

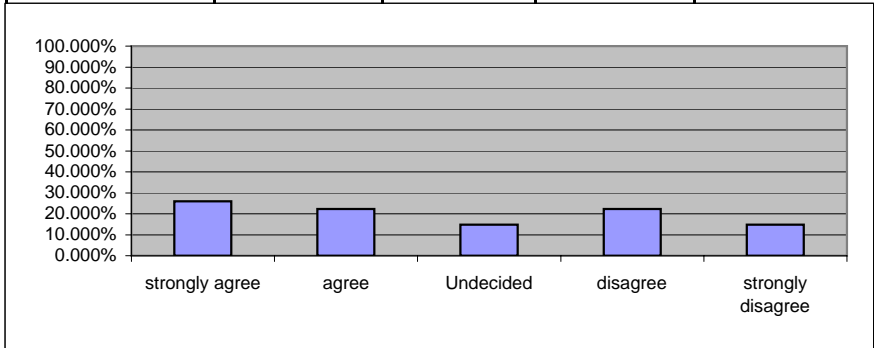
**Tybee Island Mini Survey – Tabulated Results**  
**Results of Tybee Neighborhood Association Website Survey Questions**  
**March 2007 Mini-Survey -- Public Safety**

**54 responses**

1. Some of those responding to our November Mini-survey on the Gym felt it could be better used by renovating it for more effective uses. The focus group working on this at our November meeting suggested the following:  
 Use money for the new public safety building to renovate the gym & school for use as a combination city hall, police station, jail, court room. This would involve adding a second floor to the gym and a new entrance plus changes in the old school.

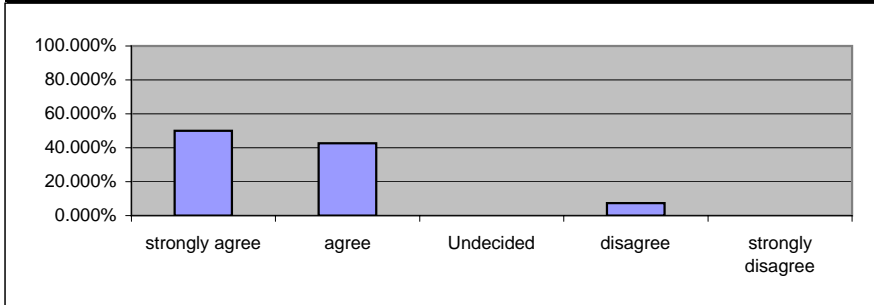
Please choose your level of agreement or disagreement with this concept and provide comments in the comment box below.

strongly agree	agree	Undecided	disagree	strongly disagree
25.926%	22.222%	14.815%	22.222%	14.815%



2. I believe that Tybee Island is a very safe place to live compared to other communities.

strongly agree	agree	Undecided	disagree	strongly disagree
50.000%	42.593%	0.000%	7.407%	0.000%



**Tybee Neighbors Survey**  
**March, 2007**  
**Public Safety**

1. Centralized government generally operates more efficiently. The public is reassured when they can see their law enforcement in action. Closer proximity of departments encourages more frequent and rapid communications. The citizens of Tybee turned down the concept of a gym, fearing it would not be used and would be a money drain. Their fears have been realized. Centralizing city government there would give much more bang for the buck. By increasing the use of the old school, the cost of its maintenance would be more justified. Perhaps the services would be expanded. Example: Providing social services, including counseling services for teens-at risk, troubled or isolated seniors, or adults with problems of addiction. Another use for the school could be to provide office space for city council members to have office hours on a rotating basis to facilitate communication with citizenry.

3. Would recommend creation of Citizen's Advisory Group to Police department. Bringing the public and their law enforcement personnel closer together should have a positive effect on department morale, citizens' respect for the law, and the officers' respect for the citizenry.

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Utilizing a citizen-to-citizen based communication network. Empowering the residents to feel like they have a stake in keeping the streets safe, as well as safety for the tourists.

