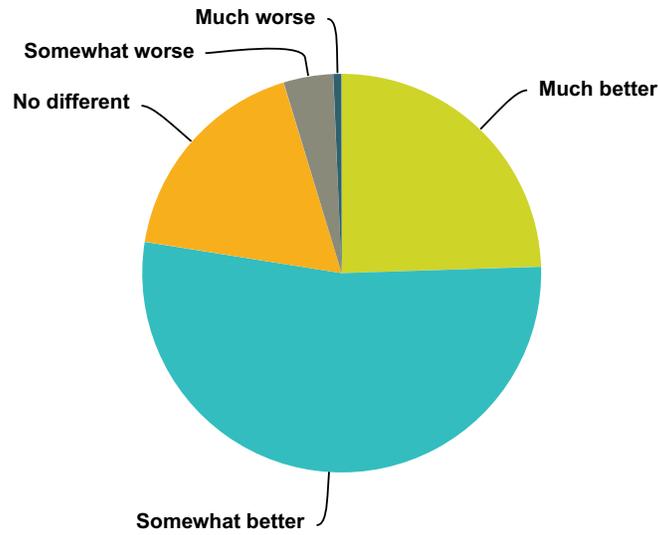


### Q1 Compared to five years ago, Dewey Beach's image is

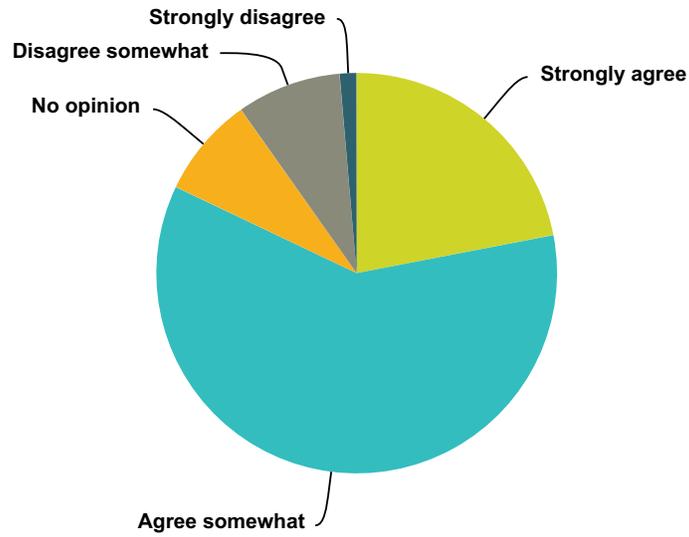
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Much better	24.50%	73
Somewhat better	53.02%	158
No different	17.79%	53
Somewhat worse	4.03%	12
Much worse	0.67%	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>298</b>

## Q2 Compared to five years ago, Dewey Beach is a more family-oriented town.

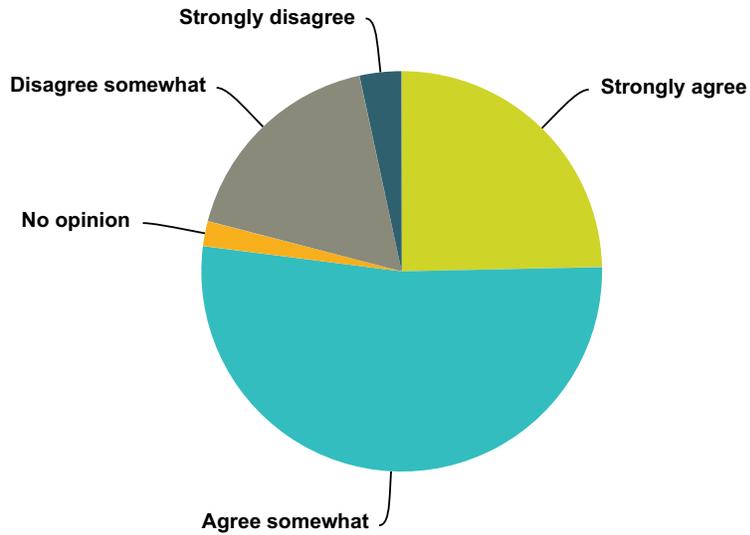
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly agree	21.96%	65
Agree somewhat	60.14%	178
No opinion	8.11%	24
Disagree somewhat	8.45%	25
Strongly disagree	1.35%	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>296</b>

### Q3 Dewey Beach offers a vibrant and respectful environment for all age groups.

Answered: 296 Skipped: 3



Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly agree	24.66%	73
Agree somewhat	52.36%	155
No opinion	2.03%	6
Disagree somewhat	17.57%	52
Strongly disagree	3.38%	10
<b>Total</b>		<b>296</b>

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Q4. Among the following issues or characteristics, please indicate the top five that you believe are the most positive about Dewey Beach? (Please rank them from 1 to 5, with number 1 being the most positive.)

Answer Options	1	2	3	4	5	Response Count
Clean and safe beach	97	53	25	20	25	220
Walking access to restaurant, eateries, and other food establishments	31	48	42	45	32	198
Accessibility of ocean beach	60	48	31	26	14	179
Dog-friendly beach	33	26	24	22	26	131
Active and busy summer season but quiet offseason	23	19	32	21	32	127

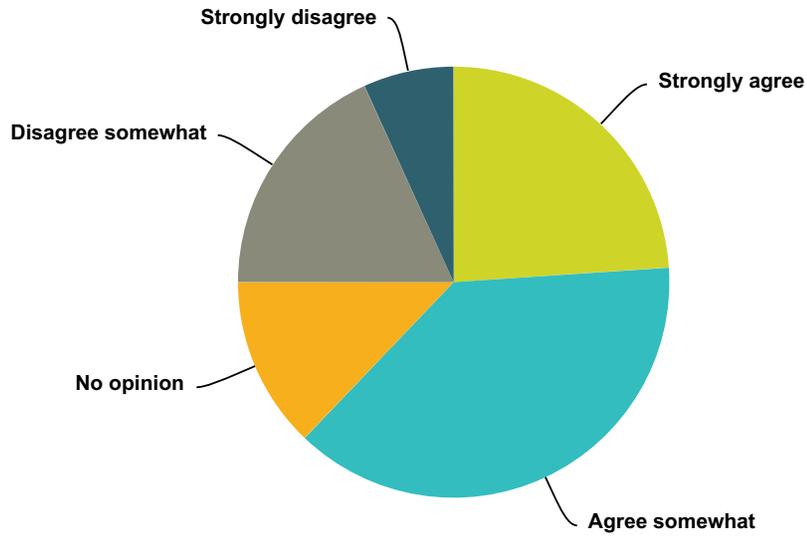
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Q5. Please indicate which of the following you think are the top five most in need of improvement or change during the next five years? (Please rank them from 1 to 5, with 1 being the most in need of improvement.)

Answer Options	1	2	3	4	5	Response Count
<b>Stricter control of inappropriate behavior (public drunkenness, profanity, etc.)</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>186</b>
<b>Pedestrian Safety</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>145</b>
<b>More year-round restaurants</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>119</b>
<b>Summer season noise</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>118</b>
<b>Public safety (general feeling of safe environment)</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>113</b>
<b>Availability of public restrooms</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>112</b>

### Q6 Dewey Beach should strive to become a more year-round town.

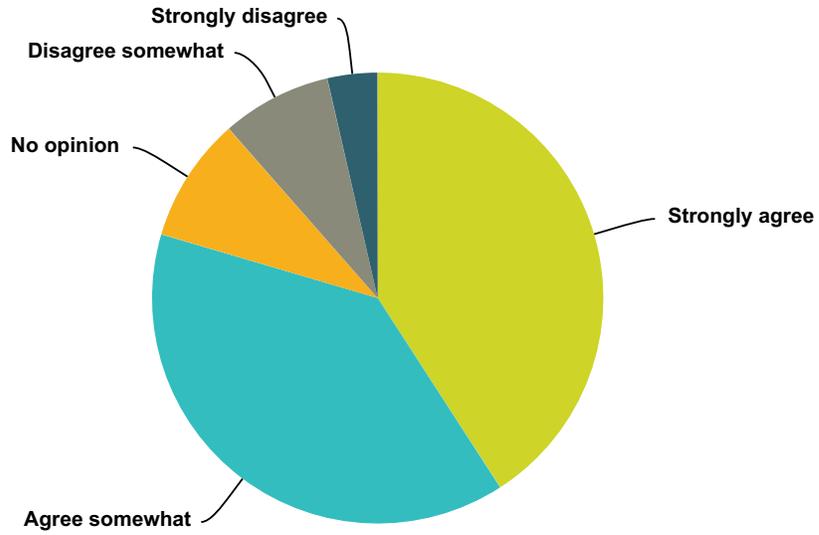
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly agree	23.93%	67
Agree somewhat	38.21%	107
No opinion	12.86%	36
Disagree somewhat	18.21%	51
Strongly disagree	6.79%	19
<b>Total</b>		<b>280</b>

