

Lower Providence Township 2008 Citizen Survey

Please complete this questionnaire if you are the adult (age 18 or older) in the household who most recently had a birthday. The adult's year of birth does not matter. Please select the response (by circling the number or checking the box) that most closely represents your opinion for each question. Your responses are anonymous and will be reported in group form only.

1. Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Lower Providence:

	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Lower Providence as a place to live	1	2	3	4	5
Your neighborhood as a place to live	1	2	3	4	5
Lower Providence as a place to raise children	1	2	3	4	5
Lower Providence as a place to work	1	2	3	4	5
Lower Providence as a place to retire	1	2	3	4	5
The overall quality of life in Lower Providence	1	2	3	4	5

2. Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Lower Providence as a whole:

	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Sense of community	1	2	3	4	5
Openness and acceptance of the community towards people of diverse backgrounds	1	2	3	4	5
Overall appearance of Lower Providence	1	2	3	4	5
Cleanliness of Lower Providence	1	2	3	4	5
Overall quality of new development in Lower Providence	1	2	3	4	5
Variety of housing options	1	2	3	4	5
Overall quality of business and service establishments in Lower Providence	1	2	3	4	5
Shopping opportunities	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to attend cultural activities	1	2	3	4	5
Recreational opportunities	1	2	3	4	5
Employment opportunities	1	2	3	4	5
Educational opportunities	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to participate in religious or spiritual events and activities	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to volunteer	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to participate in community matters	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of car travel in Lower Providence	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of bus travel in Lower Providence	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of bicycle travel in Lower Providence	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of walking in Lower Providence	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of paths and walking trails	1	2	3	4	5
Traffic flow on major streets	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of affordable quality housing	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of affordable quality child care	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of affordable quality health care	1	2	3	4	5
Air quality	1	2	3	4	5
Quality of overall natural environment in Lower Providence	1	2	3	4	5
Overall image or reputation of Lower Providence	1	2	3	4	5

3. Please rate the speed of growth in the following categories in Lower Providence over the past 2 years:

	<i>Much too slow</i>	<i>Somewhat too slow</i>	<i>Right amount</i>	<i>Somewhat too fast</i>	<i>Much too fast</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Population growth	1	2	3	4	5	6
Retail growth (stores, restaurants, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5	6
Jobs growth	1	2	3	4	5	6

4. To what degree, if at all, are run down buildings, weed lots or junk vehicles a problem in Lower Providence?

- Not a problem
 Minor problem
 Moderate problem
 Major problem
 Don't know

5. Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel from the following in Lower Providence:

	Very safe	Somewhat safe	Neither safe nor unsafe	Somewhat unsafe	Very unsafe	Don't know
Violent crime (e.g., rape, assault, robbery)	1	2	3	4	5	6
Property crimes (e.g., burglary, theft).....	1	2	3	4	5	6
Environmental hazards, including toxic waste.....	1	2	3	4	5	6

6. Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:

	Very safe	Somewhat safe	Neither safe nor unsafe	Somewhat unsafe	Very unsafe	Don't know
In your neighborhood during the day.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
In your neighborhood after dark.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
In Lower Providence's commercial areas during the day	1	2	3	4	5	6
In Lower Providence's commercial areas after dark.....	1	2	3	4	5	6

7. During the past twelve months, were you or anyone in your household the victim of any crime?

- No → Go to Question 9
 Yes → Go to Question 8
 Don't know → Go to Question 9

8. If yes, was this crime (these crimes) reported to the police?

- No
 Yes
 Don't know

9. In the last 12 months, about how many times, if ever, have you or other household members participated in the following activities in Lower Providence?

