

**Results of Tybee Neighbors Website Survey Questions**

**05-09 Mini-Survey -**

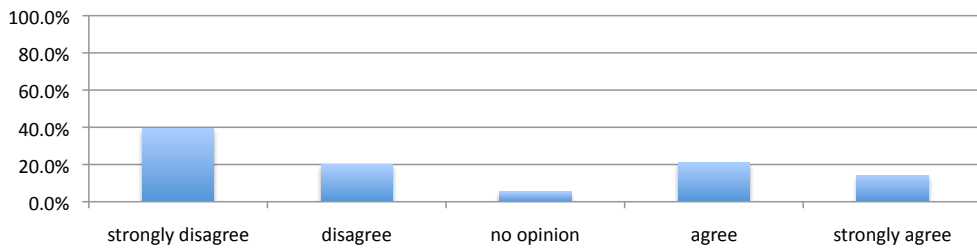
**94 responses**

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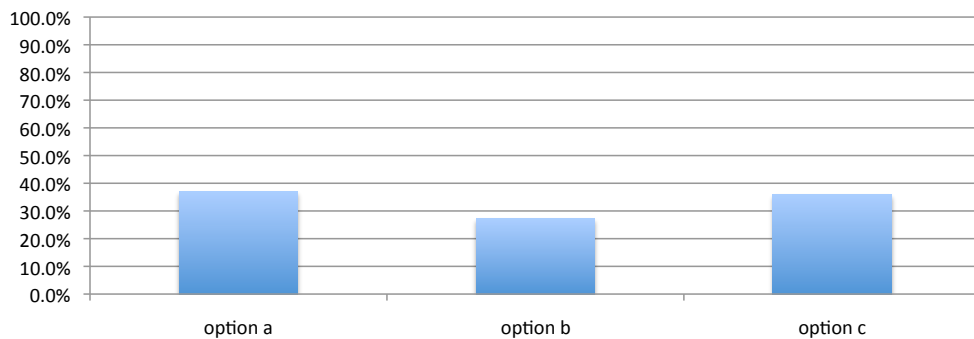
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37.0%	27.2%	35.9%
34	25	33



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### Issue # 1: Four year terms

There are good reasons on both sides. However, if we elect only good qualified fair candidates to begin with, neither should be a problem.

The throw the bums out mentality may feel good at election time but does nothing to advance our aims for the future. The council needs a good balance of pro business and pro environmental representatives. Each time we throw everybody out we seem to go from one extreme to the other. In talking with area businesses & financial institutions I have found that most view the city government as very unstable and ineffective.

Two years is not enough time for a council to follow through on projects. If the 2006-2007 council were still in office, the master plan for Memorial Park would be complete and we'd still have a shore protection line and a meaningful ethics ordinance.

Two years only; please.

Until we have highly qualified, non-partisan candidates, I would be reluctant to have them in office longer than two years.

I feel two years are enough for any politician to serve before going before the voters again for their approval.

Didn't we already vote on this?

The "fix" could come back and bite us on the.....butt!!!

Four years of this council?? No thanks!!

Considering the current incumbents, I simply can't support this.

Every time a new group of council members is elected we have this brought up. I just don't feel that this change would add much value.

Every two years there is the possibility of replacing the entire council. This is not productive and causes too many inconsistencies in our government. After being in office for only a year, the council members are expected to begin campaigning again

for reelection. Not a good way to run a council or business.

Two-year terms are safer for the Island.

The current system works better because we through the bums out sooner!!

With the Council we have now, I wish it was 6 months.

I can support four-year terms on the condition that Tybee voters do their homework before voting. We just can't elect people who are functionally illiterate or who run to benefit their business.

I thought we already voted on this in referendum. How much ... money are we going to spend on this project. How about this? Why don't they just do it like they built the gym after we voted against that. **THE ONLY WAY THE PEOPLE WILL KEEP THE POWER IS IF THE MAYOR IS LEFT WITH A 2-YEAR TERM. THIS WAY THE TIE BREAKER CAN BE CHANGED EVERY 2 YEARS.**

Because that statement doesn't make any sense to me. But, my thought is, think of the council members we have now-can you imagine having 4 of them serving for 4 years?

The election of the current council has convinced me that two years is enough.

