

RAGAN DESIGN GROUP
West Maple Neighborhood Survey
Results from Pennsauken Respondents

PENNSAUKEN NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 14

A. BACKGROUND

1. What city or town are you located in?

Camden	Merchantville	Pennsauken
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2. Are you a resident, business, or property owner in the neighborhood?

Resident	Business Owner	Property Owner
13		7
93%	0%	50%

3. What is the primary language spoken in your household?

English	No Response
14	0
100%	0%

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B. QUALITY OF LIFE

4. Please rate the following conditions in the West Maple Neighborhood.

Conditions	Excellent		Good		Fair		Bad		No Response	
Safety	1	7%	5	36%	7	50%	1	7%		0%
Appearance		0%	4	29%	6	43%	4	29%		0%
Housing Conditions		0%	6	43%	6	43%	2	14%		0%
Parking		0%	6	43%	3	21%	5	36%		0%
Sidewalk Condions		0%	6	43%	5	36%	3	21%		0%
Roadway Conditions		0%	4	29%	8	57%	2	14%		0%
Goods/Services Available	1	7%	5	36%	7	50%	1	7%		0%
Recreation Opportunities		0%	3	21%	4	29%	7	50%		0%
Racial & Ethnic Harmony		0%	9	64%	3	21%	1	7%	1	7%
Transportation Options	2	14%	9	64%	2	14%		0%	1	7%

* i.e., space, privacy, housing comfort, housing maintenance

Comments:

1. Two houses on Lafayette are totally dilapidated, one being 4701 Lafayette Ave.. 2. Recreation opportunities - none for teens. 3. Parking conditions bad - reside on one way street. 4. Goods and services - mostly all shopping done in Cherry Hill. 5. Need for alley on Lafayette Ave. to be paved. 6. Parking: too many cars no space, 7. Recreation: children are constantly in the streets, playing baseball, basketball and they are scratching and denting cars.

5. Please rate the following services in the West Maple neighborhood.

Services	Excellent		Good		Fair		Bad		No Response	
Garbage Pick Up	1	7%	4	29%	8	57%		0%	1	7%
Street Cleanng		0%	4	29%	2	14%	7	50%	1	7%
Snow Removal	1	7%	3	21%	3	21%	7	50%		0%
Quality of Education		0%	5	36%	6	43%	1	7%	2	14%
Emergency Response	5	36%	9	64%		0%		0%		0%
Patrols to Prevent Crimes	2	14%	6	43%	5	36%	1	7%		0%
Enforcement: Parking Violations		0%	5	36%	5	36%	3	21%	1	7%
Enforcement: Speeding Vehicles		0%	8	57%	4	29%	2	14%		0%

Enforcement: Property Maintenance Codes & Zoning Regulations		0%	6	43%	3	21%	5	36%		0%	14
Communication with Residents		0%	7	50%	4	29%	2	14%	1	7%	14

Comments:

1. Two houses on Lafayette are allowed to remain in poor condition, bringing down property values. Too many renters in neighborhood. 2. Snow removal - not done great in 2010-11. 3. Street cleaning - trash on Lafayette Ave. alley and street. 4. Property maintenance - trash left by neighbors on street; Neighbor has trash all through the yard around my fence. I called it in and nothing was done. I can't even park on the side which I share with neighbor because of her trash and she keeps her car in the middle, no room for my car. To avoid I just park in front.

6. Are any of the following concerns in the West Maple Neighborhood?

Concerns	Yes		No		No Response		
Abandoned Cars or Vehicles	1	7%	12	86%	1	7%	14
Run Down or Blighted Buildings	8	57%	6	43%		0%	14
Graffiti	4	29%	8	57%	2	14%	14
Cleanliness	10	71%	3	21%	1	7%	14
Vacant Buildings	7	50%	6	43%	1	7%	14
Overgrown Weeds or Poorly Maintained Yards	8	57%	4	29%	2	14%	14
Unattractive Entrance into Neighborhood from Route 130	8	57%	5	36%	1	7%	14
Other: Please Specify	4	29%	1	7%	9	64%	14

Comments:

1. Major concern is 4701 Lafayette Ave., it is literally falling apart and nothing is being done. 2. Two buildings at Maple and Route 130. 3. Neighbors not responsible for keeping their trash tied up tightly (Lafayette). 4. Other: loose dogs - trash left in alley and on street by irresponsible neighbors. 5. Potholes and in my block they are selling drugs!! Kids smoking pot in the alleyway of Harding Road.

