

# Survey of Resident Attitudes Toward the City of Bexley

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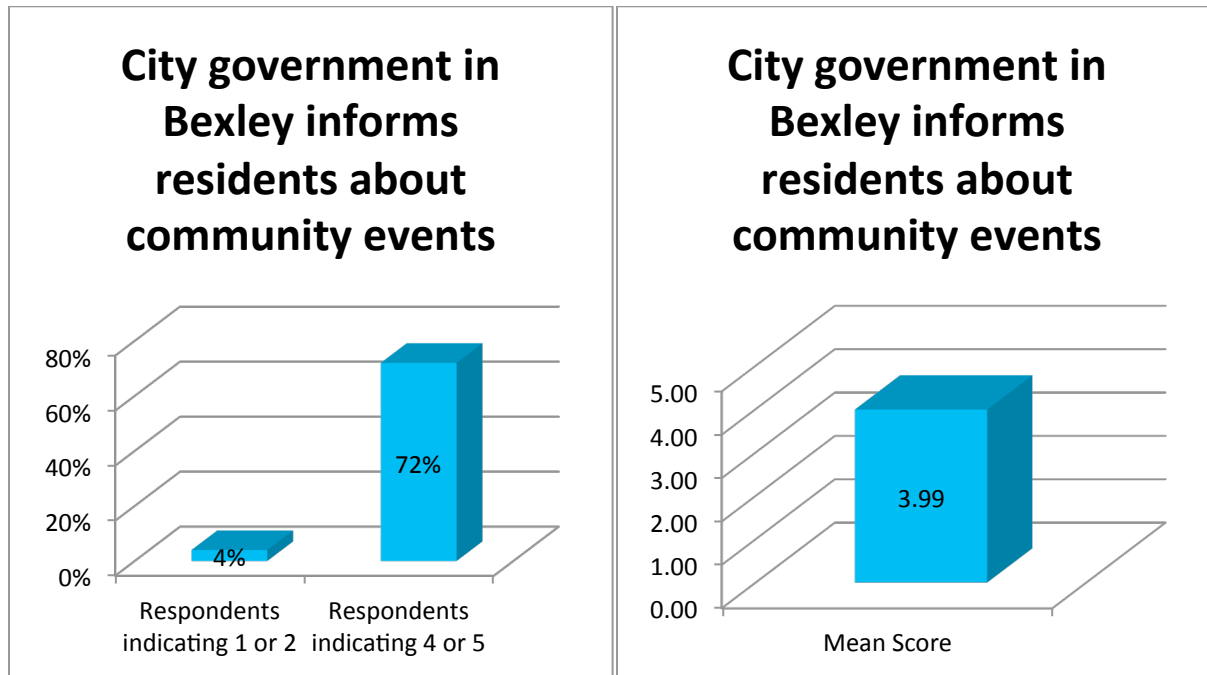
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## Executive Summary

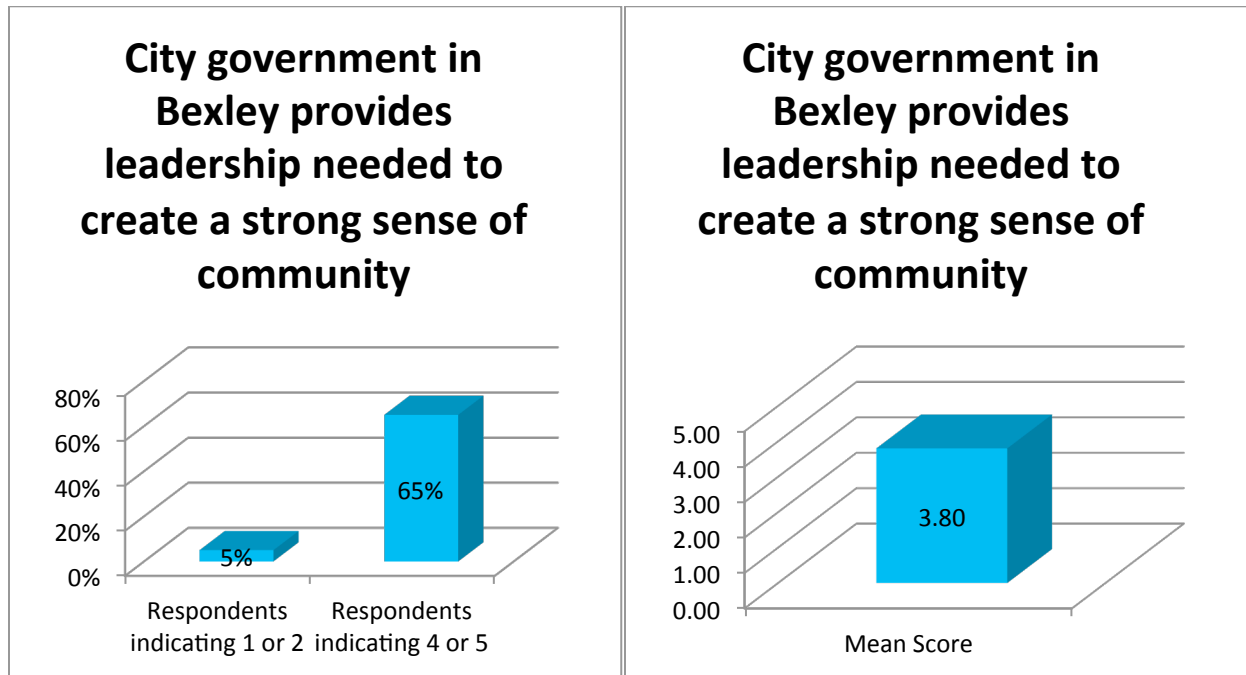
- **800** surveys were mailed to a random selection of Bexley residents. Fifty-six of the surveys were returned as undeliverable. Of the **744** surveys that were delivered, **235** were completed and returned, providing a response rate of **32%**.
- There was roughly **equal representation** of respondents based upon where they live, how long they have lived in Bexley, and their age. **There may be overrepresentation** based on income and households with zero children living at home, although these representations may mirror the demographics of Bexley generally.
- The **highest four mean scores** (on a scale of 1-5, with 5 indicating the respondent strongly agrees) of how respondents feel about the City of Bexley were that the city **has an effective police department** (4.57), **is safe** (4.25), **has an effective recreation department** (4.14), and **provides what I need** (4.14).
- The **lowest four mean scores** (on a scale of 1-5, with 5 indicating the respondent strongly agrees) of how respondents feel about the City of Bexley were that the city **is transparent** (3.43), **effectively enforces building codes** (3.65), **is working to improve commercial opportunities** (3.75), and **provides leadership needed to create a strong sense of community** (3.81).
- The **respondents overwhelmingly feel they have benefited from their association with Bexley** (95% indicate they have benefited).
- The **respondents overwhelmingly support the commercial development of Main Street** (98% support).
- The **respondents support serving alcohol** (with certain restrictions) at Jeffrey Mansion (80% support).
- The **respondents are interested in receiving information via social media or e-mail** (74% are interested). **Not very many respondents knew there was a Bexley Facebook page** (68% are not aware).
- The **respondents support the city acquiring property for revenue generating purposes** (86% support).
- The **respondents feel they are receiving value for the taxes paid** (78% feel they receive value).
- The **respondents do not support the construction of a dog park** (62% do not support); 61% of the respondents have a pet in the house.
- Respondents **support and have participated in youth-oriented recreation activities**.
- Based upon the response of survey participants, the following emerged as **consistent themes** throughout the survey:
  - **Respondents are interested in locating a specialty grocery store** in Bexley. The two stores most often mentioned were Whole Foods and Trader Joe's.
  - **Community aesthetics are a concern** for a number of respondents, and some concern was expressed specifically regarding the alleys. Bexley could explore the establishment of a "spring cleaning" date wherein residents would be encouraged to clean their properties, focusing especially on alleys.
  - If it is determined that alcohol can be served at Jeffrey Mansion, it should be at **private events only** and **carefully controlled** so as not to lose the "**family oriented**" nature of Jeffrey Mansion. A number of respondents suggested that off-duty police officers should be hired to ensure safety and also suggested that no alcohol should be served after a specific time (e.g., 10:00 pm).

- **Respondents are interested in the commercial development of Main Street**, particularly if that can relieve some of the current tax burden. Additionally, respondents want to make sure that development also be considered for **Livingston, Cassady, and Drexel Avenues**. Likewise, respondents **support the acquiring of property for revenue enhancing opportunities**.
- Respondents **are interested in the construction of a recreation center**, especially if that would mean **increased recreational offerings**. Although many of the respondents indicated support and participation in **youth and youth-oriented recreation**, there is some interest in **increasing recreational offerings geared towards adults/seniors**.
- Respondents feel that **communication and transparency could be improved**. A number of residents indicated interest in knowing more about council meetings, so this information should be made readily available via either the **posting of the minutes in an easy-to-access location on the web page or the posting of video of council meetings online**. Additionally, since respondents indicate they are interested in receiving information regarding the city events/plans via social media or e-mail, the city should **develop a plan for capturing e-mail addresses**.
- **Maintain and seek to improve personal safety for residents**. Respondents generally appreciate the work of the police department, and want to make sure that the City of Bexley continues to be a safe place to live.
- Because **many residents are satisfied with their experience of living in Bexley, carefully manage any changes made**. The survey revealed that 95% of the respondents indicated that living in Bexley has met or exceeded their expectations, 95% feel they have benefited from their association with Bexley, and 78% feel they are receiving value for their taxes paid.



