

Q9 If you would like to add comments that would help us better understand issues, or suggest ways of improving the three communities, please add them below.

Answered: 213 Skipped: 392

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Change the attitudes towards the town and the people in it.	8/9/2019 10:37 AM
2	Mike: 724-	8/9/2019 10:35 AM
3	Help for low income residents to improve properties they are renting. for instance my dumpster on Garfield Street is next to my building. It smells horrific and I cannot leave my windows open because the smell comes in my apartment. We need a new dumpster. There is no writing on the dumpster to know who to contact. Trying to get the landlord to give you information is like pulling teeth. There is a little store attached to my building. I am very anxious that IF it will open again. People will start hanging outside there, children well throw candy wrappers all over the sidewalk/people will be throwing cigarettes. I'm allergic to cigarettes and I already have to pick up my neighbor's cigarettes because they are too lazy to throw them away. It would be nice if some kind of community agency incentive office would go in there instead. Attached to 85 Garfield St.	7/28/2019 3:47 AM
4	We would really enjoy more small businesses.	7/24/2019 10:24 AM
5	Do something with Heights Plaza, knock it down, put in senior high rises, offer services to seniors such as a shuttle bus so they can shop. Stop raising my taxes, you're putting me in the poor house for schools I have absolutely no use for.	7/19/2019 12:35 PM
6	Need more police presence. Need them to do their jobs.	7/15/2019 9:49 AM
7	Would love to see the Tarentum Roller Skating Rink improved and renovated. It's great to keep kids out of trouble.	7/15/2019 9:46 AM
8	Really enjoy the activities for kids like the Octoberfest, December parade and Easter egg hunt.	7/15/2019 9:42 AM
9	The people are great!	7/15/2019 9:40 AM
10	Appoint an advisory group to the school board. They don't have enough business sense to adequately represent us.	7/10/2019 10:05 AM
11	Improve quality of education.	7/10/2019 10:03 AM
12	Fix entrance and put signs for people pulling out on the street.	7/10/2019 10:02 AM
13	More locally owned businesses and restaurants.	7/10/2019 10:01 AM
14	Change laws to clean up our town. Clean up Heights Plaza.	7/10/2019 10:00 AM
15	Keep up the good work.	7/10/2019 9:58 AM
16	Appreciate the work our commissioners are doing.	7/10/2019 9:56 AM
17	Please check the road on Central Street. From Lengel coming down o the right, Central needs to be repaved.	7/10/2019 9:55 AM
18	I hope the negative perception of the school district changes.	7/10/2019 9:48 AM
19	People need to be more diligent about taking care of their property (grass cutting, sidewalk maintenance, snow removal).	7/10/2019 9:47 AM
20	Tear down dilapidated buildings.	7/10/2019 9:41 AM
21	It seems like it's getting better over the years.	7/10/2019 9:40 AM
22	We are a great community, everyone young and old need to work at it,	7/10/2019 9:38 AM
23	Have the Heights Plaza restored soon.	7/10/2019 9:34 AM
24	Get the plaza back to where it was before. Elderly citizen housing.	7/10/2019 9:32 AM

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25	clean up slum lords & sec 8, get rid of drug sluts	7/6/2019 4:43 AM
26	Notification of issues and events by text or email. Don't feel there is communication tool available. Website is not very informative	7/1/2019 4:51 PM
27	It would be good if Harrison worked harder to get businesses into the old Heights Plaza - it's an eyesore just because the majority of it is vacant. It's nice to see that the playgrounds in Tarentum, Brackenridge and Natrona are well kept and have been renovated or expanded in recent years. Tarentum seems to be working hard to encourage new small businesses, and their river front park is beautiful. All communities need to work on transportation - Port Authority of Allegheny County has cut the routes to this area almost to non-existence - fight for people who need to use public transportation rather than submit to PAT bus decisions	6/30/2019 6:51 PM
28	Considering the current state of these three municipalities, we must begin to seriously evaluate consolidation of services (i.e. fire, EMS, police, municipal workers, etc) We can no longer continue to live in our silos and allow history to dictate the future. In addition, resources must be dedicated to blight - this is consuming our communities.	6/24/2019 7:07 AM
29	Hidden gem to the valley	6/19/2019 7:55 AM
30	Slow down traffic through Harrison Township before someone gets seriously injured or killed.	6/18/2019 3:08 AM
31	We need younger people and small business. We have great access to parks and the river. We need to lure younger people from the city with a more affordable cost of living and small town feel.	6/14/2019 9:14 AM
32	Small businesses should be helped not stopped by zoning hurdles. How many small businesses in Harrison are turned away, by not allowing business to rent floors / spaces of their buildings. Harrison has the highest fees and unreasonable requirements. They say it is per PA rules, but none of the other local communities use the requirements. Harrison has an application for tenants to rent a house, if you have a desirable house. But Natrona, Sheldon Park and Village Green doesn't have that requirement because you can't screen Gov't subsidized housing. But a house by the golf course or Oak Mannor, Harrison wants approval and the \$10/sq ft fees. Highlands school should not be busing in students from the gang areas. The woman shelter brings them in and puts them up in shelter housing for 30 days. And moves them into houses so then the abusers move in with them. Highlands went from 90 - 95% of the graduates going to college or other education, now it is free lunches. It is not an inviting school district. Why would anyone with kids want to move here? Freeport, Knock or Burrell would be a better option for young family. Drugs and crime are increasing in all of the communities. Need more police that are allowed to patrol and stop those out on the streets late night or cars with inspection / license issues. More officers to back up those patrolling. There needs to more of a presence on the streets. Especially at night. Budget for patrolling officers and gas for cruisers. They need to be out when the bars are letting out. Twenty-somethings that are causing issues should be stopped without residents calling 911. Entrapment laws around bars, there are ways around it. Patrolling officers with windows down would hear screaming, load noises and should be able to respond without a 911.	6/14/2019 12:53 AM
33	Better care of roads.	6/13/2019 7:55 PM
34	Why aren't the roaming of cats and keeping your grass cut enforced ?? Many complaints but nothing done.	6/13/2019 3:13 PM
35	I feel like improvement needs to start with the school district. Without a positive attitude towards the schools in our community, people will just continue to move out of the district and we will not attract new people/students.	6/13/2019 10:46 AM
36	We need to bring an anchor store back to the Heights Plaza. People need a reason to come here. Right now, I can't think of one. We are back to traveling to Greensburg or Monroeville if we'd like to experience some shopping. Something like Kohls and a store that offers an experience (for example, a Lego store/Build-a-Bear, indoor Mini-Golf or something like that) and UNIQUE eating places....something other than more fast food. If it is fast-food, how about a Chic-Fil-a-??? Something different. We literally have 3 burger places within one mile - Wendys, McDonalds & Burger King. I would never eat at any of those places. If it wasn't for the library, I'd really never have a reason to go near the Plaza. As a kid, the plaza was the heart of our community....now it is just so sad and depressing to ride through. On a positive note, I really appreciate the group that is organizing things for Harrison Twp!!!!!! It is about time we have a Christmas parade in Natrona Heights again!! And the touch-a-truck and Fall Harvest evens are absolutely the best! My family attends each and every one of these type of events! It is a perfect way to run into and meet people in your community. So very thankful for those that take the time to organize and run such events. Thank you thank you thank you!!! :)	6/12/2019 6:24 PM