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speed bumps; signs posted for look for bicyclists; lower speed limits; no thru traffic signs; no truck traffic or RV traffic on bay street; must go to 80; welcome sign w/ messages as you come onto Tybee like the one in front of city hall; we live on north beach and do not go that way everyday; siren warning for weather alerts; more police to enforce speed violations; bike police

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First, I proposed early on that the gym be considered for a Public Safety complex, but now that the "Y" is going to staff it and provide more programs (while it will continue to be open to the public to use), from 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., I think we need to give it a chance to succeed as a gym. Also, it will continue to be used for special events, e.g., plays, etc.

As for #3, I think the Police Department does a very good job on Tybee. Of course, we have the usual problems with drunks and occasional domestic disputes, but there isn't, as far as I know, the kind of drug traffic seen in Savannah and violent crime, i.e., homicides, attempted or otherwise, are random occurrences every five or ten years. I don't see prostitutes lining the streets or groups of homeless folk. I'm sure there are a number of house burglaries that we don't see reported given the number of absentee landlords. If it was a serious on-going problem, I'm sure we'd know about it. The only public safety issue might perhaps be the underwater hazards at the north end that need to be removed; and perhaps we could use some more life guards during "the season". Other than that, I think the Police Officers on Tybee do a very good job.

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Adding blinking lights at the crosswalks

Have patrols on the beach during off season as well as in season

Have bicycle police patrol not only the streets but also the Terraces, Courts and Places.

Take over hwy 80 and place tolls at Lazaretto Creek

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It is important that the SPLOST money be used to make a multiplex public safety site in Memorial Park. The fire department plans to renovate the engine house so trucks can come in the rear instead of backing up into the bays. The fire department administrative building needs to be demolished. At that site, build the multiplex public safety site: police and fire department at same location. Public safety located in the center of the island. This would enhance public safety on the island: police cars would not have to speed to the South end where the need for the police presence is the greatest. The police cars and employees' cars could be parked where the old skate park was located two years ago. The important thing is to neither obstruct the emergency helicopter landing pad nor the approach and takeoff runway: across water to pad w/turn around to take off on same approach (pad - not set in concrete - is just to the north of the gravel road leading to the Y). Alternate site is the lighthouse pad, but the medi-vac personnel prefer to use the pad nearest the fire department. The impound lot and animal holding areas can remain where they are currently located behind the present police department administrative building. If the city were to accept this approach, this would allow for the land from the corner of Fort and

Van Horn to the northwest (this includes the current police department building and the old ceramic building) to be used for other purposes. One would be to build an apartment complex for our work force to rent (this would keep our work force on the island; especially, the police personnel and later the fire personnel the city will have to hire as our personnel pool dwindles - or turn the fire responsibility over to Southside Fire Department. Or, establish a nature park w/trails to Lazaretto to see the ships and birds or ... The use of the gym as an all purpose municipal complex is valid; however, the cost to convert probably would be prohibitive at this time with the budget we will have to work with over the next two to three years (read campground payments). Also, a structural survey was done in 1994 to see if the old school building could be doubled decked. The answer was no. The useful life of that building and the building where the Y is located has reached, or is near, the crossover point where it would be cheaper to demolish the buildings rather than continue repairing them. THEN, at that site, build a new city hall and turn the current city hall into Tybee Island Chamber of Commerce (this would require the City to leave the Savannah C of C). The pros and cons of this proposal would require a study.

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1. Greater emphasis on neighborhood watch program.
2. Stiffer penalties for drunk and disorderly violations and more public awareness of such programs.