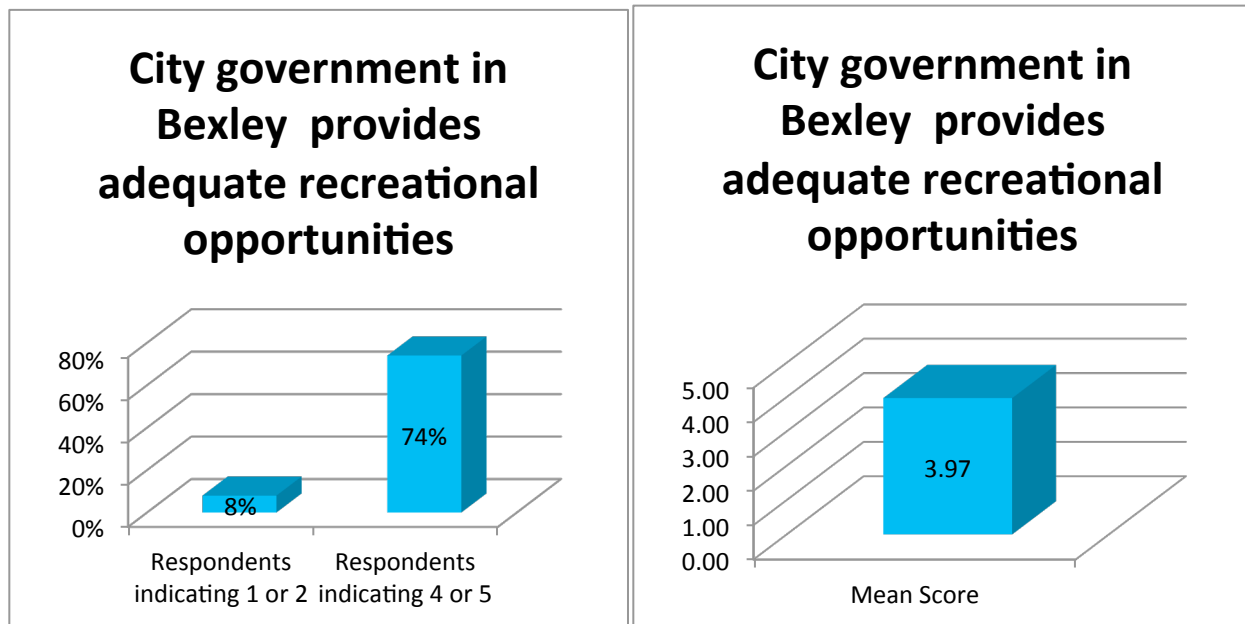
Verbatim comments:

- Could do better
- Need an email system
- Mostly BCA only
- No email. Poor website
- Taxes are too high
- Only place to find info is neighbor
- Do not hear anything
- More reactive than proactive
- Who is Kessler? The community did not vote for him.



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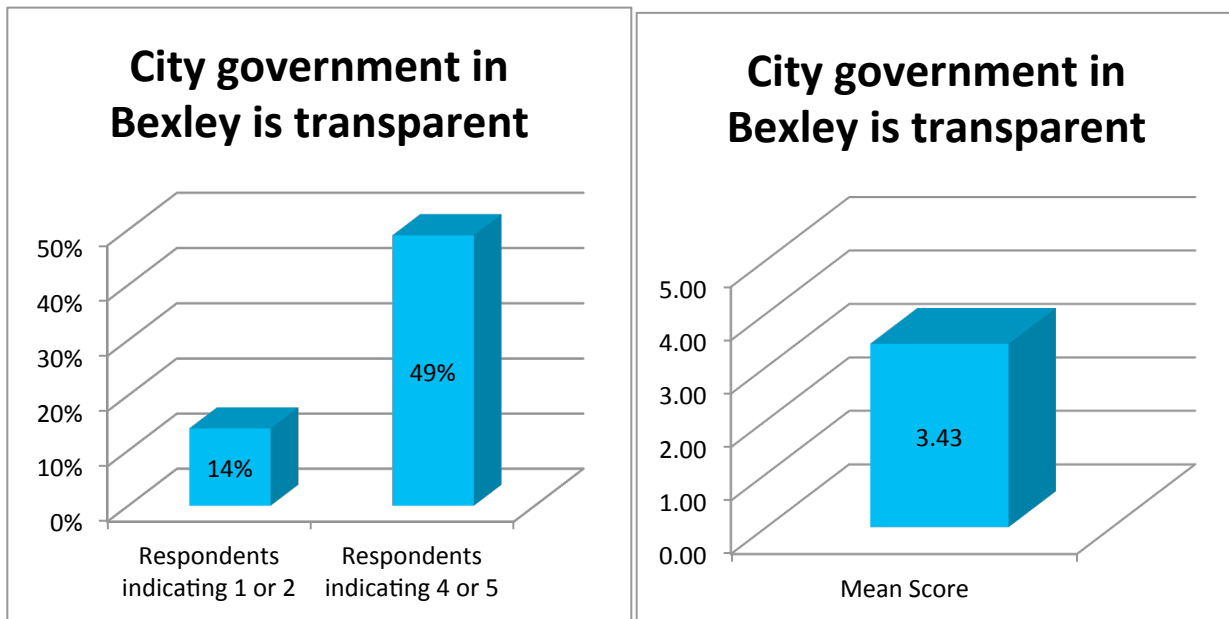
- I don't see any evidence
- We only need to look at the last election - the old guard wants to stay in power
- Could be better if more direct contact with citizens
- No communication with regular people in city.
- Our kids don't go to school here, but everything revolves around BHS.
- Not aware of efforts
- Too Entrenched
- Too many real estate members on city council



Verbatim comments:

- Need a fitness facility
- Inadequate for seniors
- Just a pool that's \$ \$ \$
- No indoor pool/rec center
- Bexley rec needs more funding
- Too much money spent on too few people
- Not for adults
- Prefer to have more competitive sport
- No community center
- Untapped potential exists in Bexley
- Need more adult leagues
- Taxes are too high
- Where?
- Too costly
- Not many options for 50 somethings who work
- Pool poorly managed
- Given the facilities
- Parks & Rec need to expand offerings
- Indoor facilities, more educational ac
- Senior activities limited
- We do not invest enough in this area as a city.

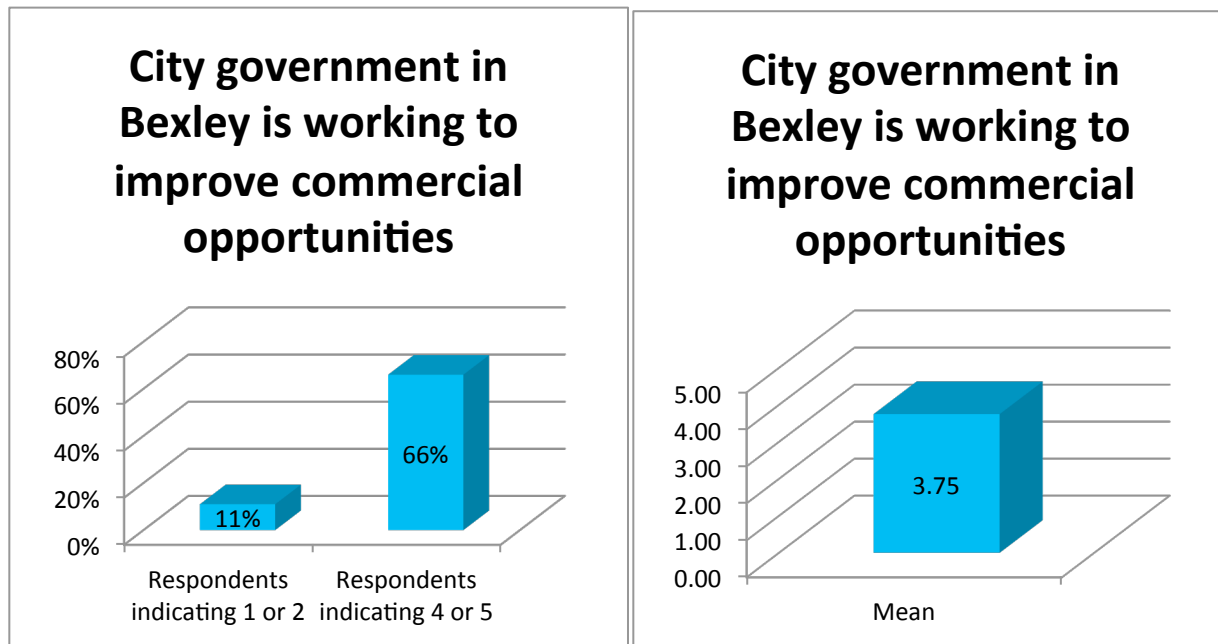




Verbatim comments:

- The city budget line-by-line should be sent to each tax payer
- Sometimes feel actors have hidden agendas
- Crises are publicized & sound weird
- How would I know of it wasn't?
- I don't see what they are about
- Feel there are lots of inside deals going on
- Not transparent at all!
- Open meetings? Old boy politics!!
- The secrecy regarding the house demolition issue was third world
- When Francis Ave was repaired they narrowed the street a good bit but I don't remember them telling us it would be narrowed!
- We are new to Bexley and do not see how the council and mayor operate. We see/read more about Columbus.
- Too many meeting behind closed doors. Where was this survey discussed?
- We have liars on our city council.
- Cultural differences. It would be nice if more ethnicities were in mayor's office. Encourage black community members to become involved.
- No communication
- NA? Very visible!
- Too many closed session city council + school board meetings
- Are minutes from city council available?
- Fails to use homepage to show info about govt. meeting minutes updating improvements, projects, etc
- How do I know?

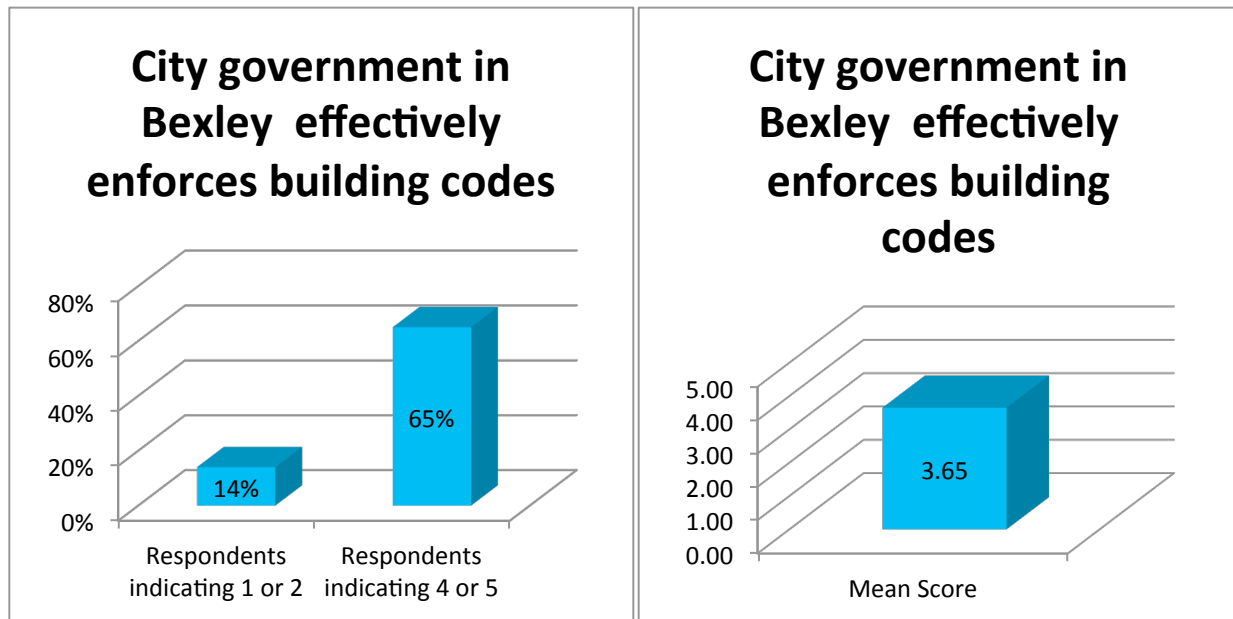
- Should publish recordings of council mtgs, etc
- Taxes are too high
- Process to transfer mayor to Kessler was closed and suspicious. Not open.
- Do not know how the process is going
- Minutes too hard to get to
- Decision on the house demo was horrible and a surprise to me, esp the process
- Closed "power" community



