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MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY (70 responses)

Seek to build more of a relationship with students

Attempt to get to know the students better so they are more likely to behave after a night out drinking

Community should invite students and faculty to more events. Community should go to events on campus.

The community could do more outreach of local events to students, faculty and staff of the campus.

I am not aware of the efforts of the community. I know that Scott Zelov has worked towards improving some of the issues I have brought up but I am not aware of recent efforts or how the university staff are involved.

I believe the community is already doing their best to have a positive rapport with the campus.

include students in community events

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Community members could get to know their neighbors. In the past I have known the students who live near me and it has helped with the year. That has become less common.

Reach out and involve their staff in community education events. Encourage students to join local groups and volunteer efforts to improve neighborhoods. Develop activities and invite students to support non-profits in the area. Set up internship programs to help nonprofits.

Campus should improve with community

The community is welcoming and accommodating to the campus.

See my previous answer.

Think we are doing the best we can to accommodate the number of students in our community.

I don't know.

required a Payment in Lieu of Taxes by all colleges in the Township, like Valley Forge Military College has always done...& only half of VFMA is in Radnor Township.

Hold joint events, volunteering opportunities

None.

No

My family, neighbors and elected officials continually try to develop a relationship with the campus. I think it is time for the campus to reach out to us. Not the students, the administration.

Students need to become aware of the issues that they cause within the community. I am a Student at Villanova, and had the priviledge of participating in a focus group, and several follow up discussions with neighbors of the university as well as staff. I was not aware of the top complaints from the community. When asked what I thought the top complaints were, I thought that house parties and noise from within our homes would be the greatest concern, however, to my surprise, I was told that it was indeed the noise from the streets as students let out from the bars on lancaster avenue. Additionally, the community needs to understand the nature of the town, the college campus atmosphere, and be more willing to collaborate with the university in order to meet an achieved goal, rather than simply demanding and asking for changes without being willing to make changes themselves. Whether community members like it or not, Villanova is part of the community too.

Don't put money ahead of the community
Township officials need to be more involved and not be indifferent to the problems. Far more policing needs to be done.

The community should serve on campus. PA special olympics and other events allow the community to work with students and better appreciate the campus!

Stop demonizing students for being students. As college towns go, Villanova is an extremely respectful college community compared to other schools.

More police enforcement of noise, public drinking laws.

Make more late-night friendly student establishments that could serve as alternates to bars

Ease building restrictions to allow the Campus to build structures to fit the needs of the Campus. Burdensome building codes and difficult approval processes makes it difficult for the Campus to achieve its goals of attacking high quality students and faculty which then hurt the Community in terms of prestige and economic growth. The difficult process and codes breed hostility between the Campus and the Community because each new project requires an extensive and unnecessary process.

The community could come to campus more for events, could talk to students that live off campus nearby to create a mutually beneficial relationship, and could ask campus students to help with/attend local school activities, fairs, and sports games.

Stop being such dicks

No idea but its a growing problem

I think the community often complains about the Villanova students, but there is no need to. The students are generally respectful, and a little noise on the weekend doesn't hurt anyone.

Same things as mentioned above -- and copied below -- but also having a much more rigid set of regulations that also MUST be enforced. How many times do the police need to show up before action is taken? There are many approaches that could be implemented such as random checks of any student houses by a team that may include campus police, investigao, etc. -- next, the neighbors should be allowed to rate NOT only the houses (owners/landlords) but also the students -- and this should occur more than once during the typical term from September through June -- and action needs to be able to be taken by the campus (kids getting suspected, parents fined depending on age, evictions, etc.) -- checklists supplied to students by the campus letting them know the rules, trash days, etc. The list goes on in terms of making the landlords as well as the students accountable -- and making Villanova accountable as well -- these are their students and represent the school, their alumni, etc.

no

We can open our minds each Fall to the possibility that the new group of students will behave well & we can reach out to them & be friendly as well.

less frat & sorority houses. put them all somewhere else they can destroy. They have ZERO interest in contributing to their neighborhood.
It’s the campus’ job

Give local businesses easier access to the students to advertise our products without overwhelming them.

