

Appendix 3. Monograph Report

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Report on Open-Ended Question Responses

. Concerning The Quality of Life on Nantucket

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Overview:

In April of 2006, approximately one in every two Nantucket households was randomly selected to participate in a new survey, entitled the Nantucket Community Survey - 2006. Over seven hundred year-round residents completed and returned the survey questionnaire, providing, in total, over 270,000 pieces of information detailing current healthcare and other human services needs. (see details in the following publication: Nantucket Health & Human Services Needs Assessment Report of Findings – 2006)

As part of the Nantucket Community Survey – 2006, respondents were invited to write in their likes and dislikes about Nantucket, about Islanders, and their ideas and suggestions for making Nantucket a better place to live. Four questions were posed as follows:

“A. What do you especially like about Nantucket?”

“B. What do you especially like about the PEOPLE of Nantucket?”

“C. What do you dislike most about Nantucket?”

“D. Please write in your ideas or suggestions for making Nantucket a better place to live.”

This Report (NCS-001) contains details of hand-written responses to each of these four questions and full *transcripts* of responses relating to the most common topic areas. However, this Report does not include transcripts of all of the 200-plus pages of hand-written responses. A CD-ROM containing full *transcripts* of all hand-written responses is available free of charge upon request from the Nantucket Council For Human Services, 22 Federal St., Nantucket, MA 02554.

Introduction:

Over one-half (54%) of survey respondents took the time to write in a response to one or more of these questions. While the topics of these responses varied considerably, a number of common themes were voiced in response to each of the four questions. Those commenting wrote-in an average of 1.8 comments each, yielding a total of over 1,200 separate comments. Also, about six-in-ten (59%) of respondents from our most needy households took the time to write in one or more comment. On average, most needy household respondents wrote-in 2.0 comments each, yielding a total of over two hundred comments.

Findings From Analysis of Open-Ended Questions on Page 8 of Nantucket Community Survey – 2006 Questionnaire

YOUR COMMENTS, IDEAS, AND SUGGESTIONS: (OPTIONAL, OF COURSE)

Question A:

A: “What do you especially like about Nantucket?”

Of the 705 respondents to the Nantucket Community Survey - 2006 questionnaire, 339 (48%) hand-wrote in something in response to Question A on page 8 of the survey questionnaire. These 339 responses have been categorized and analyzed. The following are highlights from analysis findings.

The categories of responses relating to what respondents, “especially like about Nantucket” are summarized in Table 1, below.

Table 1 Ranked List of Topics From ALL Responses to Question A

Rank	Topic Category	Number of Responses With This Topic	Percentage of All Responses To Question A*
			(N=736)
1	Natural Beauty/Scenic Landscape	94**	13%
2	Proximity to Ocean/Seashore	91**	12%
3	Sense of Community	82**	11%
4	Character of the People/Diversity	71**	10%
5	Safety/Low Crime Rate	56	8%
6 (tie)	Quaintness/Small-Town Character	51	7%
6 (tie)	Open Space/Natural Environment	51	7%
7	Peacefulness	39	5%
8	Availability of Activities/Things To Do	38	5%
9	Child/Family Environment	31	4%
10	Nantucket History/Historic Preservation	26	4%
11	Clean Air/Clean Beaches	23	3%
12	Moderate Climate/Seasons	20	3%
13	Lifestyle/Ambience	19	3%
14	Employment/Business Opportunities	16	2%
15 (tie)	Living on an Island	10	1%
15 (tie)	Healthcare Services/Facilities	10	1%
16	Schools/Education	8	1%

* Column does not sum to 100% since many respondents included more than one topic in their response.

** See a complete transcript of these hand-written responses later in this Report.

Analysis of Responses From the Island’s Most Needy Households (Groups #1 and #2 Combined)

The Island’s most needy households (based upon their own reporting of problems/needs), value most of the same things as do the overall population sampled. See Table 2, below. Certainly, proximity to the ocean and seashore is universally valued. However, a higher proportion of respondents from our most needy households wrote in comments regarding a sense of community. Conversely, the overall sample of respondents seems to place considerably more emphasis on the Island’s natural beauty and scenic landscapes, the character of the people, low crime rate, and safety, and low crime rate than do respondents from our most needy households.

Of the 112 “Most Needy” households responding to the Nantucket Community Survey – 2006 questionnaire, 60 (54%) hand-wrote in something in response to Question A. The categories of responses from our most needy households relating to what these respondents, “especially like about Nantucket” are summarized in Table 2, below.

Table 2 Ranked List of Topics From Most Needy Household Responses to Question A

Rank	Topic Category	Number of Most Needy Responses With This Topic	Percentage of Most Needy Responses To Question A*
			(N=112)
1	Sense of Community	19**	17%
2	Proximity to Ocean/Seashore	18**	16%
3	Quaintness/Small-Town Character	12**	11%
4	Character of the People/Diversity	11**	10%
5	Natural Beauty/Scenic Landscape	10	9%
6	Open Space/Natural Environment	7	6%
7	Availability of Activities/Things To Do	6	5%
8	Nantucket History/Historic Preservation	5	5%
9 (tie)	Safety/Low Crime Rate	4	4%
9 (tie)	Child/Family Environment	4	4%
9 (tie)	Clean Air/Clean Beaches	4	4%
10 (tie)	Lifestyle/Ambience	3	3%
10 (tie)	Employment/Business Opportunities	3	3%
11 (tie)	Peacefulness	2	2%
11 (tie)	Healthcare Services/Facilities	2	2%
12 (tie)	Moderate Climate/Seasons	1	1%
12 (tie)	Schools/Education	1	1%
13	Living on an Island	0	0%

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(tie) = tied at same rank.

Question A Topic Category Definitions For Tables 1 and 2

“Natural Beauty/Scenic Landscape” comment topics included:

Scenic beauty, the landscape, charm, lovely scenery, historic, beauty of open spaces.

“Proximity to Ocean/Seashore” comment topics included:

Proximity to seashore, ocean, sand/beaches, sand, saltwater.

“Sense of Community” comment topics included:

Sense of community, community, tight knit community, community resources, community living.

“Character of the People/Diversity” comment topics included:

Overall character of the people, friendliness, blend of people, diversity of the population.

“Safety/Low Crime” comment topics included:

Low crime rate, little crime, safe, security, safety.

“Quaint/Small-Town Character” comment topics included:

Quaintness, small, small-town, rural, semi-rural, village feeling, rural open space.

“Open Space/Natural Environment” comment topics included:

Environment, natural environment, parks, woods, bike trails

“Peacefulness” topics comment included:

Quiet, peace, peacefulness, tranquility.

“Availability of Activities/Things To Do” comment topics included:

Recreational activities, community events, senior center, activities for kids.

“Child/Family Environment” comment topics included:

Place to raise my kids, where my family lives, multi-generational families, family Activities, native.

“Nantucket History/Historic Preservation” comment topics included:

Historic homes, preservation, historic preservation.

“Clean Air/Clean Beaches” comment topics included:

Clean air. No litter, clean beaches.

“Moderate Climate/Seasons” comment topics included:

Weather, seasonality, summer, breezes, mild climate, fall, temperate climate.

“Lifestyle/Ambience” comment topics included:

Lifestyle, laid-back, relaxed, quality of living conditions, atmosphere, simple life, ambience.

“Employment/Business Opportunities” comment topics included:

Opportunities, chance to make it, business ventures.

“Living on an Island” comment topics included:

Travel off-Island, fog, weather delays, ferry travel, air fares.

“Health Services/Facilities” comment topics included:

Cottage Hospital, doctors, nurses, Saltmarsh Center.

“Schools/Education” comment topics included:

Adult education, schools, teachers.

Question B:

B: “What do you especially like about the people of Nantucket?”

Of the 705 respondents to the Nantucket Community Survey - 2006 questionnaire, 315 (45%) hand-wrote in something in response to Question B. These 315 responses have been categorized and analyzed. The following are highlights from analysis findings.

The categories of responses relating to what respondents, “especially like about the **people of Nantucket**” are summarized in Table 3, below.

Table 3 Ranked List of Topics From ALL Responses to Question B

Rank	Topic Category	Number of Responses With This Topic	Percentage of All Responses To Question B*
			(N=483)
1	Character/Values	135**	28%
2	Friendliness	112**	23%
3	Sense of Community	63	13%
4	Helpfulness	45	9%
5	Generosity/Mutual Support	41	9%
6	Caring	35	7%
7	Diversity/Mix of People	23	5%
8	Niceness	10	2%
9	Courtesy	9	2%
10 (tie)	Healthiness/Health Conscious	5	1%
10 (tie)	Relaxed Lifestyle	5	1%

* Column does not sum to 100% since many respondents included more than one topic in their response.

** See a complete transcript of these hand-written responses later in this Report.

(tie) = tied at same rank.

Analysis of Responses From the Island’s Most Needy Households (Groups #1 and #2 Combined)

The Island’s most needy households (based upon their own reporting of problems/needs), value most of the same things as do the overall population sampled. See Table 4, below. Certainly, the character and values of Islanders, their friendliness, and sense of community are universally valued. While both samples of respondents reported heavily on the generosity and mutual supportiveness of Islanders, a higher proportion of respondents from our most needy households wrote in comments regarding this topic. Conversely, the overall sample of respondents report valuing somewhat more highly the helpfulness of Islanders than do respondents from our most needy households.

Of the 112 “Most Needy” households responding to the Nantucket Community Survey - 2006 questionnaire, 55 (49%) hand-wrote in something in response to Question B. The categories of responses from our most needy households relating to what these respondents, “especially like about the **people of Nantucket**” are summarized in Table 4, below.

Table 4 Ranked List of Topics From Most Needy Household Responses to Question B

Rank	Topic Category	Number of Most Needy Responses With This Topic	Percentage of Most Needy Responses To Question B*
			(N=67)
1	Character/Values	21**	31%
2	Friendliness	11**	16%
3	Sense of Community	9	13%
4	Generosity/Mutual Support	8	12%
5	Helpfulness	5	8%
6 (tie)	Caring	4	6%
6 (tie)	Diversity/Mix of People	4	6%
7	Niceness	2	3%
8 (tie)	Courtesy	1	2%
8 (tie)	Healthiness/Health Conscious	1	2%
8 (tie)	Relaxed Lifestyle	1	2%

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Question B Topic Category Definitions For Tables 3 and 4

“Character/Values” comment topics included:

Independent, genuine, real, reliable, values, kind, strong, honest, outspoken.

“Friendliness” comment topics included:

Friendly, friendliness, amiable, pleasant, neighborliness, smiles and friendly gestures.

“Sense of Community” comment topics included:

Community involvement, community spirit, care about our community, community attitude, community feeling.

“Helpfulness” comment topics included:

Helpful, helpfulness, willing to help.

“Generosity/Mutual Support” comment topics included:

Generous, always ready to help, willing to lend a hand.

“Caring” comment topics included:

Care, caring.

“Diversity/Mix of People” comment topics included:

Open-minded, diverse, mixed backgrounds, diversity, mix, minorities.

“Niceness” comment topics included:

Just plain “nice.”

“Courtesy” comment topics included:

Courteous, courtesy, polite, respectful.

“Healthiness/Health Conscious” comment topics included:

Healthy, fitness, health consciousness.

“Relaxed Lifestyle” comment topics included:

Easy-going, laid-back, quieter lifestyle, free-spirited.

Question C:

C: “What do you dislike most about Nantucket?”

Of the 705 respondents to the Nantucket Community Survey - 2006 questionnaire, 359 (51%) hand-wrote in something in response to Question C. These 359 responses have been categorized and analyzed. The following are highlights from analysis findings.

The categories of responses relating to what respondents, “*dislike most about Nantucket*” are summarized in Table 5, below.

Table 5 Ranked List of Topics From ALL Responses to Question C

Rank	Topic Category	Number of Responses With This Topic	Percentage of All Responses To Question C*
			(N=632)
1	High Prices/Lack of Affordability	99**	16%
2	Traffic/Parking/Transportation	74**	12%
3	Attitudes of The People	70**	11%
4	Growth & Development	60**	10%
5 (tie)	Housing/Real Estate Situation	59	9%
5 (tie)	Government/Town Services/Police	59	9%
6	Summer Season/Tourists	56	9%
7 (tie)	Business/Chain Stores/Fast Food	34	5%
7 (tie)	Realities of Island Living	34	5%
8	Foreign Workers/Immigrants/Non-English Speakers/“Illegals”	25	4%
9	Pressures on Young People & Families	23	4%
10	Employment Situation	15	2%
11	Weather Conditions/Seasonality	11	2%
12	Healthcare Resources	7	1%
13	Quality of Life	6	1%

* Column does not sum to 100% since many respondents included more than one topic in their response..

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(tie) = tied at same rank.

Analysis of Responses From the Island’s Most Needy Households (Groups #1 and #2 Combined)

The Island’s most needy households (based upon their own reporting of problems/needs), tend to dislike most of the same things as do the overall population sampled. See Table 6, below. Certainly, high prices, lack of affordability, and certain attitudes of the people are universally disliked. However, a higher proportion of respondents from our most needy households wrote in comments regarding several key topics, including the housing/real estate situation, and Town government, municipal services, and the police. Conversely, the overall sample seems to dislike the Island’s rapid growth/development and certain aspects of the business community/shopping than do our most needy households.

Of the 112 “Most Needy” households responding to the Nantucket Community Survey - 2006 questionnaire, 62 (55%) hand-wrote in something in response to Question C. The categories of responses from our most needy households relating to what these respondents, “*dislike most about Nantucket*” are summarized in Table 6, below.

Table 6 Ranked List of Topics From Most Needy Household Responses to Question C

Rank	Topic Category	Number of Most Needy Responses With This Topic	Percentage of Most Needy Responses To Question C*
			(N=100)
1	High Prices/Lack of Affordability	18**	18%
2	Housing/Real Estate Situation	14	14%
3	Attitudes of The People	13**	13%
4	Government/Town Services/Police	12	12%
5	Traffic/Parking/Transportation	10**	10%
6	Pressures on Young People & Families	8	8%
7	Summer Season/Tourists	6	6%
8	Growth & Development	5**	5%
9 (tie)	Business/Chain Stores/Fast Food	4	4%
9 (tie)	Realities of Island Living	4	4%
10	Foreign Workers/Immigrants/Non-English Speakers/"Illegals"	3	3%
11 (tie)	Weather Conditions/Seasonality	1	1%
11 (tie)	Healthcare Resources	1	1%
11 (tie)	Quality of Life	1	1%
12	Employment Situation	0	0%

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Question C Topic Category Definitions For Tables 5 and 6

“High Prices/Lack of Affordability” comment topics included:

Affordable, cost of living, costly, cost of housing, cost of childcare, taxes, cost of food.

“Traffic/Parking/Transportation” comment topics included:

Traffic, traffic congestion, summer traffic, tourist traffic, parking, public transportation.

“Attitudes of The People” topics comment included:

Snobs, denial, narrow minded, kind, attitudes of service people.

“Growth & Development” comment topics included:

Development, new construction, building, trophy homes, loss of open land, urbanization.

“Housing/Real Estate Situation” comment topics included:

Cost of real estate, rental rates, homeownership, housing shortage, homes for sale.

“Government/Town Services/Police” topics comment included:

Town, local government, police, spending, courts, taxes, parks, water protection.

“Summer Season/Tourists” comment topics included:

Traffic, tourism, traffic jams, summer visitors, summer workers, summer people.

