

2015 City of Newport Community Survey *Appendix B – Open-Ended Comments*

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Overview

Respondents were given the opportunity to provide written comments and suggestions at the end of the survey. While the results in this section are not statistically valid, they provide useful insights for interpreting the reasons behind citizens' survey responses. The results were recorded verbatim, so spelling and grammatical errors have not been corrected.

- Between Broadway & Admiral K Rd. enforce traffic violations. Left hand turns into diagonal parking on Broadway North from city hall.
- Fix all roads.
- Stop the panhandling especially on Broadway. Place speed limit signs on Rhode Island Ave. Do not put a visitor center at the Breakers.
- Stop raising taxes. Take back control of the schools yourself. Do not allow shark hunting festival. Stop spending money on websites and non-essential things. End commercial truck traffic parking on Bliss, & Whitewell Ave. Switch city officials like police, fire and so on to Medicare.
- Why isn't this avail on line instead of wasting tax dollars in sending mail & manually inputting?
- I would like to see a Mayor elected by citizen votes.
- Would like to see more support of a green city. Handicap accessibility needs significant improvement.
- Lower tax relief for low fixed income seniors.
- Stop mandating and start listening.
- Water & sewer cost is a burden on the citizens.
- Get rid of the party houses and give us back our neighborhoods.
- This is a who-you-know government. Listen to the citizens.
- State can't be relied on to maintain quality of life for this city.
- We are being priced out of Newport can't afford water bill increases. Not a good place to retire and young people can't afford to buy property and there are no jobs for them.
- What happened to the summer comedy concert series and the chowder fest?
- Someone needs to focus on double digit water increase costs. People should elect the mayor and let's get the innovation hub done.
- City is overall in bad shape, Need better leadership.
- Police need to enforce jay walking laws and bicycles violating driving laws.
- Need to get full time jobs not part time people can't live off seasonal or part time wages.
- Better housing options and mental health. Enforce leash laws. Eliminate smoking in parks & at beaches. Job growth is essential for survival.
- Repair streets and sidewalks in a timely manner.
- Change home rental lease to short term. Stop police sitting at stop signs ticketing people waste of resources.
- Get rid of homeless shelter they get in my stairwell smoke crack trying to break in the police come but nothing changes. Also drunk & loud people walking the streets. Enforce with fines.

Also where is my tax money going streets are horrible pot holes causing damage to my car fix them.

- Fix the potholes.
- Parking should not be allowed anywhere is it is blocking traffic in the downtown area.
- Police are good but firefighters are fat and chosen based on legacy. Homeowners need to keep bushes & trees from blocking sidewalks as strollers and wheelchairs can't get through because of the blockage.
- Would like to see dog parks and bike trails. City council should be more open to entertainment in the area.
- Clean up litter in the city. Clean up graffiti. Need porta potties in winter for the walks. Coordinate digging projects.
- Fix the roads and do curbs later.
- Clean up the city .
- Property owners need to be responsible for trees and shrubs on their property blocking sidewalks.
- Do some landscaping as you come into the city from the bridge.
- Be proactive about getting more people to move here and jobs.
- Shouldn't have gotten rid of skating rink and concert series. Thank goodness for uber.
- Need a safe and accessible bike path.
- Should be a free bulky item pick up twice a year.
- Improve bulk waste pick up. They don't pi when scheduled.
- Fix the roads.
- Efforts to encourage new industry needed.
- Stop excessive police presence when cones and barriers are used.
- Do more to support green like bike paths.
- Stop treating year residents like 2nd rate citizens.
- Fix the roads.
- City should be more open to outside arts & cultural.
- North end needs positive press. Develop it into mixed use office/retail w/pedestrian friendly market place.
- Top priority should be the budget and spending should be watched carefully until economy gets better.
- Stop sending letters to businesses to stop making money on their busiest day of the year.
- That all city workers be treated the same. Contract should be equitable.
- Where the homeless are now doesn't make people feel safe and this includes the tourists.
- Be aware of works & be ready to help others succeed.
- Let's stop selling tourism and start selling natural beauty good cuisine and sailing and so on.
- Property taxes & utilities are too high. Focus on cost effective measures to help low income, disabled & seniors.

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- Home owners should be fined for not keeping up buildings. City administration should use unbiased information and not special groups to influence their decisions.
- Better communication.
- Hard to live here on a fixed income. My taxes have doubled & new ones imposed but my retirement has stayed the same.
- Traffic need to be in sync through downtown.
- Would like to see food waste taken out of our waste stream. Also like to see bike lanes.
- Miantonomi Park has dogs pooping everywhere this is where families grill & kids play what a health hazard.
- The parking lot on Touro Street has been repaved but the parking for residents only sign has been taken down.
- Litter is out of control encourage boy scouts and other to sponsor quarterly clean ups. Put trash cans @ Kings Park & green bridge.
- City needs to come to grips with benefits expenses which are a major contributor to the string of annual tax increases.
- Have a shuttle for tourists to be taken around the city you know the kind of hop on hop off thing. Property should be equally distributed on all not just a few.
- The planning board approves things before citizens are able to comment.
- Hire some professionals for the police most of ours are rude.
- Make more bike friendly. Bring back Yacht village type.
- Keep taxes down they go up and services go down. High school education is appalling.
- Fix the roads. Work on police & fireman reform for pensions. Provide water we can drink. Support harbor & waterfront initiatives and education should be provided to taxpayers first not non taxpayers.
- Have an ordinance against panhandlers and taxes are too high.
- Find a way to reduce water bills cost is hurting schools, businesses and families. Refigure bus routes so they have a bus full of kids not just one. Annadale should be on way or parking only.
- Fix the roads.
- City employees and teachers should reside in Newport. Business owners & property owners who don't reside in Newport should pay higher taxes.
- Enforce speed limit on Memorial Blvd. the crosswalks need to be repainted so you can see them.
- Make the city affordable for the middle class. I can't afford anymore so I have to move.
- "Noport" should be the name pothole capital of the world. No casino, no yachting center, no ice skating these things not being here are killing the city.
- Something needs to be done about the safety of walkers. Spring Street is really bad walk it yourself.
- Trash removal should be twice a week and water quality should be better since the cost is so high. The people should vote for the mayor and the council. The council should be responsive to all concerns of the citizens.
- Make owning a business a little easier and we are 50th on the list of least friendly states to do business in. Fix and bury wires on Thanos St.

