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EVENTS SURVEY RESULTS
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Mayor Herrin conducted a survey to gauge Borough residents' and property owners' interest in our in-town events. It is intended to help guide the borough's re-evaluation of event fee and permit approval criteria, and events policies.

SUMMARY

This survey includes responses from 123 residents and property owners and is intended to gauge the views of Borough taxpayers.

West Chester Borough's taxpayers strongly support events in town, to the extent that nearly half (47%) are willing to bear a reasonable portion of the cost. "Reasonable," however, is not defined in this survey.

From 50% to 89% of responders participate in our in-town events, depending on the event. The 5K races are the least popular, while the parades are the most popular.

The Christmas parade is by far the most popular event, with 82% participating often. Many residents and property owners enthusiastically support this event. However, even among the supporters, many have concerns about length (too long), traffic/pedestrian safety, and parking problems.

Overall, residents love our in-town events because they believe the events add vibrance, community, and economic success to the Borough. However, the majority of responders believe events should be limited in size, and, judging from the comments, there is a general feeling that the Borough is achieving a tipping point in terms of quantity/size of events.

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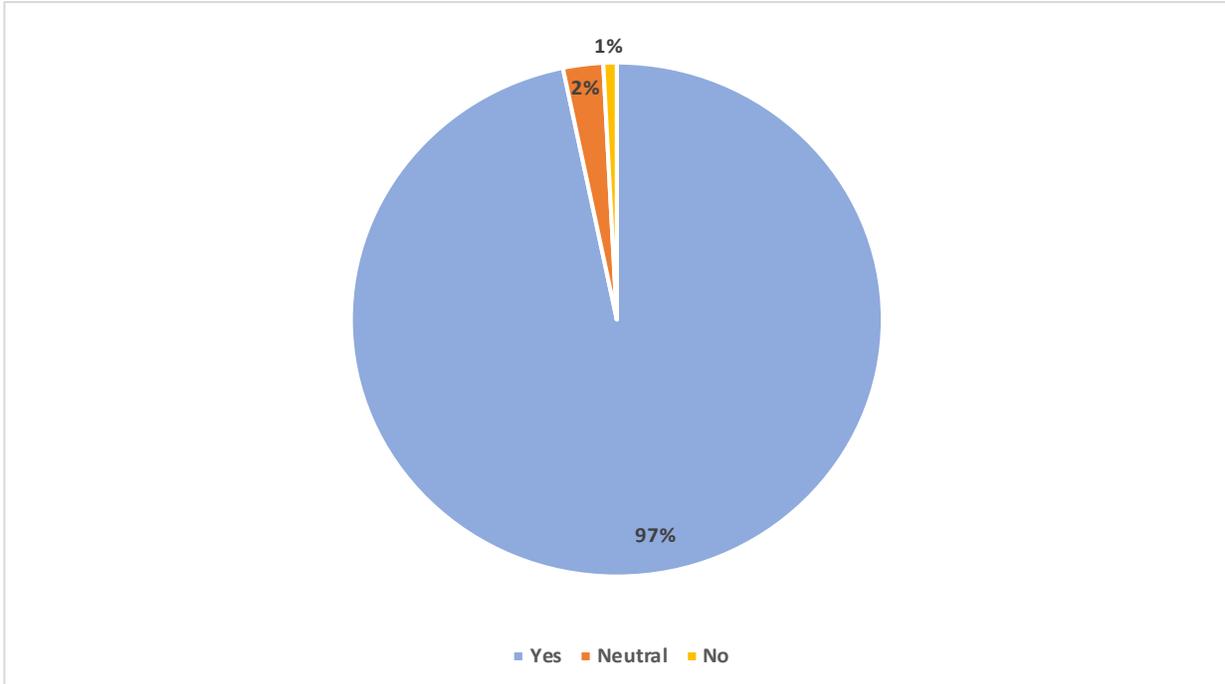
Mayor Herrin sent the survey to 1,102 residents and interested parties who currently receive her newsletter. There were 140 responses (12.7% response rate), 123 of whom are residents or property owners.

The results shown here include only the responses of the 123 residents/property owners, since the intent of the survey is to gauge the views of Borough taxpayers.