**Q7 Dewey Beach should continue efforts to expand "shoulder season" (Spring and Fall) activities.**

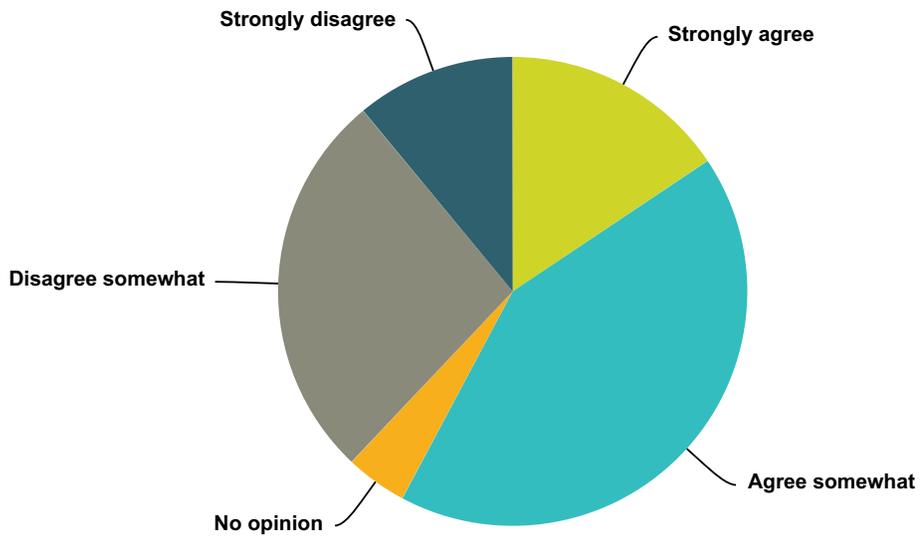
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly agree	40.86%	114
Agree somewhat	38.71%	108
No opinion	8.96%	25
Disagree somewhat	7.89%	22
Strongly disagree	3.58%	10
<b>Total</b>		<b>279</b>

### Q8 I feel safe when walking or biking along Route 1 in Dewey Beach.

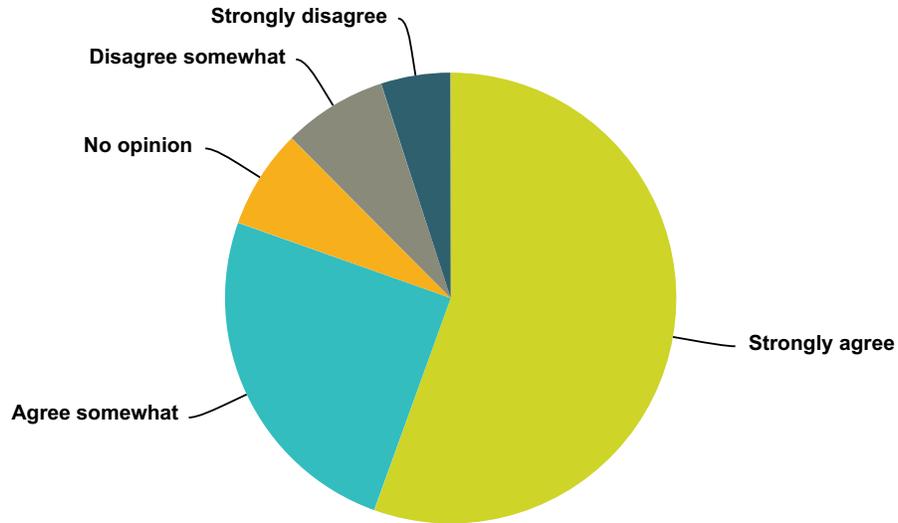
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly agree	15.60%	44
Agree somewhat	42.20%	119
No opinion	4.26%	12
Disagree somewhat	26.95%	76
Strongly disagree	10.99%	31
<b>Total</b>		<b>282</b>

**Q9 Protection against sea level rise and other climatic changes should be a high priority for the town.**

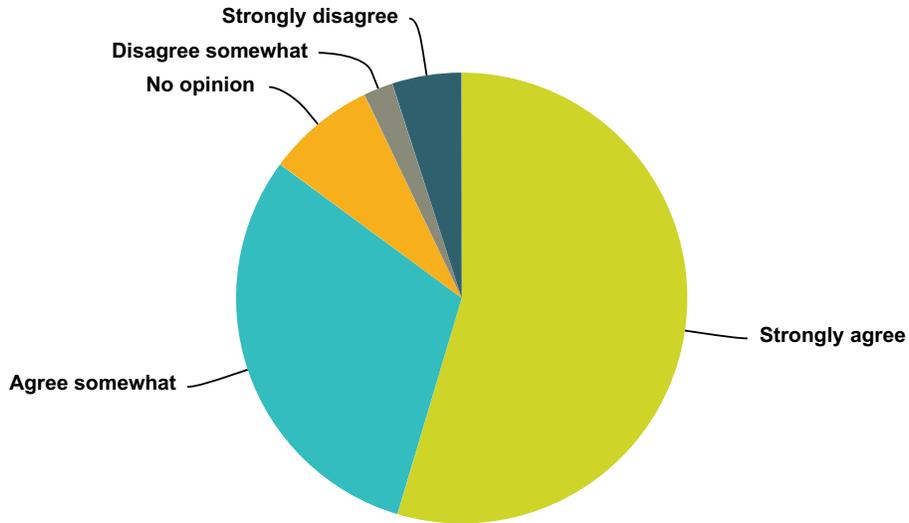
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly agree	55.52%	156
Agree somewhat	24.91%	70
No opinion	7.12%	20
Disagree somewhat	7.47%	21
Strongly disagree	4.98%	14
<b>Total</b>		<b>281</b>

**Q10 The town should develop a long-term plan for adaptation to the effects of sea level rise.**

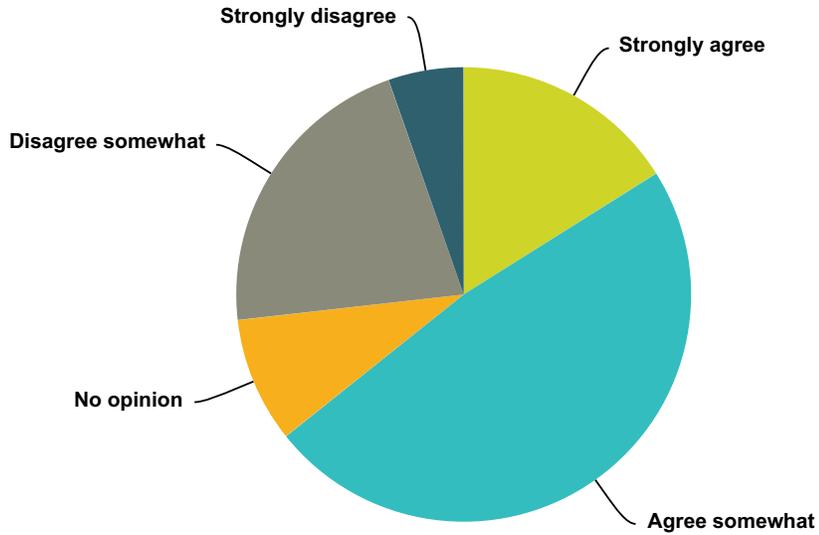
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly agree	54.61%	154
Agree somewhat	30.50%	86
No opinion	7.80%	22
Disagree somewhat	2.13%	6
Strongly disagree	4.96%	14
<b>Total</b>		<b>282</b>

**Q11 The town does a good job of balancing the needs of residents and other property owners, businesses, and visitors.**

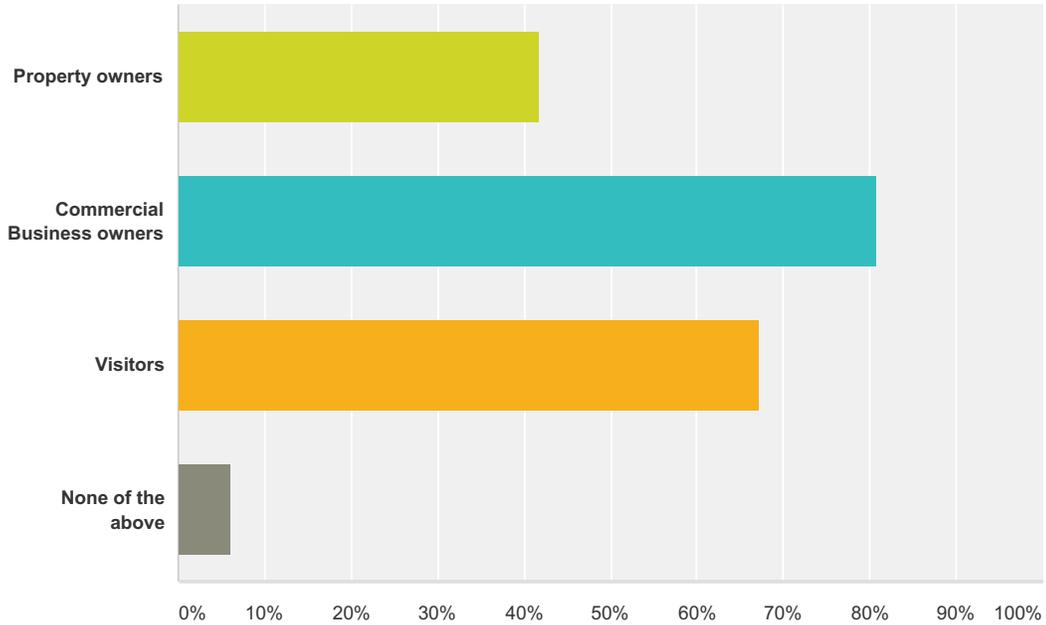
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly agree	16.07%	45
Agree somewhat	48.21%	135
No opinion	8.93%	25
Disagree somewhat	21.43%	60
Strongly disagree	5.36%	15
<b>Total</b>		<b>280</b>