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Enforce existing laws; (1) Speeding in our residential neighborhood is a problem (Lewis Avenue). There are many children playing in the street and yards, and they can run out or dart into the street very quickly. This street is often used as a short cut. It is shameful that residents on this street have to put out our own signs for motorists to slow down. (2) Enforce safety laws which affect children and their safety - seat belt usage, appropriate child safety seats (car seats/booster seats); helmet usage for children riding bikes. (3) Adequately and uniformly mark all crosswalks, especially across Hwy 80 and Butler Avenue. This should include signage that indicates State law requires motorists to stop when pedestrians in crosswalk. (4) publicize safety information, i.e. safety tips on the Tybee TV channel 7, signage @ City Hall, billboards, posters in public/city areas. (5) eliminate overt drug usage/traffic on island with emphasis on drug elimination on the island.

Fire Department and Police Department should be safety advocates with events and programs targeted for Tybee's population, especially in areas of pedestrian safety and bicycle safety as well as all wheeled sports safety (scooters and skateboards), and fire safety with advocating for smoke alarms in all residences and businesses, and home fire extinguisher equipment. Concern about fire protection during week days when most firefighters are not located on the island.

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Make bar owners more culpable for serving too much alcohol to patrons.

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I read an article in the Breeze a few months back about how we need a new city court and police station. It also covered the fact that in case of a hurricane all public safety equipment is to be moved to the airport. This person's idea was to go to the Feds and State get as much funding as possible and build a multi story parking garage on the current site and have part of the first or second floor closed in as the new court/police station. When the hurricane comes and it will, rather than moving all public safety equipment to the airport move it to the top floor of the garage and strap down and ride it out in a hurricane proof building.

I thought this was one of if not the best ideas I had ever heard. That is where we could spend money wisely and have a cash return by having parking for the guest who come visiting each weekend. Thanks for the ear.

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First, Tybee's ALL VOLUNTEER firefighters do a fantastic job! The fire service nation wide has seen a dramatic decline in the number of people volunteering in recent years. Tybee is no different, while we have great people who show up on Wednesday nights to train, there just is not enough FULLY TRAINED, STATE CERTIFIED, VOLUNTEERS to protect the island. Most of the public thinks that when an ALL VOLUNTEER crew shows up at your door, that all are FULLY TRAINED, STATE CERTIFIED, to go into your burning house and save you and your family, not true. Just because you are a VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER does not mean you are CERTIFIED to go into a burning building. (People don't have the time to give to get this extensive training) Are the volunteers that are qualified on the island right now as you read this? Most likely not, they work off island just like most of us. Don't wait until there is another death or deaths to support your Fire Chief. Wake up Tybee; we NEED a FULL TIME PAID PROFESSIONAL FIRE DEPARTMENT. Oh yeah check your smoke detector and sleep tight!

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More speed control, people are driving crazy all over island, and it is not just tourist, new and old timers drive with total disregard of their neighbors...i have been passed on North Campbell! the speed limit is only 15. I guess it will take someone being run over before something is done...yes i am for speed bumps all over the island...

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First of all, if the gym building and the old school complex can be remodeled to include all the city services then it should be further explored. If the citizens vote for it, then do it. At least study it prior to spending more money to build new buildings for these purposes. If new structures are considered, where would they be placed? Available land is at a premium. Also, its important to keep the city hall, police and fire in close proximity for continuity of service for the citizens.

As for public safety, I think in the off-season, things go pretty well. We have always been treated courteously in our contacts with individual officers and the department in general.

But when the tourists arrive, there is an increase in police activity because of the increased numbers of people committing crimes. Drunken driving, other drunken and drugged behaviors from non-residents, increase in robberies, and overall more crimes taking place. I think our police do a great job given that our department is small and the numbers of people to keep safe are greater.

I like to read police reports in the paper. I think it helps us to become more aware as to the types of crimes taking place, how to prevent crimes by being more aware of our surroundings as we move about the island. I am grateful that we are not faced with the more serious crimes, such as rapes and murders that the City of Savannah is dealing with. However, we must be careful here, as Savannah is close and those crimes can happen anywhere.