“Businesses/Chain “Stores/Fast Food” comment topics included:

Business, commercial expansion, Stop & Shop, fast food, strips malls, Kmart/Wal-Mart.

“Realities of Island Living” comment topics included:

Leaving Island in an emergency, weather delays, evacuation, travel fares, how to get off Island.

“Foreign Workers/Immigrants/Non-English Speakers/Illegals” comment topics included:

Language barriers, Spanish, lack of diversity, “illegals,” disabled, immigrants, alien population, English as a second language.

“Pressures on Young People & Families” comment topics included:

Family, young people, child, children’s activities, childcare costs, multi-generational families.

“Employment Situation” topics comment included:

Job market, pay scale, wages, employees, employment, health benefits, salaries.

“Weather Conditions/Seasonality” comment topics included:

Winter, fog, hot and humid, wind, cold and snow, poor weather, February/March.

“Healthcare Resources” comment topics included:

Lack of certain medical specialties, healthcare is not available for all people, doctors with "closed practice, ticks, tick diseases.

“Quality of Life” topics comment included:

Health, quality of life, depression, stress, anxiety.

Question D:

D: “Your ideas or suggestions for making Nantucket a better place to live”

Of the 705 respondents to the Nantucket Community Survey - 2006 questionnaire, 242 (34%) hand-wrote in something in response to Question D. These 242 responses have been categorized and analyzed. The following are highlights from analysis findings.

The categories of responses relating to survey respondent’s own, “ideas or suggestions for making Nantucket a better place to live” are summarized in Table 7, below.

Table 7 Ranked List of Topics From ALL Responses to Question D

Rank	Topic Category	Number of Responses With This Topic	Percentage of All Responses To Question D*
			(N=382)
1	Encourage Local Government Action	85**	22%
2	Reduce Car/Truck Traffic	59**	15%
3	Increase Affordable Housing	52**	14%
4	Develop/Strengthen Community Organizations/Activities	31	8%
5	Enhance Public Transportation Services	30	8%
6	Slowdown/Control Growth & Development	27	7%
7	Restructure Town Government	22	6%
8	Coordinate With/Support Local Businesses	21	6%
9	Support Young Families	15	4%
10	Improve Healthcare Resources	13	3%
11	Increase Land Conservation	11	3%
12	Improve Local Shopping Opportunities	10	3%
13	Enforce Immigration Laws	6	2%

* Column does not sum to 100% since many respondents included more than one topic in their response.

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(tie) = tied at same rank.

Analysis of Responses From the Island’s Most Needy Households (Groups #1 and #2 Combined)

The Island’s most needy households (based upon their own reporting of problems/needs), suggest many of the same categories of things as do the overall sample. See Table 8, below. Certainly, encouraging local government action, increasing the supply of affordable housing, and efforts to reduce traffic congestion/enhance our public transportation system are universally recommended. However, respondents from our most needy households seem to rank developing and strengthening community organizations much more highly than do those in the overall sample. The overall sample seems to place more emphasis on reducing traffic and improving public transportation, and slowing or better controlling the Island’s growth and development than do respondents from our most needy households.

Of the 112 “Most Needy” households responding to the Nantucket Community Survey - 2006 questionnaire, 47 (42%) hand-wrote in something in response to Question D. The categories of responses from our most needy households relating to these respondent’s own, “ideas or suggestions for making Nantucket a better place to live” are summarized in Table 8, below.

Table 8 Ranked List of Topics From Most Needy Household Responses to Question D:

Rank	Topic Category	Number of Responses With This Topic	Percentage of All Responses To Question D*
			(N=57)
1	Encourage Local Government Action	17**	30%
2	Increase Affordable Housing	11**	19%
3	Develop/Strengthen Community Organizations/Activities	6	11%
3	Enhance Public Transportation Services	6	11%
4	Reduce Car/Truck Traffic	4**	7%
5 (tie)	Slowdown/Control Growth & Development	2	4%
5 (tie)	Coordinate With/Support Local Businesses	2	4%
5 (tie)	Support Young Families	2	4%
5 (tie)	Improve Healthcare Resources	2	4%
5 (tie)	Increase Land Conservation	2	4%
5 (tie)	Improve Local Shopping Opportunities	2	4%
6	Enforce Immigration Laws	1	2%
7	Restructure Town Government	0	0%

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(tie) = tied at same rank.

Question D Topic Category Definitions For Tables 7 and 8

“Encourage Local Government Action” comment topics included:

Better town services, participation in town government, schools, beaches, roadway pavement/repair.

“Reduce Car/Truck Traffic” comment topics included:

Summer traffic congestion, freight, grid lock trucks, cars, SUVs.

“Increase Affordable Housing” comment topics included:

Affordable housing, rent, housing availability, in-law apartments, housing crisis.

“Develop/Strengthen Community Organizations/Activities” comment topics included:

Getting youth involved in their community, community-wide committee, activities that support a local charity, involvement with local art and culture, community center.

“Enhance Public Transportation Services” comment topics included:

Public transport, bus system, ferry service, air service.

“Slowdown/Control Growth & Development” comment topics included:

Limits on construction, trophy homes, stop building, zoning/building code enforcement.

“Restructure Town Government” comment topics included:

Town Manager, Town meeting, mayor, Selectmen, town has outgrown town meeting.

“Coordinate With/Support Local Businesses” comment topics included:

Business people, boutique shops, Stop & Shop, fast food, appropriate businesses.

“Support Young Families” comment topics included:

Children, young families, parks for children, child care services, young adults.

“Improve Healthcare Resources” comment topics included:

Emergency Room usage, health, health facilities, immigrant health, health insurance.

“Increase Land Conservation” comment topics included:

Saving open space, buying land, parks land, conservation land.

“Improve Local Shopping Opportunities” topics comment included:

Price gouging, high prices, insurance rates, groceries, gasoline/oil prices, healthcare
Costs, need for off-Island shopping trips.

“Enforce Immigration Laws” comment topics included:

Call INS, letting immigrants come to the Island, open an INS office, stop “illegals.”

Transcripts of Responses to the Four Open-Ended Questions – Most Common Topics

Questions:

“A. What do you especially like about Nantucket?”

“B. What do you especially like about the PEOPLE of Nantucket?”

“C. What do you dislike most about Nantucket?”

“D. Please write in your ideas or suggestions for making Nantucket a better place to live.”

“What do you especially like about Nantucket?”

Responses To Nantucket Community Survey – 2006 Open-Ended Questions*

Question “A” – “What do you especially like about Nantucket?”

Natural Beauty/Scenic Landscape Responses

Friendly. **Beautiful sunsets.** Places to walk. My home. Walk along the beach. My children returning "home" even though they are married and living in other states. A feeling of belonging. (For visits, of course).

Most real folk. If they aren't we know! The Nantucket "Sparklers." Peaceful fog and a foghorn at night. Ease of travel now to get to and from the island. Best thing about Nantucket is sailing in even after being away! Convenience of hospital, ER, and good medical help. Also having water surrounding us! **Saltwater that sparkles and changes color. The colorful gardens for all to enjoy!** Pride in our history! The diversity of the people who live here.

The beauty. Small-town feel. The good friends. Great restaurants. The totally different seasons and their differences. The rush of summer. The tranquility of winter.

The Island itself, **its beauty**, people I know and work with.

Small community, **beauty**.

Natural beauty, ocean. It's history of whaling.

The isolation. **The scenery**. The recreational possibilities.

Safety, clean air, **beauty**.

Beauty of the island. Sense of community.

The beauty of the Island from October to end of May.

That so much open land has been preserved, and that the effort to protect more land continues. The people who truly love this island aren't here for the shopping experience, **they're here for the beauty**, bird's, tranquility and a sense of community.

“What do you especially like about Nantucket?”

Nantucket, to me it is a place where you can feel more at peace than anywhere else. The beauty of the beaches, the beauty and cleanliness of the homes, downtown, well-kept gardens, make me feel serene.

(I should point out that while Nantucket is our primary residence we live here only six months of the year.) I especially love the beauty, history, and uniqueness of the Island.

I like the change of activity level from a hectic summer to a quiet winter, being able to meet all kinds of people of all ages, physical beauty of the island and the feeling of security here.

The sense of community. The beauty. The safety.

The people. The beauty of the island. The history. Senior benefits. Concerts, theater. In general, the arts.

It's beautiful. I feel relatively safe. It's dog friendly. It's small and removed from normal American insanities.

The close community feeling and of course the landscape.

The beauty of the island. The natural resources. The closeness of the community.

Sunsets, beaches, closeness of everything. Land bank property forever open.

The beauty and serenity of the natural resources and surroundings, which drew me to the island half a century ago. I have responded to this love by participating in the cultural, historical, and natural organizations which strive to keep the island unique and desirable. If that is ever lost, we have nothing different to offer to the rest of the world.

Small community, quaintness, beauty and history, beaches, arts and music (culture).

I like that it is quiet. It is a very beautiful island.

The natural beauty.

Beaches, beautiful environment.

“What do you especially like about Nantucket?”

The simplicity of it all and the opportunity to be a world away from the hustle and bustle of the "other side". Dark night skies (and an observatory), no traffic lights (and courteous drivers who respect their duty to self-government) and high-quality services that don't exist everywhere (even if "overpriced"). Bike trials are great, beach access is ample (with free parking!)-we are incredibly lucky for **the natural beauty** and all the thoughtful planning.

Many of the people and the island's sense of history and **the natural beauty**.

Community. Safety. **Beauty**.

Beauty-nature-easy driving-quiet (except in some).

Clean air, clean water, **natural beauty**. Lots of conservation land.

Slower pace. "Fairly safe"-(sadly, this is changing). **Clean and beautiful**. Historical preservations.

The small-town quality. **Beauty-flowers, architecture**. Daffodil weekend. Nantucket Stroll. The schools. The diversity. The bike paths. The short commute. The safety. Newspaper.

The beauty of the island.

I enjoy the natural beauty and the quaintness of the town. A strong sense of community.

The beauty.

The natural beauty of the public open spaces.

The natural beauty.

The warmth, along with the beauty of the Island and the feeling of safety and happiness to be a [unreadable] member of the community.

The beauty of the environment.

“What do you especially like about Nantucket?”

Small community. Beautiful place. Beaches.

Natural beauty.

Natural beauty, richness of community (meaning rich, full, whole people), restaurants and cultural offerings-unique situations all over the Island.

Beauty/community/recreational offerings for children and adults/safety.

Beauty, beaches, nice community.

Quiet, safe, sense of community and connectedness. Beautiful environment. Bike paths. Beaches. Open space.

I grew up here, so it's nice to live in my hometown that is so beautiful.

Beautiful natural environment. Not overcrowded. Interesting history. Low crime. Opportunities for cultural and scientific enrichment. Small community. Variety of different ethnic and cultural groups.

Lovely island with beautiful beaches, when not littered. Enjoy the isolation from mainland.

Friends with similar backgrounds and interests. Natural beauty-both land and sea. High percentage of conservation land.

The beauty-its rural quality. The small-town-ness of it where people know each other. The off-season when things slow down a bit. The dump!

The community. It's beauty.

The beauty and safety.

The town area, the wonderful old (and new!) houses, the beautiful gardens, window boxes-and people!

Its remoteness; physical beauty (nature and architecture); sense of history; seasonal activities; distinction of culture/physical beauty/lifestyle when compared to the mainland. In other words, the Island's uniqueness.

“What do you especially like about Nantucket?”

Quiet winters. Friendly, helpful people/small-town environment. **Great natural beauty.**

The beauty, uniqueness of nature. Can be part of it [unreadable] or not.

Being an island which has so much to offer. **The beauty of the topography (until spoiled by king-size mansions).** The fact that conservation plays such a big part in regulating land.

Safer environment to raise children. Multiple school options. Beauty and charm of island. Arts appreciated.

Freedom from stress-unlocked doors, etc.-**beauty**-ability to get away from people-ease of doing things (mailing packages, receiving licenses, etc.).

Beauty of the island. Historical history and heritage.

The beauty of the Nantucket night sky-a blanket of Star's. Also the small town and above average safety of its. The CNC and other programs are wonderful. The beaches, except in the summer when they are overcrowded.

I like its shoreline beauty and protected interior space beauty. I like the horizon of the ocean wilderness.

Beauty.

Nature, recreation, character of our island-historic and **natural beauty.**

Its natural beauty, people are friendly and helpful. Easy to get around (except during summer months). We feel safe here. Great place to have raised our children.

It's natural and historic beauty.

It is beautiful and enjoys all the advantages of a resort community supported by wealth. It is a secluded, protected environment.

safety, its cleanliness, its pace, its natural setting, the commute, its history and the older locals.

“What do you especially like about Nantucket?”

Beauty, safety.

People in the community. Great place for children. Safe. Its beauty and historic charm.

The quietness of the off-season months. The beauty and the quaintness I love. The beaches the fact that you can still drive on them. The new bike paths.

Natural beauty.

I love the sense of community, being in the beach, and the beauty of the island.

The beauty-safe living environment-conservation-history.

The beauty of the environment. Access to beautiful beaches.

Community atmosphere. Beautiful landscape. Beaches.

Its beauty. Downtown, the beaches, the water.

The physical beauty and tranquility. The sense of history. The casual laid-back lifestyle and small-town feel. The ability and encouragement to put family first-most of the time.

I was born here and have always lived here. You don't have to drive for hours to get to the beach or town. I feel is relatively safe here. I love the beauty and the peacefulness of Nantucket.

Natural beauty-Ocean, beaches, sky, woods. Distance-away from the mainland. Sports-swim, kayak, bike, fish, jog. Art galleries and great restaurants.

Physical beauty. Talented community (and unique).

The sense of community and the natural beauty.

The pace, the small-town atmosphere, the quiet winter months, the beauty.

“What do you especially like about Nantucket?”

The people (people who live and work here). **The beauty of the island.**

The people. The ocean. **The vistas.** The smallness.

Landscape. Community.

I love the beauty of the island. I have a safe home here. The community is wonderful. All the services I need are here.

The Natural Beauty.

Its natural beauty. Spirit of community.

Natural beauty, ocean, landscape, Flora and fauna. People. Lack of urban trappings.

Beauty of nature, community, small-town with lots of culture and opportunity, history.

I like the smallness of the island. I feel very safe here. **Not to mention how beautiful.** We are very lucky to live here.

Open spaces. Clean air. Safe. Friendly. History. **Beauty.** Care of community.

It's natural beauty and the clean-air.

* “Most Needy” Household responses are in **BOLD**.

“What do you especially like about Nantucket?”

Proximity to Ocean/Seashore

Friendly. Beautiful sunsets. Places to walk. My home. Walk along the beach. My children returning "home" even though they are married and living in other states. A feeling of belonging. (For visits, of course).

Small-town atmosphere. Separation from mainland. **Access to ocean.**

Most real folk. If they aren't we know! The Nantucket "Sparklers." Peaceful fog and a foghorn at night. Ease of travel now to get to and from the island. Best thing about Nantucket is sailing in even after being away! Convenience of hospital, ER, and good medical help. Also having water surrounding us! **Saltwater that sparkles and changes color.** The colorful gardens for all to enjoy! Pride in our history! The diversity of the people who live here.

Natural beauty, **ocean.** It's history of whaling.

The ocean. Small-town. No crime.

The clean beaches.

