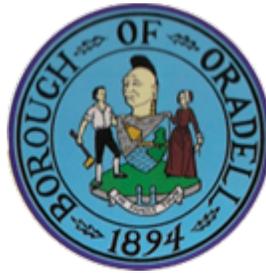


# Oradell Residents' Survey: Appendix

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Survey: Oradell Residents' Survey

**Report: Default Report**

Survey Status		Respondent Statistics		Points Summary
<b>Status:</b>	Closed	<b>Total Responses:</b>	745	No Points Questions used in this survey.
<b>Deploy Date:</b>	05/06/2014	<b>Completes:</b>	563	
<b>Closed Date:</b>	07/15/2014	<b>Partials:</b>	182	

**1. Where do you live?(elect one response.)**

	Responses	Percent
Oradell:	54	100%
River Edge:	0	0%
Teaneck:	0	0%
Somewhere else:	0	0%
Total Responded to this question:		54 100%
Total who skipped this question:		0 0%
Total:		54 100%

2. How old were you on your last birthday? (Select one response.)

	Responses	Percent
Under 18 years of age: <input type="text"/>	0	0%
18-24 years of age: <input type="text"/>	14	2.55%
25-34 years of age: <input type="text"/>	32	5.84%
35-44 years of age: <input type="text"/>	110	20.07%
45-54 years of age: <input type="text"/>	136	24.82%
55-64 years of age: <input type="text"/>	133	24.27%
65-74 years of age: <input type="text"/>	82	14.96%
75 years of age or older: <input type="text"/>	41	7.48%
Total Responded to this question:		548 100%
Total who skipped this question:		0 0%
Total:		548 100%

3. How long have you lived in Oradell? (Select one response.)

	Responses	Percent
Under 5 years:	56	10.35%
5-10 years:	65	12.01%
11-14 years:	58	10.72%
15-19 years:	70	12.94%
20-24 years:	71	13.12%
25 years or more:	221	40.85%
Total Responded to this question:		541 98.72%
Total who skipped this question:		7 1.28%
Total:		548 100%

4. Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with living in Oradell? (Select one response.)

	Responses	Percent
Very satisfied:	184	34.59%
Somewhat satisfied:	250	46.99%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied:	36	6.77%
Somewhat dissatisfied:	46	8.65%
Very dissatisfied:	14	2.63%
Do not know/not sure:	2	0.38%
Total Responded to this question:		532 97.08%
Total who skipped this question:		16 2.92%
Total:		548 100%

**5. Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the Borough services and facilities of Oradell? (Select one response.)**

	Responses	Percent
Very satisfied:	108	20.3%
Somewhat satisfied:	253	47.56%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied:	52	9.77%
Somewhat dissatisfied:	88	16.54%
Very dissatisfied:	29	5.45%
Do not know/not sure:	2	0.38%
Total Responded to this question:		532 97.08%
Total who skipped this question:		16 2.92%
Total:		548 100%

**6. In what way or ways could Borough services and facilities be improved? *Please be as specific as possible.***

	Responses	Percent
Responses:	366	100%
Total Responded to this question:	366	66.79%
Total who skipped this question:	182	33.21%
Total:	548	100%

**6. In what way or ways could Borough services and facilities be improved? *Please be as specific as possible.***

Response	Response Text
1	To date, over 400 residents of Oradell have fought in five wars to defend our country, many in major and historical theatres of war. Yet we have NO honor roll to honor ALL these people who have fought for our freedom including our freedom to vote. Many surrounding towns have complete honor rolls, well maintained with beautiful landscaping and flags surrounding it. In Oradell, we only honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice—one who is serving has to DIE in order to be honored.
2	The borough website is a joke. No council minutes have been posted since January 2013. Finding ordinance information is virtually impossible via the site's search. The mayor and council members also need to be more responsive to residents. E-mails go unanswered and invitations to visit neighborhoods to look at residents' issues are ignored. The DPW recycling facility should be as easily accessible as it once was. Overnight parking regulations also aren't enforced.
3	The parking situation, tree service, road paving is a nightmare, and the overall look of the town. These areas need the use of professionals to correct the issues. Looks half done and the town is dirty and decorated cheaply. The tree situation is lacking in timeliness and my road hasn't been paved in decades.
4	Have a person answer phones. Specifically at DPW. Pave roads, or at least tame potholes in timely fashion. More parking! Get matters resolved much more quickly. Town looks shabby due to vacant stores and properties. It is a shame!
5	Having the recycling center open every Saturday, Having the trash pickup company that will take all the trash, not leave 1/2 of it in the garbage can! Not plowing the snow in front of our driveways after we have already cleared them!
6	*More financial support for the library *improve appearance of vacant commercial properties on Kinderkamack Road. Perhaps we can penalize owners w/ fines or confiscation! We need to make these properties more attractive/affordable to non-big-box retailers.
7	Streets are potholed worse than NYC in the 70s We are bike riders, we leave Oradell and bike in river edge where the streets are maintained
8	Positives: Fire Dept DPW Negatives: The town is not viewed as business friendly Police do not enforce parking and speeding regulations much especially at the schools. Never see them at RDHS during the end of the school day when the kids are speeding up Pyle. Really annoyed that the library is going to be closed on Sat & Sun - I understand the budget issues - make them close one day during the week instead so that working people get to access the library. Tired of paying more taxes for less
9	The roads are terrible. I can not walk or ride a bike down my road without the risk of breaking an ankle or falling in a hole. It is a disgrace considering the amount of taxes we pay.
10	the Borough
11	Better maintenance of streets, trees, etc. Work with homeowners and businesses to develop Oradell rather than against new proposals.
12	People at the borough hall do not respond to phone calls at all. It doesn't matter the department or person, no one ever calls back if you leave a message and getting a person on the phone is almost impossible. Even the Mayor doesn't respond. Website should be updated with events in town more often. Rec department since Doug left seems to be all over the place and information is lacking. Some of the rec baseball/softball fields are disgraceful and need to be updated to keep pace with nearby towns
13	There are many residential streets that are in dire need of repaving (Summit Ave, Woodland Ave, and Amaryliss Ave to name a few). Filling pot holes simply adds to the gravel along the curbs. These roads have been worsening over the last 4 years. During the winter, train station parking lots were barely plowed making it very icy and dangerous. Very few parking spaces were usable.
14	Our road needs paving. The website is not up to date.
15	Better communications, twice a week garbage pickup, recycling containers on main streets in front of businesses and in public parks, improved tree maintenance schedule, regular Saturday hours at recycling center, designated bicycle and pedestrian routes to encourage walking to school and to shopping, create a more business friendly environment so that our downtown can be thriving, diverse and robust.
16	the appearance of the exterior of all borough buildings is terrible, unkempt, dirty and run down, no landscaping
17	Too many empty stores on main road, my street has had pot holes for 5 years, landscaping by town library is disgraceful, vacant home in Greenway development is an eyesore, not happy with Blauvelt Mansion's visible decay, no funding for Library, unhappy with 1x garbage pickup given expensive taxes
18	DPW - Snow removal on municipal sidewalks and parking lots takes way too long, need more leaf pickups in the fall, would like to see garbage pickup 2x a week. Website - needs to be maintained and updated with pertinent information. Communication from Borough Hall to the residents is horrible and the Administrator is not responsive.
19	It would be great if you could reserve meeting rooms at Boro Hall and other borough-owned spaces online. The grammar in the Boro calendar needs help. The woods near Memorial field should have wider paths and one of the ponds should be stocked with fish for fishing, and possibly aerated by a fountain.
20	Fields can be better maintained, fertilizer, weed killer, bug control, sprinklers, fix the scoreboards etc. DPAC field is not secure enough. Too many using the field. It should be Oradell people first as we pay the taxes and it is an Oradell field. The turf is in need of replacing. It should be a secured site. For the taxes we pay this towns facilities, streets, fields should be stellar.
21	There is little for the children and teens of Oradell in terms of facilities (outside of sports); the business climate is poor resulting in numerous vacancies and a limited variety in the businesses that we do have; parking is a challenge
22	Building department fees and process can be a little more user friendly. Police should patrol and catch speeders on cut thru streets and not focus on Kinderkamack as much. DPW should continue to take trash at DPW yard. Children playground at memorial field needs more shade. DPAC children's play area needs improvement

- 23 Better snow removal, add pedestrian crossing signs back to all major cross streets on Kinderkamack, better economic development of the business district.
- 24 the tone at televised mayor/council meetings--often very dismissive to a resident's concern/problem; often; refusal to address questions posed in a public forum because by law council does not have to answer . enforcement of parking violations in the vicinity of Riverdell HS (fletcher/john/Schaefer/Pyle/McKay---cars parked beyond the corners. For example--establish one side of street parking while school is in session on fletcher/john; less money on athletics, more on repairing roads.
- 25 Pursue more shared services
- 26 it looks like there is not enough help in borough hall.
- 27 1. Library funding should be increased so the hours and collections can be restored to pre-renovation levels. 2. The spelling of "memoriam" should be corrected on the 9/11 monument at Borough Hall. 3. Borough must improve parking along Kinderkamack Road so that empty storefronts are occupied. 4. Preserve Oradell's heritage by saving the Blauvelt Mansion and urging County to complete restoration of the Water Works. 5. Replace Boswell with an employee engineer shared with neighboring towns.
- 28 Restore library hours on evenings, Saturday and Sundays. Work with County and State Officials to finish Water Works Preservation. Save the Blauvelt Mansion and its front lawn. Improve downtown parking issues.
- 29 Ambience, character and charm add immeasurably and certainly to quality of life and real estate values. They're the intangibles that tend to attract residents who take pride in home ownership and invest time and effort to support our community. Let's do all possible to save the Blauvelt Mansion.
- 30 Listen to the citizens. I'm sure that the few citizens that respond to this survey will not adequately reflect the needs of the Borough.
- 31 Residents should be able to contact the borough services/council via email since business hours are limited.
- 32 The town needs a Rec center for the children to have a place of their own.
- 33 DP#W could answer the phone. Less "attitude" in Boro hall
- 34 I would like the Borough to take control of our town pool. It is a disgrace. The chairs are rusty the playground is old and muddy and the grounds are dirty and unkempt. It is also the most expensive pool in Bergen county, and the worst. I have to travel to other town pools yet I am a few blocks away from our pool. Also, the traffic management at OPS is terrible. We need to have police supervision everyday morning and afternoon. Parents are very insubordinate and do not follow traffic rule
- 35 It was very helpful when the recycling center would accept concrete and construction debris generated by do-it-yourself homeowners. If this service could be resumed, even with a per-use fee, it would be a much better alternative than the inconvenience of getting a dumpster.
- 36 More trash pick-up days and more leaf pick ups. More tree trimming or removals if needed. Too many bad sidewalks. Parking near Oradell and Kinderkamack is awful. More bleachers on far side of PPAC field.
- 37 Change the attitude of some of the borough employees and remind them that they are employed to service the needs of the residents. I think the same might be said for some of our elected officials.
- 38 Although I'm not there yet, I think any help that can be provided to seniors to help them afford to here. As someone thinking of retirement I'm forced to look at alternatives places other than Oradell/Bergen county.
- 39 think outside the box to solve problems
- 40 Better financial management Borough council needs to be more responsive to taxpayers
- 41 Downtown area needs more development. Restaurants, maybe a bar, something to do past 8pm
- 42 Develop the downtown area with more retail stores and restaurants.
- 43 DPW: I have rarely had the phone answered by anyone there during the day-even before 2:00 o'clock. It's always "Leave a message and I'll call you back." Call Back? Fuggeddaboutit! Garbage Pick Up: Many times I find my trash cans on my neighbors' property.
- 44 Police should enforce traffic laws by Oradell Public School and ticket parents who disobey the law. It is dangerous to students & parents alike.
- 45 The borough is looking neglected. Borough trees need pruning. I think that Kinderkamack Rd. should be spruced up - Parking is always an issue. The borough should work with business owners to help keep businesses in town.
- 46 The number of times I see the street sweeper on my street has declined. The recent change at the DPW concerning what can be received is far less than before placing an additional burden on the taxpayer. There are many town trees that are either dead or dying but placing calls to report this goes with no action taken. At some point someone will be hurt or worse because of this. Do we still have tree service in Oradell? Would expect more for the taxes we pay.
- 47 i live on garden pl in Oradell next to a foreclosed property which is not kept up by bank. property is overgrown and i constantly have to call town to get grass cut. TOWN should be following this year to year. it has been over 5 yrs. RIDICULOUS!
- 48 Clean and paved roads, for one example.. Tree service. Clean up the downtown and other areas. Pick up of furniture and other larger trash items. More choice in who represents us.
- 49 DPW needs to be more in tune with needs of residents. for example, when they are clearing leaves, is it really necessary to close off major portions of parking lots? this makes it impossible for commuters and school drop off. also they take up many spots with their trucks and leave them running all day. I wish they worked as hard as I do, dragging into the city every day, and they probably make lots more money
- 50 Leaders do little to make living here a superior experience. Downtown parking & appearance are awful. The town makes it very difficult for residents to improve homes. It discourages new business development, which could raise much-needed tax revenue & enhance quality of life. Police receive too many tax \$ & provide below average service. Communication (esp in emergencies) is poor. Fix these problems. Find ways for younger residents who can't attend council meetings to share ideas and be heard.
- 51 less restrictive ordinances for business Better plan for downtown stores
- 52 Discontinue borough engineer review of homeowner's engineer Plans. Borough construction official doesn't need a borough Architect to review homeowner's architect plans.
- 53 More for younger children....kids under 5
- 54 Allow bathrooms at Memorial Field to be open on weekdays and Weekends during daylight hours.
- 55 Working in NYC means the library is NEVER open when I can browse for books this summer. The borough offers little to families with small children. The boys summer Rec program is only for bigger boys - I think this is my biggest beef. The snow removal guys wait until

you are not shoveling your driveway, then dump all the snow there. And the thin woman in the building office is a plain nasty and not at all helpful.

- 56 Construct bathroom facilities at Grant Field. Remove the tire swing and that spinning carousel thing at Memorial Field playground - they are dangerous and children get hurt on them on a regular basis. Organize the Men's Rec Softball so that registration isn't two weeks before the league begins (forming a new team is impossible this way), replace town signage at Oradell Ave - it's incoherent) - needs to be electronic and in a different location. SEND NIXLES - other towns use it regularly
- 57 First and foremost, the roads in town are badly in need of repair. 2 members of our family have blown out tires on potholes. The town also needs to be more business friendly, which it is not and the town suffers. Lastly, this administration is trying to gut the services of the library, the one true gem of this town. Oradell needs to stop thinking of itself as Detroit. Start investing in this town before it is too late. Overall I would rate this town an F-.
- 58 Improve parks and family events/services
- 59 TAXES. TAXES, TAXES, where does all the money go???????
- 60 Hire competent people
- 61 Police Department should get a face lift, DPW could clean the streets better sweeping in Spring summer Fall and winter better snow removal of streets what an eye sore on Ridgewood Avenue and Kinderkamack road old Haglers/felice and the two abandoned houses and that old gas station cooper Avenue should have 2x a week garbage pick up like years ago
- 62 Reduce Taxes. Maintenance of roads (POTHOLEs, street sweeping). upgrade parks. items taken care of in a timely fashion.
- 63 Oradell is known to be a tough town to deal with. Experience with the tax guy was absolutely horrible. However I had no choice but to deal with him.
- 64 would like to see the raised brick around all the trees on Kinderkamack Road flattened. They are an unexpected tripping obstacle when pushing a stroller or walking next to others. Would like to have the December tree lighting on a Saturday or Sunday around 4:30pm. Friday night ceremony is too dark, too much traffic, scary for small children. Grandparents who might like to participate don't really want to drive in the dark and have trouble seeing at night when walking.
- 65 Garbage pickup: Trash cans are THROWN back in the general direction of my property or my neighbors' property. I've heard about the problem with parking for the Seniors and that commuters have first preference for parking in front of the Senior Building. That Seniors want adequate parking for only twice a month and the governing body is not willing to do it.
- 66 too much time is wasted in issues for service from the DPW ; its takes too long for specific [problems to be completed; this has been and continues to be a problem
- 67 First Priority: Be super business friendly and have a grand plan - We need another local community restaurant in where Felices's is. Money saving idea: It seems that the police spend a large amount of time responding to fender benders and directing traffic. Can't we have cheaper, less highly trained individuals do this sort of work?
- 68 Building services department where we get permits is very inefficient and negatively impact home renovation processes.
- 69 I would love, as a family with young children, more shade at Memorial Park. More parking overall for commuters.
- 70 Pick up and drop off of kids at OPS is a mess. Parking lot entrances on Church Street have been the scene of many a near miss with cars not seeing running kids racing to the library for computers. I worry about my kids getting safely to the car-park where I wait every day as there is NO parking unless you arrive 20-30 minutes ahead of time - even in the municipal lots. Toilets are needed on Grant field - that whole field needs some TLC. Shade structure with solar on Memorial for baseball?
- 71 Improve the summer recreation program. River edge does a great job organizing kids by grade with multiple counselors in each grade. They have field trips. Oradell is lacking organization. They put all the grades either in the basement or in a hot gymnasium. The ball parks could use lights so the kids baseball games aren't cut short due to the lack of light. The fields should have extra bags of sand to be pre pared after rain. Their are usually puddles on the base ball fields.
- 72 Rec center for the kids...better coordination of summer rec program, ops exploration program and town pool/swim team. I realize they are different entities but coordinated right the kids especially in the summer could have a great camp like experience. Also a rec center for kids to hang out in-- instead of cramming into rite aide after school. A place with music, arts and crafts, video games maybe? Board games too?
- 73 Rec. department should sponsor trips to various activities for families, seniors of Oradell. perhaps tickets to Yankee, Mets games, Radio City, etc. what happened to Flower Show in Philly?
- 74 Library -- Open more hours to accommodate working people (Saturday/Sunday hours). Town Hall -- cleaned up and updated. Availability of container for recycling for residents Better snow and ice removal in front of town property, i.e. Kinderkamack Road at the southern section of town.
- 75 The very expensive public safety organization appears to be poorly managed and operated and in need of reform and overhaul. The Borough communications are lacking and the residential responsiveness is not good. DEPAC field needs to be finished...walkways, bleachers, working and properly sited scoreboards. There needs to be an equitable cost accommodation to Oradell for River Edge's use of our fields. Public Safety needs to enforce that Oradell Residents are the ones using the facilities.
- 76 For over 45 years, I have watched the quality of life in this town deteriorate. We've become business unfriendly and the roads in this towns are atrocious. Also the school system needs attention, but not for this survey. Not sure how the fix will be done, but something needs to be done to manage the tax burden and bring back the desire to choose Oradell as a place to live.
- 77 leaf pickup more often in the fall. maintain the residential roads a bit better. use of memorial field for more sports than baseball and soccer
- 78 Allow town to become an attractive draw for businesses Improve appearance of vacant/abandoned buildings Expand support for library to allow reasonable hours/days of operation
- 79 The removal of the dumpster and the limiting of services for the recycling center should be reversed. I understand the abuses that led to this decision, but they can be prevented relatively easily with the following methods. - Security camera that records vehicles and license plates. If there is an abuser its recorded. - Have a the dumpster only on weekends when there is someone available in the yard to supervise
- 80 More shared services agreements with other towns; merging our police dept. with River Edge or another town. Give developers incentives to develop some of the vacant properties on Kinderkamack Road.
- 81 Stop trying to decrease your budget on the backs of children. The senior services have remained the same-free rides on the bus to shop and go to doctors yet the fee for children to be in the summer programs increases. The fee for the playground is a disgrace and the fee for the crafts is also a disgrace. Mr. Murray wanted to set a fee to play on our fields-he should not be our mayor. He keeps trying to nickle and dime families with kids. Stop giving town contracts without bids!! corruption
- 82 The sports fields are very unsafe, baseball field conditions and netting conditions are just bad to the point that I do not have my

