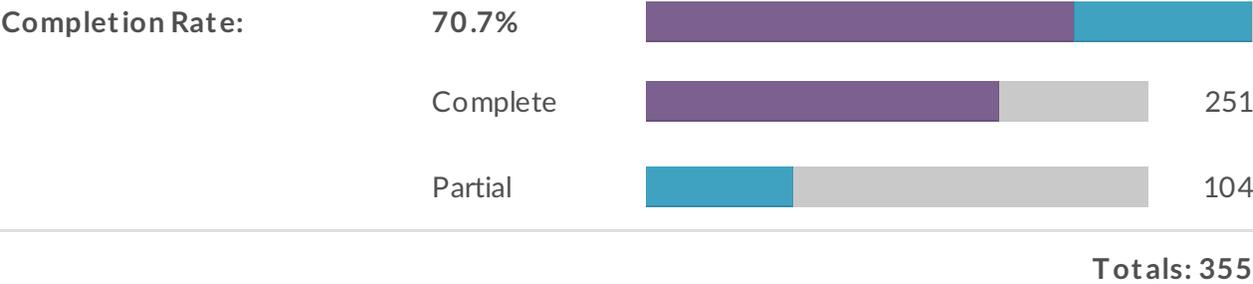


Report for Our Marietta - Resident Survey 2017

Response Counts



What is it that you like about Marietta? Check all that apply.

Value		Percent	Responses
My home		69.8%	194
Susquehanna River		68.0%	189
Sense of place (small town feel)		65.1%	181
Walkability of the town (ability to walk to Borough Office, Post Office, Parks/T rail, Businesses, Restaurants, etc.)		64.4%	179
Northwest Lancaster County River T rail		60.1%	167
Feel generally safe on the streets		59.7%	166
Local restaurants and pubs		58.6%	163
Interesting historic streetscapes		56.1%	156
My neighbors		40.6%	113
Scale of the town		38.5%	107
Quality of life		35.6%	99
Willingness of individuals to improve the community		29.5%	82
Cost of living		26.6%	74
Parks		24.5%	68
Local businesses		24.1%	67
Community organizations		20.9%	58
Schools		19.1%	53
Churches		10.1%	28
Other - Write In		6.8%	19

Other - Write In: What is it that you like about Marietta?

Alley walks

everything

Family

Fire company

general friendliness

home

It 's a nice town people walk down the street and say hi

its weird

Just wanted to comment on the 2 I didn 't check. Schools don 't apply to me since I don 't have kids. And I do like some of my neighbor 's, but not all of them.

live music and large number of local musicians

Nature, TREES, Birds

Place where I grew up.

police

sense of history

Susquehanna Waldorf School

The train horns and the wonderful fire siren.. It music to my ears!!

2. Does your household participate in outdoor recreation in Marietta? Check all that apply

Value		Percent	Responses
Walking		73.7%	196
Biking on trails		51.1%	136
Walking a dog		50.8%	135
Hiking		39.8%	106
Biking on roads		36.5%	97
Fishing		24.8%	66
Walking with children/ stroller		22.6%	60
Playing at municipal playgrounds		21.1%	56
Running /jogging		18.0%	48
Paddling		15.8%	42
Skateboarding		8.3%	22
Soccer		6.0%	16
Little League baseball		4.9%	13
Other - Write In		4.5%	12
Basketball		3.8%	10
Cross country skiing		3.4%	9
Rollerblading		3.0%	8
Tennis		1.5%	4

Other - Write In: Does your household participate in outdoor recreation in Marietta?

Activities we enjoy cant be gotten too due to traffic and parking

Baseball

fun in our own back yard

gardening

Kayak

Kayaking

New to the area

walking with family on trail

would love to swim here

3. What kind of art and cultural events do you now and/or would you or your household most likely attend in Marietta? Check all that apply

Value	Percent	Responses
Marietta Day Street Fair (May)	81.1%	223
Market (farmers / antique / flea)	69.8%	192
Fireworks	68.0%	187
Festivals	54.9%	151
Holiday parades (Memorial Day)	52.7%	145
Outdoor concerts (free)	50.2%	138
Historic walking tours	45.8%	126
Pub crawls	42.9%	118
Block parties	40.4%	111
Library	38.5%	106
Live professional and/or community theater	37.5%	103
Art exhibits	36.0%	99
Garden Tours	33.8%	93
Bike race	33.5%	92
Live indoor music	31.6%	87
Outdoor movie night	25.8%	71
Indoor concerts (ticketed)	18.5%	51
Triathlons, bike, and 5K races	16.0%	44
Culture/Education/Rec for teens	13.1%	36
Other - Write In	6.5%	18

Other - Write In: What kind of art and cultural events do you now and/or would you or your household most likely attend in Marietta?