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37	The only thing that would truly help these communities is to get rid of all of the low income housing centers that exist in Natrona Heights and in West Tarentum. Our townships sealed our fate when they accepted those centers. And Harrison Township was foolish to accept not only one (Sheldon Park), but TWO (Village Green). A community is only as good as the people who reside in it. And to this day Allegheny County continues to shift local people from these centers to Pittsburgh and brings the Pittsburgh gangs, etc. up to our area in their place. That is great for Pittsburgh, but is destroying our area! You can make all of the plans you want for recreation, etc. but nothing will change as long as our local governments continue to let those three low income housing centers in our communities. This is the same reason that our school District (Highlands) continues to dive lower and lower into the school ratings in the state of Pennsylvania. When you ask yourself what has changed between the time that I attended Highlands (1970's) and today and the answer is the people brought up here from other areas into our housing centers. Harrison Township sold it's soul to the devil when they agreed to take on TWO low income housing centers	6/12/2019 2:22 PM
38	Consolidate municipal services - merge local governments.	6/12/2019 10:43 AM
39	What annoys me with living in these neighborhoods is the redundancy of not only governments but also emergency services, which is were a large majority of our tax dollars go to support. The 3 communities would most benefit from sharing services in order to make them more efficient and also less of a burden on taxing citizens. The 3 communities are paying 3 Police Chiefs while funding overlapping coverage, we are also trying to support and staff 7 Volunteer Fire Departments, and utilize 2 separate EMS agencies all while being less than 10 square miles.	6/12/2019 10:24 AM
40	-- Need to "rein in" the "deplorables" who are housed in public housing areas. Those areas used to be very nice, respectable areas for our lower income and elderly to live. Now, they are dangerous, drug infested areas. Residents there should be more fully "vetted" by the housing authority - and offenders should be prosecuted!! -- Need to implement some sort of incentive for businesses to come and to stay in Harrison. The Heights Plaza is pitiful - except for a few businesses, it sits empty. There is no where to go to buy something at a department store - a dress for a wedding, good pair of shoes, gifts - Walmart doesn't qualify. Smaller businesses such as Community Market, J&S Pizza, etc should be promoted by the township. Unless you want fast food, pizza, or a bar, there are no restaurants to speak of. -- Living here all of my life, I'm so disappointed in the decline of the area. Freeport Road used to be a lively place. One was never afraid to go out after dark, or to visit with your neighbors. The area seems so blighted right now, that I'm not sure what can be done. Improving "walking trails" like Silver Lake??? Come on - that's not what we need - I'm sure there are grant monies that could be obtained for other projects that would better benefit the community at large. Our commissioners say they want to "work for the community" - it's more like they want to work for what's best for them and a small sector of the population "known at the boy's club". If my elderly parents were not still here and needed someone close, my husband and I would be looking to relocate - that perhaps may happen at some point, as Harrison is not the place where I grew up anymore.	6/11/2019 6:14 AM
41	We need places for teenagers to go	6/11/2019 5:24 AM
42	We need to continue to welcome families and professionals here, as well as keep Daltons Edge and Community Life thriving for seniors; keep developing the waterfront areas and trails as much as possible. I've lived most of my adult life in New Kensington and Lower Burrell...moving here was the best move I could've made. There's so much promise here to revive these communities. Thank you.	6/10/2019 1:07 PM
43	We need to spur some economic development. Look for economic development grants. Take advantage of closeness to route 28.	6/9/2019 11:03 AM
44	Better planning	6/8/2019 3:55 PM
45	I would just like to see more people moving in instead of more housing getting abandoned. It's a shame because it is a nice area!	6/7/2019 1:29 PM
46	Utilities are really expensive (solar and renewable energy should be thought about). Our organization Generations House of Worship would like to contribute to our community or help in any way we can. We can volunteer our services.	6/6/2019 6:24 PM
47	In Natrona Heights, if I see another fast food restaurant or gas station, I'm going to scream.	6/6/2019 6:20 PM
48	Get egos out of the way so the three communities can get together.	6/6/2019 6:11 PM
49	We need a borough manager, not just a borough secretary.	6/6/2019 6:07 PM

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50	Need to turn minds, conversations more toward vision for a positive future. All need to see and value inter-connections. All need to support each other work together, not compete. End negative attitude and complaining. Improve community spirit.	6/6/2019 6:03 PM
51	Pot holes in the bridge. The 6th St Road in Brackenridge needs repaved.	6/6/2019 5:49 PM
52	Lift the ordinance against volunteer hose company #1 Natrona	6/6/2019 5:45 PM
53	We'd like to see Natrona have an active fire company to revise social awareness and provide intervention.	6/6/2019 5:43 PM
54	Corbert Corner needs revitalized.	6/6/2019 5:36 PM
55	There is a homeless issue (no shelter). Not enough support for families.	6/6/2019 5:33 PM
56	ATI road are bad from trucks, dirt, etc. Air quality!	6/6/2019 11:39 AM
57	Roads need fixed	6/6/2019 11:35 AM
58	The school district is atrocious!! Teachers bully kids, kids bully each other, there are fights or kids get hurt and parents aren't even notified. The teachers do not care if a student is failing. There is ZERO communication. I am seriously considering moving because of the school district. Downtown Tarentum is depressing. Soo many empty buildings, no where really good to eat now that the cycle diner is closed. Drugs are out of control! Drug deals done at the top of the stairs from 7th ave. The plaza is empty and literally falling apart. I remember when it was a bustling place. Now it just looks like garbage.	6/5/2019 6:24 PM
59	1. Fix roads. (6th ave especially) All of the people in the community use the road. It's been years that it's been horrible and neglected for too long. 2. Give an option in winter for people to move their cars for snow plowing. Or make it mandatory...either way. 3. Put up ANOTHER (maybe more serious) sign or have authorities monitor the abundance of illegal left hand turns into DunkinDonuts. It causes traffic jams and ive seen at least 6x that someone waved someone in and almost got hit by the 2nd lane.	6/5/2019 11:22 AM
60	Confidence in the school district should be one of the main focuses. Without a positive school system, many people will be looking to leave these communities.	6/5/2019 9:36 AM
61	A. The police and EMS services here are really great. We are fortunate that we don't have large scale crime like some other areas. Thank you B. Keep pushing for the Erie to Pittsburgh rail trail development through the area. I've seen great economic benefits in other trail communities along with the health can recreation benefits for the local population. C. Find some incentives to bring new businesses here. We are close to the city, it's affordable. and there are properties and land available. D. Keep up the great work of involving the community. We have to improve the area together!	6/5/2019 7:15 AM
62	The school board needs to go!	6/4/2019 3:55 PM
63	there needs to be better communication. many individuals do not have computers in this area. Also would be nice to have an official community center and senior center. Having these offer educational, recreational, and social events.	6/4/2019 5:33 AM
64	Less lining of the pockets	6/4/2019 4:45 AM
65	The police have an authoritarian complex and stop and harass far too many people carrying out their normal lives. I got a welcome to the borough 6 or 7 years ago when I moved in by police harassment. Harrison police are the worst of all. They're liable to pull someone over for 1mph over the speed limit. The cops need to understand that mutual respect is the way the community moves forward, not oppression and profiling.	6/1/2019 5:56 PM
66	Combine resources police, fire and emergency.	5/28/2019 11:11 AM
67	Not enough retail or commercial property. Too many businesses leaving	5/24/2019 12:24 PM
68	Get some major shopping here!!! Rein in rental properties Add condo/patio home developments, with a hospital like ours make it attractive for more doctors & medical personnel to move here. Add a few chain restaurants, Boston Market, Applebee's, Chili's, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Long John Silvers, etc. Get commuter trains & bus services Actually DO SOMETHING from local governments elected officials. Year after year you all just sit their with your teeth in your mouths and do nothing! Same old-same old crap.	5/24/2019 7:14 AM