I would like to see public safety classes, self-defense demonstrations, etc. offered to residents and visitors as part of the recreation program, perhaps. I would like to have opportunities to meet more of our officers and get to know them--as would be done with a community policing program that larger cities have. Maybe the police could be present at an event where citizens could meet and greet and ask our questions, get advice, and show our support.

It is good to see the officers on bikes, for instance, but I think they need to increase their presence on the beach. Many people leave trash on the beach and the fines for littering must be increased and the laws enforced. Its disgusting to walk the morning after a busy weekend and see what has been done to our beaches.

Also, all the officers need to follow the laws themselves. Especially speeding in their cars. Many people complain that officers speed along Jones Avenue unnecessarily. They should be setting examples for the rest of the community.

We are grateful for our community and all who work therein. Thank you.

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The police officers on Tybee need to follow the laws they are enforcing. This includes drinking and driving and speeding. Drinking and then riding your motorcycle is just as illegal as drinking and driving your car and unless the blue lights are on then PO's should not be speeding. Police cars need to stay on Tybee. Parking in off island jurisdictions does nothing to enhance a police presence here. Empty patrol cars parked on 80 would do a lot to slow down speeders. Speeding is RAMPANT and not much is being done to curb or punish it. There is also the matter of gas and maintenance for these vehicles... why are we paying for PO's to travel to and from work??

I would like to see a real police presence on the beaches during the season. And I'd like to see a lot of tickets written for trash. I'm talking more than whizzing by in the 4 wheeler. Walk it and pay attention to what people are doing to our beach. Our FD does a stellar job. I feel very safe with their response times and commitment to training. EMS presence and response is good.

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The only problem with using the old school and gym is where will community meetings and club meetings be held? We need a small but functional Senior Citizens building as well as the Y and meeting rooms for our community based clubs. Don't forget our seniors and clubs.

I hope the bicycle and foot police will be out during our summer season - especially in our business area around the strand and Tybrisa St.

Neighborhood watches need to be updated and posted.

Could traffic be funneled into Hwy 80 going off and coming on near Lazzaretto Bridge (both sides) by painting yellow stripes on one lane to start the funneling of cars into one lane. It would give warning to the one lane change. This is probably State or Fed. Hwy - but it affects Tybee and traffic on Tybee. Dangerous area - especially on high traffic days and event days!

Parking is a big issue during the summer months. What can be done safely and soon?

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Utilizing Crimestoppers program - especially in the C-1 area.

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I think our police and firemen are doing a great job. If it ain't broke don't fix it.

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I think we can improve public safety on the Island by hiring more lifeguards for our beaches. To make our beaches safer there should be one lifeguard stationed on the beach at every numbered street during the swimming season. This is the way it was here on Tybee Island when I was a child. I actually was a Tybee Island lifeguard as a teenager, and we have less lifeguards now than we did back then even though today we have many more tourists and residents than we did back then.

I think we can improve public safety on the Island by hiring more police and buying more police vehicles.

I think we can improve public safety on the Island by installing video surveillance cameras on the Tybee Pier and Pavilion, on Tybrisa Street, in the Strand parking lots, and throughout the entire commercial district. These cameras can be remotely monitored and controlled by the police dispatcher 24 hours a day.

The Tybee Gym was built to be a gym. Structurally, architecturally, and aesthetically this building should never become a municipal center.

I believe a new and centralized city hall, police department, jail, and court room is long overdue and should definitely be constructed in the Memorial Park area. However, parking for this structure will be a critical issue and should be closely studied.

The new municipal center should be built of solid concrete to withstand hurricanes, fire, and civil unrest and other criminal acts. The Tybee Gym was not built like this and was never intended to be used for this purpose. The new municipal center should be elevated above the flood zone, perhaps with police and city vehicle only parking on the ground floor underneath the building.

The old Tybee Elementary School (where I attended first, second, and third grades) is very old and obsolete and should be torn down. That land should be incorporated in the design of the new municipal center.