I like the natural environment of Nantucket both **ocean and island, the lifestyle of living in a world community. Biking to work, for example. Being able to run regularly and the other opportunities for outside recreation, **sailing**, biking, hiking/exploring, etc. I also like living in a small community and the people here who have become closer friends and helped me to feel like I belong here. Even though I do not have family nearby.**

The beaches.

The way of life. **Beaches.**

Sunsets, **beaches**, closeness of everything. Land bank property forever open.

Small community, quaintness, beauty and history, **beaches**, arts and music (culture).

The beaches and the restaurants.

“What do you especially like about Nantucket?”

Wonderful friendships. The empty beaches/open access to all/great private places to [unreadable] public ways. The chance to fish and scallop and make dinner for friends from the local harvest-wild berries, beekeepers, farm stands, etc.

Moors, beaches, sea.

Ocean-beach-fishing.

Good friends-accessibility to ocean activities-boating, fishing, etc.

Beaches, beautiful environment.

Beaches and ocean.

Beaches, moors.

Beaches, peace and quiet, no traffic, able to get to work 10 minutes or less.

Air-beach.

Clean air, clean water, natural beauty. Lots of conservation land.

Small community, beaches, people and animal fondness.

Small and quaint and beautiful beaches.

Small-town community, beaches.

Small community. Beautiful place. Beaches.

Ocean, air, and beaches.

Small community. Safe for children. Leaving work and being at a beach 15 minutes later.

“What do you especially like about Nantucket?”

Beauty, **beaches**, nice community.

Quiet, safe, sense of community and connectedness. Beautiful environment. Bike paths. **Beaches**. Open space.

The beach, the moors, clean air and water, low crime rate.

Beaches-ocean-physical space-lack of retail stores.

Lovely island with **beautiful beaches**, when not littered. Enjoy the isolation from mainland.

Friends with similar backgrounds and interests. Natural beauty-both land and **sea**. High percentage of conservation land.

It's a long home! **Beaches**-family-friends-relatives-quiet pace of life.

The community. **The ocean** and nature-environment.

Clean-air, great water, relaxed pace.

Ocean, community, conservation land, birds, **fishing**, hunting, **boating**.

Ocean. Weather. Unlike other towns. Conservation areas.

Cost of houses far too high, otherwise I love being on Nantucket-Lucky I rent. **Love the ocean-fishing, etc., swimming-I feel at home on Nantucket.**

It's small. No major traffic jams. **Close to beaches.**

Peace. **Water**.

Small-town community. "Nice place to raise a family." Safe. **Proximity to beach/ocean.**

Small-town feeling; quiet in off-season; busy and energetic "buzz" in summer. **Ocean!**

“What do you especially like about Nantucket?”

Open spaces, ocean.

Kids activities/programs. Job opportunities. Beaches.

Beaches.

The land, clean beaches, old buildings, slow pace, good food.

Beaches. Safety.

Open spaces, beaches, village atmosphere, friendly people, social opportunities.

The beauty of the Nantucket night sky-a blanket of Star's. Also the small town and above average safety of its. The CNC and other programs are wonderful. The beaches, except in the summer when they are overcrowded.

Small community closeness. Ocean. Open space.

The ocean. Go to beaches. Good hospital close by. Good schools. Clean environment. Caring public administrators (local). Good MSPCA. Good police/fire protection. Good local farm produce. Good roads. Lots of deer.

I like its shoreline beauty and protected interior space beauty. **I like the horizon of the ocean wilderness.**

The weather, the ocean, the fact that there are still wild, wide-open spaces, peace and calm of the country.

Lots of open space. Ocean/harbor access. Beaches. Great restaurants. Low crime rate. Low property tax rate.

Good community, culture, family ties, fishing, boating, hunting, kayaking. It still maintains a small community feel-we all have two rely on one another in tough times. We are all dependent on many of the same services - ferry, airlines, [unreadable], Stop-and-Shop, etc.

Ocean, rural, work.

People/water/land.

“What do you especially like about Nantucket?”

Beaches, open spaces, ocean, architecture. Ability to earn a good living.

The air. Sun, Beach, town quiet lifestyle.

Community events/environment and beaches-walking paths, etc.

Sense of community. Sense of history. Closeness to nature. Maritime environment. Attractiveness of man-made environment, Boat and plane rides..

The quietness of the off-season months. The beauty and the quaintness I love. The beaches the fact that you can still drive on them. The new bike paths.

Being on the island. So much to see. A beach on every part.

History. Ocean. Community involvement.

The beaches. The woods. The moors.

When you walk down the beach and see no one. The Island Home residents and the love the staff gives them. When springtime comes and see kids fishing.

I love the sense of community, being in the beach, and the beauty of the island.

The beauty of the environment. Access to beautiful beaches.

Community atmosphere. Beautiful landscape. Beaches.

The water and the people.

Its beauty. Downtown, the beaches, the water.

“What do you especially like about Nantucket?”

The beaches and architecture.

I was born here and have always lived here. You don't have to drive for hours to get to the beach or town. I feel is relatively safe here. I love the beauty and the peacefulness of Nantucket.

Natural beauty-Ocean, beaches, sky, woods. Distance-away from the mainland. Sports-swim, kayak, bike, fish, jog. Art galleries and great restaurants.

Beaches are clean and free. Quality of life.

Free access to outdoor activities. Parks, beaches, concerts at Children's Beach. fireworks.

Beach, ocean, work.

Small community. The beach.

Nature/Ocean.

Outdoors, water, wildlife. Getting together with "quiet" Nantucket friends and talking about old times. We all say the same-it sure was nice here a few years ago.

Clean air, clean water, night sky. Open spaces.

The people. The ocean. The vistas. The smallness.

Ocean. Lifestyle. Air. Great restaurants. Ferry rides.

Beaches. Wide-open moors. Small-town feel. Slow pace (off-season) off life. Adult education opportunities. Quaint cobblestone streets. Historic charm (HDC!).

Historical character. Nautical setting. Local community. Public beaches.

Natural beauty, ocean, landscape, Flora and fauna. People. Lack of urban trappings.

“What do you especially like about Nantucket?”

Fishing. It is my home.

The people. Beach. Ambience.

Fishing. Summer women. Summer nightlife.

Its beaches.

The beaches.

The beaches, the movies (“the scene”), etc.

The work and because it is next to the sea.

The beaches. That it is a good place to build a family because there is not too much delinquency.

The beaches.

The beaches.

* “Most Needy” Household responses are in **BOLD**.

“What do you especially like about Nantucket?”

Sense of Community

Friendly. Beautiful sunsets. Places to walk. My home. Walk along the beach. My children returning "home" even though they are married and living in other states. **A feeling of belonging.** (For visits, of course).

That it is an island to 30 miles from shore. **That people are welcoming to newcomers.** That there is an excellent emergency room, and a well staffed hospital. That there is an Athenaeum. **That there are many opportunities to be part of the community.**

Sense of close-knit community. Good hard-working people that offer opportunities.

Small community, beauty.

Beauty of the island. **Sense of community.**

Living in the community where one of us grew up. Absence of noise and the ugliness of the mainland (as near as Hyannis). Opportunity to walk for our health without having to drive somewhere to do so.

That so much open land has been preserved, and that the effort to protect more land continues. **The people who truly love this island aren't here for the shopping experience, they're here for the beauty, bird's, tranquility and a sense of community.**

The sense of community. The beauty. The safety.

The sense of community. The environment and ambience. The opportunity to participate. The attitude toward and treatment all the seniors.

Warmth of the year-round community. Feeling of safety and security.

Small community like area.

I like the natural environment of Nantucket both ocean and island, the lifestyle of living in a world community. Biking to work, for example. Being able to run regularly and the other opportunities for outside recreation, sailing, biking, hiking/exploring, etc. I also like living in a small community and the people here who have become closer friends and helped me to feel like I belong here. Even though I do not have family nearby.

“What do you especially like about Nantucket?”

The close community feeling and of course the landscape.

The closeness of the real year-round local community. I have lived here for 32 years and been closely involved with the community. I love and value the people who are the heart and guts of the year-round community.

I love the small community. It has a great feeling of safety.

The beauty of the island. The natural resources. **The closeness of the community.**

Sense of community. Land bank. Serenity and solitude. No chain stores-locally owned. Fourth of July.

The space. **Sense of community. Community compassion.**

Small community, quaintness, beauty and history, beaches, arts and music (culture).

Community. Safety. Beauty.

Casual living. Tranquility. **Sense of community.** Church. Caring.

Community spirit.

I enjoy the natural beauty and the quaintness of the town. A strong sense of community.

Small community, beaches, people and animal fondness.

The warmth, along with the beauty of the Island and the feeling of safety and happiness to be a [unreadable] member of the community.

Small-town community, beaches.

The community.

Small community. Beautiful place. Beaches.

“What do you especially like about Nantucket?”

Natural beauty, richness of community (meaning rich, full, whole people), restaurants and cultural offerings-unique situations all over the Island.

Feeling part of caring community.

Small community. Safe for children. Leaving work and being at a beach 15 minutes later.

Beauty/community/recreational offerings for children and adults/safety.

Strong sense of community.

Beauty, beaches, nice community.

Quiet, safe, sense of community and connectedness. Beautiful environment. Bike paths. Beaches. Open space.

Beautiful natural environment. Not overcrowded. Interesting history. Low crime. Opportunities for cultural and scientific enrichment. Small community. Variety of different ethnic and cultural groups.

The small community, and the serenity.

The community. The ocean and nature-environment.

The community. It's beauty.

Ocean, community, conservation land, birds, fishing, hunting, boating.

We enjoy the island community including arts, friends, outdoor recreation, etc..

Houses, quaintness, community.

Quiet community, most of time.

“What do you especially like about Nantucket?”

Small community. Great cultural opportunities: Theater workshop- [unreadable] and-Nantucket Music School, concerts, art, museums.

Small-town community. "Nice place to raise a family." Safe. Proximity to beach/ocean.

We are a community of people who realize that we are connected to each other.

Great place to raise kids-**community** raises them! Lots of opportunities and nurturing support.

Small community closeness. Ocean. Open space.

Climate, open space, **community**, cultural opportunities, work opportunities, economic vitality, diversity.

Safety-cleanliness-**community involvement.** Opportunity for wealth and success with ambition and creativity, people can succeed here for a short time or long time. If willing to work and use their brain.

Good community, culture, family ties, fishing, boating, hunting, kayaking. **It still maintains a small community feel-we all have two rely on one another in tough times. We are all dependent on many of the same services - ferry, airlines, [unreadable], Stop-and-Shop, etc.**

Community.

Small community-quiet-beautiful.

People in the community. Great place for children. Safe. Its beauty and historic charm.

Community events/environment and beaches-walking paths, etc.

Sense of community. Sense of history. Closest to nature. Maritime environment. Attractiveness of man-made environment. Boat and plane rides.

The peace and quiet. Easy access to mostly everything. **Sense of community**, especially in the winter.

“What do you especially like about Nantucket?”

20 years ago, when it used to be an island community, not about making it a tourist trap.

I love the close-knit community. I take part in many of the community events. Nantucket is quiet, and I feel safe here.

History. Ocean. Community involvement.

Closeness of community.

Environment, family, caring community. Diversity of families, [unreadable]. variety of activities. The schools.

Quality of life. Having somewhat of a safer community.

Sense of community.

A safe environment. Community atmosphere. Easy transport.

I love the sense of community, being in the beach, and the beauty of the island.

Community atmosphere. Beautiful landscape. Beaches.

The lifestyle. Community. Safe.

Physical beauty. Talented community (and unique).

The sense of community and the natural beauty.

I like the welcoming community.

Small community. The beach.

Small community.

Landscape. Community.

“What do you especially like about Nantucket?”

I love the beauty of the island. I have a safe home here. **The community is wonderful.** All the services I need are here.

Its natural beauty. **Spirit of community.**

Historical character. Nautical setting. Local community. Public beaches.

Uniqueness of historical community atmosphere. Closeness to the natural world. Lack of commercialization-signs, malls, traffic lights, billboards, noise, etc. Safety, closeness of community.

Close community. Feeling of security.

Beauty of nature, community, small-town with lots of culture and opportunity, history.

The community of people.

Open spaces. Clean air. Safe. Friendly. History. Beauty. **Care of community.**

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“What do you especially like about Nantucket?”

Character of the People/Diversity

Friendly. Beautiful sunsets. Places to walk. My home. Walk along the beach. My children returning "home" even though they are married and living in other states. **A feeling of belonging.** (For visits, of course).

That it is an island to 30 miles from shore. **That people are welcoming to newcomers.** That there is an excellent emergency room, and a well staffed hospital. That there is an Athenaeum. That there are many opportunities to be part of the community.

Most real folk. If they aren't we know! The Nantucket "Sparklers." Peaceful fog and a foghorn at night. Ease of travel now to get to and from the island. Best thing about Nantucket is sailing in even after being away! Convenience of hospital, ER, and good medical help. Also having water surrounding us! Saltwater that sparkles and changes color. The colorful gardens for all to enjoy! Pride in our history! **The diversity of the people who live here.**

The beauty. Small-town feel. **The good friends.** Great restaurants. The totally different seasons and their differences. The rush of summer. The tranquility of winter.

Sense of close-knit community. **Good hard-working people that offer opportunities.**

The Island itself, its beauty, **people I know and work with.**

Nature, **most people,** work.

State. Clean air and environment. **Friendly.**

That so much open land has been preserved, and that the effort to protect more land continues. The people who truly love this island aren't here for the shopping experience, they're here for the beauty, bird's, tranquility and a sense of community.

Its size, **its diversity of people.** It's climate. It's history. Its cultural offerings.

I like the change of activity level from a hectic summer to a quiet winter, **being able to meet all kinds of people of all ages,** physical beauty of the island and the feeling of security here.

The people. The beauty of the island. The history. Senior benefits. Concerts, theater. In general, the arts.

“What do you especially like about Nantucket?”

Warmth of the year-round community. Feeling of safety and security.

I like the natural environment of Nantucket both ocean and island, the lifestyle of living in a world community. Biking to work, for example. Being able to run regularly and the other opportunities for outside recreation, sailing, biking, hiking/exploring, etc. I also like living in a small community and the people here who have become closer friends and helped me to feel like I belong here. Even though I do not have family nearby.

The closeness of the real year-round local community. I have lived here for 32 years and been closely involved with the community. I love and value the people who are the heart and guts of the year-round community.

Wonderful friendships. The empty beaches/open access to all/great private places to [unreadable] public ways. The chance to fish and scallop and make dinner for friends from the local harvest-wild berries, beekeepers, farm stands, etc.

Good friends-accessibility to ocean activities-boating, fishing, etc.

The people who live here year-round. The winters, the quiet.

Many of the people and the island's sense of history and the natural beauty.

Casual living. Tranquility. Sense of community. **Church.** Caring.

I was born and raised on Nantucket. I feel safer here than any other place. I like the fall, spring and winter here, "The quiet time." The summertime brings too many rude people here. Also, they are always in a hurry. "They need to mellow out."!

The small-town quality. Beauty-flowers, architecture. Daffodil weekend. Nantucket Stroll. The schools. **The diversity.** The bike paths. The short commute. The safety. Newspaper.

It's the finest place in America. **Friendly.** Laid-back, and plenty of opportunity.

Small community, beaches, people and animal fondness.

The warmth, along with the beauty of the Island and the feeling of safety and happiness to be a [unreadable] member of the community.

“What do you especially like about Nantucket?”

The people.

Small-town feel; get to know people right away. The obvious chance, everyone has to make it big.