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69	Having lived in various suburban areas of Pittsburgh, I would really like to see strategic business expansion with also localized options for resident. As of now, many residents leave to shop and spend money in other communities where there are larger variety of amenities offered. There is so much potential for the area, which is logistically closer to downtown than some other flourishing areas.	5/23/2019 9:39 AM
70	I hate to use the phrase, but gentrification is not a terrible thing, when it is managed and not allowed to exploit the what the community was/is. Allowing businesses and owners with new visions from the 21st century and not just selling out to the next Burger King or other junk franchise that wants to offer a quick fix to a larger social problem. Community based businesses where people gather and communicate are what the towns need (hate to say it, places like micro-breweries, boutique shopping, etc). Everything we keep building does not create the community it is just more in/out quick fixes that do not support or attract people to want to move here or come back. Entertaining ideas and implementing progressive plans are what the town needs, not the same old yinzer mentality, the town needs to have new families moving and staying. We need to regrow the pride and value the community used to have.	5/23/2019 9:12 AM
71	Pretty disgusted with the absentee landlords and their dilapidated buildings.No pride in ownership and no vetting of the tenants they rent to. Brings additional crime to a once vibrant river community. A real community cancer. Additionally, Mike Rope, Chris Cottone, and Kenny Hanzlik are pretty outstanding officers .	5/22/2019 10:43 AM
72	I think parts of the area are too far gone. There are areas I avoid. The school district is becoming a disgrace. Good luck bouncing back.	5/21/2019 5:03 PM
73	School board and tarentum electric	5/21/2019 11:09 AM
74	Two major concerns with the our community going forward are: the lack of use with the Harrison Town Square (formerly Heights Plaza) and the influx of residents from outside the community that are living in low-income housing that are causing a multitude of problems within our communities.	5/21/2019 9:21 AM
75	Owners of rental properties need to be held accountable for general upkeep and maintenance of their property. With the increase in homes becoming rentals within the area the towns have suffered. People need to take ownership and pride in their property. The roads need to be fixed and the plaza need to be revitalized into a flourishing business space again.	5/21/2019 7:31 AM
76	The Heights Plaza needs to be revitalized with safety and visual improvements necessary to bring in new businesses. An Aldi or Trader Joe's grocery store would be great addition. Blighted houses and enforcement of house/yard maintenance is lacking. There are certain areas of town that I refuse to take my family to as they are not only unappealing to see but appear unsafe. There are a number of houses within just a few blocks of my home where the grass has been uncut this year and is already waist high. Why has the township not cut these yards and charged the homeowner? More family style events are necessary and need to be better advertised. Events like the touch-a-truck are great but there needs to be more and advertised better as I've learned of a number of events after the fact over the years. Entertainment options such as mini golf, or batting cages, a frisbee golf course in Harrison Hills would be nice as well.	5/21/2019 6:52 AM
77	Would like to see consolidation of services among the boroughs including police, fire, road maintenance etc. I would like to see more emphasis on environmental factors including air quality (during summer along first avenue, the truck exhaust is so heavy that I cant walk in the park and there are nights were the chemical smell in the air is thick, I assume from ATI and the power plants in Creighton and Springdale). More trees, more green space where right now there are abandoned buildings. Less litter. RESTART CURBSIDE RECYCLING OR AT LEAST BINS. Code enforcement so that lawns and porches piled with trash are addressed. West 7th avenue in Tarentum is a terrible eyesore as an entryway into town. Would like to see more families buy houses here. Right now my neighborhood feels like there has been a lot of transient renters. Out of area landlords who don't care about the upkeep of rental properties is a big issue. The riverfront asset should be increased. the recycling plant (Grecos) and the Weleski's trucking along the river in Tarentum are unsightly and a poor use of the asset.	5/21/2019 6:20 AM
78	I have noticed all the efforts that has been put forth into our communities. I applaud those who have put their efforts into trying to make a positive change. Our school needs it's spending thoroughly examined.	5/21/2019 6:15 AM
79	Specifically the traffic light at Freeport Road @ Saxonburg road is irritating. It seems that when there is no traffic, Saxonburg road is favored over Freeport road, creating an unnecessary red light when all others are green. Further, the delay of the green heading south from the Walmart back into midtown is unneeded when no vehicles are coming from the opposite irection at the light. In other words, the intersection needs reworked.	5/21/2019 5:15 AM