Reporting problems not just to local police but should be area also to report to the Campus

Participate in a quarterly town hall.

Here in Garrett Hill, we had a welcome picnic in August for students living in the community. I thought that was a nice idea.

Respect their time in life by tolerating some rowdiness.

The community has tried to work with Villanova. The CICD was a good example. Instead, Villanova does not come to the table to compromise. They only seem to want to dictate demands.

Community Does its best but often to a deaf ear

Same thing.

Help students to feel comfortable in a safe environment so overall both the school and the community are successful

No. Folks in Garrett Hill, for several years a while back, planned a Welcome Back Students dinner which was held at the Radnor United Methodist Church at the start of the school year. The goal was to have students who would be living off-campus in our neighborhood get to know the local residents and vice versa. Humanizing both sides was hoped to engender feelings of respect, which would lead to a more harmonious co-existence. The effort failed, as the only students who attended were the upstanding students from VU’s student gov’t, etc. , not the disrespectful, party animals who lived among us.

Invite dialogue. Help manage the few community service projects that some wonderful students have participated in. (At least in years past.)

The Community needs to do more. The Community and elected officials shun the students, The Community and elected officials are openly hostile to students.

no

Have community functions on campus.
This is the best community and has proven to be very supportive and patient with the Campus and students. Unfortunately the students have consistently proven to be very obnoxious along with a attitude of my parents will pay for it if I get tickets or towed for causing damage or blocking driveways.

The community could host a student day in the local business area with the intention of folks meeting and talking with each other.

Invite and involve campus more explicitly in community efforts; better enforcement of housing codes for off campus housing

CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVE/EMPLOYEE (58 responses)

I think that there's a divide in the community between those who are happy to co-exist with Villanova University students and understand what comes with living in a college town versus those who unfairly vilify Villanova students. For example, we had a ton of issues with the Lower Merion parking office this year. When we moved in we were told by them that we would be allowed 2 street parking passes, but we had 5 cars. I understand they can't give away unlimited passes because there's limited parking passes but I typical family living on a permit-parking street in Bryn Mawr would not have more than 2 cars. For students, the situation is obviously very different because we do not live with our families and therefore all have our own cars (we couldn't have just brought 2 of our cars here and shared because car insurance does not allow for that since we're not a family). The parking office was very unaccommodating and we had almost $500 of parking tickets in 3mos.

Accept us. Realize that we are asset to this community and we should be treated as such rather than a nuisance or a bother.

this is a college town - Radnor police and community residents need to recognize that. There is a strained relationship because community members don't tolerate students living and partying off campus, but it's going to happen no matter what.

Be more accepting of the University community. Radnor township is unreasonably strict with the campus and its initiatives. They make it difficult for the University to make changes that will have a positive impact on students and the local community. Police are also too strict as we have to fear getting reprimanded on our way back to our residences after trying to have fun.

The community needs to realize that the university has been around longer than anyone has lived here and in order for student life to reach its full potential for Villanova students some changes need to be made to the campus and the local community needs to be okay with those changes; Villanova brings a lot of money to Radnor township therefore helping the community residents and I don't believe they should have a say about what changes Villanova makes to its campus as it does not directly affect any of these people

The community acts like Villanova and its students are the worst things to ever grace this earth. They do not realize the positive economic impact that Nova has on the community, but instead focus on trying to get police to create as many problems for the students as possible. Until the community gets its head out of its ass and realizes how good Villanova and its students are for the surrounding area, this will never be a good relationship.

More citizens volunteering their time to speak with students perhaps.

