

## Q14 Please provide any comments, suggestions, or concerns on any Beach-related issues not covered above.

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	We are happy with the ways things are going. the Security guys do an awesome job.	4/16/2018 9:24 PM
2	We aren't interested in restricting people but sometimes they set up and try to take a large ocean front area. people need to be reasonable and remember others are there too.	4/16/2018 9:13 PM
3	Canopies should be placed behind the main ocean front beach area that is populated by chairs.	4/16/2018 9:10 PM
4	Thank you for doing a wonderful job for us!	4/16/2018 8:59 PM
5	Setting up chairs early for huge groups should be curtailed.	4/16/2018 8:57 PM
6	I feel that everything at MBA is working just fine. It's a great beach community.	4/16/2018 8:55 PM
7	We are regularly kept awake by alcohol fueled loud parties and fireworks long past the 11p.m. "quiet time." Previous property management team did not make any reasonable effort to control or even respond to loud deck, especially from parties on decks. Patrol staff tried but had little success. Neither visitors nor owners seem to realize that loud music and voices on decks make it impossible for neighbors, especially very young and very old to sleep. Babies neighbors, especially very young and very old to sleep..	4/11/2018 12:56 AM
8	Placing chairs on beach in early a.m. to save a space and not using space until later in the day.	4/9/2018 12:11 PM
9	We love Middlesex- fabulous community!	4/7/2018 6:34 PM
10	I'm disappointed with the decision to limit each household to one beach pass. I understand the reasoning and hope that the beach is less crowded because of this decision. It's just difficult for those of us who rent because we now need to obtain the pass from our rental agents before we can go to the beach. Thank you for all you do. We have owned our home for 52 years and it's no longer sleepy Middlesex Beach!	4/7/2018 3:42 PM
11	Regarding beach passes, these were not enforced much last year, if at all. In past years one of the security community control would write down each beach pass number. Common courtesies should be observed but there's the rub since the perception of these niceties varies greatly. Extremely rude behavior by others should be reported to security and addressed by the patrol. My only other pet peave is trash left on beach and people not picking up after their pets, more of a problem on Dune Rd than elsewhere. Thanks for putting the survey together.	4/6/2018 11:03 AM
12	Maintenance of shutters and other alike minor maintenance to homes should be allowed at all times during from 7am-8pm	4/6/2018 7:57 AM
13	Security needs to be more active from 11pm to 4am. I have rental properties surrounding me and Noise/rowdiness is a constant problem. I have tried to call Security on several occasions. Sometimes I do not get an answer. Also, once they do come to calm down the renters, the renters will quickly return to the noise/music/rowdiness. At times I feel concerned for safety as there is no Police that can quickly respond. To me, this is the number One issue of MBA that needs to be addressed. Thank You.	4/6/2018 6:03 AM
14	Security should ask pedestrians for a house number or pass as they enter MBA on the beach side. We watched a man park on the road on the pine side and walk up to the beach everyday for a week. No one ticketed his car and no one stopped him from going onto our beach.	4/5/2018 8:10 PM
15	No dogs	4/5/2018 7:42 PM
16	As you may know, Bethany Beach has recently enacted a policy of only allowing regular size beach umbrellas and baby tents. I believe MXB should do the same.	4/5/2018 7:15 PM
17	I know you are considering tighter restrictions on rentals. Currently I try not to ever rent my place, however, my accountant has told me that the new tax system for 2018 could have a significant effect on my taxes. Although I don't want to rent, it may get to the point that I have to, and I don't want any restrictions to be excessive for what at best is an occasional rental.	4/4/2018 10:29 PM

18	Limit number of canopies per property to one with a size limit of (?). Some families come with multiple canopies taking up too much space.	4/3/2018 2:48 PM
19	Intrusion on private property by other vehicles, both private and construction. Old growth pines have become a problem, both health wise [dirt and mold] and safety[limbs thru roofs, on cars and people] Reasonable thinning should be encouraged. This might help with the drainage as recent efforts have not been successful. Thanks	4/2/2018 5:19 PM
20	Car parking is becoming a BIG concern. These mega houses are taking away street parking. Mailboxes are also taking up street parking. How about "cluster" mailboxes.	3/16/2018 4:50 PM