Based on our present council's behavior, negative attitudes towards the citizens and volunteers there is **NO WAY** I could tolerate them being in office for another two and a half years.

Tybee couldn't survive if we had another two years of the current council. The November election won't come fast enough for me.

Leave the power with the people i.e. If we do not like the work done in a two-year period, we can vote them out, or choose to vote them back in.

With the current council, if they had been elected to terms of 4 years this Island Paradise we call home would become an Island of Hell!!!

If it is the present council how about serving 4 more months or days...

I definitely think the terms should be staggered whether it is for 4 years or not.

The composition of the current council affects my ability to be "logical" about this. Staggered 4 year terms might make sense after we've recovered from the harm that council has generated during the last 18 months.

I understand that to be on committees our elected officials need to have more than two year terms, but I certainly am glad that we only have to put up with council for two years. It is nice to know that the people in office may get voted out after two

years.

HOW MANY TIMES DO WE HAVE TO SAY WE WANT TWO-YEAR TERMS? If we approve of what candidates are doing we will vote them in for another two years. As for doing homework before voting -- we voted "in" a couple of candidates that misrepresented themselves and we would hate to be stuck with them for four years!!!

I have mixed feelings on this issue. Having four year staggered terms of office can lead to greater continuity from one council to the next. This would help complete projects that are long term; new council members can learn the procedures, they can better participate in state and county committees and training courses. Currently, the first year is crammed with actions (not so many that are well-thought out either) while the second year they are thinking of running for reelection so they play nice. Our councils tend to reflect a pendulum swing from very good to very bad. Much time is spent undoing what a prior council has done, etc. But....I'm not sure that Tybee is ready for this scenario. I surely don't want many of those in there now to be the ones that stay for 4 years.

Seems pointless to hold an election every two years and only vote for half of the possible seats available for city council. What benefit is this to the residents of Tybee?

We have enough trouble with council members not understanding that they are accountable to the citizens. They get in office and reward their friends and the devil with everyone else. Toward the end of their term they start paying a little attention to the needs and wants of residents. But, think of how emboldened they would be with 4-year terms.

It just makes sense to have continuity in the process instead of a huge pendulum swing every two years.

It does seem to me that having half of the council seasoned when the other half may be totally new might be a useful pattern. My only concern is with the swing vote pattern that I've seen on Tybee since I've lived here. An entire slate of conservation minded folks get in then a total business slate. We'll be stuck with some extreme for 4 years? However, the half and half might provide some balance...

Two-year terms are fine. If the people in there do their job like they are supposed to, then they will be re-elected. I can't see the purpose of putting people in there for four years.....and they do nothing to help Tybee...Makes no sense.

The key is staggering the terms. Not all the members should be elected at one time. Better yet, two should be elected each time

Two years is too much turn over. Staggered terms for four years would help keep things on a more stable route.

You really don't see the real elected official until they have sat for month or two....then the real lies and deceit come out....Two years is long enough for anyone.

Give the mayor a four-year term. Keep the city council terms at two years. Our challenge is to develop a clearer vision and five-year plan for the city which will keep the council focused. We sway back and forth politically, because we have trouble walking in a straight line.

I agree with staggered terms but 4 years is too long. Elections are not expensive on a small island so no need to go to 4-year terms to reduce election expenses and 2 year terms keep council members accountable to voters. Staggering terms helps to avoid major and random shifts in policy so I would suggest next election half of council is elected for 1 year and the other for 2-year terms and then a year later the "1 year" seats are elected for 2 years.

Staggered terms make sense. As it is now with two year terms so many projects never get completed when the new council comes in office...new ideas emerge and the wheel gets redesigned ...again.

Staggering the terms would provide more consistency from year to year. It takes half a two-year term to learn the job.

## **Issue # 2: Wider roads/bridges**

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Bridges should be expanded for now. We can fight about the entire road later.

This is needed desperately. This is such a hazard. Four lanes are definitely needed.

The current widening plan for the road seems to be very intrusive to the environment. Usually there are sufficient shoulders in case of emergency. Nothing will help if the speed factor is not considered but wider bridges could help. Unfortunately it's not likely any construction will be done soon -- the state is broke and Tybee road is not on the fast track -- so the speed factor is the only option available right now.

