

# 2016 BLTA SURVEY RESULTS/ANALYSIS

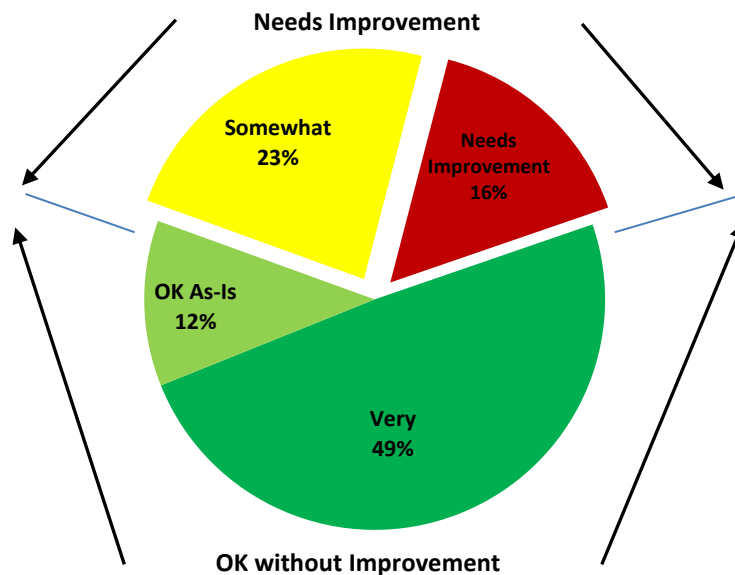
- ❑ Excellent Response Rate -  
417 Survey Replies out of 459 Total Replies - 91%

- ❑ Suggestions for Coast Guard Property Usage:

Item	March Report	June Report
Coast Guard Respondents	167, 51%	211, 51%
Park/Garden/Open Space	108, 65%	139, 66%
Entertainment	39, 23%	54, 26%
Physical Fitness/Athletics	18, 11%	18, 9%
Other	23, 14%	37, 18%

All comment categories expressed strong feelings about dogs – both Pro and Con  
Written comments shown on pages 10 and 11.

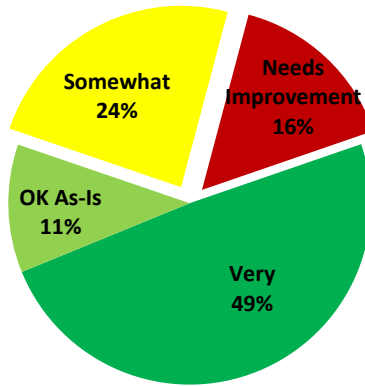
- ❑ Beach Issues - Satisfaction level interpretation:



NA entries interpreted as "Don't Use", "Doesn't matter to me",  
"No experience with ..."

# 2016 BLTA SURVEY RESULTS/ANALYSIS – BEACH ISSUES

**Beach Litter**  
Satisfaction Levels - %



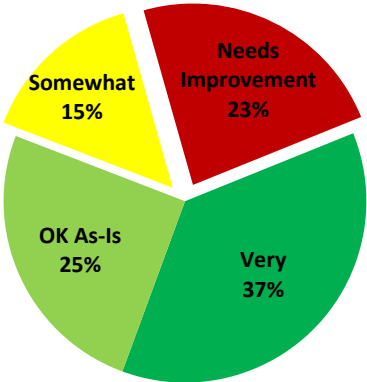
385 Answers plus 7 NA responses  
20 written comments:

Could lifeguards be used to police their beach areas?
Sometimes the seaweed is so thick that it should be raked and removed.
Could improve litter with trash can on beach.
Litter caused by gulls and garbage is a problem.
Beach should be raked once a week.
Too much litter on the beach - should be cleaned more frequently.
Bay Beach should be cleaned more often, garbage over flows on weekends.
Beach trash cans should have lids.
Beach needs to be cleaned of shells - cut feet.
More regular trash pickup.
Beach litter issue is cigarette butts.
Clean the shells off the beach once a month - they cut your feet.
There has been an increase in Beer and Liquor bottles on the Beach.
Remove all shells.
Beaches should be cleaned of trash/debris/cig butts more often.
Dunes have lots of litter, beaches are great.
Trash cans overflowing on 24th St. during summer.
Beach litter generally OK, but sometimes on weekends trash overflows onto beach and street.
Consider raking beach to pick up debris and massive amounts of sea grass.
Too many broken shells on the beach.
Trash blowing on road from overflowing trash cans.