Natural beauty, richness of community (meaning rich, full, whole people), restaurants and cultural offerings-unique situations all over the Island.

Feeling part of caring community.

Isolation, activities year-round, friendly people.

The people.

Friends with similar backgrounds and interests. Natural beauty-both land and sea. High percentage of conservation land.

The beauty-its rural quality. The small-townness of it where people know each other. The off-season when things slow down a bit. The dump!

The town area, the wonderful old (and new!) houses, the beautiful gardens, window boxes-and people!

We enjoy the island community including arts, friends, outdoor recreation, etc..

Quiet winters. Friendly, helpful people/small-town environment. Great natural beauty.

Quiet, friendly atmosphere.

The fact that it is an island for nice people to live. Most summer people leave by September.

Bike paths. Public land. People.

Great place to raise kids-community raises them! Lots of opportunities and nurturing support.

People-location.

“What do you especially like about Nantucket?”

Open spaces, beaches, village atmosphere, friendly people, social opportunities.

Climate, open space, community, cultural opportunities, work opportunities, economic vitality, diversity.

September/October. Friends.

Its natural beauty, people are friendly and helpful. Easy to get around (except during summer months). We feel safe here.
Great place to have raised our children.

People/water/land.

It's clean, it's green, it's the only place I have ever fit it in. The place grows on one.

I am a homeowner of a duplex and I feel very safe here with my children and strangers in the house. I like the fact the winter people know each other. Lots of friendly familiar faces.

My friends live here.

Its friendly people. Open space, attention to preservation.

Money and people.

Environment, family, caring community. Diversity of families, [unreadable]. variety of activities. The schools.

The water and the people.

Safety, closeness of the people. Great for kids.

Services and some people are very nice.

“What do you especially like about Nantucket?”

The standard of living and **the high standards of the people**. The quality of life is high. **The attention to detail**. Any day is a nice day here. The building standards are high. No litter. The great effort to keep everything original. No varmints of either the animal or human kind.

I like that, you know most people at least by site in the winter. I love living on an island.

Safe, **friendly**, good H2O-good air.

Physical beauty. **Talented community (and unique)**.

Natives

Quality of life-environment, **friends**, employment, clean the air, cozy atmosphere, **knowing most of the people**. It's history.

The people (people who live and work here). The beauty of the island.

The people. The ocean. The vistas. The smallness.

The people and the local participation in government.

Small size. **You get to know lots of people**.

Natural beauty, ocean, landscape, Flora and fauna. **People**. Lack of urban trappings.

The people. Beach. Ambience.

I guess a lot of people are very friendly and helpful.

Good work. **Good people**.

The people-combination of being like a small-town part of the year-and more sophisticated place for part of the year. [Unreadable]. Have historic inventory of houses.

“What do you especially like about Nantucket?”

Open spaces. Clean air. Safe. **Friendly**. History. Beauty. Care of community.

The tranquility and the security of the life here, and the respect of the other.

That the people with cars stay on the streets, that they stay in order, and that they avoid the puddles of water that follow rainfalls.

That the streets are orderly and that the water runs off the streets when it rains.

The privacy.

That which I like best is the tranquility that comes from **living with people that do not harm me**. There is work to which I can apply myself.

It is a very tranquil, and the warm atmosphere at the beach, recreation areas, and the people in general.

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“What do you especially like about the PEOPLE of Nantucket?”

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Question “B” *“What do you especially like about the PEOPLE of Nantucket?”*

Character/Values

People gossip, but there's no malice.

Welcoming. Smart. Curious. Talented.

In general, they are kind. Nantucketers pull together in times of need and help one another, as well as people they don't know. The diverse mix here—ethnically, culturally, monetarily. People here are strong--physically and mentally healthy.

Open-mindedness.

Kindness, initiative to help others out before they have to ask.

I like simple things in life, and I believe the people of Nantucket try to keep things simple.

They appear friendly, caring, compassionate, and when need be—Nantucket people rise to the occasion of helping others.

That when a person or family has hardships people pitch in to help them financially or emotionally. And that we (most of us) greet each other—even a brief smile or hello in passing is a nice experience.

The people on Nantucket on the whole, are friendly and caring. They like to gather as a family when they see someone in need. It in some ways is like "Cheers", -where everybody knows your name!

Most of the people I know well are, (like myself) part-time residents. However, in spending over 50 years on the island, for various amounts of time, I have never experienced anything but the most positive relationships with the people of Nantucket.

Most are very caring, generous people who take care of Nantucket.

The intimacy and caliber of consciousness.

“What do you especially like about the PEOPLE of Nantucket?”

I am happy that people are so kind and pleasant to me-in long lines of cars they always let me through-offer to help me in many ways-people are so "busy" I don't like to take advantage of anyone.

They are like small-town folks-same as everywhere-very giving and warm.

Open and honest-more so in off-season.

I like to think that we live a more relaxed life here on the island, although, somehow, no one seems to have much time. Those winter months, that once seemed to stretch emptily to accommodate various projects, no longer seem to exist. People on Nantucket seem to be interested in good health and taking care of themselves. I like that feeling that most people will talk to you and perfect strangers, anyone, will talk to me, prefacing their conversations by saying, "You look so familiar, how do I know you? "-- That familiarity is enjoyable and comforting.

Creativity, concerned, independents, resourcefulness, thoughtfulness.

Hard-working.

The variety of people and expertise. The willingness to help in all kinds of situations.

There are several types of people-longtime residents who continue to care for each other as they have done for generations. Then, there is like ME (younger generation), who only care for their welfare. Then the "summer people," who don't care for the year-round residents. I love all the people in all categories who truly care for Nantucket and Nantucket residents.

Individuality. Wide variety of talent and craftsmanship.

Friendly and generally helpful. I think people do care about each other here.

Hard-working, independent, generous Islanders for the most part. All my friends are the labor force, year-round and the small business owners. Very down-to-earth people with a good sense of social justice.

The generosity and willingness to help others in the community.

Truly dependable.

“What do you especially like about the PEOPLE of Nantucket?”

Nantucketers are helpful and genuinely want to reach out to help others in a time of need. In general people here are respectful of others (even in bad traffic), friendly (smile and wave often), and want to keep what's great about Nantucket here, whether that's a person, a service, or a feeling of "how it should be". The people make the community.

The people of Nantucket are traditionally very open to newcomers.

Togetherness. Unselfish.

They are thoughtful and helpful in times of distress and need.

Kind. Generous.

Small-town America. Friendly.

The people I do know are very caring and helpful.

Kind.

Accepting. Generous.

The diversity. The friendly, down to earth attitudes. The talents and performances of people and groups.

Friendly and hard-working.

The young artist community. Feeling accepted. I like the generosity of people (i.e., [name omitted]).

Gracious. Giving. Friendly. Smart.

Diverse. Interesting. Talented and kind.

Informality. They love Nantucket.

“What do you especially like about the PEOPLE of Nantucket?”

People rally to one another, even when there is no problem. You really make lifelong friendships, and smile as you go about various business, and strolls. People have time for one.

They look you in the eye and greet you.

The majority of people are great, but some of them, they should be not around. They are a disgrace to this island.

The ones who love the island are caring and concerned.

They are hard-working, enterprising, and willing to give of themselves to help others privately or through nonprofit volunteer efforts.

Native Nantucketers, kind, caring and like family.

Kindness. Diverse and cultured backgrounds. Acceptance of entrepreneurial endeavors.

They are less cynical than those on the mainland.

Giving, genuine.

Honest. Friendly. Concerned.

If I leave it may be because of the unwelcoming attitude.

Often, straightforward, sophisticated.

We care about each other. There is a strong sense of community. I like how people interact in the market.

Most are friendly, hard-working and, caring people.

Love the local people and parents and children in the community. The closeness.

“What do you especially like about the PEOPLE of Nantucket?”

Their **friendliness**, their love for Nantucket and **willingness to share the pleasures of Nantucket**; their **caring for one another** in the community; their **generosity** and **philanthropy**; their **love for nature**.

People look out for one another.

The people in our social circle **care** for the island and **respect** both the land and the people on the island. **A very caring, kind, considerate, and responsible crew.**

Quiet winters, **friendly, helpful** people/small-town environment. Great natural beauty. Also **increasing diversity**.

Great group **with survival skills**.

They are **always willing to give you help when needed**. They are **good people**.

People are **interesting** and **friendly**.

They are **interesting, warm** and **always ready to "lend a hand"** when needed.

Good-natured.

Helpful, open, appreciative of all people and their contributions to the community.

Kind and **thoughtful** for the most part.

Small-town mentality. Knowing neighbors.

Friendly and **thoughtful**.

Most are **friendly** and **helping** with real feelings.

Sincerity.

“What do you especially like about the PEOPLE of Nantucket?”

For the most part, friendly and accepting. I like that although it is a small town it is multicultural and very diverse. Hard-to-find another small town like that in America. They always come to the aid of those in need, such as fundraisers or just neighbors helping neighbors.

Always ready to help-very generous. People really care and rally when someone needs help-even if you don't know them personally. Growing international community-let's all get together! Opps!

Year-round people are hard working.

Generosity.

Friendly, helpful, genuine.

We are a community of people who realize that we are connected to each other.

Interesting. Eclectic.

Kindness. Thoughtfulness.

Very friendly, interesting, intelligent, kind.

Warm, friendly, familiar.

Many are friendly and helpful. The small town where most people know/are related to so many others.

Most year-round residents are quite nice. (Summer people, quite oriented toward their own social world).

I like the general slower pace of my fellow citizens and their tolerance and embracement of diversity.

They leave you alone.

Interesting.

“What do you especially like about the PEOPLE of Nantucket?”

Diverse, hard-working, enjoyment of out of doors.

New people junk.

Basic trustworthiness, with more and more exceptions occurring. Nevertheless the "good guys" still outnumber the rascals.

In general, people are friendly and caring.

Diverse, people from all over the world vacation and work here. Sense of community with year-rounders.

Many of the people are down to earth, intelligent, and just generally good folks. Unfortunately, they are overshadowed by the money grubbing [expletive omitted] who seem to dominate this island.

Friendly, kind, helpful (except some summer people).

In my circle of friends, they are caring and giving. Outside this group, I read regularly about compassionate and caring folks who respond to others in crises.

No better than anywhere else.

I'm not really a fan.

Tolerance overall. Sense its being stretched at present.

Good people.

Frankly, I find most of them to be somewhat cranky.

Familiar

Friendly. Care and concern for each other. Diverse. Easy to meet people.

“What do you especially like about the PEOPLE of Nantucket?”

I like the mix of natives and people from all over the world. I like hearing different languages and learning about different cultures. I admire the generosity at the fundraisers. I like the economic and religious (or nonreligious) diversity.

Independence. Courtesy. Individuality. Informality. Welcoming. Hard-working.

They are interesting with very diverse experience, nice to talk to and friendly people.

Year-round people. Their kindness. Able to help people in need. Supportive.

Diversity. Friendliness. Passion.

Openness.

Caring and genuine.

They are unique. Living 30 miles out to sea takes character and a strong sense of self!

They are my kind!

Sense of humor.

Self-motivated. Friendly. Giving.

For the most I think people care deeply and somewhat proactively about children. The ethnic diversity and tolerance for individualism.

The politeness. They smile. They are warm. There's a lot of talent here. They are creative.

Friendly -- mellow, courteous, considerate, helpful. Abundance of creativity-artists, writers, photographers, sculptors. Culture-music, theater, museums, lectures, workshops.

Honest, close-knit community.

“What do you especially like about the PEOPLE of Nantucket?”

Friendliness, and the genuine concern from people who aren't necessarily your friends.

Up beat. Happy. Caring. Helpful. Small-town mentality.

So many different cultures, most people are hard-working and can see their hard work is helping them achieve their goals. People here care about each other.

Hard-working. Friendly. Helpful, honest. They band together.

Optimism/opportunities and potential.

Involved in the community. Outgoing. Friendly.

Nantucketers in general are more caring and compassionate and really seem to care for people. That's the main reason I returned here in 1987 after my husband's death.

Great!

Very kind and friendly.

Nothing-they are basically the same as everywhere else!

Off-season: little class system, people mix with each other.

Their talents and caring for others.

Honesty, tenacity and stubbornness. Candor, hard working. Willingness to work hard for what they want and what they believe in.

Friendly, caring, are diverse, interesting, hard working, devoted to the island.

Very clean and nice.

“What do you especially like about the PEOPLE of Nantucket?”

Their kindness and generosity.

Down to earth, friendly and supportive (plus side of a small town).

Kindness. Responsibility to community. Eccentricity.

Community-open and friendly. Caring, diversity.

They are usually trusting and caring.

They are very fulfilling.

They are cordial, pleasant, well educated [“well brought up”] and sociable.

The friendly people; the majority who are not racist (some are).

In all sincerity, there is nothing I like about them. They are very difficult people.

That they don't discriminate against the Hispanics because we are all good at our work.

Equality for all people, both Latinos and North Americans.

They are very respectful, active, and friendly.

They are respectful.

That all are good workers and that there are quite a few Hispanics.

Some do not discriminate

The courtesy of the majority of the inhabitants.

That there are some pleasant people who fight with no one.

“What do you especially like about the PEOPLE of Nantucket?”

That they do not discriminate against people from other countries.

They are very respectful and well mannered.

They are becoming more considerate with us, the Hispanics, by opening more situations for real jobs.

Almost everyone is friendly and good; well, not quite everyone, but I like the people in general.

* “Most Needy” Household responses are in **BOLD**.

“What do you especially like about the PEOPLE of Nantucket?”

Friendliness

Love to meet friends from school and community during my "long" lifetime spent on the Island. Love to be recognized by younger people, who always speak to you.

They communicate as one community. Everyone is like a personal friend.

Friendly.

Friendly-especially winter folks.

Friendliness.

They appear friendly, caring, compassionate, and when need be-Nantucket people rise to the occasion of helping others.

Willingness to help. Friendly.

That when a person or family has hardships people can pitch in to help them financially or emotionally. And that we (most of us) greet each other-even a brief smile or hello in passing is a nice experience.

The people on Nantucket on the whole, are friendly and caring. They like to gather as a family when they see someone in need. It in some ways is like "Cheers", -where everybody knows your name!

Most of the people I know well are, (like myself) part-time residents. However, in spending over 50 years on the island, for various amounts of time, I have never experienced anything but the most positive relationships with the people of Nantucket.

Mostly friendly.

Their helpfulness, friendliness, ambition, spirit, spirituality. Their interest in the arts and architecture and efforts to maintain it.

They are friendly. A great percentage of them are health-conscious and present themselves well.

Mostly friendly.

“What do you especially like about the PEOPLE of Nantucket?”

Friendliness, helpfulness, and tendency to have wide circle of friends.

Supportive. Friendly.

I like to think that we live a more relaxed life here on the island, although, somehow, no one seems to have much time. Those winter months, that once seemed to stretch emptily to accommodate various projects, no longer seem to exist. People on Nantucket seem to be interested in good health and taking care of themselves. I like that feeling that most people will talk to you and perfect strangers, anyone, we'll talk to me, prefacing their conversations by saying, "You look so familiar, how do I know you? "-- That familiarity is enjoyable and comforting.

Friendly. Caring. Open-minded. Support.

Friendliness.

Friendly and generally helpful. I think people do care about each other here.

Friendliness.

Hard-working, independent, generous Islanders for the most part. All my friends are the labor force, year-round and the small business owners. Very down-to-earth people with a good sense of social justice.