RESULTS

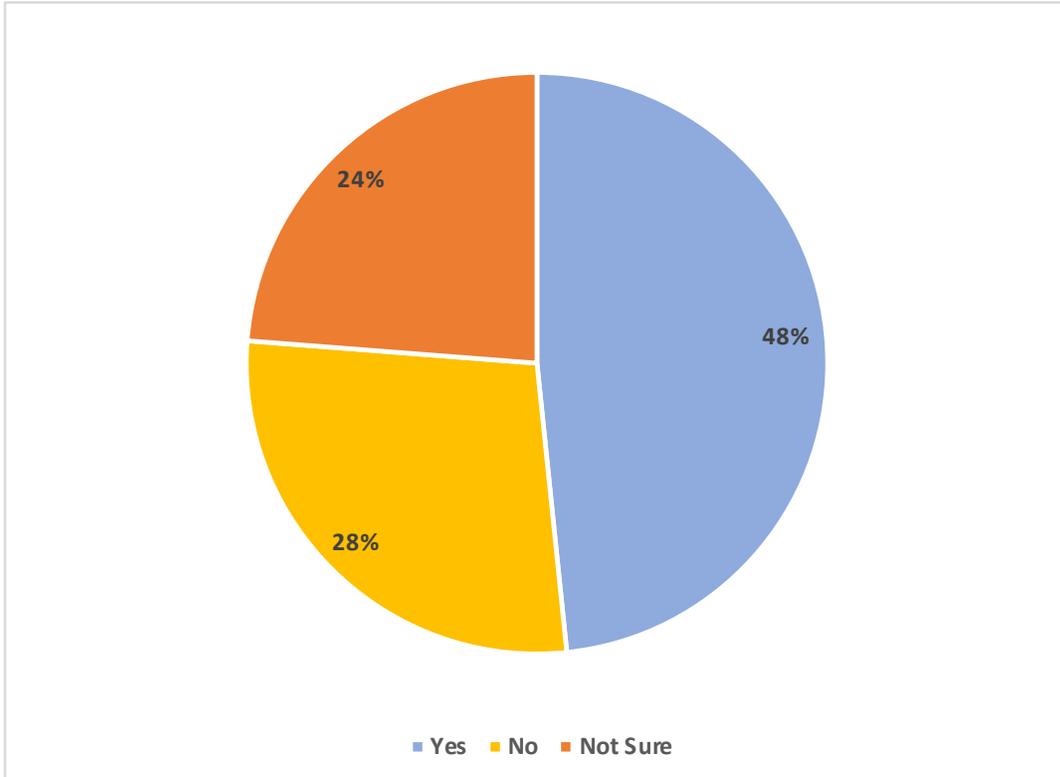
General View of Events in Town

In general, do you like the fact that West Chester is home to many community events in town?



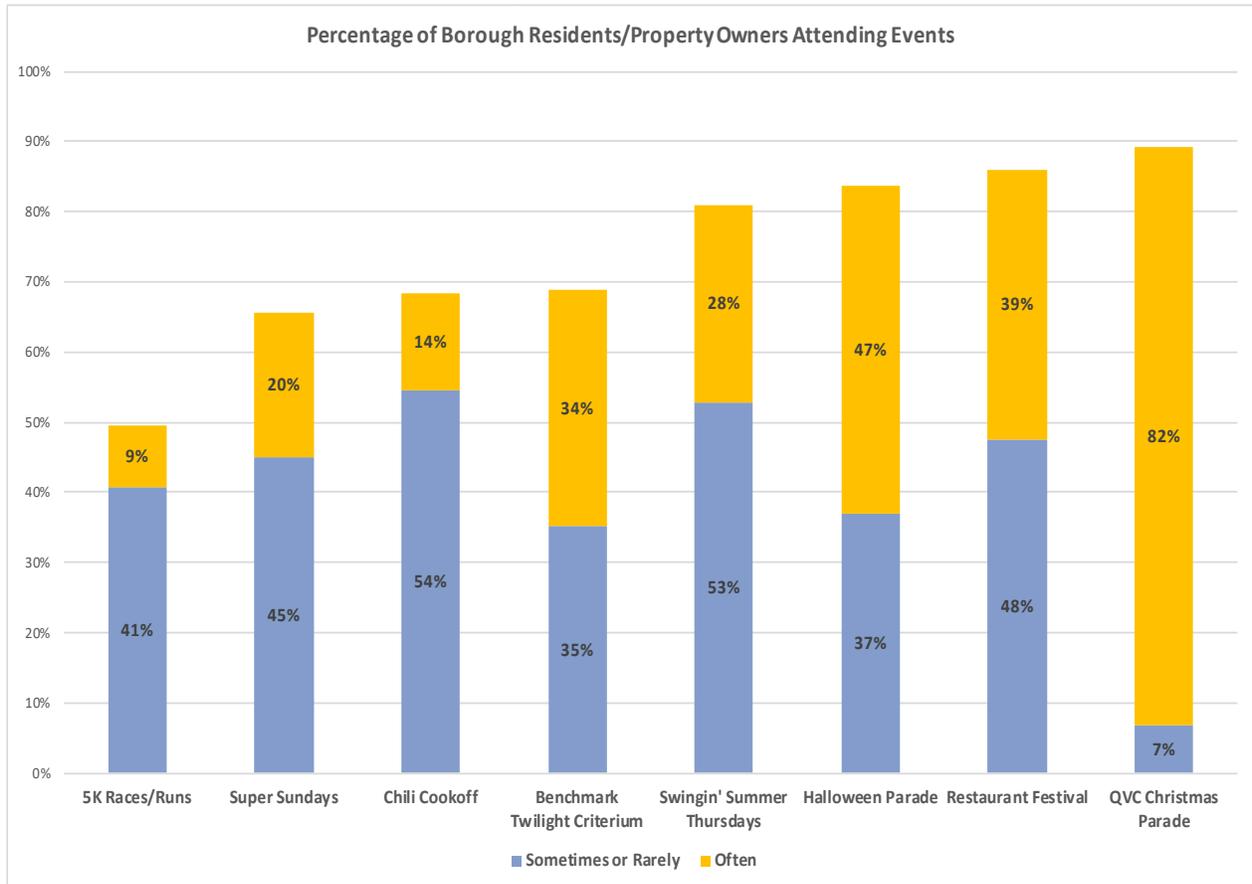
General View of Taxpayer Burden

Do you think Borough taxpayers should bear a reasonable portion of the cost of events?