21	The quality of life at Middlesex Beach has deteriorated greatly in recent years. The degradation is largely due to renters and the ploy by owners to build or maintain houses strictly for rental purposes, not as single family residences as our covenants dictate. The large, blue, 9 bedroom mini motel on the north end of Dune is a clear violation of the intent and, I submit, the law of our covenants. Security has been essentially AWOL recently. Beach pass monitoring to control beach access absolutely ineffective. Parking control also ineffective. The guards take some action to move illegally parked vehicles only when a resident complains. The problems with renters is about out of control. Since many board members rent their homes, they support no action to curtail the issues caused by renters- noise, overflowing trash containers, illegal parking, lack of adherence to reasonable requirements on the beach( glass bottles, smoking ) Any additional expense related to trash pickup caused by large groups in rental homes should be covered by those who rent their homes, not the owners who don't rent. A drive along Dune road during the prime season is a real turnoff with overflowing trash bins ( many of which are in disrepair), vehicles ill parked, commercial vehicles parked wherever. Not an inviting scene. A ride on a South Bethany street is a treat by comparison. All in all, our family centered community has been invaded by some greedy, uncaring owners.	3/11/2018 5:59 PM
22	Radio noise should be controlled, whether from beachfront homes, guards or beachgoers.	3/9/2018 11:26 AM
23	We are surprised to hear that there are issues with canopies. Even at peak volume beach dates and times, there is plenty of room for canopies and the guards so a great job to make sure they are in proper position on the beach.	3/8/2018 10:40 PM
24	- In regard to parking on E of Rt 1, occupants should be required to park in their private driveways and should not be permitted to use designated community parking spots for overflow. This could be controlled by issuing one owner pass and one temporary pass per home; color coding for beach/pine owners. - Understanding that owners have the right to rent their homes, there has to be recognition that some renter's behaviors impact those of us who live here year-round. Many owners are renting through VRBO, and asking us to police our neighbors' rental properties by phoning them with complaints is not a sustainable solution. We have to remember that we are neighbors.	3/4/2018 5:13 PM
25	1. Smoking should be banned. Almost all surrounding communities ban smoking. Smoke blows into other peoples faces and the butts litter the beach. Violators should be fined. Question 12. Community Patrol should patrol for beach passes more often. Question 13. Some large groups stake out large beachfront areas and put up large multiple canopies and monopolize the space. this should be limited in some way - such as a "one canopy or one umbrella" rule for the "beach front".	3/3/2018 12:07 PM
26	Canopies need to removed every day.	3/2/2018 12:59 PM
27	- can't leave them overnight - distance from lifeguard stands - size (nothing bigger than...)	3/2/2018 10:46 AM
28	Could a communication please be sent out regarding the Beach Replenishment and whether Middlesex beach will be impacted. The paper said 1,000 feet of beach will be closed at a time. If this is going to affect Middlesex Beach i would like to know the dates so i can contact my renters for that week.	3/1/2018 8:45 AM
29	We heard a rumor that we will only have one beach Pass this summer! Why??? This complicates family members coming and going. Does this mean someone would have to wait and hand over the pass if they need to leave before another family member returns from taking a long walk?	2/28/2018 5:45 PM
30	Security should patrol the beach and check beach passes several times a day during the peak season. Last summer they rarely came around, and often just asked for a number rather than looking at the pass.	2/28/2018 11:58 AM
31	Prohibit smoking inn spring and fall also	2/27/2018 6:33 PM

32	For question #12, I noticed the community patrol does not check beach passes as much as they had in the past. Not sure what changed, was there a reduction in force? Also, there was a discussion that life guards should be checking passes. I believe that job should be community patrol's responsibility.	2/27/2018 11:29 AM
33	Additional steps for enforcement of beach access: 1. More frequent checks 2. Actual enforcement	2/27/2018 10:03 AM
34	I don't see any fair approach other than to ban canopies outright.	2/26/2018 8:17 PM
35	1. Suggestion, maintain a hard surface dune crossing for older folks and the safety of everyone. 2. Concern, lining up a long row of beach chairs in the morning to reserve space for the day.	2/26/2018 5:27 PM
36	We need to INSIST that even beachfront homeowners show their MXB beach pass! I have seen security question folks, but they don't seem to have a way to tell the people they need to leave the beach unless they have a beach pass. Our beach is very wide. We have plenty of space for all of us . . . on peak weekends, we may not be able to sit in the front row.	2/25/2018 2:51 PM
37	Security needs to be improved. There should be limited use of vehicles on beach. The lifeguard chairs should be more evenly spaced to cover more area of the beach. Dogs should be allowed on the beach at certain times of the day.	2/25/2018 2:49 PM