I do not believe we need a 4-lane highway between the mainland and Tybee. I would be in favor of widening the bridges and creating a wider shoulder utilizing the roads existing footprint on the marsh.

This awful accident is just a terrible way to bring this to the surface again. With thousands on the island all the time and thousands more on weekends we need the ability to get off and on improved. If everyone had to leave at once it would be a week getting us all off. The news reported this weekend that there have been twelve times that emergencies have come up, in recent times, and the only way off the island was via helicopter, as the road was blocked, but it could not come eight of those twelve times. What did those eight people do, just die???

Would prefer at least four lanes with bike paths!! This road also needs to be a Toll road. Similar to St Simon.

A number of changes / proposals should be studied / evaluated. Toll Road? More effective involvement of and access to law enforcement officials?

Rather than spending millions of dollars on expanding the highway, why aren't we looking alternative means of transportation? Drivers should be able to leave their cars on Wilmington Island and catch some form of public transportation to Tybee. Using a shuttle or monorail would also reduce parking problems.

The best option is to lower the posted speed and enforce the speed limit.

I have been commuting on Tybee road for 16 years.  
I have never once seen an accident during rush hour.  
In general, the problem is during peak visitor hours.  
Decrease the speed limit and then enforce it, especially during those hours.

This is a really tough issue. I don't think that widening the road is any safer. In fact, it would probably encourage even more frenzied passing and high speeds. On the other hand, it would certainly allow the traffic to at least keep moving during high-density times. The other issue of concern is that the more people who come to Tybee, the more strain on the infrastructure. This is, after all, an island with finite space. Going beyond the carrying capacity ultimately leads to collapse.

A compromise of three lanes and bike lanes - priority on the bridges first.  
enforcement on current speed limits would be nice too.

We are against widening the roads/bridges. Sadly, the recent accident was a result of crossing over to oncoming traffic. This could have happened even if the bridge was four lanes. TICKET ALL SPEEDERS!! As for evacuating for a hurricane, we have enough notice for all to safely leave the islands.

The bridges need to be widened with a bike lane cantilevered on the outside or new bridges built. Perhaps the road needs to be widened but only if it is not raised. Jason is right, that the DOT should have to study raised roads that have been washed away by storm surge and explain why the same thing wouldn't happen to the Tybee Road. But, the bottom line is folks may get to Tybee faster if the road is 4-laned, but there's no place to park when they get here so what's the advantage?

You did not provide an option to leave as is!

Could we explore an option for a second road on/off the island?

I do commute from Tybee and have for 30 years.....day and night....The only problem we have are the people who drive that road...Most with total disregard for road rules....they make up their own road rules and that is how fast can they get on the island or off....expanding hwy 80 will negate bad drivers....

Get rid of the bottlenecks at the two remaining two -lane bridges and four-lane the road from Bull River to Lazaretto Creek.

I am not convinced that a head on collision can be avoided by four laning a highway. There are so many traffic issues on the South and Westside of Savannah impacting folks who are going and returning from work. I believe that their needs should be addressed first.

If people think traffic is bad now, just wait until road construction begins. Years ago, when Hwy. 80 was being widened from Johnny Mercer to Thunderbolt, I almost lost my job because I had such a hard time getting to work in the morning. The traffic was absolutely horrible for months and months. It also made me sick to see how much marsh was filled in. I'd much rather see a raised causeway or efficient public transportation than Hwy. 80 widened.

Speed, reckless driving, and driving under the influence are the causes of most of the accidents on Hwy. 80. Police need to establish a presence and enforce the speed limit. Filling in acres of marsh is not the answer!

I think is strictly a SAFTY ISSUE. How many people have to die on Tybee Rd before the people of Tybee get serious about a 4 lane? What if a shrimp boat damaged a support on either bridge? People don't need to wait until it's their family member that gets hurt or needs to get to a hospital before they demand a 4 lane.

Sometimes it takes tragedy for us to try to do something good. I think the bridges are treacherous, as there is no room for error because they lack a shoulder. I often wonder why more people haven't gone over the side! I hope and pray no one does. I always feel safer on the bridges leading to town (Turner creek, Wilmington River) because of the multiple lanes and the shoulder room. I think Lazaretto and Bull River bridges should be like those. When they're rebuilt, make one a toll bridge and use the money to help pay for the bridge expansion (if the DOT would actually do that!)