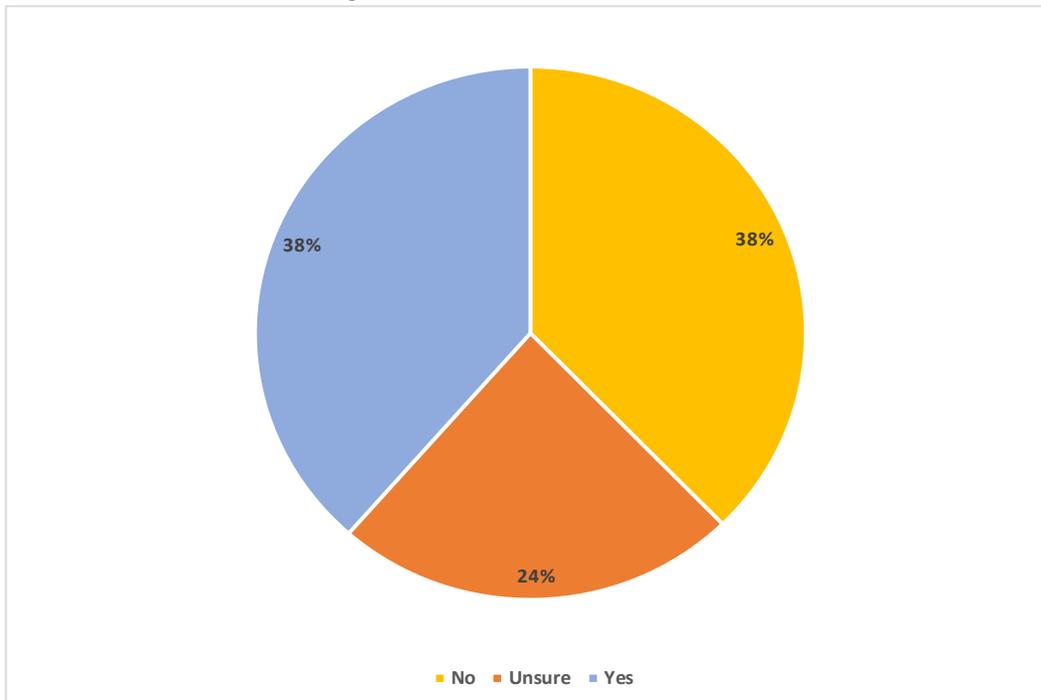
Participation in In-Town Events

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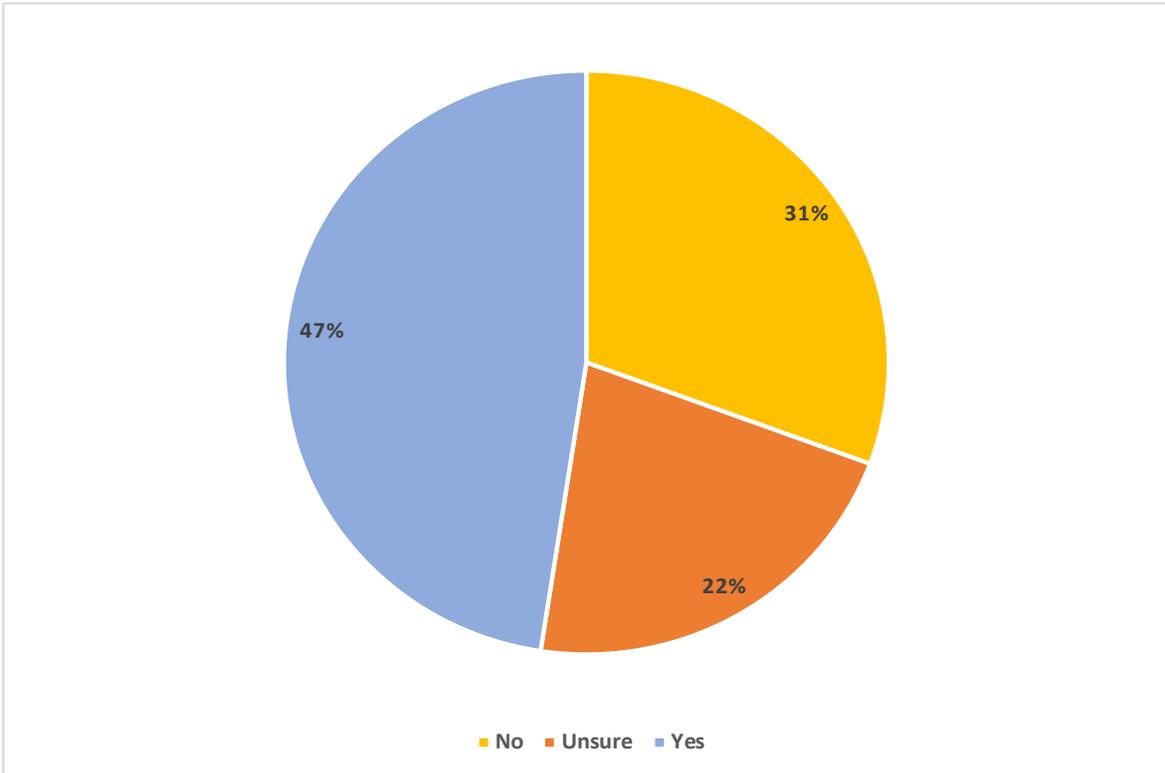
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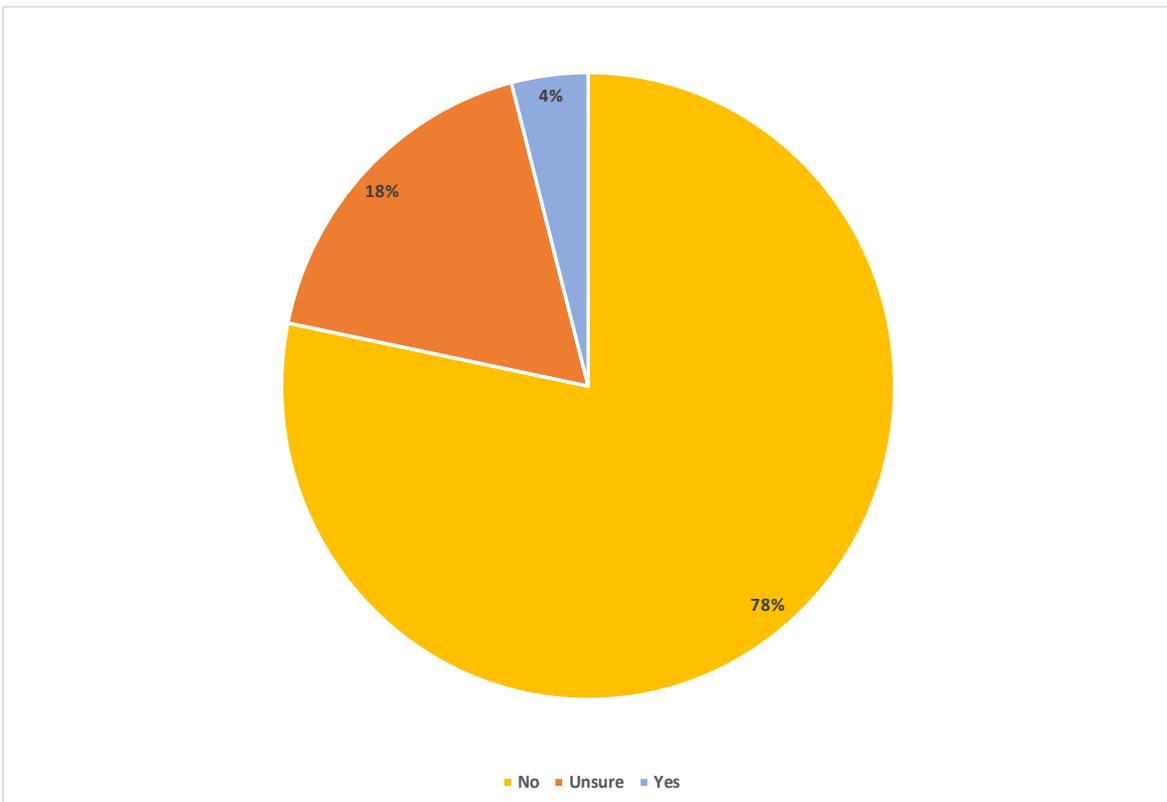
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View of Safety