Have honest conversations about the issues Radnor has with the students and Villanova in general. The community should be more willing to work with Villanova and the students to have a better relationship. The walls of regulations put on the campus by the community cause a large divide between the two. This is also reflected in the attitude of the community police. The community police in some cases demonize the Villanova students because the community is unwilling to live alongside students.
Allow the campus to expand (bigger basketball arena = more tourists = better economy)

community should not have a negative attitude toward Villanova. the university generates a lot of businesses for local shops and restaurants and students do not generally cause trouble in the community.

Leave us alone and stop complaining about the minimal impact we have on the community

Don't have the police get everyone in trouble. Giving every underage kid a citation for underage drinking harms the relationship and does no good for anyone.

I think the community should be more open and welcoming to members of the campus. Often, it seems that campus members are unwelcome, which is ridiculous given Bryn Mawr is a college town, despite not wanting to be one. I think the community could have more stores/restaurants within walking distance to campus to give students an opportunity to participate more in the community when they lack a car.

The community needs to understand that students are not looking for trouble and do more than just drink and urinate and destroy property. As a current student who lives off campus in Bryn Mawr, the trouble on my street is NOT the college kids but rather the surrounding residents. Multiple times, we have had to call noise complaints on our NON STUDENT neighbors and were thoroughly insulted by the police officers who arrived. The students at Villanova have actively joined your community and have bettered it: we spend money at your restaurants, shops, parking permits, etc. We continue to get involved in fundraisers that not just better Villanova but YOUR COMMUNITY; we help at the Radnor Run, set up the Eggstravaganza and at the end of the day get nothing in return but being put down. Next time, maybe think about us as people and welcome us to your community rather than think of us as brain dead alcoholics.

I believe the campus has a good relationship with the community and do not personally know of ways to improve it.

Stop turning students into scapegoats and just relax for half a second

Reign in the Radnor PD. They are excessively unprofessional and harsh when dealing with anyone from Villanova.

As a member of the campus community, I often feel like the communities of Bryn-Mawr, LM, Radnor, Wayne etc. do not want us. I actively engage in service, I am employed and contribute economically to the surrounding communities and conversation but I am often not well received. In fact, I feel not welcomed. I want there to be more conversation, more outlets available, and a more welcoming enviroment.

Remove slumlord landlords from running the housing off campus and realize that the areas directly off of lancaster avenue is not prime real estate. It is filled with a considerable number of disgusting duplex housing that has not been improved since it was first built. The school adds more value to the area than anything else, and without it the community would be far worse off than it is now.

just come to terms with the fact they live in a college town and thats not going to change

Stop arresting Villanova students for minor alcohol offences
Hire law enforcement that doesn't target/have bias against minorities or individuals who are not of the same socio-economic class as the Main Line.

Encourage greater attendance of Villanova cultural, athletic and academic events.

Accept that there are college kids that, shocking I know, would like to enjoy their time at Villanova and partake in events from going to dinner or going to a bar. Because, also a shock, a lot of people are 21 and it is legal to enjoy alcohol!!!! They chose to live in a home by a campus or a place like home properlies which is notorious for housing college kids. Any person could have driven through home props and saw 3/4 of the cars with Villanova stickers and could have easily determined college kids lived here. So hm, maybe you should have moved 3 blocks over and you probably would not have to interact with or hear them! Also, your 45 yo neighbor could have a bbq with loud music and drunk adults and you wouldn't complain. What is the difference?

Not have cops follow ubers or cabs to parties for the sole purpose of breaking them up and citing people for underage drinking.

Understand that kids are kids and regardless of what the community does, we will find a way to have our fun. This only creates more problems for the community because the two are consistently butting heads, rather than working together. Strong-arming 7000+ students is not the solution and does not work.

Stop viewing us as nuisances - that is the stereotype most students tend to think of when thinking about how the community views us. We are highly contributing members of the community who volunteer a great deal of time to work on community service, academics, and athletic pursuits.