A public or private skate park

anything that brings the town out

Candel light tour

clean up with free pick up of large items, i.e. appliances - poker runs

educational talks

fishing tournament

Historic home tours, Movies at the historic theater!

if movie were fri night

Legion baseball games

literary events, lectures

Marietta Day is the best!!

no pub crawls

Outdoor Movies - YES!!! And not just for kids.

Skateboard Park

talks of local interest

Winter Ice Carving Festival

4. In what ways does your household support the local economy? Check all that apply

Value		Percent	Responses
We would patronize a small grocery store in town		78.4%	214
We would like to see more variety in the selection of businesses.		54.6%	149
We would patronize local businesses if there were more variety.		54.6%	149
We would patronize a food and dry-goods co-op in town		49.1%	134
We would like to see more personal services in the Borough		48.7%	133
When we need a project quote (e.g. electrician, plumber, exterminator, landscaper) we check first for a local business.		41.8%	114
We would like to see more restaurants in the Borough		26.7%	73
We prefer to use a local municipal business for personal services such as salon, barber shop, dry cleaner.		26.0%	71
We prefer the retail selection elsewhere.		23.4%	64
I have visited the local Marietta Business Association's website to find a local business (www.mariettapabusiness.com)		21.2%	58
Someone in my household belongs to a local social club.		21.2%	58
We like the current selection of businesses within the borough.		20.1%	55
Someone in my household works in the borough of Marietta		8.8%	24
Other - Write In		7.3%	20

Other - Write In: In what ways does your household support the local economy?

A grocery store that is competitively priced with the bigger chain stores.

A grocery store/liquor store would be Fabulous!

A library would be wonderful

bike rental, coffee shop

dog store in town is great, but too expensive

drug store (for personal services question)

Expand Herra Market!

Ice cream parlor

if it were an Aldi 's

local artists and mechanics

Mechanics

None.

Own Two Businesses

Taxes

The town needs more small stores, like art, coffee shops, restaurants, Ext.

There are too many bars encouraging alcoholism but no community garden

Vegetarin/Vegan Options

We need a grocery store in Marietta

would like to see a wine shop in town.

5. What impacts your decision to patronize a business in the Borough? Check all that apply

Value		Percent	Responses
Customer service		78.7%	211
Quality of Products / Services		76.1%	204
Hours of Operation		62.3%	167
Price		61.6%	165
Cleanliness		59.0%	158
Awareness of businesses		55.2%	148
Variety of Products / Services		52.2%	140
Exterior appearance		31.7%	85
Interior appearance		31.0%	83
Parking		24.3%	65
Other - Write In		4.5%	12

Other - Write In: What impacts your decision to patronize a business in the Borough?

close to home

Convenience

customer word of mouth

Dollar tree would be great in town

friendliness of owners

Friendliness of staff

unique products

Vegan Options

Walking distance.

Willing to give back to community

word of mouth/recommendation from neighbors

6. What would you change about Marietta in terms of COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT? Check all that apply

Value		Percent	Responses
A Local library		43.7%	107
More for teenagers to do outside of school		41.2%	101
More community spirit and pride		38.4%	94
Community-wide wi-fi		33.5%	82
More opportunities to interact with my neighbors		31.0%	76
Increase in community volunteers		25.3%	62
Community garden		24.9%	61
Other - Write In		14.3%	35

Other - Write In: What would you change about Marietta in terms of COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT?

A proper farmer 's market

Allow chickens

Better communication

Close private all white clubs

Dog Park

fix sidewalks

Get rid of drug houses

Get rid of the siren

Get rid of the siren!!! Move it away from residential zone!!!

Get the LFL back

Grocery store

If we 're talking community wifi, I suggest we make the jump to municip broadband internet

keep the kids off the streets

little free libraries

Little Free Library

local grocery store where people often meet or farmers market

Make it smell/stink less

more communication, newsletters?, better website?

more cultural events

More police presence in town instead of hanging out at Sheetz

More police presence. The speeding through town is out of control.

More small activities overall and not big events that attract outsiders

Other - Write In: What would you change about Marietta in terms of COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT?

More support for new businesses and entrepreneurs.

More support of the Marietta fire company

no section 8

people made to follow codes about upkeep of property

Repeal the open container law.

SKATEPARK!!, BETTER BASKETBALL COURT

Social activities at reasonable prices for families and adults

some homesites need cleaned up

Spa would be nice!

The way the town looks. As a new resident the town looks poor and outdated. I think a fresh look is needed.

There are supposedly 'beneficial' assoc in town and believe that they do make contributions to the town, but how do you justify having/supporting organizations that discriminate against minorities.