Most are friendly.

How helpful and friendly they are.

Nantucketers are helpful and genuinely want to reach out to help others in a time of need. In general people here are respectful of others (even in bad traffic), friendly (smile and wave often), and want to keep what's great about Nantucket here, whether that's a person, a service, or a feeling of "how it should be". The people make the community.

They are friendly.

Friendly, small community.

“What do you especially like about the PEOPLE of Nantucket?”

Small-town America. **Friendly**.

The diversity. The **friendly**, down to earth attitudes. The talents and performances of people and groups.

Friendly and hard-working.

Friendliness.

Gracious. Giving. **Friendly**. Smart.

Friendly and helpful.

People rally to one another, even when there is no problem. **You really make lifelong friendships**, and smile as you go about various business, and strolls. People have time for one.

Friendliness.

Friendly and helpful.

Friendly, helpful.

Relationships/convenience of seeing one another. Dedication to Nantucket.

Honest. **Friendly**. Concerned.

Friendly. Helpful. Industrious.

Friendly.

They are old friends.

They are **friendly**.

“What do you especially like about the PEOPLE of Nantucket?”

Forthrightness. Friendliness.

Most are friendly, hard-working and, caring people.

Very friendly-the ones who live here and the store clerks!

They are from all walks of life, friendly, willing to talk about being scratch that willing to talk about their life and their experiences. When you ask for help, they come out of the woodwork to help you.

Their friendliness, their love for Nantucket and willingness to share the pleasures of Nantucket; their caring for one another in the community; their generosity and philanthropy; their love for nature.

Quiet winters, friendly, helpful people/small-town environment. Great natural beauty. Also increasing diversity.

Friendly, diverse,

Friendly. Will look you in the eye, smile, say hello.

Friendly and willing to help each other.

Very friendly and helpful.

People are interesting and friendly.

Friendly and helpful.

Small-town mentality. Knowing neighbors.

Friendly and thoughtful.

Everyone is friendly and willing to help each other.

Most are friendly and helping with real feelings.

“What do you especially like about the PEOPLE of Nantucket?”

For the most part, friendly and accepting. I like that although it is a small town it is multicultural and very diverse. Hard-to-find another small town like that in America. They always come to the aid of those in need, such as fundraisers or just neighbors helping neighbors.

Friendly, sense of community.

Friendly, helpful, genuine.

A feeling of community. Year-rounders are friendly.

Friendly.

Open and friendly.

Very friendly, interesting, intelligent, kind.

Warm, friendly, familiar.

Many are friendly and helpful. The small town where most people know/are related to so many others.

Very friendly, respectful,

They are friendly and polite. They smile and wave and let you turn in front of them when they are driving. They care about other members of the community.

Most are friendly and helpful.

In general, people are friendly and caring.

Friendly, kind, helpful (except some summer people).

In my circle of friends, they are caring and giving. Outside this group, I read regularly about compassionate and caring folks who respond to others in crises.

“What do you especially like about the PEOPLE of Nantucket?”

Friendly.

Familiar

They're good smilers and wavers. They're really too busy making a living to afford living here, or trying to become something like the rich they service. Far too few are lovable.

Friendly. Care and concern for each other. Diverse. Easy to meet people.

Independence. Courtesy. Individuality. Informality. Welcoming. Hard-working.

They are interesting with very diverse experience, nice to talk to and friendly people.

The diversity and friendliness of year-rounders.

Most people here are friendly and courteous.

Everyone is friendly. Everyone is willing to help if you need.

Diversity. Friendliness. Passion.

Warm. Friendly. Engaging. Helpful.

They are friendly and look out for one another.

Helpfulness and friendliness.

Friendly, generous.

Friendliness and generosity.

Friendly, always a helping hand.

“What do you especially like about the PEOPLE of Nantucket?”

Some are very friendly and [unreadable].

The diversity of cultures. Generally friendly-until August!

People are friendly and giving.

Self-motivated. Friendly. Giving.

Very friendly and helpful.

The politeness. They smile. They are warm. There's a lot of talent here. They are creative.

Most People Are Friendly and Care about the Welfare of Others.

Friendly -- mellow, courteous, considerate, helpful. Abundance of creativity-artists, writers, photographers, sculptors. Culture-music, theater, museums, lectures, workshops.

Friendly, helpful.

Friends.

Nantucket people are generally helpful and friendly.

Friendliness, and the genuine concern from people who aren't necessarily your friends.

They are friendly and very supportive.

Hard-working. Friendly. Helpful, honest. They band together.

Involved in the community. Outgoing. Friendly.

Very kind and friendly.

“What do you especially like about the PEOPLE of Nantucket?”

Knowing so many of our neighbors and business people.

Friendly, caring, are diverse, interesting, hard working, devoted to the island.

Friendly, helpful.

Down to earth, friendly and supportive (plus side of a small town).

They are mostly friendly.

The people of Nantucket are people's best friend. If you need a helping hand or have something serious happen to you or yours, they are right there to give a helping hand, without a second thought.

Community-open and friendly. Caring, diversity.

Informal friendship.

The friendly people; the majority who are not racist (some are).

Their friendliness.

They are very respectful, active, and friendly.

They are friendly.

Their friendliness.

Almost everyone is friendly and good; well, not quite everyone, but I like the people in general.

* “Most Needy” Household responses are in **BOLD**.

“What do you especially like about the PEOPLE of Nantucket?”

“What do you dislike most about Nantucket?”

Responses To Nantucket Community Survey – 2006 Open-Ended Questions*

Question “C” “What do you dislike most about Nantucket?”

High Prices/Lack of Affordability

Cost to live/purchase real estate for young people who would love to start a life here.

The high cost of travel off island. Car rentals, motels, planes and boat rides, about almost a \$500 bill almost before you do on anything when you leave.

Certain Cost of living items, e.g. Stop & Shop and Grand Union are not any more expensive overall than mainland supermarkets. However, it bugs me that you can't get a simple hamburger downtown for less than eight dollars! Thanks, Wendy-that'll never change now.

The Cost of Everything. As a teacher, I do not have a livable wage.

How Much It Has Changed. How much money we have to spend to live on beautiful Nantucket.

The High Cost of Living. Food, gasoline, clothing, etc. All are more expensive than similar items off island.

High Prices. Transportation costs on steamship and airlines.

Cost of Getting off Island for Year-Round Residents. Lack of affordable store for basics (ie: clothing, household items).

Expenses.

A hotsy-totsy [sic] reputation. That huge houses are going up everywhere, that kindness and a close-knit community feeling has gone. That the people who are in service can't afford to work or live here and not own their own home.

Expenses. Worrying about keeping the environmental balance (water especially) healthy, due to overcrowding, overbuilding and cars.

“What do you dislike most about Nantucket?”

The lack of affordable housing-would love to make Nantucket our long-term home, but with the outrageous prices of homes for sale, that is not a reality. As a young family, we want our own little place of our own soon and with the market as it is makes that a major difficulty out here. I know we are not alone in this matter.

The way the real estate market and the packaged Nantucket image has resulted in endless galleries and boutiques with few affordable shops. It is difficult to afford life here. I purchased my home cheaply in 1988, but keep on refinancing.

Lack of affordable housing for working people.

Too many cars in town in July/August. The "my aren't I swell" people-can't do anything about that! Cost of gas.

Cost of ferry service.

Access-high cost of living and repairs.

High cost of living here.

Costs, people, roads, stores, traffic. What else can I tell ya?

Town attitude. Rising town budget cost.

Isolation-hard to get on and off. Expense of everything-prices inflated to extent "summer people" will pay-for groceries, etc.

I don't like what is happening to the Main Street area. Art galleries and T-shirt places are taking over. Gone is our small-business (gift shops, etc.). Who wants to come to Nantucket. "Rich people," but people that come for a day or longer don't buy expensive paintings. T-shirts and sweatshirts, you can buy just so many. I don't like the fact that our children, who want to stay here, can't afford land or a house. I don't like all the large houses and houses that are crammed on a small piece of land. [name omitted] did some good things, but I also blame him for making Nantucket for the rich and greedy.

Not able to own home. High cost of living. Inconsiderate, summer and McMansion residents. Continuing development. Too many cars in summer-just see enclosure.

Too expensive.

“What do you dislike most about Nantucket?”

The high cost of housing, gas, heat. The sometimes sense of isolation in one's home.

It is impossible to make a decent living and support a family during the off season. I dislike that I had to start working at 14 years old to get by. I dislike the inappropriate allocation of funds for the police force, and feel that they are poor souls because they have no real crimes to stop. I dislike that the police force is so unnecessarily large when much of the money spent to keep them on could go on to improve low-income areas.

High food and service prices.

The cost of living. Being a single woman with one income makes living here difficult. I struggle each month to make rent, car and medical payments.

Lack of affordable housing for young families.

The cost of living is prohibitive. The lack of enforcement of laws on the books, i.e., unleashed dogs, no bicycle helmets.

Lack of quality for what you pay.

That we can't buy a house here for less than \$800,000 or so. Not sure about the viability of the town infrastructure (those who work here and keep it going) when housing is so expensive and the education system.

McMansions and loss of second and third generation [unreadable] due to housing costs.

Isolation, wind, high cost of living.

High prices of food, fuel, transportation. Rude drivers during tourist season.

The Cottage Hospital, and its doctors, and its services, not participating in the various networks of health care providers that the Island residents (retired) may be forced to participate/subscribe, thus driving up the "cost of annual living" on the island as they get older here.

“What do you dislike most about Nantucket?”

Over development encroaching upon natural environment. Population increase. Too many vehicles-big ones. Increasing attitude of entitlement and greed. More and more building with no discernible interest in sustainable building practices. Over gentrification. **Expensive living expenses.**

Lacking a variety of recreational activities which are affordable and able to be accessed by working people without a lot of disposable income.

The high cost of housing-teachers, police, town workers, etc., will not be able to afford buying their own homes-how will they be able to stay and "put down roots"? A child will not be able to afford to live here. He will be forced to live off island after college.

The way some Boards do not take/keep the best interests of Nantucket. They are influenced by their own self interests or by the interest of another board member. And I especially think the planning board/commission is selling the town down the river. **There is a lot of emphasis on affordable housing,** and I feel a lot of the affordable housing has been issued to people who are new to the island and not people who have been on the island for a long time.

Gossip. The inability to reach out to minorities, the working class. **Cost of living.** Wealthy people who are only here for the party.

Cost of living. Even making a decent wage we are unable to afford housing.

It's become to "ritzy" and overtaken by the jet set. The isolation, **and expenses to get off the island.** The Steamship Authority is the only business, who raise their prices when they lose money. Lack of a competitive supermarket/Stop & Shop is a rip off.

The cost of living. Real estate prices. Lack of diverse food. "Look at me " rich people. Trophy homes. Hummers. Neo-Nazi looking police (to protect and serve not intimidate and unnerve), depleting community feel. Too many cars. Ticks. Developers and other parasites.

Living on Nantucket is expensive.

Summer traffic and **high cost of living.**

High prices for food and services. Influx of many extra and unnecessary autos in summer.

“What do you dislike most about Nantucket?”

Expenses! Boats! Council election. Town's reluctance to plow so called "private" roads.

Difficulty traveling on/off island, such as weather, timing. Major difficulties of traffic, crowding, etc. during tourist season.

High cost of living.

High cost of living. Unable to purchase home that suits family's needs.

So many wealthy folks. Then children have a skewed perception of reality. Travel costs and time to get off island. Everyone knows your business. We should have a Town Manager and abolish town meeting. Board of Selectman is an embarrassment. More representation for off island folks.

Cost of living. Summer crowds. Too many cars and trucks. Trophy homes.

The expense of living here and the expensive travel to and from here.

Expense. Getting off island problems (Weather, etc.).

Summer traffic. **High prices.** Exclusiveness.

Too many upscale restaurants, stores, hotels. You can't even afford to go in. There seems to be no way to stop building of huge homes that are inappropriate and still seem to get approved.

Lack of access to mainland conveniences. **Cost of traveling to and from island.**

The high cost of living and inflated costs of goods and services blamed on extra transport costs in some cases.

Cost of food/gas/fuel.

Exploitation of its good points that is leading us in a downward spiral when it comes to both cost of living and quality of life. We are taxiing elders out of traditional family homes.

“What do you dislike most about Nantucket?”

Difficulty for working-class families to get ahead. Or even stay to raise a family. Above, I stated that there is great room for success here, but only those who are young, ambitious, and extremely hard-working. Family of five-different story. They are forced to buy everything off island, then the island businesses suffer, and the vicious cycle begins again.

Little cultural diversity, little biodiversity, few community activities (movies, bowling, etc.). People work too hard. Developers, I hate. Money motivates most people. As a result of this, services are sometimes compromised. We are being gouged at the gas pumps.

Very wealthy people who raise the price of goods in retail stores. All the fancy stores that have moved into Nantucket town. The illegal immigrants.

Over development, number of cars, cost-of-living, off island (plane, taxis) cost.

Cost-of-living. Expense to have a boat.

High prices.

Crowds in summer and everything that comes with them (traffic, etc.). Not being able to afford to own home.

Cost-of-living versus pay scale. Everyone has to work too hard to make it a viable place to live. You give up a lot personally and quality of home life to live here.

Nantucket was once a place where people, year-rounders or vacationers, came to experience the "good life." I dislike its having become a place where the focus is on making money or living a high luxury lifestyle. I dislike contributing to my working-class Nantucket culture that is eroding its own quality of life while climbing the economic ladder by serving the opulent demands of millionaires.

Cost-of-living too high. Too insular. No matter how much people say they like to preserve Nantucket, everything is up for grabs if the price is right.

Summer traffic. Cost of housing, we would like to buy a single-family home and cannot afford it. Underlying drug problem.

“What do you dislike most about Nantucket?”

The summer traffic. That there are not specialists at the hospital. Gas prices and grocery prices.

The traveling to and from and the cost of living.

Cost of living. It's out of control.

Cost-of-living. Health care services. Schools.

People who think Nantucket is a terrible place because of costs, diversity, summer visitors.

Cost-of-living. Especially housing.

The August people. People with new money and no class. Don't like the changes to suit the wealthy. Overpriced restaurants.

Food, gas, travel monies!

The expensive cost of living.

Cost-of-living is so expensive.

The effort, which is involved in going "off Island" and expense of the trip. The ever-increasing prices of the Stop & Shop. Downtown in August. The high cost of living in general, such as mortgages, making it impossible to get into the property market and having to "settle" for less if you do.

The high cost of living! The inability to further my education because of the cost of travel.

High cost of living (makes it almost impossible) for young professionals to buy homes and settle on the island.

Expensive and lack of activity.

Cost-of-living.

High cost of living.

“What do you dislike most about Nantucket?”

The wealthy people who have built huge homes. Reorienting our economy. Making the lifestyle of middle class people soar/spiral downward. **The cost of a home/land is embarrassing.**

Greed is dominating most areas of Island life now.

Real estate cost.

The high cost of living.

Its gossip and small mindedness. Building contractors that "rape" their clients. Greed.

The high price of food. Some items go up, not 10 cents or 20 cents, but \$.50 and even higher. Electricity is high and I am grateful to get fuel assistance.

Expensive real estate. Classism of summer residents. Too many cars on island and on beaches in summer. Imported help from other cultures who add nothing to this community and take no ownership or responsibility for/in community.

Cost and difficulty of island life (leaving and returning).

Greed.

