



NEWPORT
HEALTH EQUITY
ZONE

Question Campaign 2015



During the months of August and September Newport Health Equity Zone ran a Question Campaign amongst the city of Newport. The campaign was implemented to give Newport residents a voice, and to give them a chance to ask questions about the future of their community. The Question Campaign table could be found at various community establishments within the designated Zone (The North End and Broadway) where individuals could answer the question “What is your question about the future of where you live?”

In the following report you will find response questions color coded by the respondent’s listed residence, and organized based on question theme.

Residence Response key

 North End	 Aquidneck
 Broadway	 USA
 Newport	 Unknown





Affordability

When will our water be drinkable without any major toxins? Our water bills are sky rocketing with no real benefits!

When are they going to make a place where kids can go and play and eat for free?

Will everyone have a mansion in the future?

Interesting things to do for free of charge for but children with the parents

Why are taxes so much?

Water rates are kidding renters, what can be done? I went from paying nothing to \$100.00 a month. Sound fair?

I wonder if utility bills will go down. In the winter it gets hard to pay, where is the help?

Water bills are too big.

When will the town of Newport stop ripping people off?

Will there be job available for my kids when they get older in this area? Will my kids be able to afford to live in this area?

Why aren't there programs financial, social etc. for residents of Middletown not just Newport county. Also, affordable housing in Middletown.

What if everyone became serious about spending less and saving more?

Will there ever be an affordable pool club in Newport?

I would think it is necessary to find more affordable housing, I just believe that everyone deserves to have the basic necessities

When will we come together to honestly address the needs of the disadvantaged?





Housing

Management should move their office. It's all government assistance, so I don't understand how they split up who they give what to. I just want to be treated equal

More options of low income housing and availability

When will there be bigger houses?

Management built a new office where they used to play. Rollin green gets treated way better. They have the same management. Before it was an office it was a field with benches, the office looks nice, but the rest is trash. She picks and chooses which are nice. If you have more than two kids you can forget it.

Will they add air conditioning to my complex?

When will houses be bigger?

When will we provide adequate housing for the homeless?

I want to know why Newport Heights does not inform residents

When will there be new management, they won't do nothin'. The paint is chipping; lights need to be fixed, etc. I'm looking to move back to Newport.

Noise

When will there be peace and quiet?





Arts and Culture

Better community center for teenagers 14 to 18, we need to take them out to explore too. Show them museums, help them sign up for the Peace Corps, etc.

The opportunity to have a spiritual (Evangelistic) public gathering that will bring the population together to discuss healthy habits.

- Will more music schools be built?
- Will there be more art classes?
- Will I have a happy life and will music be my (reason?)?

Drugs and Alcohol

- About the drug dealing
- No smoking or drinking.
- Less drug dealers and drugs on the street
- When will the bars stop over serving?
- Where could someone who to get help with addiction?
- When will the McKinney shelter become a dry shelter?





Community Cohesion

Why aren't there more community centers?

Will there be any community togetherness? OR How can we get more resident involvement?

When will there be more neighborhood clubs, to unify kids who otherwise wouldn't be united?

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When will there be more community activities for the young kids or youth activities?

My questions about the future where I live am when will everyone be able to get together without people having a problem?

How can we have more activity within the community to bring the community together?

Why is there no spirit/pride in the community?

I wonder if people will take their part ownership of their community

Will our neighborhood ever be a place where our young people can grow and be able to give back?

When will the MLK do more? They have this entire staff, but need to be more aggressive/do more things.

We have nice people that walk around polite also at Paramount Bldg

It would be nice to have anyone to just walk around the town of Newport and extend a hand of info to the people. Dap

Youth Empowerment + Involvement

When will my friend be at my house so I can play with her?

When will I be able to walk in the street with my friend and her mom?

I wonder if my Neighborhood in Oregon will become friendlier

The town needs to focus more on people in our community rather than making the tourists happy





Violence, Vandalism and Safety

Less violence

I wonder if schools are safe for our kids

When will the violence stop at Festival Field?

And that will stop being in a fight

How can we make it safe and peaceful?

Stop the violence in our community!

Will the crime rate go up or down?

Will we have more lights so we have less bike accidents?

Safe community for the kids

When will Green End Ave be paved?

What is the future of the fire department? They're shutting down several stations and that's alarming.

When the neighborhoods in Newport will become less crime oriented. Lots of car/house theft go on and want to know when it will stop

Need more police in the neighborhood.

I want to know why Newport Heights does not inform residents when things happen on the property, pertaining to violence, or destruction of property.