- children play youth sports in this town.
- 83 Lower my taxes
- 84 Greater communication of Boro information (separate from the emergency texts) via email; a different notification method to FD than the siren (antiquated; this is the 21st c); another parking spot by Schreiber's (tell the county); less mud at DPAC for spectators; a more attractive downtown area....
- 85 We really need a more vibrant downtown area. This includes a couple restaurants, with at least one liquor license. This will attract and keep younger families in town.
- 86 Trash and debris collection could be more often.
- 87 By putting money into the Recreational program to create more events and build better places for example fix the baseball fields, make DPAC look nice again, and put some woodchips in the playgrounds to save our children from getting hurt.
- 88 Better DPW hours/communication. They never answer the phone...
- 89 I grew up in Oradell and pointedly moved my family to Oradell. The newcomers' club needs to return, beyond a welcoming group. Restaurants need to be more established/welcome - like Westwood. The library is a huge disappointment. The hours are not accessible to a working parent and, the kids' room needs to be open on the weekends, regardless of season. The people working in the entire library are not friendly. Caretakers should be treated with respect and you enjoy kids if you work upstairs
- 90 The downtown Kinderkamack area has become laughable. The appearance is incredibly outdated. Additionally, the lack of restaurants, bars, retail stores forces residents to seek alternative options in surrounding towns (e.g. Westwood, Ridgewood). That is by far the biggest downfall of the town overall. Until it's addressed, it will increasingly hurt property values, because most young families today want the ability to walk downtown to grab coffee, dinner, drinks, etc...
- 91 consolidate services, fix the funding formula and citizen participation on council committees
- 92 A pub would be great to have in town where people can socialize/gather. Something near the train station would be a great location, esp. for the commuters to unwind on a Thurs/Fri night with friends. A couple of trendy restaurants are needed. It'd be great to have a strip like in Ridgewood with restaurants clothing/toy/furniture stores. Baby steps can hopefully get us there eventually! Important: the Oradell librarians are awful. They have been rude to me and my nanny (those on the 1st fl.)
- 93 Encourage some restaurants and similar businesses to come to town - ice cream shop, coffee shop, etc.
- 94 teen or child center. Oradell does more for seniors. Family day we should not be paying the amount of money we do. Dpw needs to street sweep more frequently and take care of the open spaces better. Roads are terrible in some areas. Hoffman & grant field are terrible. Dpac needs bleachers and a drainage system. Needs more police officers . Parking for library and stores downtown is awful
- 95 Better/more plowing and leaf removal of side roads in town. More street cleaning.
- 96 Road needs to be paved (Morris). Website is rarely updated and hard to navigate. It's a shame the library hours have been cut. Bond for pool is ridiculously high. Need to attract more businesses to Kinderkamack especially a restaurant/bar.
- 97 Taxpayers should not bear the total cost of sports fields upkeep. Need more DPW workers and more employees at Borough Hall.
- 98 Garbage pick up twice a week all year round, re-open the town dump to residents.
- 99 Town trees need help. If we don't have shade tree committee we should. If we do we need better communication with them Roads need work. If we have laws we should enforce them. Exp. parking on street at night. There are several homes on my block that park on street every night for over a year. Bergen Blvd. I paid a ticket because I forgot one night . So did my neighbor exp. I believe there is a law against commercial vans/ trucks parking in driveways over night and working on Sundays. Oradell Ave
- 100 More accountability for the police department & DPW not doing the jobs they are hired for... traffic is not monitored, DPW spends 1 to 2 days mowing Hoffman field & it is still looks unfinished. Zoning board makes it nearly impossible for businesses to be opened. The town is starting to look like it is abandoned with the numerous blocks of empty businesses, overgrown weeds, pavers lifting, lack of parking, street lights either missing or not working. Overall dirty looking throughout the town
- 101 I would like to see a program for new families and or a program to bring together families with young(younger than school age) children
- 102 Please develop downtown with some decent businesses, restaurants and parking. Downtown looks like a morgue. Every time you turn around there is another business closing. Please look at other Bergen county towns that keeps the residents within town for their needs.
- 103 Bring back trash disposal at the DPW. Sometimes we have too much at home for the weekly pick-up. Help retail owners so that we do not have empty storefronts. Do something about the abandoned gas station that is a blight on our town. Greater supervision at summer rec program. Some of the residential roads are in a bad state of repair.
- 104 Spend money wisely.
- 105 Bring back garbage drop-off at the DPW facility during normal business hours. Reinstate Saturday and Sunday hours at the Library.
- 106 Garbage pickup should be 2x week. Pickups are not consistent. Garbage can sit out most of the day. Road maintenance is horrible.
- 107 Longer hours for library. Better high school rating for high taxes paid.
- 108 I believe the sign ordinance is too strict and needs to be changed. I love to decorate all year round. I enjoy changing the wreath on my front door and wish I could purchase the beautiful store made wreaths that say An Angels Whisper, Merry Xmas, or Welcome, bill boards not included, A small seasonal sign would be nice. Why are the abandon homes allowed to have dangling siding hanging and turning Oradell into a slum-dell. Please change the ordinance.
- 109 The borough needs to enforce the ordinances in place like no parking on the street after 2 and no garbage at the curb before 5pm the day before.
- 110 road repair - pot holes etc. Snow plowing at all intersections Frequency of street sweeper use.
- 111 Garbage pick up: sanitation tends to leave garbage cans all over, garbage is dropped in the street and not picked up. Snow removal: plow operators should NOT be talking on their cell phones while operating this type of equipment.
- 112 Must take better of its shade trees and public facilities Things are looking shoddy, parks are fallen apart, there is no comprehensive master plan for maintaining what we have There is no parking by our retail stores and makes it difficult to use. See money wasted by "fixes" to the infrastructure but to see it crumble again in less than a year. There is no good communication with what the council is doing. Unless you happen to be home to watch TV there are no agenda notices electronic posted.
- 113 downtown business district is a place to support-- new businesses/restaurants etc would be great
- 114 The roads are a mess. Taxes are outrageous. For example do we need artificial turf and lights on ball fields? Poor communication with

- citizens. Current council seems to want to build, build, build. Do not want taller buildings. The "dump" should be opened more often and accept building materials as it did in the pass from residents. Should try to coordinate some help for elderly people regarding snow removal, putting out garbage etc., a way to verify they have not croaked. Etc, etc etc.
- 115 Improve the hours at the recycling center. Open it early in the morning again, so people can drop off items on way to work or after dropping kids off at school. This excuse the DPW uses for needing time to empty the bins each morning until 10am is ridiculous It does not take that much time, and every day? You can never get someone to answer the phone at the DPW. Does anyone actually work there?
- 116 Give more consideration to sharing services, Oradell does not have to have the best public library and fire house or the biggest police department. Bring back the small town values and rid Oradell of the snob like values.
- 117 Issue more warning for Snow that was not removed timely and lawns that are poorly maintained. The Pool could be improved although I know it is private
- 118 I believe the DPM doesn't do a very good job. I have witnessed them removing a young healthy tree. When I asked them why they said it was because of wires. They stated PSE7G would only kill it later. WHAT !!! I also do not think the appearance of the streets, even with a new cleaner, the parks, see rear of Panico's the former ice skating area with a sign hanging half off and totally overgrown, weeds, weeds.
- 119 Wiser allocation of police resources (police should not be paid to direct traffic!) and enforcement of pedestrian crossing areas on Kinderkamack. Also, we need Sunday hours at the library!
- 120 I was really disappointed in the library cutbacks. As a parent of young children the library is a huge part of my life. Also, I have a major problem with the graffiti that is constantly on the play structures at Memorial park. My daughter is now reading, and asks me what various words that are written inside of the twisty slide mean. I would love it if the graffiti were removed promptly and the teenagers who are writing it were dealt with effectively.
- 121 lights at baseball field, better upkeep of the big field on Prospect Avenue, encourage more stores to come to Oradell, Many business owners are very discouraged about opening a business in our town
- 122 Spend some money and fix the streets. Condemn and purchase the Blauvelt Mansion and the sell or lease it to an organization committed to preserve it.
- 123 allow residents to be able to get rid of concrete at recycling center at least during spring through fall seasons. Combine police departments with other towns. Create an ordinance with a list of prerequisites required for a mandatory traffic study for new businesses. Clear shrubs around basketball court at the Hoffman field and put up new rims.
- 124 1- is trash pick up necessary two days a week if cut to one day apply the saving to much needed budgets 2- when a building permit is granted and based on a resolution follow up to see that those resolutions were followed through and not just empty promises to obtain a permit
- 125 Establish a economic redevelopment committee to create plans and policy for downtown to entice improvements and development.
- 126 DROP PROPERTY TAXES!!
- 127 Better library hours being able to email council members potholes
- 128 no one ever answers the phone at the DPW. Consider yourself lucky if they return your call!!!!
- 129 Town needs to support local business to give the community residents more choices for shopping, restaurants and other services. We are not keeping pace with other communities in Bergen County and this will result in lower property values.
- 130 More feedback should be asked of the people. The roads are in terrible condition, many streets do not have curbs and the run off of water is causing flooding in backyards, Belgian block should be allowed in the curbs if residents are willing to pay for the work. Garbage collections twice a week in the summer is not needed. Downtown parking is horrendous, put in metered parking to increase revenue and allow people to park for a longer period.
- 131 The permitting process is time consuming, cumbersome and the personnel involved only create obstruction. No concrete plans to develop meaningful businesses and increase ratables. Need to expand senior housing on Blauvelt Estates. Infrastructure is crumbling especially the roads (for example Beechwood Road).
- 132 N/A
- 133 Replace basketball courts and hoops at Memorial Field.
- 134 I would like to see a better summer recreation program. Englewood Cliffs has a nice one that is very well organized. Also, why is the town pool so expensive? As a new resident, I can't afford to pay 1600 in one year for the pool access. Plus, it's not even renovated?
- 135 water company property is a disgrace
- 136 Summit Avenue has been in dire need of repair for several years due to potholes. Library is closed on the weekends in the summer. I have children who attend camps and other activities during the week and do not get to visit the library during the summer because they are closed. Snow removal -my street does not get plowed for a long time after a storm and when it does, the street is plowed 3 feet from the curb.
- 137 The baseball fields need updating. The swim club needs updating. The town should encourage restaurants to come to town. The building inspector needs to be replaced. Everyone in town you speak to who had dealt with him has a horror story. The town is not business friendly.
- 138 Lengthen library hours and expand services, improve road and sewer maintenance, require user fees for all town sponsored sports programs, cut police salaries, eliminate fire department retirement benefits and excessive funding for over specified fire equipment, prohibit fire department soliciting donations, improve access to DPW office to communicate problems, hire garbage company that picks up on schedule and correctly separates recycling from garbage.
- 139 More parking by the station.
- 140 Please continue to keep big box businesses and large residential units out of Oradell. The Oradell mansion and grounds should be a preserved historical site, not a large nursing home.
- 141 Twice a week garbage all year long Take care of pruning the trees on the areas between sidewalks and curbs. Trim the away from power lines before winter comes again.
- 142 Increase Library funding so that hours and programs can be restored. Quit wasting money on changing "Town Hall" sign while cutting other areas. Figure out a way to open up DPW facility to allow resident disposal of larger items too big for garbage pickup yet too small for dumpster, i.e., small garage or basement cleanup. Enforce parking regulations better at municipal lots.
- 143 Roads need to be paved better, and empty stores need to be rented

- 144 The parks used to be kept much better. now there are weeds, overgrowth. They get spruced up for the 4th of July parade but otherwise definitely not as well kept as years ago.
- 145 twice a week garbage pick-up year round. Parking in town is always a big problem. Limited to 30 minutes if I go for hair cut, etc, and more often than not the lots are full.
- 146 Take care of the trees you plant (trim dead branches, cut low growth, etc.) be sure garbage is picked up and cans are fully emptied rather than just having bags pulled out. Repair potholes sooner and use street sweeper more often.
- 147 Not to happy that we will be charged to use the tennis courts, since my tax dollars helped pay for them. I also feel that the town tries too hard to control private property upgrades and updates as well as local business. The public school yard looks like a disgrace. I also feel like everything is kept hush hush that local events are not advertised correctly for example the summer concerts and movies - a sign hung up next to the field really does not let people know what is happening. Dog park
- 148 It's probably a nightmare to get potholes fixed on Oradell Avenue in the middle of winter with that much traffic plows ripping up the patches as soon as it snows. Still, the area by the bridge going toward New Milford and the other side into Oradell turn into a slalom course. The police blotter on the police site seems out of date or not much updated. I saw some newspapers have the blotter but it would be nice to have a link to that or a detailed blotter on the site.
- 149 PARKING is a HUGE issue - there just isn't enough. Whether i am trying to pick the children up for school or going to a store downtown- it is hard to park close the stores i need to get to. and NO more gas stations or banks. We need a nice family restaurant with a bar area (or two) - it would be a center of the towns social life. The twice a week garbage pickup should be longer. the cutback in the library hours makes it VERY difficult for a working mother.
- 150 much more friendly to business moving into town. not happy with taking our Judge away . Home town rule is a plus. Let the Blauvelt mansion do as they please. snow removal is okay except for days when no school come around too late.
- 151 We really need a restaurant and bar in town. The closure of Felice's really hurt the town. We have no where to meet up with people from town. We have to go to another town to do so. The playground in town could be monitored more to fix broken swings or replace old parts.
- 152 I live on the corner of a major road in town and the plows not only build a wall of ice in front of my driveway but this last winter, they never cleared snow and ice as close to the curb on a major street as they should have, so the traffic, which is two lanes going each way could not see around the corner, could not use two lanes and I could not see to get out of the driveway into traffic. Really sloppy and poor judgment leading to very hazardous conditions.
- 153 better recycling, shredding and hazardous waste from households, improve traffic conditions, make town prettier thru zoning for businesses and home improvements/demolitions
- 154 Police department should be stationed on Kinderkermack Rd to enforce traffic laws. Motorists speed and frequently do not stop for pedestrians crossing. The borough could earn a lot of additional income from the tickets that would be issued and at the same time improve safety in the borough.
- 155 Well now for what I pay in taxes this town sure doesn't provide in returns. Examples, children programs, fields, overall borough appearance and declining services that were once provided. The borough dumps are now closed to residence due to lack of supervision and care. The borough's facilities are deplorable. IE department public garage and equipment, the police department and equipment, the borough hall! The borough hall is a disgrace and is in need of a major overhaul or replacement....
- 156 Clean the streets more often.
- 157 Our roads are in bad shape. I am constantly calling the DPW to fix potholes at either ends of the street. They never do the job thoroughly. Also our downtown is a disgrace. The area around Ridgewood Ave looks like a ghetto between the abandoned homes and businesses. The least of our worries is that mansion. We should be bringing in new businesses.
- 158 For starters the overall appearance requires improvement along with general cleanliness.
- 159 More efficient leaf clean up in the fall that will account for late-falling leaves.
- 160 Oradell has always done and continues to do a fantastic job with Borough services. The town is very "customer oriented".
- 161 - road repair - enforcing zoning regulations (NOT BENDING) to allow large editions/houses in relation to the size of the lot in question. Especially people doing large additions on small lots! Too much house on a small lot is not aesthetically appropriate; nor does it take into account the privacy of neighbors and their property rights. - Shady Tree is NOT doing their job on maintaining/trimming dangerously tall town trees!
- 162 adequate funding for library and OPS - improve all areas of Kinderkamack Road - many areas look like they should exist in urban areas- stores left vacant=properties uncared for- library area needs to be cleaned and needs new planting- fix sprinkling system- encourage restaurants to locate in this area -
- 163 Roads could be better There are trees that need to be taken down before they come down in the next storm. Could be more efficient
- 164 Garbage collection could/should be improved. Picking up pieces of my and/or my neighbors' garbage/recyclables in front of, sometimes on, my property - a rarity the first year of two we were here - has become a weekly occurrence. Also, many times I'll pick up my garbage/recycling pail only to find items still inside. They're sloppy, in a rush & make no effort to ensure the contents have been fully emptied. Recently, I witnessed them racing down my side street @ about 40 mph smiling like teens
- 165 Zoning variances process is not fair, cumbersome, expensive, takes way too long.
- 166 Enforce the existing ordinance regarding the time garbage/recycled materials should be placed on the curb the day before garbage pickup. Since we have a Monday pickup, there are residents who do not follow this ordinance allowing my neighborhood to look like a garbage dump on a Sunday afternoon. . Also, there are properties in town where blight is quite apparent and grass/weeds are not maintained which is a problem for allergy sufferers. Property values are sure to be affected!
- 167 Would like to see extended garbage service (at least 2X) per week.
- 168 The downtown could and should be more appealing. There are many stores that are empty. These locations are unkept. It makes the town look rundown. It would be nice to take a stroll into town and stop for lunch, coffee, or to meet friends.
- 169 Milling and Paving of road surfaces on a more timely basis. Better traffic mitigation at intersections, particularly at Grant and Oradell Ave.
- 170 Better use of Tax dollars to fix fields, roads, infrastructure. 2x weekly garbage collection. Police sensitivity training - They provide a service to the community but in reality are rude, over reaching and focus on petty issues that cause enormous disrespect from adults and minors on the police themselves. unreported break-ins and grand-theft autos are examples
- 171 There is no restaurants' or bars in Oradell. Very frustrating to have to leave the town to enjoy a family outing for something as simple as a nice meal with a chance of a drink.
- 172 Better condition of streets. Many are in need of paving. Parking at lot behind library is difficult during the school year. Do too many cars

- park there for the day?
- 173 More elementary school parking. More restaurants and shops downtown.
- 174 Come on, do really have to ask this question? Just open your eyes and look around! For the taxes that e pay the township should be pristine and the services should be second to none!!!
- 175 The recreation department should have more children's programs and there is not a good system for getting information to the residents.
- 176 parking in the down town area for running errands.
- 177 Create a calendar or schedule of street re-pavement and stick to it.
- 178 More parking downtown; more bus shelters; better pedestrian walking up soldier hill where there are no sidewalks; better job of making sure residents cut their grass and bushes near sidewalks and intersections (hard to drive sometimes b/c limited vision over bushes); need light at summit and Oradell ave; don't spend \$16,000 on a survey!!! (ever heard of a google doc?) Get fairness of River Dell cost disparity; snow plow stay on correct side of street and don't plow me in
- 179 The Oradell Library is a great place with a great staff but hours need to be increased! We have had pot holes in the street at the end of our driveway for years and they have not been taken care of.
- 180 Get little for all the high taxes paid
- 181 Services have been declining in the past few years. The quality of these declining services is just now being seen. This make Oradell a second rate town and no longer one of THE most desirable places to live in Bergen County. Services are being cut and citizens lives are at risk and the town is declining!
- 182 less property tax
- 183 The downtown area is starved for diversified businesses. I don't want another bank or nail salon. Where are the go-to eateries? The boutiques? A little more Westwood / Ridgewood feel. Is town government / zoning preventing the rebirth of downtown?
- 184 Pave the town roads
- 185 Better funding for library and reconstitute weekend hours in summer; more police; more programs and services for seniors.
- 186 Implement services for teens (especially those that are troubled and their families); Improve children summer program; Build up "Main St" (currently has a nearly-abandoned feeling when passing through); Improve street cleaning on back streets and dead-end roads; Create a community dog park
- 187 1) Increase leaf collection. Other towns have much weekly collection; 2) Increase material accepted at DPW "recycling center" turn away only hazardous material; 3) Clear snow at public lots, especially by RR station; 4) Publicize town events and features more prominently, consider e-mail sign-up for notifications; 5) BRING BACK MUNICIPAL COURT; 6) Look at creating own high school; 7) Maintain open space, resist new develop, protect Blauvelt from commercial development.
- 188 The town needs to take over the pool. It needs work and is not fitting for a nice town such as Oradell. Especially fix the filthy restrooms and put in a decent snack bar. The building inspector is unreasonable. The downtown needs work. There are too many vacant stores and not enough restaurants in town. I have a vacant house on my street. Pyle street. Which needs to be condemned. Need town to inspect and mandate repair of crumbling sidewalks. Despite these issues I love living here.
- 189 The streets should be cleaned more regularly - whatever happened to the street sweeper? Also, the town should be more responsive to concerns about trees that are endangering properties. Also, there is not enough parking on Kinderkamack Road enabling people to frequent local stores, and the police do not enforce pedestrian crosswalks.
- 190 Our street needs to be paved rather than just patched (first street). We get more traffic than the majority of streets in Oradell and the condition of our street is terrible. The patching does not last. We also need garbage pick up twice a week all year long. That was in effect then taken away. It's an important service that should not have been cancelled.
- 191 Once a week garbage pick up for 10 months is terrible. However, it was more tolerable when residents could bring garbage to DPW facility. DPW garbage facility should return back to way it was, where garbage was accepted. DPW cut two diseased trees from front of my house and stumps have now remained there for 1 1/2 years. DPW is small and understaffed. A merger with River Edge or Emerson should be evaluated to increase services and decrease extremely high taxes. Sidewalks in town are bad
- 192 Stop allowing the continuous parking overnight on the streets by the same houses. Stop allowing commercial vehicles to park on driveways overnight.
- 193 Paint, and repair, the Boro Hall building, (While conducting business this winter at Boro Hall, the front steps leading down to the street almost gave way. I brought this to the clerk's attention, and the steps appear to have been repaired.) The building has needed updating for years. Put stop signs on Merritt Dr. to limit speeds on cut-thru traffic coming from Dumont. Was the skating rink open at all this year? This would be a nice feature for the town, but it never seems to be open.
- 194 Increase the DPW and a Tree Dep't
- 195 Public areas (sidewalks, walkways, areas between parking lots, etc.) could be better maintained & beautified. Support for small businesses in town should be greater when determining parking for employees & shoppers. Downtown area should be diversified.
- 196 I would like more attention to enjoying nature outside of sports. We need picnic tables, park benches, etc. We also lack enough parking for the library and the train. It is very unclear where we can park by Schreibers and Great Foods. Only two spaces are shown.
- 197 Certain services such as the building department have a reputation of being difficult to deal with. In addition the town does not appear to be friendly to new businesses such as restaurants.
- 198 more diversity in retail stores -
- 199 Street lights could be brighter and better maintained
- 200 Revitalize Business district Maintain and Plant trees
- 201 DPW and recycling facilities need a complete overhaul.
- 202 Road repairs need to happen more quickly and general maintenance needs to be seen and completed by town personnel...not just wait for us to call. Parking lot at swim club gets destroyed by town trucks in winter but not repaired by town before summer. Garbage service is sloppy, have seen cans thrown, lids tossed. Reissue parking stickers and weed out people who are scamming spaces.
- 203 Increase library hours. Save the Blauvelt Mansion. Reduce price of Summer Recreation Program. STOP WASTING MONEY ON THE UNILATERAL RIVER DELL FUNDING FORMULA CAMPAIGN
- 204 our taxes are too high. That could be attributed to a # of factors, but salaries and pension burden, particularly associated with the police are a major contributor. We have too many, they are paid too much and even in retirement, with the 70% of their last 3 year's