The extremely high cost of living leaves little time (stew to multiple jobs) or money to fully enjoy the beauty and opportunities of the island were to take family vacations.

I'm a single parent working full-time, and I don't qualify for assistance for any of the programs that would help with daycare/after school programs. I'll never be able to afford a home on the island where my daughter was born. I am currently paying \$225 a week for summer camp. Housing is impossible. I am constantly struggling to make ends meet.

Summer traffic. Seasonal. Rich and richer people. Big trophy homes. Land development. Overcrowding. **High prices.**
"Greed".

Stores are very expensive.

“What do you dislike most about Nantucket?”

The streets and **the high [unreadable]**.

The beaches and the food [prices?]

The [prices of the] contents of the basic food basket are going up very fast.

That at Stop & Shop they [put the touch on, or play with] the customers who come to buy; and at the check-out point (bagging station) the prices of food go up even more.

The cost of living. Everything is very expensive—food, rent.

* “Most Needy” Household responses are in **BOLD**.

“What do you dislike most about Nantucket?”

Traffic/Parking/Transportation

The cars, trucks, workers on year-long projects who park on your sidewalk. Cars speeding down our street with no regard for bikes and jumping the curb, when taking an elderly man with cane out for a walk.

Growing Traffic Problem.

Traffic during Summer Months. Edicts that don't work-noise at night. Cars with booming very loud radios night and day. Since the "fast food"-strip on Broad Street that stays open later each few years-more noise. To sum it all up-noise!! Not peaceful as in earlier years!

The development of what seems like every available lot in town, as well as out-of-town. One person owning most of the downtown retail space, as well as hotels. The seemingly changing HDC rules. Big Big Big houses-used briefly. Discourteous drivers. Lack of parking everywhere.

The high cost of travel off island. Car rentals, motels, planes and boat rides, about almost a \$500 bill almost before you do on anything when you leave.

Too Many Cars. Need to improve bike paths.

Boat Ride.

Since the 80s has become a construction site-so much development. Also-traffic is a problem. Residents seem anxious and Island seems to be in a constant state all flux.

High Prices. Transportation costs on steamship and airlines.

Over Development, too many cars and trucks on the roads, too many mopeds, edging out the ability for "mom and pop" businesses to survive; too much, unnatural noise-even in off-season. Unfortunately, increasing crime, causing people to lock houses and cars-never was a problem 30 years ago.

Since I spend the summer months, I dislike the crowds and heavy traffic. I am also dismayed by the increasing building of awful " trophy houses", which have changed character of the island. Our new reputation as a "playground for the wealthy", appears to be based on fact. Very sad. At its worst, I sometimes feel as if I no longer belong.

“What do you dislike most about Nantucket?”

The overcrowding in the summer; **some of the transportation issues to and from the island.**

The massive buildings only occupied for a few months. The overbuilding and construction. The disregard for nature and rules. The extreme expense for everything. The separation occurring between the extremely wealthy and the middle working class. **All the traffic.**

Overcrowded with too many cars, especially in tourist season.

Excess number of automobiles. They should be limited.

Expenses. Worrying about keeping the environmental balance (water especially) healthy, due to overcrowding, overbuilding and cars.

Too many cars in town in July/August. The "my aren't I swell" people-can't do anything about that! Cost of gas.

The rapid growth, which is threatening the roads, sewers, [unreadable] beaches, dunes, forests, utilities, etc. I resent having to pay for the mega-mansions through my taxes-find a way to make them pay for the need for the extra services! I've been "paying my way" for 50 years. It's getting very expensive to stay here.

Cost of ferry service.

All the cars. Large houses.

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Costs, people, roads, stores, traffic. What else can I tell ya?

All the huge SUVs-locals included here! More and more rich people taking over neighborhoods, countryside, town businesses. All the ticks and ticks diseases.

“What do you dislike most about Nantucket?”

Traffic. High prices.

Too many people and cars in summer.

Parking situation in town-I have an office in town and would like to see special parking permits for such businesses/offices.

The traffic.

Traffic. Chain stores being allowed here. Overbuilding. High rents for the "the worker bees" who live here.

People driving and using their cell phones are dangerous. There should be a law, to ban them while driving, or otherwise. Can we not live without a phone away from home? It is sad that we have to live that way.

The steamship Authority. The judge who lets drug dealers go with a slap on the wrist.

People complaining about the traffic when the Nantucketers themselves are the worst offenders.

Lack of educational opportunities. Need for more bike paths-unsafe on certain roads. Spring-we don't have it. Too many new buildings, condos. Need more community events, DPW has started to address this. Please keep the events coming (concerts at Children's). Attitude of SSA agents.

Cars! Traffic during summer. Lack of safety in downtown area due to traffic. The unwelcoming attitude of the people who consider themselves to be "real Nantucketer's." Town's "blind" attitude towards drinking and drugs-young people who receive no punishment, because they "know" someone!

High prices of food, fuel, transportation. Rude drivers during tourist season.

The busy crowded summers, cars.

Traffic. High prices.

“What do you dislike most about Nantucket?”

Hardly anything. But I really dislike people driving downtown with their music booming loudly. Also, I wish cabdrivers would all dress a little neater. Keep their cabs cleaner and open the doors, etc. Surely in this special place, cabdrivers could be extra nice.

Littering in the woods, finding, abandoned vehicles, crowded houses, streets lined with cars small side streets (Macy Lane, and Essex).

It's become to "ritzy" and overtaken by the jet set. The isolation, and expenses to get off the island. The Steamship Authority is the only business, who raises their prices when they lose money. Lack of a competitive supermarket/Stop & Shop is a rip off.

The cost of living. Real estate prices. Lack of diverse food. "Look at me " rich people. Trophy homes. Hummers. Neo-Nazi looking police (to protect and serve not intimidate and unnerve), depleting community feel. Too many cars. Ticks. Developers and other parasites.

High prices for food and services. Influx of many extra and unnecessary autos in summer.

Traffic.

Expenses! Boats! Council election. Town's reluctance to plow so called "private" roads.

Summer traffic. Too many automobiles. Poor quality of BOS and constant use of tax overrides. Poor Stop & Shop practices-shelves regularly understocked.

The police chief. The way we spend town money to cater to nontax paying visitors-bike paths-skateboard parks, public parking at beaches, ruining our lands, Airport getting bigger for big jets and daily golfers. Extra hunting seasons.

Difficulty traveling on/off island, such as weather, timing. Major difficulties of traffic, crowding, etc. during tourist season. High cost of living.

So many wealthy folks. Then children have a skewed perception of reality. Travel costs and time to get off island. Everyone knows your business. We should have a Town Manager and abolish town meeting. Board of Selectman is an embarrassment. More representation for off island folks.

“What do you dislike most about Nantucket?”

Cost of living. Summer crowds. **Too many cars and trucks.** Trophy homes.

Too many people, cars, garbage, chain stores, new construction and development encroaching on nature. And conservatives.

Summer traffic. High prices. Exclusiveness.

The difficulty in traveling on and off island that is dependent on the weather and very expensive (residency programs are a positive!). Crowding in the summer, **congested traffic**, etc.

Crowded Stop & Shop. Service workers use foreign language while at work. Trades people too expensive and hard to get. Too many T-shirt shops downtown. **Need car steamship special rates in summer for residents (like in winter).** Need lower rates for residents at Miacomet golf course.

Transportation "snags"(!). Due chiefly to weather variability.

Lack of public transportation (NRTA) to the growing Tom Nevers area. All of us would take NRTA if accessible to the area, which it isn't-NRTA stops of Sconset [sic] Road, 1 mile away, and the schedule isn't convenient for walkers.

Cars, trucks, people (too many), but really only July and August!

Over development, **number of cars**, cost-of-living, off island (plane, taxis) cost.

The steamship.

Crowds in summer and **everything that comes with them (traffic, etc.).** Not being able to afford to own home.

More and more houses taking away from places I used to be able to go, too many cars in town is so ugly in the summer.

Traffic. Rich, rude people. People who think they can do anything because they are here on vacation. The police not arresting or pulling over the people who drive rich/expensive cars.

“What do you dislike most about Nantucket?”

I do not like it overpopulated in the summers. **Too much traffic is the main concern.** I do not like how the Hispanic race is taking over. They are taking jobs away from us.

Too many cars (Honk -Honk), people who don't clean up after there dogs. Financially sound people whining about your walking on the their beach.

Boat rides. Lack of freedom to travel.

The lack of constructive entertainment for our youth and families outside of school sports and clubs. The unspoken discrimination as to "natives first, then the rest". Not necessarily the most qualified. The biggest dislike is our failure to consistently and aggressively address the drug and alcohol issues, both at the police and the court level. Too many biases. too many postponements. Too many cop-outs to probation. Demand more aggressive investigation, persecution, and stiffer sentences for drug and alcohol issues! A family bowling alley/center would serve to fill both youth and family entertainment needs especially during winter months. How about a more generous "Islander" rate to travel off Island for medical treatments and affordable buying/stocking trips? Maybe five trips per family per year?

Deer tick. No reduced fares for residents for resident SSI recipients for Steamship, bus, or museums. (SSI usually = disabled).

Getting off Island with your car, you can't just go and come without planning ahead. I don't like the idea that big developers come in and build many houses so close together and hook up to the town sewer when many natives have had septic systems for 40 years and can't tie into the system.

The majority of migrant workers taking advantage of our island, i.e., not paying for hospital services (so ours increase), buying fancy food, paying with food stamps, latest techno toys, while on welfare. And they're arrogant attitude-throw garbage out the window. **Road rage.** Blaring music everywhere at all hours. We need a watchdog committee. We need a means to reprimand the unacceptable behavior.

“What do you dislike most about Nantucket?”

Lack of parking in the court district and without public transportation becomes a major problem. Traffic-limit autos that are brought over on the ferry as makes for more congestion. Limit rental cars to a lower number. The shuffle that renters must do each year.

More and more non-English speaking people. I don't mind the people but maybe the community needs to offer access to Free English classes. Bicycle riding on the sidewalks especially downtown and police not enforcing the rules regarding such.

The traffic.

Expensive real estate. Classism of summer residents. Too many cars on island and on beaches in summer. Imported help from other cultures who add nothing to this community and take no ownership or responsibility for/in community.

Traffic. Housing prices. Unattainable real estate. Getting crowded. Huge divide between haves and have-nots.

Summer traffic. Seasonal. Rich and richer people. Big trophy homes. Land development. Overcrowding. High prices. "Greed".

The Steamship Authority's fast ferry, which unnecessarily dumps more passengers daily in the downtown area than the island can handle.

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“What do you dislike most about Nantucket?”

Attitudes of The People

Those people who come to try to change Nantucket into their vision/version of what they want it to be.

I dislike the new residents and visitors who say, "Nantucket is not what he used to be" and the attitude of recently wealthy people who feel you owe them something and that they are entitled to the best seat, the best spot, your service, a great house.

High price of everything. Impatient cranky here around residents during the summer.

The prejudice.

Poor steamship schedule off-season. Check out people in supermarkets not terribly friendly. The wind!

The status climbing rape [sic] mentality. Let's think about future generations.

A hotsy-totsy [sic] reputation. That huge houses are going up everywhere, that kindness and a close-knit community feeling has gone. That the people who are in service can't afford to work or live here and not own their own home.

The many people who'd never recognize or show any appreciation for all the summer people do for the island. These are people who love the island and in so many instances are responsible for its conservation. Dislike the constant whining about how miserable life is here.

What we have to put up with "in season". Too much building. Trades people never return calls.

Difficulty in obtaining services. Overburdened trades people. Lack of cultural and entertainment events during off-season.

That money talks loudly.

Service is terrible and grossly overpriced

The "grapevine," the lack on anonymity.

Too many cars in town in July/August. The "my aren't I swell" people-can't do anything about that! Cost of gas.

“What do you dislike most about Nantucket?”

Lack of direction from community leadership. Quality of life dramatically decreased over past 20 years. **Change in type of people visiting.**

The build out-the two-big houses, the summer dollar and **the arrogance (not everyone), of course, but some very aggressive, rude visitors.** Some of the changes are making the place too homogenized. There is a loss of charm and rustic character in a lot of the renovations. And it begins to look like everywhere else.

Greed.

Changes in the sizes of the houses. **Attitude.**

I dislike the over development and **greed.**

Town attitude. Rising town budget cost.

Too "Many" people. Too many "Illegal" people. **Too many "Tree Huggers"-"Feel-Good" people who want to help "Freeloaders".**

Not able to own home. High cost of living. **Inconsiderate, summer and McMansion residents.** Continuing development. Too many cars in summer-just see enclosure.

Growth, especially from the wealthy businesspeople who are buying up our town and making huge changes to accommodate "their" interests and their pocket books. The changes are already damaging the mid-class and unfortunately soon there will be no middle only the very wealthy and the lower income families that will be "their" labor force. **It's all about the money, and it's not in the best interest of our island and people. Does [name omitted] care about the values that have been historically passed down from generation to generation.** We are easy prey to ruthless money moguls. **No he, and others, don't care, but they'll laugh all the way to the bank!** I only wish I had some solution, but I'm fearful that it is too late!

The people who come with too much money and feel they own the island!

It's an island. Everything is expensive. Unless I'm a millionaire, I'll never own a house here. Literally as a whole, Nantucket is a SNOB! Not just the rich summer folk, but the people you see every day.

“What do you dislike most about Nantucket?”

Sense of entitlement that some people transpire.

Cars! Traffic during summer. Lack of safety in downtown area due to traffic. The unwelcoming attitude of the people who consider themselves to be "real Nantucketer's." Town's "blind" attitude towards drinking and drugs-young people who receive no punishment, because they "know" someone!

The Cottage Hospital, and its doctors, and its services, not participating in the various networks of health care providers that the Island residents (retired) may be forced to participate/subscribe, thus driving up the "cost of annual living" on the island as they get older here.

Over development encroaching upon natural environment. Population increase. Too many vehicles-big ones. Increasing attitude of entitlement and greed. More and more building with no discernible interest in sustainable building practices. Over gentrification. Expensive living expenses.

There are a lot of illegal immigrants who drain our services and crowd the ER. We pay the taxes and they benefit. There is no enforcement of immigrant laws against illegals or employers. Also, when it comes to HDC, etc., some people must follow all the rules and others get away with breaking them.

The whining of "some" inhabitants. We never did it this way before.

Gossip. The inability to reach out to minorities, the working class. Cost of living. Wealthy people who are only here for the party.

A lot of folks are getting too wrapped up about money, we've lost our "basic community," not enough done about charity. All about tourism and the beautiful people. Just look at the paper. What about some events for locals in the lower class, and why are they not in the paper.

The way town government is run, it's often attitude of inability to change, and the "pork barrel" politics that at times become so pervasive that it hampers efficiency and improvement.

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I do not care for the negative comments from those who do nothing but complain- who put no action behind their words.

The rudeness of some summer people.

It's become to "ritzy" and overtaken by the jet set. The isolation, and expensive to get off the island. The Steamship Authority is the only business, who raises their prices when they lose money. Lack of a competitive supermarket/Stop & Shop is a rip off.

Blatant aggression toward "wash ashores" or non trades people. Over building, over development (4 houses per a lot such as Fairgrounds Rd.)

Summer people mostly are rude and pushy. Such a large drug problem in most of the population.

Resistance to change. Sometimes, people try and impose their perceptions on others.