	Never	Once or twice	3 to 12 times	13 to 26 times	More than 26 times
Used Lower Providence community library or its services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Participated in a recreation program or activity	1	2	3	4	5
Visited a Township park.....	1	2	3	4	5
Attended a meeting of local elected officials or other local public meeting	1	2	3	4	5
Watched a meeting of local elected officials or other local public meeting on cable television	1	2	3	4	5
Read the Lower Providence Township Newsletter.....	1	2	3	4	5
Visited the Lower Providence Township Web site (at www.lowerprovidence.org)	1	2	3	4	5
Recycled used paper, cans or bottles from your home.....	1	2	3	4	5
Volunteered your time to some group or activity in Lower Providence.....	1	2	3	4	5
Participated in religious or spiritual activities in Lower Providence	1	2	3	4	5
Participated in a club or civic group in Lower Providence.....	1	2	3	4	5
Provided help to a friend or neighbor	1	2	3	4	5
Read the local newspaper (<i>Times Herald</i>)	1	2	3	4	5

10. About how often, if at all, do you talk to or visit with your immediate neighbors (people who live in the 10 or 20 households that are closest to you)?

- Just about every day
 Several times a week
 Several times a month
 Once a month
 Several times a year
 Once a year or less
 Never

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11. Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Lower Providence:

	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Police services	1	2	3	4	5
Fire services	1	2	3	4	5
Ambulance or emergency medical services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Crime prevention	1	2	3	4	5
Fire prevention and education	1	2	3	4	5
Traffic enforcement.....	1	2	3	4	5
Street repair	1	2	3	4	5
Street cleaning	1	2	3	4	5
Street lighting.....	1	2	3	4	5
Snow removal.....	1	2	3	4	5
Traffic signal timing	1	2	3	4	5
Garbage collection.....	1	2	3	4	5
Recycling.....	1	2	3	4	5
Yard waste pick-up	1	2	3	4	5
Storm drainage.....	1	2	3	4	5
Sewer services	1	2	3	4	5
Township parks.....	1	2	3	4	5
Recreation programs or classes	1	2	3	4	5
Land use, planning and zoning	1	2	3	4	5
Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc)	1	2	3	4	5
Animal control	1	2	3	4	5
Economic development	1	2	3	4	5
Services to seniors.....	1	2	3	4	5
Services to youth.....	1	2	3	4	5
Services to low-income people	1	2	3	4	5
Public library services	1	2	3	4	5
Public information services	1	2	3	4	5
Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations)	1	2	3	4	5
Preservation of natural areas such as open space, farmlands and greenbelts.....	1	2	3	4	5
Community Access channel.....	1	2	3	4	5

12. Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?

	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Lower Providence Township.....	1	2	3	4	5
The Federal Government	1	2	3	4	5
The State Government	1	2	3	4	5
Montgomery County Government	1	2	3	4	5

13. Have you had any in-person or phone contact with an employee of Lower Providence Township within the last 12 months (including police, receptionists, planners or any others)?

- No → Go to Question 15
 Yes → Go to Question 14

14. What was your impression of the Lower Providence Township employee(s) in your most recent contact? (Rate each characteristic below.)

	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Knowledge.....	1	2	3	4	5
Responsiveness.....	1	2	3	4	5
Courtesy	1	2	3	4	5
Overall impression.....	1	2	3	4	5

15. Please rate the following categories of Lower Providence government performance:

	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
The value of services for the taxes paid to Lower Providence Township...	1	2	3	4	5
The overall direction that Lower Providence Township is taking	1	2	3	4	5
The job Lower Providence Township government does at welcoming citizen involvement	1	2	3	4	5
The job Lower Providence Township government does at listening to citizens	1	2	3	4	5

16. Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following:

	<i>Very likely</i>	<i>Somewhat likely</i>	<i>Somewhat unlikely</i>	<i>Very unlikely</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Recommend living in Lower Providence to someone who asks.....	1	2	3	4	5
Remain in Lower Providence for the next five years	1	2	3	4	5

17. What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:

- Very positive
 Somewhat positive
 Neutral
 Somewhat negative
 Very negative

18. Please check the response that comes closest to your opinion for each of the following questions:

a. To what degree would you support or oppose the Township funding each of the following?