Verbatim comments:

- If city officials were sincere about commercial opportunities, why did they put a synagogue on Main Street of all places? Really?
- How? Just food spots are new
- Been talking about developers city garage + office forever
- It's getting better Bexley should be as thriving as Grandview
- More transparent communication about plans
- Lots of focus on Main St. - Cassidy needs attention
- We need more shops which would encourage to stay Bexley
- Main street is awesome but North Cassidy strip needs major improvement
- I have no info on any program.
- No communication.
- Parking restrictions
- Need to work on Livingston Ave. area
- Too many barriers by city to improve commercial opportunities in city
- I hope
- Need more abatements & incentives for small businesses
- Taxes are too high
- Don't see much improvement
- Not attracting sufficient number of business
- Lack of results
- Main Street planning commission are non-elected
- Creates barriers
- Rent is very expensive/no parking

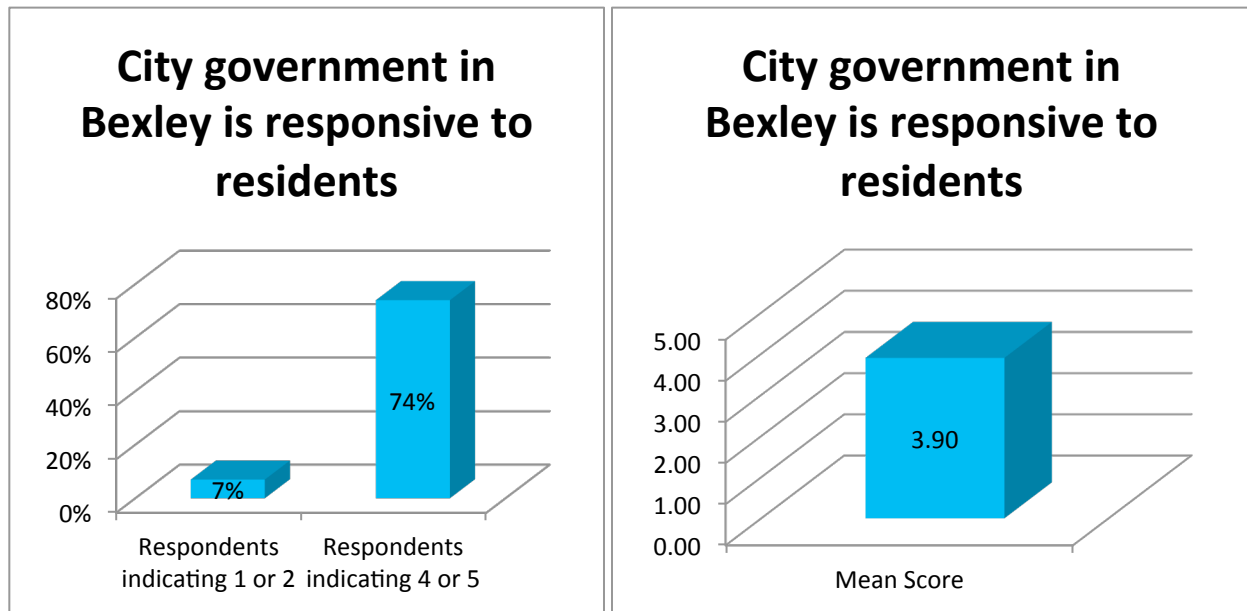
- Don't know what they are doing
- What commercial
- Not enough varied businesses
- Not sure about commercial but small business



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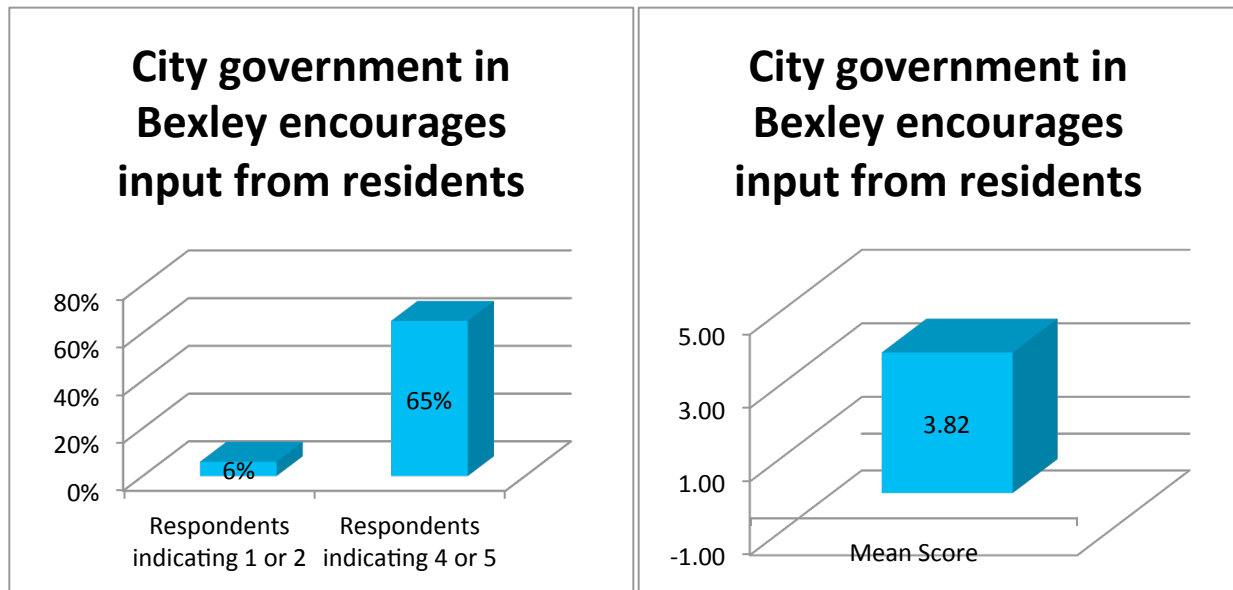
- South Bexley looks run down
- Neighbors don't keep houses and yards
- Maybe too effectively
- Sometimes done "not"
- Trash in alley- neglected Rental properties
- Painful process
- Does that include yards? Look at the overgrown weeds/grass & disregard on 2 Main Street houses. Decline of homes in south central Bexley
- Inconsistent enforcement
- Have you seen our alleys lately?
- Look around the city - Needs help!
- Many houses in south Bexley in disrepair
- NA don't know
- Too many houses look rundown
- No to demo
- No communication.
- Many homes w/ issues that are not addressed
- A lot of homes are not updated and kept up
- Some shabby property especially south of main
- Sometimes too excess
- Daily drive through Bexley demonstrates failings of code
- Taxes are too high
- Don't know

- Lack of staff
- Some properties Look Beat up - Garbage in Alley
- sometimes w/o reason
- Hap-hazard not systematic
- Unclean alleys; sick tree next door that is hazardous, water drains from roof to property between our houses, causing water damage
- South Bexley properties are slipping. Too many rentals not being properly maintained.
- What's the point of arch. Review board? I had to make changes to my addition plans
- Alleys look like crap!
- Not always practical, power based
- Housing/yard & alley upkeep has diminished GREATLY - furniture on front porches!
- Residential need work
- Does not respect adequately
- Violations not addressed in timely manner
- Appears to be random.
- The house behind us and down the street is overgrown with weeds and grass in the summer



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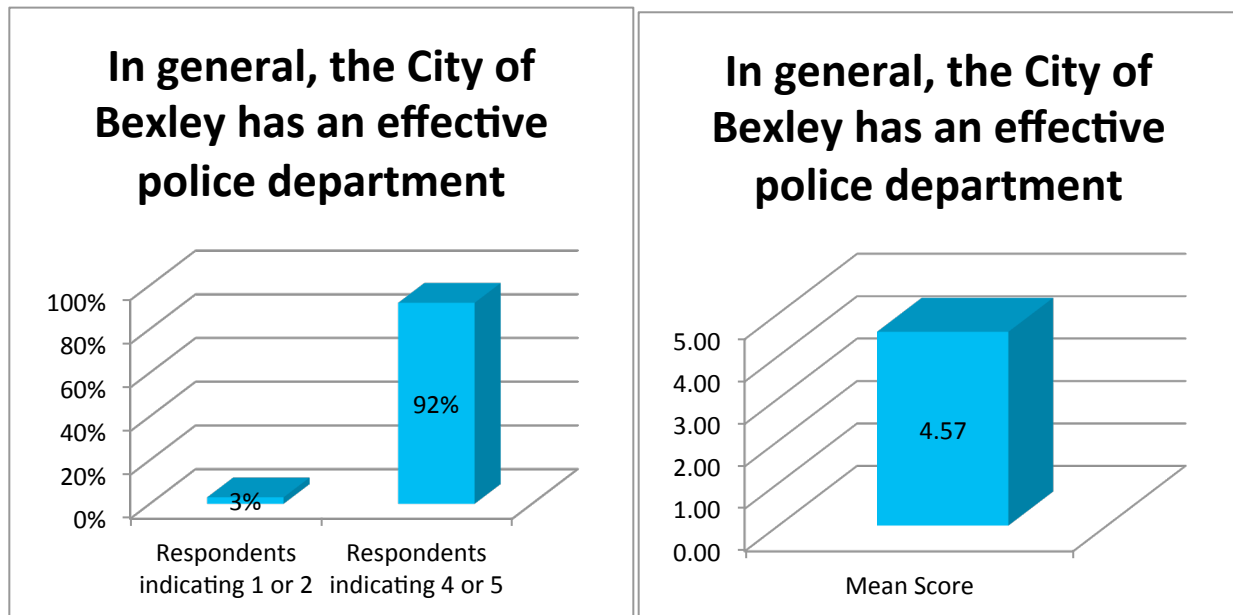
- Trees/trash/police
- Not transparent
- Not always
- Slow to get permits
- Their way or highway
- Called mayors action line and got on city's website to ask alley light be replaced. Took a year and half to get light repaired. Extremely disappointed with lack of response.
- Taxes are too high
- We contacted mayor about damage to our property by environmental group he endorsed. Nothing happened.
- Not my experience
- Yes, but not effective
- The residents spoke loud and clear on the demo issue.
- Definitely needs improvement