To be honest, I think the people who live in Radnor and Bryn Mawr are very stuck up and take everything Villanova does as offensive. I think they need to get whatever it is out of their asses and calm down.

the community deliberately likes to take advantage of Villanova students because of the misconception that they all come from wealthy families. They take pride in towing/giving tickets to cars that have Villanova university stickers on them. Members of the community file noise complaints in the MIDDLE OF THE DAY on WEEKENDS complaining about too much noise from students. And im talking about small groups of friends hanging out and playing music, not loud raging parties. since when are people not allowed to have gatherings at their residence? This community needs to recognize that the presence of the university strongly contributes to their economy. the community needs to accept the fact that they share this area with college students and either move, or deal with it. As far as college students go, Villanova students are probably some of the most polite, least obnoxious, least intrusive and its ridiculous that we can do NOTHING in this community without someone complaining.

Be more lenient regarding tailgates and renovations. Lights on the football field and a bubble on the soccer field are both things that would create more opportunities for the community to come together and enjoy Villanova sports but instead the teams are negatively impacted. The lack of lenience from the community directly impacts team performance and community support.

In terms of the community, I do think people are overly eager to attack the religious nature of it. For example, even as someone who is non-religious, I find it concerning that so many people were against crosses being placed on top of the bridge, ignoring the fact that Villanova is a Catholic school, and should not have to bend its values to fit the values of the community especially when it's on it's on private property. I know firsthand that many of the businesses love being around Villanova as we're a big source of their income, but I feel like other people who live in this area and don't often interact with Villanova students don't appreciate how much the University adds to their local economy and community. Additionally, I do find that the police here are often overaggressive in curbing underage drinking. Parties are that are raided here would be pre-game events at other schools and while I understand the communities are different, I do think the standards are too strict.
STOP OVERCHARGING LIKE CRAZY FOR HOUSING (@Home Properties of Bryn Mawr)!!! We understand that you don't like us but we literally do not have a choice but to live off campus so it would be very much appreciated if you'd not charge absolutely exorbitant rates. THAT might make us like you more (and spend more money in the community if we actually have money left over after paying rent).

Allow fraternity houses

Understand that this is a college campus and a pretty well-behaved one at that. We do not have a crazy party culture like many universities and are uniquely focused on community service. While partying and drinking does happen, it is relatively well-controlled WHEN THERE ARE DESIGNATED PLACES. Closing bars like Erin and Maloney's, cracking down on frat houses, or limiting on-campus drinking will not stop students from partying. It will instead force them to be more creative and reckless in their partying decisions, which will likely result in worsened community relations. While this may not be what is occurring, the Villanova student community as a whole believes the outer-community is on a witch hunt to shut down student activities. Villanovans are intelligent, responsible, and passionate students. But we're 18-22. Let us enjoy our youth - I'm sure every middle-aged member of the community made stupid decisions in college.

The community could understand that the college existed before any of the current residents moved here, and that the campus isn't going anywhere. Along those lines, it would be great if the community encouraged the school to fully engage in typical university aspects, like having tailgates and spring flings.

discounts for students

I often think that Radnor PD is "out to get" students. I appreciate them in keeping imus safe off campus but so many unnecessary charges/noise complaints. It is a college town!!!

Stop protesting and preventing campus construction. Villanova is a massive university that the members of this community chose to live near (it's been here since the 1800s, there was no surprise) so I don't understand why so many people have problems with the school being here and doing things to improve.

Advertise Community events on campus.

Community needs to be more welcoming, it is a college and students need to live off campus. Some people are too hard on the noise complaints as well as rent for apartments. We are college students, we cannot afford as much as it usually costs to live here.

The community need to accept the presence of college students as a reality they cannot change

Be more agreeable when it comes to on campus renovation and construction projects

I think the community can better realize that Villanova is a college campus, and this is a part of living close to it. tailgates, especially, seem to concern community members and local police. however, I believe that it is public safety's obligation to monitor these events. and on days where there are special occasions like tailgates and graduation, some leniency should be given from the community. I believe Villanova tries its best to not intrude overall upon the community, and I believe the community could be more understanding of college culture, as I am sure many of them were college students themselves, considering the median salaries and home prices in this area.
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Community members don't expect to deal with students at all despite being so close in proximity to a major educational institution. I think we as students are fairly tame in general, and the town refused our efforts to consolidate party activity on a "greek row" or similar system so there are parties spread throughout the community that I think is perceived as nuisance.

stop being babies. If you don't want noise don't rent to college students

Is there anything else you would like to share before ending this survey? (75 responses)

MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY (44 responses)

Better communication between students living off campus and residential neighbors would improve the relationship.