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80	We need police foot patrols. We, the residents see all of these drug deals and druggies every day. If the police walked through the neighborhoods in plain clothes, they would see it too. This is not about reefer. We are talking about heroin, meth and crack. The town will keep deteriorating as long as nothing is being done. Also, somehow we have to tear down some of these dilapidated homes and businesses. That junk store on Corbet street has become a real eyesore. Needs torn down . Perfect place for a small grocery store. I love the park, the summer concerts, parades, and community programs that are going on now. I have lived here for 62 years and it is my home.	5/20/2019 7:38 PM
81	Involvement in schools to help students succeed and become responsible adults. Parent mentors partnering with businesses. Trade based options and ways to collect unpaid taxes.	5/20/2019 7:03 PM
82	Encouraging bike travel and walking with a trail system connecting the communities.	5/20/2019 12:49 PM
83	Homes that are not kept up make the neighborhoods less livable. This is the biggest issue. It seems we have no ordinances that are properly enforced.	5/15/2019 8:37 PM
84	Increased utilization of our waterfront for promoting recreation and outdoor activities, healthy eateries and trendy shops. Welcome an upscale supermarket like Whole Foods or even a Trader Joe's for more sustainable healthy food choices. Increase frequency of street cleaning & enforcement of littering fines.	5/15/2019 7:37 AM
85	Stop the section 8 housing increases and reduce the number of existing section 8 housing. This is the number one issue facing all three townships. This would help to improve the school district and in return help to increase real estate valuations. The first question prospective residents ask, when looking for a home to purchase, it is "What is the school district?" When they hear it is Highlands, they look elsewhere. Reducing the section 8 housing would also contribute to reducing the drug and crime related problems that all 3 townships presently face. We also need a zoning enforcement official who will help to collect unpaid taxes and shut down those slum landlords who disobey the existing ordinances. We had such a person in Lindsay Frazier, before she was forced to resign.	5/15/2019 6:51 AM
86	I've grown appalled by the general attitude toward the school district. The teachers are overall wonderful educators, and I think most administrators mean well. There seems to be a general negative attitude toward what I see as an asset to our communities. I'd love to see more positive energy aimed at the HSD.	5/14/2019 4:39 PM
87	Angry about the city dumping problem families in our community. We need more restrictions on absent landlords and excessive Section 8 housing. This in turn is causing problems in our schools. It is also time to get the Plaza renovated and occupied.	5/14/2019 12:05 PM
88	My largest complaints: - taxes are too high - school district is horrible and leadership even worse - Delinquent tax buildings need resold ASAP - Delapidated Building's need token down - River access needs to be improved. A park and boat dock like in Aspenwall would go a long way	5/14/2019 11:44 AM
89	There is a serious problem with landlords, absentee or otherwise in East and West Tarentum. They simply don't care about their properties and it shows. They need to held accountable for their lack of responsibility--more frequent inspections and enforcement of ordinances/codes. They have no stake in making our community more livable. With real estate prices in Pittsburgh and surrounding areas (such as Lawrenceville) becoming prohibitive, perhaps real estate in these areas could be touted as an alternative. It is a short drive to Pittsburgh for work and there is good bus transportation. Any possibility of a rail line coming in? There are many affordable homes in these areas, albeit many needing updating/repair. Could incentives be provided to increase the number of homeowners and as a value-added, reduce the number of slum landlords? Lastly, a rebranding/public relations campaign might be helpful. I think there is a great hope in revitalizing Tarentum. While growing up here, Tarentum was lovely. I lived in Florida for 32 years. My husband and I moved back to care for my mother and decided to stay. I truly hope that Tarentum could again be the community I remembered--small shops, dining, and walks through our beautiful park! I commend the action being taken by the governing bodies.	5/4/2019 8:15 AM
90	You have Tarentum Brackenridge and Harrison all three with water plants. Get rid of two and lower the costs for everyone in all three communities. Do more for little leagues both football and baseball. Too many spurts like soccer take up too many resources. You need a drawing card to get outsiders to visit this area. Rails to trails ain't the answer. It caters to a very few people.	5/1/2019 7:41 AM
91	Please understand the eyesore ready to collapse house next to me makes this community look terrible! It has been years, far to long for this to still be an issue	4/30/2019 6:58 PM

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92	Tarentum can be noisy with horns honking and dogs barking, especially late at night and early in the morning. Also residents park on the left side of the street, which means they drive on the left side of the street, make u-turns in the middle of the block, and drive backwards to turn around at intersections.	4/30/2019 2:44 PM
93	Unfortunately the area at large (beyond these three communities... New Ken, Springdale, etc) are run down. Drugs have taken over where blue collar workers lived. We need to fight the drug epidemic while restructuring what we have. We need to repurpose some of the buildings that have been here for decades. Pittsburgh is doing it in some neighborhoods like putting in a microbrewery in an abandoned church. It would be awesome to build off of the history of this town in a modern way like that. It would be nice to see people visit these towns because they love looking at old buildings while they are doing something. It would be great to fully take advantage of the waterfront where people can stroll through downtown shops and restaurants or just sit at a sidewalk cafe and watch what is happening on the Allegheny.	4/30/2019 1:16 PM
94	Would like to start a business owners group. Plan events in business district.	4/30/2019 12:05 PM
95	Lack of a strategic plan in the past for the three communities to work together collaboratively to maximize the natural resource of river access, as well as our proximity to Pittsburgh is disappointing. Hopefully the working of the three communities at this time will provide a progressive long term plan which will revitalize our region. Until the past couple of years, community activities in Harrison Township were virtually non-existent. The activities such as Earth Day, Harvest Festival, Christmas parade, etc. have been invigorating. Tarentum Recreation Committee does a wonderful job, as does the Brackenridge Improvement Group. These are all important efforts and should be facilitated and supported.	4/30/2019 11:39 AM
96	the main issues we have seen is as I've stated above is there is not enough control over the noise and disturbance's of the neighborhood . Loud motorcycles flying down street in the evening cracking their pipes wide open , bars with DJ's playing so loud till wee hours in the morning and home owners either living in or renting their homes and leaving trash laying around which draws in rodents and values of other properties down . This is and could be even a better area to live with some of these things addressed . Pride where we live	4/30/2019 11:37 AM
97	Stronger littering enforcement, people dump stuff on vacant properties, alley ways in all covered areas, and need to start talking to the fire departments to at least have some merge, no need for 7 separate departments and duplication of services	4/30/2019 11:35 AM
98	All of the streets in my neighborhood are filled with potholes. Some that are large enough to pop a tire. I have only seen the borough around one time to fill in and they do not give any warning when they do this . They should advise residents and also ask that people move their cars rather than just filling in around them. I park over several potholes because it is the only place to park and I would gladly move my vehicle if it meant they would fix the holes. They just need to let me know	4/30/2019 11:32 AM
99	Residents should be required to keep their garbage in bags inside of their cans . And required to pick up garbage when it blows around and is lying on the streets and in everyone's yards. Too much later. Urban areas are much cleaner than my street .	4/30/2019 11:14 AM
100	Business need to be held accountable for their lack of appearance. The junkyard located on Freeport Road across the from the credit union is an embarrassment to the community. The lack of screening to cover it shows the business owner doesn't care and the community let's it go. Trees and shrubs help sale a house and a community. Not eye sores.	4/20/2019 6:12 AM
101	Better handle on landlords and rental property management. Kids need things to do. Trampoline park, go cart track, miniature golf, batting cages, zip lining, rec center with activities to give structure. Learn more discipline, more physical activity. Need to make better use of park along river. Bands. Food trucks on weekends. Kid events.	4/15/2019 1:47 PM
102	Maybe if there was away for them to help people in the area with low interest loans to help improve their houses. Such as roofs, sidewalks(that no one ever uses).	4/15/2019 12:38 PM