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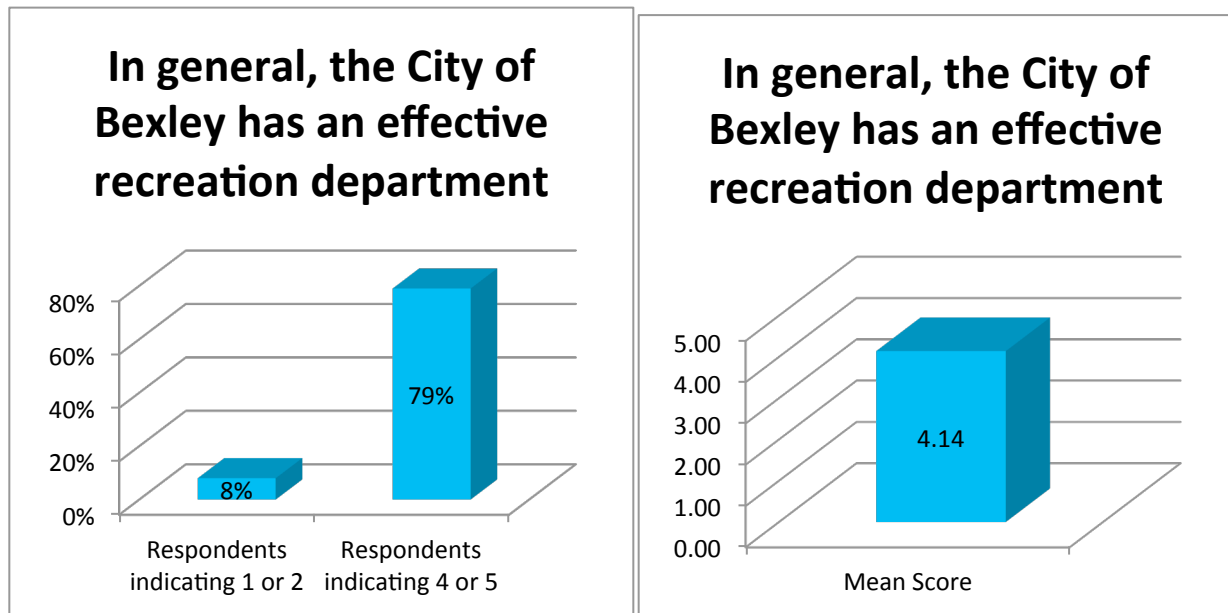
- Takes complaints well
- Many times to the detriment of an effective decisions
- Not Aware
- More surveys needed
- If given input nothing needs to (illegible)
- More so recently
- Related to being transparent
- Rarely do I receive a pleasant response at City Hall
- No communication.
- No electronic Surveys
- Taxes are too high
- This is evidence that they want to hear from us
- Needs improvement





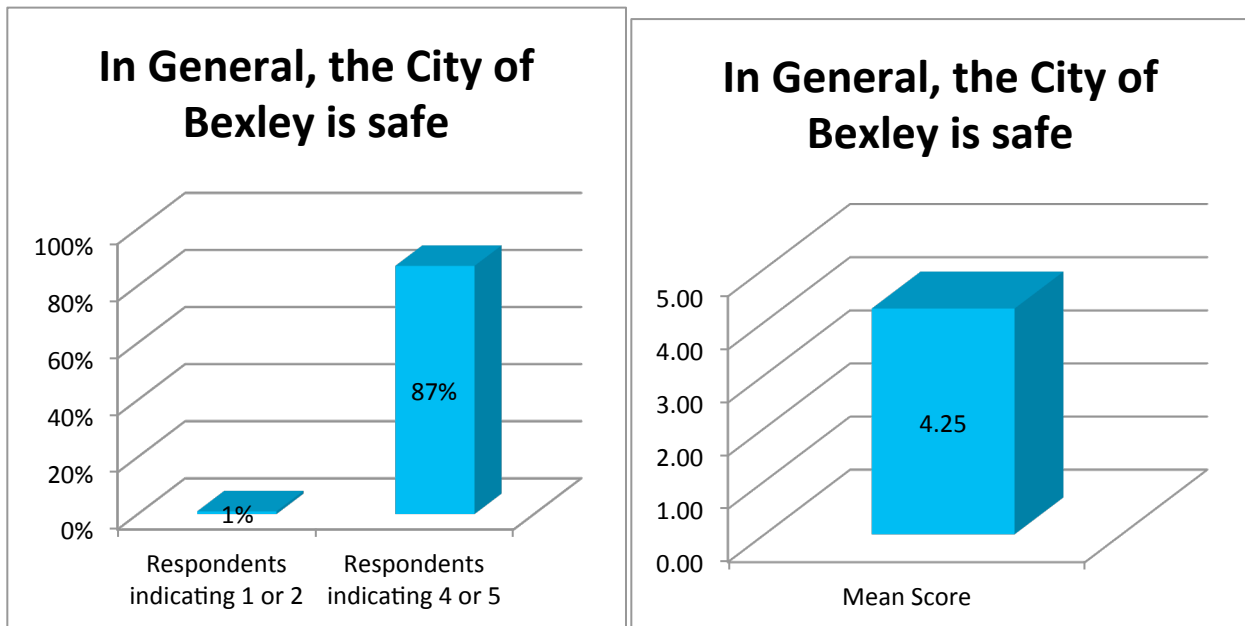
Verbatim comments:

- Super people
- Underage drinking/ drug use
- Keep it up!! Love to see police patrolling keeping us safe
- Seems very adequate
- Slow response to a house break in rampart speeding
- They have strong presence. I assume they are effective
- Fascist/Racist
- We see them often
- Does not enforce traffic law and does not react to Bexley
- Still too many car break-ins



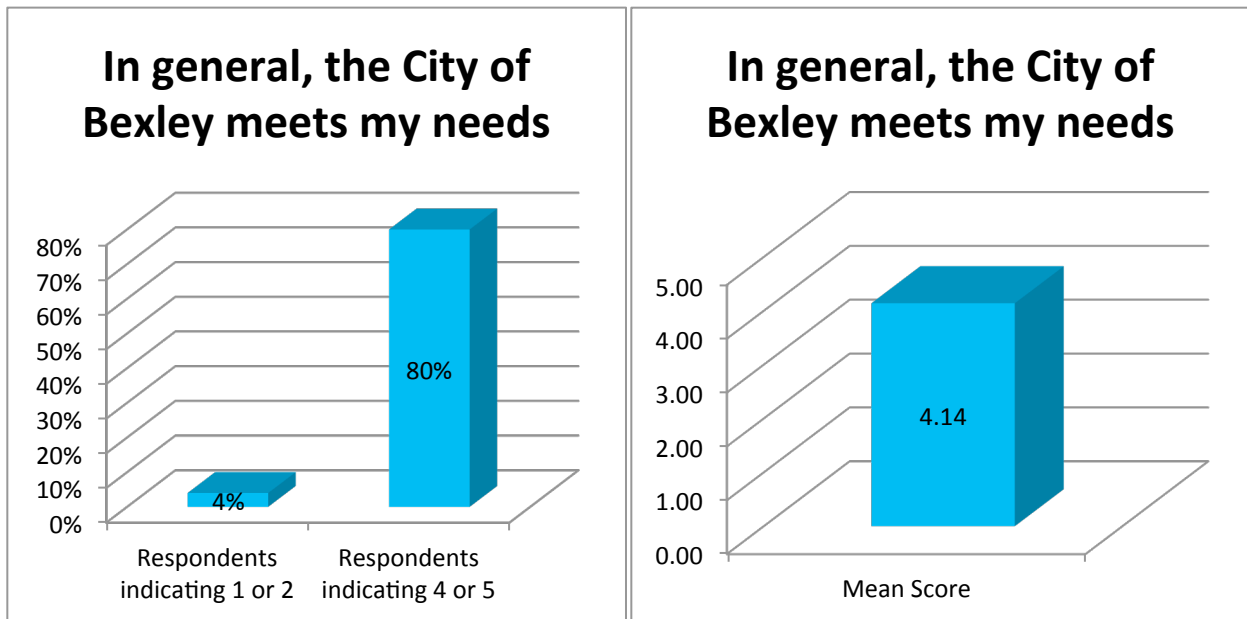
Verbatim comments:

- Particularly with facility constraints
- All is good for little kids but what if you didn't have little kids for the festivals senior
- We have a recreation department?
- They need better funding. Leadership can handle it!
- I don't know
- Too much money for the few people taking advantage
- Often seems disorganized - but good activities for holidays
- Need to improve website and email notification
- The pool does not appeal to preteen and teenage children. Therefore, we no longer purchase pool passes
- No rec center
- Too few adult sports activities
- Taxes are too high
- Needs more funding
- Very limited facility hampers dept.
- Gym type activities not available
- Love our rec department!
- An indoor facility for swimming and exercise would be worthwhile
- Needs more investment and funding.