Wi-fi is a private matter and should not be addressed. Are you going to pay for our electric bills as well? Bring back the little free libraries!

7. What would you change about Marietta in terms of ECONOMIC / BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT? Check all that apply

Value		Percent	Responses
Better information about local businesses and contractors		51.5%	119
Other - Write In		35.9%	83
Improved parking for businesses		34.6%	80
More community information on Borough website		27.3%	63
More chain businesses		14.3%	33

Other - Write In: What would you change about Marietta in terms of ECONOMIC / BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT?

Active focus in attracting businesses

Better advertising/communication

develop the Market street area with more businesses

GROCERY STORE

Improved variety, specifically for basic needs (I.e. Hardware, grocery, etc)

Less taxes.

local businesses

more businesses

More businesses geared toward families (not bars)

More businesses on Market St. that should have a store front. Too many now that are rarely open (or abandoned right now) and make the street look sad.

More local business

More local businesses

more local businesses live CVS or grocery store

More support of the Marietta fire company

More unique businesses

NO CHAIN BUSINESSES! But we do need more businesses to attract visitors. We need a more vibrant Market St

Take .down the parking meters

Take out some of the bars and replace with more positive businesses

The town could use more small specialty businesses

8. What would you change about Marietta in terms of GOVERNMENT SERVICES / PUBLIC OUTREACH? Check all that apply

Value		Percent	Responses
More frequent Borough Newsletters		44.9%	96
More community information on Borough website		44.9%	96
More enforcement of local building and/or property ordinances		40.7%	87
Better access to local officials		23.4%	50
Less enforcement of local building and/or property ordinances		22.4%	48
Other - Write In		13.6%	29

Other - Write In: What would you change about Marietta in terms of GOVERNMENT SERVICES / PUBLIC OUTREACH?

A return of the mini corner libraries.

Able to pay for trash sewer on website

Actually enforcing laws!!

Allow chickens, compost, etc (I.e. Self-sufficient lifestyle)

better boro officials

borough needs manager

Borough newsletter should be a page in Marietta Travelor, residents actually read that.

bring back the tiny libraries

electronic sign board

Equal enforcement of local building and/OR property ordinances

Follow thru with residents complaints.

Food bank, awareness of the programs in our county and state

hire grant writer

How about more EQUAL enforcement of ordinances. Some things one person gets cited for other folks do not! Property appearance, boats/cars in yards for years, snow removal

Making people aware of the new fire ordinance

More attention to community/resident concerns. More availability for seating at Borough Meetings. Expression that the community should attend the monthly meetings and become more involved in the government services.

More communication from the borough council and the individuals their decisions affect

more diverse arts and cultural events that bring outsiders in to our "charming " town. Many people only know of Marietta for the bars. That needs to change.

More personal interaction with the municipal government.

More police presence. The police need to enforce speed limits within the borough

Other - Write In: What would you change about Marietta in terms of GOVERNMENT SERVICES / PUBLIC OUTREACH?

office open Fri afternoon

open boro office on sat a.m.

remove/improve parking meters

Respectful borough/council meetings

stop the speeding

term limits

9. What would you change about Marietta in terms of PLANNING / ZONING / ENVIRONMENT? Check all that apply

Value		Percent	Responses
Plant more street trees		45.7%	107
Improved Parks		45.3%	106
Develop green infrastructure (e.g. rain gardens, swales, etc.)		43.6%	102
Improved parking for parks / trail access		36.3%	85
More active recreational opportunities		34.6%	81
Improved parking for residents		31.6%	74
Other - Write In		10.7%	25

Other - Write In: What would you change about Marietta in terms of PLANNING / ZONING / ENVIRONMENT?

A few more small 'pocket parks '

Allow backyard chickens

Allow chickens

allow residents to have chickens and rabbits kept outside. Less strict then the current laws for who can keep chickens

better accomodations for cyclists/street markings, signs

crackdown on property maintenance

Definitely more street trees! And repaved roads throughout!

Develop parking for trail outside of borough limits so that residents are not impacted directly from the influx of people. Too many people at one time on such a small area and residents are feeling pushed out of their home town.

especially around resturants (McCleary 's) or making front st one way

flood plan for front street

focus on educating public about value of trees and (?) of curb appeal

garbage containers - I continually pick up trash along the trail

Hanging flower baskets in business district

keep parking areas eco friendly, save greed areas and don 't pave everything. Improve what is already paved.

Less parks

Lines for E Market St

need to protect trees and pant trees in downtown--Market

open a dog park

park on west end of town

repave streets and alleys

Other - Write In: What would you change about Marietta in terms of PLANNING / ZONING / ENVIRONMENT?

several mini-parks

Signs along the trail reminding visitors to take their garbage with them.

