

## Q18 What in-person activities do you think could be used to facilitate two-way communication between residents and the Township Committee and/or Administration?

Answered: 243 Skipped: 306

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No suggestions	5/13/2018 6:48 AM
2	Town halls like the Recreation Mtg that was held last year.	5/12/2018 9:17 AM
3	Public comment time at every meeting (or most meetings). Agenda-free Presentation Time sessions, where constituents are encouraged to bring new ideas and present them.	5/12/2018 8:12 AM
4	I have not attended any town halls, but if structured appropriately, they could be effective.	5/12/2018 5:15 AM
5	Purchasing the garbage stickers at Town Hall would certainly increase activity.	5/11/2018 11:49 PM
6	Read and respond to emails	5/11/2018 11:33 PM
7	Open town hall style meetings. Elected officials should be available for office hours.	5/11/2018 10:36 PM
8	town halls. Committee member office hours	5/10/2018 11:54 AM
9	None	5/9/2018 5:34 PM
10	Maybe a town hall	5/8/2018 9:04 PM
11	Maybe holding a meeting a few times a year and inviting the residents to come to the meeting but constantly reminding them on Facebook or email about the upcoming meeting so that they don't forget about them	5/8/2018 8:54 PM
12	?	5/7/2018 6:05 AM
13	none	5/6/2018 10:16 PM
14	Go to town hall and meet the people and go to township committee meetings	5/5/2018 1:44 PM
15	Meet the town committee member stylen picnic	5/4/2018 5:10 PM
16	Real open meetings	5/4/2018 4:20 PM
17	town halls	5/4/2018 4:00 PM
18	Town meetings	5/4/2018 3:41 PM
19	More town hall type meetings. Or open houses where residents can hear info and come and ask questions	5/4/2018 11:13 AM
20	idk	5/4/2018 8:48 AM
21	Go to meetings	5/4/2018 6:32 AM
22	I have little time to participate in-person	5/3/2018 4:52 PM
23	Committee members should seek out feedback.	5/3/2018 3:37 PM
24	Meetings	5/2/2018 6:37 AM
25	Until recently the TC treated its 'meeting' participants so rudely that I decided not to attend - often demeaning those participants wishing to speak, voice their opinion etc.	5/2/2018 2:48 AM
26	Town hall	5/1/2018 7:09 PM
27	Town Hall with the entire MTCommittee OR Town Hall with just the MT Mayor.	5/1/2018 1:17 PM
28	have town hall meetings on a weekend where residents who work far away can attend to let their voices be heard.	5/1/2018 11:43 AM
29	Have committed and administration participate in those same committees	5/1/2018 11:20 AM

30	Relaxed, social events on a weekend afternoon where I can bring my family and meet the committee members while the kids are having fun.	4/30/2018 11:42 PM
31	Keep the open to the public discussion sessions at the meetings. Keep the open door policy with both the Township Committee and Employees.	4/30/2018 11:29 PM
32	people should attend monthly meetings	4/30/2018 10:37 PM
33	Go to meetings	4/30/2018 8:24 PM
34	un-official meetings that are more laid back than a Town Hall. Maybe to cover one subject matter for casual discussion.	4/30/2018 8:21 PM
35	Not sure.	4/30/2018 7:15 PM
36	Not sure	4/30/2018 6:46 PM
37	No changes needed	4/30/2018 6:36 PM
38	None like the way it is now	4/30/2018 6:05 PM
39	Internet based polls on important issues.	4/30/2018 4:49 PM
40	availability of administration at large events (clam bake, 4th of july, patriots run)	4/30/2018 3:26 PM
41	have a telephone hour	4/30/2018 3:03 PM
42	none.	4/30/2018 1:12 PM
43	E mail	4/30/2018 1:09 PM
44	Maybe informal gatherings at the Community Club to solicit input and support for major capital projects.	4/30/2018 12:25 PM
45	Maybe an informal night out with wine/cocktails at local pub? Or even a family event where people would be More likely to attend and bring children and they cool down be given the opportunity to speak one-on-one with committees etc.	4/30/2018 12:05 PM
46	No comment	4/30/2018 11:43 AM
47	Not sure! Using technology for virtual forums could facilitate 2 way communication.	4/30/2018 11:33 AM
48	meetings	4/30/2018 11:33 AM
49	We are a small town. It seems fine to me the way that it is.	4/30/2018 11:30 AM
50	town hall style meetings	4/30/2018 11:27 AM
51	N	4/30/2018 11:22 AM
52	Information tables or booths periodically set-up at central locations to perform casual meet & greet activities.	4/30/2018 11:14 AM
53	Town halls	4/29/2018 2:34 PM
54	town meetings	4/29/2018 1:35 PM
55	maybe a blog or something like that specifically for that communication. But that could just become a complaint-fest really fast, so would need to be more structured.	4/29/2018 8:34 AM
56	Meetings	4/28/2018 7:15 PM
57	Calling periodic town hall meetings to discuss prearranged topics, after soliciting possible discussion topics from residents.	4/28/2018 4:21 PM
58	Coffees	4/28/2018 4:09 PM
59	Informal meetings	4/28/2018 4:30 AM
60	Dinners/info sessions that are by neighborhood. That way you could get to know your neighbors and be informed.	4/26/2018 11:43 PM
61	office hours are a great idea-though i have not attended. facebook could be useful, so I will now check into that-it's maybe more easy to check in with on a regular basis. brief monthly updates via email would be helpful too.	4/26/2018 10:24 AM
62	Meet & greet	4/25/2018 8:26 PM