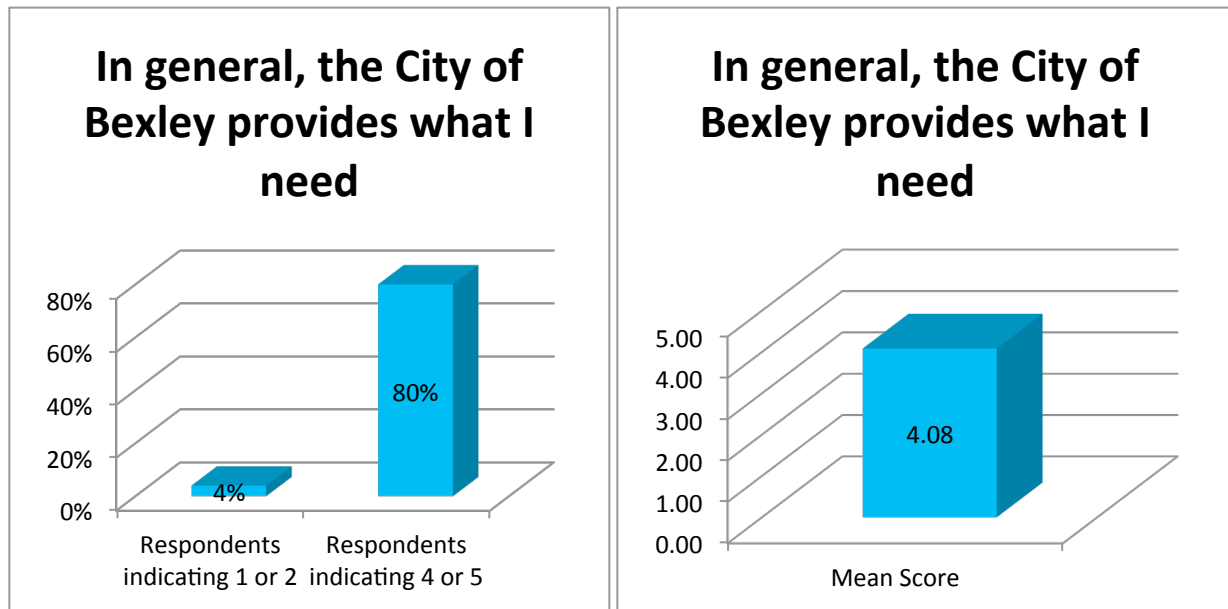
Verbatim comments:

- Great police
- Can never be too safe should put cameras +Broad and Nelson + Main +Alum Creek
- But the car break-ins are ridiculous
- Too many car break-ins lately and campus assaults
- Too much crime all around Bexley!
- We're an island in an increasing bad area
- Very - the police were at my house within 2 minutes of my call of an intruder
- Fascist police!
- Stolen down spouts
- Thanks to the police!!
- No suburb w/ in 3 miles of a metro city is safe - it's just not possible
- Surrounding areas not good



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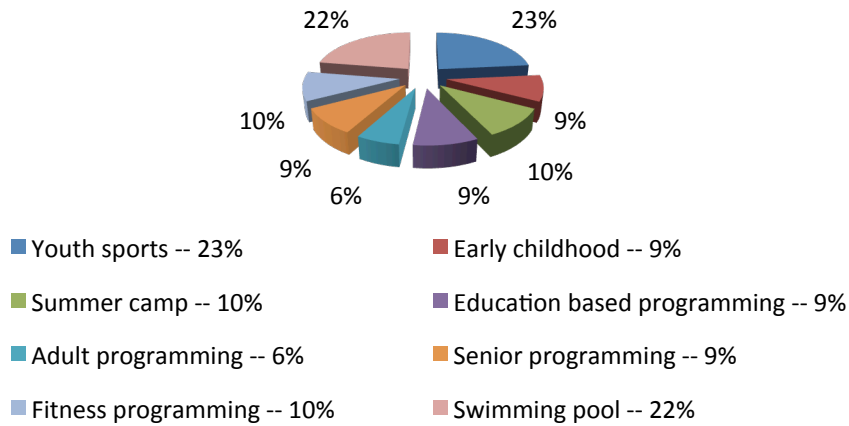
- Good snow removal trash picking
- Increased taxes this indicate a lack of sound fiscal decision making in past year
- Want more on Main St.
- Needs more adult classes at Rec-Center- book groups, etc.
- I would like traffic activity to be resolved around the Cassingham Complex
- Taxes way too high.
- Needs improvement in rec. department
- Taxes are too high
- Need city that lowers taxes!
- So wish our "retail" was broader and as interesting as our residents are.
- Limited senior services
- Better grocery store
- Would like a small grocery like Trader Joe's



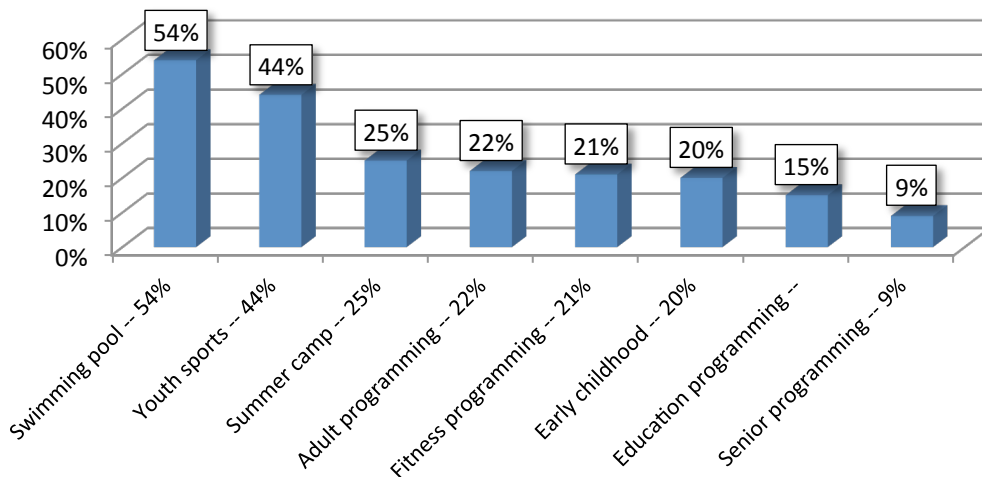
Verbatim comments:

- Code enforcement and sewers sidewalks streets and curbs are the priority not pools and (illegible)
- Affordable single floor fitness, grocery, housing
- Limited retail
- Wastes money on landscape projects
- Lower taxes
- Don't know have not ask.
- Poor grocery shopping in Bexley
- Taxes are too high
- Shopping? Don't say Kroger's
- Too expensive for what I get
- No grocery store or hardware store
- Need senior services
- Upscale grocery store needed; Whole Foods/Trader Joe's
- Grocery store and high rates
- Need a grocery store

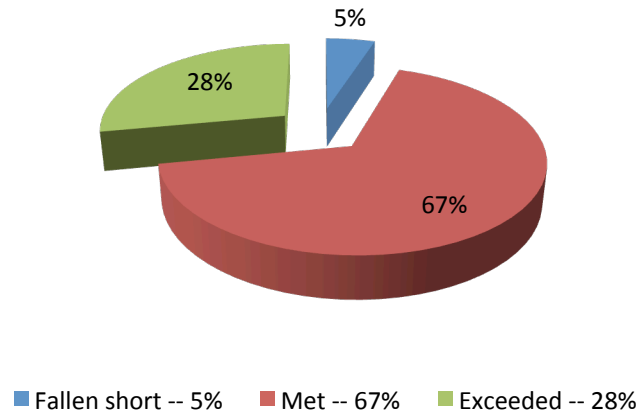
### Percent of respondents who ranked the recreation activity as the most important for city to sponsor



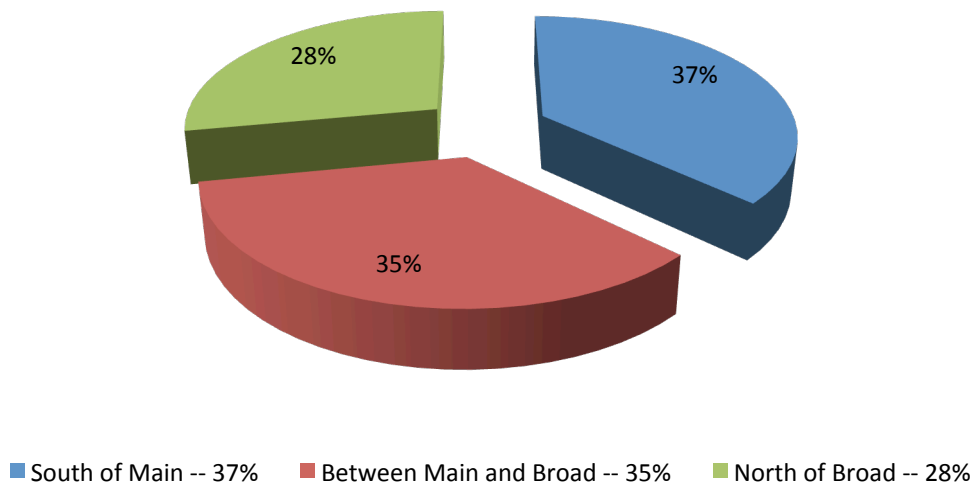
### Percent of respondents who participate in various recreation opportunities



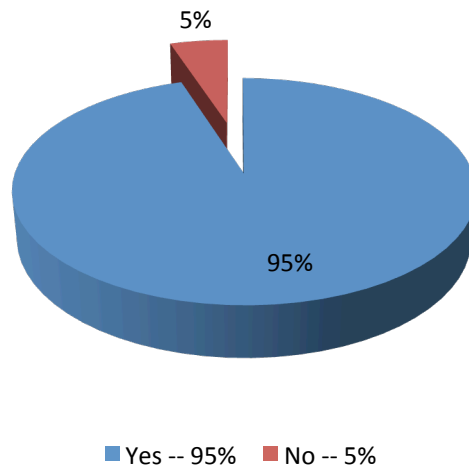
### Percent of respondents who indicated that living in Bexley has fallen short, met, or exceeded their expectations



