

Q20 Please provide any comments, suggestions, or concerns on any Community-related issues not covered above.

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Extra recycling bins should be purchased by homeowners with this problem. I own a house in another community and people who rent do pay higher fees because with the almost constant use of their homes, the roads, security, trash collection, etc. are all affected.	4/20/2018 7:59 PM
2	I live in Middlesex Beach full time. Security is very important to me all year - not just in "the season."	4/16/2018 9:42 PM
3	We should not impose a rental fee or limit how large someone house should be. Many people have large families.	4/16/2018 9:24 PM
4	How do renters add a cost? You would have to assume the owners would not be there if the house wasn't rented for it to add any incremental cost. Thank you for your work on these issues.	4/16/2018 9:13 PM
5	We are a growing community and some new rules and regs maybe necessary but we also must think about equal enforcement of any new R&R. In the past folks just broke the R&R and due to who they knew just got away with it. I am also sure there are homes currently who have more then one kitchen.	4/16/2018 9:10 PM
6	Please be very careful of over regulating the community. There is a very fine line on how regulation can negatively effect property values as well as personal liberties and property rights Following County and state guidelines should be sufficient	4/16/2018 9:08 PM
7	Two points-1. I don't object to big houses and large crowds if steps are taken to control loud parties. Owners often as guilty of raising hell as visitors. Can we create/train a volunteer group to encourage consideration by all trying to enjoy our beach. We support having a group of Middlesex family members join with security patrol, volunteer to draft document urging everyone to be more considerate in letting residents and visitors get some rest at night/	4/11/2018 1:09 AM
8	In the state of Florida renters have to pay a rental tax as well as a state tax whether hotel, air-bnb, VRBO, etc. However, I don't see how MBA can collect these moneys and think that taxing renters or owners of rental properties, while at first glance a fair idea, would create prohibitive problems with the administration and collection of such moneys outside of a municipal, county or state tax structure. For this reason I think I will be opposed to the idea although I was one of the folks who initially signed the petition. I'm all for making life less complicated.	4/6/2018 11:17 AM
9	Security should patrol actively until 4 am in the Summer. There is too much Noise/Rowdiness from 11-4am that is not patrolled and very problematic. This is particularly true of Renters that are only there for a short period of time and want to drink and have fun on their vacation. I dont find this as true with the property owners who respect their neighbors.	4/6/2018 6:09 AM
10	Last year the recycling was a big problem as they would skip houses / or not pick up some weeks. We called several times over the summer. If recycling is dependable we may not need extra pick ups. I hope this has been resolved as off season it's harder to tell.	4/5/2018 9:55 PM
11	The gate on Bridge at Kent Ave is opened by walkers and biker simply by reaching through the fence adjacent to the latch. Everyday during the summer we watch people enter from Kent and walk or bike past security onto the beach.	4/5/2018 8:17 PM
12	Beach walkways. I am looking forward to the improvements that stated at the end of last summer. Beach Security: The beach should be patrolled on foot at least twice a day.	4/5/2018 7:15 PM
13	My accountant has indicated that my tax situation could change significantly in 2018. I don't want to rent my house out, but it is possible that I may have to do just that one or twice a year. If the restrictions and fees are too restrictive, I will simply rent my house to friends and the community will not be informed of it.	4/4/2018 10:33 PM
14	Trash totes are returned to corral why are recycle totes left on the road.	4/2/2018 5:25 PM