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## Bike Racks at Beach Entrances

Satisfaction Levels - %



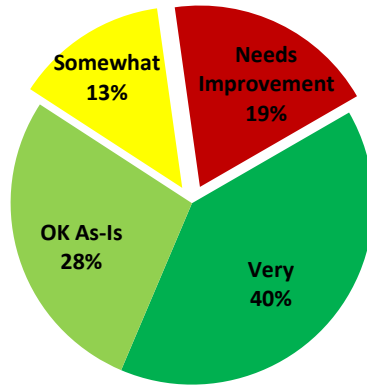
305 Answers plus 71 NA responses  
11 written comments:

Need bike racks on 25th St. Bikes often just leaned up against benches.
Need more bike racks.
No bike racks at 30th St.
Should have bike racks at all beach entrance street ends.
Need bike racks on 22nd street.
13th St. needs bike rack.
Bike racks are needed at all streets by beach entrances.
Would like bike rack on 24th St.
Need a bike rack on 24th St.
Could use a bike rack at 27th St.
Need bike rack on 5th St.

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## Pets on Beach Enforcement

Satisfaction Levels - %



360 Answers plus 23 NA responses

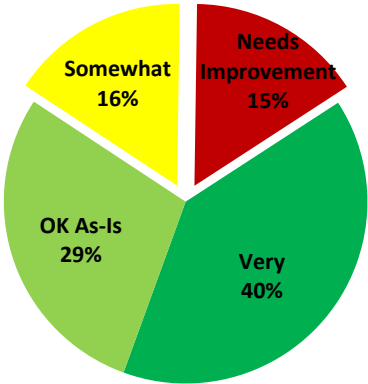
21 written comments:

Cops on the beach to enforce Pets, set cutoff date back to Sept 30.
Not enough enforcement of dogs on the beach.
Never allow pets on the beach.
Pets should be allowed on the beach from Labor Day to Memorial Day.
Enforce No Dogs on Beach rule - many violations.
Signs specifying that all dogs must be leashed at all times should be at the beach entrances.
Pets should be allowed on the beach from 9-15 to 5-15.
Dogs on the beach early/late is a problem.
Extend dogs on beach to end of April.
No pets on beach year round.
Allow pets on the beach all year, except from Memorial Day to Labor Day.
We need more flexibility for our pets to have their time on the beach and in the ocean.
I have never seen beach enforcement of pets.
Need to improve enforcement of pets on beach rules.
Would like to have a dog beach.
No need for more pet enforcement on the beach.
No dogs on the beach till October.
Pets should be allowed early during the day on the beach.
Pet owners fail to pick up after their pets along beach walkway.
There are dogs on the beach (27th St.) every evening. It is disgusting and unhealthy.
We see dogs on the beach near the Jetty where there are no lifeguards.

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## Bay Beach

Satisfaction Levels - %



282 Answers plus 93 NA responses

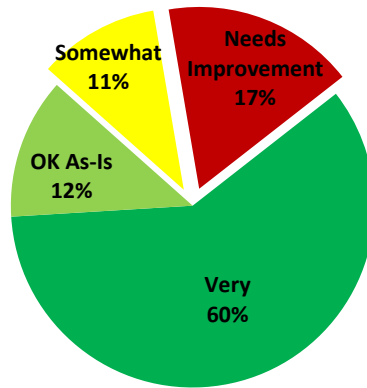
14 written comments:

Bay Beach could benefit from sand replenishment.
Bay Beach needs a pedestrian crossing.
Bay Beach should be larger so you could swim laps.
Bay Beach needs more sand. Bay Beach should be cleaned more often, garbage over flows on weekends.
Bay Beach needs sand added - should receive the same attention and care as ocean beaches.
Bay Beach, really bad sand, lots of stones. Needs a cleanup.
Bay Beach has too much gravel, not enough beach sand.
Bay Beach lifeguards needs improvement, at times it is not covered.
Bay Beach needs significant improvement.
Bay Beach is very disappointing.
Bay Beach often has no Lifeguard.
Bay Beach needs some sand and cleanup - so full of holes it's hard to find a place for chairs.
Bay Beach - large number of kayaks from non BL residents leaving no space for us.
Bay Beach - would be great to have a walkway to the kayak area.

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## Beach Access

Satisfaction Levels - %



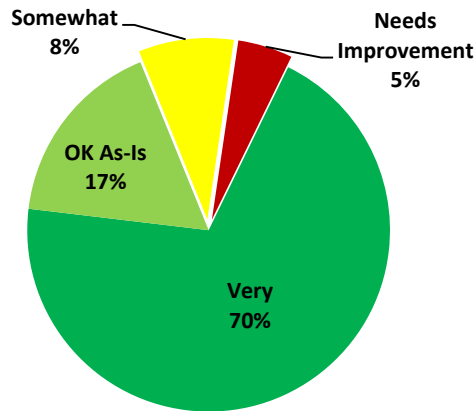
391 Answers plus 2 NA responses  
44 written comments:

New walkways are awesome, good job - 2 similar comments	Love the shuttle and the tram service.
Thank you for the new walkways. We think 19th St should be a handicapped walkway - half way between 9th & 29th.	Shuttle service to the beach on 9th street should be extended to 6:00 pm. Should have Boardwalk to beach on 9th street.
Need better walkways at North end.	Extend hours of beach tram operation.
Need more walkways.	Need walkways south of 24th St.
Following heavy rain one cannot reach the beach on 10th st. due to standing water. Better drainage is needed.	Boardwalk across dunes is both dangerous and a potential liability. Am aware of the current replacement program. Boardwalks are well past their useful life - have been in embarrassingly bad shape for at least two years.
9th street needs a hard walkway to the beach, not just the trolley.	30th st. pathway very difficult and steep, and walkway not stable.
Complete walkways - E 10th St. is very difficult.	Would like the snow fencing repaired on 7th st.
Beach walkways on 30th st. need replacing.	8th street walkway needed.
Too much sand on the walkways.	Wants walkway.
12th street walkway in dire need of repair. Splinters and large nails.	Have gone to other beaches where handicap access to water is far superior.
Extend the wooden walkways onto the beach - make it easier for leaving beach.	Would like more walkways to make it easier to walk in sand.
Extend walkways to beach from 10th-20th St.	Extend walkway further East on 22nd street.
Poison Ivy often grows on the boards.	Walkways need new fencing along sides.
Walkways need to be better maintained.	Walkway needs repair on 18th st.
Extending the walkways to the beach as far East as possible.	Path thru the marsh needs improvement - wider & higher.
13th street walkway needs repair and to be extended.	What happened to 30th street? Entrance not repaired.
Walkways should be longer on 22nd street.	Walkways need improvement.
Walkway on 6th St needs more pruning, esp. in Aug. & Sept.	Please redo the 10th st. boardwalk - it is used loads.
10th street paths are getting overgrown.	Beach access fencing is bad!
Beach access full of sand.	Walkway on 11th street needs repair.
Would like another bench at 8th St. beach tram stop to handle crowds, particularly in the mornings. My family would like to donate one in memory of husband.	