This is a speed problem, not a bridge or road problem. Lower the speed limit, get SCMPD to actually patrol it, and also get new signage and flashing lights that bridges are two-lane.

How many deaths does it take on that highway before they finish a job that should have been completed years ago!!!

By voting against motorized cart use on April 9th, the Tybee Island Council missed a big opportunity!!!! If they would allow Tybee residents the option of using an electric or gas powered golf cart on the island, cart permits would increase revenues and traffic concerns would be lessened. As it stands right now in the Tybee traffic code, only city employees and the handicapped are allowed to use them even though visitors are allowed to rent carts, scooters, and hot rods. Other Georgia communities have incorporated cart use successfully!! Why can't Tybee Island???????

The \$200,000 grant to build a pedestrian and bicyclist bridge should be supplemented and the additional funds should be used to beef up this bridge to allow 1 lane of cars (not heavy trucks) on the ped/bicycle bridge on an emergency basis (accidents, hurricane evacuation, etc.) to ease traffic flow. As in buildings, a second form of egress is needed. Why put all your eggs into one basket (bridge)?!

I'll go with "b" simply because I think there needs to be a safe way over the bridges either on foot or on a bike. The current footprint of the existing road can accommodate some improvement by more pavement added to the shoulders on each side. The best road construction option, however, is to build another way off the island such as a "flyover" road from the south end of the island to Wilmington or the mainland.

Lower the speed limit on the bridges and put up a flashing yellow light before the bridges. Decrease the speed and you decrease the accidents.

One option not provided is to do nothing - which I support.

The traffic on and off the island isn't safe before the bridges! It all needs to be four laned.

Speed and driver distractions often cause tragic accidents regardless of the number of lanes.

This was a horrible tragedy that we wish had never happened, but it is not clear what caused it. A 4-lane road does not necessarily equal safety (i.e. I-95) and typically allows people to drive even faster. There are great environmental concerns and issues in addition.

It should be 4 laned and have palm trees and a concrete median in between the opposing lanes. This would take, knowing Chatham County and the state of Ga, about ten years. Look at the Truman Parkway for example

Most of the people who objected to the last proposal of widening 80 do not commute to work! If they or one of their loved ones died on the road, or had emergency services delayed by one of the numerous log jams on the road, they might feel differently.

People seem to think that a four-lane road will eliminate all traffic congestion and will prevent road closures due to accidents. This is just not true - the 4-6 lane highways in Atlanta are often shut down when serious accidents occur. We need to look at this

situation from the standpoint of improving safety with as little damage to the environment as possible. I would much prefer adding a two lane elevated causeway rather than four laning the existing road. The causeway could be designated for east bound traffic and the existing road could be used for west bound.

I don't favor a 4 lane highway. Widening just the bridge to 4 lanes, then it goes down to 2 lanes, that would cause a traffic jam...don't you think? I don't favor "a" at all. I don't know what the solution is but I am sure others do.

Make people take a drivers exam when they renew their license to refresh them on the rules of the road. We do not need more roads. We need people to use the roads for what they were intended for. To drive from point a to point b. Use your turn signals and drive to the right. I would like to see speed monitored on the 2 lane road and then when the road widens take speeds there and see how people speed up when there are more lanes and slow down when it is a 2 lane road.

Is this going to be approved & paid for by the state, or are the Tybee residents going to be billed for this option?

As long as there are lanes that widen then narrow back down to two lanes we are going to continue to have these problems. It is time for Tybee to have adequate roads and bridges getting onto and off-of the island. Yes, it would impact the marsh and wetlands, but something has got to be done...

I don't think the bridges or Rte 80 starting at Bull River should be expended to 4 lanes - 2 lanes are ok, but new access roads on both sides should be added. 4 lanes, plus access will destroy too much of our marshes.

Until this is accomplished we need Tybee Police to help with weekend and holiday traffic at the bridge where merging is difficult and sometimes rowdy. We also need Metro police to cover the 2 bridges in the county each Sat and Sun when most traffic is heaviest. Would save on anger and accidents if they funnel the traffic by alternating the lanes of cars so the flow will be even and less hectic - maybe barrels to start the process earlier in the double lanes merging into one lane at the bridges along with two or more police directing the car traffic flow.