38	limit the size. No more than one per group.	2/24/2018 6:48 PM
39	Perhaps single canopies can be placed back on the beach, not in the front row. Also no double canopies.	2/24/2018 3:06 PM
40	More frequent checking of beach passes (bleed-over from South Bethany somewhat of a problem). No canopies during high usage times ie July 4th weekend.	2/24/2018 11:34 AM
41	I may have missed something, but I was surprised by the decision to reduce to one beach pass per property without soliciting owner views first. We have a large house at the western edge of the pines, and had often gone to the beach in two groups at different times -- two passes were convenient for this.	2/24/2018 10:57 AM
42	I would like to see the dog policy revisited. I would propose that owners could purchase a license for a dog that would allow dogs to go to the beach after hours from 6:00 PM to 8:00 AM during the Summer. This would be similar to policy at Dewey Beach and other private communities.	2/24/2018 10:04 AM
43	Beach Passes 2 per property at a minimum should be retained	2/23/2018 6:08 PM
44	canopies should leave room at ocean for others	2/23/2018 12:20 PM
45	We still need two passes!!!	2/23/2018 10:25 AM
46	Lighten up	2/23/2018 12:04 AM
47	Commercial owner - no real opinion on the beach	2/22/2018 11:00 PM
48	Limit number of canopies to One per beach pass. Limit size of canopy to 10'x10'. Any canopy must not be closer to the water than 10' behind the closest lifeguard stand	2/22/2018 10:27 PM
49	canopies should be allowed toward the rear of the beach ,closer to the dunes.	2/22/2018 10:04 PM
50	The current smoking policy seems to be working. Is there really a need to change it?	2/22/2018 10:03 PM
51	No beach passes to businesses; provide guard station with a list to check owner name with the passes.( owners provide rental week dates to security) tent canapés limited to 10 x10	2/22/2018 6:27 PM
52	Quite frankly if I think we impose one more rule I'm going to explode!	2/22/2018 5:11 PM
53	would love to see a way to make "lost" passes invalid. A higher replacement pass fee won't keep old passes from being used (it will just make it hard on those who might legitimately lose a pass).. we need a way to keep track of unacceptable passes... to keep people from sharing/selling passes.	2/22/2018 3:40 PM
54	Due to micro-management of the staff, the Community Patrol was understaffed after several people quit. Therefore, owner assessments increased while the policing of beach access and parking decreased. This is obviously unacceptable and should be handled much better in 2018 and beyond.	2/22/2018 3:39 PM
55	Restrictions on size of houses	2/22/2018 3:31 PM

56	lately I feel like there are "popular" and "unpopular" residents of MXB. I feel like an outsider because I can't afford to be here all summer. Some expenses only benefit those who are here all summer, some only benefit pine side resident, some only benefit ocean side residents and some expenses only benefit year round residents. I hope that we, as a community, can see that some of the "problems" are not just caused by renters. Owners, who don't rent, feel very entitled to staking out their regular spot on the beach for large groups of visitors, taking the parking spaces with their golf carts, enjoying the few picnics during the summer, hosting large crowds some evenings... I think we have to take a step back and realize, renting owners and non-renting owners each cause problems.... it's not just renters. We should address the problems and make the punishment fit the crime (so it doesn't matter if it's an owner or a renter causing the problem... it will be solved) When I hear late night partying how am I to know who is causing it? A renter, an owner, an owner's guest/family member? Many owners started out as MXB renters themselves (we hope to be a non-renting owner as soon as we can!) :)	2/22/2018 3:21 PM
57	Some beach goers set up multiple umbrellas and canopies and really take up a lot of space. Last summer was particularly noticeable and this is a small beach but now with absurdly large rental properties.	2/22/2018 3:17 PM
58	1. The beach security is inconsistently present to handle bleed from Sea Colony. It's a tough job on a hot day so perhaps other scans (drones?) could monitor. 2. Canopies at the beach have become huge and often are erected early morning (or even evening before). They house exceptionally large groups. Place them farther back from lifeguard line and don't allow them to be constructed until 10 AM.	2/22/2018 3:16 PM
59	My family and I love Middlesex and enjoy the beach as well as the ability to rent our property out during some summer weeks to help defray ownership costs. I recognize others may have different experiences and I respect that, but for me, at this time there is nothing "broken" at Middlesex or with the covenants and policies that needs to be fixed.	2/22/2018 1:12 PM
