Tepe Park Neighborhood Survey: 2023
October 2023 through November 2023

The Tepe Park Neighborhood Survey was conducted in 2018 and again in 2023 to examine progress toward goals included in the Tepe Park Quality of Life Plan. Both survey administrations began with a mailed survey to all residents with a valid mailing address, followed by door-to-door canvassing using neighborhood volunteers.

In 2023, a total of 131 individuals (age 18 and over) completed the survey, which resulted in an error rate of +/- 8.0% with a confidence level of 95% (i.e., this means that we can be 95% confident that results fall within 8 percentage points above and below the percentage reported). To ensure representation across the service area, respondents' census block group was tracked. All block groups in the area had representation among the survey responses. Data were also weighted by key demographic characteristics including age, gender, race/ethnicity, education, and rent/ownership status.

> **131** participants in 2023
> Participants reported living in their current neighborhood an average of **17 years** (range 1 month to 55 years), while residing at their current address an average of **15 years** (range 1 month to 55 years)
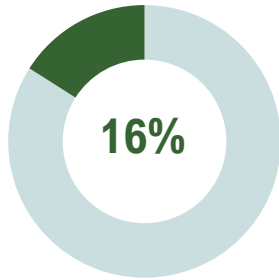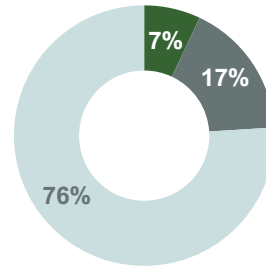
⊕ Key Findings

> **About half** of residents who lived in the neighborhood for more than 5 years reported improvement in:
  - ✓ Communication about the neighborhood (**55%**)
  - ✓ Overall quality of life of residents (**53%**)
  - ✓ The level of trust and connectedness (**53%**)
  - ✓ Safety of the neighborhood (**48%**)

> **Significant improvement from 2023 to 2018 was found for the following areas:**
  - ✓ My neighborhood is a place I want to stay
  - ✓ Activities available in the neighborhood allow people of all ages to interact
  - ✓ Feeling prepared to own a home
  - ✓ Neighborhood being safe during the day
  - ✓ Youth volunteering in the neighborhood
  - ✓ Positive activities for youth to be involved in during the school year and summer

> **High levels of flourishing** among neighbors are present. Close Personal Relationships, Meaning and Purpose, and Character and Virtue are among the highest rated domains relative to others, and Financial and Material Stability is the lowest rated domain.

Neighborhood Association Involvement

Percent of residents reporting having attended a Tepe Park Neighborhood Association meeting within the past year:

16%

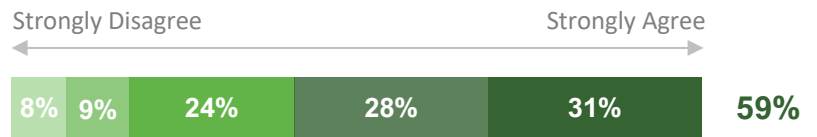**How involved are you in the Tepe Park Neighborhood Association?**

7%

17%

76%

■ Very ■ Somewhat ■ Not at all

If **not at all involved** in the neighborhood association, residents were asked to explain why they are not involved. Two key themes were identified: **lack of awareness/communication** and **health factors**. Themes and examples specific to results are provided below.

Reasons for not being involved in the neighborhood association:	Lack of Awareness/Communication (e.g., don't know about it, confusion about time and locations)	34%
	Health Factors (e.g., disability, health problems)	25%
	Employment Commitments (e.g., work a lot, work third shift)	12%
	Other (e.g., do not have transportation, I try to take care of my own block)	11%
	Lack of Time/Initiative (e.g., no time, not interested)	10%
	New to Neighborhood (e.g., just moved here)	5%
	No Specific Reason Provided (e.g., no particular reason)	4%

Trust, Connectedness, and Pride

> **59%** of residents agreed (agree/strongly agree) that **their neighborhood is a place they want to stay**. Further, **31%** strongly agreed.