**Q12 Ensuring the future financial sustainability of the town requires a greater contribution from: (Check ALL that apply)**

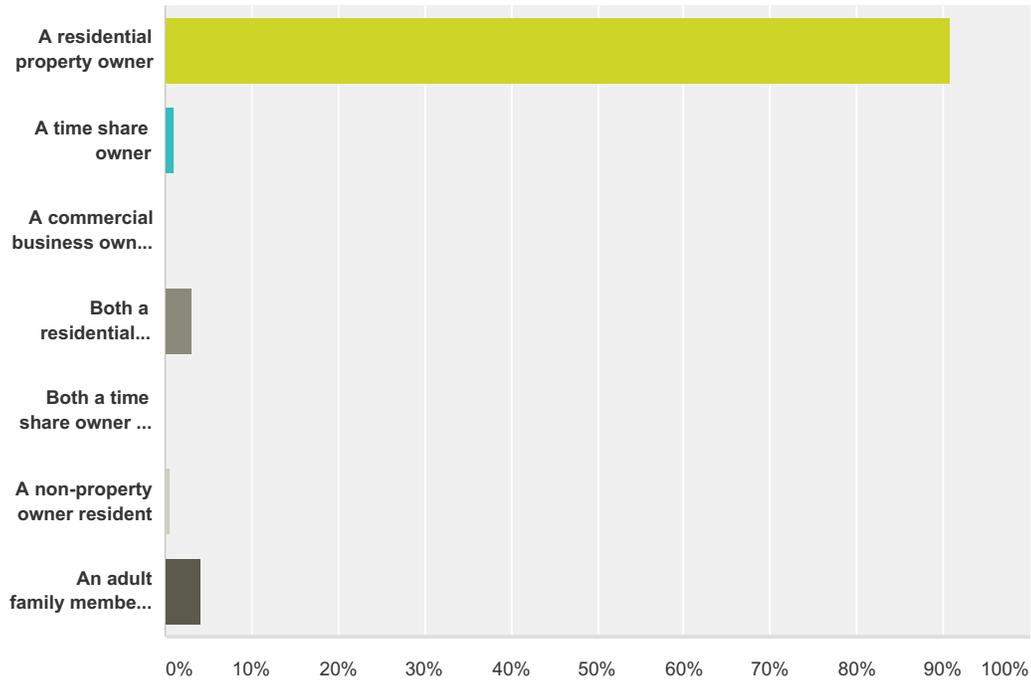
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Answer Choices	Responses
Property owners	41.79% 117
Commercial Business owners	80.71% 226
Visitors	67.14% 188
None of the above	6.07% 17
<b>Total Respondents: 280</b>	

**Q13 To help us better understand your opinions about the future of Dewey Beach, we would like to know a little more about your investment in the town. None of this information will be used to identify you specifically. Are you**

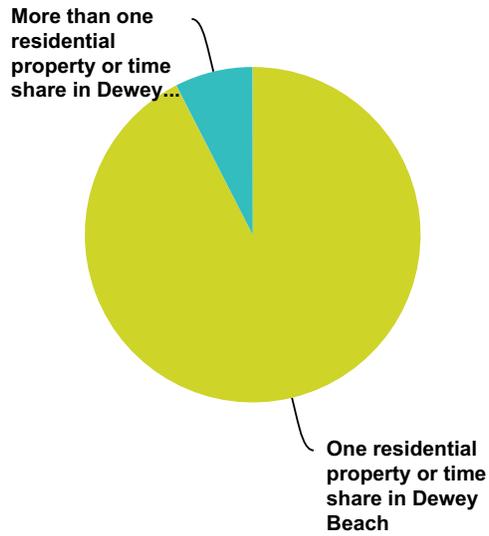
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Answer Choices	Responses
A residential property owner	90.78% 256
A time share owner	1.06% 3
A commercial business owner only	0.00% 0
Both a residential property owner and a commercial business owner	3.19% 9
Both a time share owner and a commercial business owner	0.00% 0
A non-property owner resident	0.71% 2
An adult family member of a residential property or time share owner	4.26% 12
<b>Total</b>	<b>282</b>

### Q14 I own

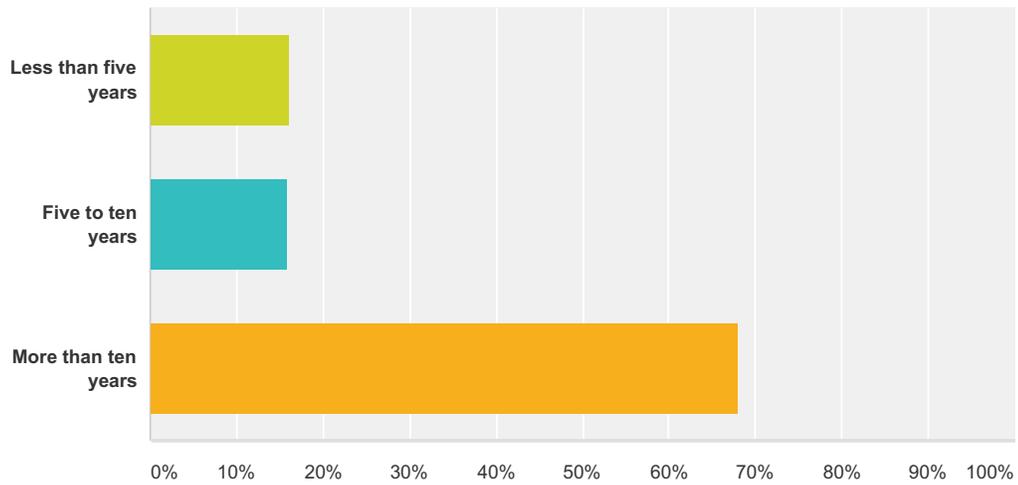
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Answer Choices	Responses
One residential property or time share in Dewey Beach	92.48% 246
More than one residential property or time share in Dewey Beach	7.52% 20
<b>Total</b>	<b>266</b>

### Q15 I have owned property in Dewey Beach for:

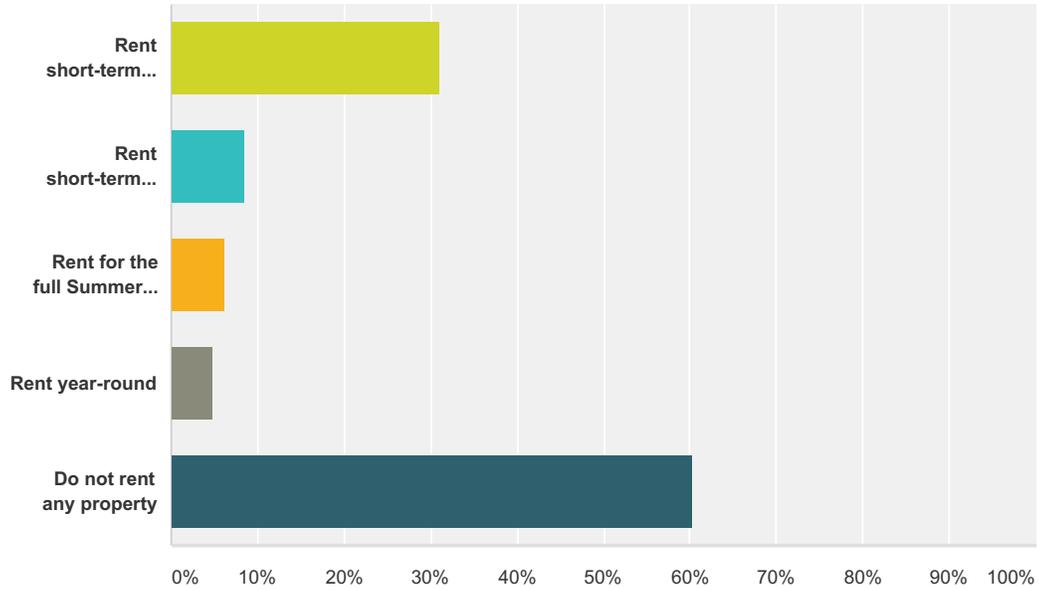
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Less than five years	16.17%	43
Five to ten years	15.79%	42
More than ten years	68.05%	181
<b>Total</b>		<b>266</b>