### Where the respondents live



## Percent of respondents who have benefited from their association with Bexley

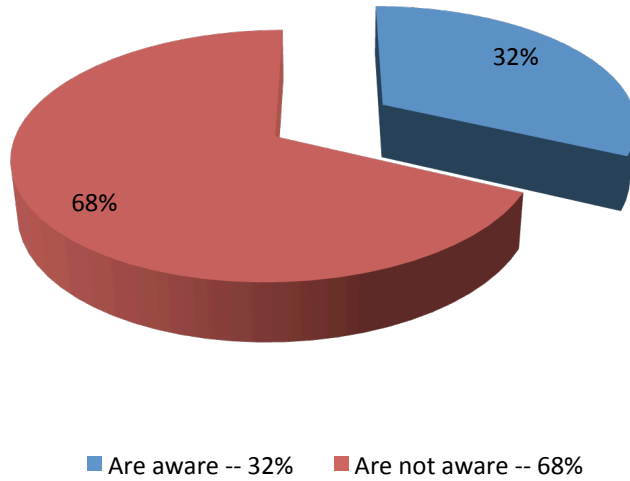


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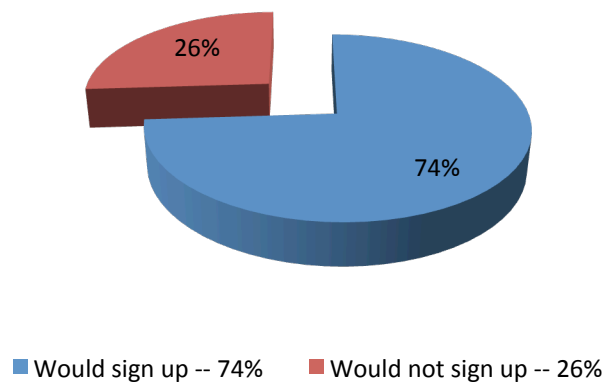
- Great schools safe home
- Benefit from what?
- More taxes for folks who work in Columbus lowered credit from 8090 to 65%
- Too much judgment from its residents on street locations-elitist
- It is a good community, but it should be an excellent community for the taxes
- Taxes are too high
- I just live here, that's it.
- What benefit? High taxes?
- Because we have good police patrol and good schools



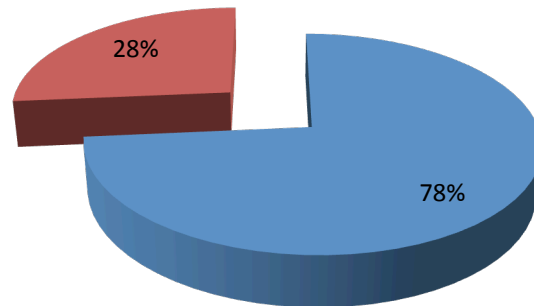
### Resident awareness of Bexley Facebook page



### Percent of respondents who would sign up to receive information through social media or e-mail regarding community about events



## Percent of respondents who feel they are receiving value for the taxes paid



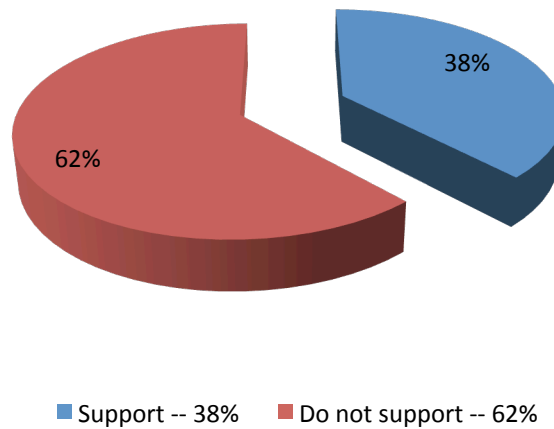
■ Are receiving value -- 78%    ■ Are not receiving value -- 22%

### Verbatim comments:

- Police are great
- Value could be higher with better fiscal management
- Too high for services to meet my needs
- Single and senior
- Yes- I actually get things for my taxes- great police force, snow removal, trees in treelawn, recycling program - but taxes are very high
- Taxes too high for retirees
- Too high
- Look at my street- garbage & potholes
- But city should look for revenues from other sources
- I wish alley codes & yards were enforced
- Don't know
- Most of the time
- I am a Sr. citizen. Need more activities for active seniors. Perhaps free classes at Capital Univ.
- Snow removal is not as good
- I use very few services - but "receiving value" is a poor question. Half the people in a city will receive more than they pay for, and half will receive less - that's simple math.
- We are being taxed to death between city and school
- Taxes are high. We don't have school aged children
- Yes until 2012
- Taxes are too high- may force us to relocate
- There have been many decreases in school services (i.e.: class sizes, courses offered, etc.)

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- Property tax too high
  - Again the credit was never clearly stated in the information giving for election
  - Real Estate Taxes are too high
  - There are nice amenities- there's still a void Bexley doesn't fill
  - Taxes are way too high.
  - City codes are lacking
  - I do not have children in the Bexley School system
  - Taxes are too high
  - Only police
  - Way to high, too much to school & library!
  - Have no children in school
  - Should give full credit for taxes paid to other cities
  - Not using, never used public schools
  - Taxes are at higher level
  - Tax increase to fund "Bexley standard of life" are unsustainable.
  - Homes on both sides of me do not keep alley clean & I think a sick tree next door in back yard in one house is a danger to us.
  - Taxes are too high. Good reason to look elsewhere
  - I no longer have children in school here
  - But I believe Services have Suffered
  - Sidewalks need repair; code not enforced re: trash in alley; etc
  - Terrible grocery stores, no sports bar, no dog park, and nothing to do on Main St.

## Percent of respondents who support construction of a dog park



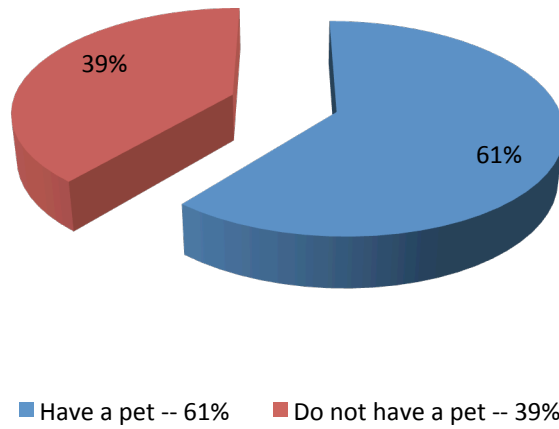
### Verbatim comments:

- But hopefully they would crap there instead of my yard.
- No dog- I'd use if had dog
- Debt needs to be retired, before more capital expenditures are made
- For sure
- If I had a dog
- We have a large yard
- Budget
- I have no dog
- Other more important needs
- Don't own a dog :)
- Do not have a dog
- We need other services!
- I don't have a dog
- Don't have a dog
- No dog!
- No dog but I support it
- Don't have a dog
- NO PETS
- Don't have a dog
- No dog
- What a waste of money
- I don't have a dog.

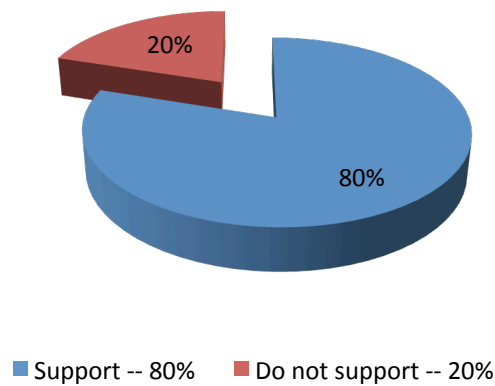
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- Don't have a dog now but I would
  - Probably, depending on what environment evolved
  - School Taxes Too High
  - Our dog is too old
  - Don't have dog
  - Dogs off a leash doesn't work. Don't have a human park within walking distance
  - No dog
  - We do not have a dog
  - Absolutely!
  - I don't trust all dog owners
  - I don't have a dog
  - My dog doesn't love parks
  - My dogs need to run and Wolfe Park is not convenient when athletes are practicing
  - No need
  - Don't own a dog
  - That's a waste of money.
  - Don't need one at the payer's expense.
  - Maybe, depends on my dog's social skills
  - No dog
  - Do not have dogs
  - No dog
  - No dog
  - No need
  - There is Wolfe Park
  - I do not have a dog but this is an excellent idea as I am sick of dog owners no
  - Not a priority even though we have a dog
  - Definitely yes!
  - Absolutely! Probably every day!
  - Why would I want filthy animals running amuck in an area that could be better used
  - Don't own a dog if I did I would use park
  - Taxes are too high
  - Do not like dog parks. They eventually become eye sores
  - Space at a premium - there are other dog parks nearby.
  - No dog in our house
  - No pets
  - Please do!
  - Don't have dog/good idea
  - We don't have a dog-and do not plan on it.
  - I no longer have a dog
  - GOOD IDEA- DON'T HAVE A DOG
  - DO NOT OWN A DOG

- YES!!!
- Unnecessary expense
- Don't have a dog- good idea though
- Don't have a dog
- No dog (could use \$\$ more wisely)
- Don't have a dog!
- Do not have a dog; unless cleaned daily I would not want one near us; we need a
- No dog
- I have no dog, but it's a good idea and would be an asset to the community
- Definitely! We need a dog park!
- Dog too old would be too nervous
- No dog
- Already have plenty of parks
- No dog
- No dog
- No dog
- No dog, but good idea
- No dog
- Our dog is not friendly
- No dog
- Don't have a dog
- Total waste of public funds
- I don't have a dog :)
- I don't have a dog & do not support a dog park & do not want my taxes being use
- No dog
- No dog
- I do not own a dog
- No pets and do not think we need a dog park
- Currently do not own a dog
- No dog
- No pets
- No dog
- Have no dogs.
- Actually, I would like to walk my dog on a leash at Jeffrey Park or paths instead of a "park"
- No dog.
- But least on my list.