Although foreign help in the two local markets, very poor service against 20 years ago when we had all local help working in them. They wouldn't hire local help now, because their contract with the mainland vendors is through them only.

Lack of ethnic diversity. Also, the fact that the island has become such a targeted destination for which summer people has distorted the whole sociological, cultural, and economic balance of the island.

Type of people coming out (\$\$).

Changes and development- some newcomers are aggressive and too interested in the "address".

Little cultural diversity, little biodiversity, few community activities (movies, bowling, etc.). People work too hard. Developers, I hate. Money motivates most people. As a result of this, services are sometimes compromised. We are being gouged at the gas pumps.

Racism and the alcoholics.

Greed.

“What do you dislike most about Nantucket?”

The almost total lack of follow-through, with all the trades.

Nantucket was once a place where people, year-rounders or vacationers, came to experience the "good life." I dislike its having become a place where the focuses is on making money or living a high luxury lifestyle. I dislike contributing to my working-class Nantucket culture that is eroding its own quality of life while climbing the economic ladder by serving the opulent demands of millionaires.

So small that everyone knows your problems, issues. If you'd like to join a self-help group, people pass commentary on that. Issues like alcohol abuse are considered weakness.

The new influx of manless money.

Gossip. Rich people. People during the summer that feel we owe them.

Traffic. Rich, rude people. People who think they can do anything because they are here on vacation. The police not arresting or pulling over the people who drive rich/expensive cars.

I dislike most about Nantucket is the way in which they treat black and Spanish people here. They do nothing equally, especially in the court.

The August people. People with new money and no class. Don't like the changes to suit the wealthy. Overpriced restaurants.

Too many cars (Honk -Honk), people who don't clean up after there dogs. Financially sound people whining about your walking on the their beach.

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The new people/year-round and seasonal who do not care enough about the island community to be involved. There are so many opportunities to give back to the community, through volunteerism or philanthropy-ways to be involved and they don't. For this island to remain viable, everybody needs to be positively involved.

In part, the community seems to be moving away from the close, "old-fashioned" style exemplified by the generosity I noticed in my answer to the previous question. I can't define or quantify it well, but the tenor of the community has altered in the last 10 years.

Lack of concern for social issues.

The small-town gossip and politics!

The separation of people-rich/poor.

The lack of respect for the island's tranquility and beauty.

Expensive real estate. **Classism of summer residents.** Too many cars on island and on beaches in summer. Imported help from other cultures who add nothing to this community and take no ownership or responsibility for/in community.

Prejudice.

The fact that anything you say or do could be repeated to you within an hour. People on Nantucket spend no time minding their business, but work overtime on minding your business. Sometimes I feel I'm living in a modern-day Sodom and Gomorrah. Everyone's sleeps with everyone and desires everything.

Not enough ethnic food!!! **The crowds and mentality that arrive in June.**

The wealth that is ruining it.

That there are many people who are racist and liars; and that there are not many places for recreation.

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Growth & Development

The development of what seems like every available lot in town, as well as out-of-town. One person owning most of the downtown retail space, as well as hotels. The seemingly changing HDC rules. Big Big Big houses-used briefly. Discourteous drivers. Lack of parking everywhere.

Since the 80s has become a construction site-so much development. Also-traffic is a problem. Residents seem anxious and Island seems to be in a constant state all flux.

The out-of-control development and the lack of control of same.

How Much It Has Changed. How much money we have to spend to live on beautiful Nantucket.

Over Development, too many cars and trucks on the roads, too many mopeds, edging out the ability for "mom and pop" businesses to survive; too much, unnatural noise-even in off-season. Unfortunately, increasing crime, causing people to lock houses and cars-never was a problem 30 years ago.

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The potholes, the dirty areas--lots, streets, shrubs, lower Orange Street and some of the Surfside properties. The constant complaining about all the changes. Things just aren't like they used to be. I guess that's typical of growing older, though. PS: the high school students: more of them should be working in jobs on and off school time that outsiders have. More pay, shorter hours and more help

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I dislike the over development and greed.

Difficult travels to mainland. **Uncontrolled growth.**

“What do you dislike most about Nantucket?”

I don't like what is happening to the Main Street area. Art galleries and T-shirt places are taking over. Gone is our small-business (gift shops, etc.). Who wants to come to Nantucket. "Rich people," but people that come for a day or longer don't buy expensive paintings. T-shirts and sweatshirts, you can buy just so many. I don't like the fact that our children, who want to stay here, can't afford land or a house. I don't like all the large houses and houses that are crammed on a small piece of land. [name omitted] did some good things, but I also blame him for making Nantucket for the rich and greedy.

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Out-of-control growth!

Not dislike, but worry about fresh water supply in our small piece of land. Does a river really come here from the White Mountains? A 92-year-old man told me that, his grandson, when fishing up harbor, said he could find a fresh water boil, coming right up in the salt and could dip it up. Summer traffic!

It's just not Nantucket anymore.

Traffic. Chain stores being allowed here. Overbuilding. High rents for the "the worker bees" who live here.

Hispanic/Eastern European infestation. Rising land costs [unreadable]. Over development. Rampant retail greed. Unreasonable fuel costs.

McMansions and loss of second and third generation [unreadable] due to housing costs.

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Over development encroaching upon natural environment. Population increase. Too many vehicles-big ones. Increasing attitude of entitlement and greed. More and more building with no discernible interest in sustainable building practices. Over gentrification. Expensive living expenses.

Houses much too big.

The way some Boards do not take/keep the best interests of Nantucket. They are influenced by their own self interests or by the interest of another board member. And I especially think the planning board/commission is selling the town down the river. There is a lot of emphasis on affordable housing, and I feel a lot of the affordable housing has been issued to people who are new to the island and not people who have been on the island for a long time.

The rapid growth. The summer traffic.

The cost of living. Real estate prices. Lack of diverse food. "Look at me " rich people. Trophy homes. Hummers. Neo-Nazi looking police (to protect and serve not intimidate and unnerve), depleting community feel. Too many cars. Ticks. Developers and other parasites.

As stated before buying a home here, forget it. I am not a millionaire. Lucky I rent-I also feel they are over building on the islands.

When it is endlessly bad! Otherwise, I don't dislike much else. I do not like downtown boutiques, which are taking over. I do not like the ridiculous parking tickets given during the winter months when there is endless parking anyway! Over development.

Blatant aggression toward "wash shores" or non trades people. Over building, over development (4 houses per a lot such as Fairgrounds Rd.)

Too much commercial building and house building. All for the sake of green toilet paper call bragging rights. PS When does the first skyscraper go up. We've got everything else.

“What do you dislike most about Nantucket?”

The amount of illegal aliens. Recently - school system. **Inability of Planning Board to enforce the codes.**

Too many people, cars, garbage, chain stores, new construction and development encroaching on nature. And conservatives.

Too many upscale restaurants, stores, hotels. You can't even afford to go in. **There seems to be no way to stop building of huge homes that are inappropriate and still seem to get approved.**

Playground mentality of summer visitors, **over building**, police-possible new yacht club. (Sounds like a floating trailer park to me).

Development!!! Summer traffic. No place to park downtown from May to October.

Too many houses.

Changes and development-some newcomers are aggressive and too interested in the "address".

Influx of people. Invasion by illegal aliens. **Development. Low-income housing.** Too many people.

Over development, number of cars, cost-of-living, off island (plane, taxis) cost.

Population explosion. Overbuilding. Historic value and lifestyle becoming history.

Latest building boom-cluster developments.

More and more houses taking away from places I used to be able to go, too many cars in town is so ugly in the summer.

The tremendous amount of building, particularly of large summer only homes. The inability of my children to rent or own on the island. The "gutting" of historic homes and lack of intervention by N.H.A.

Too much building.

“What do you dislike most about Nantucket?”

Getting off Island with your car, you can't just go and come without planning ahead. **I don't like the idea that big developers come in and build many houses so close together and hook up to the town sewer when many natives have had septic systems for 40 years and can't tie into the system.**

The wealthy people who have built huge homes. Reorienting our economy. Making the lifestyle of middle class people soar/spiral downward. The cost of a home/land is embarrassing.

Too much building for average person. If you cannot afford Nantucket-move on. People who work for Town-police, fire and etc. should be paid enough so that Nantucket should not have to provide housing.

Too much growth

How it has changed. Not all changes are good.

What is not to like? However I do think there needs to be more housing for low income people-not just the working class, but for seniors. **They build new low income homes, but don't build for seniors. Also, I think they should add on to the Island Home-make another wing. The town has grown so much we really need it.**

Summer traffic. Seasonal. Rich and richer people. **Big trophy homes. Land development. Overcrowding.** High prices. "Greed".

That there are many people who are racist and liars; and that **there are not many places for recreation.**

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Encourage Town Government Action

Better town management.

I wish I knew! Less cars! I don't see how it can be done legally! Perhaps in the future bring the delivery trucks in on the late boat as most restaurants are open-stores could be open to receive. Send them off on early freight boat to return late, and it would loosen up the parking as well as the traffic in downtown somewhat during mid-day. If the chief of police can station traffic cops at important intersections as boats arrive during the busy months-also to control hoards of walking tourists that arrive the same time (holding them to the sidewalks so the traffic can move).

Slow down or stop cars other than Nantucket registered cars from coming here (during the summer months only). Tell people before they come here that they still have to obey state laws, especially bikers on the streets.

Keep government and decision-makers local and void of any influenced by the people who can afford to.

Need to slow down development. Address traffic problems. Tighten up and enforce zoning regulations.

First of all there has to be affordable housing. Second, our schools and organizations should be preparing young Nantucketers is to be competitive in candidate searches for professional employment at home on Nantucket. Very often the best person for the job is a local person.

One can't go back. One can't legislate taste. So I don't know, but wish that we could legally control building, home size, number of cars per family (especially part-time), street entertainment with loudspeakers, and, since my house is on Brant Point, speeding on N. Beach St!

I believe the work and recommendations of the town government study committee (based on attending meetings and reading the preliminary report dated 3 /15/06) will lead to a more effective government performance. Affordable housing is essential to maintaining and improving the ability of providing essential services (governmental, healthcare, educational and private-sector services). We must think outside the box and try some new techniques.

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Don't change the waterfront. **Keep town meeting before town election.**

Control further building. **Transfer more expenses, (tax, etc.) to people who build the megahouses.**

More people with high expectations for government, schools, health care and community organizations, and the willingness to work to make it happen. I'd be interested in reading how many responses are returned to the survey. It seems too long to me. If I were busy working, I might not have filled it out. Number 31, if one does not read English how would s/he would fill out this survey.

Stop spending money like idiots. Put even more \$ into public beautification. Give more grants (information about them) to impoverished people for basic repairs. Affordable public transport for all year round. Give back more to the people who helped this land stay as beautiful as it is. And don't underestimate us.

Ban cell phones while driving. Have year-round bus service. Stop building these monstrous buildings, we do not need houses like that here. It used to be nice and quaint here. The tourists liked to come here, but it is gone. Listen to many folks and they are disappointed. Businesses rely on tourism in the summer, we will lose them if we keep going on this way. Too many T-shops and realtors etc. Rentals too high for stores.

Have the foreign workers follow the same rules us taxpayers follow. All workers should have a license to work here. Show Social Security number, valid ID, drivers license.

Off island, they have malls where people can hang out, without getting into trouble. Nantucket needs something! We need housing! Not for all the foreign help, but for everyone else first! I think the town needs to step up, because all the rich people don't care. Heck, the people that live here year round don't care. But there has to be some elbowroom for us lower class people, by which I mean, lower funded.

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Don't have the town duplicate services offered by private organization such as the Boys and Girls Club or the Saltmarsh Center.

Make the shuttle free (or close to it) and charge a tax on vehicles on the boat to fund it. This would send a message to all that their options for those who choose not to drive.

Stripping of the land for lawns that then are poured over with pesticides and fertilizers. Natural landscaping should be mandatory.

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Less charges to the full-time residents, such as a minor ticket, extra airport charges, beach charges. If we are full-time residents, we should get a break for these little things. Residents only.

Find more ways to reach out to all facets of the community-perhaps mandatory family dinners at school-or free dinners as school for invited guests. Small reminders in press announcements about community spirit and promotion of Island preservation. Year-round affordable public transportation.

Too many laws and rules. It's no longer a place where characters can thrive.

Let's do a better job of enforcing speed limits (protects people and equally importantly, animals). Let's have a better animal control and animal humane program. (last year I called police to come to Milestone Road to put an injured deer out of its suffering. They could not refer to animal control officer, since it was after 4 p.m. and the police were busy and never showed up).

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Improve roads used by public. Town taking maintenance.

Improve road maintenance. Improve public schools-too many administrators. Improve parking. Expand NRTA-Okarow-Skyline Drive area-Boulevard. Public housing expanded. Expansion of town water/sewer.

More public access to waterfront such as boat ramps.

Cheaper fares to get on and off island! Take up all private roads, especially the Boulevard. Playgrounds. Don't change too much-we like Nantucket.

In general, the town should pursue the following five strategies. Stop spending money on land bank and acquisitions and start spending money for a housing bank for year-round residents. Devise a means to shift a significant amount of the town's tax burden to nonresident property owners. They can more than afford it, and no matter what the result of number one above, the lower income residents will still need more help.

More services for needy so that we eventually become more diversified.

General building. Stop building wind turbines in the Nantucket sound, not the appropriate spot-harmful to boats, planes, birds, sea creatures (including whales), and endangered birds etc.

Try to stop it from becoming another "Roxbury" or "Harlem" with all the rapes and muggings going on now, but not reported. Three in our area, this past year.

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Free-market, owner occupied housing allowing increased unit density for first-time year-round, Housing Authority-authorized people and families. Nantucket is selectively losing many fine young families who want to own their own home and move off island in order to do so.

Police need to be more community-oriented.

Need more recreation facilities (bowling alleys, etc.). Need to make sure beach access is maintained. Used to enjoy summer concerts at the gazebo.

There should be a health clinic established here, with taxpayers support. 24:7 operating hours. Maybe the financial support could be separate. Add to real estate transactions; a walk-in, free health (including dental) clinic.

More affordable housing, more sidewalks, measures to limit imports of vehicles in summer, maximized land conservation, control a certain type of building.

Curtail this rampant development that is spoiling the island and polluting its waters. Limit the number of cars people can have on or bring to the island. Keep beach parking free-increase access to beach and harbor areas.

Reduce cost of government. Quit changing zoning every year.

Great need for strong leadership by elected officials. We have good people, but they remain out of focus on large issues.

Promote island businesses, attempt to keep money on island. Make incentives for homeowners to charge reasonable rents, so people can stay here longer. I could easily get \$1,500 for my cottage that I charge \$1,100 for a young couple that work their butts off all week. The cycle must be broken at the top. Homeowners must stop being greedy! Can that change in this money and power hungry nation? Reform taxi laws-too expensive. Promote NRTA!!!

We would like to see the drug problem more under control. Size of homes being built. Limit the number of cars on the island. For parents who work there should be more affordable children's services. Let's get rid off this \$20 per hour babysitting services.

Let the town manage it. They have done a great job!

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Better housing for the poor. Better mental health services. More doctors with better qualifications. Upgrade the school system (look at MCAS Scores). Cheaper restaurants and lower rents to assist with costs.

First, awareness through surveys, indices, articles. Second, appropriate, empirical responses. Economic issues may be insoluble, although certain strategies may help.