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103	Hire local residents who have a history with their own community and compensate them as they do the outsiders. Let the actual power companies in charge of our utilities and not our own power company. Police the Police! The Police investigate everyone else, so why don't the communities investigate their own law enforcement officers? Because they are afraid and the town officials know what goes on. Most of them patrol until 2:30-3:00AM and then go to bed. Give them random breath testing when they report for their shifts, especially 7:00AM shifts. They drink in the local area and then drive home. Some have even gotten rides home. This is all FACT! Get away from County emergency dispatch and go back to the way that it was! NO ONE knows the area like the local dispatchers that we had. Even a Harrison/Brackenridge/Tarentum regional dispatch center. Hire and compensate people from your own community who want to work and stop hiring "out-of-townners!" Put funds into the streets, protection, prosecuting slumlords, etc., instead of paying for these town fathers and mothers to attend the many "conferences" (a.k.a. drunk fests). FACT! Where are the street sweepers? It was nice to know that on a certain day of the week, that your street's curbside was going to be cleaned.	4/15/2019 12:04 PM
104	I am fortunate to own my house and live on a quiet street where most other residents are also homeowners, and most of us take good care of our properties. However, many people in this borough do not take care of their property, and it adds to the poor reputation of the area. In an exceptionally affordable zip code, there should be more incentive for people to own homes and take care of their properties - maybe this is a program the Borough can team up with a local bank and encourage more homeowner ship (it might also help with the issue of tax delinquency). My son goes to Highlands. I understand the issues that small school districts face. But Highlands is one of the LOWEST scoring schools in the entire state. Why would anyone choose to move here and put their children in that type of school system?	4/15/2019 10:41 AM
105	Most homeowners take pride in their property while others do not. These are also the people that complain when 'change' is in the making. Providing incentives for homeowners to reflect these changes would be a better angle to get these folks on board. All 3 towns have so much potential, but it's getting everyone involved and on-board to all ideas that are proposed. Indulge people to look into the Allegheny Side Yard Project to rejuvenate the homes/vacant properties next to them. Provide more research for home-owners to look into. Landlords need to be held to higher standard when renting their properties. I would say most homes in Tarentum are landlord owned or section 8 and they just rent to whoever. So much rif-raft has come into the community shying people and possible new homeowners to the area to steer clear. Their properties are a mess and curb appeal is huge for potential new buyers. A lot of renters on our street are nothing but problems. Cops are called numerous times a week. Drug deals happening in plain daylight while my children are out playing. Kids left unattended by the renters and just out roaming the streets causing a raucous. Also, renters taking in people that are NOT on the leases and the landlord does nothing to stop it from happening.	4/15/2019 9:25 AM
106	Need to improve mass transit (more services)	4/15/2019 9:18 AM
107	The fee to pay your utility over the phone for Tarentum Borough is outrageous.	4/15/2019 9:06 AM
108	I would like to see the port authority bus saying discontinued in our area It brings in other towns trash from all over the county I would like to see landlords no longer be allowed to section 8 their properties and get rid of the projects that are section 8 and make them something more productive like nice townhomes for an old age retirement community such as concordia Find a way to hold homeowner is responsible for their dilapidated properties that would go along way in making our towns look nice no need for hanging baskets on light poles and flowers on the highway	4/15/2019 8:55 AM
109	Parking is an issue on Allegheny st make high rise people park in their lot people who pay taxes to your good city have no where to park even in the front of their own home make the church on Allegheny deal with their parking issues	4/15/2019 7:07 AM
110	This area is slowly declining. It needs cleaned up. People should be made to keep their yards and properties clean and maintained	4/14/2019 3:21 PM
111	All officials working together for the better of the community, not self growth. Address crime more	4/9/2019 5:43 AM

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112	The issue that upsets me the most living here is the switch to LED 5000K blue-white streetlights. I get a migraine walking our dog at night: everything looks like the set of a horror movie. It's ugly, it's bad for wildlife, and it's painful to look at. With the blinds and shades drawn the lights still peep through our window. We don't need night-lights, we have these, and they're not the pleasant yellow sodium lights of old. These lights disrupt circadian rhythms and melatonin production. I know this sounds like a fringe concern, but the rush to switch lighting is being reconsidered all over the world. Harrison Township wasn't the first place to make this decision, but it can help lead the way in reverting back to lighting methods which aren't unhealthy for people, communities, and animals.	4/8/2019 4:06 PM
113	We need recycling. This is so so important. We are not teaching our children to preserve the earth. It's not even easy to recycle here ourselves because there aren't any or enough places to deposit recycled products!! I can only imagine the amount of plastic going into our landfills from these three areas. Somebody needs to do something.	4/5/2019 3:09 PM
114	Cap section 8 rental units	4/5/2019 2:03 PM
115	Get read of sector 8 housing! The people that sector 8 housing bring in are the issues with the community!	4/5/2019 8:28 AM
116	get rid of section 8 and government funded housing, so much crime has moved into our are over the past few years. i'm ready to sell my house, (if I can) because of my neighbors. they did not live there when I purchased it, nothing but trouble since they moved in. grew up here for 40 years, it is steadily getting worse, and fast.	4/5/2019 6:02 AM
117	Improve the school district without taxing property owners out of the district.	4/5/2019 3:47 AM
118	We need a completely fenced in kids play park that is more centrally located than Harrison hills. A dog park would be nice too.	4/4/2019 5:33 PM
119	Need better schools and cleaner air and water	4/3/2019 9:14 AM
120	Our shopping plaza is a joke and the subject of jokes the main road 8s never cleared of snow and the police just want to issue tickets	4/3/2019 9:01 AM
121	There are a few key issues: 1. Real Estate Taxes are too high. For folks that can afford it, it means they are moving out. People that can afford to move are the ones who typically make and spend the most money. 2. School Board: is a mess. They need reined in. 3. Back Tax Properties - need to be moved through the process much faster. Let's get those structures filled and back on the tax roles with responsible owners. 4. Expand the Rails-to-Trails program to have a safe path through the communities 5. Take advantage of the river - it would be great have a marina area like was recently put in down in Aspinwall (if you haven't been there, you need to go look, very impressive) 6. Bring human light rail service from Pittsburgh to the communities. We have an amazing opportunity being so close to Pittsburgh and with rail already in place to have human light rail going through our community. It would be an instant boom to our economy - and before you say it can't be done, it can and was done when these towns were founded. Each town has or had a 'railway station' at one point and we need to bring that back.	4/3/2019 6:05 AM
122	Let's keep growing start more coming activities	4/2/2019 5:01 PM
123	We need more new housing and businesses to help keep the quality opf services and to help with the cost. The taxes are too high	4/1/2019 2:07 PM
124	Would like to see a revival of Main Streets in Tarentum, Brackenridge, and improved Heights plaza	4/1/2019 1:17 PM
125	Tarentum Boros roads are TERRIBLE! I've had to replace 4 struts on my fairly new car due to living near two crappy half filled in pot hole roads. ALSO Boro police are more worried about chasing tax paying, house owning, citizens over tint than worrying about more important things like the EXTENSIVE amount of break ins happening. I moved from my hometown Sarver and have never been bothered in my life for tint while living there and Ive got pulled over twice since moving.	3/31/2019 5:03 PM