**Q16 Do you rent any of the properties you own in Dewey Beach? (Check ALL that apply)**

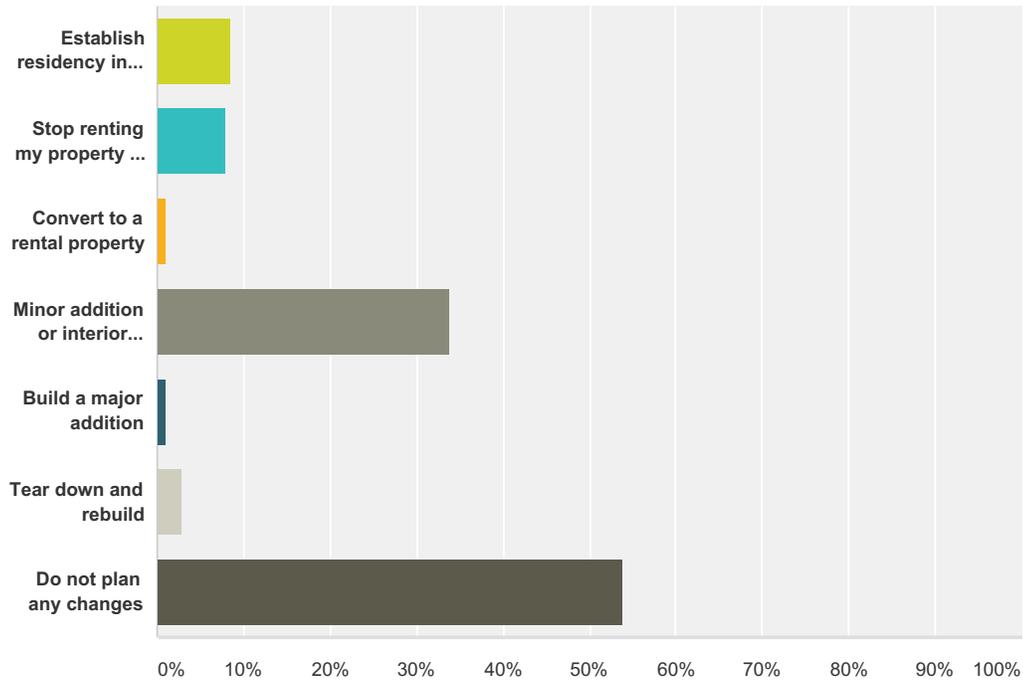
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Answer Choices	Responses
Rent short-term during the Summer	31.09% 83
Rent short-term during the Spring and Fall	8.61% 23
Rent for the full Summer season	6.37% 17
Rent year-round	4.87% 13
Do not rent any property	60.30% 161
<b>Total Respondents: 267</b>	

**Q17 Do you plan to make any changes to your property or the way you use your property within the next five years? (Check ALL that apply)**

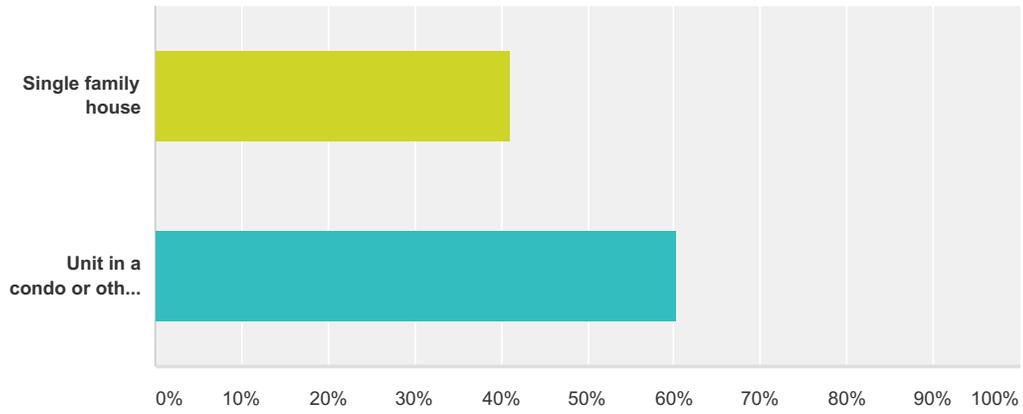
Answered: 266 Skipped: 33



Answer Choices	Responses
Establish residency in Dewey Beach	8.65% 23
Stop renting my property and use it as a second home	7.89% 21
Convert to a rental property	1.13% 3
Minor addition or interior renovation	33.83% 90
Build a major addition	1.13% 3
Tear down and rebuild	3.01% 8
Do not plan any changes	53.76% 143
<b>Total Respondents: 266</b>	

**Q18 My property is a: (Check ALL that apply)**

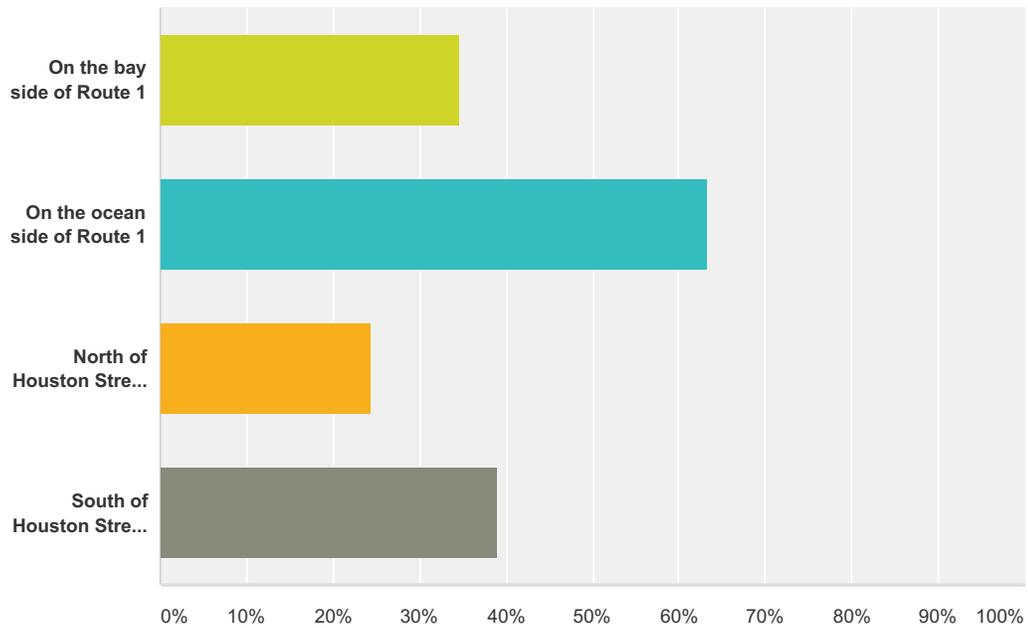
Answered: 267 Skipped: 32



Answer Choices	Responses
Single family house	41.20% 110
Unit in a condo or other multi-family building	60.30% 161
<b>Total Respondents: 267</b>	

### Q19 My property is located (Check ALL that apply for your properties)

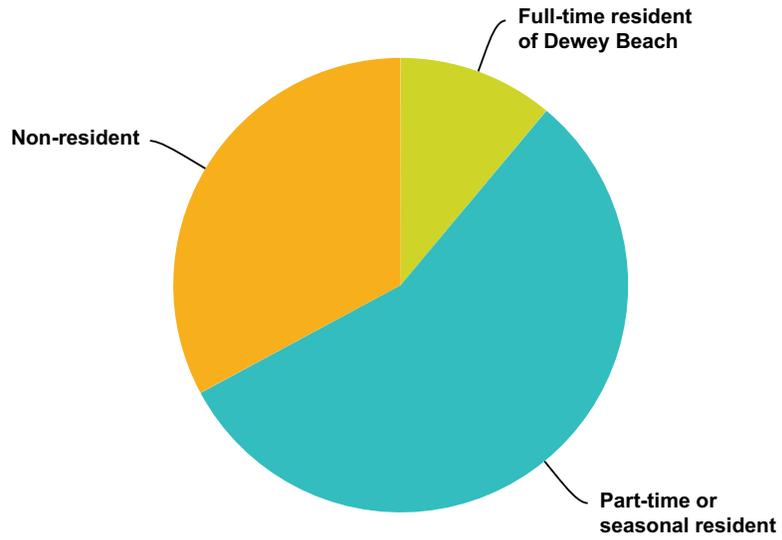
Answered: 266 Skipped: 33



Answer Choices	Responses
On the bay side of Route 1	34.59% 92
On the ocean side of Route 1	63.16% 168
North of Houston Street (Sea Esta Motel)	24.44% 65
South of Houston Street (Sea Esta Motel)	39.10% 104
<b>Total Respondents: 266</b>	

### Q20 I am a

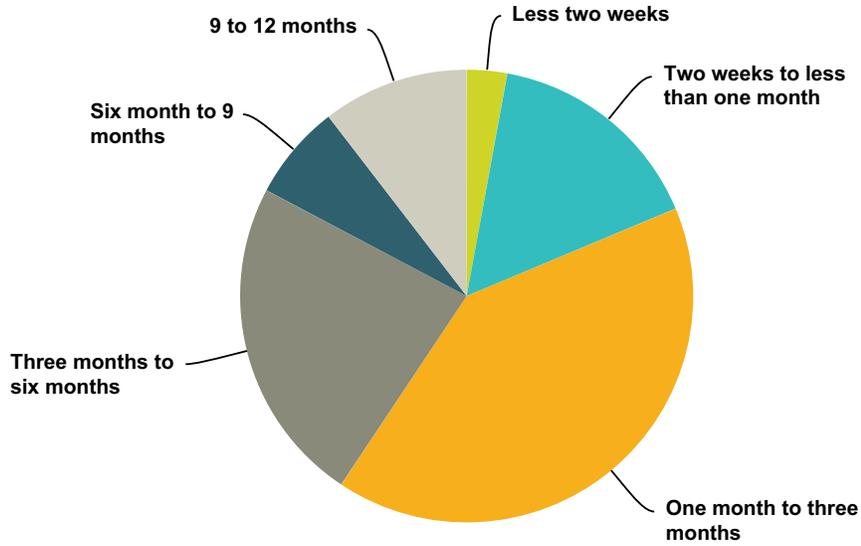
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Full-time resident of Dewey Beach	11.07%	31
Part-time or seasonal resident	56.07%	157
Non-resident	32.86%	92
<b>Total</b>		<b>280</b>