> **41%** of residents agreed (agree/strongly agree) that **activities were available in the neighborhood to allow people of all ages to interact together**. Further, **18%** strongly agreed.

Strongly Disagree ← → Strongly Agree

| 8% | 9% | 24% | 28% | 31% | **59%** |

| 13% | 12% | 34% | 23% | 18% | **41%** |

		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	In the Middle	Agree	Strongly Agree	Agree / Strongly Agree
a.	I am proud to live in this neighborhood.	3%	9%	23%	34%	31%	**65%**
b.	My neighborhood is a place I want to stay.	8%	9%	24%	28%	31%	**59%**
c.	I feel connected to my neighbors.	5%	14%	33%	31%	16%	**47%**
d.	People in my neighborhood participate in community activities that allow for social interaction.	13%	20%	40%	13%	13%	**27%**
e.	People in my neighborhood are willing to help each other.	4%	9%	38%	25%	24%	**49%**
f.	People in my neighborhood can be trusted.	9%	9%	45%	18%	20%	**38%**
g.	There are activities in this neighborhood that allow people of all ages to interact together.	13%	12%	34%	23%	18%	**41%**

Community Voice and Partnership

		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	In the Middle	Agree	Strongly Agree	Agree / Strongly Agree
a.	Residents have the opportunity to provide input into how <u>nonprofits</u> do their work in the neighborhood.	6%	15%	47%	22%	10%	**32%**
b.	Residents have the opportunity to provide input into how <u>churches</u> do projects in the neighborhood.	3%	19%	43%	27%	9%	**36%**
c.	Residents have the opportunity to provide input into how the <u>City</u> does work in the neighborhood.	18%	17%	37%	18%	10%	**28%**
d.	Overall, nonprofits serving our neighborhood are working in our best interest.	6%	9%	42%	25%	19%	**44%**
e.	Businesses located in or near our neighborhood are helpful in improving our neighborhood.	6%	15%	41%	27%	12%	**39%**

Employment Opportunities

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	In the Middle	Agree	Strongly Agree	Agree / Strongly Agree
a. Residents have employment opportunities in or near this neighborhood.	10%	31%	31%	19%	8%	27%

Housing Opportunities

> **80%** of residents agreed (agree/strongly agree) that **they feel prepared to own a home.** Further, **44%** strongly agreed.
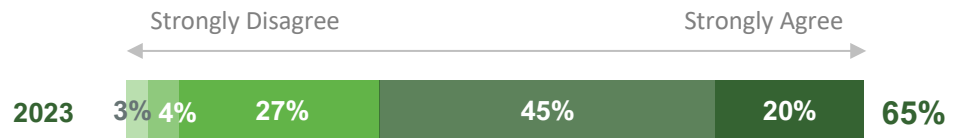
Strongly Disagree ← → Strongly Agree

| 6% | 3% | 12% | 36% | 44% | 80% |

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	In the Middle	Agree	Strongly Agree	Agree / Strongly Agree
a. Housing in my neighborhood is affordable.	7%	11%	34%	35%	13%	48%
b. There is a good mix of housing in my neighborhood that fits most people's needs.	3%	19%	31%	35%	13%	48%
c. In general, homes in my neighborhood are kept in good condition.	11%	24%	31%	23%	10%	33%
d. I have the knowledge and skills to take care of my home.	2%	2%	16%	45%	35%	80%
e. I have the resources to take care of my home.	4%	8%	21%	37%	31%	67%
f. I feel prepared to own a home.	6%	3%	12%	36%	44%	80%