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Working on the Drug Problems that the kids are into. We need to have a group meeting with a drug and alcohol center, parents, police officers, teachers etc... that shows the middle class what their options are.

If more parents spoke with each other they would find out that their kids are in some kind of trouble with prescription pills from parents medicine cabinets etc...

Also in the schools it is common now to get shoplifting orders and do B&E's because they are bored and are not well supervised by the parents.

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1. Lifeguard stations at north and south end
2. Bike lane/pedestrian lane on Jones
3. Provide on-island housing opportunities for fire/police/service personnel
4. Strict monitoring of police calls to bars- re: license renewal

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Public safety is a lot easier when you know who your "public" is. With Tybee being a vacation community, there are a lot of strangers here a lot of the time. That makes thing more difficult. I think it's important for those who live here year round to really know your neighbors and don't be hesitant to call the police if you see vacationers acting illegally or suspiciously. The Tybee Police Dept does a good job of knowing the residents here, and I think we all know them.

The couple of times we dealt with the Tybee Police Dept I was pleased. They offered good solutions and were quick to act. That being said, they can't be everywhere, so we have to be each other's eyes and ears.

I assume the Tybee Police were asked about this as they would know what they needed to improve public safety.

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Combining Public Safety and Administration in one building will make for more efficient operations. Using the gym structure will save approximately \$1,000,000. It will also save the money being spent on operating the gym. The old city hall could then become a community center/performing arts theater and other activities to the benefit of Tybee citizens. The land where the current police station is has a value of \$5,000,000 or more and could be sold to make other island

improvements or enlarge the camp grounds to make more money for the city. Renovations could then take place to the old school and YMCA.

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Speed bumps, one-way streets, sidewalks or other traffic control devices.

Parking services, code enforcement, parks and recreations, Tybee police and other city vehicles need to observe speeds and stop signs.

The only way to get to North Beach and the Lighthouse is on residential streets. Pedestrian, bicycle, car, truck and bus traffic has increased considerably in the last few years. I no longer feel safe coming out of my front door or driveway due to the total disregard of posted speed limits of 15 and 20 mph.

Access to the Tybee needs to be improved. A four lane road with turn lanes at the walking trail, Fort Pulaski, and the boat ramp would decrease some really crazy and dangerous driving that takes place between Tybee and Wilmington Island.

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Banning privacy fences so neighbors can see if someone is breaking into or vandalizing their neighbor's property. These fences also block the ocean breezes, which many of us still would like to enjoy instead of the hum of AC's. Some of us are having problems with noise and drunken, foul-mouthed neighbors in the middle of the NIGHT- e.g. 3-6 AM. I have mentioned this to the police already. Also, with drug dealing going on in the Fort Screven area.

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The Police force does a very good job. With the influx of people to the island, there will probably be an increase in crime. My experience has been living next to rental property- not a very good one. The renters were loud, disrespectful and trashy. I grew up on Tybee and we never locked our doors. I would not leave my door un-locked any more. Safety could be improved by neighborhood watch meetings. Meetings and information on what is going on in this area on the island. And generally looking out for people and situations that may cause harm.

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1. I strongly disagree because of the following:

A. The benefits of making this proposed change were not defined by the focus group. Is it going to make workers more efficient? Is it going to save money tax payer money? What about the old building? ect.

B. No actual financial value analysis of this proposal was prepared to show that this is a financially sound. This goes along with accountability which most government agencies are weak.

2. I believe it is safe, but not very safe. At one time, however, it was very safe, but due to the influx of part time people and the loss of full time residences and their Tybee values it has pushed into the safe category. Poor control over rental property and weekly renters (too many per unit coupled number of associated cars) is also forcing a downward trend. More street lights would help.

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1. Revamping the gym for a new public safety building and renovating the gym & school for use as a combination city hall, police station, jail and court room is BRILLIANT! We feel that the gym will always be a burden on the tax payers, no matter who runs it. If Tybee is ever going to build a parking structure, the land where the current police station is would be a good location.