### Percentage of respondents who have a pet in their house



### Resondents who would support alcohol being served during special events at Jeffrey Mansion



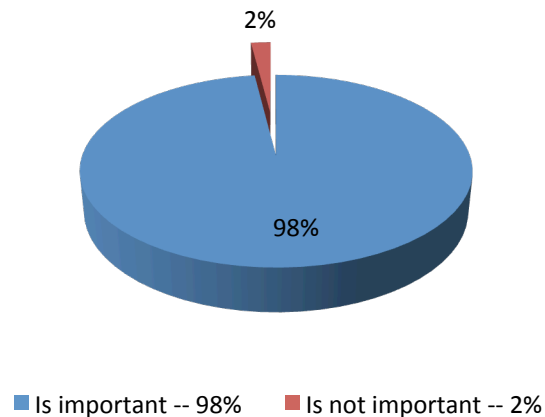
Verbatim comments:

- If under controlled use
- People would take advantage
- Liability, behavior
- Limited yes

- Neutral on this question
- With Caution
- Not necessary- family venue
- We need some places in our lives where alcohol is not welcomed
- Would raise \$ for the city for events
- I don't think it's necessary.
- Yes, BUT it would only take one event to sour things if people become intoxicated- maybe more controlled drinking: i.e.: wine tasting
- Only for police supervised functions
- Not sure what JM is...
- This could definitely generate more revenue.
- It's not a place for alcohol.
- What for? Does everything have to be based on alcohol
- Mansion is surrounded by a residential community. We do not need the noise or irresponsible behavior that comes with alcohol.
- Too broad of a question. Under certain provisions, possibly
- Government should not be in this business even if others are paying
- Not at city sponsored events, I would support this concept for private events at the mansion
- With adequate charges
- Increase risk to damage to property
- Beer & wine
- Do not need alcohol to enjoy myself & neither do my family or friends!!
- Booze should not be served in a public building
- Alcohol should not be the driving force to success of Jeffery Mansions
- We need to foster FAMILY events at the Jeffery Mansion.
- Completely unnecessary
- Obvious reasoning
- Don't want intoxicated people in the park
- Don't need another bar
- Private Events -Yes
- Not family oriented beverage



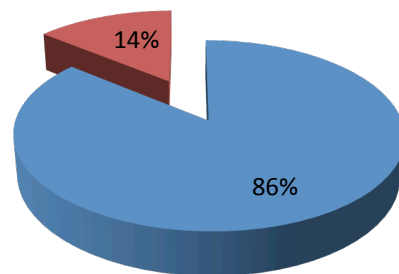
## Percent of respondents who indicated that the commercial development of Main Street is important



### Verbatim comments:

- Very! Need more restaurants and shops and first watch
- Very!
- Yes- to broaden the tax base 2- the congestion traffic-wise is ridiculous (conflicted!)
- Critical
- Why was Piada allowed to have that parking lot, in a highly visible area. Now it can't be developed.
- VERY
- The commercial development of N. Cassady is equally important. 1.) The old dry cleaner's needs a tenant
- But more so on Cassady
- Taxes are too high
- No parking as it is Main St. tanked when the right-hand laws were designated for parking. Bad idea.
- To lower taxes!
- Increase revenues and employment
- Not visited often
- Parking on Main St makes travel harder
- Grocery
- Beauty of Bexley is being able to walk to a variety of commercial services
- Rather it be like Broad St
- Very important!

## Respondent support of the city acquiring property to encourage revenue generating redevelopment



■ Support -- 86%   ■ Do not support -- 14%

### Verbatim comments:

- Great idea
- Assuming binding commitments are in place to offset acquisition costs
- Not by eminent domain
- Where would we acquire this property? Columbus? Bexley residences? We are landlocked.
- Would need more information to make informed decision
- Where?
- Only if properties were abandoned & delinquent
- It would require more tax abatements & make residents pay high taxes again to cause this short fall or build more condos that won't sell-
- Depends on specifics
- Don't Know
- Depends on what, however
- Only Very Unusual Circumstances Would Warrant The City Doing This
- Depends on what the development is
- Need more info to answer this one
- Depends where the property is, and how much it affects our taxes
- City should not be in development businesses
- Not if eminent domain used
- Waste of money
- To what effect? More taxes
- Not sure what "revenue generating" redevelopment you mean. Resident's need more opportunities to interact with one another. Farmer's market.

- Taxes are too high
- There has been enough development
- Again, it will cost us!
- If not too costly
- It would depend on location, effect on residents, environment.
- BUT ONLY COMMERCIAL NOT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY
- Not the role of government
- Limited Potential "around" Bexley
- Redevelopment should be a private function.
- Poor economic value
- Depends on where & what redevelopment would be.
- Let the private sector do it
- Especially sports fields off of James Rd., North of Maryland Avenue, east of Gould Rd.
- It depends on what type of people it draws into our city.
- Fear of government "acquiring" property
- Not enough money right now.....
- Cities should not own property. There are better ways to encourage.
- But depends on location
- Depends
- If it doesn't cost homeowners
- Depends where and how
- Main street dev. More important
- Providing the city maintains it long term
- Not sure
- Not a city function.
- We were victims with no say. The government was not transparent
- Absolutely if it is sitting empty and it benefits the community
- Too much risk
- Not sure if I support. Would need to see business plan
- Build a rec center w/ indoor pool like Westerville

## What is “one thing” you would like to see the City of Bexley do in order to improve?

Verbatim comments:

- Bring in more eating establishments -- offer more parking after hours at businesses. Bexley lacks the 'cool' factor, but at least the Barrel 44 is occupying the Monk space. Good start.
- New business to help tax base "BHS and City" help seniors snow shovel- trash cans out in area where BHS live for pay or credit. More neighborly awareness programs
- Focus the four "s" safety, sidewalks, streets, and sewers, payoff debts and code enforcement. A legitimate city goal should be debt free in 10 years
- Find other sources of revenue to lower taxes especially for services
- Improve the surrounding streets around Bexley. As soon as you leave Bexley the area feels and looks dumpy.
- Generate commercial revenue
- Contain taxes, contain schools taxes 98% goes to salaries and benefits
- Have more fitness facilities like Capital for residents
- Institute one way streets at Montrose School
- Make Main St. businesses clean-up side walk trash or someone.
- Develop Cassidy commercial corridor
- Safer grocery store
- Quicker replacement of trees that have been removed from treelawn due to disease, damage, etc.
- Continue to encourage more commercial development on Main Street
- Develop Main Street as a destination location for Cols. Area; more shops + high end dining; a specific breakfast spot (First Watch)
- Public playing fields
- Expand foot print to James Rd
- Acquire or build more infrastructure- shops- services- retail etc
- Continue retail development
- Purchase the land off of James Road to Redevelop for Bexley/Columbus use and have it provide what New Albany or Dublin has. It could be a combo Schiller park/ Dublin Recreation
- Develop alternative rev sources to keep taxes affordable. Schools + safety are priority
- Revitalize city hall area- move city hall & service dept & their will be some land for development
- Continue to encourage community wide activities
- Improve communication
- This city has always been short sighted which I believe, results in antiquated sewer systems, etc no place for a rec center, Be proactive + look forward!
- Attract more gourmet/ health food grocery stores (like trader Joe's)
- More development on Main Street including nice grocery store. Demolish Bexley Muni bldg- add retail and boutique hotel for Cap parents &/or affordable condos for parents
- Develop business opportunities Main St. Cassidy, Livingston Ave. Develop city hall property on Main move it to police station.
- Clean up the building fronts on main- places like W.G. Grinders are dated & not inviting the strip malls on the side streets of main need serious help invest and generate more revenue
- Increase commercial tax base

- Redevelop the former Bexley City Hall. Possibly coordinate with Capital U to build a small hotel on Main St.
- Police cruising streets more often!
- Develop Main Street, Repaved side walks as seen in Whitehall and Pickerington.
- Move City Hall to North Bexley and develop property on Main St for a larger commercial base.
- Fitness Facility- year round community center w/indoor pool, etc
- Offer better rates for city pool for single parents or offer options other than daily rate or only entire summer pass. For example offer a 15 day pass or 20 day pass. The rate for a family of 2 is not much less than a family of 4 or 5!
- More bike racks on Main St; increase city's environmental awareness further.
- Cut back the money for recreation and spend it on projects that benefit all the citizens of Bexley! Streets/sidewalks etc.
- Lower the property tax.
- Keep up the appearances of the city Re: streets, landscapes, lights etc. Also make sure homeowners keep up with the "code" Re: Paint, lawns etc
- Continue to develop and encourage new business on Main St.
- Communicate better on some things... e.g. leaf p/u schedule, opportunities at Capital available to Bexley residents, various city committee activities - "one thing" would be general communication.
- Shepherd resources more carefully - save and spend carefully rather than raise taxes
- Find a way to reduces taxes....eventually it will hurt community....best bet is to get republicans in state to get back estate tax
- Clean up the alleys
- I want to give my business to Bexley. After a delicious meal there really isn't anywhere to walk to to browse/shop. I think we are losing potential business because there is nothing to do except eat and go to a movie. We need to develop Bexley Main St. into a "total" experience. P.S. I love the free parking
- Fewer parking and turning restrictions on Main Street
- Continue to develop Main St. & better development on Livingston Ave.
- Parking. Where roads are narrow, there should only be parking on one side of the street. Enforce 24 hour parking rule.
- Create non-profit funds to support various projects rather than increases in taxes.
- Stop taking how businesses and scattering them in illogical set-ups. Bexley is not conducive to local shopping- one -stop shopping-or day trips for those outside our community.
- Consolidate all of the property in and around city hall, including capital property along main street for redevelopment
- Employ honest civil servants, stop wasting money as we did with paying a salary for no work completed. Increase police.
- Create more green space (if possible) for sports. It would be better than a dog park.
- I would like to see the "old woodland meadows" property purchased off of James and Ruhl Ave. Athletic park/recreation park commercial sites along James, etc.
- Let us have more input regarding use of city dollars.
- Some more activities for the seniors.
- Lower taxes on seniors with no kids using the schools.
- Put traffic over N. Cassady @ Denver or remove highway
- Improve Main Street revenue!