Neighborhood Services

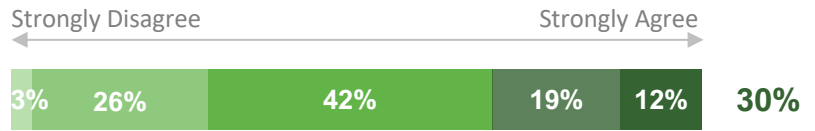|	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	In the Middle	Agree	Strongly Agree	Agree / Strongly Agree
a. I am able to buy the items I need (groceries, personal items, household goods, etc.) in my neighborhood.	20%	12%	15%	33%	21%	54%
b. I have transportation to go to the doctor or health center.	6%	4%	9%	38%	43%	81%
c. There are healthy foods available in or near my neighborhood.	13%	16%	23%	28%	21%	48%
d. My neighborhood is a good place to take a walk or ride a bike.	13%	10%	39%	22%	16%	38%
e. Residents use the nearby park to play and interact with their neighbors.	5%	11%	34%	34%	17%	51%
f. There are places in my neighborhood where I can exercise.	13%	19%	30%	23%	16%	39%
g. Public recreational spaces (park, trails) in my neighborhood meet my needs.	11%	15%	32%	25%	17%	42%
h. Arts and entertainment opportunities meet my needs.	12%	19%	36%	22%	11%	33%

Safety

> **65%** of residents agreed (agree/strongly agree) that **their neighborhood is safe during the day**. Further, **20%** strongly agreed.

Strongly Disagree ← → Strongly Agree

2023   3% 4%   27%   45%   20%   **65%**

2023	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	In the Middle	Agree	Strongly Agree	Agree / Strongly Agree
a. The streets and sidewalks in my neighborhood are kept in good condition.	21%	24%	33%	15%	7%	22%
b. The park (Tepe Park) in the neighborhood is safe.	4%	14%	32%	40%	11%	50%
c. Public transportation (including bus stops and riding the bus) in my neighborhood is safe.	1%	9%	26%	50%	14%	63%
d. My neighborhood is safe.	8%	15%	41%	23%	13%	36%
e. My neighborhood is safe during the day.	3%	4%	27%	45%	20%	65%
f. My neighborhood is safe at night.	18%	24%	35%	12%	11%	23%
g. My neighborhood has good police protection.	12%	12%	41%	25%	10%	35%
h. I believe that people who do not live or work in Tepe Park feel safe coming to this neighborhood.	16%	16%	34%	24%	10%	34%

Youth

> **30%** of residents agreed (agree/strongly agree) that **youth volunteer in the neighborhood**. Further, **12%** strongly agreed.

Strongly Disagree ← → Strongly Agree

| 3% | 26% | 42% | 19% | 12% | **30%** |

> **31%** of residents agreed (agree/strongly agree) that **there are positive activities for youth in the neighborhood throughout the school year and summer**.

Agree/Strongly Agree

31%

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	In the Middle	Agree	Strongly Agree	Agree / Strongly Agree
a. Youth can find positive role models in this neighborhood.	2%	12%	47%	25%	14%	**39%**
b. Youth volunteer in the neighborhood.	3%	26%	42%	19%	12%	**30%**
c. Youth in the neighborhood have opportunities that help them see a positive future.	3%	20%	43%	21%	12%	**33%**
d. There are positive activities for youth in the neighborhood throughout the <u>school year</u> and <u>summer</u>.	3%	21%	45%	20%	11%	**31%**