2. We do not feel safe when large groups rent properties to party. We feel that the rental agencies are on the right track stating that the rental units are for "lodging" only. The following quote from a rental agency's website (almost solves the problem), "VIOLATION OF THIS POLICY MAY (should say WILL-ZERO TOLERANCE is only solution) RESULT IN IMMEDIATE EVICTION FROM THE PROPERTY WITH NO REFUND OF ANY RENTAL CHARGES."

3. We need a constant police presence on the beach. In California, Life Guards are responsible for their section of the beach. They have the authority to enforce the rules and call for immediate Police back-up should the necessity arrive. We need more patrolling of the Strand and the parking lots. Underage drinkers and those guilty of disorderly conduct should be arrested. (Make sure new jail is adequate.) Tybee should be known as a fun, safe place for ALL ages.

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Bicycle paths, cops on Bicycles,

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The more obvious presence of police officers patrolling neighborhoods is needed. I rarely see police on the end of the Island closest to the Lighthouse. Obviously there are officers who give parking tickets and thus make their presence known in that capacity, but I am not aware of police being out in any other capacity. I do not go out late at night, so I do

not know how safe the streets are after dinner hours. I think more police on HWY 80 checking for drunk drivers going to and from Tybee are needed.

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... not turning gym into police station. Children of Tybee play everyday in the park. They enjoy the gym very much.

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Enforcing existing codes. I see alcohol (in glass bottles) on the beach, cars parked illegally (near but not at meters) on side roads, and many cars exceeding the speed limit on the main road. I realize this is a vacation destination, but there seems to be more drinking on Tybee than in other communities where I have resided. Perhaps we need more police officers or "beach patrollers" to enforce the rules.

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Safety here is better than anyplace in the USA. WHATS RESPONSE TIME HERE 2 MINUTES FLAT. IF ITS NOT BROKE DONT FIX IT!

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Increasing police force. Bicycle police. Police to enforce escalating trespassing (fines for rental landlords who falsely advertise beach access down someone's private road and fines for the trespassers; by the time we call the police dept to report trespassing. the people are gone.

Public drunkenness and driving under the influence and domestic violence seem to be the main theme in the police reports. All alcohol related!!!

Adding speed bumps

Signs deterring Bay Street as a cut through

Signs prohibiting heavy trucks on Bay Street

Limiting # of public events or prohibit alcohol sales at family events

Tybee has always been known for a place to get drunk. Now they are showing up in front of our houses.

Limiting number of cars on island at one time

Enforce traffic laws as they pertain to bikes. can't tell you how many times i have been cut off by pick up trucks while riding my bike; riding a bike on the holidays is now impossible; no thanks to the unsupervised increase of rental units;

Excessive garbage at rental units; fines for landlord who are too cheap to pay for extra trash cans

Hope this helps. The island is no longer tranquil. Tired of fighting with rentals about trespassing, trash, noise, public drunkenness. LANDLORDS need to be held accountable.

The Racquet Club continues to be a noisy neighbor. Anybody in charge there?

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The Tybee Island Police Department NEEDS a larger, up-to-date facility in a central locations, but with optimum space and cost restrictions the primary concerns here, these are my suggestions:

Don't rush to convert the gym – leave it to fulfill its current use, and encourage more – as a performance venue for TAPS, for large civic gatherings, basketball practice and aerobics, modify it for skating and increase the sporting events, etc. Once the Tybee Post Theater is rehabilitated it will seat 300 and will serve as the island's cultural performance & civic venue, so leave City Hall as it is, also, for now – maybe some renovations are in order.