15	Despite the assertion by those who rent their homes that renters cause no additional expense it is obvious that they indeed cause additional expense and they contribute greatly to the reduction in the quality of life in our community.	3/11/2018 6:07 PM
16	24-hour lights in some houses are very intrusive to privacy of neighbors and should be limited or prohibited.	3/9/2018 11:29 AM
17	Relative to security, when guards are not present I would suggest having a security camera at the guard house entrance in order to record vehicles entering and leaving.	3/2/2018 1:10 PM
18	our family still love the races on the beach, so please keep that going. Can you do anything about the 6 to 6:30 am garbage trucks at the businesses near Dollar General? We support NO SMOKING because in most cases no one is policing the smokers so they are still smoking near all of the people.	3/2/2018 10:55 AM
19	If parking spaces on oceanside are an issue - why not limit the amount of parking passes to one per household and if more are needed, charge a large fee (\$500) and use those costs to cover any additional expenses caused by renters.	3/1/2018 7:46 AM
20	Don't become a police state regulating size of houses. If necessary to address concerns, regulate behavior of tenants; fine owners who have unruly tenants or guests	2/27/2018 6:35 PM
21	Not sure if this is covered later, but we recommend imposing more substantial penalties for the violation of community rules to more sufficiently deter bad behavior and defray costs associated with the bad behavior.	2/27/2018 6:01 PM
22	Thanks to the board members for all their work on this survey. Margie Cyr did an excellent job as facilitator in January's workshop.	2/27/2018 11:40 AM
23	Generally the Board is weak when it comes to enforcement of covenants on the commercial strip. There has been no action taken on noise or parking infractions.	2/27/2018 10:09 AM
24	I would like more attention to be paid by security to noise issues.	2/26/2018 8:19 PM
25	1. Beautification work that has been done does not get maintained after completion. 2. Community maintenance is hit or miss and needs more consistent follow up. Misaligned, unanchored concrete parking curbs are a simple yet illustrative example. 3. Inconsistency in how things are done from beach walkway railings, to trash can containers.	2/26/2018 5:53 PM
26	Let's finally reinforce the requirement for all trash and recycling bins must be in enclosures!!!! Owners who don't have enclosures have option to keep trash cans and bins out of sight! Don't bother passing new regulations of any sort, if you won't enforce the ones that currently exist.	2/25/2018 6:10 PM
27	I am concerned about the use of Resolutions by the Board. I am concerned that a few people are given too much authority to change the Community for the worse.	2/25/2018 2:53 PM
28	Re: Recycling - I believe that the current schedule is adequate. Larger properties should have more recycling containers to accommodate all the material produced. The recycling hauler needs to be held accountable for missing pick-ups and replacing containers in corrals. The recycling situation at the beach crossings needs to be addressed. Need to enforce loud music regulation on the beach including from the lifeguards. No one should have to listen to someone else's music.	2/24/2018 6:57 PM
29	We do have concerns about the changing feel of the neighborhood, and want to retain the family-friendly aura. I am especially concerned about the effects AirBNB (and the like) will have on the rental options for large structures. It may be easier/less controversial to control the number of bathrooms rather than bedrooms, in order to control the owners' abilities to rent off many small sections of homes.	2/24/2018 3:14 PM
30	The community should keep the general character of the ocean and Pine sides as it is unique for DE beaches.	2/24/2018 2:25 PM
31	reevaluate the dog on beach policy- allow dogs on beach during the Summer between the hours of 6:00 PM and 8:00 AM	2/24/2018 10:06 AM
32	Honestly? The large new homes are the ones that have an impact on our beaches and services not so much the smaller renovated ones.	2/23/2018 6:47 PM
33	#15 Suggest just an additional recycle can to the property. Note: we already have enough trucks through our community without adding an additional pick up.	2/23/2018 6:16 PM

34	One neighbor on Addy Rd (Pine side) does not take care of their property. It always looks like an eyesore even after numerous attempts over numerous years by our (former)HOA to get this resolved. They also constantly speed down Addy Road. How do we as neighbors get this attended to? It has been going on for years. Also, the security team we had last summer did a very poor job checking beach passes on a daily basis. Maybe 2 out of 5 days our passes were checked. They also were very lax checking passes driving into the community. thank you for listening!	2/23/2018 1:01 PM
35	is it necessary to have security ride up and down the streets all week. I think they should be available if and when needed..Might cut down cost.	2/23/2018 10:28 AM
36	Middlesex Beach is a great gem and we thank you for visibly displaying your concern for the community. The community must always feel that the leadership is caring for all and not overreaching.	2/23/2018 10:21 AM
37	Any survey for the community should be considered invalid unless 100% of owners participate.	2/23/2018 12:08 AM
38	Our commercial dumpsters were being used by renters (we believe) and so we have installed locks on them to deter this behavior.	2/22/2018 11:00 PM
39	Re: trash or recycle schedule-any property which cannot be served by the current schedule should be required to increase their containers (and can enclosures) sufficient to adequately meet their need.	2/22/2018 10:48 PM
40	I feel that questions 15 and 16 reflect some of the impact of summer rentals. These problems need to be worked out as comprehensive approach. Including the need for a rental fee. There are also issues of responsibility of owners who rent their property. Enforcement of in the community as those of the state and county. Beach wheelchair. dogs allowed on the beach. Respect for employees of mba. Change the attitude of the board to one of advocacy instead of adversarial to the members of the community. There are those in the community who feel the board has been careless in protecting values and nature of our community for fear of lawsuits. There is also the feeling that some members of the board are acting in their own self interest instead of acting in what would be the best interest of the community	2/22/2018 10:39 PM
41	Do not raise assessments!!!! Tighten the budget. We want to keep the community up-to-date and in good repair but we believe there are some areas where we can tighten the budget and stop the yearly assessment increase.	2/22/2018 6:33 PM
42	Should you consider charging Association Fees by the number of bedrooms you have within your home instead of rental vs non-rental? Ex. Lot Pricing1200 3 bedroom - 1800 4 Bedroom-2400 5 Bedroom- 3000 6+Bedroom 3600.	2/22/2018 4:32 PM
43	Improvements should be made to the existing protocols for assigning parking passes and restricting parking outside of homes. Too many homeowners on the ocean side consistently underutilize their driveways and parking areas under the homes. They choose instead to park two or more cars on the street throughout the summer. The current protocols permit these homeowners to treat the street parking spots like their personal property. The owners on the pine side are not permitted to park on the street outside our homes (rightfully so). The owners on the ocean side are permitted to park as many as four vehicles on the street 24/7 during the height of the season. The protocols are inconsistent between the pine and ocean side residents.	2/22/2018 3:53 PM
44	hats/shirts /etc. need to be cute and today's style :) really need a way to make "lost" passes INVALID immediately!	2/22/2018 3:41 PM
45	More is thrown out through recycling now than trash I suggest: May and June - weekly recycling pick up for the July/August weeks where we have 3 trash/1 recycling - switch it to 2 trash/2 recycling... give this a try... it should make a HUGE difference!	2/22/2018 3:27 PM
46	I would like to encourage people not to cut through yards to go to visit homes on other streets. I've been caught off guard by people suddenly passing by my back porch and outdoor shower. Seems this should be raised in guidance to the community.	2/22/2018 3:22 PM
47	Would appreciate a little more transparency concerning MXB board decisions.	2/22/2018 3:20 PM
48	Thank you for soliciting our input; I appreciate the opportunity to respond. As I mentioned earlier in the survey, I think MXB and the dedicated volunteers and employees who make it what it is do a fabulous job. I tend to believe that we should not make changes just for change's sake and that if any changes are seriously considered or implemented, we should understand what is "broken" that we are trying to fix through the change. In my opinion, and recognizing that my experience is not shared by all, I see nothing broken at this time that warrants a change. Thanks again for asking, though!	2/22/2018 1:16 PM