Overall Feeling

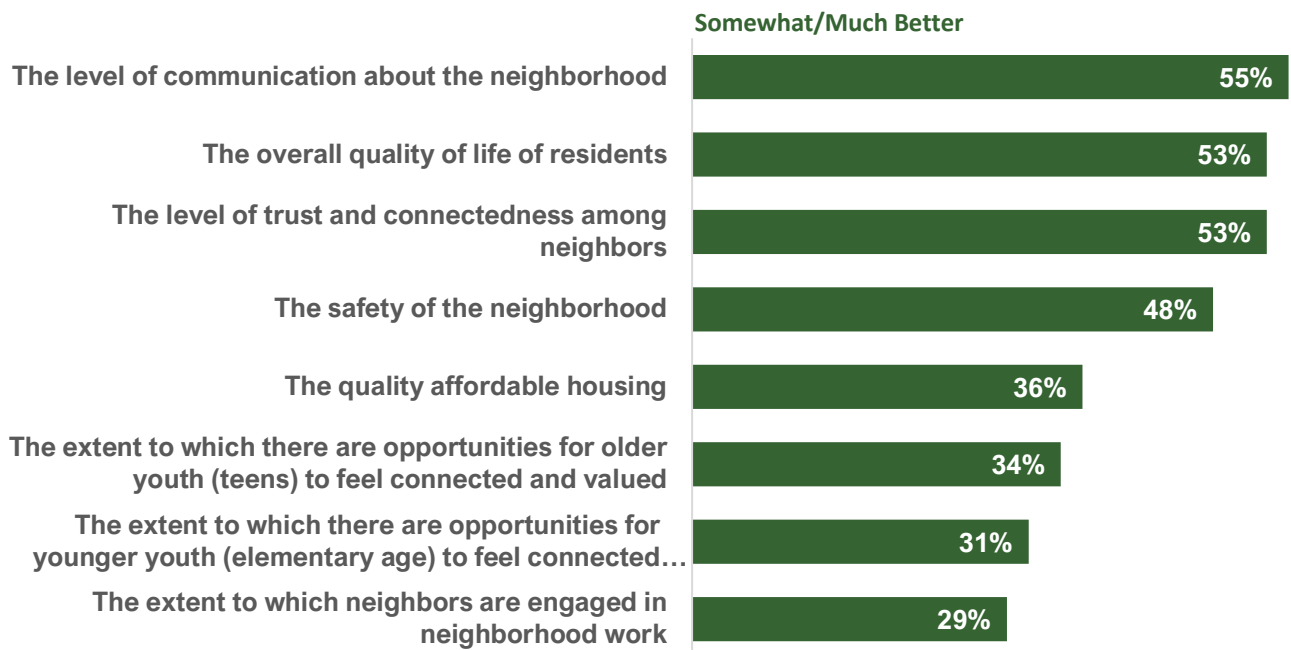|	Don't Know	Dislike It	Like It	Love It	Like It/ Love It
a. What is your overall feeling about your neighborhood?	5%	12%	50%	33%	**83%**

Overall Satisfaction

	Don't Know	Very Dis-satisfied	Dis-satisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	Satisfied/ Very Satisfied
a. Overall, considering everything, how satisfied would you say you are living in your current neighborhood?	4%	3%	7%	34%	32%	22%	**53%**

Neighbors

	None	Some	Most	All	Most/All
a. How many of your neighbors' names do you know living on your block?	10%	59%	24%	7%	31%

Perceived Improvement

Somewhat/Much Better

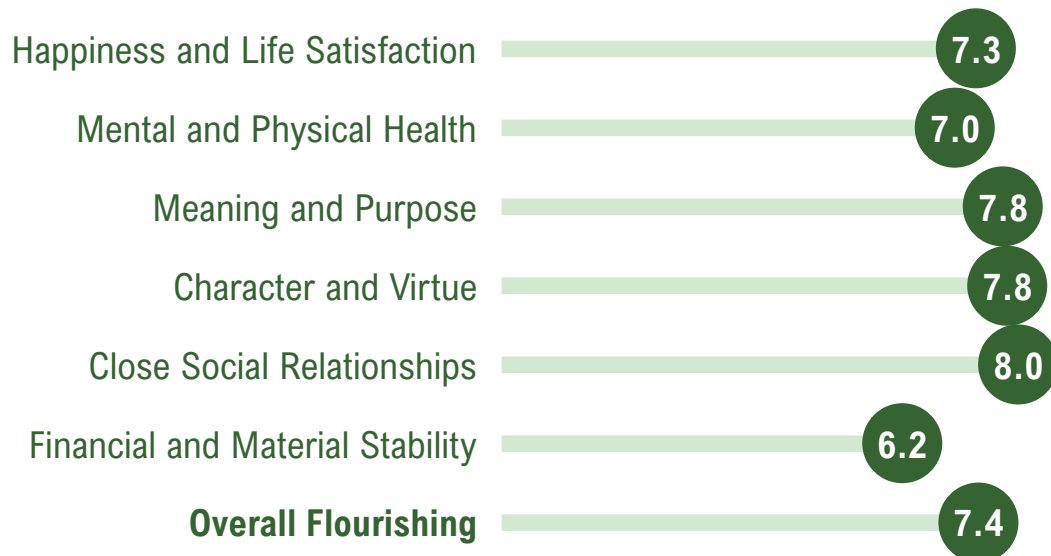| Category	Percent
The level of communication about the neighborhood	55%
The overall quality of life of residents	53%
The level of trust and connectedness among neighbors	53%
The safety of the neighborhood	48%
The quality affordable housing	36%
The extent to which there are opportunities for older youth (teens) to feel connected and valued	34%
The extent to which there are opportunities for younger youth (elementary age) to feel connected…	31%
The extent to which neighbors are engaged in neighborhood work	29%