- inflated salaries, after 20 years, is egregious. We need to consolidate with River Edge or Emerson or whomever, these services. We need to pare down County Government, which has little value to the residents of Oradell
- 205 Recycling center hours should be extended. Also open on Sunday like in Teaneck. Most people are off on Sunday. Library should have longer hours and be open on Sunday again.
- 206 There are some abandoned houses and businesses on Kinderkamack Road which is impacting the look and appearance of the town negatively. It would be good if they were utilized in a good way. Also, the garbage collectors are handling the garbage bins very haphazardly. I always find them lying in the middle of the street, etc. Additionally, the roads need some more repairing after the potholes formed after snow.
- 207 Building inspection regulations need clarification-difficult getting permit!
- 208 The attitude of borough employees toward helping citizens and residents could be improved
- 209 The appearance of the town has deteriorated over the years. Restaurants are discouraged, banks and salons are over abundant. Limited local business
- 210 More library hours. Pick up/drop off at school. Can dismissal times be staggered? Even 5 minutes would make a huge difference. Need more shade and benches at Memorial playground. Need bathrooms at playground on Grant. When you repave the road, tell residents in advance that there may be times they can't drive on it, so they can move their cars in advance.
- 211 lower taxes combine services with other towns hire police that are qualified people instead of nepotism
- 212 Improved construction/renovation permit office. Improved schools. More access to the library.
- 213 Oradell needs to moved forward with the right type of commercial development. The pharmacy proposal should not have been vetoed. Saving Blauvelt Mansion and costly legal fees to stop the development of a senior center was short cited. I would rather have this than a MacDonalds? Towns cannot survive without additional tax revenue.
- 214 Road repairs are horrible. They constantly patch and re-patch. Just repave the road properly and stop the patch jobs. Speed bumps on First St. are disintegrating from snow plow drivers that don't know or remember to lift the shovel before hitting the bump. Recycle pickup sometimes doesn't happen on the scheduled day, with no reason, so it all sits out an extra day until they get to picking it up. Also, why can't they use Nixle to notify people about road closings (e.g., recent PSEG repairs)?
- 215 They need to develop the downtown area (Kinderkamack Rd) and bring in businesses that draw customers such as restaurants specialty stores. Provide small apartments above the store front . Expand the tax base. There seems to be no creativity. Need to speed up the process for bringing in new business. Sometimes this process is to restrictive.
- 216 Please clean up the town, it looks rundown. The empty lots are an awful. The beautification should do more to make the town more welcoming. I also would like to say there are missing light poles and some are Matt finish and some are glossy finish. Overall work needs to be done.
- 217 o There were times this winter when the sanitation people left Oradell and did not complete their garbage pick up because of inclement weather & residents were not informed. o Removal of dead tree limbs and trees could be improved. o There should be more joint services with neighboring towns. o Sometimes, if the sanitation people are late, they mix our recyclables with the household trash. All of the neighbors have seen this.
- 218 too many police, not enough help for every day people interaction
- 219 The library is very important. The continuing cuts to the library budget are unacceptable. Also, library parking is unacceptable. It must be improved.
- 220 The leaf pick up is ridiculous - only able to put leaves out 7 days prior to pick up. You are assuming that everyone can rack for 7 days prior or have their landscaper come within that time frame with no rain or other commitments. Just forget about the 7 day restriction most people don't follow it anyway. It seems ok that the leaves aren't picked up during the scheduled week, but there is a restriction on when they can go out!!!
- 221 Have had to call on occasion the DPW when they failed to pick up vegetative waste even though it was posted on the Boro's calendar.
- 222 Considering I pay 16.5k in property tax: a declining school system, no return calls from the mayor's office re drivers speeding down Merritt Dr (of which I'm willing to personally pay for rumble strips), dead shade trees in front of my house which I can't touch & garbage pickup once a week ( ex summer) - are you serious? Where do I begin! What ever happened to integrity, responsibility & accountability?
- 223 Better communication between borough departments as well as with related organizations such as the Oradell BOE. Example: The softball field behind OPS is a disgrace and maintenance/repair has languished for years because the BOE and the borough can't communicate well enough to come to a resolution. The field is just one example of how improved relations/communication would improve quality of life.
- 224 Too Many Empty storefronts along Kinderkamack. Don't want another bank in town. Stop giving permits for oversized homes to be built on undersized lots...follow a plan and keep to it to preserve the look and feel of the town! Plant more trees along the streets.
- 225 Paving of streets. Picking up leaves more frequently in fall.
- 226 1. Increased Library hours 2. Obvious notification about such things as the town-wide garage sale, so one could participate if one wanted to
- 227 services should be consolidated with other municipalities. no need for stand alone services for such a small town - this includes police, town hall, etc. also pensions and healthcare costs should move more in line with private sector. retiring at early age with a significant portion of the salary puts a burden on the town. Its like having another employee that doesn't show up to work every day
- 228 Curbside weed and greenery maintenance, DPW response and pickup. Too fast to plow snow when only 2 inches on the ground. Housing value less than in Paramus due to the property tax increases this past decade. Police too aggressive.
- 229 More parking for senior citizen at their center
- 230 Many of the services and program are antiquated and need to be modernized. One example is the recreation dept, in particular, the summer programs. There needs to be more flexibility offered with the cost and usage, more modern activities in a modern space, with windows and variety of indoor activities - you would get more participation and in-turn even make more money. Another is the timeliness of response to maintain borough tree on residential property.
- 231 The DPW needs to go. They are glorified landscapers, get shared services with New Milford or River Edge. The other week while in the library, I heard on of the DPW workers state to a library employee that , he couldn't change the light bulbs because he doesn't climb ladders. I could understaed if he didn't want to be in the tree trucks , but a step stool he can't do? What should the library do ? Make one of the old ladies climb up there and do it?
- 232 The Building Dept seems to take an adversarial position against contractors and homeowners. They serve a very important function but could do so in a manner that facilitates reasonable efforts at construction and repairs. You have a question below about services for

- teens. The town seems to drop services once children have moved into the Middle School.
- 233 the borough needs to stop only looking out for the council. there are actually other individuals in town who matter. stop only looking for money. it's ridiculous and driving everyone away.
- 234 The town's bureaucracy is overly restrictive, making home improvement very difficult (i.e. applying for permits, dealing with inspectors and engineers). Oradell is not friendly to retailers which is why we have such a high failure rate and so many abandoned stores downtown. Parking is terrible. Snow removal was not particularly impressive, especially in the few public parking lots we have. The gazebo in the middle of town is very under-utilized.
- 235 I would like to see curbs and sidewalks repaired, difficult to walk in many parts of town especially with a stroller
- 236 They could be more customer service driven as we are tax payers.
- 237 Housing for seniors, have more programs for seniors. Better paved roads. Have more parking spaces available on Kinderkamack Rd. Too many were eliminated.
- 238 We could be giving more speeding and reckless driving tickets on Kinderkamack. Too many people don't abide by the traffic laws in town - both residents and visitors. We could have better public restrooms at public parks - and we could have better shade options at Memorial Field. We could have better outdoor activities - we just came back from Chicago where we saw free movies and did free yoga in a park - this creates great community.
- 239 More rec fields/programs including adult leagues
- 240 Make the town appearance better. Make it easier for people to open a business here as the town makes it extremely difficult. Also council should care about where other people live and not just themselves as well as really listen to people at a council meeting instead of being so negative. Need a shade tree dept desperately as the regular workers know nothing about what they are doing.
- 241 Dealing with the building/zoning department is a tedious process. When trying to make sure you are submitting things correctly you get attitude or conflicting information depending on who you speak to. You then submit and wait to see if you're approved or denied, and then have to resubmit and wait again. An attitude adjustment with the supporting staff would be welcome. Our facilities at Grant and Hoffman Field are lacking, especially when compared to other nearby towns that we compete against.
- 242 I would suggest increasing the funding for public library as it is such a critical part of our community. It is unfortunate that they have had to make cuts to the junior room hours and other services which has a negative impact to the community. I would like to see a new train pass introduced which would account for long-term temporary parking passes for residents (in addition to the existing temporary passes). This would help working parents who need to use a non-resident's car to park.
- 243 Many of the road, particularly in the Latchstring area are in need of resurfacing.
- 244 Borough hall needs an upgrade in both facility and personnel. DPW should be merged with another town and/or field and borough property maintenance privatized.
- 245 i think the borough provides the basic services any town should. any interaction with town hall becomes painful very quickly so that is a definite negative.
- 246 Better reaction time with respect to fixing broken sidewalks.
- 247 Obtaining building permits is very cumbersome. Too many Boro streets are becoming gravel v asphalt (infrastructure repairs are sorely needed). More shared services are needed (fire and police should be outsourced to Bergen County). 76 individual fiefdoms is extremely inefficient. .
- 248 For me, the biggest negative in Oradell is the amount of vacant stores. I know this is a problem affecting every town but Oradell's downtown is really suffering. Obviously, parking is an issue for many failed businesses, The abandoned gas station on Kinderkamack (by Cooper) looks horrible. Now Felice's faces the same fate. I'd love to see some new stores come in, even if they are the dreaded chains, i.e. Walgreens.
- 249 The police (specifically the chief) should be responsive to inquiries and concerns of residents. Emails and phone calls go un-responded to. This has happened to me on more than one occasion, and it is a frustration shared by others in town. Also, believe that such a small town could financially benefit by merging services, such as police and DPW.
- 250 Library funding should be increased Borough communication to residents could be better
- 251 garbage should be collected twice a week all year long. Consider more shared services with other towns as River Edge Leaf collections schedule starts when not one leaf is down- why? Since the dumpster at the DPW is gone, what do we do now with articles the sanitation trucks will not take??
- 252 Generally the borough looks neat and clean, and the DPW does a good job. Street cleaning seems infrequent and could be done more often. Borough residents should be able to bring large trash items to the DPW with proof of residency. The DPW should make very clear what plastics can be recycled.
- 253 Garbage should be picked up twice weekly year round. In an emergency, the town should reach out to individuals needing assistance (via bullhorn/mounted on car). The town needs to cut dangerous town trees in a timely manner. It currently takes forever for them to respond.
- 254 Trash pickup 2X/week
- 255 Most services in Oradell are very good. One thing that really gets me mad, I live on Kinderkamack Rd between Garden pl. and Lincoln Ave. which is the beginning of the 25 mph speed limit. In the winter while plowing the roads the town trucks plow so fast it covers my sidewalks after they have been cleared them. I also clear my three neighbors walks so it is very upsetting. Please discuss this with the head of the DPW any help would be appreciated.
- 256 I would encourage ongoing efforts to share services with other municipalities and the county.
- 257 More police drive-thrus 2x week garbage pick-up all year Too many blocked parking spaces downtown
- 258 Pot Holes filled and roads fixed. Leaf pick up is not working very well in the fall.
- 259 The building Dept is very unfriendly and support staff unwilling to assist residents in getting the permits needed written correctly. The need for permits seems excessive at times for smaller projects. When displaying a safety reason for a need for construction permit it seems absurd to need a variance request to the NJ Transit, PSEG and water company. Especially when not changing existing footprints. The street repair program seems as if it lacks proper prioritization. The baseball fields
- 260 The library could be open during a time when most of us are not at work.
- 261 Bring back Oktoberfest. Turn the lights on at DPAC so our kids have somewhere to go and something to do.
- 262 There is a dangerous, dying tree outside our house, on city property. We and our neighbors have complained about the tree for over 2 years and nothing has been done. Last month a branch fell across the road and we had to call the police. After a few phone calls, we

were told that money had been approved to have the tree removed but 5 weeks later nothing has been done. Considering the taxes we pay, I think this lack of service is terrible. Someone is going to be killed or injured by that tree.

- 263 Have reliable Garbage pick-up. Town inspector with experience and consistency. Paved roads instead of amateur fireworks show.
- 264 Lower taxes!
- 265 - Library hours (closed during the weekends)
- 266 Would appreciate more transparency, would love to see a more aggressive take on bringing more business to town, would like to actually do something about Waterworks and Blauvelt mansion before they rot in the ground would love to see more activities for the teens so they will have a break from all the drinking parties, would love to drive on a road without fear of a flat tire, and of course a tax break. May come back with more stuff...
- 267 Permits should be easier to obtain, work such as widening a driveway should not be put to the task, construction variances need to be fair for all residents
- 268 The Borough should do more to make downtown more vibrant - the empty storefronts are sad... we should be encouraging businesses to come to town and make them feel welcome not put up roadblocks. I recently attended the grand opening of EcoGalleria in River Edge-the council members and Chamber of Commerce were upbeat and welcoming AND have followed up since with promoting the business. While I understand needing to have standards, we want businesses to be begging Oradell to let them join!
- 269 -Twice weekly garbage pickups all year. -More police presence on Oradell & Ridgewood Aves. to ticket speeders and cars crossing over double yellow lines when a resident is trying to pull into their driveway. - Don't make it so difficult to run a business downtown, and provide more parking in front of the stores. - Too many different plow services-they rip up the streets.
- 270 More communication between Borough and residents. The website can be utilized better. In addition, it is difficult to complete some Borough business because officials are part-time and have no set schedules. Getting a variance is difficult for seniors. Trash pickup could be improved; pick-up is often very late. Business should be encouraged in empty storefronts. Snow plows should not pile snow on street corners blocking view of oncoming traffic.
- 271 Could have twice a week garbage pickup Faster repaving on streets that need it
- 272 The library reminds of me of the Post Office. When their funding is decreased, they make it less convenient to use the facility. Why not be open on weekends, so the taxpayers can actually get to the library to borrow books? Close on a weekday if you need to cut down on hours. There are 5 of those, but one two weekend days.
- 273 Modernize. Town government and administrative functions could really benefit from some drastic updates to systems, recordkeeping, etc.
- 274 Many roads need resurfacing. Skating pond should be cleaned up as once frozen the tall vegetation protrudes into the ice making skating not enjoyable.
- 275 Oradell needs to get stores/restaurants in the vacant buildings in town. Oradell does not need a bank or a major drugstore.
- 276 If there were more family and children's programs for the town.
- 277 Better summer school/camp programs
- 278 I would love to see a strong summer rec program similar to other towns. Possibly have it in conjunction with OPS, DPAC, and the Swim Club. Folks are spending a lot of money on other camps and programs, particularly younger families with dual incomes. I would love to see the Borough offer or facilitate planning activities for tweens and teens throughout the year. These kids appear to need a safe social outlet. The library is fantastic. Possibly give them more money for tween/teen programs.
- 279 I would like to have garbage pick up twice a week throughout the year.
- 280 The borough parks and athletic fields need upkeep, repairs and improvements! It should not take a survey to make that obvious.
- 281 Single stream recycling weekly with battery recycling 4 times a year. The look of downtown needs improvement and parking needs to increase in order for more of a variety of commercial businesses to open and prosper. The parks also need to be maintained at a higher level. The children's playground need to be as clean and safe as possible.
- 282 Courteous service when you call the town regarding a matter. Parks cleaned after baseball games.
- 283 Dept of Public Works is at time not very helpful.
- 284 Library open on Sundays in Winter. Reported dead town tree over 9 months ago, called again. Nothing has been done. Refurbishment of Boro Hall building is important.
- 285 library needs more funding. best functioning part of our town. spruce up outside of library.
- 286 Streets are starting to be paved once again which has been an issue. Street sweeping and general upkeep of the town used to be much more effective.
- 287 more funding for the library
- 288 More social activities like concerts could be added. The old Hagler's property and nearby properties look awful. It would be terrific to have a family restaurant back in town. We don't need any more banks or nail salons.
- 289 Be more proactive in keeping up the town's appearance. Improve efficiency and timeliness of services. Budget appropriately and conservatively to prevent unnecessary tax increases.
- 290 The building department is not customer friendly (most importantly Steve Depken) and the police department needs to be more customer friendly!
- 291 Twice a week garbage pick up all year round. Get out of the River Dell School District. Move our municipal court to Paramus (Done). No more banks, drug stores and nail salons. We need a grocery store and some restaurants. We need to determine how much water is leaking into our sewer system and being processed and paid for by Oradell residents. We need a cell system (tower or not) that gives a viable and strong signal for use of the residents. We need areal estate tax reductions for senior cit.
- 292 Better recycling guidelines specifically as to it relates to bottle caps. We have heard that bottle caps (water, soda, detergent, shampoo, etc.) are not recyclable. And if you place in the recycling bin a water bottle, with a cap on it, the bottle will not be recycled but thrown away. I would like to see better instructions as to this type of recycling. I have heard that only Aveda (hair products company) recycles bottle caps.
- 293 I've seen garbage men throw recyclables in with regular garbage. The garbage men took my plastic container that had recyclable bottles in it and threw it in with the recyclables (hard to believe). New trees were planted on my block to replace old ones and most of the new trees died due to lack of water. And were never replaced. Waste of money and now no trees. Trees in downtown area died and not replaced. Trash and weeds in front of the stores and Town Hall is disgusting. Can DPW do this?

- 294 reliable garbage and re-cycle service, especially when snow on ground. Transportation and social services for elderly/disabled.
- 295 garbage pickup twice weekly year round. more frequent leaf pickup during season.
- 296 Garbage pickup when bins are next to the house, rather than bin left untidy by curbside. More frequent leaves pickup in the fall. Better quality of water - currently water has a lot of rust. Strict enforcement of parking permits at the lots by the railroad and bus stop. No blocking of parking spots on these lots during morning commute hours.
- 297 Restoration of the library's weekend hours.
- 298 More transparency!
- 299 Communicating better with residents and doing something about our road potholes and empty storefronts. The roads and the number of empty businesses are an embarrassment. When this council came in they vowed to do something about both. In my opinion the council has done very little on both fronts.
- 300 The Mayor often displays a dismissive attitude about the concerns of townspeople and appears to rush discussions. The Mayor and Council appear to discuss the major town issues in private sessions.
- 301 There are too many ordinances - Garage sale fee and sign fee, Commercial For Rent sign fee (\$60), no parking on the street overnight, sign restrictions, nothing to invite store owners to come to town (empty buildings), zoning restrictions could be reduced. There is an anti-business attitude in the town council. There should be a borough employee that is there to help new businesses come to town. Compared to the towns around us, Oradell has way too many restrictions to deal with.
- 302 Road repairs take way to long and there is a major issue with a messed up roads at the TURN right at the intersection of 1st ST, Grant Avenue, AND Country Club Drive. And half of 1st ST at the beginning of Grant Ave. You have to go super slow not to damage your tires which could cause an accident because it's around a bend and there are trees blocking the view. Speed bump at that very intersection by Country Club Drive and Grant Avenue in between 1st ST and Oradell Ave. Many issues at that corner.
- 303 building Dept needs improvement, as well as, DPW
- 304 Everything is fine.
- 305 Streets need paving and are dangerous for walking. Town planted trees are not maintained. Roots are destroying our lawn. Street cleaning seems non existent. Town owned public areas seem neglected.
- 306 Facilitate the planting of trees and removal of old stumps. Improve the collection of garbage and paper/cardboard, as often they are thrown in the garbage truck at the same time. Don't allow builders to come and destroy the downtown area. Encourage small businesses to survive in Oradell, as at the present we have too many empty stores.
- 307 Basic issues such as pedestrian crossings, stop signs, speeding and parking are not enforced whatsoever.
- 308 Downsize the Police Department and abolish or revolutionize the Summer Recreation Program
- 309 Re-open the dump. Less nail salons. Develop or bulldoze vacant commercial lots. No box stores (Walgreens).
- 310 The vehicle parking facilities are in dire need of expanding. The areas that are available are Fifty(50) years behind current times.
- 311 Improve bridge in Oradell Avenue. very utilitarian right now, needs more character. Certain borough offices need longer or extended hours, e.g building. Tax breaks for senior to keep from moving out
- 312 Noise curfew statutes could be enforced for outdoor private activities (private pools and deck parties). Inconsiderate garbage collectors and as a result, lost garbage pails. Sometimes paper is collected at the same time as garbage so it is not recycled.
- 313 I would like garbage service returned to twice a week all year round (like it used to be) and not just during the summer months. I think our high taxes should cover the costs!!!
- 314 Rec Program - poor recycling /Garbage not open enough
- 315 Playing fields are average at best. Basket ball courts are embarrassing - many towns continue to upgrade facilities...we do not seem to do that. Oradell basketball courts should be in much better condition than they are currently. Permitting process in Oradell is a joke - I understand importance of standards but when there is a universal view process is worst in county something should be done to make more citizen friendly
- 316 Library underfunded Roads need maintenance Better notification of events ( i.e. parade) Need better ground care (i.e. uneven salting of roads) Two top heavy police dept. Also, why so many officers for so small a relatively crime free town? Why is there a large turn over of teachers?
- 317 Parking spaces at the senior center. Senior housing. Low cost for seniors at the swim club. Make it a borough pool. Increase commercial building for tax relief.
- 318 Needs a recreation Dept with integrated services for young and old- NOT the Borough Hall to have pretend camp for children in summer. Downtown businesses other than nail salons, hair salons, and pharmacies
- 319 I believe a community center or rec center would be great for our kids, adults, seniors and families!
- 320 I wish there were more activities and programs for health, culture, enrichment of my life
- 321 OEM should inform the residents more about severe weather blackouts traffic situations and other important issues I am connected to Emerson and Oradell on Nixle and Emerson is more effective in keeping me informed of severe weather, traffic closures and blackouts you should keep the residents of Oradell updated on these important situations
- 322 library needs to be open more.. more days / hours
- 323 Make it easier for residents and businesses to get answers, permits and schedule inspections at the building dept. contractors don't want to work in Oradell. Help businesses on Kinderkamack...there are too many vacancies now. Businesses who are committed to the town deal with a lot of difficult issues with the town including signage, lack of parking for customers, employees not able to get parking permits, issues with the building Dept.,etc. Some of the town employees are very rude.
- 324 The recreation department could be easier to get in touch with, more succinct in the way they go about letting residents know the programs that are available
- 325 Renovate and update Grant Fields into a useable park as well as athletic fields. Re-orient the scoreboards on DPAC. Provide walking trails through the area of the skating pond (what a joke that is)
- 326 We definitely need more parking--for stores, library, etc. Try to develop a more community minded citizenry--we used to be able to attract more volunteers--now everyone seems spread too thin, interested only in their particular area (sports, schools, library, etc.) and not in the whole community.
- 327 Provide busing to schools -- even if payment required make it easier/faster to get permits/inspections