The traffic I would love to see go. Also, the drug abuse-we need to get a better grip on it. Have stricter laws for these people instead of slapping their hands. Have stricter control what goes on here. More activity for the teens here, so they are not out drinking and doing drugs.

The Steamship Authority needs to be more lenient and compassionate to the year-round residents. In the off-season months, the police shouldn't ticket in town. A few more bike paths would make it safer.

More bike paths, wider shoulders for bike friendly roads.

Develop a clear, concise plan to guide the Town into the future.

Kmart/Wal-Mart. And anyone caught with drugs using, selling, or possessing drugs shot dead-no questions asked!!

I think anybody that builds a house should be made to plant three (3) trees. Do not use so many harmful chemicals on lawns that will ruin the water table.

Take the land by eminent domain of the electric company, thus making parking for downtown. Make no cars in core district (9 to 5, no parking). Delivery is before 9 a.m Limit cars coming to the island. Free bikes around island for everyone's use (Beach cruisers with baskets).

Limit cars, houses, people and dogs. Dogs do doing all over place! And weird selectmen.

Another supermarket providing competition. Laws which stipulate that all child friendly restaurants provide facilities for children i.e., baby-change facilities.

Provide land for a community center where programs could be offered throughout the day to Islanders, young and old. There needs to be more options for children 12 to 18 to do after school and on weekends.

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Demand more aggressive investigation, prosecution and stiffer sentences for drug and alcohol issues! A family bowling alley/center would serve to fill both youth and family entertainment needs, especially during the winter months. How about a more generous "Islander" rate to travel off island for medical treatments and affordable buying/stocking trips—maybe five trips per family per year?

That the town fathers and mothers use caution in planning. That they would grow their town like a tree in rings and not cells.

The chamber and government officials to place a greater focus on the year-round population needs versus tourism.

The town makes a developer enforce deed restrictions, but some of the developers don't enforce them. The people in the development ask the Town for help about parking, the town says hire a lawyer. Again, the homeowner has no rights, the people renting have more rights. Now we know why taxes are cheap, nobody does their job downtown.

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More affordable housing! More money for health and human services. Celebrate diversity. Have the (Summer visitors, seasonal population) understand that they need the folks who live and work here to have the same quality of life they have. We need decent housing, respect, and a healthy community in order to keep "our community" the beautiful place we love.

Get rid of political infighting.

Year-round public transport buses. Discount on energy products for year-rounders. **Cheaper taxes.** Less expensive food.

More bike paths, public transport, Cultural Center—a place for performance arts, a place for young people to be young without money, drugs and alcohol. A place for artisans to sell their wares...overhead from property is too much...yet we have so much talent.

Prevention and recovery programs for substance abuse. Limit cars on the island during summer months.

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Change from town meeting to other form of government. Minimum competency test for elections. Greater investment in roads and public facilities. More street trees. Neighborhood beautification efforts. Less "nonprofit" groups. Greater investment in housing. More events for year-rounders.

Restrict autos. More park/public places. Conserve land. Put more money into schools.

Priority support (through tax base) given to human services, especially substance abuse prevention and treatment. To acknowledge the profound impact of losing our middle class through high and escalating costs of housing, food, health care, recreation and transportation. ACK must build and sustain a community norm that underage substance use by youth and substance abuse by adults (year-round residents as well as seasonal tourists) is unacceptable on Nantucket. Nantucket would be a better place, with both a human service center and a youth recreation center (run and organized by youth).

[Omitted] with special-needs fell through the cracks. Did not receive proper education help to get job. High stress. Low rent because rental is on sister's property. The system wore me down.

The hell with arresting the Mississippi crack dealers, they laugh at us, I say we form a vigilante group (because I know who they are). I just say, shoot the guys dead and the message will be sent. No more [derogatory term omitted] crack dealers.

Struggling to make ends meet. With all the money on the island there is no help for middle income people. Help is only getting to the rich or the poor-very poor.

Create small "Scionset markets" and post offices in each of the village areas (Madaket, Surfside, Tom Nevers, [unreadable], so people would have more [unreadable] village atmosphere like Scionset. Would not all have to come to town and Scionset for everything, more "village" like, instead of "subdivision" feeling. Get serious about drug and alcohol issues here, especially for young people but also for adults.

More focus from town and services on year-round, middle-class community. Yet, also more integration with non-year-round residents, i.e., community events appealing to all. Hmmm.....Tricky question.

Always keep the traditions of security, of respect for the other; value people for their work ethic, for how they are a good neighbor; and respect for the rights of the other.

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OK—It’s a nice pretty island and welcomes (receives) tourists and lots of others besides. **The bad drivers need to be identified and punished by the law.**

Hold open forums or Municipal Council meetings in each neighborhood to learn about their needs. Provide money management trainings for the inhabitants.

Make the English language classes free (i.e. no cost).

I wish the English classes were free I don’t have, we don’t have, work in the winter and the classes are very expensive. I would like to learn English but it is difficult for me because of the prices.

That there be lower cost of housing [living] for the people who live here year round. **That the English classes are more inexpensive, not so expensive, because not all of us have enough money.**

Build low cost housing where any person could rent for their family for the whole year, not only for the summer. **We also would like to see the prices for the English classes come down because there are people who, because of the high cost, are not able to participate [in these classes].** Thank you.

That everyone respect others, and that we take care of the environment.

More recreation areas for [word unclear]; clubs for gays, for bisexuals; [word unclear]; more work and **parks for recreation.** More stores to buy food supplies and foods, Restaurants, and more public transportation. More stores to buy food supplies and foods, restaurants, and more public transportation.

* “Most Needy” Household responses are in **BOLD**.

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Reduce Car/Truck Traffic

I wish I knew! **Less cars!** I don't see how it can be done legally! **Perhaps in the future bring the delivery trucks in on the late boat as most restaurants are open-stores could be open to receive. Send them off on early freight boat to return late, and it would loosen up the parking as well as the traffic in downtown somewhat during mid-day. If the chief of police can station traffic cops at important intersections as boats arrive during the busy months-also to control hoards of walking tourists that arrive the same time (holding them to the sidewalks so the traffic can move).**

Slow down or stop cars other than Nantucket registered cars from coming here (during the summer months only). Tell people before they come here that they still have to obey state laws, especially bikers on the streets.

Limiting new construction. . . somehow and **automobiles.** Very difficult obviously.

As summer automobile traffic is always an issue, I believe more could be done to discourage visitors from bringing cars. Stress the use of the bicycle, buses, etc. The Chamber of Commerce should probably focus on this area.

Outlaw beach driving. Tax SUVs by dimensions (size or weight?). Pull the plug on the Chamber of Commerce.

Years ago, Islanders talked of succession from the state. It is unrealistic to think, we don't need some tourism/seasonal residents, but we could take more into our own hands, **such as car limits,** growth limits, all the commonsense issues that are eroding the quality of life here, which we could control to some extent on a local basis.

One can't go back. One can't legislate taste. So I don't know, but wish that we could legally control building, home size, **number of cars per family (especially part-time),** street entertainment with loudspeakers, and, since my house is on Brant Point, speeding on N. Beach St!

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Limit cars. Be open to alternative energy (wind).

Control number of cars allowed on the island.

Limit automobiles and further limit building development, while adding still more open space.

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By better, I think healthier. Anything that increases the chance that people can participate in affordable, healthy activities- more exercise? More organics? Less alcohol? More hybrids? More pedestrian friendly, Mid Island area? Community health clinic with high quality dental? Bowling alleys? Nantucket is a strong community with incredible wealth in its people. We all give so much of ourselves to each other and our projects. It is sometimes hard to imagine extracting more to make it better.

Limiting the number of cars on the island. Limiting development and buying more open space.

Curtail the number of cars allowed on the island.

Limit cars. Limit building.

Limit large cars, SUVs to roads from boat to outside of town. No hummers. Bike paths are good. Community events not tourist oriented-like markets for diverse populations. 1 to 2 ordinary priced clothing stores for on island kids.

Limit the number of cars on the island. Only allow deliveries, taxis, and electric golf carts into the historic district.

Did we ever decide to limit summer families as to the amount of vehicles they bring, as children turn into drivers? What if we all had a rain barrel for our gardens, as we did years ago?

Continue to invest in bike paths expanding NRTA service to the off-season.

Limit summer visitor cars-limit summer visitor/renters/owner cars to one per family!

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Limit cars. Limit growth. Limit letting us turn into off island.

Cut down on building. Cut down on traffic/cars in summer. Make it easier for locals to get on and off island.

I would love to see the island take a stronger stance on the traffic and car situation. I'd also like to put an end to new homes being placed on top of eroding beaches, dunes and bluffs.

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Limit the size and number of vehicles on the island for residents and especially tourists.

Limit number of autos and size of vehicles on island in summer.

Some type of car limit.

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No chain stores. Bring a Super Stop & Shop to replace present Stop & Shop. **Ration summer vehicles.**

Moratorium regarding number of cars per household. Stronger conservation measures. No more 40B to allow developers to line their pockets under guises of being humanitarian.

Allow less cars, encourage alternative fuels, solar power, wind power, don't tear down the cute little post office, stop building more houses, secede from the US.

I do wish we could slow down the building of large expensive houses that are for speculation. **Traffic on the roads becomes worse every year, but it seems impossible to limit cars.**

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Expand Stop & Shop. **Limit automobiles.**

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Control number of autos-plus size and gas guzzling SUVs! -go to town manager type of government-someone with skills. Affordable housing-for the workers who are vital to caring for the island.

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Limit summer cars. Limit size of homes. More attention to winter year-round folks. Less commercialism.

This morning, June 6, 2006, I drove from the Rotary to Main Street via Pleasant Street. This experience was not even close to being pleasant! The traffic was almost bumper-to-bumper, the entire distance. It included pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcycles, all sizes of automobiles, SUVs, and large freight trucks serving Stop & Shop. These cannot function efficiently on our existing roads. We have only two alternatives: pave the selected streets to handle all types of vehicles (expensive!), or limit trucks and SUVs to designated roadways. Something must be done to keep Nantucket livable.

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Increase Affordable Housing

Bring down real estate costs.

First of all there has to be affordable housing. Second, our schools and organization should be preparing young Nantucketers is to be competitive in candidate searches for professional employment at home on Nantucket. Very often the best person for the job is a local person.

There are agencies to help with affordable housing, to keep the environment cleanup, etc. There are bigger minds at work here than mine to help make Nantucket a better place-but nothing and nowhere is perfect. As individuals we have to. . .

I am moving off island this week after being here for 12 years. I'm leaving because I could not afford to buy a home and employment opportunities were better off island. I bought a condo in California, and I'm about to start a job full-time with benefits (health and retirement).

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Giving discounts at stores to those who live year-round. Helping people find affordable housing/providing affordable housing or transitional shelter.

Getting town government more focused and honest for working people. Affordable housing!! (I'm lucky that my landlord is selling her house in two years-and then I may have to leave if my rent is more than two paychecks). A lot of things are very overpriced. I shop very carefully, and I can't afford to eat out often-two times a month is my budget. Sustainable agriculture/aquaculture/land conservation and preservation imperative and no chain stores-support the small business owners.

Get rid of all the wealthy people to make it much more affordable to live here for the working class. It would be nice to be able to afford to buy a house!

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Lower rental fees!!

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Regulate illegal aliens. Stronger drug enforcement. Reasonable housing (not low income).

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Affordable housing that is not a joke. More and more bike paths/lanes (to town) on all roads. More public transport. Less beach driving. Limit cars to residents. Expand NRTA or alternative driving days for cars. Kick out [name omitted]. Put a wind farm in the Sound.

Improve road maintenance. Improve public schools-too many administrators. Improve parking. Expand NRTA-Okarow-Skyline Drive area-Boulevard. **Public housing expanded.** Expansion of town water/sewer.

In general, the town should pursue the following five strategies. **Stop spending money on land bank and acquisitions and start spending money for a housing bank for year-round residents.** Devise a means to shift a significant amount of the town's tax burden to nonresident property owners. They can more than afford it, and no matter what the result of number one above, the lower income residents will still need more help.

Free-market, owner occupied housing allowing increased unit density for first-time year-round, Housing Authority-authorized people and families. Nantucket is selectively losing many fine young families who want to own their own home and move off island in order to do so.

More affordable housing, more sidewalks, measures to limit imports of vehicles in summer, maximized land conservation, control a certain type of building.

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Promote island businesses, attempt to keep money on island. Make incentives for homeowners to charge reasonable rents, so people can stay here longer. I could easily get \$1,500 for my cottage that I charge \$1,100 for a young couple that work their butts off all week. The cycle must be broken at the top. Homeowners must stop being greedy! Can that change in this money and power hungry nation? Reform taxi laws-too expensive. Promote NRTA!!!

Put all our resources behind affordable housing. "Zero tolerance" and penalties for all ages. Strong town manager (and I really respect [name omitted]).

Better housing for the poor. Better mental health services. More doctors with better qualifications. Upgrade the school system (look at MCAS Scores). Cheaper restaurants and lower rents to assist with costs.

Better public transportation. More affordable housing options such as covenant houses. Make Mid-Island areas walkable and more like traditional, pleasant small-town style. Find ways to reach people living here who have no address to send surveys to and/or don't speak English. Find ways to reach out to parents who are too stressed and ill to take proper care of their children, let alone answer this survey.

Affordable housing, not so much for me, but for the people I employ.

Affordable Housing. Affordable electricity.

We need a more affordable living situation/housing. Even making \$100,000 a year my family is struggling to make it here.

Real estate money. We'll never be able to afford a house.

More affordable housing.

Limit cars, houses, people and dogs. Dogs do doing all over place! And weird selectmen.

Less cars and less houses.

I think making it possible to have affordable housing would be great.

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Control number of autos-plus size and gas guzzling SUVs! -go to town manager type of government-someone with skills.
Affordable housing-for the workers who are vital to caring for the island.

It would be nice to see a committee be able to regulate the ridiculous cost of rent here. Currently I am paying \$950 a month for a non-heated room. I must live there because it is year round.

Rental control.

More affordable housing! More money for health and human services. Celebrate diversity. Have the (Summer visitors, seasonal population) understand that they need the folks who live and work here to have the same quality of life they have. We need decent housing, respect, and a healthy community in order to keep "our community" the beautiful place we love.

Change from town meeting to other form of government. Minimum competency test for elections. Greater investment in roads and public facilities. More street trees. Neighborhood beautification efforts. Less "nonprofit" groups. Greater investment in housing. More events for year-rounders.

Priority support (through tax base) given to human services, especially substance abuse prevention and treatment. To acknowledge the profound impact of losing our middle class through high and escalating costs of housing, food, health care, recreation and transportation. ACK must build and sustain a community norm that underage substance use by youth and substance abuse by adults (year-round residents as well as seasonal tourists) is unacceptable on Nantucket. Nantucket would be a better place, with both a human service center and a youth recreation center (run and organized by youth).

More housing for children.

Single people with moderate incomes cannot live alone because they cannot pay the rent and have any type of life.

Equalize housing.

We need low income housing for the elderly. Also need an addition to our Island Home, which is desperately needed. We need generators in elderly housing for people on oxygen, etc.

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That there be lower cost of housing [living] for the people who live here year round. That the English classes are more inexpensive, not so expensive, because not all of us have enough money.

Build low cost housing where any person could rent for their family for the whole year, not only for the summer. We also would like to see the prices for the English classes come down because there are people who, because of the high cost, are not able to participate [in these classes]. Thank you.

* “Most Needy” Household responses are in **BOLD**.

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