(Of those living in the neighborhood for more than 5 years and not indicating Don't Know)	Much Worse	Somewhat Worse	Stayed the Same	Somewhat Better	Much Better	Somewhat/Much Better
a. The level of trust and connectedness among neighbors is…	1%	6%	40%	45%	8%	53%
b. The extent to which neighbors are engaged in neighborhood work is…	1%	13%	57%	21%	8%	29%
c. The extent to which there are opportunities for younger youth (elementary age) to feel connected and valued is…	3%	20%	46%	21%	10%	31%
d. The extent to which there are opportunities for older youth (teens) to feel connected and valued is…	3%	14%	50%	26%	8%	34%
e. The quality affordable housing is…	8%	18%	38%	27%	9%	36%
f. The safety of the neighborhood is...	8%	9%	36%	43%	5%	48%
g. The overall quality of life of residents is….	1%	7%	39%	46%	7%	53%
h. The level of communication about the neighborhood is…	2%	12%	31%	35%	20%	55%

Flourishing Index

The Tepe Park Neighborhood Survey included items from the Harvard Flourishing Index (HFI)[1]. The HFI is comprised of twelve items and six domains: Happiness and Life Satisfaction, Mental and Physical Health, Meaning and Purpose, Character and Virtue, Close Social Relationships, and Financial and Material Stability. Each item is rated on a scale of 0-10. The final score for each domain is the average of the two items in the domain. Additionally, the Overall Flourishing score is the average of all twelve items.

