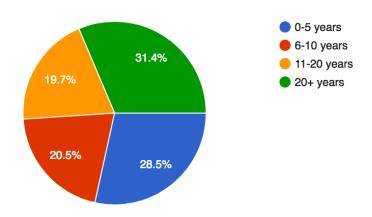


### Who Are We?



#### How long have you lived in the neighborhood?

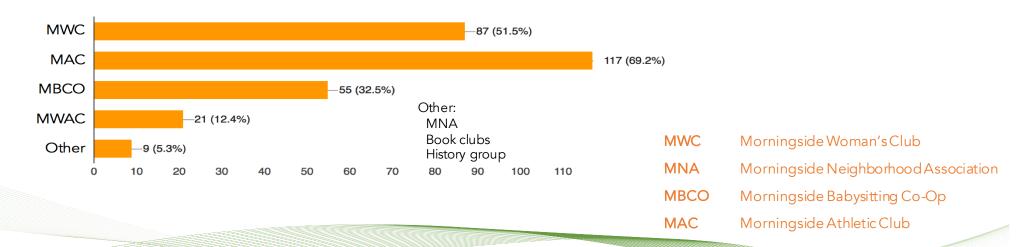
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Note: These responses were collected for each person who took the survey individually—NOT one per household (The City estimates that Morningside has 720 households)