If the road gets widened to four lanes, more people will come down and the island will become even more crowded. The two lanes is a limiting factor which is good, where would all those extra cars drive/park? If the occasional accident happens at the beach and it is too hard to get off island, it is a lot cheaper, and much more environmentally friendly to send a helicopter down to evacuate.

The remnants of the war memorial trees (palms and oleanders) that are a continuation of Victory Drive are wonderful and I would hate to lose them to a big highway. We just need to start "Tybee Time" at Bull River instead of Lazzaretto Creek and enjoy the beautiful vistas.

We need good access to Tybee. There is only one road and it being blocked frequently with traffic, wrecks, and police traffic checks is very unsafe and makes living or

visiting Tybee undesirable.

Expand only the bridges AND include a bike path.

Enforce rules of the road

From everything I've heard, the accident was not related to the width of the highway but to an unfortunate loss of control (possibly hydroplaning). Certainly, having a wider road might have allowed for evasive maneuvers, but there is not telling how that would end. I do, however, think that widening the bridges to at least 3 lanes (and while they are at it 4 makes sense) would be wise. The extra lane or two would allow for emergency service and space for accident bypass. I do NOT, however, support the expansion of the highway itself to 4 lanes. Tybee is too small to warrant a highway that size. Yes, at certain times in the summer months the traffic is lined up solid and moving slowly, but that is the nature of seasonal access. During the majority of the year the highway as it is works just fine. The speed limit is 55 but many drive at 70 and higher. Perhaps we simply need a little more visible traffic control on that road to remind people that it is not a freeway. And remember, when you are behind the person going 45, you are only going to be 1 minute later arriving that you would if you drove 55 and only 2 minutes slower if you drove 70. Slow down and smell the marsh!

Maybe we need a few signs (I hate to say it because I hate signs so maybe paint the message on the road itself!) that remind people that this is a holiday destination - slow down and start your relaxation here!

According to the latest issue of the Tybee Breeze, the mayor explains that the Tybee Road is not controlled by the City of Tybee but by Chatham County and the DOT so this survey as well as most of these surveys is another exercise in futility. Whatever "results" this survey may reveal really don't matter one way or another. Just one more way for this website to incite controversy and further serve to divide our island. The first question is also inciteful and is probably just a prelude to another nasty, mud slinging election of the City Council.

How many more people will be killed until the road is widened? Will it be a family member, a friend, or a neighbor? I have lived here for over 45 years, and there have been many horrific accidents on Hwy. 80. However, it was the first time I had ever seen the road blocked for nearly six hours while an accident was investigated or cleared. Children couldn't get to their parents...parents couldn't get to their children. The scenario could have been a whole lot worse. People needed their medications or oxygen. Only by the grace of God, it wasn't worse. Personally, I think the Savannah Police Dept. did a terrible job of coordinating the scene. Maybe Tybee should think also about annexing Hwy. 80 up to Bull River. It's been suggested before. Our Police Dept. could have done a better job. Matter of fact, our Fire Dept. was there handling the cars on fire, with the foam.

Four lane for the bridges with bicycle lanes. We should explore whether there is a safe way to have three lanes for the rest of the road, alternating the center lane

depending on traffic flow. Several roads in Atlanta (ie DeKalb Avenue) have done this. The center lane changes direction depending on rush hour traffic. Green/red lights tell the driver which lanes to travel on.

Lower the speed limit and enforce it

Have a plan for emergencies - far as I could tell there wasn't one

It is worth the wait to get home again (or off the island) during a catastrophe versus wreaking havoc on what green space we haven't already compromised. I would really hate to see 4 lanes of speeders racketing back and forth

None of the above...leave it alone

If the concern is safety, wider roads/bridges do not mean safer roads/bridges. They just encourage faster speeds and it is speed and drinking and distractions (like cell phones) that cause accidents. The solution is better signage of lane restrictions and turns and better enforcement of traffic laws.

If concern is access and traffic tie-ups, widening bridges and not roads makes no sense - just moves whatever bottleneck there is to a different place. And a 4 lane Route 80 would be too devastating to the marsh. How often is traffic really a problem anyway and how bad is it really to have to sit still for a little while - we are all moving too fast as it is.