When you attend an event in town, do you have concerns about safety?



Comments

All responders' comments are listed in the Appendix. Here are some common themes among the comments:

- There is a general concern that the size/number of events is at its maximum.
- Residents tend to feel the Christmas parade is too long. Families with children find it challenging to stay for the entire parade.
- Residents express concerns about parking issues and pedestrian and traffic safety during the Christmas parade. Many suggest a well-managed, visible shuttle service.

APPENDIX: COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS & PROPERTY OWNERS

- Charging the public a nominal fee for events may be challenging, but I think worthwhile. MUCH better than even considering having tax payers pay for these events in any amount!!!! I think the charm of west Chester and its sense of community and quality of life is enhanced by the variety of events hosted here. Tax payers should not need to pay more for these events. There are Parks & Recreation staff paid by tax payers. Additional fees for events would be totally inappropriate. Charge \$5 per person. Have your Parks & Rec Board and volunteers you trust stationed at entrances to events and wandering around events welcoming people and asking for \$5 per head if they do not have a hand stamp (or some other form of proof of prior payment). I'd volunteer to do that for a couple of hours, and I don't live there yet, but am a homeowner and intend to live there some day.
- Gay Street should be made pedestrian, at least on weekends.
- Two comments: (1) The Christmas parade is totally out of hand, I remember the Old-Fashioned Christmas and it was a low-key Borough focused good time. (2) various runs regularly use Sharpless St., we get no notice of these events and I have been told by flaggers I can't drive my car onto my street when I had a carload of groceries, been yelled at and had my car pounded on, my wife was told she couldn't drive to our home, and I got blocked in my alley and I could go on. I did ask Don Braceland if the race flaggers have the right to deny residents access to their homes and never got an answer. I know the events are for a good cause and would have less problem if I at least knew when and where the events were. And before you tell me that the info is posted, I shouldn't have to check daily for events, I should get an email telling me about them. Also, why don't these groups have to get a parade permit requiring posting of the routes?
- We do not attend events generally because they are much, MUCH too crowded. This removes the small town feel and diminishes our enjoyment.
- I'm especially concerned about the traffic issues connected w/the Christmas parade.
- Love the Christmas parade and go every year - unfortunately it always seems to start late and goes way too long. With kids, we have yet to actually see SANTA arrive before we have to head back home.