### Q21 How much time do you spend in Dewey Beach on average during the course of one year?

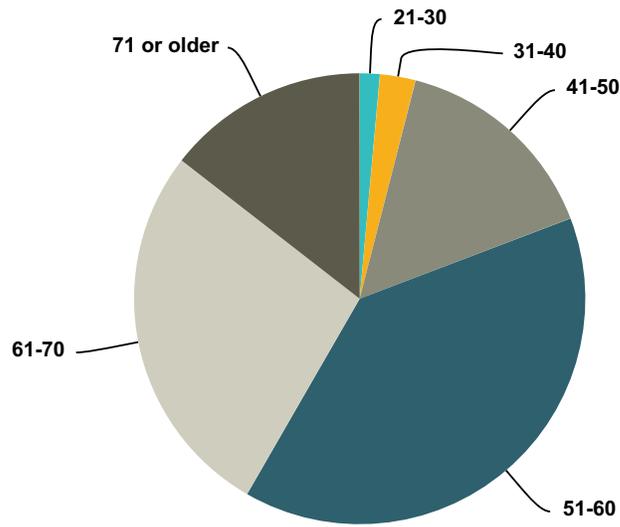
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Answer Choices	Responses
Less two weeks	2.88% 8
Two weeks to less than one month	15.83% 44
One month to three months	40.65% 113
Three months to six months	23.38% 65
Six month to 9 months	6.83% 19
9 to 12 months	10.43% 29
<b>Total</b>	<b>278</b>

### Q22 What is your age?

Answered: 276 Skipped: 23



Answer Choices	Responses	
18-20	0.00%	0
21-30	1.45%	4
31-40	2.54%	7
41-50	15.22%	42
51-60	39.13%	108
61-70	27.17%	75
71 or older	14.49%	40
<b>Total</b>		<b>276</b>

**Q23 If you have additional comments,  
please include them in the space provided  
below.**

Answered: 142 Skipped: 157

Concerned Retiring Music Oppose Family Friendly  
Lewes Think Hard Work Police Great Place  
Bars Zoning Property Family Oriented  
Dewey Beach Recycling Street  
Building Code Public Fewer Noise Operating  
Problem Permit Route 1 Size Flooding Access

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### Q23 If you have additional comments, please include them in the space provided below.

Answered: 142 Skipped: 157

#	Responses	Date
1	i would love to improve my property, but your building code administrator prevents doing anything to improve my property the way i would like to do it.	12/30/2016 10:26 AM
2	Two areas I feel need to be addressed: 1) More police presence, both local and state/county 2) signs at crosswalks indicating traffic MUST stop for pedestrians crossing the road	12/7/2016 10:26 AM
3	Have been coming to Dewey all my life. Love it! Don't change it too much!	12/6/2016 5:58 PM
4	I would like to see the large bars have less influence in town, and make better use of the bayfront for people who would like to go out and enjoy an evening meal and drinks on the bay without the chaos. Que Pasa does it well; Northbeach does not. There are great things about Starboard and the Cork, but there needs to be more balance in town. Too many renters are encouraged to get very drunk, and it would be nice to have more places that are not just about drinking.	12/6/2016 12:27 PM
5	I believe taxes are too high for property improvements.	12/5/2016 8:16 PM
6	Police patrols need to concentrate on noise and bad behavior rather than setting speed traps.	11/30/2016 4:55 PM
7	I have been coming to Dewey Beach for about fifty years and I fear that it is becoming over built. Wish there was a way to slow the development which has been very rapid in the past ten years. Happy with lots of improvements made, but still have concerns about too much development. Like the fact that it is more family oriented now, would like to have things move in that direction.	11/27/2016 8:02 PM
8	Thank you to Debbie Knight and her teams effort in the "trash" issue , already see improvements. Love Dewey Beach!	11/24/2016 7:38 AM
9	Dewey is a great place to escape to (from Washington, DC)	11/23/2016 10:49 PM
10	Very unhappy with dogs on the beach and the town's encouragement for still more of them everywhere. No leashes, lots of poop everywhere on streets and properties. Noisy barking day and night. Dangerous dogs on the loose on the beaches.	11/23/2016 10:49 PM
11	Businesses/bars own the town...	11/23/2016 9:45 PM
12	No dogs on beach-rules are not followed Dogs should be leashed or fine the owner Fewer dog events	11/23/2016 8:18 PM
13	Reign in the noise and the public intoxication.	11/23/2016 6:05 PM
14	Th size of homes being approved to be built on 50-100 lots is astonishing (e.g. 6-8 bedrooms/bathrooms) along with the stress on infrastructure like sewers. Historic/vintage homes in Dewey need to be preserved, particularly in areas like Rehoboth By the Sea.	11/23/2016 4:37 PM
15	Thanks for providing me the opportunity to express my opinion about living in Dewey Beach.	11/23/2016 3:07 PM
16	Would like more off season events that are not bar centered and do not result in increased noise.	11/23/2016 1:01 PM
17	I would like to see all of the traffic signals in town turn red and green at the same time to enhance pedestrian safety when crossing Route 1. I would also like to plan for wider sidewalks with concert barricades between sidewalk and roadway.	11/23/2016 12:15 PM
18	I believe that more planned town sponsored events, such as the Fall music festival and Spring arts festival would draw more visitors, contribute to a family friendly atmosphere and expand the shoulder season.	11/23/2016 11:50 AM
19	oppose the twice weekly garbage by a single company.	11/23/2016 11:40 AM
20	Need a government less weighed to the business interests.	11/23/2016 11:36 AM
21	Consider making violators of Dewey rules or laws perform community service, like picking up litter on streets	11/23/2016 11:29 AM
22	Forcing property owners to move back from state road right of way need to be done carefully. There are many cases where the town approved some use of the right of way where it did no harm and benefits the town. It should be handled on a case by case basis.	11/23/2016 11:25 AM

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23	thanks	11/23/2016 11:12 AM
24	More need to enforce existing rules such as picking up dog droppings, access times for dogs. Too many dogs are running free, not being picked up after, and/or bands left on beach. Also dogs allowed freely on dunes. Ban loud music.	11/23/2016 11:11 AM
25	Dewey Beach is the best kept secret on the Delaware Coast, let's not mess with it to much	11/23/2016 11:05 AM
26	after Dewey for 50 plus years we get excited coming down	11/23/2016 10:54 AM
27	Great idea for one trash vendor. Continue with dumpster availability in the Spring and Fall. Decibel level of music from the Rusty Rudder is still to high.	11/23/2016 10:52 AM
28	Don't wreck the spirit of Dewey, more waterfront, roof top, ocean front dining / bars, slow the traffic through town, I paid for my trashcans to get put back in my yard and still got a ticket, love the town and can't wait to quit my job and retire there!	11/23/2016 10:51 AM
29	Flooding on the bay side impacts ALL Dewey property values directly and indirectly.	11/23/2016 10:37 AM
30	I think the current administration is doing a wonderful job. Thanks to everyone for all that you do to make Dewey Beach Great!	11/23/2016 10:28 AM
31	Dewey needs to be more walking and biking friendly with an attractive streets scape. Our sidewalks and storefronts need dramatic improvement if we are going to attract quality visitors and renters. The town is much cleaner than it used to be but Rehoboth is still a much nicer place to walk, shop, bike and dine. Almost all of our discretionary spending is spent in Rehoboth and not Dewey due to the poor quality of most of the food, stores and activities.	11/23/2016 10:23 AM
32	Something should be done to deal with dilapidated homes that are becoming an eyesore. It seams the uncertainty over leased land has prevented much needed investment in many homes. Unlike Rehoboth, Dewey can have a brand new \$1 million home right beside a run down 50+year old home. And the 50 year old home is not quaint or nice, it is just run down and in need of repair or remodel. In a normal well functioning real estate market owners would have ample incentive to improve their properties on their own, that does not seem to be the case in Dewey	11/22/2016 9:59 PM
33	NEED MORE FREQUENT RECYCLING PICK UP from trash companies	11/21/2016 11:51 AM
34	Encouraging dog activity in Dewey is NOT in everyone's best interest. Be aware that not all people enjoy them on the beach. Also restrictions need to be in place for improving property so that we keep that small town feel in Dewey. And finally, the guidelines we have established for rental occupancy need to be enforced.	11/20/2016 2:55 PM
35	Need more restaurants and allow all bars to stay open to 1am	11/19/2016 7:23 PM
36	By allowing the Hilton to violate the zoning requirements that rest of us are held to was wrong an means that all anyone needs to do is sue to get what they want. You should roll back the unit restrictions that were put in place during the last 10 plan implementation or face an on slot of legal actions.	11/18/2016 12:54 PM
37	Need to reduce reputation for partying and violence during summer. Need to encourage more upscale dining and entertainment and discourage town's attraction as "cheap" and a party destination. Need to class it up. Need to invest in streetscape, landscape, and urban design improvements - example: add median and landscaping to wide east/west streets like Read Ave. which will visually link Bay to Ocean and slow traffic.	11/18/2016 9:45 AM
38	on the top five items, you can only click one - not five. I clicked my top 'one' but there are others.	11/17/2016 11:19 AM
39	we like Dewey for its nightlife, beaches and small town feel. We do not want to see the laws become too strict and we want owners rights protected.	11/17/2016 9:05 AM
40	We love Dewey. We have two boys ages 12 and 11. We invested in Dewey with hopes of it turning more into a family town like Rehoboth. We plan on retiring there in 18 years. Thank you	11/15/2016 5:23 PM
41	I really like Dewey Beach. I recently purchased a property there and I could not be happier. The environment is great for all ages, singles, and families. There is a lot to do, I can walk everywhere, and I always feel safe. Keep up the good work!	11/14/2016 9:12 PM
42	Dewey Beach does get a bad rap from the frequent tickets, for leaving trash cans left at end of street, parking, etc from both renters and owners...	11/14/2016 9:37 AM
43	Business owners need to pay a fee or tax commensurate with their impact on the town. Property owners need to get over it and pay a tax. I own, and I don't rent, but visitors are charged way too much and it is bad for tourism and the DB economy.	11/14/2016 9:24 AM