#### Does anyone in your household participate in of one of the following groups?

169 responses

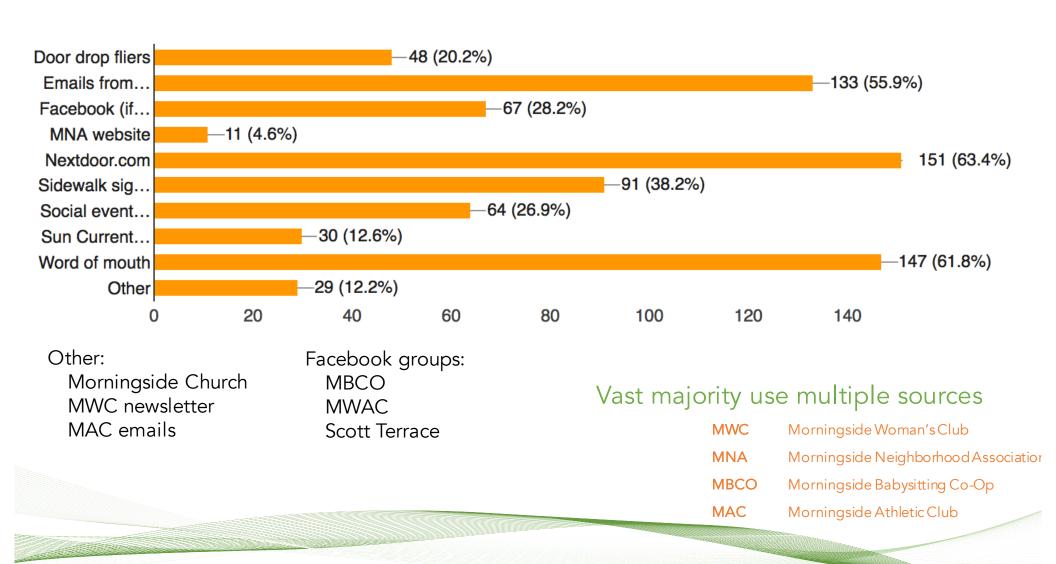


### How Do We Communicate?



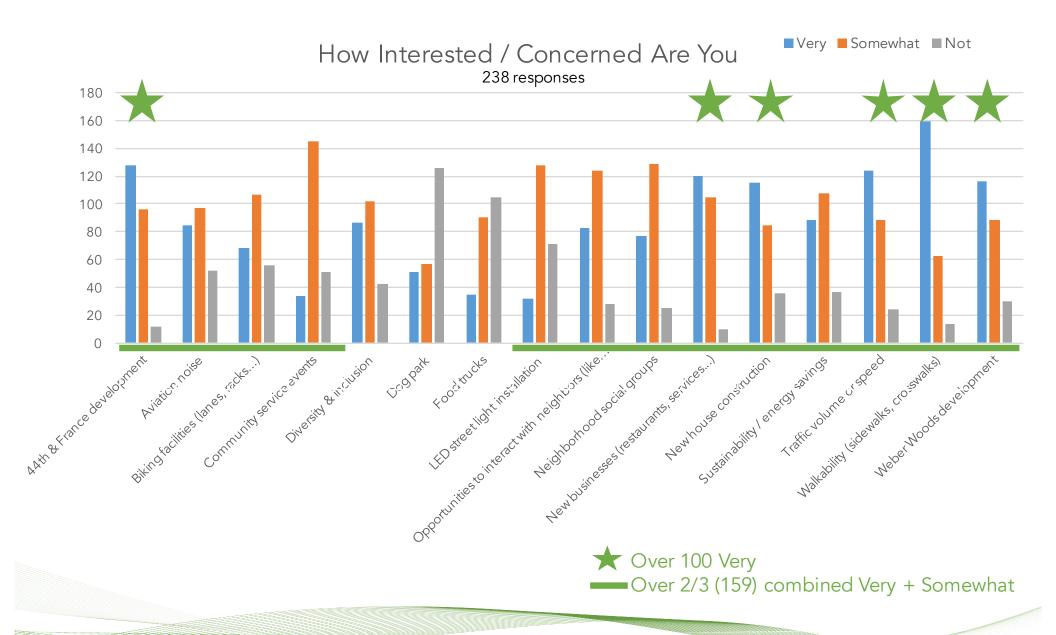
#### How do you typically get information about the neighborhood?

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### What Do We Care About?





### Open Comments: New Construction (30) 1 of 2



Noise pollution/traffic from builders

Controlling bad home construction

Income diversity. Smaller homes

Keeping the charm of the neighborhood.

Property Taxes - we are getting a double digit increase and the reason given by Edina Tax assessor was "Morningside is hot!" when told we did nothing to our property to warrant a 10% tax increase was told " no one in this office cares about that" we need a voice here as monster houses are raising all of our taxes, and actually hurting valuations.

preserving it's charm

Keeping out developers

I feel the way the city mismanages teardowns is having a significant negative impact on existing residents. The city is not enforcing rules sufficiently, there is constant interruption and inconvenience, our neighborhoods are losing social diversity, property taxes are becoming higher than mortgages, and generally it does not appear the city has given much thought to how this affects (and in ways is unfair to) existing residents who have lived and paid taxes in these neighborhoods for many years.

Keeping the size of housing in check. Constant huge construction projects.

The neighborhood feel that is being lost under all the mega mansions

The huge houses being built

Less home tear downs

Tear-downs, the scale of most new builds does not honor the neighborhood vernacular

Finding a way to stop the guys who are buying the foreclosure properties before the go open market.

I am disheartened and saddened to see the size and style of many of the new homes being constructed in Morningside. I would like to see some sort of limitations put in place before the "small town" feeling that attracted me to Morningside is lost forever. Unfortunately, it seems it may already be too late, judging from the two enormous and stylistically out of place houses recently constructed on the 4200 block of Grimes, and another on West 44th Street just East of Wooddale.

### Open Comments: New Construction (30) 2 of 2



Preserve the houses we have. Losing a lot of history....

Safety and comfort for residents due to constant construction.

Ugly McMansions, homes sold to builders before going on the market

Lack of diversity; so many teardowns and new houses >\$1 million

Supervised homes that don't fit the neighborhood profile

Construction noise

I'm very concerned about the huge number of teardowns/new houses that is changing the character of our historic and affordable neighborhood as well as moving in an unsustainable direction from an energy, environment and storm water management perspective

Especially concerned about the small area plan-- do not want the city to 50th & Francify us; really unhappy about the new Market Street development; the aviation noise has bee awful for years and DO NOT want to see it concentrated over our neighborhood

keeping diversity in housing pricing and size-humbleness is hugely important, not that the village is going that way

Maintaining the character of our neighborhood architecture.

Maintaining the character of morningside with all the new mcmansions going up

Eclectic neighborhood. Affordable houses. (Let's not tear every house down and end up with a million dollar + neighborhood!!!)