◖ Overall, Tepe Park residents report a **high level of flourishing** (>7). Close Personal Relationships, Meaning and Purpose, and Character and Virtue are the highest rated domains relative to others, and Financial and Material Stability is the lowest rated domain.
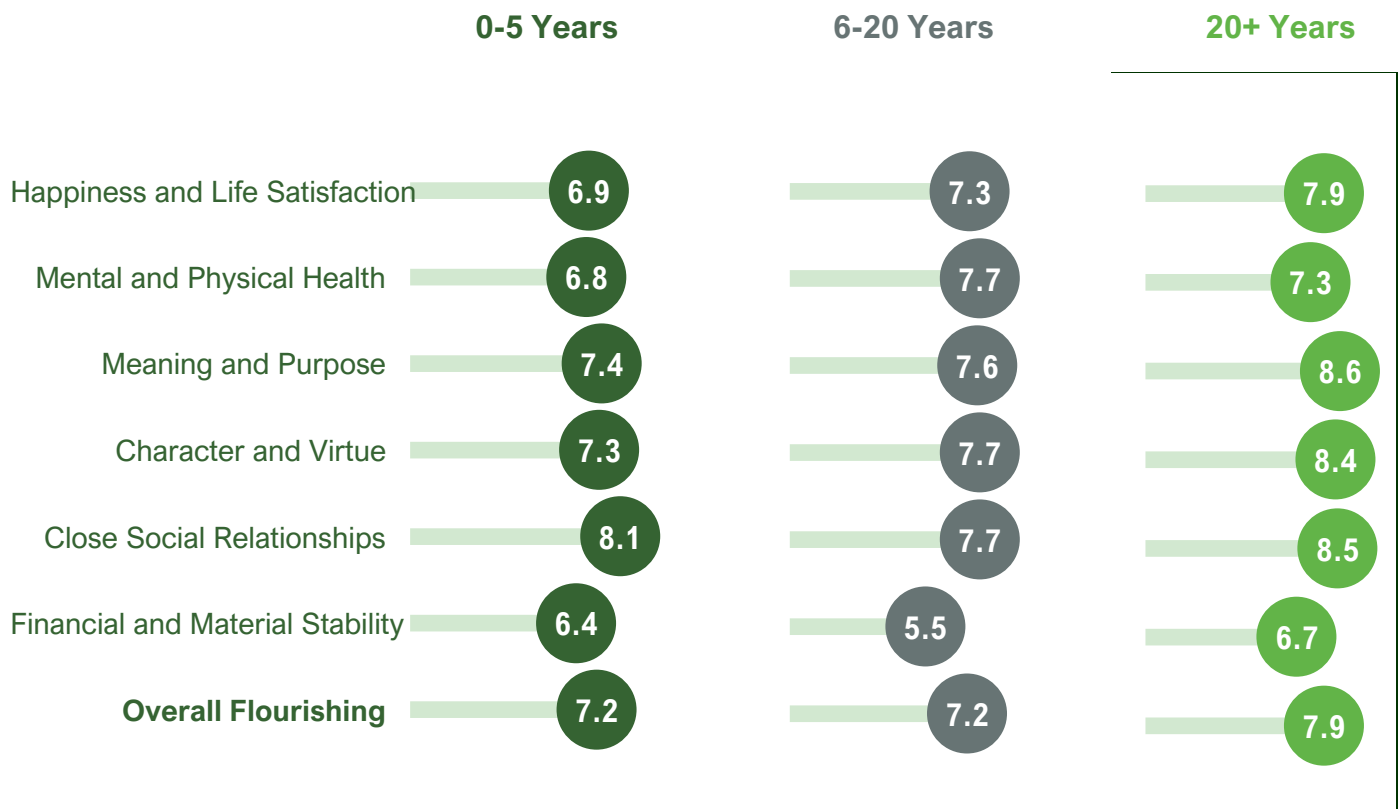
Happiness and Life Satisfaction — **7.3**

Mental and Physical Health — **7.0**

Meaning and Purpose — **7.8**

Character and Virtue — **7.8**

Close Social Relationships — **8.0**

Financial and Material Stability — **6.2**

Overall Flourishing — **7.4**

Happiness and Life Satisfaction	> **Overall, how satisfied are you with life as a whole these days?** > **In general, how happy or unhappy do you usually feel?**
Mental and Physical Health	> **In general, how would you rate your physical health?** > **How would you rate your overall mental health?**
Meaning and Purpose	> **Overall, to what extent do you feel the things you do in your life are worthwhile?** > **I understand my purpose in life.**
Character and Virtue	> **I always act to promote good in all circumstances, even in difficult and challenging situations.** > **I am always able to give up some happiness now for greater happiness later.**
Close Social Relationships	> **I am content with my friendships and relationships.** > **My relationships are as satisfying as I would want them to be.**
Financial and Material Stability	> **How often do you worry about being able to meet normal monthly living expenses?** > **How often do you worry about safety, food, or housing?**