Some events seem too similar; e.g. I see the same food and vendors at Super Sunday and each Swinging Summer Thursday and other festivals. Maybe have a more distinct theme for each one - e.g. One with a country theme with country music and only country themed vendors. Another SST could be more kid centric with moon bounces, vendors geared toward kids. A third geared toward crafts etc. The vintage garage sale is unique and interesting! Maybe bring that to downtown. More unique events like this esp. with different food trucks with unusual food offerings.

The absolute best event is the Christmas parade. The only drawback is that it goes too long for little kids to be up so late out in the often very cold weather to see Santa at the end. They need to either limit the number of floats/bands or have them move faster. Last few years it's been between 9:15-9:30pm before Santa got to Penn's table! It was a nightmare when my kids were under age 5. Two hours standing in the cold and often hard to see. We do love it but it can be exhausting.

Halloween parade has gotten worse. New rules about no handing out candy meant we skipped it this past year. And when we did go there was so much waiting around while everyone gets lined up. My boys were going bananas before it started.

- The 5k races are excessive and annoying.
- Large events cause me to be concerned about safety but that is because of the times we live in and I would hate to end those events for that reason. Precautions should be taken as possible.
- The Christmas parade is one of my favorites!!
- We love the parades, especially the Christmas one. I would like to see a Memorial Day parade. Extending the restaurant festival to include Market St was great in that it eased the congestion. Swinging Thursdays are fun but need more food vendors.
- Halloween Parade: I love that the participants are no longer allowed to throw candy. For so long, I have watched children almost get run over by vehicles to get a piece of candy. The bags they would pick up this year were plenty of candy for the children.

Christmas Parade: This parade has gotten way too big for our little town. There are just too many people coming into town for the size we are. God forbid there be an emergency, between the road closures and the traffic trying to get around the road closures, emergency vehicles will never be able to get to their destination. I miss the small parade that it used to be. Also, walking around town on the night of the Christmas Parade is so dangerous. Residents are so eager to get home and are trying to navigate the closed roads that they are running stop signs and almost hitting people. It is very scary and we may not be attending the parade anymore due to the crowds in town.

Runs: There are just way too many runs in the Borough. Why can't they run at a park with a track? The traffic on High and Market Sts. on Saturday is heavy enough without having to navigate the closed roads.

Restaurant Festival: This event gets very crowded but with the addition of Market Street, it has improved. There is still plenty of room on Market to spread out the vendors on Gay St. even more.

Swinging Summer Thursdays: This used to be a highlight of our summer evenings, but since there are no food vendors anymore, we don't really attend. We used to be able to go up and have some food and get a snack, but now there are just tables giving out free junk and you have to go into a restaurant to get food, which defeats the purpose of the festival. The kids like to go up and see how much free stuff they can get, but we don't attend very often.

- More of the parking for downtown events should be at WCU with a frequent shuttle to the perimeter of the event. Relieves traffic congestion and pedestrian traffic on side streets, trash and noise. A Saturday morning Gay Street pedestrian mall closure, as was discussed during the comprehensive parking plan meeting, would allow events such as the WC Farmer's Market to take place alongside other craft/artisan events in downtown allowing for window browsing and foot traffic for shops that choose to open early.
- The Crit is amazing. I like the Chili cook off vibe but am a vegetarian and often go home hungry! Swinging Thursdays lack something, but I'm not sure what that is. I love the twice-yearly art crawls. The parades rock!!!
- I enjoy the First Friday Arts events and wish there was more opportunities for local artists to be seen in town. As a recent graduate student of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts and an undergraduate of WCUPA's Art Program I find it difficult to find opportunities to be involved in the arts in town.... besides at the CCAA.
- Events seem to be similar, such as chili cook off and restaurant week.

- The Christmas parade is too big for our town. It is exciting, but during our 8-block walk home last year we saw many dangerous traffic incidents involving impatient drivers that especially endangered pedestrians. Our police force is not large enough to properly patrol all of the outlying areas impacted by such a huge event.

The new candy-station program at the Halloween parade is just silly. That's a small-town event with deep-rooted tradition. Let the participants share candy like they used to. Emphasize no throwing, if that's really a problem. But last year's attempt at controlling it was a real downer.

- Christmas parade is too large and the parking on boro streets is unsafe, having participants from 6 states is overboard, use local talent and park cars off site, residents are placed in an unsafe situation as roads are blocked making emergency vehicles unable to travel through the streets, parade has overgrown the town, either make it smaller or move it, thanks.
- The Xmas parade seems to have become too large and thus it ends up being a long parade with lots of stops and breaks in the action.
- The Restaurant Festival is so large and crowded that we have started to leave town for the day. It is not enjoyable when you can't move.

The frequent runs are a bit annoying. It would help if the residents whose streets are blocked would have prior notice. This would allow residents to plan accordingly when they have appointments.

- The bike race is too confined. I think the course could be spread out over a wider area.
- Love the events in town! It would be helpful to offer a continuous loop shuttle to Henderson or some other nearby large parking space to alleviate parking issues during events. The shuttle buses could have exclusive access to certain roads to allow them to get back and forth quickly. We love that the town has events that we can walk to. All of the staff from the Rec dept, to the police, to the vendors & restaurants, all do such a great job.
- The number and magnitude of the current events are fine. Any more events would likely push me over to the "I don't like events" side.
- Many of the events are great, and have become tradition for the Borough, like the Restaurant Festival for instance. However, I believe that there are too many events, so much so that they become a nuisance and of little interest to the general public.
- Parking was a problem for the Christmas event. Provide buses from the QVC parking lot would be a good plan.
- Would not miss Christmas parade.
- Part of the charm of WC is the many fun street events. They help bolster the sense of community and bring people in town to experience our great shops and restaurants. Perhaps some accommodation needs to be made for shuttle parking.
- Let's use the old Wyeth plant site as a flea market!