I think things have improved over the years. We no longer have the disgusting drunken crawl. I think campus administration has worked hard on improving. The community was happy about the championship and the celebration by students did not get destructive or out of hand.

I have lived in this neighborhood for almost eight years and it is a lovely place to live, however, my ongoing and only complaint is the college students. They are disrespectful and loud. I am constantly cleaning litter off of my lawn (beer bottles, cans, trash, cups). Multiple times a week, I have difficulty leaving my driveway because a college student has blocked most of my driveway. I know the other neighbors feel the same way but feel like there is nothing we can do but continue to involve the police, which seems like a huge waste of their time.

It would be nice for the campus to encourage the students to introduce themselves to their neighbors that they will be living around for the year.

I live next to villanova students and although they can be loud on the weekends and nice nights, it doesn't bother me and they are generally polite and courteous. The students do tend to leave a lot of trash around.

Nope

Students in the community need to be accountable for AT THE VERY LEAST bagging and taking out their trash and keeping their outdoor space clean. Landlords should also be held accountable and Villanova Residence Life should also be more involved in off campus housing monitoring. Students should be accountable for noise violations as well. It is well known in which homes in the community the students live. Township police should patrol/drive-by/observe those areas more frequently and more carefully, especially Thursday-Sunday and during "high drinking events".

As a person who lives in the town of Bryn Mawr and has for 7 years now, I abhor Villanova students.

Must integrate this survey with existing efforts on this subject. Do not reinvent the wheel!
I have to say most questions were very challenging to answer. I wish all questions had "Don't Know"—I would have used that a lot. Who knows where the faculty eats?!

Limit Parking at Student rentals.

No

Pay property taxes or a payment in lieu of taxes.

I have lived 3 blocks from the University for 60 years and I am very happy living in this college town. My answers where based on the community feeling not my personal feelings. I enjoy the students and St. Thomas has been my parish for 60 years. So I am probably biased but I know that the community as a whole has very negative feelings about the growth of the university and its students. I, however, do not. The only thing I think the University should do is contribute to the tax structure in the township!

The obvious issue at hand between the Community and the Campus in some surrounding neighborhoods, typically comes down to this - overt racial and economic inequality. When locals in some surrounding neighborhoods - many of whom are black Americans - see a well off young lady or young man - typically a white American - driving a car that costs as much as their house, they’re upset. When that same well to do young person clearly does not want to integrate / interface with the locals in the Community, it produces the air of segregation between rich white kids and the less economically advanced locals. Additionally, as has been stated for years - Villanova needs to build significant additional housing options for its student body. Villanova has just gotten too big for its original footprint and they - like U Penn - needs to build significant additional student housing.

It would be nice if the students would obey traffic laws. Our one-way street is frequently violated by students driving and frequently speeding the wrong way on our street to get to the student home apparently inconveniently located on a one-way street!

local colleges should be a plus for our community; survey should have been more inclusive, since there are other, major colleges here.

Universities provide many positive things to the greater community. However, they degrade the quality of life to adjacent neighborhoods and are incrementally increasing the tax basis of residents as they buy and develop properties for their use. Their ostentatious religious icons can be a source of contention when they use it to promote their mission at the expense of others who may have a different faith-base. They need to incentivize the use of public transportation for students and staff.

The students are horrible!

There are many things I'm not aware of. I don't think that the campus owes a lot to the community, but I would very much prefer to live without the noise and the litter. A neutral relationship would be fine with me.