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- How can you conduct this survey and not ask about pedestrian safety or public transportation?
- Be ready with a plan for North end.
- City needs to promote business where people can be employed long term and make a good living for our college educated people.
- Fix Bliss Mine Rd as my lawn is eroding due to lack of road maintenance.
- Fix streets and sidewalks they are in horrible condition.
- We lost the casino and the yachting center. We need to allow tourist easier access to the city to support local businesses. Parking at the casino with a trolley that is free to go to places.
- Let people vote for the mayor. Put up parking towers at Mary Street and Hill we need to get the tourist out of their cars.
- Need to improve public schools our ratings are shameful. Do something about all the homeless and section 8 people.
- Fix the roads .
- When did natl Grid & other utilities take over Newport? Implement standards on road repairs. Repairs now are very poor.
- Our streets are a disgrace. Is there a plan on fixing them if so publish.
- The fire department is very insufficient.
- Parking is the #1 issue.
- The zoning department should follow the zoning regulations.
- The roads & sidewalks are abysmal. The real shame is that we are spending enormous dollars to fail to educate our children.
- Build sidewalks on Narragansett from Spring to Ochre Point to aid tourists & students on foot the dirt path is embarrassing.
- No amount of streetscape will improve Broadway until you solve the problem of all the drunks there. Section 8 housing needs to spread out all over the state not just in Newport.
- Letting the waterfront entertainment facility sell one of the worse things the city has done.
- We need to more of what is going on in Newport and who's who.
- Reduce the massive water bill that is a financial burden on the citizens.
- Move yellow lines at Welling Ave & memorial Blvd to allow angle parking.
- City seems to only care about taxes i.e. the bars and now Newport is a party town check out Annapolis they have it right.
- Low scores on education hire more teachers and pay better.
- The police need to start watching all those that text and drive everyone does it. Publicize & stiff fines should stop it.
- When are the empty schools going to be sold and the buildings put on the tax rolls.
- When I call the city no one answers the phones this is ridiculous. Allow short term rental for tourists.
- The city council did not work hard enough to save the yachting center. The council is influenced too much by neighborhood group and not the city of Newport.

- Taxes are too high. Water is too high. Enforce cars stopping in crosswalks. Repaint crosswalks every year and put plastic stop markers in intersection. Enforce parking in the downtown and reset traffic lights.
- Not a great place to live.
- Stop raising taxes on senior citizens who are on fixed incomes.
- Roads & streets are deplorable now the national grid is involved and the roads are constantly torn up. Who doesn't get this?
- This was awesome thank you.
- Construction should be done early spring & after Labor Day so as not to hurt tourist season.
- Schools are in serious trouble and need a dramatic overhaul. The loss of events will have a very negative effect on this city.
- Fix the roads in district 1.
- The schools should be our no 1 priority. Parking on snowy streets was terrible and people with overgrown hedges encroaching on sidewalks should be fined. People with property in bad shape should fix or be fined.
- Better communication between city & natl grid & water sewer rates are ridiculous.
- City council needs to be more business friendly. Downtown should not be treated like a sleepy bedroom community.
- Should have asked questions about feral cats, dogs, loose cats and dog parks.
- Street and road maintenance awarding jobs to the lowest bid doesn't seem to work for us.
- Very disappointed in property appraisal department.
- Pay more attention to residents than to tourists we are the ones paying the taxes.
- Have police officers direct traffic when it is heavy instead of having pile ups.
- Stop having police manage traffic at most work sites. On average they are useless, their cars are running and they stand on their phones paying no attention to the traffic.
- It feels like this city only cares about people with money & only caters to them. Like Newport just see many things overlooked by local government, want input on hiring a city manager what do they do.
- City needs to help senior citizens they have been here all their life and want to stay but can't afford. A cut in taxes for them even a small one would help.
- Seasonal homeowners should be taxed higher. Rent and homes are out of control. The city is becoming very rich or very very poor need more middle class,
- Property taxes are too high. Changing eligibility for a mooring was unfair to those on the list for many years.
- EBCAP is a waste. Education needs help.
- Stop vehicles from parking on the sidewalks this is a hazard for those of us that try to walk.
- Lower the taxes. Bring things in for kids to do and have fun bowling, movies. Newport sucks not happy with this place.
- Give locals a break on parking tickets. Enforce sticker parking during tennis week.
- I spend more time with the children than my own daughter a pay increase would be nice.

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- Do something about the traffic. City only cares about tourists not the residents who pay through the nose.
- The streets need repaired.
- Recognize that water & sewer bills are a burden on people cheaper in Arizona a desert state. See advantages our 2nd home market brings; no kids in school-rare police calls-spend \$ in stores yet services are denied to us.
- Parking too close to corners and crosswalks. Too many stop signs on Eustis Ave.
- We have government by special interest groups which is anti-business. Some council regularly violate the charter.
- We need a way for pedestrians and traffic to flow easier. Thames St. is really really bad due to the pedestrians.
- More affordable activities for seniors. Seniors have been forgotten when it comes to activities.
- Historic District zoning decision should be less arbitrary.
- City council should be more business friendly. More public access by council members.
- Continue to improve roads. Go back to picking up large items on trash day without stickers or extra cost.
- Add bike lanes. Issue more city info on twitter. Dislike and oppose charges on removal of bulk items on trash day.
- Pay more attention to the year round resident tax payers.
- Newport needs to get rid of "no to everything" attitude. Address the lack of transit.
- Where's the ice rink? What are we doing to kids off the street?
- Why wasn't this done electronically it would have been cheaper.
- City sold out the residents of Newport. They should communicate with residents.
- Some families work 3-4 jobs and still can't make ends meet because you politicians keep knocking us down. You take away our resources to make a decent living. Legalize pot people die from alcohol & drugs but none from pot it could help the economy and health.
- We need more car passes for the no parking zone.
- More signage on rules & safety on Pell Bridge. Sometimes info given on social media is a little late.
- Water still tastes awful even after new treatment plant.
- Why do you keep tearing up Broadway every year?
- Make town more family & tourist friendly. Actually care for city's true residents and not just the 1% of the so called elite.
- Roads & crosswalks need attention ASAP. Want to see elected officials day before voting.
- Get mayor to treat the rest of the city the way she treats the Point section. No short term rentals. Get rid of party houses the police need to enforce noise.
- No shark fishing tournament.
- Make water auto draft now that it is monthly.
- The no street parking after 6 is a problem. People want to come and spend money here but don't because there is no parking. It should be after 10pm may-oct.
- Get parking spaces at the library they are always full. Let businesses create jobs.

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- The city needs to give funds from sale of school buildings to the schools. We need to reexamine fire/police contracts with school employees.
- Safe & comfortable walking as the sidewalks are in poor shape.
- Why do fire trucks have to go out on every ambulance run? Stop and save money.
- Keep up bike path growth.
- Need to solve the school budget problem due to pensions.
- Solve the parking and driving by using shuttles and improve parking. Change to former mooring rules for the harbor.
- Provide auto bill paying without a fee. Need street sweeping this town is filthy. Return to quarterly water billing stop monthly billing.
- Over the years have seen this town go to a trash ridden, litter strewn, honky tonk, day tripping tourist town. Fix the town.
- Fix the roads.
- Edgar Ct needs repaved in very bad condition.
- Need school walking zone signs up and sidewalks need restoned.
- Better on repaving streets. Need more disposal days & hazardous waste disposal days.
- Reform on city employees retirement benefit packages. City spends money like a drunken sailor.
- Reinstate periodic collection of large household items curbside without permit fees.
- City would benefit in having residents participate in all policy making .
- Improve parking.
- Work on economic development & quality of life for the residents & city.
- Get rid of the methadone clinic. Develop non seasonal businesses so this isn't a ghost town during the off seasonal period.
- Stop raising the taxes.
- When sharing information about what is going on with the citizens please put things in laymen terms(simplify) we don't need the political verbiage.
- Have building inspectors look at 11 Congdon Ave & 34 & 36 Whitewell for gas leak. Please keep dogs off berm at Easton pond and grow tall grasses to discourage geese congregating.
- Police need to catch those that run through red lights and stop signs.
- Let the city manager run the city not the council. Health benefits are average and buy out to encourage retirements.
- Only time you can talk to a council member is at election time. Special groups get special treatment.
- Payment of vehicle permit prior to April. Need 2nd entrance to Newport to stop traffic congestion.
- Short term rental property should have city ordinances.
- Better maintenance to infrastructure to save on repairs that are so expensive.
- More work opportunities for year round residents not seasonal people.
- Provide links to sign in to things just like this survey.
- Water is out of control. Leave the middle class alone we just don't have it.

