

<b>2009 Community Concerns from the Surf City Taxpayer Association Membership</b>	
Presented to Mayor Connors and Borough Council on March 16, 2010	
<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Beach, Water and Park Issues</b>
17	Beach maintenance / Clean beaches / More garbage cans at the beach entrances / Beach and beach block litter
11	Easier beach access; sand too soft and access too steep
7	Ban all smoking on the beach / Cigarette butts anywhere and everywhere
6	Uniformed police presence not wanted on beach, harassing beach goers / Aggressive beach badge checkers asking the same people for badges several times per day
6	We are pleased with the new beach approaches and the replenishment project.
5	Clean up and fix up bay beach facilities / Replenish bay bathing beach sand
5	Clean water / Bay water quality; restrict fertilizer use
3	Free (at least two) beach badges for property owners / Reduce badge costs for taxpayers
3	Put handicap ramps on each ocean beach entrance
3	Surfing not permitted everywhere / Increase number of surfing beaches
3	Designate ball playing areas on ocean beaches
3	Continued erosion on beach between N. 23-25 <sup>th</sup> St. / Beach replenishment loss
2	Have lifeguards after Labor Day / and by Memorial Day / and until 6 P.M.
2	Destruction of dunes with rebuilding of walkovers on beach front
2	Speeding jet skiers too close to bay front homes (10-11 <sup>th</sup> St.)
1	Request two benches on each dune top
1	Eliminate beach badges, uniformed police on beach, and beach badge checkers and then raise taxes to compensate for the beach maintenance
1	Thank you for the water fountain at the Division St. park
1	Fishing not permitted on all beaches
1	Porta pots at boat ramp and bay beach are good, please no porta pots on the ocean beach
1	Place fence around bay beach swimming area by Memorial Day weekend
1	Enforce no ball throwing or kite flying during beach hours
1	Have Lifeguards clear the water at 5 P.M. before leaving, then people can re-enter the water at their own risk
1	Policy for mooring boats in the bay
<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Taxes</b>
26	Local, County and, <i>especially</i> , School taxes
3	Tax relief for non year round residents
<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Traffic and Roads</b>
15	Speeding on side streets and Barnegat Ave./ Enforce speed limits / Drivers speeding down 20 <sup>th</sup> St. to avoid light at 19 <sup>th</sup> , endangering children on the block / Reduce speed limit on Barnegat Ave. during the summer to 25 mph / Wear and tare on N. 1 <sup>st</sup> St. by large dump trucks, commercial trucks, and fast cars using the street as a by-pass to Barnegat and LBB
11	Enforce pedestrian right-of-way / Need more specific signs to alert drivers to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks / Pedestrian safety
8	Parking at intersections; e.g. South 1 <sup>st</sup> and LBB / Clearly paint and mark "no parking here to corner" at intersections / Parking too close to stop signs / Mark and paint 25-foot line from crosswalks
4	Cyclists riding on the sidewalk instead of street along LBB or on wrong side of a street
4	Heavy seasonal traffic / Traffic at Rt. 72 and Barnegat and Central; very dangerous / Ocean block roads / Noise and traffic on Barnegat Ave.
4	Resurface Barnegat Ave.