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126	Biggest problem is the school district. People are leaving here because of it and young people won't move here because of how bad it is. It is at the very bottom of all the Alle-Kiski schools. School board is not very smart and the administration, teachers, and parents are lacking. It used to be an above school district and now it is rated a low poor. Until this is fixed, all the grants or loans or whatever won't help. We need young middle to upper class families to move into the area and the one major way is a good school system. Look at Freeport, Franklin Regional and Penn Trafford. All have quality schools and are doing well. We have low priced homes as an attraction, but young people still won't move here because of the schools. I know this for a fact. I have had two families leave with small children because of the schools. The quality of people who are staying here is diminishing. They are fine with the schools and really don't contribute much to the communities. We need to get back to the way it used to be in the 50's, 60's and 70's. We had lots of doctors, lawyers and professionals. Most have left. With them they took a lot of the businesses and jobs. Growing up there never was a vacant store in the plaza. Now it is empty. Also there aren't many middle and upper class families having many kids. Most of the young kids in the area come from low income families who really don't care about the area. Not to sound too snobbish but this also doesn't help attract to many professional families. I think it is going to be very hard to improve the area. This is very sad for me to face. I love the area, but it has very little to offer. Two of my own children are leaving the area. Discipline and structure need to be strongly implemented at Highlands. It lacks both of these - and few in the administration will admit it. Probably out of fear. I am not going anywhere, but until the schools improve, nothing is going to help.	3/31/2019 3:44 PM
127	Lower taxes or up the education at Highland to reflect the school taxes we are charged. We would enjoy upscale restaurants as well as chain restaurants for our family and better shopping , organic grocery stores like Aldi or Trader Joe's, a coffee shop like Starbucks ,healthier fast food. Clean up the drug problems	3/31/2019 12:55 PM
128	Clean up the drugs in the 3 communities. The taxes are too high for the quality of education that highlands provides. I wouldn't mind the taxes I pay on both of my properties if highlands wasn't always near the bottom of school districts in Pa.	3/31/2019 12:52 PM
129	I would like to see a dog park placed in Brackenridge (maybe where a house was torn down).	3/31/2019 11:15 AM
130	Make it easier to take ownership of blighted properties. Some of us are willing to buy the properties and make them beautiful again but things like the school district makes it nearly impossible.	3/31/2019 10:18 AM
131	Get the drug dealers out	3/31/2019 9:09 AM
132	Foster public involvement to the community. Empower the planning commission and recreation board to get the word out to the community at large. Work with the school district to improve and to help bring more people here to take part in our community. Look toward something like Freeport does with the little league event that draws people from all over the world to Freeport. Use Harrison hills park and promote it as a destination. Look to have a concert series, or movies in the park program like Hartwood acres has. Allow and encourage our police to visit the schools (Adopt a school program) and to engage with our citizens. Every citizen our town should know 1 or 2 police officers and our officers should have earned the respect of our youth. Thats all for now.	3/31/2019 5:59 AM
133	We need to use that new street sweeper more in the fall, around the hospital, old people are having a hard time keeping up with the leafs.	3/31/2019 12:55 AM
134	Fix more of the roads in Brackenridge! Better code enforcer in Brackenridge.	3/30/2019 8:26 PM
135	In reference to question 5a, the dilapidated buildings/abandoned cars; the Heights Plaza strip, in its entirety, from the bank to community market, needs massive renovations. I think this alone would drive more interest into the area, potentially adding more business interest and employment opportunities to the area. It would breathe some life into that strip and maybe get some normal people into it to help support the businesses in that area (instead of doctors offices and banks) and hopefully drive some of the crime out of that area. (Looking at you Sheldon Park/Apartments)	3/30/2019 7:44 PM
136	It would be nice to see more privately owned affordable restaurants come to Natrona Heights that provide full lunch and dinner menus. Need more outdoor activities for adults Garbage collection is good but too expensive Need to decrease school taxes	3/30/2019 7:05 PM

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137	Utility companies regularly overlook eyesore problems. Example On n canal st for years a telephone pole was broke with a car accident and it was spliced with 2 boards and left like this. In any other community this would be unacceptable but they figure it all looks bad allready. I've seen in other towns where the sidewalks are owned by the township or local city. When there is a problem they sidewalk is fixed and matches throw out the town. This really looks good. One final thing is the high voltage lines running through natrona on Kuntz street. I believe these are no longer needed since the steel mill at this end of town isn't in use. These are a big unplesentry to look at and things like this need to be removed to give the town a nice feel	3/30/2019 5:26 PM
138	Join the three communities into one new city. They would be stronger, have more money to make improvements. More resources. I pay Brackenridge taxes and get absolutely nothing from them. Worse roads around.	3/30/2019 5:03 PM
139	The roads could be better. Code enforcement could improve.	3/30/2019 4:38 PM
140	Need more affordable housing options for Srs who cant afford to stay in home or want to downsize or want one level apt/ condo living. Not near Village Green, or Stonehenge apts. More strict regulations for managing issues in Sheldon Park and those who live there. Try to get in quality businesses in stretch of land between Pizza hut and Gillette's. It's a shame Cochran has that lot of land with all those cars there. It just looks so dumpy and nasty. That whole wasted space where Bouchet had his business is a shame. I heard he dumped all kinds of oil and gas down there and it can't be used for redevelopment.. Wondering if that is true?	3/30/2019 4:38 PM
141	Use the aerial photo of all three areas in the public eye so we can actually see how we are so close together. Getting an image will instill a sense of community. Correct me if I'm wrong but I think all three areas live in different counties in PA. Many times the serious referred to the allikinski region. It would be nice to naturalize this moniker To allow people to search the area more easily instead of serially from Harrison to Brackenridge to Tarentum.	3/30/2019 4:32 PM
142	Brackenridge NEEDS streets paved PLEASE	3/30/2019 4:02 PM
143	People seeking political office when they have no experience or job.	3/30/2019 3:45 PM
144	Schools need to step it up - why are our schools rated a 3 out of 10 , my grandsons moved to Natrona Heights from Hampton which was a rated a 9 and I was so disappointed to see Highlands School is rated a 3 ... why is that so .. we certainly pay enough taxes here . (I followed my grandsons here in 2017)	3/30/2019 3:26 PM
145	There needs to be equality of code enforcement, not just for complaints.	3/30/2019 3:07 PM
146	Everything starts with the school district. When the schools are successful, it encourages families to move into the district. With test scores as low as Highlands and taxes that are so high, there's no incentive for well educated parents to bring their children here. And it's driving out the ones who live in the district and want better for their children. There has to be more accountability in our school district. Where are all the taxes going? What are we getting for them? I think that a state audit is in order.	3/30/2019 2:56 PM
147	Politician's need to get their heads out of their ass and realize they are the biggest part of the problem. 10 years ago Millvale was a dump. They have made a complete turn around. They have stuff going on that brought people in. There is NOTHING going on here that draws people in. You'd do yourselves a service if you approached this as trying to sale a house. Ask any realtor worth their salt how important curb appeal is when it comes to selling a home.	3/29/2019 11:16 PM
148	Processing	3/29/2019 6:48 PM
149	Honest constructive criticism- I just moved from upper west Tarentum to brackenridge near Fairmount and the difference in road conditions is stunning. Road care (snow plowing and paving roads) in brackenridge is unfortunately lacking big-time. Each town has much to offer though and my wife and I enjoy the amenities offered from all 3 towns from parks and restaurants to river activities.	3/29/2019 9:14 AM
150	My road has never had never been paved. Also parking is a major issue.	3/29/2019 3:28 AM
151	Would like to see everyone come together!	3/28/2019 8:39 PM
152	Need to control drug problem, bring more businesses in.	3/28/2019 5:55 PM
153	I love being able to go for walk and enjoy the beautiful neighborhood. However, if I go a few blocks down I feel like I am in an unsafe place where no one takes care of it. I wish everyone took value in their homes.	3/28/2019 4:55 PM

