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New Trier Neighbors News

New Trier Neighbors Making an Impact!

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CNN/WSJ Economist Steve Moore talks New Trier Neighbors, tax reform and minimum wage with Dan Proft on AM 560. Listen [here](#).



New Trier High School's Board/Administration reaches out to New Trier Neighbors members to work together. Read more [here](#).

Our next New Trier Neighbors gathering will take place in late November. Details to follow. Have like-minded friends and neighbors from the New Trier area you'd like to invite? Send names and email addresses to NewTrierNeighbors@gmail.com.

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GET INFORMED, GET ENGAGED

Read below about what's going in our North Shore community and how you can have an impact. Is there a local topic you'd like to see included below? Contact us at NewTrierNeighbors@gmail.com

Attend the D39 October 23 School Board Meeting (Wilmette)

- Question their impending plan to increase **YOUR** property taxes
- Ask about the official survey in which conservative kids report getting harassed
Are they doing anything about that?

Need to Know:

- **Spending** per student in Wilmette D39 has gone from \$10,952 per pupil in 2008 to \$14,814 per pupil in 2016. That's an increase of 36.7% or 4% per year. The consumer price index (CPI) for that same period was only 1.37% per year.
- **D39** is getting ready to **raise YOUR property taxes again** through an increased levy on homeowners. Why the increase? We don't know, and no one ever asks. We plan

- to change that - with your help.
- In a [school climate survey](#) conducted last spring, it was found that **conservative students were being harassed** (page 6). This is the second most commented upon topic in the survey! The Wilmette D39 school board and administration has not yet publicly addressed these findings.

Need to Do:

- **Attend** the October 23 School board meeting at 7:00 p.m. at 6:15 Locust, Wilmette. It's so important demonstrate strength. **Will you please join other New Trier Neighbors at the meeting?** You can speak out, or just sit and show support for others holding the school board accountable.

We have a goal for numbers, and a "sign-up genius" to help us track if we will meet them. Will YOU sign up - [here](#) - and plan to meet us on Monday evening?

(Hints: this isn't limited to folks who live in Wilmette and many people people bring computers to work on during the meeting.)

- **Questions** to ask the board:
 - What are the increased taxes they are asking for going to fund, and why is it necessary?
 - Why has spending increased per student over the past 8 years at three times the increase in the CPI?
 - What steps are being taken to address the findings in the [school climate survey](#)? What are they doing about conservative students being harassed?
- **Write Your Board** and let them know how you feel (the other side certainly is sending their letters of support).
- **Learn** how D39 works, which is much like how schools throughout New Trier Township work. Remember, more than 60% of your property taxes are spent in public schools.

Need to Read:

- [School Climate Report](#)
- [D39 Finance Committee Meeting Agenda](#)

Minimum Wage in Wilmette - the next front

Need to Know:

Wilmette Village Board wisely opted out of Cook County's minimum wage act, quoting the need to study it further. A local group has been pressuring local businesses to sign an "honor roll" that requires supporting paying the mandatory Cook County minimum wage or risk being essentially boycotted. We don't need this divisive dynamic in Wilmette. We do need to **support our local businesses and entrepreneurs** and keep jobs in Wilmette. Let the Village Board **debate the issue on its merits** and legality. And make sure your voice is heard!

Need to Do:

- **Attend** the Village Finance Committee Meeting on Nov. 13 at 7 pm at Mallinckrodt Center, 1960 Elmwood Avenue. Just being in the room helps.
- [Send a note](#) to board sharing your views on how mandatory minimum wage will affect Wilmette. Click [here](#) for info on minimum wage in Wilmette and [here](#) for Wilmette Village board contact info.
- **Tell** businesses you value them and their right to run their businesses with minimal government interference. Many already pay above minimum wage - they don't need the government to tell them to do so, and they do need flexibility to bring in entry level workers and then reward employees as appropriate.

Need to Read:

- [Communicator](#) - see page 2
 - [Minimum Wage in Wilmette](#)
 - [Tribune: Wilmette opts out of county wage, sick-time ordinances](#)
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Also, Keep Informed About:

- [Latest on Wilmette Park District's Gilson Proposal](#)
- [How D39 is fighting private property owner tax appeals](#)
- [Illinois' growing pension crisis](#)

Know of an issue your fellow New Trier area neighbors should know about? Let us know at NewTrierNeighbors@gmail.com.

HELP US GROW!

Strength in Numbers! Please send the names and emails of like-minded friends to NewTrierNeighbors@gmail.com and we will get them on the mailing list!

Concerned about a local issue? Feel free to [email us](#) with any comments or concerns you may have.

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- [10/13/17 Newsletter: NTN Launches with Steve Moore](#)

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