The area going into and leaving Fort Pulaski seems to cause the most dangerous problems. There only needs to be widening of this area to allow for passing the car needing to turn into or leave the Fort. As for the other parts of the road: if people stay in their own lanes and do not drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs, the road would be safe. Widening only gives people more surface area to cause problems.

Obviously the bridges should definitely be done first, but the total project needs to be defined and prepared for. There is money that DOT has flagged for the widening of Whitfield Ave which is no longer necessary since the opening of that stretch of the Truman. Perhaps we should go after that funding which is definitely more needed for US80.

Just back from St. Simon's Island and their bridge is NOT a toll road any longer. It used to be, but they ended that because it caused too much of a bottleneck, especially on weekends (hint, hint!).

I have been commuting on Tybee road for 16 years.

I have never once seen an accident during rush hour.

In general, the problem is during peak visitor hours.

Decrease the speed limit and then enforce it, especially during those hours.

Ten million dollars to four lane a road that dead-ends on an island? Not with my tax dollars! Why don't we reopen the old hwy. 80 and build another bridge at Lazaretto?

An elevated cause way could then be built from the boat ramp to Bull River.

I am against widening the road because of the loss of marsh and inconvenience to residents. The road construction will also hurt our businesses. I'd like to see some type of mass transportation. People need to leave their cars in town and come to visit the beach via alternative modes of transportation.

### **Issue # 3: Suggestions for future surveys**

I want to know what the city is going to do to protect my property rights. The derelict properties of some of my neighbors (residential and commercial) are negatively impacting the value of my property because the city won't enforce the codes.

What happened to the master plan?

How do the folks on the island feel about separating themselves from Cheatum County and being a stand-alone government such as Sandy Springs did to Fulton County? Just think of the thousands of dollars the city would have and the many improvements that could be made. I'm sitting here trying to think of one thing the county does for Tybee???????

Move Beach Bum to a Saturday afternoon in August!  
More activities for families, i.e. movies, roller skating, kite festival.  
Summer (or Fall or Spring) concert series(Sunday afternoons on pier: classical, folk, reggae dance party etc)

Restaurant and commercial improvements.  
More things for tourists to do.

- shore protection
- a comprehensive ethics ordinance
- equal enforcement of the codes

Electing officials who do not have an agenda of their own but are concerned with the future of Tybee.  
Finding a way to make the county (who is responsible) take care of public restrooms.  
Have some kind of way to prevent renters from disturbing neighborhoods.

- recreational opportunities

What needs to be done to ensure that Tybee is a sustainable community?

We'd like to see activities geared to retirees on Tybee like dances at the gym or completion of the old Tybee Theater. Also, I feel strongly that the annual parking decals should not have been doubled for those who live in town but own a house in Tybee. All this has done is cause the businesses at the South End to be avoided in lieu of driving over to Wilmington Island with guests where parking is free. Keep in mind that we can't get Stephens-Day on our beach cottage so we are paying far more in property taxes than those who live on the island, pay less in taxes, but get free

decals. This is grossly unfair. All people who own property on Tybee should get free parking.

Noise control. I believe that no vehicle should be allowed to operate without a muffler. What right do motorcyclist in particular have to startle and awaken our babies and deny folks an afternoon nap or a good nights sleep? Forward thinking communities across the nation have controlled this noise nuisance... why can't we???

- litter enforcement
- code enforcement

It seems that our "Day Tripper" situation is getting out of had when it comes to noise. Especially boom box, motorcycle noise and engines being revved up. Maybe a few signs posted at points on Hwy 80 and Butler Ave would help. In addition maybe posting something on corners at the stop-lights would prevent fast acceleration by the motor bikes. I don't know the answer but I do know it's getting out of control and we need to look at where this is going in the future.

Is our voter registration roll contaminated with names of individuals who are not eligible to vote in City elections?

- Parking issues (parking garage?)
- new red light on western part of island
- more aggressive enforcement of speeding violations on Tybee, especially near bridge
- better maintenance of parks
- expanded library hours
- city-wide wifi
- town pool

Would citizens be interested in the creation of community gardens on Tybee?