Spend tax money more wisely

swimming opportunities

Zoning for chickens!

10. What would you change about Marietta in terms of PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE / PUBLIC WORKS? Check all that apply

Value		Percent	Responses
Improved Streets		52.3%	123
Improved Sidewalks		48.5%	114
Better snow removal/salting		43.0%	101
Pedestrian / Bike friendly facilities		41.3%	97
Flood Mitigation		32.3%	76
Better street lighting		28.1%	66
Improved Storm Sewers		14.5%	34
Other - Write In		7.2%	17

Other - Write In: What would you change about Marietta in terms of PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE / PUBLIC WORKS?

Bike lanes put in if the bikes are going to continue to ride along motor vehicles or designated bike paths within the town. Bikes are NOT obeying the rules of the road which is creating many hazards.

bring back brick sidewalks

Bycycle lanes on ALL streets

Especially on Front street. They are in horrible condition and are a hazard when used

fix furnace road

FIX THE ROADS! MARKET STREET IS A BLOODY NIGHTMARE!

FLOOD CONTROL

improve appearance of "gateways " to town ie Gay St.

Levee - if only putting flapper gates on existing drains

make room for skateboarding on the streets

Metal plate removed on West Hazel!

Need snow removal when totals are over a foot - impedes on-street parking and creates one lane. Also stop piling snow at side alley entrances! It 's a safety hazard!

Put utilities underground

Speed bumps in the alleys to slow down speeders

street cleaning

The brick sidewalks are a wonderful part of this town, but they do present some risks to pedestrians in their current implementation. If brick sidewalks were to be improved and standardized town side, I would strongly support it.

trail signs more visible to visitors. people constantly ask me where it picks back up once they get to the end of Front street

11. What would you change about Marietta in terms of PUBLIC SAFETY? Check all that apply

Value		Percent	Responses
Reduction in the loudness of the train whistles		61.2%	104
Find alternative to Fire Siren		40.6%	69
Faster response time for Police		22.9%	39
Other - Write In		18.8%	32
Faster response time for EMS		11.8%	20
Faster response time for Fire		10.0%	17

Other - Write In: What would you change about Marietta in terms of PUBLIC SAFETY?

actual police presence in town and not hanging out at Sheetz

anytime you try this, the make it louder

Better response by Fire (especially when cordoning off areas)

Bike lanes to prevent bikes from taking up both sides of road, providing both the riders and drivers a safer roadway.

drug enforcement

Enforce traffic /bike laws

Establish our own police department, save thousands.

Figure out a better solution to access the trail parking at the bottom of Chickies

furnace road intersection dangerous

Get kids out of the roads while riding bikes and scooters. Again actually enforcing pa bicycle laws.

Get rid of siren!!!

Get rid of the siren

I feel this is a solid area and needs no change.

I would change, that the Boro council members treat the fire company better, I would not turn the house siren off at all!

Instead of asking faster response time it should be how can we help our local emergency responders. These men and women DONATE so much time and effort to protect and serve the borough. The fire siren is key in alerting VOLUNTEERS.

Leave the sirens alone. It is beneficial in warning of emergency activity in the borough.

more police

More police presence

More police presence for reckless drivers

more police presence/patrolling

Other - Write In: What would you change about Marietta in terms of PUBLIC SAFETY?

No issues with this

Please can the fire siren situation be upgraded so as not to disturb the peace in our homes and community! Thank you!!!

Police officers ACTUALLY in town.

Stop trying to get rid of the fire siren, and better support of the fire department from the boro and boro council especially from the boro president.

support the fire company better. Maybe with a fire tax

The current ems is expensive and aggressive. please provide ems that accepts insurance.

They are doing fine!

Train whistles are needed for safety issues, especially with all the bars on front street near the tracks

train whistles interrupt sleep and may be harmful to hearing

Train whistles -Reality - that a safety issue. This is a Rivertown with tracks and trains. It comes with the town.

Use our local constable. The borough uses him for nothing. He is a law enforcement officer.

12. What kind of interaction / experience have you and your household had with Marietta local government? Check all that apply

Value		Percent	Responses
I know who the mayor is in Marietta		67.7%	157
I vote in local elections		64.2%	149
I have visited the borough website for information		58.6%	136
I follow the social media feeds on community and local government		46.1%	107
I know my local Council representatives		36.6%	85
I have attended a municipal meeting in the past 2 years.		34.5%	80
I know where to report a problem I see in the community.		34.5%	80
I think that the municipal staff at the Borough office provide good customer service.		32.3%	75
I think that the public works staff takes pride in their work.		32.3%	75
I am signed up for Swift Robo Calls for notification of Borough emergencies via www.boroughofmarietta.org		29.3%	68
I belong to a Marietta-based civic organization		22.4%	52
I think that the municipal council and the mayor are responsive to feedback		16.4%	38
Other - Write In		7.3%	17

Other - Write In: What kind of interaction / experience have you and your household had with Marietta local government?

council and mayor hear you, that all!