# 2016 BLTA SURVEY RESULTS/ANALYSIS – BEACH ISSUES

## Lifeguard Coverage

Satisfaction Levels - %



389 Answers plus 5 NA responses  
16 written comments:

Lifeguards needed till 6 pm. Could lifeguards be used to police their beach areas?
Too many kids on guard stands during the day - some are kids of guards who also use guard paddle boards during hours
Lifeguard coverage till 6:00 pm, not 5:00 pm.
Lifeguards are sometimes inattentive.
Hire more lifeguards to provide consistent daily coverage. They are always pulled off 17th St. leaving us with no coverage. Not acceptable.
Lifeguard coverage needs improvement.
Ocean lifeguard coverage fine; Bay beach often left without coverage.
Bay Beach lifeguards needs improvement, at times it is not covered.
On 13th st. we lose our lifeguards in early Aug. This is a problem.
Would like to have at least one lifeguard thru September.
12th street loses Lifeguards often.
Lifeguards should stay till 6 pm.
Bay Beach often has no Lifeguard.
More lifeguard stands are needed on 8th street.
Lifeguards need to pay more attention.
No Lifeguards above 30th street.

# 2016 BLTA SURVEY RESULTS/ANALYSIS – OTHER ISSUES RAISED

- 5 Comments expressed a preference for the installation of Water Meters
- 5 Comments regarding banning summer parking on Central Ave – 2 Pro, 1 maybe, 1 suggesting a survey, 1 requesting handicapped spot
- 5 comments regarding the Dog Park:
  - The dog park is disgusting. Refuse to let my Grandchildren play ball there.
  - Leave Dog park as is.
  - I am hoping the dog park can remain as it is.
  - Keep a large dog park to exercise dogs.
  - We should have a separate dog run from the ball field.
- 5 Comments suggesting continued push to restrict Multi Family housing
- 3 Comments regarding school taxes being too high/unfair
- 37 Other Comments on a variety of topics – see below:

Existing play-gym-apparatus area near basketball court is poor.	Please put the benches back on beach soon (3/2016).
Too many feral cats. No enforcement of ordinance for proper disposal of dog shit.	1) Please push elected officials to have publicly available e-mail addresses. 2) Improve communication during emergencies. Suggest use of Twitter and other Social media. See Harvey Cedars for an example.
More concerts on the Bay.	Spend some money to take the god awful electrical lines underground.
High priority to enforce no smoking ban on the beach.	No need to feed wildlife at 9th and Bayview and East 13th st.
I find the ban on smoking to be restrictive and unfair.	Please paint the crosswalks on 24th street.
Not a good idea to change law referring to foot print of house.	Illegal Fire Works on the Beach.
30th st. is used as a u-turn, should not be allowed. LBTPD needs to do a better job of enforcement.	The issue of dogs that an owner can't control or who is vicious needs to be addressed.
What is the meaning of the driveway letter sent with the water bill?	Post the Tram hours at all Motels and the Post Office.
Address the issue of unsupervised groups of partying (Prom) renters who disturb the peace.	Wish we could again have a ride to the beach for the elderly. Even at a cost.
Bring more activities to BL.	Web Cam at Boat Ramp, first place to flood.
Create an architectural review board.	Bring back the fog horn.
Need better control of people launching boats at the Bay Beach. Should not allow cars past fence.	I would like to help promote a "Plant the Perimeter" program and encourage homeowners to plant the edge of their property with native vegetation. Call me to discuss.
Fire Siren no longer needed.	Pass an ordinance prohibiting residents from feeding wild animals on their property.
Traffic matters - more Police patrols on Broadway for speeders, need more signs and lines you can see.	Move the telecommunications of phone co. off public works site to the pump station on the bay.
Kayak mooring area needs cleanup.	Love the shuttle. Love this place as is.
Upgrade Borough web site to report flood conditions during storms.	Develop a BL Community Day in the Fall after the Summer People leave.
Keep BL from becoming a commercial center. Keep it low-key, residential and quiet.	Could we have a pickleball court in BL.
A better question than litter would be about beach noise enforcement.	Encourage people to remove clutter from their property.