We think that the suggestion to build a hurricane safe Police Station at present location with an attached parking lot should be readdressed.\*\*\*\*\*RE: Rental market - during HS graduation units were rented to large numbers of HS students that were partying and drinking. Had to call police when we witnessed a fight outside. Each rental until should have a occupancy limit set by the fire marshal. If this limit is exceeded, occupants should know that they will have to leave immediately and will loose their deposit. (The only occupancy limit we have ever heard of was to a council member that is always trying to do good.)\*\*\*\*\*RE: The beach and cigarette butts - Like California beaches we should be a NO SMOKING beach.

More enforcement of noise ordinance, speeding, more control over drunk and disorderly visitors to our island.

The city of Tybee owns individual properties that could be used as small parks that would increase our green space and make our island more friendly to bikers and pedestrians.

Please explore the use of having a private company to maintain and clean our restrooms. It is obvious that the city is not up to the task.  
Restrict Alley#3 to the use of non-motorized seacraft.  
Restrict Jones Ave. to automotive traffic with a 2 block grace area for entering and exiting bicycles.  
Allow property owners to increase sq.ft. parking area that can be legally enhanced by the use of permeable materials.

Consider limiting the number of occupants in rental houses/condos.  
Enforce the sound ordinance in rental houses/condos.

Maybe have a survey asking how beneficial these "surveys" really are.

1. Should building projects be allowed to begin before all monies have been obtained to see to their completion?
2. Should we have a moratorium on new building projects until the limits of what our island infrastructure can withstand have been reached?
3. Solutions to the water supply problem.
4. Keeping more of our tax money for Tybee.
5. Find ways for funding re-nourishment that don't rely on Federal and State money (because there won't be any next time).

How can we keep property taxes from rapidly rising?

It is essential that we have an accurate current accounting on where our current water use level is and whether or not new residences can be erected and supported by our water allotment by the state.

We also need a current and accurate report on a quarterly basis concerning the number of vacant rentals on the island and a projection for water level usage if all of those units were to be occupied on an 80-90% basis.

We have a bad case of selective enforcement of our codes and it needs to be stopped ASAP. I have seen and witnessed how some people on Tybee can do anything they want and some of us can't do anything. We have ... which I know is a conflict of interest. The Ethics committee and the City Attorney should check it out. This matter will be brought out real soon and I hope this will lead to his dismiss. Thanks.

What do ..., .., .., and ..... have against bike paths?

Control of motorcycle noise & regulation of billboards and signs

Does Tybee really want any business to come to Tybee or for any of the business to stay on Tybee?

Excessively high property taxes on the island and their effect on the property owners.  
Lowering the speed limit from 35 mph to 30 mph along Hwy 80 from Breezy Point on to the "curve."

Having a crosswalk and perhaps some kind of caution light or flashers letting

motorists know to slow down and allowing pedestrians to cross the highway in the Tybee Oaks shopping area.

Suggesting to DOT that outside the city limit along the causeway to Bull River, more speed limit signs should be posted letting drivers know that the speed limit is 55.

Sometimes the extremely slow drivers cause as many accidents as those who are speed demons.

There has seen great progress made in updating the Tybee Water and Sewer lines.

When are we going to see some improvement in the road surfaces (re: new pavement), especially on some of our most traveled back streets (Jones Ave., 2ND Ave. 6th St and Lewis Ave)?

Better law enforcement of the 35 mile an hour speed limit and noise control at the light at Campbell and 80 - leaving the Island, everyone seems to think they can just blast off and the motorcycle and car/truck muffler noises are deafening. A manned police car sitting there, especially in the evening on weekends would be appreciated.

Just add 2 more bridges....

RESPECT is one of the greatest things Tybee needs. Residents, businesses and tourist have no regard for who is around them or how their behavior effects others on this tiny crowded island.

NOISE CONTROL - Why live bands are allowed to set up and play at any volume in residential neighborhoods is a common thing on Tybee. Citizens that complain are made to look like outcasts by the city and business owners. A fair and uniformly enforced noise ordinance is needed. Of course if the businesses and bands involved in this practice would turn the volume down there would be little problem.