Council is not progressive.

Council should be serving on council to help the town NOT personal agenda

i believe that the mayor takes pride in his work while the council are a bunch of downright bullies and should be replaced

Just move here 3 wks ago

mayor can 't do anything

Need council turnover for new fresher outlooks and ideas and not afraid to implement them

Nothing good, the local government for the Boro is absolutely horrible!

secretaries are OK

The mayor tries to support the community whilst the council tries to hinder the mayor. Let him do his job!

This is a small town, there should be little or no drama related to local government- please eliminate the drama- Council meeting should be 1 hour max

unresponsive council

13. In 5 years, what FIVE WORDS do you hope will best describe Marietta?

#1



#2



#3



#4



#5



A word cloud of survey responses. The words are arranged in a cluster, with 'destination' being the largest word in the center. Other prominent words include 'beautiful', 'safe', 'fun', and 'quaint'. Smaller words scattered around include 'historical', 'clean', 'thriving', 'awesome', 'bike', 'artistic', 'active', 'activities', 'affordable', 'artsy', 'people', 'family', 'place', and 'arts'.

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arts

14. I would like opportunities to volunteer for community events in Marietta.

Value		Percent	Responses
No		56.0%	98
Yes		44.0%	77
			Totals: 175

15. What would encourage you to become more active in the Community?



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I would like to be active in community based projects that would beautify the area. Also art projects would be interesting. Cooking we're having cooking classes would also be an area of interest.

A good cause that directly affected the community.

A less pessimistic view of the community as a whole

A more positive attitude from the social clubs in Marietta and a community that comes together like on Bike Race Day and does whatever it takes to bring people for positive healthy living.

Activities I am interested in

already active in church & community events and organizations (MCH/MRA)

Awareness

Being a new resident.

believe I am becoming more active through the Heart Cafe as a place where the community can come together

better and more basketball courts and a skatepark! Kids have been asking about a skatepark for years, kids would also volunteer to raise money and to construct the skatepark.

Better communication when there are needs for planning committees or specific events.

Better municipal council. Council to show strong support for the future, not the past

Better sense of community and small town. Many residents are negative, judgemental, and complain. I don't want to be a part of that so I avoid community involvement.

better sidewalks

Clean the town up. The current process of a resident must file a complaint before anything is down is ridiculous. When Council or staff see a violation ex. Weeds, high grass, junk - take care of it.

Cooperation

Dog related events

Finding time on my end.

Fireworks More community/social service

Friendly welcoming people

Having the issues brought up at council meetings taken care of whether it is a complaint about someone's friends property or not.

What would encourage you to become more active in the Community?

Having the money go back into making the town more updated and attractive. Having more community events worth going to

Honesty

I already am

I already am. I don't want to bite off more than I can chew.

I already am. Maybe who came up with this survey should get more involved.

I am active in my church which is apart of the community.

I am already trying to do so!

I am getting too old.

I am very active already

I don't volunteer because I've a bad back.

I just don't have the time...

I volunteer all I am able.

I will be more active once my house is almost finished being "renovated"

I would be more active but I work a lot of hours in my job, but I do volunteer through my local service organizations

i would volunteer if 1-i didn't have such a random work schedule. And 2-The MRA actually knew what they were doing.

I'd volunteer if I knew where to find the opportunities to do so.

If I could take part in something unique that impacted the town

If i saw more people care and do it too

If I truly believed that it would make a difference I would be more active.

If I was not working

If my neighbors were planning something together. If I had more time to put towards something that excites me.

If people would make you feel welcome and open to Ideas

if the community was more open to change.

Improved communication about upcoming events.

What would encourage you to become more active in the Community?

Increased community opportunities

knowing that people (council) will listen, cooperate, get things done, work together

Knowing that the changes that are made through the projects I am involved in would be appreciated and enjoyed by the community.

Knowing what's going on and knowing others care about what's going on.

Knowledge is what is needed

Knowledge of all the projects needing help.

Less governmental influence Less Friction in opinions More give & take

Live music, family friendly, beer

Maintenance Code

More active information campaigns

More activities for youth and teens. I would be happy to volunteer for those activities.

More activities in which I'm interested

More activities.

more community activities

more environment-friendly activities

more family activities

More free time

more info

More information

more information on how to become more active

More personal free time

more recreational events

more time

more volunteers to work with

More welcoming atmosphere to people that are new to volunteering, and new to the group.

MRA needs to decide if they are a social club for millennials or an historic preservation organization. If they can figure it out I would become active.