C. CIRCULATION

7. Do you feel safe walking or bicycling in the West Maple neighborhood?

Categories	Very Safe		Safe		Somewhat Unsafe		Not Safe		No Response		
In the Daytime	4	29%	6	43%	4	29%		0%		0%	14
After Dark	1	7%	4	29%	3	21%	5	36%	1	7%	14

Comments:

1. I don't walk after dark. 2. Lafayette area very dark. 3. After dark: drugs.

8. Would any of the following increase your desire to walk or ride a bicycle in your neighborhood?

Conditions	Yes		No		No Response		
More Lighting Along Sidewalks	9	64%	3	21%	2	14%	14
More Crosswalks to Safely Cross Street	7	50%	5	36%	2	14%	14
Designated Bicycle Lane	5	36%	7	50%	2	14%	14
More Accessibility for Disabled Persons	3	21%	6	43%	5	36%	14
More Police Patrol in Neighborhood	12	86%		0%	2	14%	14
Slower Car Speeds in Neighborhood	12	86%	1	7%	1	7%	14
More Place to go to in the Neighborhood	8	57%	4	29%	2	14%	14
Secure Places to Park Your Bicycle	8	57%	3	21%	3	21%	14
Other (Please Specify)		0%		0%	14	100%	14

Comments:

1. Maybe speed bump on West End Ave. 2. Police patrol in neighborhood is definitely needed. 3. Don't ride bicycles. 4. More Accessibility for disabled - not sure 5. Slower car speeds - speed limits are fine if observed. 6. More accessibility for disabled persons: if needed. 7. More police patrol: in Harding Road at the end corner. 8. Slower car speeds: sometimes they do.

9. Do you use public bus transportation?

Yes		No		No Response	
3	21%	10	71%	1	7%

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Comments:

None.

10. How often do you use the footbridge that crosses over Route 130?

Often		Sometimes		Rarely		Never	
1	7%	3	21%	3	21%	7	50%

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Comments:

1. My children use it. 2. Others use it.

11. Would any of the following conditions increase your desire to use the footbridge?

Conditions	Yes		No		No Response	
More Lighting Along Footbridge	6	43%	5	36%	3	21%
More Places To Go On The Other Side	5	36%	7	50%	2	14%
More Attractive Entrance to Footbridge	5	36%	7	50%	2	14%
Accessibility for Disabled Persons	4	29%	5	36%	5	36%

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Comments:

1. Entrance to footbridge - trash pick up needed. 2. N/A. 3. Entrance to footbridge: cleaned, maintenance. 4. maintained. 5. Accessibility for disabled: they can use it.

12. Are any of the following concerns in the West Maple Neighborhood?

Concerns	Yes		No		No Response	
Need More Areas for Public Parking	5	36%	7	50%	2	14%
Too Many Motor Vehicles Driving Through Neighborhood	8	57%	5	36%	1	7%
Too Many Motor Vehicles Speeding Through Neighborhood	11	79%	3	21%		0%
Too Many One Way Streets	1	7%	10	71%	3	21%

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Comments:

1. Too many vehicles driving through neighborhood: drug related.

D. RECREATION

13. Do you use Wellwood Park? What type of recreation facilities would you like to see there?

Question	Yes		No		No Response	
Do you use Wellwood Park?	9	64%	5	36%		0%

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Comments/Desired Facilities:

1. Basketball courts. 2. Better playground equipment, updated benches, more lighting. 3. Use park during July 4th celebration. 4. Basketball 5. I take my grandchildren there 4 yrs. and 2 yrs old. 6. Basketball court.