# 2016 BLTA SURVEY RESULTS/ANALYSIS – BLTA ISSUES

■ **What are your BLTA Member preferences regarding going online to:** 242 respondents

	<u>Count</u>	<u>%</u>
Update member data:	142	59%
Complete Surveys:	149	62%
Pay Bill:	86	36%
Never:	68	28%

■ **Would you like to serve on the BLTA Board or Committee?**

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
28	228

■ **With respect to voting in Barnegat Light, are you:**

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Respondents</u>
A voter?	75 / 22%	266 / 78%	341
Interested in becoming one?	35 / 13%	231 / 87%	266

## Comments about BLTA (49):

Overall we feel the BLTA does an excellent job. you do a great job. thank you.	Thanks. – plus 4 additional Thank you for all that you do. Plus 1 additional
BLTA provides a great service. Website is very informative. Keep up the good work.	I like to read papers. Looking for meeting information on BLTA website.
Excellent job on the Web Site as the primary communication tool.	LFL is a Great Idea. Willing to donate to LFL.
Thank you for keeping us informed.	BLTA doing good work. Thank you.
Appreciate the efforts of the BLTA.	Thanks for your efforts.
Website needs to include much more information.	Would like to go online to read updates.
Attractive professional BLTA web site.	Spend down the BLTA surplus or reduce the dues.
Keep up the good work.	Thanks for the good work.
Great Newsletter	Thank you for all that you do.
Thanks so much.	BLTA doing a good job.
Thank you.	Love the News on the Web Site!
Thank you to BLTA.	Thank you for doing a wonderful job.
Thank you for all of your hard work.- plus 4 additional	Thank you for working to preserve pristine BL.
Go paperless	Thanks for sending the survey.
Satisfied	Thanks for your commitments.
Doing a good job.	Keep up the great work.
Thank you for your hard work.	Thank you for all of your efforts.
The BLTA is doing a great job.	Great job on communications.
Thank you for keeping BL charming and beautiful.	Excellent job on the website.

## 2016 BLTA SURVEY RESULTS/ANALYSIS SUGGESTIONS for COAST GUARD PROPERTY

### Comments relating to Park/Garden/Open Space (139/ 66%)

Park – 26 add'l mentions not listed individually	Open Space – 8 add'l mentions	Open Space. Pay down the debt without raising taxes
Community Garden – 10 add'l mentions	Area for seating and relaxation.	Park with benches for picnics
Nicely landscaped with trees	Park with shade trees	Keep it quiet and quaint as is Barnegat Light
Park. Keep the Tennis Courts.	Park for sitting, viewing flowers, serenity. Don't want lots of people and noise. Community Garden (Mr. Walker proposal)	Low Maintenance Park. Grass, trees, bushes.
Park. Open Space. Non-commercial		Quiet park. Public restroom.
Passive Recreation	Open Space Park. Something for children	Park. Community gatherings
Park. Similar to Sunset Park for open concerts	Playground and Park area with tables	Park. Benches and maybe a Gazebo. Maybe a movie night once in a while
Gardens	Park. Nice benches and greenery	Park with Handicap access with walking paths and exercise stations. For children and adults. Very Exciting.
Park. No Dogs	Park with benches	Quiet and Peaceful, no movies or music.
Park. A place to sit and watch the sunset	Park. Gazebo. Rest rooms	Benches and garden
	Open space with walking path and plantings	Park. Playground. Recreational use.
Garden area for seniors	Park with trees, wildflowers, grass and pathways	Memorial Garden with plants, benches and walkways.
Green park to sit, with parking at periphery reserved for park users. Town already has a lot - recreation area, dog park and gazebo	Make it a dog park. Return the Softball field to the ballplayers	Natural Garden with Picnic and Playground area
Park for relaxing in, with benches and trees	Make this the dog park and turn the baseball field back to what it was	Park. Benches and nice landscaping.
Park. Survey the residents on what they would like to have in the park	Open Space	Green Area with Dog Park located in one corner. Current dog park has no place in a residential area as people do not obey rules for hours
Flower gardens maintained by the garden club. picnic areas and playground	Park and ballpark. Keep existing dog park separate.	Open Space with benches, trees, flowering shrubs
Park and walking track through the area.	A park with trees. A Gazebo. Leave the Basketball court for the Coast Guard. No Dogs.	Park with grass and walkways, park benches, lights and a bocce court for older people.
Small Park. Use plants and trees indigenous to the shore. Strolling paths, some nautical things of interest and a water feature	Quiet Park for reflection. No movies, concerts or other events. It is too close to residences and Kubel's.	Public gardens and walking path
Park with benches and restrooms.	Open Space, Park for adults and children. No Condo's, houses or commercial structures	Park with picnic tables, benches and trees
Park with fitness trail around the perimeter.	Dog friendly park	Public gardens or co-op gardens.
Natural space	Japanese Garden with small trees and shrubs.	A garden. Quiet place with comfortable benches to use for family picnics
Open Space, Bike and Walking space, revert back to nature.	Garden with sitting area	Park with gazebo and park benches.