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154	Traffic violations (speeding , not stopping at stop signs)	3/28/2019 3:09 PM
155	My hope is to see the Heights Plaza bustling with stores in near future.	3/28/2019 2:59 PM
156	There's not enough places around to shop for clothes and shoes.	3/28/2019 1:35 PM
157	The three communities should work together more and provide for those less fortunate. The community that lives on the flat part of all three towns suffer . Not enough is being done to engage these citizens. There is definitely a line of demarcation.	3/28/2019 1:33 PM
158	Clean up the falling down buildings and get the drug users out of town	3/28/2019 1:26 PM
159	The streets are in horrible condition.	3/28/2019 12:30 PM
160	Fixing potholes and the roads	3/28/2019 12:20 PM
161	HUD, section 8 and low cost rentals are ruining our neighborhoods!	3/28/2019 12:16 PM
162	1. it has been ridiculously difficult to find wheelchair accessible housing in this area for the disabled and elderly. if you are going to allow landlords and property managers to buy up all the houses/property, the least you can do is demand that they upgrade the property to 21st century standards. 2. removing the bus stop on corbet & 4th has been an incredibly bad & inconvenient move. we need MORE bus stops that reach farther into brackenridge and natrona, not less. 3. the deforestation of that small patch by rt. 28 & bullcreek rd. is embarrassing. let's try to use the pgh mills property before we make ANOTHER industrial park/ strip mall/ whatever .	3/28/2019 11:06 AM
163	Make Section 8 housing disappear. Quit having the cops wait and pounce on Freeport Road by the Cemetery. Other than that....I like my street that I live on.... Parkside Drive.	3/28/2019 9:43 AM
164	Clean up local government, quit having personal agendas and gains. Focus on growth rather than living in the past, just because it was done that way doesn't mean it was the best for our community. Merge police departments which cause a tremendous drain on finances and are a duplication of services. Work as one community rather than four individual. Partner with the local school district. Don't focus on grants that provide opportunities which are not always in the the best interest of our community just to be able to say a grant obtained. Most important, engage, listen to and respect the public.	3/26/2019 3:23 AM
165	Abandoned buildings need to be tore down and turned into green space...Business district on the Avenue needs a streetscape, new lights, trees, sidewalks, and existing owners need to voluntarily improve their facades...trees specifically on THE BANK of the river need to have their canopy raised so the view can be better for the walkers along the park, the trees IN the park are fine...this pertains to the upper bank from Morgan to Mile loch lane the brush gets to high and obstructs the view, this is tricky cause they hold the river bank together so something would need to take the place to discourage erosion.	3/25/2019 9:24 AM
166	Ability to purchase tax levied properties and pay only a set percentage of the lien. Community service programs that pair our senior demographic with high school students. Regularly updated borough/township websites. De-regionalize school board.	3/24/2019 7:18 AM
167	Bring more sit down dinner restaurants. Starbucks would be great in the old CVS bldg w a drive thru!	3/22/2019 6:51 PM
168	Something needs done immediately about the deficit of our school district and thy he lack if management...and school board refusing to listen to the concerned residents..the lack of compassion and concern of the school board members...and the treatment of the residents questions during a school board meeting	3/22/2019 2:31 PM
169	Tarentum Borough needs to end their role in providing electricity!!! If they continue, residents should be allowed to choose electricity suppliers as Pennsylvanian law allows (except in Tarentum).	3/22/2019 6:38 AM
170	Making the utilities and taxes affordable for our area. My income is under \$30,000 a year and I struggle just to live here. It is almost to the point that I will soon be unable to maintain my property not to mention improving my property.	3/22/2019 4:46 AM
171	The old abandoned buildings make me sad. So much opportunity in them going to waste. I'd love to see some new small businesses utilizing the old buildings.	3/22/2019 4:22 AM
172	Better communication of activities outside social media. Often don't know what's going on in the community until driving past.	3/21/2019 6:15 PM

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173	I would love a large regional community center. I also believe many of the people here, love the community and the people in it. Our people are our greatest assets.	3/21/2019 5:32 PM
174	More businesses. Shopping/retail/brewery/restaurants. The mall area hasn't been improved or had new shops since the fire. Improving the school district.	3/21/2019 4:59 PM
175	Currently, I love the neighborhood I live in but do tend to travel out of the community for groceries (Giant Eagle, Aldi's), shopping (Pittsburgh Mills, Waterworks), and restaurants (Waterworks, Sarver). I do feel this community provides recreation and sports for my children and I belong to Planet Fitness. The teachers my children have had are great but feel that many things need changed in the district for it to thrive.	3/21/2019 3:28 PM
176	Community governments need to wake up and realize they are not meeting needs. Look around. It's obvious.	3/21/2019 3:15 PM
177	I see an issue that needs attention with the decline in the enrollment of students in our school district. In my opinion if we can improve in the area of education we may attract people to our community.	3/21/2019 10:03 AM
178	Drugs, crime & trash our low income communities are bringing to our neighborhoods.	3/21/2019 7:30 AM
179	Those who run this town need to find ways to bring businesses here. If we can grow the tax base even a little, maybe the school will improve, which will bring more families and tax payers to the area. We're a great location for a bedroom community, right off 28! We should have commuters begging to live here, but we need suitable housing and efficient public transportation.	3/21/2019 4:57 AM
180	Main issue for me is the school district keeps going downhill and taxes keep going up. I would also like to see the neighborhoods get cleaned up and streets repaired properly not just have pot holes filled in.	3/21/2019 4:55 AM
181	Don't agree with all of the extra charges on water/sewage bills. Decrees? Charges passed along to customers that we don't even understand but are forced to pay,	3/20/2019 11:19 PM
182	We have to improve the schools. Beautify the streets, specifically Freeport Rd, from McDonald's to Wal-Mart. Create a "shopping/walking" area.	3/20/2019 8:01 PM
183	Keep crime and drug abuse out and you will have great communities. Invest in our children. Hopefully our school district improves and we attract families who want their children to be educated in this district.	3/20/2019 7:02 PM
184	Need for ordinance for neighborhood noise and amplified music. Noise pollution effects health negatively	3/20/2019 6:43 PM
185	Tarentum residents should have the first opportunity to access/rent the boat docks/space.	3/20/2019 6:34 PM
186	The school district is ridiculous.	3/20/2019 6:19 PM
187	Use the empty stores instead of building more. Crack down on drug users. Bring in professionals to get rid of the abandoned houses. Bring in more businesses so our town looks more like oakmont or saxonburg so more people will want to come here and stay.	3/20/2019 5:26 PM
188	The community and specifically the school district need to address racial prejudice against our POC. It trickles into every aspect of this community and doesn't even try to hide.	3/20/2019 5:08 PM
189	They should work together better. Maybe merge some departments. Unfortunately, our communities are shrinking and not growing. Better planning — W 8th Ave in Tarentum was paved last year and now it is spray painted for waterline installation. Shouldn't that have been done that before paving??? Electric rate in Tarentum is outrageous. Many apartments go unrented. People are not moving in when they know what they will have to pay for electric and "minimum" sewage. Better audit and oversight of school expenditures. Nothing like "discovering" debt, then blaming it on the dead guy. Shameful! Now the school board wants to raise property taxes above the allowable rate increase.	3/20/2019 4:51 PM
190	As someone that follows the camera "ring" app and FB pages, I have been seeing a lot of vandalism and theft... I'm hoping we can somehow improve this community.	3/20/2019 4:34 PM
191	The amount of litter in Warner Alley had quadrupled since Sheetz and Buger King have been built. I don't really know what the solution is but it is an ugly problem.	3/20/2019 4:25 PM