- 328 requests concerning town issues ,street problems etc have been repeatedly made by residents at council meetings-problem with new sewer at n/e corner and s/w of Pyle street and Lake avenue it is in crosswalk at these corners. !Phone messages were left at Boro hall but no call back-this engineering job was farmed out to another engineering firm-not Boswell
- 329 reduced taxes for senior citizens. property taxes are going to force us out of town. pass this on to the gov. Library facilities, service, are excellent; hours are barely adequate. On Oradell Avenue., snow removal piles up on my sidewalk because of too frequent runs too fast resulting in icy pileups no matter how frequently I shovel
- 330 More frequent town tree maintenance. Not taking down trees, but trimming them so that they do not become top heavy. I NEVER see the shady tree division do any maintenance. There are some large town trees that DO NEED TO BE PRUNED!!!! Seems that the only way the town trees get pruned is if the home owner pays for it themselves!
- 331 Customer service in ALL departments needs to be addressed. Key words repeated: Customer service.
- 332 Too much attention to the small group of seniors and not enough being done for the Tweens and teens in town. Park bathrooms are gross and damaged all the time. Town hall and the Police Department still look and function like the 60's. Make more services avail online. Parking meters downtown would be fine as long as you allow residents to park free. Downtown looks horrible, weeds in the bricks, missing trees, missing lights and bricks all sunken in. Have any of you ever walked Kinderkamack Road?
- 333 the main avenue needs to be updated with a facelift. even if there are no business occupying the vacant store fronts, the awnings should all match, the sidewalks should be kept up, the lights should be updated. We border Ridgewood and yet we are levels below them in terms of town aesthetics. we need to look inviting for potential residents and business alike. Our library is our diamond, the rest of the business, buildings, roads and spaces around it should look the similar in appeal.
- 334 Road repair Support for swim club - make it a municipal pool
- 335 Street cleaning, garbage pick up, police and fire services have all been great!
- 336 The primary function of local government is to maintain or enhance the value of my home. To this end, local government does this by: public safety - A+ schools - B, and quality of life (muni code Sec 240) - C. While we have numerous ordinances, the administration, in general, gives "lip service" to them. A primary example being the Monday trash pick up - simply put, residents do not follow the 4:30 curb placement a simple resolution - enforce the ordinance or change the day from Monday.
- 337 I am concerned about blight, there are many storefronts that are vacant and run down. Oradell should do more to encourage small business. We should look more like Ridgewood. Tax incentives, signage laws should be looked at to encourage economic revitalization in our town. Also those red bricks are slippery and dangerous. It is very uncool that the town changed the bricks only on the roads and left the sidewalks with original brick. This is not safe for pedestrians.
- 338 Improve website- could contain much more information
- 339 The offices (esp building depart.) are not open all day M-F. I have taken a half a day to go get a permit and they are not in. I know that they are very busy and under staffed so they can not adequately serve the town. Also , we have had to cut down many trees these past couple of years due to the weather, we need to replant more trees to keep Oradell's beauty.
- 340 better snow removal in public areas i.e. post office letter drop. Outside library. Response to house improvement permits. Had horrific experience. Maintenance of street signs.
- 341 Lack of communication Streets are still in bad shape Police can do a better job near schools and have a more prominent presence Library should be open 7 days a week with longer hours using volunteers. We can save a lot of money by using volunteers.
- 342 garbage collection 2X a week for more months.
- 343 I did a lot of renovation with my house last year and did not find the process as easy as it could be. Maybe having educational seminars could help so residents can be prepared for what is needed. Since I have a small property and a lot of house coverage there are a lot of restrictions to adding a patio. It seems like I have to go through a lot of hoops to make my back yard the way I want. I understand we want a balance but wish there I did not have to get zoning for a simple patio
- 344 For home improvement inspections - especially plumbing and electrical - the availability could be more accessible. The tennis courts should be free for Oradell residents.
- 345 as we all know, Kinderkamack and Oradell Avenue run right thru the middle of town. therefore, there are large amounts of traffic at most times. there are many cars/people who drive much too fast, carelessly, with handheld phones, with disregard for pedestrians... i want there to be a continued campaign to stop these carelessly driven cars; give more tickets and the drivers will get the message. i do not feel safe walking around town and trying to cross the streets. And: MORE \$\$\$\$ to the library!
- 346 Keep hills sanded during snow storms Find more ways to save money to reduce taxes Pick up garden debris during November Enforce law re lawn service start time at 8AM (some start at 7AM) Put this question at the end of the survey.... I don't know what's coming as I fill this out. Enable printing out of this survey before and after completing it Mail a card or robo call to alert people of survey. Mail printed version to those without computers. Bring back Walgreens You like what's there?
- 347 more accurate info on trash/grass pick ups etc. calendar says one thing, web site says another.
- 348 There are no family fun days or anything that brings the community together. There used to be a lot of fun things to do within the town.
- 349 Garbage collection twice per week; better timing on fall leaf collection. Lack of response from town agencies when residents lost power after Hurricane Sandy. Snow removal services keep blocking us in LONG AFTER we have cleaned the driveway.
- 350 Strive to maintain the look and feel of town
- 351 Garbage and recycling programs could be better. Many times recycling is put in with the garbage and many times there is a mess in the street after they pick up. Examples. Broken glass, garbage dropped, grass clippings.
- 352 Recycling Center could be far more user friendly and accessible. Ditto for access to Borough officials.
- 353 We could be rid of River Dell tomorrow. Perhaps the Police need only a Receptionist rather than an Officer manning the phones. I'd really like to see, if we're going to continue the unsightly & unfortunate practice of putting the garbage cans @ the curb, the garbage/recyclables picked up from 11:00pm to 6:00am. These trucks aren't as noisy as they used to be and we'd pretty much all be able to bring the cans, they just look terrible out there, in from the curb 'fore we venture off for the day.
- 354 I would like to see more children's services and facilities, so they don't have to hang out in front of Rite Aid.
- 355 Many roads in the town are a total mess, with no future plans for paving. Trees are cut down and stumps are left for years. Traffic rules are not observed, such as the constant running of the light at Oradell Avenue and Prospect Avenue and never is a patrol car there to ticket offenders. Meanwhile residents are ticketed constantly for parking around the library, where spaces are scarce.
- 356 More services for seniors including a bus available everyday for seniors. seniors need parking spaces for senior center
- 357 Having a broad survey, des seminaries at fasciitis, library, events and with the mayors annual July newsletter. Easily accessible.

- 358 I would love to see the Borough make the Kinderkamack Road area a better downtown. Towns such as Ridgewood draw tons of young couples and families. The Borough could really use some help to make this area more of a desirable downtown, with more restaurants!!!!
- 359 Playgrounds on Prospect and Grant could be updated (rubber mulch, handicap accessible jungle gym, more tress)
- 360 Communication with DPW is not always easy. Meeting facilities should be available at no cost for town organizations
- 361 Why are you asking the residents....Isn't it the responsibility of the elected officials to promote New and Better ideas ???? Be Pro active ...Don't respond after the fact, when it's to late.
- 362 Is there something the town can do about vacant properties (South area on Kinderkamack - gas station to Felice restaurant. Vacant house on Ridgewood Ave) Tree planting - why do they plant trees under communication lines and the 2 ft between the curb & sidewalk. Carve out the sidewalk so the roots have room to support trees
- 363 Need to do a better job with OPS drop off / pick up times. The amount of illegal parking and double parking is unacceptable. Why the police department is not more on top of this is beyond us. Even when I do see them at the school (and that is not enough) they do little to enforce the law and get people moving. The only way people will stop is once the police start giving out tickets and are serious about enforcing the laws. The town we came from had a much better police presence.
- 364 Roadways are a mess-needs urgent care!
- 365 We spent all that money fixing our sidewalks and adding nice brick and planters to our walkways. I do not understand why we allow the weeds to grow and the beds to get overgrown. It looks disgusting and considering all the money we are paying our DPW workers I feel they should be doing a better job mulching around the trees and killing/pulling the weeds. Our downtown is lame enough the last thing we need is to have it look so shabby and unkempt!
- 366 1. Traffic and parking around school during drop off and pick times is very bad. there should be rules easing up parking around school during those hours. 2. Scheffer Avenue is full of potholes and patches over patches of asphalt, when will you put new surface? Hopefully before school year starts and everyone will be driving that street. 3. Attract more business to Oradell. No new shops and restaurants/cafes opening along "Downtown" Kinderkamack area. 4. Why garage sale permits are so expensive?

**7. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the following Borough services and facilities? (Select one response for each item.)**

	<b>Very satisfied</b>	<b>Somewhat satisfied</b>	<b>Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied</b>	<b>Somewhat dissatisfied</b>	<b>Very dissatisfied</b>	<b>Do not know/not sure</b>	<b>Total</b>
Fire Department:	342 (63.57%)	105 (19.52%)	59(10.97%)	4(0.74%)	3(0.56%)	25(4.65%)	538
Police Department:	250 (46.38%)	157 (29.13%)	64(11.87%)	42(7.79%)	14(2.6%)	12(2.23%)	539
Parks & Recreation:	141 (26.36%)	204 (38.13%)	88(16.45%)	55(10.28%)	29(5.42%)	18(3.36%)	535
Garbage/trash services:	179 (33.33%)	196(36.5%)	56(10.43%)	71(13.22%)	33(6.15%)	2(0.37%)	537
Snow removal:	210 (38.96%)	181 (33.58%)	59(10.95%)	60(11.13%)	25(4.64%)	4(0.74%)	539
Road repair:	23(4.3%)	155 (28.97%)	84(15.7%)	146 (27.29%)	121 (22.62%)	6(1.12%)	535
Borough administrative services:	68(12.76%)	165 (30.96%)	139 (26.08%)	86(16.14%)	35(6.57%)	40(7.5%)	533
Library hours, service:	117 (21.71%)	157 (29.13%)	89(16.51%)	80(14.84%)	72(13.36%)	24(4.45%)	539
Parking: downtown/Kinderkammack Road:	42(7.84%)	148 (27.61%)	95(17.72%)	128 (23.88%)	114 (21.27%)	9(1.68%)	536
Parking: train station proximity:	110(20.6%)	123 (23.03%)	128 (23.97%)	49(9.18%)	26(4.87%)	98(18.35%)	534
Services and facilities for families with children/teens:	53(10.06%)	121 (22.96%)	130 (24.67%)	67(12.71%)	42(7.97%)	114 (21.63%)	527
Services and facilities for seniors:	30(5.62%)	45(8.43%)	157(29.4%)	46(8.61%)	26(4.87%)	230 (43.07%)	534
Housing for seniors:	24(4.5%)	25(4.69%)	140 (26.27%)	43(8.07%)	49(9.19%)	252 (47.28%)	533
Housing for families:	102 (19.21%)	126 (23.73%)	144 (27.12%)	12(2.26%)	7(1.32%)	140 (26.37%)	531
Housing for individuals with special needs:	24(4.5%)	23(4.32%)	160 (30.02%)	38(7.13%)	18(3.38%)	270 (50.66%)	533
Timeliness of delivery of Borough permits:	44(8.29%)	84(15.82%)	146(27.5%)	54(10.17%)	53(9.98%)	150 (28.25%)	531
The look or appearance of the downtown/Kinderkammack Road area:	52(9.7%)	166 (30.97%)	63(11.75%)	143 (26.68%)	107 (19.96%)	5(0.93%)	536
<b>Total Responded to this question:</b>						<b>541</b>	<b>98.72%</b>
<b>Total who skipped this question:</b>						<b>7</b>	<b>1.28%</b>
<b>Total:</b>						<b>548</b>	<b>100%</b>

**8. For each service, please indicate whether it should remain at its current level, or whether it should be increased or decreased, even if other services had to be cut to allow the Borough to remain within its budget.**

	Increased	Decreased	Remain Same	Don't Know	Total
Fire Department:	47(8.72%)	25(4.64%)	410(76.07%)	57(10.58%)	539
Police Department:	54(10.02%)	95(17.63%)	338(62.71%)	52(9.65%)	539
Parks & Recreation:	143(26.93%)	30(5.65%)	311(58.57%)	47(8.85%)	531
Garbage/trash services:	120(22.51%)	15(2.81%)	389(72.98%)	9(1.69%)	533
Snow removal:	97(18.16%)	8(1.5%)	416(77.9%)	13(2.43%)	534
Borough road repair:	325(61.09%)	8(1.5%)	179(33.65%)	20(3.76%)	532
Borough administrative services:	60(11.26%)	58(10.88%)	320(60.04%)	95(17.82%)	533
Library hours and service:	213(39.74%)	35(6.53%)	259(48.32%)	29(5.41%)	536
Parking: downtown/Kinderkamack Road area:	272(51.03%)	5(0.94%)	230(43.15%)	26(4.88%)	533
Parking: near the train station:	139(25.93%)	10(1.87%)	286(53.36%)	101(18.84%)	536
Services and facilities for families with children/teens:	160(29.91%)	23(4.3%)	216(40.37%)	136(25.42%)	535
Services and facilities for seniors:	115(21.46%)	15(2.8%)	195(36.38%)	211(39.37%)	536
The look or appearance of the downtown/Kinderkamack Road area:	330(61.57%)	13(2.43%)	176(32.84%)	17(3.17%)	536
Housing for families:	19(3.57%)	30(5.64%)	281(52.82%)	202(37.97%)	532
Housing for individuals with special needs:	52(9.68%)	18(3.35%)	203(37.8%)	264(49.16%)	537
			Total Responded to this question:	540	98.54%
			Total who skipped this question:	8	1.46%
			Total:	548	100%

**9. Several suggestions have been made about how to improve parking. How much are you in favor of, or opposed to, each of these ideas? (Select one response for each suggestion.)**

	Very much in favor	Somewhat in favor	Neither in favor nor opposed to	Somewhat opposed to	Very opposed to	Do not know/not sure	Total
Installing bike racks in the downtown/Kinderkama ck Road area:	155 (28.76%)	173(32.1%)	130 (24.12%)	31(5.75%)	29(5.38%)	21(3.9%)	539
Improving parking location signage:	110 (20.48%)	161 (29.98%)	186 (34.64%)	26(4.84%)	18(3.35%)	36(6.7%)	537
Linking downtown/Kinderkama ck Road parking lots, to facilitate driving between them:	52(9.68%)	101 (18.81%)	140 (26.07%)	67(12.48%)	89(16.57%)	88(16.39%)	537
Limiting parking times in select locations, to encourage parking turnover:	72(13.41%)	167(31.1%)	99(18.44%)	85(15.83%)	90(16.76%)	24(4.47%)	537
Building a parking deck near the library, funded mostly by Government funds:	87(16.23%)	95(17.72%)	45(8.4%)	67(12.5%)	232 (43.28%)	10(1.87%)	536
Building a parking deck in the train station, funded mostly by Government funds:	85(15.77%)	88(16.33%)	50(9.28%)	75(13.91%)	222 (41.19%)	19(3.53%)	539
Installing metered parking to increase parking turnover:	43(8.01%)	57(10.61%)	59(10.99%)	92(17.13%)	273 (50.84%)	13(2.42%)	537
Initiate fee-based parking permits in select locations:	58(10.86%)	106 (19.85%)	59(11.05%)	79(14.79%)	199 (37.27%)	33(6.18%)	534
Constructing pedestrian walkways between parking areas:	83(15.51%)	124 (23.18%)	140 (26.17%)	57(10.65%)	87(16.26%)	44(8.22%)	535
Having a paid lottery for designated commuter parking spots:	31(5.77%)	48(8.94%)	92(17.13%)	76(14.15%)	220 (40.97%)	70(13.04%)	537
Total Responded to this question:						542	98.91%
Total who skipped this question:						6	1.09%
Total:						548	100%

10. How often do you shop or visit the downtown/Kinderkamack Road area? *Select one response.*)

	Responses	Percent
Several times a week:	291	53.59%
About once a week:	166	30.57%
Once or twice every month:	50	9.21%
Less often than once a month:	32	5.89%
Never:	4	0.74%
Don't recall/don't know:	0	0%
Total Responded to this question:		543 99.09%
Total who skipped this question:		5 0.91%
Total:		548 100%

11. How satisfied are you with the appearance of the downtown/Kinderkamack Road area? (Select one response.)

	Responses	Percent
Very satisfied: 	58	10.74%
Somewhat satisfied: 	174	32.22%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied: 	54	10%
Somewhat dissatisfied: 	137	25.37%
Very dissatisfied: 	117	21.67%
Do not know/not sure: 	0	0%
Total Responded to this question:		540 98.54%
Total who skipped this question:		8 1.46%
Total:		548 100%

12. How satisfied are you with the stores and services in the downtown/Kinderkamack Road area? (Select one response. )

	Responses	Percent
Very satisfied:	40	7.42%
Somewhat satisfied:	138	25.6%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied:	63	11.69%
Somewhat dissatisfied:	178	33.02%
Very dissatisfied:	118	21.89%
Do not know/not sure:	2	0.37%
Total Responded to this question:		539 98.36%
Total who skipped this question:		9 1.64%
Total:		548 100%

**13. Several suggestions have been made about how to improve the downtown/Kinderkamack Road area. How much are you in favor of, or opposed to, each of these ideas? (Select one response for each suggestion.)**

	Very much in favor	Somewhat in favor	Neither in favor nor opposed to	Somewhat opposed to	Very opposed to	Do not know/not sure	Total
Offering tax incentives for new stores:	172 (31.91%)	199 (36.92%)	58(10.76%)	46(8.53%)	49(9.09%)	15(2.78%)	539
Loosening zoning rules, which now require uniformity of signage, as a way to encourage new businesses to open:	136 (25.47%)	151 (28.28%)	58(10.86%)	89(16.67%)	88(16.48%)	12(2.25%)	534
Increasing allowable structure height to 3 stories to encourage construction of housing for families (but still requiring that the first floor be retail):	84(15.61%)	108 (20.07%)	62(11.52%)	102 (18.96%)	173 (32.16%)	9(1.67%)	538
Changing zoning requirements to encourage larger stores (such as Walgreen's) to open new stores:	75(13.97%)	74(13.78%)	54(10.06%)	80(14.9%)	248 (46.18%)	6(1.12%)	537
Lowering tax rates for all businesses to attract new businesses and maintain existing ones:	139 (25.79%)	178 (33.02%)	79(14.66%)	66(12.24%)	59(10.95%)	18(3.34%)	539
Total Responded to this question:						540	98.54%
Total who skipped this question:						8	1.46%
Total:						548	100%

**14. What types of new stores would you like to see open in the downtown/Kinderkamack Road area? (Select as many or as few responses as you feel appropriate.)**

	Responses	Percent
Banks:	35	6.65%
Insurance companies:	52	9.89%
Hair/nail salons:	23	4.37%
Fast food eateries:	99	18.82%
Better restaurants:	503	95.63%
Fitness/spas/health stores:	177	33.65%
Medical/dental offices:	107	20.34%
Real estate office:	56	10.65%
Printing shop:	38	7.22%
Accountants' office:	66	12.55%
If other, please specify:	222	42%
Total Responded to this question:		526 95.99%
Total who skipped this question:		22 4.01%
Total:		548 100%

**14. What types of new stores would you like to see open in the downtown/Kinderkamack Road area? (Select as many or as few responses as you feel appropriate.)**

Response	Comments
1	This should not be determined by our government. The market should determine who moves into a location
2	gift shops
3	We have these.
4	Clothing boutiques, shoe stores
5	Clothing store book store
6	clothing store/specialty store
7	mom & pop ice cream, book store, retail
8	retail stores - home services, clothing outlets, bakery,
9	Gift shops, clothing stores, etc. More like Westwood. Can still be local businesses and not stores like target.
10	any business
11	Fresh produce markets and convenience store with price appropriate inventories and variety.
12	Bakery; gift shops; coffee/tea; bookstore; craft activities (make your own)
13	Anything to increase pedestrian traffic
14	bakery
15	Book Store
16	book store, bakery, gift shop/antique/Bergen county artists craft store
17	Just to repeat...more good restaurants, BYOB and al fresco.
18	Small food market, hardware store, pub
19	rec center for kids, movie theater
20	No more banks!!!!!!
21	retail
22	clothing retail, fashion accessories, bakery
23	teen center
24	Quality wine/liquor store, book store
25	we have enough nail salons and banks - encourage businesses that people can shop in and linger about in - restaurants, books stores, ice cream shop ,etc.
26	clothing, book store, gift shop,
27	All businesses should be welcome, a lot of empty buildings around.
28	no chain stores!

29 Coffee shops, upscale bar/pub, ice cream parlor, bakery, gourmet food purveyors, definitely more restaurants, children's shops, book store

30 Starbucks, Dunkin Donuts

31 Neighborhood restaurants

32 Local eateries for casual family dining. A decent pub. NOT chain restaurants. Food mart or some type of fresh food store to buy fruits/veggies that don't cost a fortune

33 Restaurants and at least 1 bar. Felice's was great.

34 We have enough banks, hair salons and nail salons. Would love some real retail like clothing stores (not consignment), paint your own pottery, ice cream shop, high quality restaurant, etc. Think

35 gift shops, clothing boutiques, children's stores

36 Please no banks, nail salons,

37 ice cream parlor, family friendly restaurants where kids are the focus, while adults can still find something suitable to dine on at the same time. A bakery. Casual dining for breakfast/lunch/dinner

38 Clothing and shoe stores

39 local retail stores

40 Grocery Store

41 Activities for children, gyms, musical classes etc.

42 Kids rec/ study places. Please no more nail stores!

43 We definitely do not need more banks or nail salons...I prefer family places to visit like restaurants

44 Retail boutique

45 Better restaurants will invite diversity of retail stores and businesses to Oradell

46 Gift, specialty shops...sandwich, ice cream store

47 We need businesses in place for employment and keeping the commerce flowing. We have become anti-business in Oradell. It's very frustrating that businesses can't make it in this town

48 specialty retail

49 small movie theatre, variety store like I&M in Westwood, cafe seating, sporting goods store, book store, ice cream parlor

50 retail establishments

51 Having multi-use properties in-town is vital to our overall health. Take downtown Naples FL as an example. 30 yrs ago it looked like Oradell. Now above each storefront are luxury 2-story townhomes

52 stores or restaurants that people would want to walk downtown Oradell for

53 Bookstores, Sporting Goods, Bakery, Dunkin Donuts, Bars,

54 none!!!No development! there are empty stores!!!! fill them!!

55 Retail like Ridgewood

56 specialty stores/gift shops/boutiques

57 A gastro pub would be a perfect addition

58 some type of bar for locals

59 Bar(s)

60 Restaurants, clothing stores, places kids can go

61 Pubs

62 Retail specialty stores (adult and children clothing, interior home, gifts, etc.)

63 clothing or gift boutiques

64 ice cream shop, coffee shop, card store, grocery store

65 Bar and family restaurant no more banks

66 Everything on your list is already in our small town in multiple quantity for some of these business. You need to open up your master plan to allow other businesses into the town

67 convenience store

68 Retail Shoe and clothing stores

69 please no more banks or nail salons

70 various food shopping stores

71 Ice cream, card store, small gift shops, clothing boutique

72 gift shop, book stores

73 Special clothing

74 super market

75 NO MORE BANKS or SALONS

76 STRIP CLUB

77 Retail - independent toy or book shop, bakery, Italian deli, fish shop, etc.

78 Anything that would make downtown/Kinderkamack more of a destination to visit- a bakery, a bar, a cafe/resturant with outdoor seating, a better wine shop, a gift shop. No Salons/offices.

79 Bar, Food Store, Better liquor shop

80 ANY business is better than EMPTY stores!!!

81 sporting equipment

82 Dunkin donuts

83 retail clothing stores. Let's start to build up our downtown instead of having banks and Drug Chains

84 Services not currently offered

85 there is no parking - how would any business survive?

86 Convenience or specialty stores

87 Ice Cream parlor, bakery, any decent restaurant-not a chain

88 restaurant/bar

89 Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks

90 A downtown as Westwood has with small shops

91 Restaurant with a bar.

92 need to encourage businesses to come here. it is well known that Oradell is very difficult town for small businesses to work with and that is why our downtown is an embarrassment. Way too many vacant

93 no more

94 A small grocery with fresh produce. Sometimes I just need one tomato and don't want to drive all the way to Westwood or Bergenfield through bad traffic.

95 Independent retail shops, ice cream shop

96 gift shops, card stores, etc. maybe even a arcade type place for kids - they support a lot of the local businesses, although hangouts could be a problem, but more for tweens/teens to do in town

97 Small boutique clothing and shoe stores, health food store, gift shop

98 Restaurants!!!!!!

99 independent retail, food, gifts, etc.