Wish it could be a little quieter late in the evenings when the bars close.
The driving is the worst! Students speed and have accidents all the time, especially at the intersection of South Roberts Road and County Line Road, across from Yang Ming. Some are drunk, but most are just awful drivers ... ON THEIR PHONES! There is a day-care center, Play and Learn, right at that corner, and lots of children in the neighborhood. Far, far too many crashes. There should be a speed bump, one-way street sign during certain hours or something to protect the residents. Kids walk to the bus at Thomas. Crossing the street can be treacherous! Thank you!!

Where's the university? My perception is that they have turned the students out into the community, but do little to support the community-student relationship. I'd like to see the university administration reach out to the community. I also think the university should pay for the costs incurred by our township to provide police presence when the student population overwhelms our business area.

I disagree with the graphic shown very much. Based on my experiences with faculty, staff, fellow students, and having several privileges in working on this exact issue, (I briefly served on the campus community coalition team.) I am well aware that there is a very negative relationship between the university and the township. As a senior that is graduating, I would love to be able to make my impact on solving this issues, but unfortunatly, it was not until my senior year that I was made known of such dramatic issues, and I was one of just a handful of students to have the experiences that I did. More students to need to participate in ride along with police, and frankly I believe neighbors should as well, perhaps even together. The university is bending over backwards to try and solve this issue, as well as the police departments of the surrounding communities. I have yet to see the neighbors that actually do most of the complaining make significant efforts to work with these groups.

Not sure that this survey will help in any type of solutions.

I have lived in my home for over 20 yrs. we are surrounded by student housing. I realize and understand they are students. I have been very understanding and think they should have fun. But to be disrespectful of your neighbors urinating and having thier homes looking it belongs on tobacco rd. is just down right unacceptable. I have never called Villanova till this year. Things are bad and getting worse.

This is a horrible situation for residents and home owners that pay taxes just like everyone else in this area -- we deal with this pathetic behavior 24/7 -- why do we have to see hundreds of pounds of trash spread all over the yards next to us -- students urinating outside, throwing cans and other trash on our lawn -- drunk students threatening us and our young child? Unable to walk down the sidewalk most days due to them overpopulating the houses (they typically stick 6 or more students in a house with 2 or 3 bedrooms -- take up ALL the street parking -- and the parking is minor compared to everything else. It's awful and these students are drunks -- dare I say some will end up with serious addiction problems -- they drink and often end up with alcohol poisoning (one of our neighbors works as a nurse in the hospital nearby) -- it's as bad as it gets -- and Villanova does ZERO. We have had too many horrible experiences and even were asked to show up in court by the local police...

neighbors often have negative views of students, but rarely are the views confirmed. Students can be friendly to neighbors and neighbors welcoming of students.

glad someone cares. Doesn't get me back all the $ spent on their vandalism ($500 to date)

I would like the Villanova students removed from all residential areas immediately. They are a disgrace. I have a daughter and these boys urinate wherever and whenever they see fit. It is an absolute disgrace. There is trash everywhere and a party day and night.

VU is a great part of this community and works hard to keep that relationship strong. Happy to have VU students roaming the streets of Bryn Mawr!!!

no
I hear a lot of complaining in the community about Villanova. Personally I think the university is an overall plus.

We live next door to one student appartment.

Villanova should step up and do the right thing. They need to agree to the PILOT. Payment in lieu of taxes.

The vape store is a detriment to our town. People who visit park inconsiderately on my street (Merion Avenue) and litter the vape cartridges like it's their mission. They should be more respectful of our homes, properties and parking spaces. Even a short visit creates a negative environment.

The community and the university have got to work as one the University has to open up classes the gym the theatre and sporting events to those that directly border the School for free!

no

The Community should be Grateful to the Students providing economic and social diversity. Lower Merion Township openly discriminates against Students and the fair housing laws.

no

Advertise religious events being held on campus.

Hopefully the new dorms will keep the students on campus for living so we can get our community back.