Work out some deal with the YMCA to purchase (or trade) their building, and move their activities into the old school building. Let them use the lunchroom as a weight/workout room as well as the gym for their wish list of indoor activities and practices. The Tybee Arts Association could still book the gym for performances and rehearsals (with more structured scheduling, of course), and they could share the classroom facility with the "Y". The "Y" could have its offices over there, but both organizations would have access to designated classrooms for meetings, rehearsals and art studios/classes – (aren't there are enough room in that building for this?) With the addition of the Tybee Post Theater, TAPS will have a very accommodating cultural performance venue – eventually it will include backstage dressing room, etc, and they will no longer need the gym, anyway. (I am not trying to take away from either organization - More discussion later.)

Perhaps in the future, locker rooms, an indoor pool, as well as a new Teen Center "hall" could be added on the north side of the gym. This way, Memorial Park will remain the sports & recreation "center" for the island.

If there is not enough space left to accommodate them, the Art Association might consider moving its Memorial Park shows over to Jaycee Park or to the grounds of the Lighthouse. Memorial Park does get pretty soggy at times, and I believe these shows have been held at Jaycee Park in the past, as well as along Hwy 80 in Sundance Square, etc. There might also be other places to host such events, besides the Pier and in the South Beach parking lot.

NOW, THE HEART OF THE PROBLEM: After its purchase or trade, the old YMCA facility could be torn down or modified/renovated with an addition to accommodate The Tybee Police Department, a new Jail and EMS. There might be enough space between the current YMCA and the present fire station to build a combined facility, or just tear it down and start all over with new construction. This location would provide easy access onto Jones, and also enough parking for patrol and EMS vehicles if you allow a slight encroachment into the park off of Jones. That would leave the present picnic area, tennis courts, basketball court, and new playground undisturbed, still allow room for a small skate park on the present slab off of Jones, IF NO OTHER SUITABLE LOCATION IS FOUND ON THE ISLAND, and places all of the public safety units in the middle of the island, next to the sports & recreation activity center.

The only "immediate" costs would be the purchase (or trade), the demolition or renovation of the YMCA building, and the construction of any additional safety complex structures on Jones. The rest (gym additions, pool, etc.) could be done in stages.

These are just my thoughts and observations – I have no idea whether any of this would even be feasible, but since you are still asking for input... I would have volunteered for the safety complex Ad Hoc Committee, but have several other commitments right now that prevented me.

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... being good neighbors, looking out for one another

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I have no safety concerns on Tybee.

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Tybee is not as safe as it once was but it is still relatively safe. Growth always tends to increase crime. I think one way to improve public safety on the Island and on the Tybee road is to put a lid on drunk driving and excessive speeding. The biggest danger to Tybee is not being able to get off in a timely fashion in case of a hurricane or other disaster. Since widening won't happen - if it does - for a while, safer driving must prevail.

I can't comment too much on the public safety building except to say that Tybee does not need to spend a lot of money unnecessarily right now. That will only raise taxes and we all know they are already a disaster for many. I think I have missed most of the dialogue on the need for new buildings so maybe I am missing the point.

Thanks for all your input on these important issues!

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We need to establish "beats" or "zones" of patrol for specific neighborhoods and expand our 'neighborhood watch' programs.

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I have had my Inn sign broken three years in a row now.....maybe more patrolling would be a good thing....my sign is right on Butler. I know the police are sitting near the bars during the time they are closing, good place for them to catch the potential drink drivers before they get in their cars. As the island is becoming more popular and more tourists are enjoying our island, maybe we need to increase our nightly patrols. I am very pleased with the response times our police have. Tybee has the best of everything, including great officers.

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if the police department was not so isolated, maybe we would feel it is part of the community, (how about using that money from selling land toward buying lazaretto creek property!) also promoting a more pedestrian friendly city, make it safer for folks walking and riding bikes

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First: The idea to make the gym a salad bowl by throwing all the city functions into one building is flawed. It is best to keep separated public security functions - police and fire - from city hall functions. All the principal functions in one building make for an excellent terrorist target. We may be a small blip on the screen for a "probably" terrorist attack, but the possibility exists. Keep the police and fire administration in the same multi-use complex (preferably at the fire department site) w/a fire wall between each department. Let the brains (loosely used!) of governance stay in one building.