100 grocery store, such as Shoprite or A&P type

101 We need places to gather as a community socially.

102 Bakery

103 shoe stores,

104 Social and family gathering places are lacking here!!!

105 food stores

106 Specialty retailers - boutique clothing, jewelry stores, spa's, more restaurants

107 This is a near-perfect downtown. Raise my taxes before you turn it into Paramus

108 non chain family oriented restaurant or local upscale bar/restaurant

109 Specialty retail stores

110 quality gourmet food market (Bakery, Deli, Prepared meals) & Gift shop

111 no restaurants / bars at all currently - this is silly

112 Stores geared towards children ie toys and family friendly restaurant/bar

113 Gift, Home

114 Non-fast food restaurants

115 Grocery store

116 Grocery stores (specially fruits & vegetables)

117 Casual eateries (not fast food), very good quality restaurants

118 clothing, furniture, accessory boutiques.

119 Clothing stores; Gift shops; Home decor; Bakery

120 liquor store

121 Small, independent retail and food. No chains or mall type stores.

122 general stores with apparel items

123 Bakery, bookstore, clothing items, healthy foods

124 Dunkin Donuts, high-end fast food like Chipolte

125 general store with hardware items, sewing needs, (5&10)

126 Fresh vegetable market

127 I miss that Turkish takeout place that became a boring cake shop.

128 clothing, quality crafts (make the town a place that will attract customers)

129 A small grocery store

130 Boutiques

131 Book stores, clothing stores, DVD and Film store

132 Bakery, clothing,

133 More groceries

134 gift shops, ice cream store

135 pharmacy

136 shops

137 retail shops

138 Clothing retail

139 Bakery, ice cream parlor, clothing stores

140 Retail stores such as clothing, shoes

141 NO FAST FOOD, NO MORE BANKS

142 Small clothing shops, grocery shop, no more banks, no more nail salons

143 perhaps clothing stores, anything other than banks and nail salons...

144 artistic and repair shops

145 Other retail (children's clothing, toys, activity spot)

146 Not be so strict on some zoning laws, like not allowing the barber to put up his barber's pole

147 clothing, gift shops

148 Wine bar

149 Restaurants needed, don't need any more nail/hair salons or banks.

150 Retail stores (ie clothing, shoe) and children activities (i.e pottery painting)

151 wow, almost choice is an answer to what i would say the town needs LESS of. we need more, better restaurants. we don't need another nail salon or dry cleaner.

152 Gift shops

153 Bars and retail stores

154 family-friendly pub would be great!

155 retail clothing

156 A casual restaurant/sports bar to take kids

157 gift or clothing shops

158 Food store; bakery

159 Clothing stores

160 another local coffee shop or small eatery

161 produce market

162 Restaurants, bakery, ice cream parlor, anything that provides lifestyle improvement and is good for kids and families. The last thing Oradell needs is another nail/hair salon or bank.

163 Bookstores, home furnishings stores

164 retail clothing, fashion, gift shops, bookstores.

165 Bookstores, gift shops, clothing, shoes movie theater i

166 retail stores

167 book / card store; ice cream restaurant

168 You're kidding. all we have are banks and hair/nail!!!!

169 Whatever kind a person wants to open.

170 Pharmacy

171 Some nice boutique retail stores; allow for restaurants with tables, it is a shame that it took so long to allow for tables where Ocean sushi is.

172 supermarkets

173 Home Decorating Shops, Specialty Clothing Boutiques, Kid's Toy/Gift Shops, Gift Shops

174 Bakery ,fruit and vegetable market, wine bar

175 A good bakery (not a chain)

176 BOUTIQUE CLOTHING STORES - BUT NO MORE NAIL SALONS!!

177 good bakery, gift shop

178 food store supermarket

179 serious attention is needed to refurbish / rebuild vacant building and lots

180 I think the word "better" slants this survey. I simply want restaurants

181 casual fresco dining so much needed to improve "small town USA"

182 Grocery Store

183 Bars and cafes with tables on the sidewalk

184 Cafe, food store

185 any viable business to fill the vast number of empty lots and stores

186 bookstore, ice cream parlor/chocolate/gift store, bakery and NO MORE nail salons

187 Clothing store, Bridal shop, children's clothing

188 Gamestop

189 clothing stores

190 Grocery; Retail stores;

191 A 5&10 store as we used to have many years ago. A Bakery.

192 Kids facility (WeePlay, Little Gym). Better restaurants.

193 Classical bakery/cafe

194 an Urge4nt Care 24/7 medical care office like the ones on Oradell Ave. in Paramus

195 Retail shops

196 we need to be current with the times and have nice restaurants in town with one or two having a liquor license!!!!

197 Clothing stores, ice cream stores etc. similar to Ridgewood

198 Retail. We already have the other businesses on Kinderkamack

199 Retail

200 retail shops/ food specialty/

201 Small specialty shops

202 grocery store

203 supermarket ; fresh produce market; specialty food shops

204 Bakery

205 Clothing stores. Healthy foods/snacks

206 brand name clothing stores, GAP, CHICOS, ALEX & ANI, etc.

207 Restaurants, restaurants, restaurants, clothing store, restaurants, PLEASE!!!!!!!

208 We need more retail like Westwood or Ridgewood. Too many hair/nail, only a few places to get food nothing really to eat out, the rest are useless places to go. I think you can tastefully add a Gap etc

209 children's/adult clothing stores sporting goods,

210 boutique gift shops, bakery, book store

211 difficult to say because parking is so limited

212 Food Specialty Stores, Electronics service stores

213 organic, gluten free, health places

214 High quality retail stores

215 Duh, Eat-in restaurants!

216 Non big box retailers

217 Clothing, Bridal

218 Gourmet grocery store - like Garden of Eden

219 A good restaurant is totally key! A good food market would be nice too. And an upscale liquor store. And a convenience store at the train station.

220 Some retail - similar to Ridgewood

221 I would like to see Chippie's Diner return, as well as for Felice's to reopen

222 gift stores, ice cream, apparel, coffee shops

15.

Assuming the Borough was able to decide the future of the privately-owned Blauvelt Mansion: what would you like to see happen on the site? (Select one response for each suggestion.)

	Very much in favor	Somewhat in favor	Neither in favor nor opposed to	Somewhat opposed to	Very opposed to	Do not know/not sure	Total
Restore the structure as a historically important site:	205 (38.39%)	146 (27.34%)	75(14.04%)	35(6.55%)	57(10.67%)	16(3%)	534
Demolish the structure; use the property as open parkland:	34(6.44%)	50(9.47%)	47(8.9%)	62(11.74%)	319 (60.42%)	16(3.03%)	528
Make the structure part of a rehabilitation/long-term care complex:	47(8.82%)	78(14.63%)	87(16.32%)	64(12.01%)	239 (44.84%)	18(3.38%)	533
Demolish the structure; build a senior living complex, with underground parking:	19(3.56%)	42(7.87%)	40(7.49%)	51(9.55%)	364 (68.16%)	18(3.37%)	534
Renovate the structure to accommodate a socially beneficial use, such as a cultural center:	196 (36.91%)	154(29%)	57(10.73%)	35(6.59%)	68(12.81%)	21(3.95%)	531
Demolish the structure; build a cultural center or other socially-beneficial structure on the property:	25(4.73%)	37(6.99%)	53(10.02%)	60(11.34%)	337 (63.71%)	17(3.21%)	529
Total Responded to this question:						541	98.72%
Total who skipped this question:						7	1.28%
Total:						548	100%

**16. Several Bergen county boroughs and towns have consolidated their services in order to achieve cost savings. For each service listed below, please indicate whether you would be in favor of, or against, consolidating Oradell services with other local boroughs and towns. Please assume that the level of service would not be affected. (Select one response for each service.)**

	Very much in favor	Somewhat in favor	Neither in favor nor opposed to	Somewhat opposed to	Very opposed to	Do not know/not sure	Total
Garbage/trash pickup:	260 (48.24%)	150 (27.83%)	58(10.76%)	25(4.64%)	39(7.24%)	7(1.3%)	539
Recycling/leaf pick-up:	252 (46.67%)	151 (27.96%)	67(12.41%)	31(5.74%)	34(6.3%)	5(0.93%)	540
Police Department:	163 (30.24%)	83(15.4%)	38(7.05%)	88(16.33%)	161 (29.87%)	6(1.11%)	539
Municipal Court:	216 (40.22%)	119 (22.16%)	78(14.53%)	47(8.75%)	65(12.1%)	12(2.23%)	537
Snow removal:	199 (36.85%)	138 (25.56%)	59(10.93%)	60(11.11%)	80(14.81%)	4(0.74%)	540
Recreational facilities and services:	137 (25.42%)	124 (23.01%)	77(14.29%)	75(13.91%)	113 (20.96%)	13(2.41%)	539
					Total Responded to this question:	541	98.72%
					Total who skipped this question:	7	1.28%
					Total:	548	100%

**17. As you may know, police dispatching is currently handled by a police officer. If the dispatcher were a civilian, an additional police officer can be added to patrol duties. Would you be in favor of, or against, this idea? (Select one response.)**

	Responses	Percent
Very much in favor:	223	41.3%
Somewhat in favor:	147	27.22%
Neither in favor nor opposed to:	68	12.59%
Somewhat opposed to:	43	7.96%
Very opposed to:	30	5.56%
Do not know/not sure:	29	5.37%
Total Responded to this question:		540 98.54%
Total who skipped this question:		8 1.46%
Total:		548 100%

**18. In your opinion, does Oradell maintain a good balance between services for families for children and teens versus services for seniors (65+ years of age)? (Select one response.)**

	Responses	Percent
There is a good balance: 	136	25.47%
There is too much emphasis on services for families with children: 	65	12.17%
There is too much emphasis on services for seniors: 	58	10.86%
Do not know/not sure: 	275	51.5%
Total Responded to this question:		534 97.45%
Total who skipped this question:		14 2.55%
Total:		548 100%

**19. In your opinion, should Oradell offer more community-wide events and services even if services to children and teens would need to be trimmed? (Select one response.)**

	Responses	Percent
Yes:	113	21.28%
No:	255	48.02%
Do not know/not sure:	163	30.7%
Total Responded to this question:		531 96.9%
Total who skipped this question:		17 3.1%
Total:		548 100%

**20. What additional services for seniors if any, would you like Oradell to offer? (Select as many, or as few, responses as you feel appropriate.)**

	Responses	Percent
Educational lectures:	152	34.39%
Once a month field trips to places outside Oradell:	157	35.52%
Arts& crafts programming:	103	23.3%
Outdoor walking trails designed for seniors:	162	36.65%
Additional seating for seniors at strategic locations:	119	26.92%
Staffing an additional van/shuttle bus to help seniors:	178	40.27%
None of these:	98	22.17%
If other, please specify:	63	14%
Total Responded to this question:		442 80.66%
Total who skipped this question:		106 19.34%
Total:		548 100%

**20. What additional services for seniors, if any, would you like Oradell to offer? (Select as many, or as few, responses as you feel appropriate.)**

**Response Comments**

- 1 Town committees are full of seniors, so I am including them in senior activities .
- 2 Walking Club, Appropriate Sport Leagues/Activities such as Bocci League
- 3 according to a recent televised symposium at Bergen community college regarding seniors aging in place in Bergen county, lack of transportation was the biggest concern--shopping, doctor's appointments etc.
- 4 Additional library events for seniors
- 5 encourage library program attendance
- 6 Library programs hav become so good since Director Trause arrived. More Library funding so Library can be open more hours/week.
- 7 I am not sure what is currently available to seniors
- 8 seniors are asking for too much now - more parking at the senior club????!! Where would you like the commuters to park???? Unless you are going to have a van going around town for commuters
- 9 Adequate parking for ALL of the seniors who attend meetings at the Veterans/Senior Building. Have someone at Borough Hall organize trips for seniors other than trips to Atlantic City casinos.
- 10 Low cost items.
- 11 help create a senior carpool service or resources so seniors will stop complaining about needing more handicapped spaces downtown
- 12 more planned activities for seniors
- 13 The Library caters to the seniors from what I can tell from the many emails I receive from John Trause. Also, I am aware of some bus trips offered.
- 14 better parking opportunities at the senior/vets center - currently it is disgraceful
- 15 We need to enjoy the woods behind memorial field. A bike/walking path would be great!
- 16 Seniors need to use the already established state programs.
- 17 Services around their house snow removal etc
- 18 Try to arrange with HS students to help with little chores for elderly
- 19 better ambulance service (faster response time)
- 20 STRIP CLUB
- 21 Oradell focuses too much on senior services at the expense of children and families.
- 22 I am not familiar with offerings for seniors
- 23 Evening events as well as some of us seniors still work
- 24 housing
- 25 would be nice to have a table tennis club
- 26 A senior center with ample parking. (Blauvelt estate)
- 27 let them park at the senior center and actually use it
- 28 Not familiar with services for seniors at this time.
- 29 this stuff would make the taxes go up

30 Reduce Car Speed violations

31 Seniors can take care of themselves, my parent do that

32 bridge club, mahjongg, chess tournaments, A.C. trips

33 I am a senior but I am more concerned with services for adults of all ages. I hope you give some space somewhere else to specify.

34 Restore the Water Works and provide senior programming, family programming and educational activities for all ages

35 Organized trips to baseball games and other sporting events

36 Parking

37 Keep Oradell taxes down so that seniors can stay in town

38 not applicable to me

39 Senior specials for downtown places of business, potentially reduced tax burden for seniors in town, utilize seniors to assist in boro office and reduce service burden on current staff members,

40 I am not opposed to any services for seniors but not at the expense of any other taxpaying resident who should equally receive benefits from the town.

41 Not sure

42 Whatever services they are willing to fund with usage fees.

43 More parking spaces

44 more exercise classes

45 why not add biking trails to the reservoir, also the Hackensack Water park needs to be completed,

46 Health and physical fitness events

47 making sure all business are handicapped accessible

48 weekly social event during the day for example bring your lunch and hear a speaker or discuss current events

49 Social groups

50 bridge clubs

51 Exercise program.

52 The Senior Center is really a rental facility not being fully utilized for the needs of local senior residents.

53 Tax incentive stay in town

54 Sorry to say, as a senior I do not participate in any of these

55 add senior housing options

56 housing for seniors.

57 presently seniors can sign up for bus trips to various places

58 I'm not sure if an additional van/bus is necessary but if so then I'm in favor of it.

59 additional recreation events like concerts, movies, dog days

60 Seniors are not currently a concern for me. I have a young family and do not plan to retire in an area like this with such high taxes.

61 Additional seating should be for all to use.

62 more community fun days for the whole family including seniors

63 walking trails would benefit all community!!

**21. Please indicate which of the following suggestions you are in favor of, or opposed to, relating to Borough parks and recreation. (Select one response for each suggestion.)**

	Very much in favor	Somewhat in favor	Neither in favor nor opposed to	Somewhat opposed to	Very opposed to	Do not know/not sure	Total
Introducing bleachers in the sports complex, to be paid for and supported by usage fees:	90(16.76%)	161 (29.98%)	130 (24.21%)	57(10.61%)	73(13.59%)	26(4.84%)	537
Constructing checker/chess board tables and shuffle board courts for seniors:	70(12.96%)	152 (28.15%)	180 (33.33%)	50(9.26%)	59(10.93%)	29(5.37%)	540
Instituting field usage fees for all sports leagues, with amounts based on their degree of usage:	117 (21.79%)	180 (33.52%)	69(12.85%)	69(12.85%)	78(14.53%)	24(4.47%)	537
Requiring fitness instructors to pay a fee for their usage of parks and recreational facilities, to cover field maintenance, lighting costs:	187 (34.69%)	174 (32.28%)	76(14.1%)	41(7.61%)	34(6.31%)	27(5.01%)	539
Offering new recreation programs for seniors, such as movie nights, yoga classes, and bridge tournaments:	108 (20.04%)	180(33.4%)	155 (28.76%)	27(5.01%)	27(5.01%)	42(7.79%)	539
Installing artificial turf (approx. \$500,000 per field), to be paid for by the Borough:	28(5.2%)	48(8.92%)	74(13.75%)	100 (18.59%)	260 (48.33%)	28(5.2%)	538
Charging fees for park summer activity programs to help defray costs:	93(17.32%)	157 (29.24%)	83(15.46%)	81(15.08%)	102 (18.99%)	21(3.91%)	537
<b>Total Responded to this question:</b>						540	98.54%
<b>Total who skipped this question:</b>						8	1.46%
<b>Total:</b>						548	100%

**22.**

**As you know, the Borough currently communicates with residents primarily through the mail. For each of the communication types listed below, please indicate whether you would prefer to receive information by physical mail or by electronic means (e-mail). (Select one response for each item.)**

	<b>Prefer only mail</b>	<b>Prefer only e-mail</b>	<b>Would like both forms</b>	<b>No preference</b>	<b>Do not know/not sure</b>	<b>Total</b>
Garbage/trash and leaf pick-up notices:	83(15.46%)	237(44.13%)	175(32.59%)	40(7.45%)	2(0.37%)	537
Alterations of service schedules:	54(10.09%)	283(52.9%)	160(29.91%)	36(6.73%)	2(0.37%)	535
The Borough newsletter:	137(25.42%)	199(36.92%)	156(28.94%)	44(8.16%)	3(0.56%)	539
Special events announcements:	59(11.03%)	270(50.47%)	157(29.35%)	45(8.41%)	4(0.75%)	535
Notices of Borough meetings:	62(11.55%)	299(55.68%)	109(20.3%)	66(12.29%)	1(0.19%)	537
<b>Total Responded to this question:</b>					<b>540</b>	<b>98.54%</b>
<b>Total who skipped this question:</b>					<b>8</b>	<b>1.46%</b>
<b>Total:</b>					<b>548</b>	<b>100%</b>

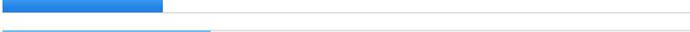
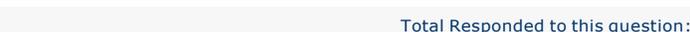
**23. Updating Schirra Park's wooden signage currently involves input from two municipal employees. Installing an automatic LED sign would incur an upfront cost, but eliminating manpower costs will generate ongoing cost savings. Are you in favor of putting LED signage in Schirra Park? (Select one response.)**

	Responses	Percent
Very much in favor:	164	30.71%
Somewhat in favor:	137	25.66%
Neither in favor nor opposed to:	48	8.99%
Somewhat opposed to:	65	12.17%
Very opposed to:	92	17.23%
Don't know/not sure:	17	3.18%
No preference:	11	2.06%
Total Responded to this question:		534 97.45%
Total who skipped this question:		14 2.55%
Total:		548 100%

24. Including yourself, how many people are there in your household? *(Select one response.)*

	Responses	Percent
1 person: 	35	6.58%
2 people: 	158	29.7%
3 people: 	99	18.61%
4 people: 	153	28.76%
5 or more persons: 	87	16.35%
Total Responded to this question:		532 97.08%
Total who skipped this question:		16 2.92%
Total:		548 100%

**25.**  
**In which age groups are the members of your household? (Select as many as apply.)**

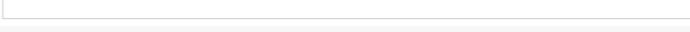
	Responses	Percent
Children under 12: 	167	30.98%
Teens 12-17: 	108	20.04%
Adults 18-24: 	115	21.34%
Adults 25-34: 	78	14.47%
Adults 35-44: 	122	22.63%
Adults 45-54: 	163	30.24%
Adults 55-64: 	157	29.13%
Adults 65 years of age or older: 	148	27.46%
<b>Total Responded to this question:</b>		<b>539</b>
<b>Total who skipped this question:</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Total:</b>		<b>548</b>
		<b>98.36%</b>
		<b>1.64%</b>
		<b>100%</b>

26.

How many members of your household use the Oradell train station to commute to work? (Select one response.)