- Get rid of panhandlers. Take care of the locals. Move homeless out of center of town.
- To heavy handed on noise. Support businesses of all types.
- Pay attention to residents and less on tourists. Get city officials to walk our streets late at night and on week ends to see what we have to live with.
- End nepotism and open up Newport to new people and new ideas. Start with harbor and how the harbor master abuses his power. Next break the contract with waste management they are putting too much of the burden on the residents.
- Do something about the cost of water and the taxes.
- A free shuttle around the city in summer time would be an asset.
- Jobs for young people who would stay here.
- For a tourist the streets are a mess. The city should be ashamed it is going downhill.
- Stop the panhandlers. Clean up the entrances to the city and beautify .
- Guy Weston in zoning dept. does not answer questions.
- Pedestrians need to use crosswalks and if they don't fine them and enforce the law. Police school speed limit zones.
- Resume the Thames & Spring St. visioning. Support greater STEAM programs. Consider expanding bike lanes throughout the city. Harvest red tide on Easton Beach during the summer.
- Fix the roads.
- Street maintenance & disruption is awful.
- Stop the ghost bikes. Stop Panhandling. Bury the power lines.
- Fix downtown parking.
- Get rid of the mafia crime in Providence and Paolino corruption.
- Better jobs in Newport for young professionals
- City council cares more for profits than citizens.
- Fox the roads but just during tourist season.
- Address monthly sewer bill.
- More streets should be made one way or parking only on one side.
- We own the water meters? That is ridiculous the city should insulate and fix.
- Stop sending council to foreign countries use that money to better the city. We have more than enough low income housing.
- Enforcement of panhandling and crosswalks. More frequent city sponsored city markets.
- Lack of textbooks in the schools. Water bill increase of 38% is ridiculous for all of us conserving water. The roads being torn up for utility construction was poor planning.
- Cut costs & lower taxes. Police guarding pot holes really? City has too much waste.
- Get rid of the beggars. They are a traffic hazard.
- The city is filthy. People see filth by the sea. City Hall not interested in promoting new businesses they make it difficult.
- Focus on schools, roads, beaches and water.
- Enforce speed limits on Memorial Blvd & Ocean Drive.

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- Fix the roads. City Council made a mistake letting Yacht center go. Should have offered tax fee status now the city is fractured and will never be the same.
- No to casinos.
- New gas lines have left very bumpy streets. Inadequate street drains.
- Have landlords be more responsible for their tenants.
- Fix all roads. Lower taxes by addressing pensions & healthcare.
- Traffic flow in the summer is terrible. Give zoning some teeth to enforce the laws. Resident should be priority over tourists.
- Roads and sidewalks are terrible. The mayor & city council are out for themselves.
- Need new sidewalks on Spring St. south of Memorial Blvd.
- Lighten up when someone wants a cut kiosk. Keep grass & lawn taken care of all the time not when 3 feet tall.
- Support businesses.
- Explore options for turning Newport into a concert/performance venue. Easy access and parking a lot of would really be good for Newport but not the casino.
- Help businesses solve the parking problem.
- People should have access to city operations.
- The city doesn't care about the year round residents it is all about the tourists.
- Have an election for the mayor. Stop hiring out of town for police and fire dept.
- Reduce property taxes.
- Stop utility rate increases.
- Repair the roads.
- Ban cell phones & electronic devices to keep pedestrians safe. Need public transportation. Need extra trash containers near the parks & bus shelters. Need biodegradable bags for dog waste.
- I can't retire here it is too expensive. Enforce traffic laws and make community safer.
- Newport is not just for rich white summer people. We all deserve respect.
- Tim Mills does a good day.
- Restructure water bills.
- Discussion needed to define what everyone want for Newport. Do we want tourism or special interest groups.
- Put the fire department on 3 shifts. Public services utilities are way too expensive.
- Better communication.
- Need bus service downtown.
- Crosswalks need to be marked clearly. Police need to police crosswalks and give tickets for jay walking.
- Ticket drivers that don't stop when pedestrians are in the crosswalks.
- Need a law to prohibit gambling permanently.
- City regulations are not enforced. Too many signs. Speed limits do not follow national guide line.
- Appreciate the opportunity to communicate with this survey.
- Ways to eliminate traffic congestion in the summer by limiting nonresident vehicles in town.

- Stop paying so much attention to the outsider's carpet baggers. They should not be making policies for Newport.
- Tax increases are not fixing the problems.
- City mgmt. does not communicate with needs of small businesses. Roads need to be fixed but not during the busiest time of the year.
- Fix the roads correct the first time.
- My partner and I both work here but can't buy a house here because of cost of real estate.
- Property taxes seem too high. Get education fixed.
- I have sent 2 emails to council members & received nothing in return.
- The city needs to promote tourism & business. The city is very anti-business.
- No need to pay police to guard construction sites and the cars are left running at tax payers' expense. All trees need to be tended to & maintained. Get rid of panhandlers.
- Get rid of the half-way house as it is scary. Figure out a way to not rely on gambling.
- Take care of the roads.
- Fix the red tide algae on the beach. Create cheaper parking and more flexible rental arrangements.
- Fix the roads. Fix the business signs.
- Quit spending money to do studies. Pick one and follow through.
- Fix the roads. Communicate with residents on a consisted schedule.
- Schools falling apart. The mess tourists see when exiting Newport what a disgrace. Price of water is prohibitive. Hedges need trimming.
- When you resurface the roads make sure construction is done.
- Summer traffic is growing.
- Protect the waterfront.
- Fix the roads. The new trash collectors are not good. Going to class in the middle of winter is ridiculous.
- In the winter when the snow comes the snow plows push the snow up on my sidewalk.
- Attract older tourists to cut down on drinking and loud noise.
- Newport does not support businesses.
- Make the city attractive to all tourists.
- Bring back free pick up of TV's couches refrigerators etc.
- I must move.
- Better communication between city & other businesses.
- The Queen Anne project was and is a joke. Noise levels have cost this city a lot of problems.
- Garbage across from the transfer station right off Newport Bridge is disgusting . Panhandlers need to be stopped and the homeless people need to be moved out.
- Don't need to have police blocking both ends of a one-way street.
- Make the city be pedestrian friendly in the downtown area.
- Please pay attention to the parking enforcement.
- The city is filthy.