I think that the concept of individuals taking responsibility for their own actions needs to start from when a child reaches the age of understanding so that by the time one lives independently, a sense of what is right and wrong should govern one's actions. How do you get parents to do this?

Off campus housing generally is poorly maintained, yet is costly to students and often is a blight to surrounding areas -

**CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVE/EMPLOYEE (31 responses)**

Maybe create more Bryn Mawr district parking by removing some metered spots?
From a student prospective, it seems that when the school achieves an accolade or other positive attribute the community likes us, includes us as part of their community and shows it off as something good about their community. The rest of the time, the community (i.e. news outlets and opinionated residents) seem to wants to distance themselves from us and blame us for anything that goes wrong in the town. I think the local business appreciate the student presence (as shown by their acceptance of Nova Bucks). But otherwise i think the town often likes to use us as a scapegoat for any perceived issues disrupting their town. This is exemplified through any and all of Nova's recent construction attempts and the Radnor opposition/backlash. And the general feeling among the students that Radnor police severely dislikes us.

Overall I feel that campus and community relations are pretty positive; though some goals and visions differ, both sides are mutually respectful of each other.

There needs to be honest conversations about the community police and the stubbornness of the surrounding community to not work to make Villanova more a part of the community by placing restrictions put on the growth of Villanova and the freedom of the students.

I really think the two need to come to better agreement on expectations as the university continues to gain national recognition. From my student experience I feel that the community doesn't want the university to grow exponentially because of issues such as traffic and "partying". To be honest in my 4 years Villanova does not cause nearly as many "partying" problems as a majority of other state and private schools. I think the university needs to work on their alcohol and party policies to be "smart about drinking" and not crack down. Providing students with safe places to party that are close to campus (ie a fraternity house row or something of the like) would pull a lot of these issues out of the community and onto campus, where it can be more appropriately dealt with.

The police cause issues with students by shutting down every "party", this only causes more unrest.

I don’t go off campus as much as I’d like because I’m a college student and don’t have money. Villanova is a pretty rich area. I’d like to interact with the local community more through volunteering or free events.

Having provided my explanation above, I still am angry in writing this and wish this would be better. The Villanova Community does SO MUCH for the Lower Merion area and attempts to welcome them at lectures, sporting events, extracurricular events and in religious services. We go above and beyond and the community separates the achievements done by this great institution and transforms us into monsters. I apologize if you think your property value is falling from this construction but Villanova is doing nothing but bettering the community. I agree that rogue students have done bad things and I apologize and condone their actions; but, you can not love the Villanova basketball team and then decide to hate the Villanova students. We are all Villanova students, INCLUDING the ones who stand on that court.

I do not have anything additional to say.

Allow Villanova to keep their stadium lights on longer, and earlier in the morning. Field space is extremely limited on the campus and in very high demand, the field needs to be utilized as much as possible. Additionally, allow the installation of lights for the west soccer complex. The field is unusable in the winter and fall when the sun sets at 5pm. And then suddenly, 2/3 of the campus' sports fields are out of play. Varsity, club, and other organizations need the field space and time slots and not having lights out there is a waste of the fields.
I think members of the radnor and bryn mawr communities need to come to terms with the fact that they live in a college town and thats not going to change. If they didn't want to be around college kids and everything that entails they should probably not live in an area surrounded by 4+ campuses. Villanova is a very mild school in terms of partying and general "wildness", and many community members seem to think students here are much crazier partyers/wonky than they actually are. To be honest, I can't really imagine that Radnor PD has many serious issues to deal with on a regular basis, and as such trying to catch kids partying seems to be a huge focus for them. I can't really blame them as underage citations are easy to give out and make a lot of money in fines, but radnor cops are certainly known among the student populace as being rude/difficult to deal with compared to police from neighboring towns. In short, Bryn Mawr is a college town, best to embrace it rather than fight it.

Relations are not bad, but a general relaxation of aspects of Villanova's on-campus drinking policies can substantially benefit the campus-community relationship, as well as enhance the undergraduate college experience.