More safety for walking/pedestrians

When will the police respond to calls and not say it's just "a lover's quarrel" next door.
Friend Shop



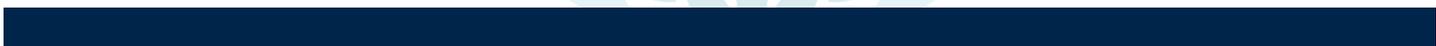


Green Environment

- The woodchips made me dizzy. When will there be things for the older kids to do in the park, instead of the gym for just the little kids. The pier is too far and it's not always safe.
- More parks
- How might Newport make an impact for the environment? (Middletown)
 - Possible ideas:
 - -Go Green!
 - -Reduce carbon footprint
 - -Save endangered animals!
 - Will there be more dog parks?
 - Mosquitos go away
 - Why are there so many trees getting cut down?
- Why are there parks here?

Beach

- Will the seaweed ever go away?
- Why can't we fix the red tide at First Beach?
- Fix potholes, build bike lanes, fix playground on the beach
- Why is the water red at the beach?
- I wonder if beach erosion will be a future problem





Water Recreation

Why aren't there any pools?

Why aren't there more sprinklers/splash pads in our existing parks?

When will there be an inside pool?

When will there be a pool or something like a skate park?

I wish we could have pools

I wish there was a pool in Oxbow

When will there be a swimming pool?

When are we going to have a pool?

Can we put in a splash pad?

Will there ever be an affordable pool club in Newport?

When can we have pools and chawks?

Food

When are they going to make a place where kids can go and play and eat for free?

Fresh food close by

Why aren't there better lunches?

When will the MLK do more? They have this entire staff, but need to be more aggressive/do more things. Like the pantry today is almost bare, this is a disgrace. They need to for example, work more closely with the farmers market and have them bring things to the center

I like Newport Creamery





Kids

Why isn't there more inexpensive child care option?

What can be one for children to entertain themselves throughout the year?

They need a playground or the kids

Why are there not more kids at the Boys Club?

When will there be more neighborhood clubs, to unify kids who otherwise wouldn't be united?

Better community center for teenagers 14 to 18, we need to take them out to explore too. Show them museums, help them sign up for the Peace Corps, etc.

I wonder if schools are safe for our kids

When will there be more community activities for the young kids or youth activities?

More interaction with the kids. A center sports and learning center

When will there be a place for kids to play football/basketball/tennis, tie up our bikes.

The woodchips made me dizzy. When will there be things for the older kids to do in the park, Instead of the gym for just the little kids. The pier is too far and it's not always safe.

When are they gonna have more stuff for the youth?

Interesting things to do for free of charge for but children with the parents

How can I change my community for a better youth?

When will some of the younger kids respect the property? When will the younger kids start to get involved with activities? Can we get more activities for the younger kids on the North End?

More activities for children.

We need more playgrounds and activities for the children and teen age kids?

What is the future of daycare in Newport? Will there be any incentives for small businesses?

Will our neighborhood ever be a place where our young people can grow and be able to give back?

There should be more options of places for day care for children





Kids continued

It's nice to live here in Newport because it's a good place for my kids

Youth Empowerment + Involvement

It would be great to see the Boy's n Girl's club receive more funding to keep programming open to the community. Also, the need to spread the word, let people knows about programming. Like a family focused page. There's all this programming going on, but people don't know about it?

Why are there not more after school programs for low income children?

Will there ever be any fun places for teens to go?

Safe community for the kids

Will there be job available for my kids when they get older in this area? Will my kids be able to afford to live in this area?

Will there be a lot of young families?

When will Newport schools create more individualized educational plans for all students especially in elementary school for kids who are more advanced?

I would like for this community to have a youth center the way it used to. At least early evenings + after school.

More stuff for the teen's to do. Newport needs to not forget their own

Will there be more family friendly events & businesses?





School

Boring, 4th grade school is boring

How long with Pell continue to have such large classes?

I wonder if schools are safe for our kids

More interaction with the kids. A center sports and learning center

I wonder when Rogers High will get a better building.

At what point will they have to combine the schools on Aquidneck Island?

Rogers High school scares me. The middle schools are ok, but the horror stories I hear about Rogers in particular I don't want my daughter going there

More education. Reading, writing, and arithmetic.

When will Cranston-Calvert School's mess be cleaned up?

When will the high school education system in Newport be better? I went to HS in Newport and they really don't push education like that.

Will more music schools be built?

How should high school education help students find an occupation either after high school or after college?

When will there be more education for parents 'Parenting education'

When will they have to combine the island schools?

Why are there not more after school programs for low income children?

Will there be more art classes

When will Newport schools create more individualized educational plans for all students especially in elementary school for kids who are more advanced?