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- Move homeless shelter away from downtown. Stop building section 8 housing.
- Panhandlers need to be stopped. When do rusty bikes become trash. Noise ordinances are not being enforced. Casinos are not wanted here in Newport.
- Enforce sidewalk clearing. Also enforce parking regulations.
- Conditions of the streets are horrible. Need more stop signs and police to enforce the speed limits.
- City council focuses too much on tourism.
- Stop the constant increase of utility expenses like water sewer & electricity.
- City leaders should be trying to attract a variety of jobs. Not just the service type that come with trying to be a tourist hub.
- Generally looking for more transparency in city spending. Mayors own relatives are not paying tangible taxes on their businesses.
- Roads are terrible. Need a quick plan to fix them ASAP.
- Fix the roads.
- When road repairs are going to be done we should know about them in advance . Expand roads on snow emergency routes.
- Moving the homeless shelter Washington square needs to be done immediately as the homeless are just wandering all over Broadway. This is #1 priority.
- So many streets were finally repaved and now they are all tore up. Was there a plan here?
- Dissatisfaction with street sweeping downtown area. Should be a time limit as to how long abandoned commercial property can sit.
- Industrial landscaping laws should be changed so if something has 100 dcp level and used in residential area before 10 am & disturbing people can complain & they get ticketed. Using leaf blowers to blow snow at all hours is ridiculous.
- Place higher taxes on people who own multifamily residences. Clean up Newport Ave, Bayview, and other off Broadway streets mu children should not have to walk pass drug dealers & crack heads to go to school. Move Codac from Thompson middle school and clean up 7-11, city hall & police station for disruptive people hanging out there.
- City should more actively manage traffic in the summer with police directing in busiest intersections. Add new roads or expand streets.
- Term beach bounce is obscure to me.
- Mayor position should be an elected not appointed position.
- All bushes along sidewalks should be trimmed to allow for its use this should be enforced by the codes department. Also enforce which way a car is parked when parallel parking.
- City is dirty with trash everywhere on the streets. Panhandlers on Broadway are harassing people. City leaders need to abide by the rules. The potholes are terrible.
- Pedi cabs are a great asset. Get more and put some more people to work as the regular cabs with their operating hours are very poor and they are unreliable. More harbor water taxis to move people to all points surrounding the harbor would reduce cars on Thames St.
- Little job opportunity. Unfair property tax assessing by vision appraisal.
- Sand & salt usage is too extreme. Corroding vehicles and ruining my garage floor.

- Police station is very unwelcoming not allowed to speak with officers about issues. Panhandling in way out of hand . Need police walking the beat especially Fri & Sat night. Downtown is now like Bourbon St.
- New real estate assessment is terrible. Parking at night for city hall meetings is not good.
- Traffic #1 problem. If main parking at grand vicinity & then have shuttles do drop off would fix traffic problem and encourage tourism.
- Need stop signs enforced and other traffic regulations. City's text alert is a joke. Also city job openings on the web doesn't work. Water bills too high. City officials never return calls or you can't get through to them. We put them there and we can take them out.
- city council should represent specific groups no at large
- When repaving streets do the ones that are heavily traveled not the dead end streets. City administration needs to work together rather than squabble.
- Properly repair roads after utility work and no more excuses why not contract locally? Restore trash & bulk waste services.
- City council needs to stop catering to the wealthy seasonal and do more for the year round residents that are low & middle income.
- City seems to care more about tourism than quality of life.
- More public toilets. Improve high school. Market Newport as a tourism city so welcome and assist tourists. Eliminate 2 firehouses and reduce cost & overhead.
- Economic development critical and that doesn't mean selling the soul of Newport. Try being the best place to have businesses not the worst. The city has got to cut costs.
- Remove red seaweed from Easton beach. The condition of side streets is horrible. Must keep the streets and sidewalks clean all the time.
- Make the next survey shorter.
- Improve communication through social media. Boat ramp improvements at Ft Adams. Review mooring occupancy in harbor.
- Why don't we have a mayor and who is the police chief? Really..... Dependence on social media to inform citizens what's going on does not work for everybody as some don't have cell phones or computers.
- Newport needs republican conservative leadership.
- We need a real mayor. No city council member should be allowed to live outside of Newport more than 1month/year.
- Don't get the help I need when I ask for it.
- Enforce zoning codes. Apartments on my street with 2-3 bedrooms had 10-12 people living in them. Rental property takes away a lot of our street parking.
- Feel local longtime residents are being pushed out and special treatment is being given to season people. Lower and middle class people have no say so in anything.
- Laws should be enforced to require dog owners to pick up after their dogs especially in parks and on sidewalks and private yards.
- City council should address absurd excessive raise in water rates. There is no excuse for this. Yes tax second homes.

- Restructure city government.
- Stop the black & white apartheid segregation . Minority are never seen in this city.
- Stop wasting tax dollars. Respect the public.
- Streets and sidewalks are awful.
- Widespread sentiment that police do not serve the citizen they treat us like we are criminals. Police should target criminals.
- Most difficult city I ever ran a business in.
- Do things for the people that live here all the time and support this city.
- Fix ALL the roads not just the main roads.
- Needed full time city manager with exactly who they report to and take direction from. The city council seems to have a fortress mentality.
- Many of the city's problems come from those unwilling to read & understand the simplest signage.
- Do away with special interest organizations.
- City doesn't know who is less/more important. Need to make it easier to own business here & give businesses already here breaks too. Local businesses are made to jump through hoops & pay huge fees.
- Water here is outrageous \$100 a month for 2 people and we don't even drink the water. Still paying car taxes on a car over 10 years old why? Use barriers to guard repair guys instead of 4 standing around the hole, 1 sitting in the truck.
- Why the reduction in residential trash collection? Very disappointing.
- How about an annual newsletter with web site info and other services?
- Service at Hale is terrible.
- No place for tweens & teens to hang out with a paid membership. Residential properties that are falling apart need to be fixed site the owner.
- The city needs to put tax paying productive citizens first not the social service sucking people whom they cater to. Tax payers are footing the bill and we have had enough.
- Need a fire boat for the harbor.
- Remove the sign or repeal the law for no left turns at Elm St. & poplar streets.
- The cost of water is outrageous in Newport.
- Pensions for city workers & school employees crippling services.
- Bus stop in front of city hall says it all. Boiling radiators are consuming energy in a useless manner in the stairs leading to bathrooms.
- Conduct city in English only. Get rid of the refugee children in our school system they are undocumented. Get illegals out of our public housing.
- Fix the roads & potholes.
- Parking enforcement is too aggressive. Sidewalks need major repairs. Section 8 & administration services should remember their job is to serve not look down on the people they help.
- More comprehensive information on events and issues including private/commercial events.
- Improve the harbor walk and make it more accessible.