E. NEIGHBORHOOD GOODS AND SERVICES

14. What type of products or services would you like to see located in your neighborhood in the future?

Categories	Yes		No		No Response	
Automotive Services/Parts		0%	6	43%	8	57%
Alcoholic Beverages		0%	9	64%	5	36%
Bakery	9	64%	2	14%	3	21%
Bank	3	21%	5	36%	6	43%
Clothing/Shoes	5	36%	3	21%	6	43%
Café/Restaurant	8	57%	3	21%	3	21%
Coffee Shop	6	43%	5	36%	3	21%
Convenience Store	8	57%	2	14%	4	29%
Farmer's Market/Craft Fair	9	64%	2	14%	3	21%
Gas Station	4	29%	5	36%	5	36%
Grocery Store	6	43%	3	21%	5	36%
Categories	Yes		No		No Response	
Grocery Store (Specialty)	3	21%	5	36%	6	43%
Hair Salon	2	14%	5	36%	7	50%
Hardware/Garden Supplies	7	50%	3	21%	4	29%
Laundry/Dry Cleaning	4	29%	4	29%	6	43%
Medical/Dental/Vision Services	3	21%	5	36%	6	43%
Nail Salon	1	7%	6	43%	7	50%
Pharmacy	5	36%	4	29%	5	36%
Police Sub-station	10	71%	2	14%	2	14%
Professional Office (Engineer, Architect, Etc.)	3	21%	5	36%	6	43%
Other Products, Services, Activities (Please Specify)		0%	2	14%	12	86%

Comments:
1. We have everything else within walking distance. 2. Alcoholic beverages: BIG NO! 3. Bank: we have two already close by. 3. Pharmacy: maybe.

F. SENSE OF COMMUNITY

15. Please answer the following questions about the sense of community in the West Maple Neighborhood?

Categories	Yes		No		No Response	
Do you feel that members of your neighborhood matter to one another?	7	50%	5	36%	2	14%
Do you feel that your city/town cares about the needs and opinions of the members of your neighborhood?	5	36%	5	36%	4	29%

Comments:
Question #1 - 1. Only on my street of long time residents, connecting street has higher turnover. 2. It doesn't feel like everyone is proud of the community. 3. Just a few, everyone is for themselves.
Question #2 - 1. Although police are responsive and professional (have required regular contact). 2. The neglect of cleanliness and back alley unpaved. 3. We will see, if anyone reads this, don't really know. 4. I would love to get involved but I work.

G. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

16. Do you have any additional comments or suggestions for improving the West Maple Neighborhood?

- 1. Mosquito control.
- 2. Streets are too crowded with cars parked on both sides, only one car traveling can get through, Clayton Ave. is a perfect, example, hard to see pedestrians crossing street, example, hard to see pedestrians crossing street, otherwise I think it's a lovely neighborhood.
- 3. Owner of apartment bldg located at Maple & Roosevelt does not provide proper trash collection system for residents, area surrounding building is unkempt and dirty.
- 4. Could you please bring back the mailboxes? It is impossible to mail my bills if I miss the mailman or don't make it to the door on time (I walk very slowly).

5. Thank you so much! I really appreciate this survey, I feel that from this survey a difference can be made in our neighborhood. I just bought a house on Lafayette Ave. a year ago and I want to be proud of where I live and not see the trash outside my window everyday. My sons and I are constantly cleaning up outside around our house. Interested in joining Task Force!
6. Too many houses for rent - not enough being sold. People who own would likely take better care of their property. Need some activities for kids, (especially teens) so that they don't hang out on corners. The alley between Harding Road needs better maintenance.
7. I live on Myrtle Ave. - row homes - we are never advised ahead of time about leaf pickup so we can ask the neighbors to move their cars. Also trash pickup especially in bad weather can go weeks before we see a trash truck.
8. I have been a resident on Lafayette Ave. for 19 yrs. In that time I have lived in one of Pennsauken's forgotten neighborhoods. Myself and a few dedicated others used to be part of a Neighborhood Watch Program. It died because those that were part of it, save me, moved because they were so disgusted by the constant crimes committed with impunity for so many years. If you or any of your representatives want to really know my neighborhood, come to my house, walk the neighborhood with me, the cluttered, ugly alleyways, the garbage, the crowded parking areas with many many cars with PA tags who's owners clearly reside on the block. Lots of problems - thanks for reading this.
9. Yes, I would like to see a spring cleaning day. Where all neighbors come out and help each other clean yards and streets. Would love to have a trash can on our street just like in the park. A doggy park too, not that big but not that little either. We need the trash bins for plastic and cans. Don't forget the basketball court. In the summer and winter but especially summer they should have a curfew for kids being in the streets.