

Dear Community Member,

This survey is to gauge community sentiment on various issues, and to determine preferences for types of community events and activities that could potentially be scheduled in 2014. A survey form is being sent to each adult member of the Amberley community, as determined by the current listings in the Address Book on the Amberley community website. Your responses will be anonymous. Please complete your family's surveys by Dec 18 and return them in the envelope provided. Survey results will be published on the website and in the next *Amberley Aboy*.

—Amberley Board

1. How long have you lived in Amberley?

12.1% Less than 5 years 15.8% 6-10 years 27.9% 11-20 years 44.2% More than 20 yrs

2. Where in the community is your home located?

34.0% Holly North /Laurel Ln/Poplar Ln 18.1% Holly East/Oak Ln/Beech Ln 25.0% Holly South /Holly West 22.9% Ridout Rd/ Homewood Rd

3. Do you have any children living at home?

29.8% Yes 70.2% No

4. In the past 12 months how often have you:

- 4a. Walked or jogged on Amberley roadways for exercise
- 4b. Ridden a bicycle on Amberley roadways.....
- 4c. Visited a community pier.....
- 4d. Hiked the nature trail to plat V.....
- 4e. Used the Pier 2 boat ramp.....
- 4f. Walked/jogged/bicycled on Amberley roads after dark..

Never	Rarely	Fairly Often	Almost every day
4.2%	21.8%	43.1%	30.9%
36.7%	30.3%	29.8%	3.2%
14.9%	33.0%	44.1%	8.0%
51.1%	40.4%	8.5%	0%
63.3%	23.9%	12.8%	0%
44.6%	34.6%	16.0%	4.8%

5. What is your degree of concern about:

- 5a. Residents exceeding the 25mph speed limit.....
- 5b. Contractors and visitors exceeding 25mph limit.....
- 5c. Drivers in neighborhood using cell phones.....
- 5d. Walkers on wrong side of road/inconsiderate of cars..
- 5e. Inadequate street lighting.....

Not a problem	Minor problem	Significant problem	Major problem
6.9%	38.3%	30.9%	23.9%
4.2%	18.6%	40.4%	36.7%
27.9%	44.2%	20.8%	7.1%
25.0%	38.8%	20.8%	15.4%
36.7%	39.4%	14.4%	9.5%

6. Would you favor more speed limit enforcement in the neighborhood by county police?

50.0% Yes 50.0% No

7. Which of these comes closest to describing your feelings about deer in Amberley?

15.4% I like having them around 12.8% I don't consider them a problem 34.0% They are a minor nuisance 37.8% They are a major nuisance

8. How often have you observed deer on your property over the past 6 months?

1.1% Never 12.3% Rarely 19.2% About once a month 27.8% About once a week 39.6% Almost daily

9. Thinking over the past few years, does it seem to you that the number of deer is

8.2% Decreasing 31.7% About the same 60.1% Increasing

10. Have deer damaged plants and landscaping on your property in the past year?

17.0% No damage 45.7% Minor damage 17.0% Significant damage 20.2% Substantial damage

11. Have you made any efforts to deer-proof your property and plantings?

37.2% No 11.7% Yes, but no success 35.6% Yes, limited success 15.4% Yes, with good success

Please explain what measures did you took: *Here are the measures reported by those who had success:*

- *Deer fence. Spray, deer resistant plants*
- *spread milorganite (fertilizer made from sewage)-did not work*
- *Spray deer-away on hosta/lillies every 3 weeks during the deer buffet season.*
- *deer solution- a noisy dog*
- *We planted deer resistant native plants. Periodically we use deer deterring sprays.*
- *Native plants!*
- *Nasty smelling deer repellent works! Liquid fence + Irish Spring*
- *Choose plants that are unpalatable to wildlife, spray deer repellents; works very well.*
- *Deer fence from Bowens*
- *I spray my backyard shrubs with deer repellent every 8-10 days which WORKS.*
- *Get a dog!*
- *use liquid fence deer deterrent*
- *8-foot deer fence in back yard*

12. Which of these best describes your opinion regarding deer hunting on community property (Plat V)?

30.3% A-Hunting should be prohibited on community property. No exceptions.	23.9% B-Allow a small number of scheduled "managed deer hunts" by credentialed hunters for the express purpose of thinning the herd.	2.7% C-Allow recreational hunting by one or two designated individuals. "Hunting in progress" signs to be displayed.	43.0% D-allow both B and C
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13. How likely would you be to participate in these activities:

- 13a. Winter community party offsite (adults only)....
- 13b. Family Easter egg hunt on Plat V (April).....
- 13c. Dumpster day (early May).....
- 13d. Spring Block Party (late May).....
- 13e. Community raft-up in Whitehall creek (June)...
- 13f. Family 4th of July parade/picnic.....
- 13g. Community fish fry/crab feast (August).....
- 13h. Help catch fish/crabs for fish fry.....
- 13i. Family Halloween party on plat V.....
- 13j. Guided Nature walk (birds).....
- 13k. Guided Nature walk (native trees and plants)....
- 13l. Providing input for an updated contractor list....