	<i>Strongly support</i>	<i>Somewhat support</i>	<i>Somewhat oppose</i>	<i>Strongly oppose</i>
Preserving open space	1	2	3	4
Acquiring open space.....	1	2	3	4
“Growing greener” initiative (such as alternative fuel vehicles and renewable energy).....	1	2	3	4
Building projects for Parks and Recreation.....	1	2	3	4
Programs for teens	1	2	3	4
Programs for seniors	1	2	3	4

b. To what degree would you support or oppose the Township raising taxes to fund each of the following?

	<i>Strongly support</i>	<i>Somewhat support</i>	<i>Somewhat oppose</i>	<i>Strongly oppose</i>
Preserving open space	1	2	3	4
Acquiring open space.....	1	2	3	4
“Growing greener” initiative (such as alternative fuel vehicles and renewable energy).....	1	2	3	4
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Programs for seniors	1	2	3	4

c. The Township is considering a single Township-wide zip code. This would break away from 19403 and may require giving up the identities of Audubon, Collegeville, Eagleville, Trooper and Valley Forge. To what degree do you support or oppose a single Township-wide zip code for Lower Providence?

- Strongly support
 Somewhat support
 Somewhat oppose
 Strongly oppose
 Don't know

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Our last questions are about you and your household. Again, all of your responses to this survey are completely anonymous and will be reported in group form only.

D1. Are you currently employed for pay?

- No → Go to Question D3
- Yes, full time → Go to Question D2
- Yes, part time → Go to Question D2

D2. During a typical week, how many days do you commute to work (for the longest distance of your commute) in each of the ways listed below? (Enter the total number of days, using whole numbers.)

- Motorized vehicle (e.g., car, truck, van, motorcycle, etc...) by myself days
- Motorized vehicle (e.g., car, truck, van, motorcycle, etc...) with other children or adults days
- Bus, Rail, Subway or other public transportation days
- Walk days
- Bicycle days
- Work at home days
- Other days

D3. How many years have you lived in Lower Providence?

- Less than 2 years 11-20 years
- 2-5 years More than 20 years
- 6-10 years

D4. Which best describes the building you live in?

- One family house detached from any other houses
- House attached to one or more houses (e.g., a duplex or townhome)
- Building with two or more apartments or condominiums
- Mobile home
- Other

D5. Is this house, apartment or mobile home...

- Rented for cash or occupied without cash payment?
- Owned by you or someone in this house with a mortgage or free and clear?

D6. About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?

- Less than \$300 per month
- \$300 to \$599 per month
- \$600 to \$999 per month
- \$1,000 to \$1,499 per month
- \$1,500 to \$2,499 per month
- \$2,500 or more per month

D7. Do any children 17 or under live in your household?

- No Yes

D8. Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?

- No Yes

D9. How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)

- Less than \$24,999
- \$25,000 to \$49,999
- \$50,000 to \$99,999
- \$100,000 to \$149,999
- \$150,000 or more

Please respond to both question D10 and D11:

D10. Are you Spanish, Hispanic or Latino?

- No, not Spanish, Hispanic or Latino
- Yes, I consider myself to be Spanish, Hispanic or Latino

D11. What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race you consider yourself to be)

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Asian, Asian Indian or Pacific Islander
- Black or African American
- White
- Other

D12. In which category is your age?

- 18-24 years 55-64 years
- 25-34 years 65-74 years
- 35-44 years 75 years or older
- 45-54 years

D13. What is your sex?

- Female
- Male

D14. Are you registered to vote in your jurisdiction?

- No
- Yes
- Ineligible to vote
- Don't know

D15. Many people don't have time to vote in elections. Did you vote in the last general election?

- No
- Yes
- Ineligible to vote
- Don't know

Thank you for completing this survey. Please return the completed survey in the postage paid envelope to:
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