63	video chats,or phone chats	4/25/2018 7:25 PM
64	Town Hall; ideally with Mayor or Deputy Mayor.	4/25/2018 5:13 PM
65	Topical township hall meetings with administrators of the various departments.	4/25/2018 4:22 PM
66	?	4/25/2018 4:18 PM
67	Regular Town Hall meetings of sorts	4/25/2018 3:53 PM
68	Attendance at town meetings	4/25/2018 11:55 AM
69	Have committee person at PO on Saturday morning	4/25/2018 11:52 AM
70	By meeting face-to-face with Mendham Twp. residents as Amalia Duarte is doing	4/25/2018 11:06 AM
71	not sure	4/25/2018 5:06 AM
72	Interactive Sessions, knowledge sharing, easy reports on budgets and planned expenses,	4/24/2018 11:09 PM
73	Meet ups at Township library	4/24/2018 10:34 PM
74	Town bbq.	4/24/2018 10:14 PM
75	Town halls, carve outs during other community gatherings, lectures from interesting speakers.	4/24/2018 9:15 PM
76	maybe some more community activities at Brookside Beach and BCC	4/24/2018 7:56 PM
77	I think electronic communication is ideal.	4/24/2018 7:28 PM
78	Not sure	4/24/2018 5:29 PM
79	Emails	4/24/2018 5:15 PM
80	Coffee mornings with the community like they are doing with the police, at least here in Peapack Gladstone.	4/24/2018 4:17 PM
81	Have meet and greet social/ town hall gatherings but have them in places other than town hall eg The Community Club, (serve coffee), church halls, (St Joe's for those on the west side)	4/24/2018 3:22 PM
82	Township meetings	4/24/2018 3:14 PM
83	A strategic effort by members of the Council and/or town staff to be at community events, engaging with residents. Facebook Live events where people can engage virtually in a coffee chat.	4/24/2018 2:47 PM
84	unsure	4/24/2018 2:44 PM
85	small committees designated to the development of ideas for growth and change.	4/24/2018 2:12 PM
86	A simple coffee/bagels/donuts casual meet and greet or question and answer session.	4/24/2018 1:38 PM
87	Don't know.	4/24/2018 1:29 PM
88	less formal meetings	4/24/2018 11:14 AM
89	Meeting with administrator who then relays any and all concerns	4/24/2018 9:15 AM
90	The King's shopping plaza has great people traffic. Could you set up booths on Saturday and Sunday to engage with residents and collect their feedback?	4/24/2018 9:00 AM
91	not sure	4/24/2018 8:17 AM
92	...	4/24/2018 8:13 AM
93	I don't know	4/24/2018 7:09 AM
94	Meetings	4/24/2018 7:05 AM
95	suggestion drop off box at town hall	4/24/2018 6:56 AM
96	Townhall style meeting	4/23/2018 11:46 PM
97	Evening or weekend events.	4/23/2018 11:23 PM
98	why does it have to be in person? it's 2018...there's this thing called the internet, email, mobile communication, etc.	4/23/2018 9:06 PM
99	Have town hall meetings a few times per year about issues.	4/23/2018 8:45 PM