	Would not participate	Unlikely to participate	Somewhat likely to participate	Very likely to participate
13a. Winter community party offsite (adults only)....	17.7%	17.7%	26.5%	38.1%
13b. Family Easter egg hunt on Plat V (April).....	52.4%	33.2%	5.3%	9.1%
13c. Dumpster day (early May).....	7.0%	9.0%	27.3%	56.7%
13d. Spring Block Party (late May).....	14.6%	21.6%	37.8%	26.0%
13e. Community raft-up in Whitehall creek (June)...	32.4%	23.8%	22.7%	21.1%
13f. Family 4 th of July parade/picnic.....	29.9%	39.0%	19.8%	11.3%
13g. Community fish fry/crab feast (August).....	19.3%	19.8%	38.0%	23.0%
13h. Help catch fish/crabs for fish fry.....	36.6%	34.9%	17.7%	10.8%
13i. Family Halloween party on plat V.....	48.7%	33.1%	9.1%	9.1%
13j. Guided Nature walk (birds).....	26.7%	20.8%	33.7%	18.7%
13k. Guided Nature walk (native trees and plants)....	28.3%	21.9%	30.5%	19.3%
13l. Providing input for an updated contractor list....	10.8%	12.3%	41.4%	35.5%

14. Are there any other issues (positive or negative) you would like to bring to the board's attention? Do you have any other ideas on how to make Amberley a better community? Here are the un-edited comments. Each bullet represents the responses on a single survey.

- *It would be great to have some type of neighborhood/community club house or gathering place. Community center or pool on Plat 5 would be a tremendous boost to community and would increase property values. Thanks for taking the time to do this.*
- *Dead tree removal near power lines.*
- *I am grateful for all the hard work the Amberley board does to make the community a better, happier place to live.*
- *Creek filling in; flip side of question 5d- [named resident]is inconsiderate of walkers.*
- *Are boats and boat trailers allowed to be stored right on the street edge. Ugly-- sloppy-- bad first impression of Amberley.*
- *Lights on the Amberley sign*
- *We feel boat trailers should NOT be stored in yards, but at a pier during winter months. It is unsightly for the trailers to sit in yards.*
- *Deer belong in Amberley. This is a wooded community. All reasons I have heard for killing them are bogus, including they eat oak trees. Do not kill Amberley deer. Take down deer stand in Plat 5. Deer belong here. My kids and grandkids have enjoyed them for years.*
- *Remove port-a-potty from sod farm. Paint street with "walking area" designation. Sponsor more "clean-up days" at Plat V and piers. Hold a second community meeting in March or April (w/pot-luck?)*
- *Simply put in speed bumps*
- *Remove road lines, or let them fade*
- *Remove yellow lines, or sidewalk discussion*
- *Children riding bikes and golf carts on Holly Drive & Children riding bikes without helmets. Delta Trash Service has been wonderful! Would it be possible for Amberley to prohibit door-to-door solicitation and/or flyers in mail & paper boxes?*
- *The activities for younger kids are great.*
- *Not so fond of the groups of bicyclists who ride in packs in the neighborhood. They make it difficult to pass. Not sure what can be done though.*
- *It would be nice to have more adult social events.*
- *Speeding- it is not just the teens. Many older residents speed and are not attentive to their driving.*
- *In regard to increased police support; areas in need of this attention-stealing and vandalism.*
- *Get rid of the speed hump! And install electric speed indicators at several points in the community.*
- *Even though it is mostly residents who are speeding, I would like to start by using self-policing-- an awareness campaign before contacting the police.*
- *It would be nice to have a "welcome committee" for new residents and to include a quick bio on new families in the Amberley Ahoy.*

- *Contractors parking in front of mailboxes all day, every day. Walking dogs off-leash or without electronic control.*
- *Amberley was a better community before the hunting on Plat V. There were many more parties and impromptu social gatherings which brought neighbors together allowing them to get to know each other better. I suggest, stop the hunting in our neighborhood and start to reunite the neighborhood.*
- *Remove yellow lines [on Holly Drive]*
- *There are women who walk in the middle of the lane and don't move over for my car to pass.*
- *Deer are public health hazard- lyme, auto accidents*
- *Walkers two, three and four abreast do not yield to traffic.*
- *Board not in keeping with older longtime residents of Amberley.*
- *Have residents maintain road side of property to keep vegetation/debris from narrowing travel lanes and increasing safety of pedestrians, etc. If it is county right of way, will they cut and remove the vegetation?*
- *No more lights, appreciate forest nature of neighborhood*
- *This is MY opinion, but if other community members feel strongly about no hunting I would support that [from a resident who had marked question 12 in favor of hunting]*
- *Probably a nit, but more attractive (consistent) mailboxes would present a better image. Great place to live.*
- *I think it's the greatest place to live. Best next to Little Chute Wisconsin. Love it- p.s I'll chair a mailbox committee.*
- *Let's get a county road engineer to walk the neighborhood. I'll arrange if you would like.*
- *I have a huge concern about contractors and lawn service trucks being parked on Holly Dr. A walker or a biker is going to be killed when two cars meet and only one lane is available. This cannot be allowed to continue.*
- *REALLY BAD- Various vehicles (construction, painting, lawn services, etc) completely occupying 1 lane of our 2 lane road.*
- *Survey is a great idea. Thanks.*
- *Remove yellow (center) lines from Holly Drive-- this WILL slow traffic naturally-- the yellow (and white) markings make people feel they are on a major road/highway, and NOT a private community road where people live.*
- *Speed bumps, community yard sale*
- *Mailbox update*
- *Some mailboxes are in terrible condition. A little TLC to some would be quite nice.*
- *1. Totally AGAINST any more street lights. I am concerned some folks want to turn the community into a cityscape. Obeying speed limits take you safely on roads in Amberley. 2. People need to clean up their dogs' poop. 3. Community losing tree cover. I wish people would use preventative care such as pruning and feeding rather than a chain saw. In many cases it is even cheaper than cutting down a tree. 4. As a community and individually we should not be using pesticides and herbicides and lawn fertilizers. We are bounded by 2 major creeks and the Chesapeake Bay. 5. No mosquito spraying! It is ineffective,*