	Responses	Percent
None:	384	70.98%
1 person:	124	22.92%
2 people:	32	5.91%
3 people:	1	0.18%
4 people:	0	0%
5 or more persons:	0	0%
Total Responded to this question:	541	98.72%
Total who skipped this question:	7	1.28%
Total:	548	100%

27. In what type of housing do you live?(elect one response.)

	Responses	Percent
Single family home owned by me/my family: 	516	96.81%
Multi-family home owned by me/my family: 	5	0.94%
Condo owned by me/my family: 	3	0.56%
Rental unit in a complex: 	3	0.56%
Rented house: 	5	0.94%
Refused: 	1	0.19%
Total Responded to this question:		533 97.26%
Total who skipped this question:		15 2.74%
Total:		548 100%

**28. What is the highest educational level that you completed? (Select one response)**

	Responses	Percent
Less than High School: <input type="text"/>	0	0%
High School graduate/GED: <input type="text"/>	13	2.43%
Some college: <input type="text"/>	55	10.3%
Completed college: <input type="text"/>	250	46.82%
Post-graduate degree: <input type="text"/>	211	39.51%
Refused: <input type="text"/>	5	0.94%
Total Responded to this question:		534 97.45%
Total who skipped this question:		14 2.55%
Total:		548 100%

**29. What is your role in your household? (Select one response.)**

	Responses	Percent
Male head of household: 	219	41.24%
Female head of household: 	222	41.81%
Another male member of the household: 	17	3.2%
Another female member of the household: 	18	3.39%
Refused: 	55	10.36%
Total Responded to this question:		531 96.9%
Total who skipped this question:		17 3.1%
Total:		548 100%

30. Which race or ethnic group best describes you? (Select one response.)

	Responses	Percent
African American: <input type="text"/>	0	0%
Asian: <input type="text"/>	9	1.68%
Hispanic/Latino: <input type="text"/>	6	1.12%
White/Caucasian: <input type="text"/>	449	83.93%
Other: <input type="text"/>	3	0.56%
Refused: <input type="text"/>	68	12.71%
Total Responded to this question:		535 97.63%
Total who skipped this question:		13 2.37%
Total:		548 100%

**31. What was your total household income in 2013?(select one response.)**

	Responses	Percent
Under \$25,000: <input type="text"/>	2	0.39%
\$25,000-\$49,000: <input type="text"/>	6	1.16%
\$50,000-\$74,000: <input type="text"/>	24	4.62%
\$75,000-\$99,000: <input type="text"/>	26	5.01%
\$100,000-\$149,000: <input type="text"/>	82	15.8%
\$150,000-\$199,000: <input type="text"/>	72	13.87%
\$200,000 or more: <input type="text"/>	129	24.86%
Refused: <input type="text"/>	178	34.3%
Total Responded to this question:		519 94.71%
Total who skipped this question:		29 5.29%
Total:		548 100%

**32. Do you have any additional comments you would like to pass on to Borough officials about Oradell facilities and services?**

	Responses	Percent
Responses:	318	100%
Total Responded to this question:	318	58.03%
Total who skipped this question:	230	41.97%
Total:	548	100%

**32. Do you have any additional comments you would like to pass on to Borough officials about Oradell facilities and services?**

Response	Response Text
1	Consider honoring ALL Oradell veterans who have served our country as many surrounding towns do. Have Oradell stand out in this area also.
2	When ordinances are passed, residents need to be informed prior to their implementation, not after the fact. They also need to be far better publicized than they are. Hence the need for the council's minutes to be up to date on the website, not more than a year behind, and for existing ordinances to be more easily accessible.
3	I have noticed many properties not being maintained, perhaps we are not enforcing property maintenance ordinances. Also along Kinderkamack the roadway and sidewalks are usually dirty and full of weeds. Use of the inmates is perfect solution. The landscape hasn't been maintained in years and now I read in the paper that the town is spending more money on the downtown, hopefully not to go to waste .It seems we buy more and more when properly cared for would be the route to go.
4	I personally would like the borough to stay out of the Blauvelt Mansion issue. I do not want us to use any tax payer money to fund anything having to do with the Mansion. Over the years there have been many opportunities for revenue generating proposals both with the mansion and other business which have been turned down based on the opinions of a very vocal minority. I am tired of letting that minority form the basis of what we do Oradell. We need to look to the future not to the past.
5	Not @ this time!
6	For the taxes we pay, 16,000 per year, it is a shame to see the deterioration in the town, physical appearance and services for a mature population. We will retire in a few years, sell and have no regrets.
7	do anything to get the empty stores filled with good businesses and make it a real downtown. it's embarrassing now to see building after building sitting un occupied and empty. we need something besides banks and nail salons. we need restaurants
8	Taxes are too high - am totally opposed to the town purchasing open space at the expense of our taxes going up. This includes Blauvelt mansion. Also everyone up in arms over Walgreens but look at that corner now. Looks awful - frankly I would have preferred the Walgreens - That first house on Ridgewood Ave looks absolutely horrendous. Have expiration dates on permits so owners can't stretch work our forever - Force them to reapply and pay again if they want to do that.
9	needs attention.
10	TAXES, TAXES, TAXES WAY TOO HIGH
11	The downtown needs some restaurants and actual shops. We have services. Too many nail, hair, banks, real estate, etc. Even Haworh has more with their gift shop. Westwood has a number of restaurants and stores that are not chain stores so it still has the hometown/downtown feel. Our recreational facilities are a disgrace and desperately need to be updated to keep in line with surrounding towns. DPAC has a concessions stand only open for football. Shameful! Why not for other sports?
12	The necessary road repairs in residential streets would help a great deal! Overall, I think the town does a great job of maintaining a safe neighborhood, with ample small businesses and activities.
13	We moved to Oradell in 2004 ,it looked like a beautiful town.T he newly renovated Train Station and beautiful gardens was very attractive to us as was the rest of the town. The past few years it has been an embarrassment ,overgrown and dirty. Once living in town we noticed how difficult it is to get around and park. We now use businesses in other towns which have parking.People drive to fast on the main road and Im afraid for my kids crossing on foot or driving. We might move in the near future.
14	Oradell is a wonderful community for young families. Unfortunately, the high tax structure makes remaining in Oradell more difficult for Seniors on fixed incomes. The borough employees work extremely hard to provide excellent services and often go above and beyond!
15	Putting up a LED sign is dumb and old fashion. Communications by email/Nixel needs to be better. I get a Nixel alert about voting locations, but nothing ever about the ongoing construction and road closures around town? Communications from the police department needs to be much better about crimes around town. Neither the school nor the police ever sent any communications about the attempted luring events late last year. Why does it seem like its the DPWs first time plowing every snow storm?
16	Dissatisfied with one party leadership and the power given to Borough Administrator.
17	The borough needs to support downtown businesses and should list them in the newsletter (maybe highlight new businesses). Oradell needs to come out of the dark ages and give businesses leeway in terms of signage and outdoor space. Businesses should be able to distinguish themselves, use sidewalks for signs, tables and merchandise. There is no foot traffic in Oradell and the town is handcuffing the business owners. Lastly, business owners should receive free 2 parking permits.
18	Please preserve the green spaces in Oradell! Please do everything you can to maintain an environmentally-friendly community.
19	Find a balance of maintaining the charm and character of the town while encouraging a more positive business climate. This does NOT mean allowing oversized chain stores. Make the businesses that are here feel more welcome. Allow lit open signs, banners, etc. that help attract shoppers, provide parking, hold property owners accountable for maintaining their empty facilities. If I were a small business owner I would never consider locating in Oradell. Westwood is an example of how to do it right.
20	Police to enforce speeding on cut thru streets. Limit times when people can turn on cut thru streets. Bring continuity in downtown. Big gap around e Ridgewood Ave south e river edge on Kinderkamack.
21	library funding....the library is truly the heart and mind of the town---what does it say about Oradell that field maintenance/athletics are more important than the library. If a citizen works full time, their only opportunity to use the library may be a sat or sunday..most of the issues included in this survey are extremely complex, and a simple response was very difficult without additional information--and in many cases my answer could have been different based on further data and analysis.
22	This is a poorly designed survey. For example, I am very dissatisfied with the library hours (too few) and very satisfied with library service otherwise. Why is this lumped into a single question? Even if the questions were asked separately, there is no way to sort out whether hours must increase or decrease to address my dissatisfaction. There is also nothing in the survey on taxes; I am willing to pay taxes beyond the 2% cap to maintain Oradell's quality of life and property values.

- 23 Local politics should be non-partisan. Public debate and accountability are distorted by the one party nature of the town. The Council's job is to maintain Oradell's quality of life, NOT to cut taxes.
- 24 Have enjoyed living in Oradell for more than four decades. Loved it as a place to bring up our three children. Grateful for largely wise governance and responsiveness of elected officials.
- 25 Too much money is spent on recreational programs.
- 26 I am opposed to the construction of new cell towers in the Borough.
- 27 The town needs a downtown with businesses such as Westwood and/or Ridgewood, where families can enjoy their town.
- 28 I wouldn't be opposed to charging for field and park use for outside organizations. Not Oradell/riverdell sports
- 29 I would like to see police present at am drop off and pm up everyday that school is in session. It is extremely dangerous for our children now.
- 30 I think there should be more events for young adults. Also it seems that the town makes it difficult for new businesses to come into town.
- 31 Any group/team not from Oradell should pay fees to use facilities. Commuters not from Oradell should pay fees. Summer programs should be paid by families. More parking with paid parking for long-term parking. Better commuter parking. No more crossing guard post eliminations.
- 32 My wife and I chose to buy in Oradell because we viewed it as a family-friendly and commuter-friendly community with small town charm and character. Keeping things the way they are and making cost-sensible changes that improve quality of life should be the focus. As my wife takes the train to Manhattan the availability of free commuter parking exclusively for the use of town residents was a very big draw and we would be extremely disappointed if this ever changed.
- 33 Downtown businesses are hurting due to lack of parking and sometimes restrictive ordinances. Also, study should be undertaken on benefits of moving the train stop further north to one of the underutilized parking lots at the office buildings freeing up parking downtown and shortening the time the gates are down for the train.
- 34 I appreciate your hard work!
- 35 Make it easier to: Contact the people at Boro Hall Get real information on tree replacement, paving, Serious plans on how to kdeep taxes at a rate making it really possible for seniors to continue to live here..
- 36 The survey is a good idea. Thanks
- 37 yes, work to lower or at least stabilize taxes. I am not in favor of any projects (Blauvelt mansion) that raise my taxes. Corner of KKK & Ridgewood - looks awful - Walgreens would have been better than it is now. Town is going downhill.
- 38 Boro Clerk is incompetent
- 39 Found the signage question for Schirra Park very misleading - it gave only two alternatives. NO sign is a viable alternative. Any sign there is against Zoning laws for Commercial Owners; Potential accident causing, i.e. Reading TEXTING at the busiest intersection of Borough; Blocks lovely view of Center of Borough Park. Question should be asked 'first' before any decision is made: WHO actually 'realizes' ANY intelligence from posted material that is not 'ALREADY' available from other means.
- 40 Clean up the downtown area especially near the now closed Felice restaurant or notice the owners of those vacant stores to do it. Not facilities/services: Mayor and Council should represent their constituents, not do as they please, especially right now about shared court services. Full amount of parking for seniors on their meeting days.
- 41 -Please note - we don't use the TRAIN station parking lot, but two of us use the upper library parking lot for the NYC bus & OPS. - Thanks for broadcasting council meetings.
- 42 I would like to see the mansion saved, but not using tax dollars. I would like to be sure that overtime, sick time, etc. is kept in check. I would like to see KKK revamped with new businesses. There needs to be a check on borough facilities - they can be maintained better. I think everyone would benefit from community wide events.
- 43 Double standard concerning variances. Existing statutes go unenforced when registering a complaint. Living here for as many years as we have we have witnessed these complaints.
- 44 The cronyism, same people year after year doing the same things, badly. My wife ,a designer, was interested in joining a group in town. After seeing them in the parade we decided against it, looked like a pack of junk hoarders. Perhaps Ms. Graham should be running the town, she seems to be the only one on top of things. I would also like to live in 2014, not 1914,the town has been let go as of the past few years.
- 45 please don't ruin the look of the town with big stores and parking structures. if we had cool bars and restaurants people would come and find a place to park. we don't need more banks or drug stores, there is one on every corner of every town. do not give up the already limited parking spots to people from other towns. they are already scarce, besides the schools, the fact that we offer "free" parking permits is one of the major draws to Oradell - not what the downtown looks like.
- 46 I am concerned that young families are being left out of the decision-making process. For families with children, it is difficult to regularly attend council meetings & work sessions. Perhaps these could be webcasted to allow for greater participation? I also worry about the burden of employee pensions & healthcare costs. These increase tax bills while delivering no benefit. What are we doing to reduce costs in the future? Last, the borough website should be reinvented and actually updated/used!
- 47 Expand the use of multimedia including OPTV to communicate to the residents of Oradell. Better Borough website including video on demand services.
- 48 Merge police Department if costs are not apportioned by ratables.. Fire department hire f/t firemen by consolidating with other towns and keeping volunteers.
- 49 Some kind of shade is necessary at playgrounds in town.
- 50 Please do something about the blight on Kinderkamack Road. The buildings that are vacant and in disrepair are an eye sore to this community. We are one of the fewer communities in Northern Bergen County that DOES NOT have a downtown area that is inviting to dining and social activity. There are no viable family dining options now that Felice's has closed. I am very disappointed that the town has not done anything to improve the downtown in the four years I have lived here.
- 51 I think you need to take a good look at the summer rec program, the way the boy's program is (mis)managed, and FIX it. It should NOT only apply to 5th and 6th graders because the staff is too lazy or incompetent to break the boys into age- or ability-based groups.
- 52 This survey has very specific inquiries about improving senior services but what about specific ideas to improve recreation for children?? WE NEED SHADE AT MEMORIAL FIELD PLAYGROUND. DESPERATELY. How about pre-teen/teen activities so they don't hang out in Memorial Park and write foul sexual/ racist graffiti seen by elementary children. Town homepage is CLUTTERED with OLD info. See Paramus for a good model. Some crossing guards too elderly. Police dangerous driving on Oradell Ave by OPS.

- 53 The library is this town's cultural center and should be accorded the respect it deserves. It is important to all of our property values and by treating it as the poor stepchild of the town only hurts all of us. In addition, Oradell has a sad history of being unfriendly to business which is evidenced by the number of empty store fronts in town. Out town is truly an embarrassment. And finally, the mayor and town council really have to stop being surly penny pinchers. Time for new blood.
- 54 Town council, building, and zoning boards nit pick over trivial items. The town makes the residents' jump thru a lot of hoops for the simplest requests. I'd rather have a root canal then appear before these boards.
- 55 The playgrounds in Oradell need more shade. All playgrounds are not usable during the warm months. The children still want to go there and play, but it is impossible since they will be burned. There should also be a fence around the playgrounds to ensure safety by the busy streets. Parking near the school is virtually impossible as well. Especially with the "yellow lines" on either side of the driveways measuring at at least one car's length. not necessary, people only park there for 10-15 minutes...
- 56 Boro Clerk never has answers & doesn't get back with one. Balloon signs on Kinderkamack Rd are too similar, look horrible. Oradell is much too hard on businesses - how can they survive with such stringent code rules?! No wonder we have empty stores which are a disgrace. Save Blauvelt Mansion & Water Works! Police are paid too much. Fix nonexistent parking at Sr/Vets Bldg; commuters don't need to be catered to. Oradell looks like North Korea at night with old fashioned store lights.
- 57 do not make Oradell a suburb of another town
- 58 Increase funds to the Library. Have the governing body be responsive to the ideas/comments/wishes of residents who speak at Council meetings. Have transparency in deliberations/discussions of resolutions before they become ordinances. And most important, be TRUTHFUL. Don't say you'll do this or that and then turn around and do something else. Don't make statements that aren't the truth and then dismiss those statements with "I miss-spoke". That's a lame excuse for misleading residents.
- 59 more time to speak at council meetings, also better communication between council members and the public; with all the computers we have people still cannot communicate.
- 60 Love the 4th of July parade/kegs in the woods. Amazing tradition please never get rid of it.
- 61 I wish you didn't need to pay for a permit to use the tennis courts in the parks. They rarely seem to be crowded, and as only an occasional player, the fee isn't worth it for me. Otherwise, as a new resident, I really enjoy living in Oradell and think the Borough officials are doing a great job.
- 62 How much is the ice skating costing? Its rarely used. Perhaps land is better used for something else? Parking for school perhaps? With covered walkway (solar panels on top) at least part way to school. We nearly left town this year due to zoning changes as we are trying to build home. You've gone too far the other way for Beechwood Rd homes. Please have this reviewed.
- 63 Traffic in Oradell is horrible. Driving up Oradell Ave in the am takes too long. Any maintenance required on Oradell Ave at peak hours should wait until 10am. Also Grant and Oradell Ave is an accident to happen. A street light should be considered. Children who need to cross Grant risk their life. The corner of Kinderkamack and Oradell Ave is also a death trap and I feel for the crossing guard who risks her life to cross our children to safety. This cross section needs to be reexamined...
- 64 Borough administrator does not return phone calls or e-mails.
- 65 Would like increased services for both the kids and seniors. More restaurants- with a bar! Rec center for the kids. One for seniors too! Empty deteriorating lots/stores should not be allowed! That owner should be fined as it's an eye sore and brings down the curb appeal of the town. Make it easier for new stores to open-- but not big box stores( no to Walgreens!)
- 66 It appears that Oradell is getting run down. There needs to be more direction in the borough's future. It appears that nobody cares!
- 67 Bring back the charm that made people choose Oradell. We've lost it and as a result, Oradell is a less desirable place to live and conduct business.
- 68 key issue is to keep RE taxes down thank you
- 69 we need more field space for our children. families move here because it is a nice family town, that means good for kids. more field space = better experience. how about van Burskirk island? it is a joke that remains standing vacant.
- 70 Overall downtown appearance should be made more attractive All the abandoned buildings create a sad image We need a family type/pub style restaurant
- 71 Regarding an LED town sign... That is such an old school way of thinking. A good email campaign and a town Facebook page is a much better way to communicate.
- 72 would love to see a place for teens to "hang out" rather than roam streets. Would also love to see our downtown be more business friendly and have restaurants and business that would attract people to "shop Oradell". A few good restaurants would go a long way. People don't come to Oradell for nail salons and banks....
- 73 The police department needs some sensitivity training. Myself and other members of my family have been treated with complete disrespect and spoken to as if we were thugs by one particularly obnoxious Oradell police officer. It's obvious that this particular officer hates his job given the way we've been spoken to. It seems like there is a morale issue within OPD that needs to be aired and resolved asap.
- 74 STOP PROPOSING FEES TO PLAY ON THE FIELDS THAT ARE OWNED BY THE TOWN!! I WILL VEHEMENTLY OPPOSE YOU, IF YOU DO THIS! STOP CATERING TO SENIORS! CHARGE RIVER EDGE PEOPLE TO PLAY-NOT ORADELL KIDS! NO MORE TURF FIELDS-LET RE BUILD ONE! STOP GRANTING MUNICIPAL CONTRACTS TO YOUR Friends LIKE JOHN SAMUELS AND ALLOWING NON RESIDENTS TO STAY ON COUNCIL-CORRUPTION and cronyism IS THE PROBLEM. Our town does not need to increase the height-have you listened to residents for the past ten years, no!
- 75 The sport fields need major updating - major risk management and liability to the town.
- 76 Lower the taxes. Oradell has hit the point where taxes outstrip services being offered. I don't feel that i am getting my bang for my tax dollar. The well is not bottomless. There is a bottom
- 77 I am looking forward to seeing improvements made to downtown Oradell, and hope there isn't another bank or dentist office opening where restaurants used to be. Assuming these improvements are made, I see no reason why I won't be a resident here for a long time.
- 78 Stop letting every th ING just rot. We need to put money back into the town. We need to offer things to not only our people but for towns all over. Without these services we can not bring any money in. The last Rec Director did not let anyone pay for big events. Now the field is almost destroyed with no money saved up. We need to start collecting higher fees for sports teams and even more for outsiders. We need to get more income.
- 79 Every weekend Oradell loses money as everyone dines out in Ridgewood, Westwood, etc. Get some decent restaurants and a nice bar. Think more Brooklyn and less mass America. Families have recently moved here from Manhattan, Brooklyn, Hoboken, Jersey City, etc. They are all wanting restaurants, small mom and pop BYO places, etc. This crowd is willing to pay up. Notice how many families are joining Hackensack CC these days. Residents want more - start to upscale downtown and the people will come

- 80 It time to make downtown more business friendly
- 81 Please speak with the Oradell librarians, specifically the ones on the first floor as you come in. Every time I've been there they always sound/look as if helping me is the last thing they want to do. Getting a library card was so difficult. They are just very unpleasant and rude. My nanny has experienced this as well when she brings the kids. They make you feel very unwelcomed and this behavior is absolutely unacceptable. Please do something about this.
- 82 The attitudes and tone the police officers use when talking to citizens, is condescending and disrespectful and should not be tolerated. Seems a basic manners class should be given to the police officers of Oradell.
- 83 It would be great if Oradell had a downtown like Ridgewood, Ramsey, or even Hillsdale with places to shop and eat, and keep people in town. It would also be wonderful to have a food store of some kind - the butcher shop is great but has limited inventory. Open up Hagler's again, after making it a historical site.
- 84 Would love our police officers to be kinder. Many treat local residents like scum when they pull them over for any reason.
- 85 Overall love the residents, programs at the library, and the potential of Kinderkermack
- 86 The cost of upkeep for the large number of sports fields is outrageous. Elected officials do not value history, we should save our historic buildings & sites. Would like to see elected officials on OPTV, answering residents' questions.
- 87 About time we offered senior housing. We put brick sidewalks in to make town appealing which looks terrible because of all weeds. I am very proud to be a resident of Oradell for many years and thank all who work to make it a great place to live. The High School grounds are impressive. Very beautifully kept and cared for.
- 88 Bring back small town charm and businesses. Have police pay more attention to rules of the road & control traffic rules example; when pedestrians are trying to cross at intersections issue tickets to cars not yielding. Lose the light up sign in the middle of town, more times than not it doesn't say anything
- 89 Make Oradell business friendly in restricted area on Kinderkamack road, provide parking and make it easy for residents to enjoy the town. It looks like Oradell is from Woodstock ear with the black and white awnings. Because there is no good places to stay around, my kids go to other towns to enjoy like Ridgewood.
- 90 Our town sports teams put a lot of wear and tear on the fields. I think we should charge leagues for use of the fields. We have a lot of great programs for children, but we don't charge enough for them. We have an embarrassing downtown without a family restaurant. It would be nice to have a family gathering place. Get rid of that old gas station.
- 91 Get rid of that annoying phone system. It is so frustrating and no one ever answers the phone. And it takes several calls & messages to get a call back. Try enforcing our current laws like not putting garbage out until 5 & the town would look better. Maybe it should be changed to 7 like other towns. Why do we have to pay to use the tennis courts when I pay all these taxes? The kids don't pay for the ball fields. Bring back twice a week garbage pickup to at least memorial day
- 92 Stop the special interest groups; Water Works and Blauvelt, from tying up too much of the time at meetings.
- 93 The Borough Administrator never returns phone calls. During the mayor and council meetings, members should remain courteous to each other and the public.
- 94 Give more tickets to the drivers who put the pedal to the metal, speed and burn rubber up and down Schaffer Avenue all day and night. Keep the ticket companions for people driving while talking on their cell phone. Fix the long over sewer and flooding problem. Thank you.
- 95 We need to attract some upscale places to eat downtown.
- 96 shared services would solve most of the problems. If we can share a school system we can share everything else with River Edge at least Property values are being hurt by our deteriorating downtown We need a place that families can gather and eat
- 97 results of the survey should be given to the participants
- 98 I would like to se lower taxes
- 99 The library needs to be open longer hours and days. Fundraising wasn't done to have the library hours cut. Roads are embarrassing. Downtown is an eyesore. No big stores, no more banks or nail salons. Empty storefronts and run down buildings do not leave a good image for potentially new home buyers.
- 100 This town must embrace and support small businesses. We lost a great shop, Eco Galleria, to River Edge which has welcomed the shop with open arms. We have too many vacant store fronts and way too many banks and nail salons along the way. I am against the administrative shared services which I believe has already been forced upon us. We need "home rule." Current council members who supported this will not have my vote as a result.
- 101 This survey questions breaks many zoning ordinances which indicates to me that this council is trying to get a popular opinion only. Very disappointed already in the quality of this survey. If this is how our council is going to make decisions it many be time to move.
- 102 i love the police etc but we need to bring their benefits/compensation into reality -- please focus on pension obligations/ sick pay/overtime etc etc, etc ... why is this such a problem to address ??? consolidate / bring them into reality thank you
- 103 Most important thing is cutting taxes. Perhaps you could be more pro active in discussing matters with Boards of Educations. Why do we have so many managerial jobs there. Start talking to them. With current tax rate do not even think of silly programs like chess boards and turf.
- 104 Save the Blauvelt Mansion as it would be a crime to demolish it. It is the one thing I would pay more taxes to improve the quality of life in Oradell. Use it for meetings and events for all ages. Lean on owners of vacant Kinderkamack Rd properties to either use them productively or risk increased taxes or seizure as blighted. Banks add little to downtown foot traffic, harm and utilization: please, no more! Give adequate support to the TV station. Enforce out-of-town parking rules: raise the fines!
- 105 THE TOWN NEEDS LESS WHITE PEOPLE...AND MORE STRIP CLUBS.
- 106 As to the Blauvelt property I believe hi end housing possibly on a cul-de-sac would be attractive and obviously be ratables. but the houses on Soldier Hill are so ugly !!! I don't feel that we have the resources to rehab the Blauvelt property. It is in too far gone.
- 107 Better emergency and regular communication with residents is needed. The borough website should be up-to-date. Oradell-specific e-mail alerts should be available. Nixle delivers too much non-local info. I would like to feel like council meetings and elected officials are accessible and in touch with residents' wants and needs. I've seen the mayor and council be downright dismissive with residents who attend meetings. Even this survey was poorly communicated. Unacceptable given the \$14K price tag
- 108 Many friends with young children who have moved in the past 5 years have ruled out Oradell as an option due to the lack of a great downtown. This was not due to parking, but due to the lack of business that people actually want to frequent (bar/cafe), and the speeding cars that do not stop at crosswalks for pedestrians. I think that if speed limit & crosswalk laws were enforced and the funds used to put in a garden divider on Kinderkamack from Ridgewood Rd to Oradell Ave it would go a long way