100	See above.	4/23/2018 8:12 PM
101	perhaps more community/family-oriented events at community center where residents and administration could have informal dialogue	4/23/2018 8:11 PM
102	Town Hall events	4/23/2018 7:32 PM
103	Office hours	4/23/2018 7:24 PM
104	Having them available at events, eg. Fourth of July parade	4/23/2018 6:53 PM
105	The office hours of the Committee members is a good idea.	4/23/2018 5:59 PM
106	Have the Farmers Market again - what happened to that? Great opp to have table, info about town	4/23/2018 5:51 PM
107	Going to town hall.	4/23/2018 5:48 PM
108	Town halls	4/23/2018 5:29 PM
109	Townhall or other meetings, email, surveys.	4/23/2018 5:26 PM
110	Not sure yet.	4/23/2018 5:00 PM
111	Town Hall meetings in evenings and at locations throughout township, rather than primarily in Brookside/Township Hall.	4/23/2018 5:00 PM
112	Public meetings preceded by distribution of information on issues and upcoming decisions.	4/23/2018 4:56 PM
113	When it comes to issues regarding our environment/open space/rec areas/historical preservation/land use/zoning, it might be worth experimenting having a public visitation of the place with the Township Committee. For ex: if we had the Dunkin Donuts issue that Mendham Borough is debating, we could have a public open house on the actual site.	4/23/2018 4:33 PM
114	Improve your government day, open up with live mtg and regular email communication	4/23/2018 4:33 PM
115	no ideas	4/23/2018 4:12 PM
116	facebook or other social media	4/23/2018 3:53 PM
117	Town meetings	4/23/2018 3:37 PM
118	perhaps a townhall meeting or webcast	4/23/2018 3:18 PM
119	Don't understand the question, sorry.	4/23/2018 3:15 PM
120	Only suggestion would be more than townhall/open forum meeting just to solicit feedback on "hot topics". Maybe three opportunities at different times and on varying days.	4/23/2018 3:11 PM
121	Door to door visits? A neighborhood communication portal?	4/23/2018 3:07 PM
122	conference calls	4/23/2018 2:58 PM
123	Nothing additional is needed	4/23/2018 2:33 PM
124	Meetings	4/23/2018 2:30 PM
125	family fun events	4/23/2018 2:09 PM
126	Advisory boards for public to attend and share solutions not just problems (brainstorming type environment where possible)	4/23/2018 2:04 PM
127	Not really sure	4/23/2018 2:01 PM
128	Provide info at Local recreation events or schools.	4/23/2018 1:57 PM
129	You already have open meetings	4/23/2018 1:56 PM
130	Maybe host open house for 30 minutes or 1 hour prior to Township meeting -- give people an opportunity to chat with officials. OR, to meet people who do not regularly attend, consider hosting networking time outside of King's or at Dante's or Simple Coffee or Mendham Creamery. Promote in advance.	4/23/2018 1:53 PM
131	Could be committee meetings if advanced agendas are distributed to help determine people's level of interest.	4/23/2018 1:48 PM
132	Newsletter	4/23/2018 1:47 PM
133	Open house with q and a	4/23/2018 1:43 PM

134	not sure	4/23/2018 1:39 PM
135	None	4/23/2018 1:37 PM
136	town hall meetings	4/23/2018 1:37 PM
137	Town halls	4/23/2018 1:36 PM
138	An annual meetup during something already on our town's calendar annually...like the 4th of July parade but a community face to face/meet & greet/suggestions gathering after the parade. Something like that.	4/23/2018 1:35 PM
139	information/town rep. at the polling sites, perhaps adding a specific receptionist at the town hall in charge of communication	4/23/2018 1:34 PM
140	Townhalls	4/23/2018 1:34 PM
141	Town hall meetings or presentations at the library or schools	4/23/2018 1:33 PM
142	None.	4/23/2018 1:31 PM
143	When an issue arises trawl for suggestions on ways to tackle, with a meeting date to review recommended bedrvapotiach based on input. Be open to review other alternatives at the meeting, not fixed on what might be a political vs best option.	4/23/2018 12:46 PM
144	Don't know.	4/23/2018 11:54 AM
145	Its difficult because there is not really a town center or downtown in Mendham twp but town wide activities would help in a community that is so spread out.	4/23/2018 11:51 AM
146	Town hall style meetings	4/23/2018 11:45 AM
147	not sure you will get a lot from this	4/23/2018 11:19 AM
148	Townhall meetings	4/23/2018 10:59 AM
149	Town hall meetings	4/23/2018 10:57 AM
150	Facebook	4/23/2018 10:45 AM
151	Town halls as suggested would be worth a try! Make the website more fun and user friendly. Some sort of positive Mendham campaign? Introduce us all to you as people, not just administrators (bios on the new user friendly website?).	4/23/2018 10:37 AM
152	Meet the Committee events? Rather than a committee meeting, ask the Members to speak on a topic, issue etc.. Have it at the Fire House..outside...chairs....	4/23/2018 10:36 AM
153	What about informal town hall type meetings with the rotating mayor once a quarter	4/23/2018 10:35 AM
154	Town hall hours, like the ones that Ms. Duarte has are a great idea, they should be more often and by other members of the Committee. There should be more opportunities to offer input at Town Meetings.	4/23/2018 10:27 AM
155	We can't get people to show up in person for the really important matters, so I'm not sure what activities will lure them out.	4/23/2018 10:23 AM
156	None that I can think of that are not already being used.	4/23/2018 10:19 AM
157	None	4/23/2018 10:16 AM
158	Administrators are readily available at town hall.	4/23/2018 10:05 AM
159	Meet and greets	4/23/2018 10:05 AM
160	I think building something together for our youth/teens can do. Mendham doesn't have a lot of activities for kids.	4/23/2018 10:04 AM
161	Have a "Meet the Mayor" night where informally people can socialize with the mayor and Town Council members.	4/23/2018 10:02 AM
162	n/a	4/23/2018 9:53 AM
163	people would rather deal with this over the internet	4/23/2018 9:51 AM
164	Don't know	4/23/2018 9:48 AM
165	Not sure	4/23/2018 9:47 AM