unhealthy and environmentally detrimental. 6. Would be willing to pay to have ivy removed from trees at docks. It will kill the trees.

- *1. Against street lighting 2. For better tree, vegetation management 3. Against any increase in impervious surface 4. For better storm water management 5. A consistent stand on septic upgrades/county imposed system.*
- *Increased communication from board*
- *I do wish we had a community pool. It would provide a great resource for neighborhood children and a lovely opportunity to socialize.*
- *Club house with a pool*
- *Re-instate the welcome committee. For a few years a welcome person (Joan Driessen) paid a visit to newcomers and presented them with a directory and information about the community. It gave them a contact if they had questions.*
- *1) Constant maintenance of the triangle plantings/lawn is important to maintain the plant investments made 2) Would not do anything in the front [Amberley sign] except fix the damage since there is not water source 3) neighbors maintaining trees... or not. Neighbors should be forced to remove dead branches /tress that can damage others' property. Common courtesy and property responsibility!*
- *Wish there were community noise guidelines that could be enforced to restrict uncaring neighbors from leaf blowing in the evenings, on weekend evenings especially-- whenever residents would like to enjoy their deck, dock and with windows open.*
- *Answer to 12 could be b if convinced that hitting people is not a problem [from a resident who answered "a" to question 12]*
- *Trim away hanging brush on roads. Coordinate mail boxes.*
- *Email after board meetings re actions/discussions. Establish a formal neighborhood watch program.*
- *1. Please emphasize to dog walkers that allowing their dogs to urinate and defecate on neighbor's lawns is damaging to turf/plantings and highly inconsiderate. 2) Let's get rid of community-sanctioned poisoning of the environment/residents (aka "nuisance mosquito spraying"). The science is bad and experts know it.*
- *1. Please no more street lights! 2. Less emphasis on "member vs non-member for things like trash \$-- that's just being mean. 3. Stop the Maryland DOA from spraying pesticides-- that doesn't help water quality at all and does almost nothing to prevent mosquitoes. Just poisons my organic garden.*
- *Question #11- We don't have a problem with the deer per se, but we recently had to pay a private company \$325 to remove a dead deer from our property. The removal company could not determine the cause of death. Question #12- NO recreational hunters!!!*
- *We would like to raise the issue of an Amberley pool again. It would be a major asset to the community.*
- *Control speeding, and a community center on plat V*
- *Community center (e.g. barn on Plat V)*
- *Printed community newsletter. Now handicapped, used to participate regularly.*
- *Moved here because of environment/ambience-- too bad it's become so divisive in community.*

- *More social events, as in the past*
- *Street Lighting- they belong in the city-- not a beautiful wooded community like Amberley. Aesthetics-- Amberley has declined in recent years. Trash cans, leaf bags are put out on Saturday for a Monday pickup. Some leaf bags are put out right after pickup. RV's stored on property. Propane tanks seen from the road. Pier 1-- chain is seldom on, when it is on it is never locked.*
- *Love the survey, please continue with it. Wish we had a clubhouse, sidewalks. Glad to see the community parties come back. Would like to know about new residents.*
- *would suggest honoring issues passed at community meeting*
- *speed humps would help*
- *Walkers taking entire road 4- 5 abreast*
- *Do not add lights to streets, water drainage in community after rains*
- *I hope that people accept the views of a majority of Amberley residents without rancor and ill feeling. A vast majority uses only one garbage disposal organization. ALL should accept this.*
- *Don't want street lights on Ridout- I like dark street. I feel 30 mph is the usual speed today.*
- *The parking of boats, extra cars, trailers and jet skis is unsightly and hurts the neighborhood appearance when parked in front yard and driveways. I would like to see that issue go away.*
- *My neighbor has an exposed oil tank that needs to be enclosed. Please encourage neighbors to be neighborly.*
- *Thanks for the opportunity. We have always appreciated the efforts of all who volunteer.*
- *Amberley is a safe community. Occasionally bikers (not Naval Academy) will fly by-- but I have no complaints.*