We ain't goin anywhere

Allow more bars and restaurants (i.e. Tin Lizard, Gulllifties, Garret Hill Alehouse, etc.) to stay open and sell alcohol later. That way the only option for students to drink and have fun is not only Kelly's. While Kelly's and at least one other party bar are necessary to the college community, having more casual places open late at night (until 2) for drinks would help disperse the crowd at Kelly's and reduce the amount of heavy drinking because not all students want to have a "party night" every day of every weekend. However, that sort of night is not conducive to Kelly's.

The community and police here negatively impact the college experience of Villanova students and athletes. They hinder the growth of school spirit and pride while creating risky situations for students who are drinking off campus. Threat of punishment is too high, college kids will be drinking whether they are at parties or not- but the community threat prevents kids from getting help when needed.

Overall, as a Senior at Villanova and someone who has spend 4 years here, I do enjoy the overall community surrounding it. Though if there is one major complaint I have, it's the insane amount of potholes there are, especially going East down Lancaster Ave. past Villanova. I cannot comprehend how a community, regarded as one of the richest in America, could have so many issues regarding something as basic as potholes. I'm assuming they're paved with asphalt instead of concrete which is an obvious issue in it of itself, but the potholes here will exist for weeks before they are fixed, and once they are brand new ones pop up immediately. Also, I find that the homeowners who rent out houses for students do not do an adequate job at all. Often they won't even check the house after the previous students move out and many of the off-campus housing in the area is subpar. (I know this first hand because the house I moved into still had appliances, pots, pans, etc. from the previous people)

Home properties of Bryn Mawr's management needs to get their act together. They mistreat students, even going so far as to email PHOTOS of an apartment to parents (co-signers) without notifying the RESIDENTS.

As to the question about Villanova tuition being affordable for community members - the Main Line and surrounding areas are so wealthy, it's ridiculous to believe that their inhabitants cannot afford tuition. These people live in mansions and drive Ferraris.

Work with local landlords that rent to students to establish better ways to find properties. Also, work to equalize rental rates, as some people pay infinitely more than others.

Unless we live off campus, we are in our own community on campus, often the community surrounding us is not something we remember. Not in a bad way, but most of us don't have cars so we are stuck in our own world.
I think the community needs to do a better job welcoming students in as neighbors and students need to be nice neighbors. I know it is hard that students usually only live in the off campus neighborhoods for a year but something needs to be done to promote a more positive relationship. Maybe free coffee somewhere if a student and a local neighbor come in to get to know each other?

There definitely needs to be better communication between these two parties, and I see room for compromise in many areas. both parties could be more understanding of the other, and I believe that while relations are not generally tense between them, there could be areas of improvement to improve relations.

I feel like the community is more against the campus than the campus is against the community. Not the other way around.

Both local police and campus police have been very disrespectfully towards students. Our campus police do not even acknowledge students or attempt to interact with them in positive ways. When I pass them, I always say hi and they do not answer.

I grew up in a small town with a large state university. The school has the reputation of being a "party school". I know what it is like to have a negative view of the students in town. Twice a year, they absolutely trash our town and it causes tension between the community and the school. Ultimately, the community is in a tough spot because there is a great reliance on the university and the students in town. I understand this is a different situation, but the local community is far less understanding of students here. Villanova students are not nearly as damaging as other places, and the community frankly needs to show a little bit more understanding.

I think that our community and school have a pretty good relationship; while there are some minor issues we as students need to work on, I don't believe they've caused harm to our relationship with the surrounding Main Line area.

no

The assessment of my perspective is fair - as far as an algorithm can go - but I think it's important to keep in mind that, if relations do want to be further improved between the campus and the community, a major advantage to this effort is that the virtue of caritas is already instilled in the minds of Villanovans.

n/a

Go Cats

this was a bad survey. I don't know how the community (which is unclear who that even entails) views local officials, why would I know that?