60	I realize a question above was asked about smoking. I think that a smoking ban would be a tragedy. I think the current policy is working, and should be left alone. We bought into this community because it's a private community and we have rights not governed by public policy or government. So I concern myself with "what's next". How far do we go in infringing on our rights on property we own part of. I do not smoke cigarettes, but like an occasional cigar. If it bothers a neighbor, I simply respect their wishes, and put it out. Matter of fact, I go as far as asking people in the vicinity before I start, if it will bother them. It's about respect, and I believe we do not need to infringe on our pleasures if we do not need to. The beach, most of the year, is not crowded and mush space is offered to everyone. Please do not attempt to take this away any further than has been done so already.	2/22/2018 12:55 PM
61	There should be size restrictions on canopies and only 1 per group.	2/22/2018 12:00 PM
62	I think the MBA Board is doing a great job	2/22/2018 10:44 AM
63	Canopies, as well as umbrellas, should only be permitted behind the lifeguards. Encourage others to be considerate on crowded days to not block others with large enclosed tents.	2/22/2018 10:36 AM
64	Main concern re: canopies or umbrellas is when wind blows these over or out of the sand. I keep seeing one of the umbrella poles impaling someone, as it spins down the beach. I think it is reasonable for staff checking beach passes to remind beachgoers to make sure their umbrellas/canopies/other gear are very securely in place to avoid a terrible accident, if the wind picks up.	2/22/2018 10:25 AM
65	Need to put butt cans where people smoke	2/22/2018 9:54 AM
66	Prohibit dogs (pets) from the beach at all times. Pet owners do not clean up after their animals. Dog poop is just as unpleasant in the off season as in the summer	2/22/2018 9:49 AM
67	The tents/canopies that are set up early in the morning and left unoccupied on the beach are a problem. It is not fair to people who come later and can't a spot due to this.	2/22/2018 9:21 AM
68	Can you imagine a wall of canopies up and down our beach, blocking the view of the ocean and taking up so much beach space. The people who put up canopies often don't sit under them, so they occupy space around their canopies plus the canopy space, thereby using twice the beach space that would be used if only umbrellas were used for shade. They just seem to be too large a structure to allow to increase in use on our beach during the busy summer period.	2/22/2018 9:19 AM
69	Please tackle the issue of excess water accumulation along many streets and homes on the Pine side of MBA; we need a strategic plan to solve it.	2/22/2018 8:56 AM

70	Walk over people should be checked at the guard shack because there are a lot of people from South Bethany that come on to our beach from that directions. We do not have the amount of overflow on the South side but we do need more attention that has been given in the past.	2/22/2018 8:16 AM
71	While there initially was a presence established on the North End of the beach, it was not manned throughout the summer. Therefore, unauthorized people continued to bleed over. An empty chair with an umbrella does not deter unauthorized people. Additionally, the guards did not consistently walk the Beach to check beach passes. This was an ongoing issue. Also there was an increased number of large parties and drinking which went unchecked.	2/22/2018 8:08 AM
72	I love our beach. I find little to complain about. Sometimes, there is inappropriate language or behavior but usually a glare or a nudge by the lifeguards works. I want the guards to really watch the water as sometimes parents are not as attentive as they should be. But, the above thoughts are just life!	2/21/2018 11:46 PM
73	There were many days last summer where no one checked Beach passes. Make sure this happens 2x per day. Canaries should not be allowed in the first 50 feet of the beach.	2/21/2018 10:44 PM
74	Passes need to be checked more often. The Sea Colony boundary line needs to be enforced consistently. People with canopies set them up early in the morning and leave them up all day and are unattended at times.	2/21/2018 10:44 PM
75	Question 12 presumes that the checkpoint is manned full time during busy periods. IT is NOT but it should be.	2/21/2018 10:38 PM
76	It is better if people use umbrella so you can see the beach.	2/21/2018 10:36 PM
77	Family limit of beach canopies per home.	2/21/2018 10:32 PM
78	Dogs should be allowed before 10 and after 6. And not on major holidays ie july 4th. Most beaches allow dogs. There should be fines for not cleaning up and we can issue dog permits for a fee (Dewey is 35.00 per dog). of which funds could be used for additional enforcement and clean up bags. Only home owners should be allowed to purchase a dog permit on the beach and that will stop those that don't care about our beach. I think you will find many owners are in favor of this plan.	2/21/2018 10:29 PM
79	We strongly oppose any rental tax imposed on homeowners who occasionally rent their property each year.	2/21/2018 10:28 PM
80	Inconsiderate obnoxious behavior and yelling while playing games by Evergreen. You can't legislate courtesy but just like use of radios game playing should consider other beach goers.	2/21/2018 10:27 PM