More after school programs





Philosophical

- Flying animals
- When will Newport become a pretty place again?
- I want to see flying animals
- Can it stay the same?
- Against Regionalization
- When will I be released from Newport?
- I don't like the way people treat each other, I want everyone to get along.

Happiness

- People being happier
- Will I have a happy life and will music be my (reason?)?

Casino and Strip Club

- What's happening with casino property?
- When will we open up a strip club?

Direct Services

- I want to know when we will have more dentists that accept Medicaid cards. And more Spanish speaking workers at DHS
- Dhs closer to this community, bus way closer
- More therapy centers.
- Clinic for medical service, hard to get them in a timely manner.



Desired Physical Activity

Why isn't there a basketball court near my house?

They need a playground or the kids

Why aren't there more baseball diamonds + basketball courts, sprinklers/splash pads in our existing parks?

Building basketball courts and volleyball courts in the area?

More kick ball fields, pop warner football again

When will there a football team.

More interaction with the kids. A center sports and learning center

When will there be a place for kids to play football/basketball/tennis, tie up our bikes.

When will there be a pool or something like a skate park?

We need more playgrounds and activities for the children and teen age kids?

More things to do- community recreational activities so there is less gang activity.

Why can't playgrounds be better?

I wish we could have pools

When will the town have things for the children to go to? Ex. Bowling, roller-skating rink like in the 70's + 80's

When can we have pools and chawks?

Biking

When will we have more bike infrastructure?

Could we build an island with bike path?

When will there be a bike path to Tiverton? Traffic - help!! When are we all going to pull together to go pedestrian on America's cup/ Brickmalet/ Thames or trolley only! Too many people.

Cars

I wonder when flying cars will be invented.

When will we have cars that don't run on gas?

When will hovering cars be invented?

When will there be a bike path to Tiverton? Traffic - help!! When are we all going to pull together to go pedestrian on America's cup/ Brickmalet/ Thames or trolley only! Too many people. (n/a)



Programming

How come we have nothing to do?

What other events can happen to bring more people to Newport?

What can be one for children to entertain themselves throughout the year?

More kick ball fields, pop warner football again

When are they going to make a place where kids can go and play and eat for free?

When will there be more community activities for the young kids or youth activities? (Truman Road)

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When are they gonna have more stuff for the youth? They do nothing.

Interesting things to do for free of charge for but children with the parents

How can we have more activity within the community to bring the community together?

What kind of activities do you have for the young teenager?

Will there be more things to do in Newport?

When will some of the younger kids respect the property? When will the younger kids start to get involved with activities? Can we get more activities for the younger kids on the North End?

More activities for children.

I'm new to the area so I don't know much of anything. What is there to do in town?

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When will there be an aquarium?

More after school programs

When will there be an increase in outreach programs?

I would like for this community to have a youth center the way it used to. At least early evenings + after school.

More stuff for the teen's to do. Newport needs to not forget their own

Will there be more family friendly events & businesses?

More programs for single mothers



Traffic and Construction

I wonder when the roads will get better

Why are there no lights on the street?

When will Broadway construction be done?

When will the city repair the roads?

When will construction on Broadway be done?

When are the roads going to be fixed?

When will there be sidewalks on Ruggles Ave-?

Can the potholes be fixed?

Finish construction on streets before summer starts

When will there be safe places for people to cross the street. I almost got hit outside the MLK.

When will I be able to walk in the street with my friend and her mom?

When are they doing anything about the traffic to cross Memorial Blvd? Can't get out of RI Ave- Gibbs - I can't get out of my driveway on Annandale Rd

Cross Roads

I'd like to see them take all the tables off the streets

We have to walk around just so the tourist is happy. Besides Broadway is not the most attractive place.

When will Burnside be paved?

When will there be a bike path to Tiverton? Traffic - help!! When are we all going to pull together to go pedestrian on America's cup/ Brickmalet/ Thames or trolley only! Too many people.

More bus transportation.





Employment Opportunities

■ Employment Opportunity, Everyone have a place to live

■ Job opportunities on the island

■ Will there be job available for my kids when they get older in this area? Will my kids be able to afford to live in this area?

Trash

■ That people will stop littering and the water fountain will be clean?

■ Will there be recycling?

■ I wonder when the trash will get picked up.

■ More garbage cans and recycling, also teaching people how to do it.

■ Why is there so much trash in Newport?

■ I wonder when the owners of the cemetery on Kay & Bellevue will start keeping their sidewalk clear of debris. It's an eye sore for the street- cleaning it up would take so little time.

■ What if everyone was serious about recycling and cleaning up their trash in the neighborhood?

■ Why aren't there more trash cans in the hood?

■ When the streets of Newport will be cleaned more often?