- My grandchildren really enjoy the parades and things like Super Sunday. Swinging Thursdays are great but not easy for us to attend. Races are not our thing so we don't attend but know how popular they are with others.
- The events give a great deal of exposure to West Chester and contribute to the retail and restaurant economy. The events are a big positive to the community.
- Yes I attend the Christmas parade. My husband works on the other side of town and does not have difficulty getting home during these events. We plan for parking ahead of time. Families frequently meet to attend these events. We should consider parking on campus and running buses if neighbors are concerned.
- As a borough resident you learn to work around the events. They bring people together and bring income to businesses.
- Love the Christmas parade, but viewing it has become difficult because of the crowds. It's a catch-22 situation because more people mean more spending in the borough.
- I attended the Halloween parade, Veterans Day, criterion, and restaurant festival and thought they were well -run and well -attended. So proud to live in West Chester. I missed the Christmas parade so I cannot personally attest to crowd or traffic/safety.
- The Christmas parade has become huge! We never stay until the end now, but we still love it.
- We like the parades and restaurant festival. Maybe the festivals could be more spread out to help alleviate crowding. Would like fewer foot races that shut down Borough streets.

Be nice to have a music festival (jazz would be good) in the many bars and restaurants similar to the blues one in Media. Imagine closing off gay and market and people walking into all the venues to hear great music. That would bring more action to market street venues too. Just sayin.

- Holiday parade draws too many people/ need more parking.
- The Christmas Parade crowds have gotten out of control.
- Some of the events, in my opinion, have gotten too big, so I have lost interest in attending. Also, the exclusion of dogs from public events has a big part in my decision to not attend.
- We love the Christmas Parade, Halloween Parade, Twilight Criterium and the Restaurant Festival (although it has gotten REALLY crowded). Swingin' Summer Thursdays is an event that makes West Chester a special, charming and unique place.
- My husband and I have lived in the borough for 45 years and have attended the Christmas parade--as in, we helped organize it in 1980, and then costumed it, led tours, sold tickets-- for 30 years. It has now become so big that it will choke itself; the borough cannot handle the number of people who want to watch it (narrow sidewalks, downtown route, and no parking). And, it no longer has any real historical connection to the borough, as the original Old-fashioned Christmas did. It is now just a fancy parade that a lot pf people want to watch, and so non-local participants should pay for the privilege. (I don't know what the fee structure is for participating groups, if any) but every group ought to pay something to reimburse the borough for police/safety/parking shuttle costs. This has to be re-thought.

We have sporadically attended all of the other events, and enjoyed them thoroughly before they became repetitious, and/or too big. They have been good for the borough.

We opted out of the restaurant festival when offerings were no longer small tasting samples, but larger and more expensive portions and less introductory/foodie and more just common stuff.

And for all of these festivals: We are old and do not want to battle crowds, so you can dismiss my complaint on that front, because many younger people love crowds. But there is nevertheless a tipping point where the hassles of size, parking availability, and ease of getting to the event site will simply deter people from coming back after a mixed or negative experience.

All of these problems can be solved--expensively. And I, as a taxpayer, do not want to foot more than a reasonable part of the bill even though the events have many benefits for the borough's vitality, which I value.

I know enough of the borough's history to know that its fortunes have waxed and waned forever. At least twice since we've been here. But just getting bigger won't do it. I don't envy the those who want to remedy any faults.

- Old Fashioned Christmas should return to its roots - historical holiday celebration, featuring shops and activities in Borough, with minimal commercial advertising. Borough should financially/service support only NON-commercial BOROUGH events. Events should not exceed police/fire/public works ability to support them and costs of these services should be borne by sponsor of event: BID, non-profits (from proceeds), etc. Borough residents should not be expected to bear costs for other communities' enjoyment without cost-sharing, a difficult balance.
- Throw candy out at the Halloween/Christmas parade again!
- Would like to see some more variety for example art show. Also maybe spread out events on market and gay sts so the walking is not so crowded. More seating at events for outdoor eating and activities for families.
- The Christmas Parade, specifically, has become too big for our police department to manage with confidence. If it's true that we have 40,000 people attending, that's approximately the seating in Citizen Bank Park. The difference is we have 10 police officers and they have a LOT more. Also, the Borough makes NO money on this affair, even though our residents and Borough staff are inconvenienced for the better part of two days during set-up and tear-down.
- The Christmas parade needs to be pared down. It goes on too long. Too late for little kids and way too many bands.
- Christmas parade is so much fun and love to attend with family and friends. I like the fact there is always something happening and the small city feel. The businesses should bear some cost, not residents. Also, the township should do more to fill the vacant spaces and buildings to drive revenue and activity.
- Xmas parade hard to watch need stadium seating. Could they go around track at High School at end or beginning.

Restaurant Festival is too crowded and we do not go anymore. Need more space, could use one side of/in street for vendors and more standing and sitting space and the other side for the street for pedestrian travel.