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[1] VanderWeele, T.J. (2017). On the promotion of human flourishing. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, U.S.A., 31:8148-8156.
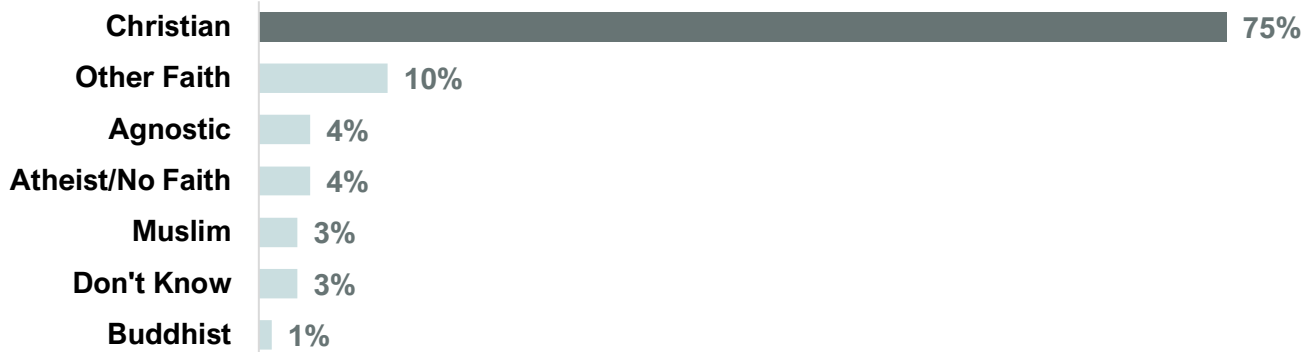
Flourishing By Years in the Neighborhood

◖ Overall, Tepe Park residents who have lived in the neighborhood the longest (20+ years) have **higher levels of flourishing** compared to residents living in the neighborhood fewer years. Differences between residents living in the neighborhood **20+ Years** were more prominent for **Meaning and Purpose** and **Character and Virtue** compared to those living in the neighborhood **0-5 Years**.

	0-5 Years	6-20 Years	20+ Years
Happiness and Life Satisfaction	6.9	7.3	7.9
Mental and Physical Health	6.8	7.7	7.3
Meaning and Purpose	7.4	7.6	8.6
Character and Virtue	7.3	7.7	8.4
Close Social Relationships	8.1	7.7	8.5
Financial and Material Stability	6.4	5.5	6.7
Overall Flourishing	7.2	7.2	7.9

About Faith

Faith Experience: Do you consider yourself to be…

Christian	75%
Other Faith	10%
Agnostic	4%
Atheist/No Faith	4%
Muslim	3%
Don't Know	3%
Buddhist	1%

What is the name of the church that you attend most often? N=107	
Church Name	**%**
→ I do not attend church	44.2
→ Memorial Baptist Church	7.4
→ Annunciation Parish	5.8
→ Cleaves Memorial CME Church	5.4
→ Abundant of Faith (Faith Temple)	3.6
→ New Hope	2.8
→ Bread of Life Kingdom Ministries	2.4
→ Holy Rosary Catholic Church	1.1
→ Rock Global Outreach	1.1
→ Salvation Army	1.1
→ New Life	1.1
→ The River	1.1
→ Line Street Church of Christ & Bethany Apostolic	1.0
→ Bible Center Cathedral	1.0
→ First Ave Presbyterian Church	1.0
→ Multiple	1.0
→ Head of Christ	1.0
→ Nazarene Baptist	1.0
→ Community of Christ	1.0
→ Mt. Pleasant Missionary Church	1.0
→ The Hills	1.0
→ The Refuge	1.0
→ Bethel Pentecostal	<1.0
→ The Bridge	<1.0
→ Peace/Grace Lutheran	<1.0
→ Aldersgate United Methodist	<1.0
→ One Life West and Open Table	<1.0
→ Greater Hope Christian Church	<1.0
→ Mt. Zion MB Church	<1.0
→ Little Valley Missionary	<1.0
→ McFarland Baptist Church	<1.0
→ No home Church yet	<1.0
→ Cathedral	<1.0
→ Seventh Day Adventist	<1.0
→ St. Anthony	<1.0
→ Victory Temple COGIC	<1.0
→ Dove	<1.0
→ Elevation Church - Online	<1.0
→ Nazarene Church	<1.0
→ Open Table Church	<1.0
→ St. Benedict Cathedral Church	<1.0
→ St Matthews by mail	<1.0
→ Church of God	<1.0
→ 1st Ave Presbyterian Church	<1.0
→ All Saints First Ave	<1.0
→ Redeem Lutheran Church	<1.0
→ Trinity UMC	<1.0