- 109 I would like to see a lower speed limit on Kinderkamack in town and strictly enforced as well as yielding to pedestrian crossing strictly enforced. Encourage businesses that create foot traffic and make it more enjoyable to walk around. A grassed median with trees or flowers on Kinderkamack could contribute to the overall feel of the downtown as a place to walk around as well as a place to drive slower.
- 110 Garbage pick up at 7:01am on my street, why not alter what streets are LUCKY enough to get that wake up? I live near OPS, trucks have no business being near schools that early when people are leaving for work & trying to get kids to school PLUS dealing with school buses. Side streets bet KKK Rd & Prospect are used as speedways to avoid KKK traffic & lights. Parking on BOTH sides of these small streets is dangerous!
- 111 Saving the Blauvelt Mansion as a historic structure ALONG WITH THE FRONT LAWN and making the business area friendly to parking and restaurant use most important. Charging for parking would not allow us to compete with other towns with better business areas. Having the business district stretched along on road is a difficult situation but to must be solved. (Shopper shuttle along Kinderkamack road? Tough..)
- 112 Have passed by recreational facilities not being used but all lighting is on with no one using the facility,why?
- 113 Landscaping is bad, potholes are terrible wait time years away. Empty stores. No community events or pride. Library is closed more than open. Beer truck is annoying and unnecessary on 4th of July. Replace with music such as river edge.
- 114 Taxes are too high. All services should be consolidated. Town is too restrictive on zoning and permits for tax paying residents. The garbage dumpster at the recycling center should be put back into use. Why do the residents have to suffer the inconvenience. No need for a town council. They never accomplish anything and only over complicate simple issues.
- 115 Borough officials should reach out to residents to solicit and seek expert assistance from it's residents. I am sure most if not all would volunteer their expertise for the Borough.
- 116 We need more activities for the kids / teens. There weren't any questions regarding what we can add for the kids. Library hours on the weekends were already taken away this year. Are there any plans for the children.
- 117 LOWER PROPERTY TAXES !!!
- 118 For such an affluent community, our web site is ugly and not easy to follow; our downtown area and community board not inviting. Paint the hallways of our Borough Hall. Although it's an old building, it doesn't have to look neglected. Use Nixle to spread the word about this survey; I stumbled about it on northjersey.com. Finally, the borough calendar on the website is useless and confusing.
- 119 I would like to see more Job opportunities posted on the Oradell website
- 120 I would like to see the downtown updated and less vacant buildings. We need to get more businesses in town to lower the taxes paid by residents, or else the families and seniors will be priced out. We need to draw the younger families in by offering more programs. Let's look at Westwood Rec and see what we can offer similar to their programs. School parking is bear! What can we do about that? Yikes! What about school buses for working parents? the town is not conducive for working parents. TY
- 121 By Grant field it is very dangerous (intersection)crossing to the baseball fields from Grant Street A Pedestrian cross-walk is needed there with signs. The cars go very fast around the corner. Also if Oradell can have their own soccer recreation instead of merging with River Edge . (Too many kids)
- 122 The borough should encourage business to come to Oradell. We need restaurants and a local bar. The town needs a gathering spot.
- 123 Poorly framed questions in this survey. for instance, why are shuffleboard courts and checker boards positioned as for seniors and not all residents? Need more questions about restaurants, the town's single biggest deficit. Took 3 tries to complete this survey because of poorly functioning software.
- 124 Please keep the Oradell mansion as a historic property open to the public.
- 125 I would like to see several places along Kinderkamack Road put to better use because they are eye sores to the community. The locations include the corner of Ridgewood Ave. and Kinderkamack Road ( Where Felice's once was), the place where there used to be the tv repair shop; the abandoned gas station. Furthermore, we have way too many empty store fronts because of the crazy rents being asked of potential store owners. And lastly, the Blauvelt Mansion site should be paying property taxes.
- 126 Try treating the library and staff as if they are valued members of the town. Forcing only them among all the other employees to pickup health care and pension costs, and then complaining about their struggles to keep on budget, is ridiculous when you want to spend money on changing the town hall signage. Quit beating to death applications that come before the council from small community groups that need approvals. Charge all or none of the non profits that run community events.
- 127 Fix the roads, get tenants into empty stores, and allow children to walk around without being harassed by police officers. If I give my child permission to walk home after 11 pm it should not be a problem and my child should not be stopped. I have a heart condition and lots of times are too tired to drive and feel that my child walking home is sometimes safer than myself being behind a wheel....also whatever happens with the mansion, those people need to pay taxes
- 128 #1 issue is getting vacant stores filled. Talk to other towns: Westwood, Hillsdale, Ridgewood. Some of their ideas might work to get businesses, restaurants here in Oradell. Loosen up on all the rules and regulations! Oradell is still a very nice town but having a deserted downtown does not enhance our town.
- 129 I'd like to see vacant homes better maintained, esp. when "abandoned" or neglected for YEARS...real eyesore for all. The same with unused business sites on Kinderkamack. Pulling shades down does not block sight of animal nests and debris throughout building and/or deteriorating parking lots.
- 130 I really feel that fees should not be placed on residents to use our parks, playgrounds and courts. We pay enough in taxes that we should not be nicked and dime'd for everything we do within our town. I constantly see teenagers wondering around already. We need more free programs for them. The skating pond could use a rehab or a rink built- children and teens play hockey and make good use out of it and keep busy during the winter months I also don't like the Oradell Residents Only signs
- 131 You asked questions about services for children and for seniors but not for younger or middle aged adults. It makes me feel a bit neglected but is probably because there aren't many of us to cater to. Your question about a civilian police dispatcher did not ask us to assume the same effectiveness. I would potentially feel different knowing the service would be unchanged (though depending on what it would cost).
- 132 Having a train parking lot owned by the town played a large role in our decision to move to Oradell. I am very opposed to letting non Oradell residents use the commuter parking lot even at a fee. I would be VERY unhappy to see the parking situation change.
- 133 Everything obviously comes at a cost - i think that cost-saving measures need to be explored so that services can continue or improve with less of an impact on the pocketbook. This is a family town - which is why we decided to move here two years ago -- we need to keep it as a place where kids are safe and have things to do so that the town remains desirable to families (which will also keep home values up)
- 134 While I believe children and young families keeps this town vibrant, I fear it will be impossible to age in place because of the property tax burden that Seniors on fixed incomes have to bear. This can skew the population and result in age segregation.

- 135 Restaurants!! We love any town event that's held. Maybe hang up better signs to know about the events.
- 136 There is an urgent need to increase the library budget. It seems like the hours are constantly being reduced. When I first moved to Oradell there were Sunday hours. now we have reduced weekday hours! The amount of increased taxes should be minimal to bring back the full schedule. Lets do it!!
- 137 The Mayor and council need to fixed it!! Bring back Oradell to it's former glory and "Family Town". Currently we are far from it.
- 138 We should reach out to River Edge more. They are our neighbor. Sharing services between the towns can keep the taxes from increasing. Currently, their taxes are higher and they are paying more for their portion of River Dell costs.
- 139 Where is the money going if it's not going back into the town facilities and services. Not a good question!
- 140 Oradell's infrastructure of older homes and buildings is unique and historic preservation should be strongly encouraged both to increase property values and to attract individuals who want to live in an upscale community. This will, in turn, attract businesses and increase ratables. Our downtown is moribund and slowly dying. We must preserve what we have or die.
- 141 I would like to see some re-development in the downtown. We need a revitalization of the downtown which should include mixed use developments with higher end rental units above the ground level stores. Part of the planning should include re-zoning parts of Oradell Ave and selectively re-zoning streets which abut Kinderkamack Road to encourage development.
- 142 I recently watched a Zoning Board meeting on TV with regards to a variance for an addition that would exceed space allowance for the property in question. I do not personally know the applicant; however, I found the board to be very unprofessional in their demeanor when listening to a neighbor's concerns (smirking, rolling of the eyes, etc.). I expect the board members to be non-partial in everyway. I was disappointed - he had some valid issues. EG, BBQ pit under a tree? FIRE HAZZARD!
- 143 Have more input with the residents of Oradell!!!!!!!
- 144 I don't shop downtown because it's impossible to park. I've gotten parking tickets when I get my hair cut. This town doesn't help or support businesses.
- 145 I know there will be a share of single-minded, "fiscal hawks" responding but this is a wealthy, prosperous Boro with a high education and income level. My wife and I moved here for the idyllic quaintness of the town and the class and prosperous air it gives off. Raise my taxes before you turn it into a town of ticket-writing cops, parking meters, crumbling roads, shopping/office complexes, fast food blights, a poorly stocked/rarely-open library. Traffic is bad enough w/o more development.
- 146 Jays pharmacy strip mall needs to be re-done, at minimum new stucco, plus ~ 6' bushes/trees/fence to separate it from housing area And someone need to keep it clean - ticket violators
- 147 I would like the many ordinances in our town to be enforced. Residents need to be reminded that we live in a great town. Someone should survey our town and make note of issues that need to be resolved and a notice should be given to the homeowner.
- 148 There are a lot of empty storefronts along Kinderkamack Rd. The vacant store fronts consist of a small strip mall shops, a gas station and a few restaurants. It would be nice to have those properties restored and occupied. It would add to the overall appearance of the town. Side streets need to be re-paved, some are falling apart. Lastly a small local bar/restaurant like the park west tavern in Ridgewood would be a nice community addition.
- 149 Would like to see more open undeveloped space.
- 150 If you build it...they will come. Appearance is what attracts people first. Focus on making the downtown area more visually appealing as well as inviting to residents to visit and congregate. Work on balancing the tax contribution between River Edge and Oradell.
- 151 A better effort to encourage down town rehabilitation. There are too many empty stores.
- 152 Downtown commercial / retail improvement is vital. This is the pulse of where our town is moving and neglecting and/or allowing land owners to neglect their undeveloped properties to save on prohibitive tax rate is lunacy. This unites a town by bringing people out and should be a top concern for the Mayor who only berates residents in public meetings.
- 153 Need to get rid of the tight rules on Bars and restaurants. This is a good town but lacks a simple bar/ pub. They can be family themed and offer food. We currently leave the town to visits other towns with bar/restaurants
- 154 A nice restaurant downtown would be nice.
- 155 Please do not destroy the mansion on Kinderkamack road. Once it is gone, the town loses its unique identity. It can not be replaced.
- 156 do something about unsightly houses, overgrown trees on back yards. 47 poplar Ave.
- 157 Preserve historical sites..i.e. Hackensack Waterworks as well as Blauvelt Mansion
- 158 The library is a waste of tax payer dollars. That's just my opinion. The Oradell Town Hall is disgusting and a disgrace to our forefathers. Your are collecting a boat load of TAXES and where is the return on that? It always comes up in conversation on "where are our tax dollars are going". I know numbers and I have seen the budget and there is money there. It just needs to be managed better.
- 159 The reality is that the borough needs to cut costs and increase revenues. Cut cost by consolidating services with other towns - I don't like it either, but the old model is broken. Increase revenues by making downtown more small business friendly - I mean even River Edge puts us to shame. I agree that Kinderkamack road doesn't make a great Main Street, but we need more Cool Beans, Great Foods, Prime Meats and other small businesses that pay taxes. Otherwise let's bring in the big guys.
- 160 Oradell is a great community on the whole. The closed service station on KKK Rd. for 15+ years is an eyesore and unacceptable. Good quality restaurants will bring people from other communities who will return to shop at good quality shops. The Blauvelt Estate should be a jewel of the community and reflect its importance of history in town. Housing for persons with disabilities is essential to meeting the needs of community members. Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinions.
- 161 The town needs to do something to keep Third Street safer. The amount of cars racing down this street - especially rush hour - is getting out of control. The street is not safe, and there is no one in the town that cares except the residents. The speed bumps on First St. have caused this situation of cars cutting through Third, and those speed bumps were supposed to be temporary. There are many children on this block and something needs to be done ASAP, and the Mayor needs to care about this
- 162 YOU GET WHAT YOU PAY FOR! You can't get quality services and pay crap for it! Cutting services and regionalizing services save little for the taxpayer but cuts the high level of services we expect and made Oradell the great town it WAS, but it ain't no more cause it's like Union County now, No longer the great town it used to be for raising families. SHAME,SHAME, SHAME on the Mayor and Council!!!
- 163 Would like to have a larger selection at the summer farmers market; Would like to see a year-round indoor farmers market with a wide selection
- 164 The borough officials must take MORE control over services to maintain and improve services, and not outsource or consolidate with others, which will produce the opposite result. In addition, borough officials should look to protect and enhance the small town feel of the community and NOT make the mistake of expanding into more of a CITY feel.

- 165 We should strive to keep and improve on the small town charm and character of Oradell and discourage things like chain stores (Walgreens, Subway, Pizza Hut) parking meters and electronic signs. We should encourage a vibrant downtown area focused on interesting independent retail and food options like in Westwood or Ridgewood.
- 166 Taxes are too high, services are too low. It appears that the only way to fix a problem like this is merger/consolidation. In doing so, you would not lose the "small town feel," because the merger would be with another small town. The River Dell Police Dept, DPW, etc would still be small-town like. I moved here over 4 years ago from another Bergen County town and have been extremely disappointed with the poor services and increasing taxes here in Oradell.
- 167 Stop the garbage collectors from leaving garbage cans in the street. Cut down dead town trees and trim those that are threatening electric wires. Quicker replacement of town trees along the roadway. Reduce the lawn grading for new construction to prevent flooding on to neighbors property. Enforce town ordinances to prevent cars from parking on sidewalks by the driveways so people can use the sidewalks as designed.
- 168 What's the status of the Water Works project? Hard to find information.....
- 169 wish we had more restaurants & diversity in businesses
- 170 Need to upgrade downtown area, the gas station next to Hudson City Savings has been vacant for years. The zoning board is too tough and difficult on regular, small business preventing their establishment. though the Walgreen decision was correct. Need a pro business attitude with real business people on the zoning board.
- 171 Thank you for asking these questions. I am very concerned about our downtown area. We are not thriving or meeting the needs of the residents. We must encourage businesses to come to Oradell.
- 172 Wish Focus on downtown area is made to revitalize the town!
- 173 sharing police services and combining school districts is critical
- 174 Efforts to reduce the property tax rate would be greatly appreciated
- 175 Parking lots located near train station need to be monitored -- numerous out of town folks are using the spaces.
- 176 Oradell must learn that giving services and support does cost the taxpayers. You must live within means. We are stuck with cost increases we have to live with. You shouldn't add additional costs, even for the schools because they increase each year and add to our already burdened tax base.
- 177 Outside groups should pay for using borough facilities, not residents. Charging for field use will only mean we have to pay more in registration fees. Blauvelt Mansion space usage should not cost taxpayers more. Taxes have tripled in our years here but services have not improved 300%. Patrol streets around OPS during school hours more!!
- 178 I donated to the Library capital campaign to help fund the renovation of the library building; I find it deeply disappointing that the current library hours and expenditures for materials are substantially reduced from the funding levels that preceded the renovation. This survey is much too long; the questions are ambiguous and repetitive. I don't even know how I made it all the way through.
- 179 I would like to see more development of the downtown area. There is really no place to go out to eat in town. I don't want to see fast food restaurants rather family style pubs/restaurants where Oradell residents can gather and dine.
- 180 Consolidate, do away with ridiculous payout packages for retiring cops, put pressure on Trenton to give Judges more latitude in rejecting frivolous lawsuits by cops/ state workers that cost us a fortune and don't even punish, with termination, jail or other measures when the decision is not in their favor. Why do we have to pay for these lawsuits? 35 years, same company. Lucky to have a pension & a job & a paycheck every 2 wks.. Our cops & other state employees feels we owe them a living.
- 181 Save money by cutting number of police and the amount of fire equipment.
- 182 While I am very happy for all the events and activities that you do for children and teens, I find a lack of thoughtfulness in planning for location usage. When the playing field was installed in the Ridgewood Av park, care was taken in the field drainage but absolutely no care was taken with the area surrounding. Consequently when we have a lot of snow or rain, the paths around the field are often impassable. Others besides children and teams use that park. Why weren't our needs included?
- 183 Building permits-very difficult to receive.
- 184 This is a very poor survey
- 185 Focus on reducing costs to balance with the taxes we pay. Cost reduction!!!
- 186 need a more friendly building department and police department. they all work for us we all pay their salaries and with out us they would not have jobs
- 187 Restore all recent cuts to the library and improve library parking.
- 188 This is a different matter and I know Oradell is working to resolve the gross inequity between the school taxes paid by River Edge and Oradell involving River Dell, but we urge the Council to continue to fight for tax relief and fairness in this matter. Overall we think Oradell is a well-run community.
- 189 Pls refer to my previous statement
- 190 Love Oradell. If you decide to share garbage pickup services with Paramus, don't make us get those big black garbage cans. And don't let anyone mess around with the mansion or build on the lawn. You guys are smart, you'll figure out a way to preserve it. I want my kids to look at it 30 years from now and remember it just like I do.
- 191 To many empty buildings on Kinderkamack road. The town does not give a welcoming appearance. Must do something about Ridgewood and Kinderkamack... Put apartments on a second floor and retail on the first floor. Do not allow the owner of the buildings on Kinderkamack charge so much money for rent that retail or others can not or will not bring their business to town. Someone should find out why we do not have any businesses in town. Make the town more welcoming . Clean up Kinderkamack road!!!!
- 192 1. People who own businesses in Oradell often complain to customers about how difficult it was for them to open their businesses. We should try to generate walking traffic in the downtown area to attract more businesses and make it easier for them to open in town. The vacant buildings and spaces between them give passersby a terrible first impression of Oradell. 2. I would like the Library to again be open more evenings and on Sunday.
- 193 The volunteers that donate their time and/or expertise to the town should be appreciated, given a property tax rebate.
- 194 When it comes to community events, Oradell should focus on doing a few things well and modernizing them as opposed to trying to do too many things poorly, with small turnout- that ends up being a waste of resources. The Mayor and Council should focus on revitalizing the downtown to bring in more cafes, restaurants and attractive retail. Families flock to towns that offer modern, well organized events coupled with a place to eat/drink (i.e. Westwood and even Dumont).
- 195 There seems to be a lot of focus on things for seniors. Why not open activities to all groups in town. I think giant chess and checkers

and shuffle board would be great at the park, but why just the seniors? Also, DPW needs to be reevaluated. They seem to be the laziest employees in town. They have a very easy jobs, work great hours, yet if you talk to any of the all they do is complain. Also, I think the Police Dept needs to be redone, they are in there 24/7 , 365 and should not be cramped.

- 196 Thank you for asking and thank you for serving.
- 197 It's hard to believe a company was paid \$16000 for the setup of this survey. A waste of taxpayer money as it is difficult to read on cell phone. Could be the reason for such poor response
- 198 Would love consolidation of services with other towns to save money to lower tax burden. Also, what happened to the Beautification Committee? The town could look so much better with increased seasonal plantings. When I took the train to NYC, many people parked in the post office specified spots. Hoping that the police make frequent rounds to assess this. High parking structures built in town would be an enormous eyesore--suburban blight! Please don't have metered parking!
- 199 Please repair the curbs and sidewalks Please have less siren noise in parades and more bands!!
- 200 We are desperate need of more restaurants and bars. My family and I drive to Westwood, Ridgewood and other surrounding towns to dine out. Its very frustrating that we don't have a local place we can walk to with our family and gather with other friends in town.
- 201 Stop lowering speed limits! The Kinderkamack road 25 mpg zone does nothing for safety. Same for Oradell Ave 30. Should both be 35 mph like they used to be. Stop signs at elm and Bergen are useless. Stop messing with drivers for no reason
- 202 I would like to have the Oradell Swim club owned by the town so we can start to make some meaningful improvements with the facility and so we can compete with other local pool clubs.
- 203 i think Oradell is a great town. two year ago we moved and stayed within town because we like it so much. that said, the town is a red-tape nightmare. people dread having work done on their houses because town hall and inspectors make life so difficult. the mayor is vindictive. nothing is accomplished without a struggle. its a shame that town hall makes life so difficult.
- 204 Parking for Oradell Public School is horrible. Something needs to be done for drop off and pick up and the traffic that goes with it. The police need to stop bothering Oradell residents with parking issues when picking up their children. They pay their salary.
- 205 Investing in downtown is a plus. Lets bring in more business, restaurants, bars, etc. Is acquiring a liquor license part of the problem? Also lets invest in our parks and provide high quality facilities. The basketball courts haven't been updated in many years!
- 206 We would like to see something done with the wasteland at the old water company - make it an open space park that people can really enjoy. The building is an eye sore not to mention dangerous. I'm dumbfounded at the amount of money used to constantly restore it - note the roof repair which is already in shambles. Surely that money could better be spent maintaining an open space park, including a boat launch.
- 207 Please add additional funds to the library budget. The library building is beautiful and well used. It should be open on the weekends for those of us who cannot visit there during the week.
- 208 special events should be expanded to include senior dinners (either in or not in Oradell); trips for seniors to historic/cultural places; bring back carnival;
- 209 The people of Oradell need to be engaged with their government, and it's incumbent on the government, not the people, to be as transparent and effective as possible. Conflict of interest needs to be exposed and removed, so all Oradellians feel that their government is protecting their interests. Two political parties need to be restored to ensure checks and balances, and the improvement of borough facilities and services will naturally follow.
- 210 Oradell needs to "get with the times". The town is empty of stores because stores do not want to come to Oradell under the present circumstances and because there are so many restrictions. Taxes need to be lowered. If sports/events are charged for usage, it will be fairer, as not everyone plays sports or has young children in the town.
- 211 Kindly inform the results of this survey.
- 212 I have lived in for 58 years since passing ownership of the old Hackensack Water Co. Property to the County it has gone down hill. What do they plan on doing the place is a mess. When I was growing up the lawn and building we impeccably maintained by HWC. If the county has no plans to get this project going the building should be torn down and replaced with ratables to help lower the taxes. We shouldn't even consider the Blaulvelt property until HWC is resolved. Please clean up the Waite property
- 213 The town looks awful. Empty stores and shops??? There is nothing to do for adults after your children leave town. No bars, coffee shops, restaurants . Nothing that makes any one come and spend money in our community.
- 214 no
- 215 I would like to see a restaurant back in the building where Felices used to operate. It is a shame that the property is empty when the restaurant was frequently busy.
- 216 Thank you for conducting this survey. I feel that the most important aspect of it is what occurs after-the reporting of the results and the open dialogue (and the ample and open notice to the public) regarding several of these important issues. The survey itself has opened my eyes to issues that have been or are about to be discussed; I am interested in learning more about them and being a part of the conversation. Again, much thanks.
- 217 I pay an exorbitant amount of taxes and frankly am embarrassed by our baseball fields and other sports complexes. Other towns have much nicer fields, adequate seating with bleachers and working score boards. We spent a fortune on the Parcels field which is beautiful but put no thought into seating.
- 218 My taxes are way too high!
- 219 I think our downtown is suffering at the expense of antiquated regulations. It is a shame that many say they want to preserve the downtown but it has become an eyesore filled with vacant properties and lack of value added businesses. Most of us spend our dollars in surrounding towns for restaurants, food stores, etc because of the lack of variety. It would be nice to hear others come spend money in our town for a change and to keep us here. Additionally,
- 220 Police need to enforce driving laws. People continue to make their own rules will encourage accidents and death to people, pets. Better trash and recycle services
- 221 Lower taxes. Obey sunshine laws.
- 222 Emphasis on any of these decisions should be on reducing property tax burden, which is disproportionately large compared to surrounding areas.
- 223 I really hope to see progress in our town. Still has a lovely community, but offers NOTHING! Would like to see more Ridgewood influence in the downtown. We often talk of moving. Council really should attempt to go to River Dell BOE meeting and at least pretend to care about the schools and stop allowing River Edge board members recklessly spend Oradell's tax dollars. Ok, let's see. Good luck.
- 224 I don't think it's reasonable to survey residents about which services should be increased/decreased without providing an analysis of

the cost benefit of each change. People will be making decisions based on how much they currently like/use the service, not on how the service change will impact the community. Also, there was no place to mention how terrible the lower part of Kinderkamack Rd looks where Felice's was. Those empty house and buildings look TERRIBLE and no, I don't want a Walgreens.