- Beef up police presence. Older police need to teach the new and younger police manners instead of them refusing us. The younger cops are disrespectful and getting a bad rep.
- The quality & affordability of housing is really bad. School reputation isn't good either. Streets are very bad. Need more outdoor restaurants.
- Tone down the lighting in this neighborhood. 22 Everett St.
- Stop the who-you-know practices. Elementary school overcrowded. I can't afford to live here anymore or send my child to overcrowded school. Do what is right and just for the year round citizens.
- The fact that the noise ordinance had a hand in losing the yacht center is unacceptable and should have been handled differently by the city council.
- Find placement for waterfront events downtown on the water.
- Streets & sidewalks need considerable work ASAP. Bike lanes need marked. Snow removal needs to be increased for streets and sidewalks. Street cleaning I have never seen done.
- City officials should listen more to residents even the rich summer residents.....they could easily move somewhere else.
- Almost all the roads are in need of repair.
- Water department is a monopoly and needs transparency as water & waste water are ridiculous.
- Place trash cans at Eisenhower park. People pick up after their dogs but then no place to throw so they throw in bushes on the ground. How about putting power lines underground it's not that expensive and would save on tree trimming and power outages.
- Need to find another source of income for the city besides property taxes. The water cost is outrageous.
- Snow removal this winter was abysmal. Don't recommend using contractor or 3rd party to do so.
- City needs a pro-business attitude. Causing the shutdown of mid-town festivals due to noise was deplorable.
- Stop hiring expensive consultants every time an issue comes up. I voted for the city council members to make decisions not pass the buck.
- Why is Newport 20% low income?
- City is so dirty. When waste management had the contract the city was much cleaner.
- Roads need to be fixed and something done about the water.
- Broadway is overdue for a makeover road. Road has been a disgrace for many many years.
- I am very anti casino. I support music festivals at Ft. Adams and sorry we lost musical events downtown. Pot holes need repaired.
- Traffic, litter, noise, crowds, difficulty parking, it's just unpleasant even with my resident parking sticker. Things are getting worse and worse.
- Give citizens a tax break to install off street parking. Hard to find parking downtown in the summer.
- Town government should be proactive rather than reactive. General competence of city council people is bad.

- Revitalize the Bellevue gardens shopping center been vacant 9 years.
- No casinos.
- Speeding and noise are a huge problem on Annandale rd.
- Fix the budget the finances are in permanent worsening status.
- Increase education to Newporters on resources available for info such as engage Newport microsite.
- The city should encourage all renters/homeowners to keep the front yards with curb appeal as that is what everyone notices when driving our streets. Too much litter and butts.
- Stop selling our utilities.
- Water is dirty. Odor in apartments. People are drunks, drug users, homeless, rude and loud. City doesn't care to fix the problems.
- Eliminate the zoning boards ability to overturn the HOC
- Memorial Blvd. does not get swept by the city on a regular timetable.
- Patchwork streets and sidewalks is not inviting.
- More car to year round residents & those neighborhoods and streets.
- Overpriced and overtaxed. Police is corrupt and unaccountable. Not fit to raise a family or live in all the time.
- Do something about the water and electric rates. They are outrageous.
- Street need a lot of attention. High school needs serious to roof & heating.
- Many street crumbling and need immediate repair. Non main streets need attention for repaving too.
- Zoning should coordinate with tax assessor to prevent construction without a permit like decks, sheds etc.
- Fostering better relationship with citizens as I literally had a member of the clerk's office hang up on me and was very rude before doing so just last week. Police also should try and develop a relationship with the citizens and be friendlier.
- How does a street get paved? Every street around me has been paved. My street was voted worst street in 2000, 2014 and 2009-ish.
- Homeless issue in downtown should be addressed.
- Need a dedicated bike paths.
- Identify and secure non property tax alternative revenue for Newport.
- City is pushing out the natives it has gotten so expensive. Water bill is ridiculous.
- Use common sense in making decisions. Do what is best for all not just a few.
- Tired of all the council in fighting & pandering to special interests.
- Blue collar Newporters should be given first dibs on parking. Up the discounts for music festivals & beaches. More attention to drivers running lights, speeding & running bicyclists off the road. Not safe for pedestrians any more.
- Take care of sidewalks. Invest in sidewalk blower and sweeper.
- Start catering somethings to the middle class who live here and pay taxes all year round. Better response to us then seasonal people.

- Streets are dirty and litter everywhere. Infrequent cleaning.
- Clean up #5 Wilbur St the resident has the street with too many cars and rocks on the street.
- City council needs to wake up. Your decisions are crazy (1 week rentals) you need to clean up city . Students are out of control with the rentals. Seasonal people treated better the year round people.
- Seniors need more discounts like for taxes & water.
- The quality of education in public schools demands attention.
- City should focus on more physical recreation. The beaches are full of cigarette butts. Turn Newport Grand into a huge recreation hub.
- Fix the streets. Protect the waterfront.
- Go back to the old trash pickup. Loved it.
- Stop over taxing us; water, then water & sewer. Paying too much and people are leaving this area. Pass water usage on to tourists we live here and are tired of all the increases.
- Police need to do foot patrol at night especially in the summer season. Improve street lighting and street cleaning in other areas besides Bellevue Ave.
- Decorate the town at Christmas to promote shopping and tourism.
- City workers @ city hall are very rude they need to remember our taxes pay their salary. Don't allow big trucks to ruin our curbs but charge them when they do. Our taxes are too stinking high.
- Garbage pickup is good but then the trash blows all over the place.
- City shouldn't discourage concerts & marathons. Casinos should be outlawed. Would like the exact date the water mains are going to be cleaned as it destroys our home water filter system.
- Good effort on this survey but we think the demographics should include all in the household.
- This town is so corrupt fix it.
- City needs to do more for business owners. Big mistake not to support NPT Yachting center.
- Deplorable that Newport has one of the poorest populations in the state with children being most affected.
- Snow plowing on emergency routes should clear snow to the curbs while in effect. Why do we mail water bill to providence RI? Focus on technology and communication. Small businesses & the boating industry need support. Put in bike paths see how Edgartown ma has done it. Continue to address the noise level.
- When an email is sent to the city manager someone should at least respond no matter how small.
- Newport should join other island counties to promote mass trans to link us with RI & MA.
- No texts this winter on snow removal. Don't just plow the middle of the street. Improve bike paths and bike lane at beach needs separated from cars. Enforce noise from motorcycles. Replace mylar tents at Gateway Center and then take care of it looks run down. Cut entitlement for retired and devote that money to better education as ours currently is poor. Keep planting trees.
- Worst mistake this city made was allowing the sale of the yachting centers downtown.