APPENDIX

Methodology

In 2023, a total of 131 individuals (age 18 and over) completed the Tepe Park Neighborhood Survey, which resulted in an error rate of +/- 8.0% with a confidence level of 95% (i.e., this means that we can be 95% confident that results fall within 8 percentage points above and below the percentage reported). In 2018, a total of 117 individuals (age 18 and over) completed the Tepe Park Neighborhood Survey, which resulted in an error rate of +/- 8.5%. To ensure representation across the service area, respondents' census block group was tracked. All block groups in the area had representation among the survey responses, and the overall response breakdown (percent of total surveys each block group represented in returns) closely mirrored the overall distribution breakdown (percent of total surveys each block group represented in distributed surveys).

To further ensure representation, data were weighted by key demographic characteristics including age, gender, race/ethnicity, education, and rent/ownership status. As shown below for the 2023 survey, the weighted sample closely approximates distributions from the most recent version of the American Community Survey (2021). In addition to demographics described below, participants reported living in their current neighborhood an average of 17.0 years (range 1 month to 55 years), while residing at their current address an average of 14.6 years (range 1 month to 55 years). As a note, when reviewing data in this report, rounding was used to simplify data presentations and, in some cases, percentages may be greater or less than 100%.

Demographic Variables Used in Weighting		% from ACS 2022* Tepe Park	2023 Unweighted Responding Sample (%)	2023 Weighted Responding Sample (%)
Age	**18 to 44**	49.4%	42.9%	**49.6%**
	45 to 54	21.1%	5.6%	**21.1%**
	55 to 64	13.2%	24.6%	**13.2%**
	65 to 74	11.7%	18.3%	**11.7%**
	75 and over	4.4%	8.7%	**4.4%**
Gender	**Female**	55.6%	54.6%	**55.5%**
	Male	44.4%	45.4%	**45.8%**
Race/ Ethnicity	**White (Caucasian/Non-Hispanic)**	45.0%	46.1%	**45.0%**
	Non-white (All Others)	55.0%	53.9%	**55.0%**
Education	**Less than high school graduate**	14.7%	10.3%	**14.7%**
	High school graduate (includes equivalency)	37.1%	32.5%	**37.1%**
	Some college or associate degree	32.3%	36.5%	**32.8%**
	Bachelor's degree	10.2%	12.7%	**10.2%**
	Graduate or professional degree	5.7%	7.9%	**5.7%**
Home Ownership	**Own**	54.2%	60.5%	**54.2%**
	Rent	45.8%	39.5%	**45.8%**

*American Community Survey 2022 5-year estimates

Other Demographics Not Included in the Weighting

	Income Categories	% from ACS 2022* Tepe Park	% (N=89)
Income	**Less than 20 K**	**25.4%**	29.3%
	20-39,999 K	**30.9%**	32.0%
	40-59,999 K	**12.4%**	21.8%
	60-74,999 K	**16.6%**	8.4%
	75 K over	**14.7%**	8.5%

*Note: Over 32% of survey responses did not include income information.

		Yes	No	Don't Know
Post-secondary certificates	**Have you received any post-secondary or technical certificates? (N=95)**	72%	25%	4%

		Yes	No	Don't Know
For those renting their homes…	**Is the home you are renting well maintained?**	81%	15%	4%
	Are you interested in owning a home one day?	85%	3%	12%
	Do you know the steps to owning a home (e.g., mortgage, insurance, other resources)?	47%	45%	7%