- 225 The train schedule is awful. We like to go to the city via public transportation and there are not enough trains. Also unless you work a traditional schedule in the city you can't use the trains.
- 226 The Library is a critical part of the community and efforts should be made to ensure it's continuation as a resource-the fact that cuts have had to be made to programs, staff and hours is terrible-it should be on the same level of fire and police in terms of an important part of the Borough. The Borough needs to have serious discussions about how to incorporate senior and special needs housing into the community. They are integral to the vibrancy of the community and keeping valuable residents.
- 227 I believe you should have provided a survey unique to Oradell residents. Some of the items are too vague and/or confusing. That is probably why most residents have not taken the survey. Most of the residents are smart people and they took one look at the questions and figured it wasn't worth taking their time to reply. It's a shame because it was a great idea.
- 228 Obtaining a variance for a small home improvement project is a frustrating endeavor for the Oradell homeowner, in my opinion. The library communicates better with residents than Borough Hall. They use the internet more efficiently.
- 229 Please do something with the Oradell slum, namely ridge wood ave to. Martin(haglers to Hudson city bank) very embarrassing to the town!!!
- 230 Crosswalks. Please do something to discourage drivers from ignoring the laws. Trains - do they have to run ten in a row up in the middle of the night and lean on the horns?
- 231 Seems there are a lot of questions about parking on Kinderkamack, but none address the fact that many of the perfectly usable spots were lost years ago when crosswalks were painted excessively all over town. The fact that there are now only 2 spots in front of the Jay's/Schreibers plaza is ridiculous. Restore Kinderkamack and let people figure out how to cross the street on their own. They should be able to handle it.
- 232 I am opposed to major commercial development as traffic on Kinderkamack Road is already a problem. I am in favor of tasteful retail development, small medical offices, and much better restaurants. Large scale medical facilities, senior facilities, rehab facilities would not be a welcomed addition, nor would a Walgreens scenario. I also oppose what the water company planned for their site for similar reasons. I favor knocking down the current "historical" water property for recreational site.
- 233 People should not be allowed to build homes that do not fit in with the other homes on the block.
- 234 why are there so many vacant stores in Oradell ? The zoning board has too much power
- 235 I think the Borough should use alternate ways to raise money for field maintenance - i.e. allow more adds on fences. There where many questions about seniors - I'm all for giving them many opportunities for fun & assistance. I firmly believe that more should be done for the kids in the town - tweens, teens, stronger summer rec programs, and better pool programs (link town and pool). Kids need safe outlets, particularly the older they get.
- 236 Please try to get Oradell restaurants with outdoor dining during the warm months. I've been told that Oradell has a reputation for being business unfriendly. I believe this to be true.
- 237 We need to encourage more businesses to set up shop downtown. The hollowing out of that area is a blight on our town!
- 238 Make an EFFORT to ATTRACT businesses "downtown". Not drive them away or try to micromanage what type of businesses want to be in Oradell. How long did it take and how many hoops did the Subway restaurant jump through to open? The ghost town appearance is a disgrace compared to functioning towns like HoHoKus, Allendale, Glenrock or other comparably sized boroughs.
- 239 Don't make receiving permits for home repair such a hassle.
- 240 TENNIS COURT LIGHTS SHOULD BE REPAIRED AS MANY ARE NOT WORKING OR ARE MISDIRECTED. ALSO, THERE SHOULD BE ACCESS TO HS FIELD FROM DELFORD AVE GATES - IMPOSSIBLE FOR THOSE LIVING ON THIS SIDE OF TOWN TO GET EASY ACCESS TO FIELD.
- 241 Road maintenance is extremely poor. Beechwood Rd and Schlomann Drive are completely disintegrating. DPW just throws asphalt in some of the ruts which only makes it worse. The town ordinance on overnight parking is not enforced, same with parking commercial vehicles on the street or driveway overnight.
- 242 listen to your constituents. please take the initiative on something. What have you done in the last 5 years?
- 243 Pavers and nice lampposts do not attract people to a downtown area. A interesting array of shops do. The current downtown is not "dense" enough for people to make a special trip. Downtowns that have closely built stores (Ridgewood, Westwood, Englewood, Teaneck), make a trip worthwhile. I do not envision the populace of Oradell condoning "building up" the downtown.
- 244 I am quite concerned about the decrease in library hours and the impact on the educational opportunities, especially for our youth. The library has always been a central source for community and learning. We need to find ways to increase funding for the library and restore the hours and opportunities that abound there. As the usage of technology increase, the library is the best place for development of fair informational access. Consolidation of the 3 school systems would save tons of \$.
- 245 Thanks for the good things you do for this community. Over the past 30years .I have seen the downtown Kinderkamack area go from thriving businesses to a rundown ghost town. There is nothing appealing about coming here. My taxes climbed from \$3,000 to \$16,000 and the town is not nearly as nice as it was then. It's sad to see this decline in such a beautiful & historic community. I anticipate another year here before moving to a town with lower taxes and without shuttered stores.
- 246 The administrative staff needs to be more efficient, the police need to be more friendly/customer service minded, the building department needs to be more collaborative/customer friendly; we need more library hours and the town needs to stop accommodating all of the requests from the seniors!
- 247 I've been a member of the Paramus pool club for so many years because their facility is much better & cheaper even for a non resident. Why cant Oradell do the same. Why cant the town do something so there is no bond required from the private pool owners.
- 248 I wish the Oradell web site was more useful and showed future months activities. There are no agendas posted for the Mayor and Council meetings, Planning and Zoning Boards. Some of the Committee are blank or wrong.
- 249 Thank you for all you do for the residents of Oradell. I would like to see the old gas station near Cooper Avenue remediated; it is an eye-sore and the storefronts between Cooper and Ridgewood Avenue rented and fixed up. Also, is there a house on Ridgewood Avenue that has been abandoned? Bushes all grow over in front of house.
- 250 Oradell is a nice town. Leave well enough alone. Some things are better left alone (the wooden sign in Schirra park, do we really need an ugly electronic sign? C'mon...focus on what needs to be done...Blauvelt, Waterworks, lost trees...and what about the "park" on the corner of Kinderkamack and soldier Hill?)
- 251 Police should be more polite to women, not talk down to us. Council is too close-minded to suggestions they personally don't support, If I want to bring up a new issue, I have to wait through the entire meeting. Many groups let single issues be considered first.

252 consider fixing DPAC grounds.

253 I'm concerned about so many vacant stores along Kinderkamack. I also would like the town to explain why the former gas station on Cooper and Kinderkamack has been vacant for so many years. It has become an eyesore. Is there any way to revive that spot?

254 Provide physical exercise programs for seniors.

255 survey was too long

256 End the excess Sewer usage charge for Apartment complexes. It is grossly unfair to treat them as if they are one big single family residence. Each apartment should be treated as a separate residence.

257 Not enough lighting at night by schools and on roads. Road repair sucks. Snow removal sucks because they always block your driveway and make you late for work that way. NEED speed bump on Grant Ave in between 1st St and Oradell Ave along the curve closest towards 1st St. Road repair ON 1st St, the intersection of 1st St Grant Ave and Country Club Drive.

258 Borough officials need to update rules and regulations and keep up with the times. The town is living in the past and many regulations are way outdated. It is virtually impossible to do business in Oradell. The town is not only business unfriendly, it is unwilling to bend to meet the needs of its residents and business owners.

259 yes keep borough hall as he center of town and provide for an outreach program for established businesses to open satellite offices in Oradell

260 You need to get businesses on Kinderkamack road and get rid of the eyesores....empty gas station, empty Felice, empty store fronts, etc. You need to extend the library's hours and services - it meets the needs of the young and the old and it is a shame that its budget is continually shorted; finally reduce property taxes - by bringing in new businesses/ratables and working to cut costs of schooling. Don't use this survey as a reason to increase taxes.

261 I look forward to hearing about the results of this survey and action steps planned by the borough as a result of the residents' concerns.

262 The question in "What is your role.." should be husband/wife or another male/female. Create a Historic Committee to preserve Oradell's old houses. Do not encourage building additional apartments as more people require more services and Oradell will become more crowded. We need open spaces.

263 I like to watch various town meetings on OPTV. It would be very helpful if you could access agendas on the town website the day of the meeting.

264 I'd like to see Oradell return to the small hometown that it once was. People who supported themselves and their families rather than rely on government handouts. Good shops downtown rather than the establishments that have taken over. People walking home from the train or catching a ride with a neighbor. A town proud of its history, including the Blauvelt Mansion. An emphasis on being an all-American hometown rather than a landing spot for immigrants who can't speak or understand English.

265 Will the results of this survey be available fpr public viewing?

266 Do what you can to allow senior to continue to live in a town where they brought up their children.

267 If taxes continue to rise at the current rate, I may have to move out of Oradell after living here for over thirty- five years.

268 The Oradell Swim club fees are too high.

269 we need to bring this town into the 21 century...enough with the nail salons, etc,!

270 I'm not in favor of changes that would increase the town budget. Will sharing services save Oradell money? We shared garbage pickup with Paramus one year. How did that turn out? I realize our borough officials have a very difficult job. I thank them for their service.

271 Increase the amount of money in the library budget. It's an essential service to our community.

272 The senior van is only available two days a week when it is not in repair or used for senior meetings and never at night. It previously was available for the Bergen county players on Thursday night free shows for seniors. Not any more.

273 This town, albeit very nice, works on a 1950's mentality. Time for this town to realize what other towns have - it's ok to change and be progressive. School is lagging other towns of same socio-economics in reading and math, recreational programs are practically non-existent, and downtown businesses are very unappealing.

274 Be nice. Don't make everything a hassle in this town. Many of the citizens of this town work longer hours and don't get all the holidays that boro employees get.

275 If we don't offer facilities and programming for teens then we should be prepared for them to get into trouble. They need outlets and there is currently a dearth of them. They are vulnerable to being misled. Why no mention of making the old water company property useable and open for use?

276 Need a new borough administrator.

277 Police, Fire and DPW: Never consolidate, never shared services, never cut. Doesn't get better and differentiates Oradell. Blauvelt: End the insanity. People should buy it if they want it. Zero value to the residents. Parking: enforce permit at train station. NO lottery, wait list or fee for residents. School funding: keep up the fight. Put second level on OPS and tell RE they can have RDHS. Library: budget needs to be cut drastically. how many people even use it? need more than 500 spaces

278 This survey is very poorly designed--many questions are too ambiguous. You can be dissatisfied with the library hours, but satisfied with the service, but that option isn't available. Maybe I would support artificial turf if the reasons for it were explained.

279 I will just reiterate my main opinions: 1) Add busing to schools. Families would be willing to pay for it! 2) do not allow the Mansion to be torn down 3) do something about the abandoned/empty stores and old gas station on k-mack. It's an embarrassing eyesore. Thank you.

280 People to not stop for pedestrians at train station. Accident waiting to happen! Have police stand and give out tickets. It's the law.

281 Hope we hear results of this survey!

282 as a resident since 1951, I'm very proud of my home town. My only point of dissatisfaction involves the speed and frequency snow removal trucks go past my house on Oradell Ave. They throw snow 15 to 20 feet on my sidewalk driveway and front lawn. I'm too old to shovel every time they come by and too poor because of property taxes to hire someone. really my major complaint and a serious one.

283 The Zoning Board too easily approves variances. Variance were established with good cause for the benefit of the entire town. When the Zoning Board allows an applicant to bypass a variance (no matter how small), they should have a VERY good reason -- feeling sorry for, knowing the applicant, or saying that "it is just a small infraction" is NO reason to approve a variance. I've seen too many large additions being built on small lots. Allowing this infringes on the neighboring property!!

- 284 - No time to read a message board at one traffic light. Eliminate it completely. - Nixle works, bring it back. - Create a non emergency form of Nixle for other non-emergency Boro news. - DPW customer service?!? Ha! - Dissolve RiverDell, create one board of Ed instead of 1 1/2 and save money! - When a house is sold, the sidewalks must be inspected and repaired. (just like New Milford, great idea!) - Build a roller hockey rink that can be flooded in the winter. (or maintain the ice ponds!)
- 285 Start trimming and removing all the dead trees that fall every storm.
- 286 Consider making the mansion, town hall ....and the current town hall the senior center. Work with current businesses. Don't be so strict about small issues like signs etc. Perhaps combine senior services with River Edge since River Edge is currently making big decisions on how to support their seniors.
- 287 improving the downtown Kinderkamack road is a MUST. we need to attract upscale large businesses like Starbucks, Cosi, Gap, Chiccos, Alex & Ani, Ihop, CVS, Walgreens, Pub's, wine shops, Au Bon Pan. we need to become a food and retail town!!!!
- 288 The town should support the swim club in as many ways as possible. The pool could be made a "municipal pool" like the Paramus pool. This would make it more affordable/desirable for more people to join. Usage of the Oradell and River Edge tennis courts should be a "shared" service (as is membership to the Oradell or River Edge pools already is). Bocce courts should be installed in town.
- 289 Ridgewood, Westwood, Tenafly, Wyckoff, Ramsey... All great towns that we have to drive to to have a decent meal.. We are a busy working family and would LOVE to be able to put this money into our own town. The group of Oradell residents that are in my circle (OPS parents) are all perplexed as to why we cant have a Bacari Grill in our own town. For heavens sake, we dont need a Subway or nail salon or Walgreens or bank, give us a good meal with a glass of wine and this town would be great!!!!
- 290 I would like to see downtown zoning changed, earn more tax revenue and let residences have an opportunity to have more retail/restaurant choices. I always leave Oradell to do shopping, eating out. We need more nice local restaurants and adding something like Walgreens or gap stores can be very tastefully done. We don't really have a downtown center...it doesn't attract people to go there. So many store fronts are useless to me except a few. Let's create a smaller Westwood or Ridgewood
- 291 It's a good start. However, order to formulate policy, the responses to this survey will need to be expanded - there are degrees of actions which cannot be limited to multiple choice responses to questions.
- 292 Email vs print question : my email address is jkloria@gmail.com Yoga and other classes should be offered for all adults, not just seniors. We pay pretty high property taxes, what can we reform instead of charging new fees and taxes all the time.
- 293 It would be nice if our trash and recycling containers were not thrown into the streets after they were emptied. I have witnessed this, it is unsanitary and dangerous for cars driving in the road. It might be helpful for shoppers not from the area, if there were "decorative" signage directing cars on Kinderkamack Rd. to the parking lots behind the businesses.
- 294 Great idea doing this survey. Try not to skew results to justify things we don't need. Use it as a gauge of feedback from residents. You should have a series of open forums.
- 295 I like the preservation of historic architecture. The charm and character are intangibles that create an atmosphere that can't be measured in terms of dollars. Nevertheless, the value is real and should be fostered for the long-range good of a community. I am completing this on my friend's computer. She submitted her responses a month ago.
- 296 I enjoy living here but It would be nice to have a more occupied downtown. There are many stores unoccupied by Ridgewood Rd that need to be refurbished and make the town look livelier. I love the small town feel of Oradell and would like to keep it that way but would like to see another restaurant (like Felices) and some more variety other then a nail salon or bank.
- 297 I feel like there shouldn't be more incentives for families to move to Oradell because of the severe overcrowding that Oradell Public School has had to put up with. I feel that the small class sizes have been beneficial for the students.
- 298 I think the facilities and services in our town are adequate and perhaps can use a little upgrading
- 299 i know this survey is important but is was MUCH TOO LONG and repetitive.
- 300 See earlier comments.
- 301 one town publication abbreviated Kinderkamack Rd. as KKK Road.....not the best of choices. Rear lighted signage should be allowed for business; otherwise, you get the appearance of a trailer park.
- 302 You need to make this more community and kid friendly. When the community gets involved things go a lot smoother and make it more fun to live
- 303 Don't fix what aint broke. We love the look of this town. If newcomers don't like it find somewhere else to live. Don't change us!
- 304 Clean up Kinderkamack Road; people driving into town see vacant stores and unkempt properties. Speaking of unkempt do something about the ramshackle pump house. It's a disgrace to the town. Also a disgrace are the many unkempt houses in this town. Lawns are not mowed, weeds grow rampant, newspapers collect in driveways. Town officials need to monitor these situations to better maintain what they call "the character of the town." Many towns have a code enforcement official. Oradell needs one.
- 305 Youse care but we need to be rid of River Dell & River Edge pronto. If we go with a civilian we don't need another Cop on patrol we just need 1 less Cop. Lights dimmed @ 9:45 & out @ 10:00pm @ the Ridgewood Ave. field. No booze for the Swim Club, please. Finally could the STREET, not Curb, sweeper do a better job @ the end of my block, Commander Black, where we enjoy 100s of feet worth of run-off refuse which collects @ the end by Oradell Ave. but is never cleaned, the sweeper fails to "circle".
- 306 I hope that the Mayor and Town Council will approach the future of Oradell with vision and intelligence. No longer should they say, "That is private property. We can do nothing about it." If every ruling body of our town had taken that attitude, Oradell would be worse off than it is. We need to spend money to develop our downtown area in a good, historically respectful way. Aggressively approach building owners and developers and force them to initiate plans. Raise taxes on languishing land
- 307 I feel that this survey had very ambiguous questions that were difficult to answer. Clearly you are looking for certain opinions and answers. I also don't understand why agendas for Mayor and Council meetings cannot be available online day of the meeting. It would be extremely helpful for those of us who watch the meetings online
- 308 Survey is much too lengthy. Should be issued in a segmented basis. What are your minimum response number or ratio for this survey to have any validity on town policy? What was the cost of the survey? Why wasn't the survey communicated with the mayors July 4letter in paper form (and through other means) such that the responses could be received by all residents, including non computer users?
- 309 I cannot stress how important I think it is to improve the downtown area with more restaurants. More trees would also liven up the area. Also, there really should be a left turn arrow when making a left from Oradell Kinderkamack to Oradell Ave - both directions. there are so many empty storefronts- which is horrible. we need to encourage small businesses to open. i also feel the swim club needs better hours and revamping. love farmers market and library. need to revamp park on Bergen Blvd.
- 310 1. A Turn Arrow for southbound Kinderkamack drivers turning left on Oradell Ave. 2. A great restaurant/pub in town (think Ho Ho Kus Inn). Best place would be at current Bank of America site (can they be convinced to relocate?) 3. Downtown buildings need serious freshening up! And fill up all those vacancies! It's been years in many cases! 4. Encourage pedestrians on Kindekamack with more traffic lights and lower speed limits, wider sidewalks, nice-looking crosswalks, & trees!

- 311 The number of healthy food choices are quite limited in Oradell. Other than Great Foods, which is fabulous, there really aren't any other healthy places to get lunch or dinner. Adding Fast Food such as Subway adds zero value to the town and I actually think it cheapens the downtown area. We could also use a nice restaurant or two so that we don't always have to constantly travel to other towns to go out for dinner.
- 312 An electronic sign would ruin the beauty and unique qualities of Oradell. Oradell is a special place and should remain free of large scale development. Oradell is a family, multi-generational town. I am proud to live here!
- 313 Lead...Don't follow.
- 314 Tree lined streets are great, but more direction needs to go into where they plant them. Many blocks have trees on the Pole sides and gaps on the open sides. Tree root space planting requirements should be provided (See trees set back on Kinderkamack next to the tennis courts. They have space to grow to provide the necessary support
- 315 The recreational parks need to be kept up better. We are at them on a regular basis for sports and see garbage on the ground all the time. Looks very unkempt in that regard.
- 316 There should be a tax break for seniors who do not have children or grandchildren in the school system. There seems to have been a cut back in street sweeping in the borough.
- 317 We need more downtown activity at night -restaurants would definitely help restore night life to area- I would encourage that type of development.
- 318 Playground in Memorial field offers no shade from sun, the mulch is always full of trash and needs replacing annually. There are other solutions - rubber mulch surface, installing permanent, tent like structures. I have seen them in other towns in NJ and across USA, can borough look at these options? It is the only playground in Oradell for kids. Demolishing Blauvelt Mansion, even though it appears to need extensive repairs, seems preposterous!