2015 City of Newport Community Survey: Appendix B - Open-Ended Comments

- Sand on the street from winter is awful. Lower Thames is a big tourist area but the city gives it zero attention.
- Lower taxes.
- Major changes to water quality and planning/zoning board .
- Complete entrance ramp from Newport to a c blvd via rail tracks, move train station further north.
- Half of the city is poor.
- Beef up zoning. Graffiti removal & enforcement of nuisance homes. Hold landlords responsible for cso drain pipes. Sweep the streets at least monthly. Enforce snow removal.
- Newport tax payers should receive top priority and consideration.
- Parking for residents & workers needs to be addressed ASAP. Gear the city away from being a young drunken party town.
- Mayor should be an elected not appointed position. Town council needs to be more attentive to small businesses rather than over reacting to complaints of the part time residents. Realize this town & its employees are dependent upon visitors to music venues & restaurants. Part time residents are killing this town.
- Stricter punishment for those who hit bicyclists. Biking is a means of transportation in this town.
- Don't let utilities dig up newly resurfaced roads. If so then they should pay to have resurfacing done to the streets.
- Bring back yachting center or establish like venue. More entertainment downtown.
- Stop the attitude of party town. Bars should be held accountable for the havoc the clientele raises in our neighborhoods. We have a terrible image.
- Bring back a couple of days a year when we can set out bulk waste. Needs to be city ordinance which addresses homeless people and panhandling and it seems as though the police can do or don't do anything about it.
- I work in a downtown business and my shoppers feel rushed to feed the meter and employees have nowhere to park.
- Miss being able to have big trash items picked up.
- City workers hard sometimes hard to reach. City needs maintained. City council doesn't seem to be in sync with overall plan.
- Keep city sidewalks and streets clean.
- Sadly this city is becoming less affordable to live in every year. There is a slow squeeze to the middle class residents.
- Make more attractive as well to the senior citizen.
- Release info about the cost of replacing curbs because this was a total waste of money
- Good survey well done.
- We along with 7 other families are selling our homes and moving as we can't take the noise level from May -Oct. We have no respect for neighbors as they continue to payoff city council members.
- City council has seen fit not to fight for the year round citizens or the business community. Financial health of the city is bad

- Quit raising taxes. Lower Thames looks dead at Christmas when will they start getting some attention?
- City only caters to businesses & tourists. The middle class resident is ignored at best. I will be relocating as it is too expensive to live here not that you all care.
- Increase of water ,taxes and electricity making it impossible for seniors to live here. Maybe some senior discounts.
- More police presence on Annandale for speeding & partyers due to rentals. Tired of being woke up @2 am.
- Never heard of engage Newport until this survey.
- Parking ticket practices and charges are gouging residents and tourist.
- Street paving is awful. Family of 7 and can only have 1 bin for recycling. Really? Pell & special ed services very dissatisfied.
- Lived here 1 year and everything is overpriced and definitely not kid friendly town.
- Pressure the landlords to maintain properties.
- Have some sort of recreation for low income children to do in the summer as they can't afford expensive camps.
- Thanks for doing this.
- Don't let the Bellevue people have a say in ideas. Stop handcuffing guys looking to bring music to the city. Allow recreation boats to use p park.
- It is ridiculous to pay a fee to pay for services online/ach. Get the utility lines buried. Repair the sidewalks or brick them. Eliminate d1 month rentals. Get a better grocery store. Turn off lights on city hall steeple. Move city offices for more efficient building. Add broadband capacity. Build more parking and initiate ongoing trolleys on lowers Thames.
- Focus on developing new sources of revenue in order to relieve the pressure on real estate.
- The city's non response to handling the yachting concert issue was a disgrace. Constant naysayers on the council stop growth and cost the city revenue. Overspending & outrageous taxes drives everyone out but the wealthy.
- Seems to be a lack of service to residents by city employees. They are indifferent to our problems almost hostile and that needs to change.
- City council is disrespectful. Decisions are made but due diligence is not taken. After 10 years in the city we are moving.
- Alert residences about local crime. Give us clean water we had to purchase a filter system. Stop promoting alcohol abuse in this city.
- We spend too much time, money & effort on the same issues. Enforce ordinances & laws we have don't change to encompass those not following them.
- Some of the questions in this survey need clarification. Like #10. City council should consider meeting with residents & city workers to discuss issues they are concerned with. This should be monthly without retributions to anyone.
- What about the water services? Lack of attention to detail on major and minor city projects. Poor budgeting. Lack of planning to reduce costs of living and attract more families. Need to

focus on children and planning for the future of our city. Public works workers are a disgrace because you never see them actually work.

- Conserve open space.
- Our street has a horrible problem with speeders. 9 Whitwell PL
- Collect taxes from nonprofits they use the city services. Water bill & sewer too expensive.
- This survey is a good step towards improvements.
- Police do a good job.
- I can't find help and they cut my ss.
- Extra parking out of main tourist area would alleviate traffic jam to those who live here year round.
- Assessment of property exceeded 30% over prior assessment. Difficult to keep living here with taxes so high.
- City should review police procedures with respect to the US Bill of Rights and inform the public.
- Keep asking the questions but do the work.
- Too much low income housing. Sell the schools to FOR profit groups and get them paying taxes. Do what's best for the majority and stop caving in to small grassroots organizations and special interest groups.
- Enforce the motorcycle straight pipe noise. Stop the financial waste. Residential parking should have at least 1 guaranteed spot no matter what,
- The amount of time roads are being worked on and reworked is unacceptable. Instead of money spent on police and construction spend where it is needed.
- City council is horrendous. They dragged three feet so bands couldn't be booked and it cost the city millions in revenue. Leonard & Camacho should be impeached or resign for going to the state to ban the Volvo series concerts as they did not represent the 4-3 in favor of the concerts.
- Make homeowners cut their shrubs to keep accidents from happening. Corner of Sheffield/Malbore
- Noise enforcement is a must .
- City council needs to work with city manager. Something isn't right with the turn over.
- Concentrate on traffic flow & sync lights.
- More fountains and ticket those endangering cyclists.
- Clean up and restores Thames they look ghetto. Restore bus station Tents. Get rid of homeless shelter in Washington square. Consider bikes at the visitors center,
- Police could make available limited us parking passes.
- City officials need to learn how to talk to citizens like we are human.
- Attract companies with good paying jobs for the economy.
- Enforce the rental property. Landlords are not paying taxes.
- City planners need to concentrate on needs of residents not tourists.
- Lower taxes.
- Need more public restrooms and dog water fountains. Keep city dog friendly.
- My two grown sons have been stopped while walking down Thames St. 1 is a scientist and the other an engineer. 1 was alone and the other with 2 friends in broad daylight. The police were

very aggressive and verbally them now they are traumatized. What's wrong with the police? I have lived here 32 years and raised my sons. The culture of the police department has changed for the worse they need people skills and sensitivity skills and how about being friendly towards all people.