Bike race is great, kid races are a riot. Professional bikers are exciting.

Halloween in the borough is fun. Very friendly and social.

I understand that the concerns of new residences and the cost to the boro but hope you can find a balance that keeps us coming in to town.

- Christmas Parade is too large, parking needs to be offsite too dangerous for residents needing to move about town, DONT like all the folks coming from different states, use LOCAL talent, fix the parking way too dangerous and out of towners have no care for local residents
- Restaurant festival has grown too big...crowds, dogs, long lines, and extremely intoxicated individuals keep us away.

We do love Swingin Thursdays, the bike race, Christmas parade, and Veteran's Day Parade. Now that candy is no longer thrown at the Halloween parade, I feel it's way more safe and enjoyable.

- The holiday parade has gotten too large. There are too many people coming from outside WC and cause problems in the neighborhoods. There is a lot of trash and debris left behind along with issues of cars being hit due to parking difficulties. Most of the events are fun and a nice way to bring the community together.
- It's difficult being a resident when events occur since parking becomes a real issue. It seems that the events are attracting more and more people each year making it more disruptive to people who live in town. I don't mind it but don't think we need more events than we have already and the crowds should be limited.
- Extra public works and police expenses should be paid by the promoter(s), not the taxpayers. I also did not understand the SWAT officer by himself with a rifle at the foot race during Christmas. That isn't appropriate and he should not have been by himself. That is police work 101. Besides that.....I thought it was an awesome event. I assume QVC paid for the city expenses since they were the sponsors.
- I feel Restaurant Festival has gotten too big.
- A couple of the events are great Christmas Parade, Bike Race. Others, I have no interest in (Chili Cook off, Restaurant Fest.) that in my opinion unnecessarily bring big crowds to the boro and in turn bring congestion, traffic hassles and unwarranted costs.
- Not sure of "fair share "amount and Swingin' Summer Thursdays needs to be revamped.
- The Christmas parade should definitely not get bigger and perhaps be scaled back. The ability to enjoy the event-parking, crowds, comfort stations, eating options-are degrading because the event has gotten so big. We enjoy Swingin Summer Thursdays the best because they have more of a neighborhood feel and are less crowded. We generally have not attended various food festivals because crowds just get too big.
- Please keep dogs away from all events. Please prohibit smoking at all events.
- Love the events but glad the Borough is taking a second look.

- We absolutely love living in the borough and love being a part of so many fun activities. That said, on nights like the Halloween Parade and the Christmas Parade I mark it on my calendar to take a half day so I don't get stuck in traffic three blocks from my house. It's all part of the fun but as the borough reconsiders some events this should be a concern because more than 2/3 of these kinds of events that shut down town/traffic can be difficult for residents. Safety is obviously a part of that concern!

Drag racing and basic pedestrian safety (especially at stop signs) is also a major concern. We nearly get run over almost daily while walking around town particularly on New and Hinnom and around the Justice Center.

- I think probably one of the biggest problems is parking and crowd control. As a resident of the boro, the parking situation on a normal basis is bad enough but when an event is going on it is even worse. The events that I entered no to not attending are for the most part because of lack of interest on my part. For the Restaurant Festival, I have been attending these for years, the last time I attended was maybe 6 years ago, I had my young grandson with me, and it was so horribly crowded you could not enjoy it, I think I walked one block and came home. I do think however; that although I might not always attend, I do think these events are good for West Chester.
- The Christmas parade has gotten far too big. Setup is too disruptive to downtown business, there are far too many bands from distant towns and the duration typically makes it difficult for little kids to stay to the end.
- Some events (Christmas parade in particular) have become SO big there should be a "local zone" (bleachers accessed with local address ID) so that West Chester residents don't have to compete with throngs of people. Events are great, but especially if residents bear some of the expense, we should at least be able to enjoy them.
- Many of the events have been around for a number of years. It would be nice to see some different events come to West Chester.
- In recent years, the volume of people and overall popularity of the Christmas Parade event has made traveling home from work that evening difficult and parking on-street for many residents nearly impossible. It's wonderful to see the growing support and excitement from the community, but the traffic and size of the crowds has had deleterious effects on the overall event.
- Parking for the Christmas Parade is a hot mess! Residents returning home from work are unable to park, two-way streets are not able to accommodate traffic in both directions causing damage to parked cars. There needs to be a better solution to the massive influx of cars. Perhaps utilizing lots outside of town (i.e.: old Acme on 322) and providing shuttles would be an option
- We still have young children so the events we attend these days are family oriented. Super Sunday is nice with the kids zone at Wells Fargo Parking Lot. The festivals at Everhart Park are nice too but they never have enough food vendors.

We've been disappointed with the Halloween parade and the Christmas parade the past two years. We need to find a way to be able to pass out candy at the Halloween parade, it was a real bummer this year. I wish the Xmas parade wasn't so commercial and was more decorative and Christmas oriented. It would also be nice to highlight more West Chester businesses/organizations, particularly the wonderful social services we have such as the food pantry, safe harbor, friends association, etc. we should be asking for donations at these events and raising awareness.