The size of the new homes

Identity...the number of home tear-downs to accommodate large homes in our community has changed the "feel" of Morningside. What was once home to many middle class families, many of Morningside's new residents would now be classified as upper income wage earners. Our children and their spouses, who have Masters and P.H.D. degrees, will probably never live in Morningside because it has become a more expensive area in which to live. The majority of the new homes that have been constructed in the past ten years are simply "out of reach" economically.

Retaining the small town (not Edina) atmosphere, which is rapidly disappearing.

#### Open Comments: People (24)



Active, kind, welcoming people. A wide variety of groups/activities to get involved in.

Keeping the small town feel. Utilizing church building for community events.

Peace

Close-knit vibrant community

preserving a sense of neighborhood togethemess even as the housing market turns over.

The people

Social connection

The people

The community is always looking out for one another.

The wonderful people and sense of community

Getting to know our wonderful neighbors!

Good neighbors

Its beauty and its sense of shared community. (By contrast, I previously lived in another part of Edina, and it seemed to me that the lack of sidewalks, large lots, and homes set back from the road all led to much fewer social interactions.)

Getting to know the neighbors

Diversity includes age, gender and income levels, not just race. Teardowns and new development have restricted new neighbors to those who can afford 1+ million-dollar homes (i.e. doctors, lawyers and corporate executives). It is becoming very homogenous, where once there were a variety of occupations, ages and income levels represented. New houses all look the same.

Community

That it continues to be a neighborhood where neighbors look out for each other.

The comfort of a neighborhood where people walk, talk with their neighbors, we can walk to shops and services,

We love the community of Morningside and the close-knit feeling.

neighborhood history and character

Maintaining the character of Momingside.

A Safe, friendly and Walkable community

The neighborhood pride - I love that folks want to know each other in the neighborhood and work to build community!

The fact that people care about their neighbors!

### Open Comments: Traffic / Safety (14)



We would like to avoid development that creates traffic, noise, and parking issues.

There should be a crosswalk with lights at the 42nd/France intersection it is only a matter of time before some idiot on their cell phone smacks a kid or mom.

add a stop sign at 40th and Grimes

Would like speed bumps or additional stop signs on 42nd and Morningside Ave

Traffic speeds on Morningside Rd and dangerous pedestrian crossings at France & 44th, Sunnyside (obstacle for shopping at local small businesses)

Traffic calming and safe pedestrian crossing of France avenue

Grimes hill south of 42nd, construction parking in general

crime and solicitors

Safety, too many break ins along France

It's extremely dangerous to have bikes riding on the sidewalk in this area.

Traffic and noise control; walkability; attractiveness

The area becomes more pedestrian friendly.

Crime

Keep improving the walkability. Want to see slower traffic speeds (37 mph average is unacceptable) for sharing roads with bicycles and school bus stops. Overall with new builds historic character is being lost. Concerned about increased homogeneous demographic, reducing the village quality and potential diversity opportunities for the neighborhood.

### Open Comments: Misc. (14)



#### Potholes and deteriorating streets

esp. interested in Dark Sky Lighting installations for street lights; safer, preserves night sky, efficient. No glaring streetlights, thank you. Also, monitoring building site conditions, pace of work, impact on streets.

#### Weber Park Development

Outside of those categories where Morningside can be made more vibrant (with smart, small-scale development that serves the direct practical/social needs of the neighborhood, diverse range of people/businesses, etc.), I am in favor of anything that promotes and preserves Morningside's wonderful character: that of a bucolic and cozy community that still retains the energy, lifestyle, and walkability of the city, and where neighbors truly interact with each other.

Sustainable & Bee Friendly lawns

Restroom facilities at all our parks

Support for our youth. Any time something bad in the neighborhood happens, e.g. Car break ins, its usually followed with "probably kids". The kids coming out of this community are GOOD. So much so they keep our house values strong. We, as a neighborhood, need to stop blaming kids and be proud and thankful for kids.

Walkability, quiet

Neighbors, School District, Convenient location, Inclusivity, Safety

Play ground facilities

City of Edina decisions on parks, development, and schools.

Diversity, connection, tear down and reconstruction, 44th/France vibrancy

SAVE WEBER FOREST!!!

pothole repair, clean water, construction of large houses, sidewalks

## Morningside Events



#### What Morningside events have you attended or would like to attend?

171 responses