- The water & sewer tax is making it harder to live in Newport. Start a street repair and finish before going on to the next. Tax the tourist.
- Enforce the laws don't change to make the short term rental people happy.
- Residents are poorly informed by public servants and they themselves are badly informed. EPA and clean water act spells disaster to those that actually pay the taxes here.
- The city needs to find a way to fund all, water, sewer and its other projects besides increasing taxes or fees.
- A new broom sweeps clean so would a new mayor & city council & city manager.
- Lived here all my life and raised my children please help us keep our homes and stop raising prices and taxes.
- Water bill is too high and is ridiculous.
- Own a condo in the 5th ward and the roads and surrounding roads are a disgrace. Especially Wellington.
- We need to build up and beautify the north end of the city.
- We had a good trash pickup system before you should have left it alone. Now we pay to put out things we didn't have to pay for before. Total city council morons Leonard, McLaughlin and Neville.
- Too much benefit to bike Newport. Traffic changes to memorial Ave have negative impact.
- ALL ward council members should have a monthly meeting with constituents at a mutually convenient time & place.
- Find a venue for waterfront events/ concerts closer to downtown
- Surprisingly, you've not asked about household size and the presence of children in the household, which certainly impacts our response to questions regarding the public schools. Or perhaps that is coming.....We are a small household of 3, including 1 child 12 or under.
- 1. The number of vacant retail spaces should be an indication that rent is too high. There are a number of properties that have remained abandoned, in disrepair, or have incredible turnover from one season to another. This HURTS the neighboring shops/restaurants as the neighborhood does not seem vibrant and welcoming. Furthermore, employees lose their jobs, or never get them. Property owners who rent commercial space should be rewarded (or inversely, penalized) for the rate at which their spaces are occupied, open and contributing to the overall success of the city in terms of revenue generation, employment generation, and city image. 2. There are number of bars/restaurants that habitually over-serve their guests and create an environment that is conducive to disruptive and even criminal behavior. This causes an imbalanced use of our police and emergency forces, harms the neighboring business owners, and is a nuisance to residents in those areas as well. It is a PRIVELEGE to serve liquor, not a right. Not to say that they should have their licenses revoked, but how are we encouraging restaurant owners/operators to do the right thing by their employees and neighbors' safety?

What if for a number of infractions, you then have to close at 12am instead of 1am. I'd bet a few of those bar managers would take a closer look at who and how much they are serving. 3. In regards to the casino question - the way the questions were written was flat out wrong on the ballot. You either had to vote for "no casino" or "casino gambling to be monopolized permanently by one person in one location." Those questions should have been separated differently. "Should table gaming be allowed within the Newport city limits, to be available only at community-approved locations decided via voting" Then, "Should the current Newport Grand location be approved as a community-approved location for table gaming." The way that it was worded would be like legalizing marijuana, but giving the license to sell it to only one single bar that had one owner and was not allowed to move it. I voted NO because of this monopoly set-up, not because I'm against gaming in general. 4. The scooter and 3 wheeled go-kart rental has to go. You're taking people who are on vacation, partying, and putting them in a motor vehicle on city streets that they don't know how to operate. Thinking they're in an amusement park. Too many times going the wrong way on one-way streets, on sidewalks, etc. Segway tours are fine - they're annoying, but at least their safe.

- STOP AT ALL COSTS- THE ROADMAP RI. IT WILL KILL NEWPORT.
- Miantonomi Park needs a couple of basketball courts and the outdoor basketball court at Pell needs to be removed. All evening long, all of the neighborhood teens are there playing screaming and making noise. At the park, there is no one to bother. At the school it overlooks a number of backyards. Also, teens hang out in the playgrounds at the school in the dark and stare into the house windows.
- Less fire & police, better roads, extended nightlife hours until 2am for revenue and tourism. Broadway will (hopefully) improve the real estate market nearer Broadway/Van Zandt.
- The City needs to better support public education in order to attract more families into Newport. Our residential areas are quickly becoming second home communities with privileged folks who have little vested in the economic development of our community.
- Customer service is still a problem in Newport. I just get the feeling that city staff doesn't really put customer service and citizen satisfaction as a top priority.
- Better communication with citizens could help a lot.
- Caving into the minority and losing the Newport Yachting Center on America's Cup was a mistake. It seems the city want to remove or make it extremely difficult for business to have events. Someone complains about a little bit of concert noise and the city loses the ice rink, boat show, etc. People want to be in the city not on its outskirts for an event.
- Modernize the workforce, processes, technology; use digital technologies strategically. The City Council should let the City Manager manage the city workforce and stop focusing on minutiae. Recommending snow dragons and other public works equipment, really? I would like councilors to come to council meetings prepared and informed - study up people - be strategic in thinking and action - support superior execution, professional project management and quality of "do it right the first time". Merge utilities and public services - why are they separate? It creates confusion among the tax payers and a disconnect when it comes to street maintenance - utilities destroys the streets and it seems there is quite a lag until the street surface is remediated. Just

seems like double the expense, double. The time, which translates to waste of scarce resources. Modernize, modernize modernize! It is no longer 1978. Embrace alternate forms of transportation; somehow create central parking and shuttle system for visitors to reduce impact on brittle roads and reduce congestion. Repaint bike lanes and arrows please. Please have city employees wear ID badges and for those in the field, identifying uniforms. Have city facilities professionally managed to improve security.

- I would like to see ALL the crosswalks painted. Especially near the parks, like Battery Park to Battery Street. They are worn out and not noticeable enough for the average driver.
- Opposition to table games was presented as a moral issue but really was financially motivated by downtown business owners wanting to keep visitor dollars close at their hand. A short sighted vote based upon media generated fear. I am concerned about use of that property should it move to Tiverton.
- It would be nice to have more general focus on improving quality of life for year-long residents, including yearlong commuting/transportation issues, incentives for year-long businesses, etc.
- I live near Stop& Shop and the trash barrel at the corner of E Bowery and Freebody seems to be a cause of trash blowing everywhere in this area, instead of containing it. During the winter the side roads are not plowed well, a lot of this is because cars remain parked on the streets preventing proper snow removal, it should be mandatory that cars are removed from streets during major storms to let the town do the proper plowing.
- Overall I want Newport to be livable for the middle class. Too many families leave Newport due to their ideas (misperceptions) about Newport schools and/or because they can't afford to buy a home in Newport. I am very concerned that middle class Newport families are being priced out of their own hometown.
- We need to figure out a way to keep our roads in good shape. This has been going on too long. I as well as many others drive older vehicles and the condition of the roads takes a toll on the older vehicles; which means more money out of pocket for repairs. Also, schools (middle and high in particular) need to have a better reputation. I dread the day my son has to go to Thompson. Hopefully I have the wrong perception.
- Community based policing and bike routes are most key to us. Keeping the city affordable to diverse communities as well. Subsidized housing is critical along with public transportation.
- I live near Bowery Street and am appalled at the condition of Bowery Street and its sidewalk. This road connects the Lower Thames Street neighborhood with the shopping centers. There is tons of foot and vehicle traffic which is treacherous. I also feel that crossing Bellevue at Bowery is very dangerous for pedestrians and vehicles. Please consider putting in a four way stop sign and better marked cross-walk at this intersection.
- The bulky boat racks on the Point, valet parking as a "solution" to congestion, and the massive IHoF building shows the City is ignoring the residents. e.g. there is not one question about what the City is doing to protect our watershed. (Paving the parking lot at Braga Park is not a good idea! Where does the runoff go?) I think watershed protection is more important than the Beach Bounce, so I question the City's priorities. The City's image? The Shark Killing fest is not the way to go! The zoning laws need to be rewritten, and the IHoF bldg is a great example-