Second: Lets use the gym for recreational purposes. Although it was built 25-30 years too late to do Tybee children any use (Tybee, 25-30 years ago had about 750 school age students with its own elementary public school), it still can function as a recreational site for the 20+ up generation, as well as for the children we still have on the island and the

tourist) now that the Y has use of it. Note I said use. The city still controls the scheduling of the gym and the old school cafeteria. That too should be under the Y.

As to the question: "I think we can improve public safety on the Island by:" (1) Centralizing the public safety functions -police and fire - in a multi-complex at the current fire department administration building. Use the SPOLST funds to: (a) Tear down the fire department administration building (leave the engine house as is w/the construction of two new bay doors in the rear of the structure for an optimum egress and ingress of fire engines).(b) Build the public safety complex on the present fire department administration building site. Response time to calls by the police department would improve (most calls are to the south end of the island) and, with the city now starting to hire firemen (one at this time ... will eventually need at a minimum four for shifts) to stay in the fire station, a closer public safety cooperation between the police and fire department would be possible. (2) put police officers on foot and/or bicycles at the business district on Tybrisa Street, a.k.a. 16th Street and the Strand (pier and pavilion ((p/p)), in particularly). This provides visibility in an area were most needed, especially, during the tourist season. (3) have the county sign over the p/p to the city w/the understanding that an Enterprise Fund would be established to fund the O & M on the p/p and the beaches. The county should pickup 3/4 of the funding and the city 1/4 (the p/p and the beaches are mainly used by Chatham County residents and others outside Tybee ... we should not have to pay all the cost for security, beach patrols, lifeguards and beach cleanup.

This should be a shared expense w/even the state putting money into the Enterprise Fund (this would reduce the county's and city's share). After all, it is the state's beach below the mean high water mark! The city owning the p/p would place the security of the p/p in our hands, as well as, responsibility for the daily pickup of trash at the p/p (it is a goat area now). (2) Insuring that there are red fire plugs w/in 400' of every structure. (Sidebar: the blue fire hydrants are for use by the Water/Sewer Department to flush their lines.) (3) Enforce the 35mph speed limit on Butler. (4) Ensure the lights are burning on the lamp poles at night. The police department should be tasked w/reporting any burned out lights. The city pays (1994 figures) \$110/pole – lit or not lit. Place more lights on the streets off Butler. (5) Send to all property owners what the different sounds of the warning siren means. (6) Hire more police officers (off duty Savannah-Chatham County police officers) for the weekends and special events that draw large crowds. I understand there was a black-white fight on 17th Street today. We are going to see more of this as Tybee becomes the Tri-County beach. Thus, we need more officers on beaches. (7) Have the NARC units clamp down on drugs and bring to a halt under-age drinking on the beaches and streets of Tybee. (8) Enforce the codes or change them, if necessary, to eliminate structures being rented to people who have parties w/more people than the number of cars that can be parked on a structure's property. Have the police insure that no drugs are being used or under-age drinking taking place at these parties. (9) Establish a definitive number of liquor licenses that are authorize on Tybee. If the city has issued more that established by law, then no new ones are issued until the limit has been reached as set by ordinance. Then, if the number of licenses drops below the maximum set by law, sell licenses at an established rate –say \$50,000. If a licensed establishment goes out of business (after buying a licenses not before the city drops to the maximum number that can be had at Tybee), the licenses can be sold to another person at the cost the leaving owner paid for the license w/the approval of council. Check the State of Michigan on this one. I did in 1994 and found the limitation and resell was very strict. (10) Close the bars and or restaurants/bars that do not meet the 51% sell of food over liquor. Have proper authority check accounting procedures on this one; that is, no cheating by charging liquor as non-alcoholic drinks or any other clever/ingenious accounting procedures.

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