What would encourage you to become more active in the Community?

my health

My personal lack of availability because of working out of town but if/as I am available, less divide in political climate and the overlapping of community organizations mission/goals.

N/A

Neighborhood block parties, art exhibits, concerts. Start on neighborhood level and grow

not sure

Nothing

Nothing. I haven't the time.

opportunity and information (especially in summer)

places for teenagers to go

Removal of rude bike riders and forced parking at either end of town forcing those vehicles not to disrupt parking. Forced bike path through town

Respect and fairness from Borough Council. Transparency from Borough Leaders. Ecological focus for Marietta's future. Sound fiscal responsibility

Retirement

retirement !

retirement!

School

Seeing my neighbors and others in community becoming active.

seeing progress encouraged

Something I am interested in

teen activities

The Boro treats the fire company 10x better, the council president doesn't make rude comments about the firemen or talk behind their backs

The local government for many years was stagnant & ineffective and it caused me to feel apathetic about trying to get involved. I see positive things coming from our newer members of government, and so it remains to be seen.

The possibility of more places that will draw people to Marietta from outside our community.

The town officials need to stop trying to make this town a big metropolis that will never exist. Without money and interest in businesses it will remain a quiet little town. Merge with East Donegal

What would encourage you to become more active in the Community?

and maybe we can better the quality of life. Everyone wants it to be a thriving community. Not going to happen. We do not want a high tax to pay for it.

Time efficient, getting to know my neighbors, and fun.

Time to do so

to be younger

Unfortunately my husband has Alzheimers and requires a lot of time, so I don't have much available time for community activity.

Usefulness, I will be more involved if I know what I am doing is helping someone.

Was/am (?) Respect from all police officers. Council/police be on same "page"

16. What means do you most frequently rely on to obtain Borough news and information? Check all that apply

Value		Percent	Responses
The Marietta Traveler		67.2%	164
Word of mouth in general		56.1%	137
Marietta-based Facebook pages		52.9%	129
Borough Website		35.7%	87
Merchandiser		33.6%	82
Borough Newsletter		30.7%	75
Word of mouth while at restaurants and local businesses		28.7%	70
Lancaster Newspaper		24.2%	59
Borough Staff		13.9%	34
Other - Write In		4.9%	12

Other - Write In: What means do you most frequently rely on to obtain Borough news and information?

Borough Website needs improvement

Copy of council minutes

Council meetings

elected officials

Elizabethtown Advocate

lots of rumors

love it

social media

The firefighter

Word of mouth- neighbor who attends meetings

17. How would you like to receive Borough news and information? Check all that apply

Value		Percent	Responses
Check a Website		58.1%	136
Receive Email		39.3%	92
Receive Postal Service Mail		32.5%	76
Check Electronic Sign Board		16.2%	38
Other - Write In		9.0%	21

Other - Write In: How would you like to receive Borough news and information?

although website is outdated

Borough of Marietta facebook page. Other towns use them. Could use for important info even to notify of trash delays or road detours. Yes we have other pages but officials should inform in a timely manner. This cost nothing but somebody 's time.

Facebook

Facebook page

have kiosks with bulletin boards of events, etc.

local events listed in local papers BEFORE events happen.

Make the Traveler more comprehensive, put the Borough newsletter info in there.

Marietta Traveler is a great source of info

newsletter

Newsletter monthly

Put a simple page in the traveler no one reads your newsletter

Signboards

social media

Social media, Facebook

Text

Texting

Traveler

18. Do you feel like you are adequately informed about what's happening in Marietta Borough?

Value		Percent	Responses
I feel somewhat informed		63.4%	151
I do not feel adequately informed		29.8%	71
I feel fully informed		6.7%	16
			Totals: 238

19. In what areas would you like to receive additional information? Check all that apply

Value		Percent	Responses
Community Events		78.9%	180
Community Organizations		52.6%	120
Businesses		46.9%	107
Government		43.9%	100
Emergency Alerts		36.8%	84
Where to go in times of emergency		32.9%	75
Schools		18.4%	42
Other - Write In		2.2%	5

Other - Write In: In what areas would you like to receive additional information?

changes in zoning laws

police log

public works

services - trash, recycle yard waste

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I enjoyed living in Marietta. However it would be wonderful if we could add perhaps a movie theater, more restaurants, grocery store, a spa or beauty shop, gardening for the community to have a plot, arts such as pottery classes glassblowing etc. also, it would be nice to have Mary other day more than once a year perhaps at the beginning of the fall too. Thank you!

A council that supports the town without raising taxes, and doesnt have personal agendas with no interest of the town in mind.

crossing guard at Middle school on Fridays a community pool for residents only

Fix up store-fronts & windows

great place to live & raise a family.