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44	We need better pedestrian crossings at all the Rt. 1 cross streets where there aren't traffic lights - positive traffic control like flashing lights when people are in the crosswalk or at least those signs in between the 2 lanes that say "State Law: Stop for Pedestrian in Crosswalk." Dewey is SO much less noisy and rowdy, and much cleaner and family-friendly than when we first bought our house on Swedes St. The efforts the town and Mayor Hanson have made in the last few years have really paid off, so thanks for the good work and please keep it up!	11/13/2016 9:40 PM
45	We have noticed a decrease in public intoxication over the past two years and would like that trend to continue.	11/13/2016 1:43 PM
46	I like the town's party atmosphere. It should be a place that people like to come to have a good time - safely. I think the restaurants have improved in recent years. I wish the Bottle & Cork had seating, I don't like standing for hours on end. I'd also like to see the site of Ed's be replaced with a mid-priced restaurant with the same casual/picnic atmosphere. It didn't bother me that Ed's didn't sell booze. I'm divided about public restrooms. Dewey has an excellent beach that doesn't involve dragging your kids through a cheezy boardwalk area where they'll demand stupid stuff. If public restrooms bring in day-trippers I think the atmosphere won't be as nice. I wish the Jolly Trolley sold books of tickets. Dewey's proximity to Rehoboth is something to leverage -- you can enjoy the higher-end dining there without the quirky rentals and too-crowded beach.	11/13/2016 1:03 PM
47	I am very happy with Dewey Beach as it is except for the rising sea levels and two things: 1) Do not like the persecution of my former handyman (who will no longer work for me) by the town "licensing police" 2) Did not like paying fines and fees for leaving trash cans on the grass in between my visits to Dewey	11/13/2016 12:47 PM
48	Thank you for making Dewey the jewel of east coast beaches. Please continue to keep it dog friendly. Also, I would support only approving small businesses - no chain restaurants, stores, or fast food please. If we ever drive through Dewey and see McDonalds or Burger King the town will have lost its charm. I know we have a few such chains, and we had Subway, but the point is to keep it local and not succumb to big business that can be found anywhere else on Route 1. Let's keep Dewey Beach a Way of Life for a reason. Thank you for all you do to keep our town operating - I realize it is a lot of work. Thank you!	11/13/2016 12:04 PM
49	Would like to see some sort of better access to beach for seniors	11/13/2016 10:23 AM
50	The Town should work with the State to receive a grant similar to Rehoboth to improve the street scaping in the town. This should include important to street lighting which is generic and makes the town look shabby. There is also a lack of attention below Collins. Motorist spend out of town after the last traffic light and the landscaping is not maintained.	11/13/2016 8:36 AM
51	In the Comprehensive Development Plan, the Town should express its objective to assure public access to the ocean and bay from existing right of ways on streets and paths. The Town should work with the State of Delaware (through the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control) to assure that the public access is maintained and marked for public access. Current Condition The ocean beach is accessible from all public roads that terminate on the beach. The maintenance of the access is shared by the Town of Dewey Beach and the State of Delaware. However, access to the bay is obstructed from the public right-of-way by overgrowth and trash at many access points. Also, signs, posted by private persons, contradict the existence of access. For example, signs posted at the west end of Swedes Street in Dewey Beach state that the access point is private. This posting plus the existence of trash and overgrowth discourage the public use of this access point. Also, a marina spans across the termination of Rodney Avenue at the bay. Surely, public access exists at this point, but no markings indicate to the public the means of accessing the bay. Resolution The Town should work with the State of Delaware to maintain access to the bay and mark the access for use by the public. The Town should periodically review its practices and the practices of the State of Delaware in maintaining all access points to the water ways bordering the Town of Dewey Beach.	11/12/2016 8:27 PM
52	We appreciate the time volunteer leaders give to running things. We also believe a standard property tax should be grandfathered in for future owners. A stable, reliable long term funding plan should be established now for the next 100 years.	11/12/2016 4:53 PM
53	Would like to see more diversity in the types of live music performed at various venues. Most of the live music usually caters to a certain age group and most other age groups are completely ignored all of the time. We would love to go out at night to hear live music if you gave us more variety to listen to. Not everyone likes the same bands and types of music in the same venues week after week, year after year, all summer long.	11/12/2016 11:45 AM
54	I came to Dewey 25 years ago because it was fun, bought a house and now my family enjoys it. I chose it because it has a vibrant atmosphere, I don't lock my house or vehicle when I am here...stop trying to exaggerate problems and wasting town money on ridiculous legal fees	11/12/2016 8:19 AM
55	I am most concerned about the changing face of Dewey with the building and zoning sprawl that is continuing to happen on an increased basis, and nothing was even asked in this survey. Several years ago I attended a standing room only meeting to talk about the issues to preserve Dewey as land leases expire or land is purchased and McMansions are built. The room overwhelmingly agreed things needed to change to preserve the town, to date it seems as if nothing has changed and more and more of Dewey is being demolished and replaced. It is very sad to see this happen. Shame on the building and zoning group for continuing to do nothing!!	11/11/2016 8:04 AM

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56	Dewey has improved a lot in the past 10+ years, but there are still the occasional problems that the town tries to address with the support of the bar owners.	11/10/2016 11:53 PM
57	keep up the good work Dewey Beach!	11/10/2016 9:47 PM
58	Flooding on the bayside during Fall storms is a concern.	11/10/2016 8:03 PM
59	Glad to see the town is thinking about sea level rise. Currently the bay floods at Read St over towards McKinley during heavy rains and noresters. It would be great to have a plan to address that in the 5 to 10 year plan.	11/10/2016 7:55 PM
60	Issues that I see need Comprehensive Plan Attention in Order of Importance: 1. More competitive pay and benefits for Town of Dewey Beach Public Safety, Town Employees, and Season Workers who have worked for the Town for over 5 years. 2. Budget increases for individual departments of the town as number of patrons goes up each year, resources, facilities, and budgets should reflect that. 3. Town Hall Facilities, Police Department, Lifeguards, and Life Saving Station Updates 4. Storm water management systems- i.e. puddles, pools, and flood areas in low lying streets 5. Comprehensive analysis of Sussex County Codes in regards to (1) 20 Foot Drive Way per parcel 6. Trash Receptacle Maintenance	11/10/2016 1:51 AM
61	Get the driveway maximum width project going to enable more street parking + parking permit income=more revenue + more visitors	11/9/2016 11:22 AM
62	I think you have a software problem with survey monkey. Some of my answers to the questions about what is most important for Dewey and what needs to be improved disappeared after I checked a box. The most important questions.	11/8/2016 8:56 PM
63	Thanks for your hard work	11/8/2016 11:22 AM
64	Nice to see the town reaching out for opinions about the future	11/7/2016 11:36 PM
65	We would like to see public restrooms along Rt. 1, rinse off stations to wash sand off after leaving the beach, board walks going from the street and onto the beach making the beach more accessible for those who have difficulty walking in the sand, and a pavilion for family friendly concerts and entertainment.	11/7/2016 5:08 PM
66	The building permit fees are outrageous	11/7/2016 11:31 AM
67	I love Dewey Beach and have for many years. I know some changes are necessary, but not change for change's sake. My top priority is preserving the town's unique character and offseason. Thanks for your work on behalf of the town.	11/7/2016 9:10 AM
68	Parking desperately needs to be addressed and it's a shame none of the questions in the survey asked about this obvious problem. There are too many tickets written, aggressive enforcement, poorly marked spaces all over town, and an environment that is down-right hostile to visitors and residents alike.	11/6/2016 6:35 PM
69	Public drunkenness is still a major problem. I don't feel safe to allow my young teenage daughter to walk the street after dark. I understand businesses need to make money but their needs to be som recourse for the public drunkenness, throwing up on the streets and rowdy behavior	11/6/2016 4:50 PM
70	I am very concerned about the Reed St flooding that seems to happen on a regular basis.	11/6/2016 4:11 PM
71	I am most concerned about nighttime safety and noise based on the most recent incidents at some bars in Dewey Beach.	11/6/2016 1:08 PM
72	Dewey is a great safe small town. It is family friendly (much improved from years ago). I enjoy the walkability and easy access to everything. The planned activities are welcoming and fun. I feel lucky to live there. The loud busy summer nights are a lot to hear but it's all part of what makes Dewey great. We are a family of 20s and toddlers and all enjoy living in Dewey. Thanks for all your hard work in improving Dewey and continuing to make it more little kid family friendly.	11/6/2016 9:12 AM
73	Business Partnership has done some really good things for the town and certain business owners are quick to help out. Dewey "is what it is"	11/6/2016 8:57 AM
74	the website would not allow my answers from the 1 - 5 category without deleting prior answer if it was the same answer to the question above. Not operating properly	11/6/2016 8:13 AM
75	Building code should be clear and defind and applied as such which currently doesn't seem to be the case. Understanding of the code by inforcement is more subjective then factual.	11/6/2016 8:06 AM
76	Control the speed of traffic on route 1!! Good revenue source that we do not take advantage of	11/5/2016 12:23 PM