disruption to public safety because there is no setback, taking part of Mem Blvd for months so a property of four acres can gain a few more feet? A bldg so bulky it blocks the sky? What happens when snow slides off the metal roof? What happened to the trees? Newport as a Tree City is not written into zoning laws, nor is compromise to public safety or pedestrian safety during long construction periods considered. This needs to be written into the regs along with the Complete Streets concept. Why no bike lane on Broadway? And the ACO should provide a summary of potential dangers at the City Council meetings so that info can appear before the public-info like deer collisions, coyote, and vicious dog attacks. There is no other reliable way to find this info except by word of mouth. Why has nothing been done to improve the crosswalk where the woman was killed on Bellevue? It is still dark, still poorly marked, and cars are still parked illegally in the loading zones (which should not even be there). There is not enough emphasis on pedestrian safety in this survey. If the City wanted to do ONE thing to improve the quality of life, it should paint all the crosswalks ASAP. A second low hanging fruit would be to replace the salt trucks with brine spray, so the salt doesn't get all over lawns, clumped in big piles in watershed areas and wasted, costing extra \$. The monthly water bills should include info on watershed and runoff management-we spend a lot of money cleaning up our water, partly because of the runoff that feeds into the supply. Personal service by City employees is great, but the City bureaucracy needs improvement, like stopping making decisions based on "who you know" rather than the facts (like the Gray Matter/Easton's Beach run debacle) And how about a general e mail address for the whole Council and the City Manager? Also not covered in this survey: handicap access issues, environmental tourism, and green issues (e.g. how much of the city is paved over?) Will we ever see a safer way to bike around Ocean Drive? Please help the Library-its parking lot is misused by local renters as off street parking. There needs to be a better way-e.g. if the City can give out parking tickets off season at the Mary Street lot, they should be able to ticket cars that are left for long term parking at the Library lot. Maybe some kind of a voucher system could be used. Thank you for reading.

- Art education within the public schools should receive more support. There are many nonsensical classes offered at the high school in the name of technology. Classes like Science of drug interactions and Criminalistics are silly and only take away from quality programs of a liberal arts education that high school students should be taught.
- I think you should offer dog hours on the beach during the season like Middletown does, 5 am to 7:45 am, as it is not pleasant that I have to stop walking my dog to First Beach every day just because the date changes. We moved where we did so we could walk our dog to the beach every day, not realizing we were restricted from doing so until after we moved in.
- Economic development ideas (rather than housing) for old school properties
- Pedestrian only zones with more satellite parking and walking. The handling of the Yachting debacle was disgraceful.
- 1- If speed limit enforcement was more active on the bridge we may have saved all the money spent on a new bearer. 2- Schools needed to get back to basics - some high school kids can't sign their name, or figure out how much of a 5 dollar bill is left, if they spend \$2.75 on a sandwich. 3- Major roads in town need to repaved smooth - Broadway & Connell Hwy are bad

news for someone in an ambulance 4- Sending three city police/fire department vehicles seems nutty, the vehicles need to be modified to cut it to two vehicles 5- Police assignment to most construction duty = way over priced a shared "Construction Safety Person" group of people for our island the three cities could use for 80% of construction detail would save police overtime and the city \$\$\$\$. Thank you.

- The city should buy the Slots property to use a new Gateway center. It would be perfect for realigning bridge ramps. The present Gateway property should be redeveloped into an entertainment venue to be used similar to the previous tent at the Yachting Center.
- The area around Washington square keeps a lot of visitors from migrating up Broadway. It would be nice to move the YMCA building and its occupants to some less valuable real-estate. Not saying to reduce services, just consolidate. Also the chapel terrace would be better served as tax paying property. Move the low income housing to Newport heights.
- hopefully the results will be published, as it would be good to know what other residents think!
- During summer, I have always thought that blocking Thames Street from Washington Square to the post office would enhance walking traffic especially at night. Have officers stationed along the route to discourage rowdiness and public drinking. I believe this would alleviate so many people from walking in the street and slowing vehicle traffic down causing congestion.
- The condition of city streets is beyond terrible. Utilities are allowed to come in and dig up the streets and "patch" them. The patches become potholes within a week. The utilities should be made to bring the streets back to the condition they were in when they started their project. Also, it's almost May after the worst winter in decades, where are the street sweepers?????
- I think both my husband and I, who are each voting members of this city, should be able to complete the survey. Every citizen should, regardless of whether or not they share a home together.
- I am neutral on the issue of the city's being responsive to citizens because I feel that issues like opposition to the Breakers visitor center and the kayak racks on the point waste a lot of time and money. Neither example harms citizens or the lovely nature of our city, so let's focus on more important issues and try not to let these people grandstand.
- Stop tearing up the roads every summer! Take however long it takes to do whatever needs to be done, once, then pave the streets right, and leave them for at least 5 years! It makes traffic suck to constantly be doing work, especially since the work is done in the summer months when there is additional tourist traffic (doing the work at night would help greatly). And it sucks to drive on the uneven streets (especially Broadway) where you feel like you're on one of those old wooden roller coasters!
- The cost of police "guarding" pot holes, although built into construction bids, is outrageous. Their time and talent should be much more productively used elsewhere. Must also address fire/police pension and benefit costs which take an ever increasing portion of city budget.
- We need to eliminate the number of signs downtown it looks trashy and work on street scape down as well as create more parks and promote running and biking activities.
- I'm very disappointed in the way the city has been managed the last several years from homeless problem/Crime to construction projects, the yachting center closing, the over

aggressive parking enforcement, to the mishandling of the Newport Marathon the city council is completely inept.

- We need to bring back the downtown music. We'll be losing out on significant income from the elimination of the sunset music festival.
- National grid have destroyed our streets installing gas lines, the city does nothing to force them to replace the street from curb to curb, some streets they have dug up are less than 5 years old, Spring St., Gordon, weatherly.
- I feel the City's management is very poor and in some cases embarrassing. Two recent situations come to mind. 1. The original idea to cancel the Newport Marathon. Several member of the city council, either did not understand what the marathon means for the international prestige of the city or wanted to stop the event, so that a few Newporters were not to be inconvenience for a couple of hours. The marathon is on track to happen, but not until the city stood up and took notice. 2. The inability of the city council to develop a system that would have allowed the Newport Harbor Corporation to continue its concert series downtown. The economic impact of losing those shows, will be felt for years to come. People came to town to see a show, every year the talent level increased and the venue was generating a ton of buzz. Now, without the concert and comedy shows, Newport has lost another reason to come to town. NHC had a great thing going. People would drive into town, have dinner at one of the restaurants, see world class artists and then have a night cap or stay overnight. Rhode Island has a ton of interesting places to go during the summer, East Greenwich, Narragansett and when the 195 project of Providence is complete the, East Side. Newport needs to do a better job competing.
- Great idea to do this survey and get feedback from residents.
- Motorcycle noise has increased in recent years. It's a drag race down upper Thames Street. Memorial Boulevard is also bad. I believe at one time there was a digital sign at the corner to the entrance of Farewell and America's Cup Avenue cautioning cycle noise and perhaps a request to use America's Cup Avenue. Jamestown and I believe Narragansett have strict cycle noise ordinances. Any help in this matter would be greatly appreciated by many.