I Love this town. Would like to see more business n blooming down town

I feel the major hurdles facing Marietta's future are: 1.lack of an adequate tax base to support borough services - keeping Marietta a "quiet little town" will mean its end. Perhaps the borough would be better served by relinquishing control to the township. 2. The same ill that affects our country at large, just now, is magnified in the dynamics of this borough. Namely, ??, lack of respectful dialogue and attempts to understand, and unwillingness to compromise.

I find the trail to be disruptive to those who use to use it for quiet peaceful walks there is no more quiet

I hope the results of this survey are used to benefit community

I wish I was made aware of the ordinance. The fire police and police dept. had to fill me in and asked if I retrieved a book.

I wish the property and real estate taxes to be fair

I would like to see a wine shop open in town.

I would love to see the Borough with a 5-year plan for how we will provide amenities for tourists, direct them through our town. Find a way to get grants written for residents and businesses to use for building facade improvement, maybe sidewalk improvement too. People will be coming, so let's present well.

In thinking about businesses to attract to Marietta, I think it could do double duty to court old-timey artisans to the store fronts so that people can watch a craftsman working at their trade. Some could give demonstrations, classes, etc. We have a clock repair shop and a plasterer, and it might be good to have a bakery, a bookbinder, a florist, a woodworker, a haberdasher -- interesting trades that have

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been more or less forgotten but could find a home in this old town. It might also be interesting to convert one of the former B&Bs to artists' studios. Also it would be awesome to have a karaoke place in Marietta.

Incentives for building maintenance

It would be nice if somehow the borough could enforce some type of ordinance concerning all the junk getting piled up on front porches sidewalks, yards when I first moved here people took pride in their homes. It doesn't take money to clean up! it makes are town look awful! And is Dangerous with chemicals and trash laying everywhere. motorcycles being parked on sidewalks as elementary students are walking to school

look @ other historical towns and build on them, ie brick sidewalks, cobblestone streets, a return to older house siding ie wood or brick not vinyl, aluminium.

Love the bike/hike trail. Need more parking areas.

Marietta has the potential to grow into a destination location. The trails provides the feeder for the current businesses and potentially new ones. Sure parking is an issue along front street for those visiting the restaurants. Go to any city and parking can be an issue. So maybe a biking valet where guests are dropped off and then a designated parking area they park their car and are biked back to the restaurant. Has there been open discussion and a format beyond this survey to get people to communicate?

Marietta is a friendly small town, but it does look very poor. I just feel a little updating would be nice considering you have the beautiful River Trail. The sidewalks need to be fixed and new trees planted along Main Street that are ACTUALLY maintained by a garden club or the local government. Something. We need a better verity of small businesses to bring more people in and to spend money in our community. Maybe bike friendly parking so people will hang out in Marietta instead of just walking the trail.

Marietta is a lovely place, with beautiful old houses, the one thing I could do without is the incessant and unnecessary noise from the train at night. It is in my opinion uncalled for. If we need to have it please let's turn it down.

Marietta was a happening place many years ago! It'd be nice to see that small town, Norman Rockwell-ish vibe again but with technology our world is not so small anymore. We should utilize the great Susquehanna River more for activities. I love the history of this town, but am not excited about its present status. Seems small businesses are not allowed to thrive around here. Hours are inconvenient, not enough advertising - plus people go elsewhere for what they need. Would love to see the town embrace more of its historical setting - too much has been lost.

Mayor on street talking to citizens, other than Marietta Day & Election day Get to know the citizens

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more speed enforcement throughout the borough please. School signs near Waldorf schools.

My child will not EVER be aloud to play on the side walks due to NO speed limit being enforced. We live right behind the riverview school in the 15 MPH zone and cars zip by my house doing 30 to even 50-60 MPH. I have had my vehicles hit about literally 10 TIMES. The last time it was totaled... in a 25 MPH zone. Something needs to be done about speed limit enforcement. I have witnessed constant traffic violations (people smoking weed, rolling blunts, drinking beer and even kids without seat belts on hanging out of windows) from my front porch and again nothing ever gets done. The parks have become completely run down by kids within the community. I had to sit my child down and explain to her what small baggies of drugs and needles look like. We no longer visit any parks because of this. My family and I personally feel like this town is starting to become more like inner city communities and not a quiet small town. Not acceptable

My lack of participation stems from watching years of stagnant politics preventing this town from becoming the vibrant community it could be. The siren is another deterrent to quality of life for those of us that live near it and have historic homes we love and take care of.

Notes from other pages: Keep fire siren Keep train whistles (want) drug store, grocery store

Parts of infrastructure (roads incl) ignored for 50+ years; shame for a historic town. Most officers are polite & helpful, but we should have more visibility of enforcement in town.

