



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS AND ACCESSIBLE GOVERNMENT

What would make
Red Wing a better
place to live?

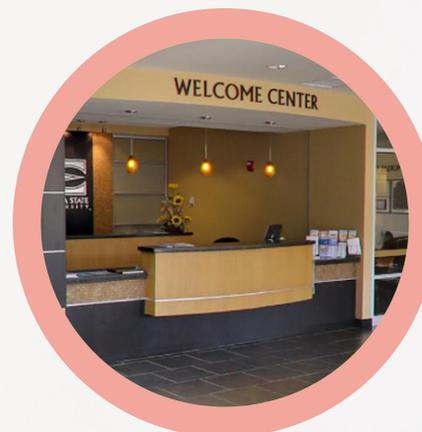
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responses across all 2017 engagement suggested that fostering positive community interactions, offering more services and resources to residents, and improving the way the government engages with the community would make Red Wing a better place to live. Here are the top 7 responses related to Community Connections and Accessible Government.



Better Communication and Engagement

Outreach to the many groups that comprise Red Wing's population was identified as essential to improving relations between City government and residents. Improved communication and engagement was mentioned 131 times.



A Youth, Community, and Welcome Center

Throughout all the surveys, 125 people mentioned wanting a center to support youth, teens, families, and other Red Wing residents, both new and current. 77% of respondents to the Hispanic Survey indicated they would use a Welcome Center if one was available.



More Programs, Activities and Events

Additional event offerings were mentioned as desired 109 times. Residents want more family-friendly activities, evening entertainment, and free or low-cost things for kids and teens to do. Respondents to the 2015 Latino Survey indicated they would appreciate more opportunities for social and cultural celebrations.

What do folks like most about living in Red Wing?

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Small-Town Atmosphere

294

Welcoming and Friendly People

145

Friends and Family

95

Sense of Community

77

Positive Community Attitude

9

Community History



Efforts toward Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Building

The importance of cultivating a supportive community was listed 64 times throughout public engagement efforts. Respondents mentioned their desire to better recognize and celebrate the value that newcomers, older residents, and those with diverse backgrounds and perspectives bring to the community.

Residents believe that having more city, neighborhood, and new-resident events would facilitate community building.

Services and Amenities

Sixty people referenced their desire for additional services or amenities, including resources for underrepresented groups and those in need, infrastructure upkeep, property maintenance and revitalization, and improvements to City services like snowplowing, waste removal, and recycling.

Documentation, Resources, and Representation for Immigrants

Surveys of Red Wing's Latino residents indicated they need to be better connected to immigration resources, legal and medical interpreters, and representation regarding workers' rights. These issues were referenced 50 times. The desire for driver's licenses regardless of immigration status was indicated as a major way to improve the quality of life for immigrant residents.

Better Community Planning

Thirty-three responses to the Community Survey indicated that more focus on community planning and zoning would make Red Wing a better place to live. Decisions about land use and zoning have major impacts on the way the city grows and functions.