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192	Read above— that saying look at the demographics, what age group is a majority? I'd imagine that many are under the age of 30, let's bring something that can take them away from bad choices from drugs and attracted their attention to places to hangout like a bowling alley (that use to be in the heights). I think we have to invest in the future generations, provide safe spaces that are also fun to promote a healthy lifestyle.	3/20/2019 4:22 PM
193	There are too many run down properties School district is awful Neighbors are for the most part very rude, disrespectful, and in some cases trashy. Drug deals or what appear to be drug deals take place in the open Do things to make people want to come to the area (shopping, paint classes, anything) There is little to do, that I know about anyway. Make property owners accountable for their property, issue fines if need be	3/20/2019 4:11 PM
194	Combine police and fire services. It isn't economically feasible any longer to have duplicate services.It is costly .	3/20/2019 4:04 PM
195	Lack of variety for food, services	3/20/2019 4:03 PM
196	We can't live off of our history, we must make growth changes or we will be history	3/20/2019 4:01 PM
197	Need things to do, better shops and stores instead of just dr offices. Need the plaza to get back like it was. Make it an attractive spot and place for people to go.	3/20/2019 4:00 PM
198	Revitalize the Plaza	3/20/2019 3:51 PM
199	The school system definitely needs to improve. Taxes are way too high. Not really anything for kids to do. Need some other restaurants, maybe something like a Dave and Busters. Do something with mills mall.	3/20/2019 3:22 PM
200	Socioeconomically this is a depressed region. We need to treat it as such. More emphasis on the importance of education and technical trades. The community has deteriorated from a neighborhood where you knew each and every one of your neighbors (and most likely their family) to neighbors who are strangers. Possibly additional community outreach, volunteer activities for improvement of the community.	3/20/2019 3:10 PM
201	Find a way to help people purchase rundown properties and rebuild. Require them to live in it for several years. Even if you gave away the properties, new houses would improve the community and actually bring in tax dollars.	3/20/2019 3:04 PM
202	Na	3/20/2019 2:57 PM
203	I would like to see life breathed back into the community of Brackenridge. I would love the "Main Street, USA" feel.	3/20/2019 2:55 PM
204	Hold some focus groups that reach out to diverse members of this community. Do more surveys like this, but send them by mail also. Not all members in this community have the technology to answer this survey. Build community relations. Also use current funds or seek state/federal funds to clean up the community. Bring more businesses into these towns.	3/20/2019 2:36 PM
205	I think the borough & UAJSA should take online payments WITHOUT FEES!!!	3/20/2019 1:59 PM
206	The roads in Brackenridge are terrible, the borough needs to do more to be involved or the workers should go if they are not invested in a better community because they don't live within it.	3/20/2019 1:45 PM
207	Desire to help establish community where people want to leave their houses and see their neighbors.	3/20/2019 12:53 PM
208	Please consider backing/resurrecting a "Crime Watch" effort. These part have far too much vandalism and theft going on, we shouldn't need to protect our homes with cameras and motion sensors to stop criminals.	3/20/2019 12:17 PM
209	Drug issues throughout the community. Property owners should be held to keep better standards.	3/20/2019 12:14 PM

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210	The waterfront is such a wasted resource. Major redevelopment of that area (either residential or commercial or a mix of both) would boost the local economy greatly, get rid of derelict properties, and attract a young professional population who spend money and raise the standards of these communities. There is potential of turning this into a place people come to on purpose, not a place they drive through as quickly as possible. Not improving the waterfront is waste of an opportunity to turn this place around for the better. Also, on a completely different subject, noise ordinances really need to be enforced. I never lived in an area before where people let their dogs outside and allow them to incessantly bark for hours on end at all hours of the day and night with no consideration for their neighbors. It's mind boggling to me that this is an acceptable practice. Is there nothing that can be to do make residents shut their dogs up for the sake of having a peaceful community for everyone?	3/20/2019 12:11 PM
211	Poorly rated public school!!! Can't bring in new young prospering families without a decent public school system! Non- progressive individuals in leadership roles who don't want to embrace change, need more progressive folks! Very poor road conditions in Brackenridge!!! Blight and primarily landlord owned rundown properties. Residents with too much garbage on property and front porches, unkempt properties. More trees, streetscapes to give a hometown feel esp. to business areas. Especially along train tracks in Brackenridge - take a lesson from Oakmont - well thought out beautiful streetscapes along railroad. Advocate for bike/walking trail along riverfront to bring in more people for recreation and business. Less section 8 housing. Regular food truck, craft events, car cruise along main Street in any of the 3 (Harrison, Tarentum, Brackenridge) like Saxonburg's Mingle on Main that occurs every month over the summer. Tarentum park music events are wonderful! Tarentum and Brackenridge parks are wonderful assets to these communities - well maintained! Kudos to Cindy Homburg and those who assist in all the Tarentum events. She does a magnificent job and I attend many of the events she has planned over the years. She is a true asset to Tarentum. Would like to see more people get involved in community efforts. Kudos to whomever started the Tarentum community garden- wonderful space! Harrison Hills does a great job with offering events. Love the Harrison Christmas parade, tree and fall festival! All of these opportunities have been a fabulous asset to this entire community. Tarenbee, Dry Bones and the libraries have done a great job in offering events to attend.	3/20/2019 12:01 PM
212	Do a better job of recycling.	3/20/2019 11:54 AM
213	Brackenridge has a nuisance dog problem. The only sound pollution comes from dog owners not taking responsibility for their animals. There are many.	3/20/2019 11:38 AM