49	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 much space is offered to everyone. Please do not attempt to take this away any further than has been done so already.	2/22/2018 12:57 PM
50	More recycling dates would be a rental problem. Control of renters needs more attention from owners. It should not become a rental investment area.	2/22/2018 12:32 PM
51	It would be helpful, if there was some process by which properties could be observed for damage and owners of damaged properties contacted quickly, if potential damage is noted. After the storm of Jan, 2016, my first alert to damage to my property came from a tree service (looking for the business, which I understand), followed by a confirmation from an owner, after I asked if he could take a look. Thanks for receiving this suggestion.	2/22/2018 10:31 AM
52	I do not think that MBA should purchase a handicapped wheelchair.	2/22/2018 10:01 AM
53	I have previously provided comments on various issues to Jeff. I would stat	2/22/2018 9:53 AM
54	Woods and other natural areas need to be encouraged to maintain and attract wildlife, birds, box turtles, and more that live here. We have suffered losses of all the above due to the "suburbanization" of Middlesex. There should also be regulations on the use of pesticides which harm wildlife,	2/22/2018 9:26 AM
55	Need to solve excess water issue on Pine Side of MBA -- it is a health and safety issue.	2/22/2018 8:57 AM
56	Security spends too much time driving up-and-down the pine side streets during the summer month days when they could instead use these resources to check beach passes.	2/22/2018 8:15 AM
57	I think many large homes should provide two or three recycling bins. This should be adequate. I hope the magnets will make it clear what is trash and what is recycling. U.S. residents seem to fall low on the learning curve as to what and how to recycle. Canadians and Europeans sort three and four ways and we can't sort two ways!!!!	2/21/2018 11:52 PM
58	I would want proof of claims that renters cause additional cost to the community as compared to owners & their guests. MBA does not provide ANY service to owners that rent their property that would justify a fee.	2/21/2018 11:46 PM
59	We also own a Sea Colony townhouse and no additional fees are imposed on owners who wish to rent their unit. We are totally against imposing a rental fee in our community as renters do not consume any more of our resources than non-renters they are there primarily to enjoy the beach and the home they are renting. Our family has owned a home in Middlesex over 40 years and have only started renting three years ago.	2/21/2018 11:23 PM
60	We are full-time residents & strongly support both a rental fee & restrictions on house size. The increased noise late at night and the refuse left on the beach have grown exponentially.	2/21/2018 11:10 PM
61	Construction of large, new houses places a burden on resources (trash pick-up, parking, security services, etc.) It would be fair (going forward) to have the owners of houses that are larger than "X " square feet to pay a HIGHER rate of HOA dues. I doubt we are legally able to limit the size of future construction therefore, let them pay a higher HOA fee. This is some way would offset the strain on resources. Perhaps 15-20% higher than the regular HOA dues. New construction owners should also pay a one-time "entry fee" into the HOA-- maybe \$1,000. Most HOA's have an entry fee, not sure why we do not have one? This recognizes, to some extent, that new owners get instant benefit from improvements and investments made in the past by others. If they can build a \$2M house, an entry fee will not be a hurdle for them.	2/21/2018 11:09 PM
62	I am disappointed that we don't notify or enforce Our owners to maintain their property. 30 Addy Road didn't mow their lawn all summer. The roof had mold and full of debris. We asked security to say something. I emailed about the problem. The weeds were 3 feet high. Why is it we will enforce a vehicle on the roadside but do nothing about the maintenance of neighboring property. It was an eyesore all summer. I even contacted the owners to see if they wanted to sell and told them their property management company was not keeping up the property and NOTHING happened. Maybe this justifies a rental property fee which can be used to mow or maintain property when we absentee owners.	2/21/2018 10:43 PM

63	I think more frequent recycling pickup would be helpful, but I am confident that throughout the summer, the pickup does not occur when it is supposed to. On the Pine side, they frequently skip streets or drive up and down the street without stopping. I raised this multiple times to Ginny already.	2/21/2018 10:32 PM
64	This is a great survey. We attended the January meeting and this is a terrific follow up. Thank you for all your time and efforts.	2/21/2018 10:32 PM