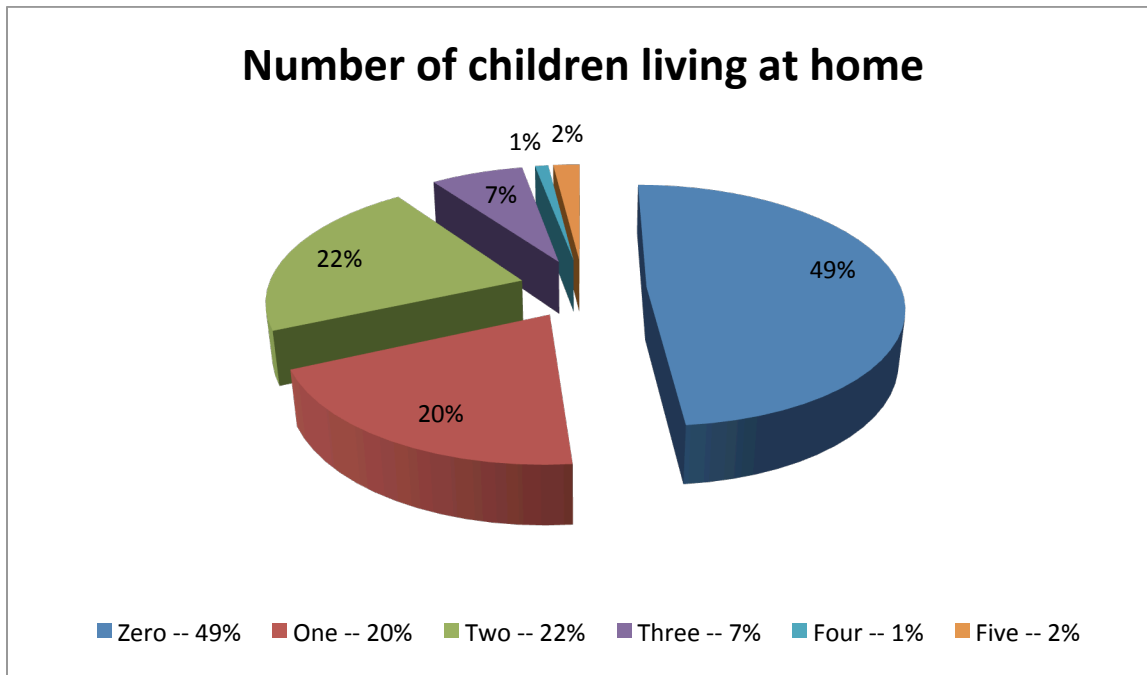
- Build community rec center
- Maintain safety-security in all aspects & always strive to improve all economic issues = good quality of life
- Attracting a grocer to the area that is more like Market District, Giant Eagle or Whole food.
- More attention to city sewers. For the most part, I don't see the university and city partnering for events very frequently (other than 4th of July). I would like to have a schedule of arts or cultural events happening at Capital - I get a calendar of events from Otterbien - but not Capital!
- More commercial tax base to reduce burden in residential need estate taxes
- City Codes, trash cans to be concealed, rental homes N of Ruhl. to be cleaner very trashy N of Ruhl
- Put a traffic light at Livingston and Chelsea to cut down on cut through traffic to Eastmoor area. Also, somehow restrict rental of single family homes or prevent commercial day care operations out of single family structures. Enforce code violations on rentals
- Get a decent grocery store and hotel in our city
- Lower house and school taxes especially for retired
- Encourage business development to improve tax base
- Development. Restaurant - no chains, low end. Jeffrey Amphitheater. Alum creek improvement/usage. Revenue generation opportunities
- Build a dog park consider a recreation facility with an indoor pool
- Really improve N Cassady corridor by implementing the suggestions from the planning commission
- Improved communication. Posting of minutes from city council meetings/ special meetings. Better updating of city improvement projects.
- Better misc shopping to generate broader tax base on main, north side of Livingston, Cassady (north)
- Redevelop City Hall Site into mixed use commercial development
- 1. Lower Taxes 2.Lower Taxes 3.Lower Taxes 4.Lower Taxes
- Clean up Livingston Mayfield area
- Free up the right-side laws in Main St. See 2nd to last question.
- Clean up abandoned homes, improve the streets by parking on one side only and making neighborhoods more aesthetical appealing
- Lower taxes. Spend less on school & close the library. Used the Clbs. Library system.
- Partner with Cols to create a special district to upgrade the commercial property on Livingston Ave.
- Leaf clean-up should have clearer pick-up days, ad reduced days to save budget. Programs and services seem skewed to seniors
- Balanced budget-fiscal stability
- Continue emphasis on awareness of natural surroundings, reducing pollution
- Having lived here for less than a year, I have no insight or suggestions to offer at this time
- More frequent police cruiser presence on the side streets of south Bexley.
- I love living here, I miss the dog park close to where I use to love, I would really love one here not only for my dog but to meet those in my community
- Parking on one side of the street only in South Bexley terribly dangerous
- Remove dead trees quicker. No golf carts on streets-How stupid and dangerous!!!!
- Put sidewalks on all side streets in South Bexley (Charles/Astor, etc...)
- Improve the way in which projects are balanced. Coordinate resources- education recreation- community resources.
- No improvements needed so stop raising property taxes, income taxes, etc.

- Streamline the permit (building) process.
- Property Code enforcement, not just Alley weeds. Many houses are not in Keeping with neighborhood and it seems that some residents keep trash out all week
- Grocery store
- Find a way to diversify income stream to reduce city income tax.
- Develop retail & dining and other business and social events to make more appealing and activities for adults.
- Create a city parking lot/garage so that people coming to Main St. businesses have a place to park.
- Improve access to council minutes so they are posted right away not months later.
- Alleys need to be kept clear of garbage and yard waste make sure trees on people's property are healthy!
- Control "rental" uses of homes (overall, to maintain a more permanent and less transient population)
- Become very close to & aware of the areas bordering Bexley. Do what we should do to develop positive relations...
- Get a Trader Joe's - like grocery store so I don't have to risk my life shopping at the Kroger's on East Main.
- 1) Hold on-going forum involving all entities in Bexley (city Govt., Bexley schools, CSG, Capital U, St. Charles, churches, etc) to planning, discuss, consider mutual development/benefits for all entities- master plan for all Bexley-not just not just for economic development of specific areas  
\*sports facilities
- Be more concerned over the selling of drugs by certain Bexley individuals. Bigger problem than anyone wants to admit.
- Improve commercial development to make it a destination location
- Figure out how to keep the community liable and as neighborhoods around us struggle and do this with the taxes we pay. I know it's a very different challenge. I think Capital U is vital to this seeking a sound way forward.
- Maintain the police department
- Either respect the architectural review board or abolish it. I am not happy that I had to change my design only to find out that the city council considers the board irrelevant.
- Provide more activities for teens/youth during weekends-too much underage drinking/drugs. Organizational activities like ping-pong, bowling, dancing, singing-- a community place to go and hangout.
- Term limits on council. Find other sources of income. Quit driving people out of Bexley
- Main street needs a boost - better shopping, benches, flowers, a small town, strolling around comfortable feeling
- Require handicapped access to all new buildings. After 53 years and 8 children in Bexley we still love it more each day
- Livingston Ave is somewhat of an eyesore in places, esp. area west of College Ave. btw Livingston and Main
- Council members & new mayor could go door to door - with a sincere interest to hear concerns – get down to earth & truly LISTEN...
- Fix the intersection of Denver and Ashbourne. It is very very dangerous.
- Capital was supposed to let Bexley res. use the new gym - they stopped that. I want Bexley to work on that.
- Have a senior services department. i. e. - names of people to provide home repair, yard work
- Upkeep of property -folks yards are looking more the like "eastside"
- Commercial dept. of Bexley
- Fill store fronts with viable businesses

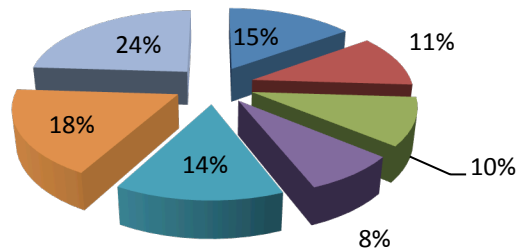
- Develop Main St. w/shops, restaurants
- Safety
- Fresh produce in grocery stores
- Dog park
- Get rid of the real estate people on city council
- Indoor pool
- Prioritize spending
- Beef up police dept
- Make sure street improvements, sidewalk replacement, & utility work is being properly inspected.
- More control of our costs as they relate to personnel so we could develop other programs such as community arts
- Main street development and parking, maintain infrastructure and parks.
- Enforce speeding And Red light locations on Broad
- Hard to find info on website - Better organization and Search engine needed.
- Trader Joe's - or similar concept
- Continue to support/encourage the arts & community thru things like the Drexel, the Farmers market, etc.
- Do not allow Capital to buy houses on Euclaire to house students. These houses are NOT maintained and stand out as being substandard to the other houses on the street.
- Reports on crime! More communications about what is going on!
- Reduce property taxes
- Encourage more neighborhood events/block parties
- Leave City Hall where it is but remodel the old police station bldg to have city council mtg rm to accommodate the handicap but relocate the city's maintenance bldg to vacant lot next to the CU police station or to the property that Bexley owns in the southwest section of the city.
- Dog park please!
- An indoor recreation center similar to Worthington, Westerville, Groveport, would be awesome.
- Woodland Meadows project
- More off street parking along Main Street
- Development including retail and restaurants for residents and to draw people to Bexley from other parts of the city
- More commercial development throughout Bexley and liquor licenses
- I would like to see more revenue generating redevelopment. I think Grandview is a good example
- There is a perception about Bexley. High taxes. I will pay as long as I feel I am getting a good "bang for my buck"
- More emphasis on a Farmer's Market
- Provide Main St. parking
- Develop Livingston Ave and former gas stations on Cassady. Trader Joe's would be perfect
- Get rid of the "old boys network" South of Bexley is looked "down on" we are the "trash"
- Lower property taxes
- Build a rec center w/ indoor pool like Westerville
- Make alley beside library a "dead end" so people don't have to cross alley from park lot.
- I would like to see a partnership between schools, Capital, city, and rec dept. to make a great opportunity based recreational piece to the city as a whole. Be cutting edge in



- cooperation -- be a model for other small towns.
- Create an easy access connected downtown shopping/entertainment area that would draw people to the area regularly and encourage both outside visitors and new business.

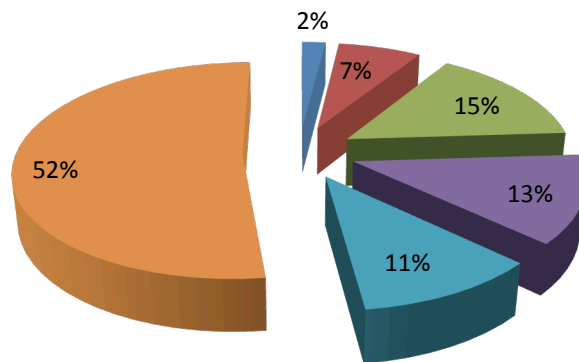


### How long the respondents had lived in Bexley



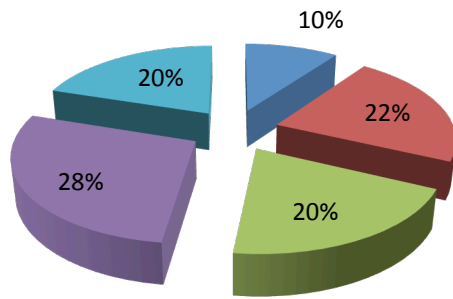
- 1-5 years -- 15%
- 6-10 years -- 11%
- 11-15 years -- 10%
- 16-20 years -- 8%
- 21-25 years -- 14%
- 26-35 years
- More than 36 years -- 24%

### Respondent income



- Less than \$35,000 -- 2%
- \$35-55,000 -- 7%
- \$55-75,000 -- 15%
- \$75-95,000 -- 13%
- \$95-115,000 -- 11%
- More than \$115,000 -- 52%

### Age of respondent



- 26-35 -- 10%
- 36-45 -- 22%
- 46-55 -- 20%
- 56-65 -- 28%
- 65 and older -- 20%

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