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### Comments relating to Entertainment – 54/ 26%

Children's playground – 8 add'l mentions	Area for evening concerts or movies	Horseshoe and Bocce courts would be nice. Outdoor concerts in the summer.
Concert venue – 6 add'l mentions	Play Area, Concert venue	Park. Music/Concert site
Space for concerts and events. Keep the B-ball court.	Playground, Festival Space, Music events	Open space to hold fairs and festivals
Concerts, Open Air Events (movie night).	Perhaps horseshoe pits	Outdoor concerts and activities.
Part of the space to be a modern safe play area for children.	Open air venue for concerts with amphitheater seating	Town Park with concert pavilion, bathrooms and trees and landscaping
Concert bandstand	Park w/ plantings and trees. Benches & Outdoor games, e.g. shuffleboard, bocce ball, horseshoe pits. Parking for food trucks.	Open space for Festival or event area
Recreation, a bocce court would be nice	A gazebo for concerts and fairs.	Larger more diverse playground. Town-run mini golf for family. Little kid bike safety town course
Move summer concerts to this site, it would be safer away from traffic	Outdoor Park and entertainment center	Park with a bandstand - like Chatham, MA has.
Concert site, car shows, folk, festivals, art shows		

### Comments relating to Physical Fitness/Athletics – 18/ 9%

Nature trail, native plants	Walking track	Running track
Fitness Trail	Athletic, multi-purpose field. No Dogs allowed.	Recreation. Simple building for community meetings, yoga classes. Outdoor Yoga/exercise platform
Tennis courts	Olympic size municipal swimming pool with kiddie pool and volleyball courts.	Multi use field ringed with fitness trail with native trees and vegetation. Add historical information on Barnegat Light
Community Swimming Pool	Create a Ball Field since the original field is now a dog park	Soccer field
Town Pool	Park with amenities - playground, tennis, etc.	Open field for playing - maybe soccer or lacrosse. Like Sunset Park in HC
Pickleball courts – 1 add'l mention	Sports usage	

### Comments relating to Other – 37/ 18%

Dog park – 4 additional mentions	Seaport/Town historic artistic walkway display	Bird sanctuary or field. No Maintenance area
Do not use as a dog park	Please do not increase taxes any more	We think fishing related use to preserve the heritage
No preference as long as it does not increase taxes	Community Farm	Nature preserve with native plants
Put the dog park there and return 10th St back to a field for public use	Open Field to use for various events	Bird habitat. A place for recreation
Farmers market. Event space. Boat trailer storage for boat slip renters	No Housing, keep it open space and Green	Bird Sanctuary, recreation
Helicopter landing site	A high class restaurant	
Move the water tower (when it needs to be replaced) and public works to this new property and make open space in the area of the then vacated public works site	Farmers market. Food Truck space. Area of car shows. I think BL should make it an economic benefit for the town to the degree that open space allows	