- I didn't answer the cost sharing program because it would be 100% for the Halloween Parade but 0% for a church's 5K run. I'm not sure you could limit the size of events; but, for the Christmas Parade the borough should provide shuttles from parking lots at the College, Henderson, the Hospital, and maybe West Goshen Shopping Center.
- The Christmas Parade has become too large for our borough - it needs to return to the "Old Fashioned Christmas Parade" with our small-town atmosphere.
- I wouldn't mind seeing Super Sunday being retired. Some of these events seem tired (Super Sunday, Swinging Thursday, Restaurant Festival). Absolutely love Halloween Parade and Victorian Christmas and Parade - very unique and something for everyone. I also appreciate those events that the borough itself may not be sponsoring, such as First Fridays and the Film Festival - things geared toward the Arts and adults.
- The Christmas parade has become too commercial in recent years, and no parade should ever include political floats or messages!
- We might want to consider off-site parking and provide shuttles into town for the biggest events, to allow emergency personnel emergency access if needed. The streets are way too clogged, albeit only for a few hours, for Old Fashioned Christmas parade. Parking at the University, at QVC, anywhere there is excess space on that Friday night, and then shuttle in to the venue.

I think we have the right number of events. We could probably do a couple more and it wouldn't hurt. But the events are one factor for why people want to live here (in the West Chester area). That "desire to live here" is an asset that should be valued and protected.

I don't know what kind of support, if any, we get from neighboring townships, or how we could get support from them. Everyone living in the 19380,81,82 zip codes say they live in West Chester, even though they don't mean the borough, and usually say it with pride!

- The best events should be allowed..and sponsored by advertisers... If they benefit the shops and restaurants and/or for charity fundraising the boro should have some support..i.e. traffic control, clean up.
- Blessing of animals at everhart --- Great.
- The bike race is a non-issue, not interesting at all, The Christmas Parade has become too large for the night it is held. The police should have many more law enforcement team in place for 45 k people. A Phillies game has 40 police officers for same amount of attendee. The parade should be switched to a weekend so the town could be empty to allow easier flow of attendee. Mid-day Saturday or Sunday is the ticket.
- The Christmas parade is too large for out footprint and being held at night on a workday, too complicated for employees trying to leave and people trying to come into town. If we plan on keeping the Christmas Parade as it stands now, switch it to a Sunday afternoon, it's still dark around 4 pm in December.
- I think the organizers should share the cost of extra police, clean up and traffic management. This includes WCU sponsored events.
- A large, corporate sponsor should pay for an event they are sponsoring.

- The restaurant festival and chili cook off are difficult to attend because of it being so crowded, especially on Gay St. Can they be spread out to more streets to make them easier to navigate? I would imagine a good number of people don't attend that otherwise would for this reason.
- Regarding the percentage of event costs that Borough taxpayers should cover, I can't give a good answer - would need to see the history of funding events, previous community responses (perhaps via focus groups), and an impact statement for any potential changes.
- I have concerns about safety, insofar as I have doubts that our police presence on the ground is large enough and am afraid that it would not be equipped to handle a terrorist driving a truck into a crowd, or something like that.

I also have concerns about safety during Th/Fri nights and Sunday afternoons/evenings when drivers treat Gay St (between Darlington and New) and Hannum Ave as their personal drag-racing track. Just a few reckless drivers come speeding up the hill at 40 or 50 mph, or try to reach top speeds on Gay St, right before it hits New. It's quite dangerous to pedestrians, and I believe it's only a matter of time until one of these speeders strikes and kills a pedestrian.

- Love the boro events!! Lucky to live here!
- Events in this town would be missed. The council person pushing for these events to go away should be dismissed from council. He is only trying to make a name for himself. These events have been taking place in West Chester for YEARS! Taking them away is the wrong idea. It brings people to our town, it helps our shops and restaurants, it shows how great and welcoming West Chester is! Having these events and others is a great thing! If you want a town that does nothing, that looks run down and no one comes to... That's what you will have... nothing...
- Interesting survey. I answered all the questions including "Do you think Borough taxpayers should bear a reasonable portion of the cost of events?" I said no. I know of no one who is suggesting that there be funds from property taxes for events. There are other ways of raising funds and we should be discussing the options.
- I don't think residents of the Borough should have to pay costs associated with events that are put on by outside organizations. The event registration fees/permits should cover any set-up, clean-up, and security associated with the event. The questions about limiting the number of events and limiting size should have provided more options. It depends on the kinds of events. Limiting the number may be good for the number of 5Ks but having a strict number for all events would be unfair in that new types of events may be prevented from starting and becoming signature West Chester events. Please do everything you can to keep the West Chester Christmas Parade in the Borough. This is my favorite event!
- The Restaurant Festival has grown so large that I won't attend it. I adore the Christmas Parade, but the amount of people and cars in our town was dangerous this past December !!
- The Christmas Parade and Restaurant Festival are too crowded and affect the quality of life for residents with parking who aren't attending events. Maybe they should consider shuttling visitors from West Goshen Shopping Center and WCU.
- I appreciate when notice is given (well in advance) about street closures through the use of the electronic traffic sign on Gay Street by the (permanent) Borough Building.

- Our town is currently full of energy. People come from many different places to attend our events as they are known through the tri state area. West Chester used to be run down, nothing was up town, it was dreary .. It compared to Coatesville or Chester back then. Taking these kinds of things away, we will be right back to that point
- Events are family friendly, energizing, varied
- I love all the events and think they help to make the town vibrant, even if I can't always attend them. Family friendly events are always nice. My only concern is the big emphasis placed on Christmas-parade, decorations, tree. While I love it, it may not feel inclusive to those of different faiths.