4	Repair pot holes more frequently
3	Bay side street flooding (e.g. 7 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> St.) / Standing water in the 200 block of 9 <sup>th</sup> St.
3	Enforce and ticket people driving in bike and walking lanes / Enforce parking restrictions / People ignoring the bay street end white line and parking beyond it (e.g. 12 <sup>th</sup> St.)
2	Repair broken curbs / Repair or replace the median curbing on Barnegat Ave.
2	Pedestrians taking up the entire street
2	Parking of boats, trailers, and jet skis on street and front lawns / Not enough street parking, too much driveway area in front of houses / Congested parking in ocean block
1	Bike paths for the entire north side of the island
1	Difficulty pulling onto LBB from 24 <sup>th</sup> St., perhaps a traffic light would help.
1	More painted crosswalks in front of bay beach
1	Repaint the no-driving lines on Barnegat Ave.
1	Clear signage on 8 <sup>th</sup> and LBB to indicate no left turns
1	Borough street signage repair and regular maintenance
1	Regular street cleaning on Borough-owned streets
1	Please paint a solid yellow line down the middle of the 100-block between LBB and Central on 23 <sup>rd</sup> St.; drivers going east from Central (making a left onto LBB) do not realize that the block is a two-way street
<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Quality of Life &amp; Municipal Issues</b>
19	Clean safe environment for our residents and visitors. It is a wonderful community. / Keeping our town as wonderfully unique as it is / Maintain family-oriented town / No other complaints, we love Surf City. / This is a great family town. It is well managed and run, a wonderful place to live and friendly police presence / We love Surf City! Let's keep it safe and cheerful! / No concerns, the police are great, municipal workers always do a great job with trash and snow; Mayor Connors doing great job. Thank you! / Continued autonomy to keep Surf City the safe, beautiful place it is
10	Commercial area redevelopment; unsightly empty stores / Provide incentives (e.g. loans, tax relief, etc.) for revitalization of business district properties / Use grant monies to improve the commercial district / Help businesses from closing / Too many commercial properties becoming residential
7	Christmas decorations along LBB / Update Borough Hall decorations
4	Replace current trash collection system to get rid of curb-side trash cans and holders / Ugly trash can holders / Trash cans tossed and left sideways after trash pickup / Litter and trash cans without lids
4	Consolidate LBI Fire, Police, Trash removal, etc. / Consolidate LBI Schools / Too much government on a small island; combine towns and/or services
4	Reduced water and sewer bills for non-residents / Install water meters so non residents will pay a fairer share of water usage / Water and sewer rates
3	Lower the decibel level of the firehouse siren / Is the siren really necessary?
3	Clean up grounds around water tower and Borough yard on 14 <sup>th</sup> St. / Borough Hall outside needs to be spruced up
2	Excessive ticketing by police / Police should be more approachable and friendly
1	Have trash and recycling cans at street ends repainted
1	Creating year-round laws for two-month problems
1	Better public transportation
1	Need good grocery store on island
1	Consider 30 minute timed parking on LBB
1	Sponsor 4 <sup>th</sup> of July fireworks
1	Ugly and very low overhead wires along Barnegat Ave.
1	Restriction on use of flood lights after 7 P.M.

1	Lack of input for non-residential homeowners
1	Consider changing direction of snow plow on Ocean Ave. to not plow in oceanfront homes
1	Painting and repairs to water towers; concerned about over spray and debris
1	Continue to promote Causeway bridge replacement
1	Maintain the USPS public mailboxes in town
1	Water pressure very low from 3:00 P.M. until night
1	Lack of public restrooms
1	Consider hiring volunteer firefighters and EMS as Borough employees
<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Code Enforcement and Building</b>
7	Neighbors (esp. on decks) not caring about noise generated after 11 P.M. / Loud music / Renters' noise and many parked cars / Renters piling up trash, in wrong bins
4	Tuckerton Lumber eye sore on LBB / Verizon property an eye sore
3	Keeping the store fronts and area around stores neat and clean / Poor condition of back properties along the alley ways that parallel with LBB / Litter and trash on streets
2	Oversized housing that facilitates multi-family occupancy / McMansions ruining the appeal of LBI and the views
1	Zoning to lift strict requirements for those with duplexes attempting to make improvements
1	Enforce existing laws and codes
1	Outdoor seating for commercial areas
1	Homes that are not properly maintained
1	Chewing gum on pavements, fine people if caught
1	Request bldg inspector to provide only one complete punch list of non-compliance
1	Too many rules and regulations
1	Utility contractors not making proper street repairs after digging them up
<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Beautification</b>
7	More trees and plantings along LBB
5	Beautification of town and island
3	Beautification of homes and businesses along LBB
<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Pet Issues &amp; Animal Control</b>
9	Allow dogs on beach out of season or after bathing hours/ If trucks and SUVs are allowed on beach, why not dogs?
6	Cleaning up after dogs / Lazy Point Borough property used for dogs and owners not cleaning up afterwards
6	Feral cat and raccoon problems
4	Barking dogs, day and night / Screaming parrots
3	Build a dog park
3	Keep dogs off of beach / No need for a dog park
2	Dogs without leashes / dogs with extra long leashes
1	Foul smelling dog waste placed in bay front trash cans