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77	I owned two homes in Rehoboth by the Sea last summer. I walked, and walked my dogs, several times each day, and had the opportunity to observe the the guys in the green shirts on the bikes. For the record, they are generally rude and present a terrible image for the town. They write tickets so subjectively that there is little or no consistency. I watched them all summer move trash cans 5 feet... literally no difference in where they were located before, and then write tickets to cans in virtually the same location as the ones they moved, but at neighboring houses. It was all simply ludicrous. I am well aware that they target certain residents, especially year round, working residents. I was not personally involved, as we have walk-in service with Waste Industrues (they are great), but could not help but notice how disfunctional this system was. I noticed zero difference on our street with the trash problem.	11/4/2016 12:04 PM
78	Dogs on the beach and off leash are the most important thing to me about Dewey. Also bonfires, but they should be limited to property owners and non-commercial. They are out of control, with huge catered events, out of towners staying in Reho but coming to Dewey to have a bonfire, and sometimes sponsored as a business get together.	10/29/2016 11:38 AM
79	Top priority should be improving trash and recycling collection!	10/17/2016 3:46 PM
80	Make it easier to develop residential/commercial properties and consider taxing the establishments that create the majority of the town's issues, i.e., bars, as a form of revenue.	10/15/2016 7:01 PM
81	Make it easier for commercial development and consider taxing the establishments that contribute to most of the area issues, i.e., bars	10/15/2016 6:52 PM
82	We hope to acquire additional property in Dewey in the coming year.	10/13/2016 1:17 PM
83	Business owners should pay a gross receipts tax, just like property owners that rent. I'm not saying it should be 3%, but probably around 0.75% to 1.0%. Parking is a major barrier to making Dewey an attraction to tourists and residents that are not staying/living in the town. If you can solve that challenge, Dewey could have more to offer than nightlife.	10/10/2016 5:27 PM
84	It would be nice if we could get a small full service grocery	10/10/2016 2:57 PM
85	Widen the sidewalks! Discourage the night time crowds leaving the bars from making so much noise when walking home. The bars are an important element of the town, but partiers should respect the surrounding neighborhoods... a few warnings from police would probably do the trick.	9/30/2016 10:23 AM
86	The town manager, former mayor and current council are a bunch of 60-80 year old people trying to make a town geared towards 20-40 year olds conform to a Bethany Beach type style. Dewey should always be Dewey and have more similar aged people work on council, not the geriatrics running the asylum.	9/29/2016 2:25 PM
87	I enjoy Dewey Beach, and am thinking of possibly retiring here.	9/27/2016 3:51 PM
88	Please ask all property owners whether they would volunteer some of their time to town management. eg 40 hours a year or 30 hours a year or 20 hours a year etc?	9/27/2016 9:06 AM
89	Need to worry about the flooding from the bay area. People cannot get to their homes during flooding.	9/26/2016 8:13 AM
90	Been very pleased in the recent years made to make the town safer and more family oriented.	9/24/2016 10:11 AM
91	I would request that the detailed results of this survey be posted online and shared with all owners, not just a summary edited by town management or committee members. I would also suggest that you neglected to include 2 key topics in the survey: 1) parking (or the lack thereof) 2) how the town plans to handle the properties in Rehoboth By The Sea that are nearing the end of their lease periods with regard to public safety and that of the surrounding neighborhood. Will there be a minimum upkeep requirement as it relates to vegetation overgrowth (encourages wildlife to nest increasing the risk of spreading disease, etc.; tree trimming to ensure safety of neighboring property during nor'easters and other storms) Will there be a process to ensure properties are not just abandoned (leads to squatters, fire risks, etc.)? Additional comments regarding the town public safety issue...Until the last couple of years I have always felt very safe in Dewey both day and night. However, with the recent events of large groups fighting outside of clubs and targeting the police as part of those fights, I have begun to question if I want to remain a resident of Dewey Beach long-term. These incidents seemed to rise up when one establishment began hosting \$1 drink nights. Eliminating these low-budget events which lead to over-indulgence and poor behavior should reduce those types of incidences. However, I believe the continual marketing of something that benefits one business' bottom line to the increased detriment of public safety should carry some responsibility. And that the other businesses in town should not be penalized as a result. Thank you for offering us this convenient method to provide our input into this process.	9/23/2016 12:50 PM
92	Be able to feel confident that police are available to be contacted to address late night noise/drunkeness	9/18/2016 12:50 PM
93	The side walks on US 1 are too narrow. The evening noise and decibel level is to high.	9/17/2016 12:07 PM
94	Please think about putting Boardwalk like planks over the sand walkways from the street to the beach itself. The deaph of the sand as well as the heat makes it difficult to walk	9/16/2016 1:54 PM
95	Town has done a good job in last 10 years of decreasing the political drama.	9/16/2016 1:49 PM

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96	re: question about expanding shoulder season activities - I think the current amount of activities during the shoulder season is just right; there should not be any more or any less. This answer was not an option in that question.	9/15/2016 9:55 AM
97	Great place for a visit	9/14/2016 8:51 PM
98	We need to do something to slow down the traffic as it enters Dewey from the north. Improvements have been made but more tickets need to be issued, or the speed limit lowered to 20.	9/14/2016 4:54 PM
99	This survey is slanted toward those who have a keen interest in making Dewey a family-only beach, so it's hard to answer a question like "is it better or worse" than it was. Families are fine, we needed more -- but the Town has shifted too much to what all the old people want and has taken away from the pleasures of the young adults. And I am an old person!! But I grew up in Dewey and those are some of the best times in my life- others should have that experience. The anonymous tattling by people who are simply fussy and refuse to have a peep of sound to sleep with the windows open, the fine process which is too harsh and makes people come back to town to get their judgement by a court which is very discriminatory, the multitude of harsh rules, the addition of summer police newbies who are basically incompetent, the inability to get a conversation with a decision maker when something goes wrong... all these things have made the town a place to avoid, except for families and old people. We aren't Rehoboth, we don't want to be Rehoboth. We need to correct some of the over- correcting and make the town fun again.	9/14/2016 12:17 PM
100	Dewey Beach is a unique (Ocean & Bay) Seasonal Resort (May-Sept). It is not, and never will be a year round destination.	9/13/2016 2:34 PM
101	We have appreciated the family events such as Movie night and Bonfire night over the years.	9/12/2016 2:29 PM
102	I would love to see property and business owners responsible for what their properties look like as you walk by in the morning. Each owner should have to clean up out front of their home or establishment before 8:00am and if not a fine should be imposed. I'm talking about trash, grass cutting, weeding etc.	9/12/2016 10:54 AM
103	Zoning issues, noise and public safety especially at night are front and center of creating a more family-oriented town. Things have improved, but we also see some incursions by other interests from time to time that test the limits of propriety and good order in town. Unloading our children after our trek to the beach to watch someone get tasered near our front yard (who was obviously drunk and disorderly) is not a good image to represent Dewey. The town businesses need to balance profit and over-serving individuals over public safety. They should be held accountable as well as this individual.	9/11/2016 9:12 AM
104	I strongly hope Dewey will not waste time or resources on climate change. What happens, happens, and it's only a very long-term problem, full of uncertainties. Do not be beguiled by consultants who want to make a lot of money analyzing the so-called problem -- this really is becoming rather a racket. I don't want to see one dollar of taxpayer money spent on this. Obviously, if there are occasional floods from storms, we need to deal with those as they come, but we already do that. Mother Nature is variable and will continue to be so -- look at the periodic big storms we have. No further planning or study is needed. Don't be "trendy" -- be smart and say no to fear-mongers and people who want to take our money for studies, etc.	9/10/2016 11:55 AM
105	Town needs better communication with property owners and residents. You would see more participation.	9/10/2016 7:16 AM
106	There needs major improvements in trash, recycling and street trash removal. Current program is not working. I am embarrassed when I have visitors and family visit. Needs work Big time.	9/9/2016 9:11 PM
107	We feel that the commercial businesses, especially the large bars, take advantage of Town resources without being required to contribute proportionally to the financial health of the Town. They should be required to pay taxes in line with their income and use of resources.	9/9/2016 8:36 PM
108	Over-crowding and GREED of developers are my main concerns and how they effect Dewey Beach and add to an environment where people will want to get out of town because of the over-crowding. Dewey was fine with out all the commercial business'	9/9/2016 12:23 PM
109	We should expand walking/biking safety opportunities by developing routes N/S in addition to Route 1. eg. A Bay Walk/Dune the length of DB & or a similar parallel path on the Oceanside. There may need to be run arounds for the Marinas on the Bay side.	9/8/2016 10:14 PM
110	With a combined sea level rise/land subsidence of 5.4mm per year I am not too concerned with addressing the issue.	9/8/2016 2:23 PM
111	Dewey will also be viewed as a party town unless it cracks down on drinking and drunken behavior. I think the bar owners especially should pay more toward security.	9/8/2016 1:36 PM
112	We are not interested in more bar establishments. We, as a town should aim for higher quality food establishments. The latest additions in the past 3 years have all been bar food and alcohol joints.	9/8/2016 10:06 AM
113	I believe that there is a desperate need for more handicapped accessibility in the town.	9/7/2016 9:58 PM