Animal control - No dogs on the beach. I've heard the old thing about poop for years. Dogs are all about money and ticket revenue for Tybee. Why does animal control ignore the cat population on the island? It is rare that I can work in my yard without having cat poop to deal with. I watch animal control set in their trucks while residents feed strays and make no effort to catch them. I walk down the street and see many cats roaming the neighborhood but no effort is made to give them a ticket and huge fine for being off leash or on the beach. Seems like this points out the basic value here on Tybee - It's all about the money.

Discrimination of persons of other races such as the most embarrassing police check-up for Orange Crush. I am tired of Indian, Italians and other residents being treated like dirt.

It is amazing that no check-up was scheduled in time for the beach bum parade which brings many criminals to this island to rob, humiliate and scare the inhabitants with their behavior and their utter disregard for law enforcement officers and noise and parking ordinances. How much water did they spent when we have NO WATERING ordinances in effect?

I would like to see a comparison about the complaints from the Orange Crush visitors and the beach bum visitors.

Street flooding.

Complete disregard for pedestrians walks. Cars are not stopping to obey the law. Employing more police officers.

- Litter control and enforcement.
- Speeding control and enforcement.
- Beach rules signage in Espanol, not just English (as we have so many Spanish speaking visitors).
- Continued commitment to height restrictions.
- Calculation of the island's carrying capacity with respect to water usage (ie., moratorium on building permits).

Dogs on the Beach - Working full time means I have only a limited amount of time for recreation. Right now I have to choose between taking my dogs for a walk or going for a walk on the beach. I chose to live in a beach town so that I could walk by the water and smell the salt spray. I would like to be able to walk my dogs on the beach! Public nudity - maybe we should have a section of beach for nude bathing. That would draw a certain crowd here even during the off-season and would send many scurrying to other beaches. Might help us with out traffic problem. (I say this somewhat tongue-in-cheek.)

Public gardens - we need to have a community garden.

Wind generators off shore. We don't need state approval if they are positioned within a certain distance from shore. I think that Tybee needs to capitalize on this option that we have. Let's produce some power to provide to our citizens at an inexpensive rate and to sell back to the grid to lower taxes.

1. the density of development on the island
2. developing a community garden on the island
3. developing a bike trail into Savannah
4. providing assistance for small businesses on the island
5. develop a "reuse center" at the island transfer station where residents can bring usable but unwanted items which wouldn't be suitable for the Goodwill Center.

Property taxes are ridiculously high and almost unaffordable in this economy. We need to increase taxes on tourists thru a local tax added to restaurants, recreation, hotel & other rental properties. I own property on Tybee and in Savannah, and I pay more on a tiny condo at Tybee, worth half what my house is worth, than I pay on a 2400-sq.ft. house in Chatham Co.

1. What programs and activities can we develop on the islands specifically for teenagers?
2. What family oriented events and festivals can we host on the island? Most of the activities we heavily promote tend not to be family friendly and encourage heavy drinking.
3. What can we do to encourage more families to move to Tybee? Until we grow our full year resident population, it will continue to be hard for many businesses on the island to survive. We promote Tybee to tourists, but Tybee is also a great island for kids.
4. Should we bring back a medium strip with palm trees from 14th street to Tybrisa? Traffic would be directed (with clear signage) down 14th street for parking. It would

make the business district much more appealing and pedestrian friendly.

5. Should we widen Hwy 80 for a bicycle lane?

Tree protection - specifically the large pines which are being cut indiscriminately

Police protection by respectful law abiding officers....

Restaurant recycling of bottles and cans at the very least

Moratorium on building houses that take up more than 2/3 of the lot

Bring back the Butler Av. median (including landscaping)- does Butler have to be 4 lanes?

Find an area for a multi level parking garage or two...

Like it or not, Tybee is going the way of Edisto Island. EVERYTHING is going to be for rent and the island is going to be mainly for tourists, not residents. Plan accordingly. It won't happen overnight, but don't say I didn't warn you. I've been here for 25 years. I've seen the best that Tybee was and it's heading towards the worst. I'll be getting out when the market improves. Thanks for the memories.

I am concerned about the amount of vehicular traffic on the beach. Last Sunday, I counted 5 city mules within a two block area. This is a beach, not a highway. I go to the beach to relax and don't like vehicles buzzing around like horse flies.