Permanent marked parking spaces in all Marietta streets to Maximize vehicle street parking.

Please push to get the section of trail between the boat ramp and Bank Street open and paved

Post at Express Laundry

question #6 paper, Biz development : Other: Tax incentives

Some regulations on dogs in the community would be nice. Too many dogs have terrified my niece when we go for walks that we have to avoid walking certain areas of town. Nobody has friendly dogs here. A dog park would be nice (with proper requirements of dogs), because paying for the one in Mount Joy is a little ridiculous.

speed/drug enforcement (from question 8, paper survey)

Start by supporting our businesses in town. Support Fire Company. Start letting town people know of upcoming council events, decision making issues. Better office hours in office.

Stop outlawing skateboarding! When the people of this town were growing up what did they do as kids? They skated, they rode their bikes, they rollerskated! But all these are in the midst of being outlawed. REALLY?! How about we focus on the Heroine problem in town versus what the kids are

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doing in town? Stop focusing on the wrong problems and address the REAL issues we have in the borough or we wont have a borough to live in!

Stop,making this town out to be something ot will never be. Business will never thrive because nobody will support it. It is not historic like Williamsburg. Let the town be. More police presence and more support to the dire company is needed. Merge with E Donegal and push for, retail space on 441 including a major grocery store. Trails and bars do nothing. No tax hikes so council can do dumb projects that do not bring revenue. Could go on and on but our current board does not care.

take a look at New Hope Pa. see if we can imitate any of their successes. Beautiful, historic small town.

Thank you!

Thanks for doing this, great idea!

Thanks for the opportunity to be heard!

The Borough needs more staff to devote to future planning.

The council needs new members that care about the community. They need to stop worrying about themselves. They should be trying to make it a better place and not run it into the ground, like they are now.

The trail is very important and I wish it were completed.

The trail while being a great resource has also brought negativity. Residents who use the trail as well have been verbally attacked, forced off the pathways, given the finger by bike riders. This has caused many residents to refuse to use the trail that is right in the town they live. There are many people who don't use the trail for exercise but to get to the river to enjoy it or fish but parking to get to it has become impossible. It isn't fair to the many residents who live here who are put out due to the trail. The riders are utterly disrespectful of residents, and refuse to follow the rules of the road when using the roadways that go through town, this is and can be a very serious safety issue.

The trees of Marietta are our heritage as well. There are some remarkably beautiful and old trees here. It makes Marietta a green and comforting place to be. The trees and birdlife mean a lot to many people here.

Think about the future. We need to have more positive interactions with our youth, young ones and especially teens. Maybe if we involved them in our community, respect would come back. Respect works both ways. This is the only town that doesn't have anything for youth to do. Try fire hall dances, movies, helping the elderly, etc.

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This borough is an amazing place to live. There are some changes that need to be made. The fire company and road crew need to be treated better. The fire company is 100% volunteer and donate a lot of time and effort. The road crew is over worked and under paid.

This town is very set in their ways and needs to open up to new ideas and new directions for this borough. As a town we need to provide options for things for children to do in this town without belittling them. Kids need things to do. if not they will get bored and this partially adds to the drug problem we have in this town.

We have a beautiful downtown but so many empty store fronts. I'd love to see the borough actively provide incentives for businesses to open in those store fronts. A focused effort on a type of business makes sense. Given the trail and the bike shop, maybe more focusing on more outdoorsy businesses makes sense.

We just moved here several months ago, and love Marietta already! I hope to become more informed and involved as I'm able. I'm thankful people care about, and are planning for this town's future.

We live close to 441, Bank street, and Front st. In the past 2-3 years it has started to smell like a port-a-potty outside, The stench is stomach turning. It didn't used to be like this. I would suggest looking into how to improve that.

We need to support out fire company. We also need to take down or stop using parking meters in town. This is a small town. How can we bring business to town when we don't have adequate parking spaces. Also, this is a small friendly based town. Do we really need to nickel and dime our customers bringing business to town?

We should all work together. No old guard versus new people, no intellectuals versus rednecks, no insults and personal stigmatizing--hear all views and work together. More regard for natural setting, more trees, public gardens, and events to preserve and celebrate natural environment

We truly do need better sidewalks. While I don't agree with local government enforcing what type of material to use, etc, some sidewalks are barely walkable anymore. I understand that it falls to individuals to fix their own, but it doesn't seem like anyone is putting any effort into their sidewalks anymore. Also, there are also way too many tree branches and shrubs on Apple that scrape vehicles as they drive past. We also have quite an issue with vehicles apparently without mufflers in this town (3 on our corner alone). It would be appreciated for police to crack down on that as well as speeders. Thanks for the survey!

Would love to see fireworks return