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114	I dislike the Hyatt. It is an eye sore, especially as it is still incomplete. The owners did not include retail space as was previously promised. They have yet to remodel the restaurants. Parking on Van Dyke St bayside is too crowded. The town continuously enforces more restrictions. It used to be a fun town. If you want family oriented activities move to Bethany!	9/7/2016 2:55 PM
115	Ensure that Dewey remain dog-friendly and make only small changes. Many Dewey owners want the Dewey they remember which includes the music and the bars.	9/7/2016 2:29 PM
116	Nighttime noise has greatly improved on our street. Fewer problematic renters. Handling of parking needs major improvement. Ticketless don't seem sufficiently trained.	9/7/2016 1:38 PM
117	We love Dewey and don't want to turn it into some sterile police state, but I think you'll see from my responses that public drunkenness and pedestrian/bike safety along route 1 are big issues for us. I'm tired of looking out my window at 9PM and seeing someone pissing on my street corner. More active patrols in Rehoboth By the Sea area are needed. The noise and behavior along this purely residential stretch over the weekends is absurd.	9/7/2016 11:44 AM
118	We purchased in Dewey Beach with the full knowledge of the environment that we were buying in to. We are not drinkers or partyers, but understand that is a large piece of the town. We enjoy Dewey Beach the way it is. There can always be minor improvements, but no big changes are necessary.	9/7/2016 9:36 AM
119	We come to Dewey beach because it has a nice balance of beach, bay, restaurants, nightlife and non outlet shops. You should strive to maintain the current balance that attracts the people who come here now.	9/6/2016 8:13 PM
120	Public recycling needs to be available in residential areas.	9/6/2016 6:13 PM
121	You've got to get the trash consolidation plan right - weekenders are not there to put trash cans away on Monday-Friday.	9/6/2016 6:09 PM
122	The nicest thing about Dewey is its laid-back, dog-friendly atmosphere. Wish it were less noisy with parties, but that's OK so long as police keep them under good control.	9/6/2016 5:50 PM
123	Keep up the good work! Exceptional Police Department!!!	9/6/2016 5:19 PM
124	Love the town, met my wife there. I think the more family friendly shift has helped the reputation from party town. My vote is to have more off seasons things available and think about a dewey boardwalk.	9/6/2016 4:21 PM
125	We like to the fun atmosphere of Dewey Beach but have seen it change with the police and city not addressing the increasing immature/inexperienced drinkers. It's great that there is lot's of night life but visitors need to understand that obnoxiously drunk behavior won't be tolerated. Yet the Beach Patrol has no problem handing out a \$200 fine to a group of young twenty somethings sitting near us on the beach who were reading books and not being rowdy. Yet drunks can walk down the street using every profane word in front of my kids. Doesn't make for a good impression on our visitors who we want to return. Dewey Beach is starting to increase it's sophistication with some great restaurants and alternative night life to the drunks at Bottle and Cork. Those are positive changes that need to continue.	9/6/2016 4:11 PM
126	We can see a shift in Dewey in becoming more family oriented. However, this needs more attention as the pm public drunkenness can hinder family activities after 8 pm in Dewey. Would also love to see more retail and restaurants in Dewey.	9/6/2016 2:29 PM
127	The town needs a list serv for property & business owners to stay aware and in touch with the town.	9/6/2016 1:28 PM
128	Thanks for getting this feedback.	9/5/2016 1:02 PM
129	The town needs to do a better job enforcing occupancy limits in the summer for rental homes. We have a situation now where young adults are getting dropped off by the bus load. The max amount of persons per bed room is two people and 2 in the common area. When I walk my dogs on the bay side of route 1, those houses / condos are bursting with people. It needs to stop. These types of properties are why more families will not rent in dewey	9/5/2016 12:29 PM
130	I am totally against a property tax for DB property owners. I would not oppose a one time assesment if required for a town improvement. The town should encourage responsible development of privately held town properties. If you do not allow or encourage revitalization, the town will be perceived in a negative way.	9/5/2016 5:11 AM
131	It is very encouraging to see this kind of outreach to the community at large and an attempt to solicit opinion. The work on the new zoning rules must preserve the town as is and protect residential areas to be strictly residential; and minimize the ability to overbuild on lots (increase property line setbacks and reduce overall size and height maximums).	9/4/2016 2:46 PM
132	Our town house is used ('rented' at bargain prices!) most of the summer by members of our large extended family and friends.	9/4/2016 10:29 AM
133	The town has made substantial progress/improvement over the past 5 years. The quality of life has increased immensely---more families and dog events, less bar noise and less drunks.And I love the flowers along Route One.	9/3/2016 2:47 PM
134	We would like to see town-wide garbage collection for all properties.	9/3/2016 2:32 PM

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135	Get together with Rehoboth, Bethany & Lewes and establish a Mileage Marker address system for businesses along Coastal Hwy ala Nags Head Florida etc.for easier locations of businesses i.e. MM 3.5 Coastal Hwy	9/1/2016 6:19 PM
136	The town is gaining favor with families. The party folks 10 years ago are now the owners. The town is changing in a family direction. You can see it on the beach and in the restaurants.	9/1/2016 11:09 AM
137	I would like to see more enforcement of traffic on Saulsbury Street in the evenings. Since Uber has been allowed to pick up in Dewey, Saulsbury is blocked by cars just waiting to pick up. It's almost impossible to turn from RT 1 and get down the street because the street is blocked by Starboard. I'm surprised accidents do not occur and there is a State coo there every evening which I believe could move them on. They double park and cause quite a jam on the street. It would be wonderful if instead of the land closed off in front of the starboard for the petty cabs to sit that it would be open to Yber and taxis. It would be much safer.	8/31/2016 3:13 PM
138	I like to spend 3-4 weeks a Summer in Dewey Beach with my wife and son (age 8). However, we have a hard time w weekends and the drunks/trash/noise/etc that are associated w weekends in Dewey. We typically opt for Sunday evening through Thursday to avoid the madness. I currently rent my property but would love to use it more full time in the Summer but weekend nonsense makes that prohibitive. Therefore, I continue to rent for app 4-5 weeks of the Summer season. Dewey has long had the reputation as a party beach (frankly in my 20s that's what gravitated me towards Dewey). This reputation has been has been touted by bar owners as the key driver of Dewey's success. However, if you look at Rehoboth, Bethany, and now Lewes; these are beach towns that have promoted a family reputation and prospered much more in comparison. As a property owner, if I'd have invested the same money in a Rehoboth property, my investment would have increased 10x as opposed to the 2-3x it has in Dewey. I'm not saying to crack down on bars, these are important members of the Dewey history and community. What I'm saying is what everyone knows - we need to crack down on the disrespectful locusts that vandalize, litter, take advantage of Dewey on Summer weekends. That will bring in better restaurants/shops and clientele and ultimately increase the value and enjoyment of Dewey property/experience.	8/31/2016 2:19 PM
139	Think Party Atmosphere doesn't belong as a choice. It's similar to nightlife but has a negative connotation. People won't choose it or be against it, and it will bias results.	8/31/2016 2:05 PM
140	The candidates who run for commissioners are constantly stating that they love Dewey and have been coming to Dewey for years. If that's the case, why do they always want to change things?	8/30/2016 10:35 AM
141	Dog-friendly beach, live music & walkabilty are the main reasons I come to Dewey. Please don't ruin this for me by making this town so family-friendly that adults can't enjoy themselves.	8/29/2016 11:03 PM
142	Why is Alex/Northbeach allowed to have that bright light that turns nighttime into day? I'm all for public/police safety but there has to be a better way than having a light that shines onto my deck and living room from sunset until 3 am.	8/22/2016 12:51 AM