166	Come to TC meetings	4/23/2018 9:16 AM
167	Town Halls or surveys	4/23/2018 7:53 AM
168	Breakfasts and coffee chats.	4/23/2018 7:16 AM
169	Not sure, maybe fairs	4/23/2018 6:37 AM
170	Prefer more flexible communication mediums than in-person, except for significant issues that need dynamic public discussion.	4/22/2018 11:08 PM
171	Town hall meetings	4/22/2018 10:28 PM
172	See above	4/22/2018 9:06 PM
173	In person is not a realistic approach for today's busy people	4/22/2018 6:45 PM
174	Quarterly or bi-annual open house or meet-and-greet.	4/22/2018 4:54 PM
175	Do not know	4/22/2018 3:31 PM
176	Township committee meeting	4/22/2018 1:01 PM
177	Town hall style meeting.	4/22/2018 10:48 AM
178	Attend neighborhood meetings and events.	4/22/2018 9:52 AM
179	I like the office hours idea. There should be fewer closed sessions and it would be nice to have a meaningful report of committee meetings. Minutes are written so as not to be litigated	4/22/2018 9:05 AM
180	approachable staff - less "them and us" feel	4/22/2018 7:22 AM
181	Town halls, office hours, Q&A only meetings	4/22/2018 6:49 AM
182	Email between members committees	4/21/2018 9:55 PM
183	None. Social media communication is best.	4/21/2018 9:43 PM
184	Coffee with the mayor. A hike. A roadside rubbish clean up. A parade. A community rummage sale that benefits a charity.	4/21/2018 9:34 PM
185	Social / community events sponsored by township	4/21/2018 8:39 PM
186	Maybe a table at the July 4th parade or even a table set up outside of the post office or library (or even kings although in the borough) or cvs to chat with residences?!	4/21/2018 8:34 PM
187	Video conferencing	4/21/2018 8:33 PM
188	N/a	4/21/2018 8:02 PM
189	With all the kids activities it is difficult to attend Township meetings. That's why I prefer online. Is it possible to use Facebook live to stream these meetings? Likewise with some of the school meetings would be helpful.	4/21/2018 7:55 PM
190	During 4th of July celebration. Parades. Fun Runs	4/21/2018 7:31 PM
191	.....	4/21/2018 7:29 PM
192	I wouldn't be interested in in-person activities however I could see how it would be beneficial	4/21/2018 7:28 PM
193	Office hours, meetings in parks or at local pub	4/21/2018 7:19 PM
194	Wet t shirt contest? I don't know.	4/21/2018 7:00 PM
195	See answer above.	4/21/2018 6:26 PM
196	Email	4/21/2018 5:50 PM
197	Office hours	4/21/2018 4:00 PM
198	??	4/21/2018 3:46 PM
199	Breakfast/lunch with an agenda	4/21/2018 3:03 PM
200	Can't think of any	4/21/2018 2:59 PM
201	open meetings	4/21/2018 2:57 PM
202	.	4/21/2018 2:04 PM

203	Evening coffee/dessert meeting around 7:30pm makes sharing information informal and social as well.	4/21/2018 2:02 PM
204	Volunteer opportunity w gov people Town Halls 4x a year w topics and agenda given in advance Recreation director at back to school sharing programs and what's offered	4/21/2018 1:54 PM
205	Not sure	4/21/2018 1:38 PM
206	Lesions to represent groups and then communicate virtually	4/21/2018 1:30 PM
207	Emial or facebook	4/21/2018 1:04 PM
208	X	4/21/2018 1:01 PM
209	Town Hall meetings	4/21/2018 12:57 PM
210	Everyone is so into technology nowadays. I'm not sure more face to face is necessary since it's a small community, as long as available via email, phone and if necessary make an appointment to meet.	4/21/2018 12:18 PM
211	Friday morning "office hours"	4/21/2018 12:09 PM
212	Zzz	4/21/2018 11:48 AM
213	x	4/21/2018 11:28 AM
214	Resident "meet and greet" with members of MT office, at the Library or Municipal Building to give faces to our community. It is such a welcoming community. Being from a HUGE city as Toronto, I find this community very refreshing!!!	4/21/2018 10:38 AM
215	Perhaps in a social setting where Committee members from both political parties come together at the Community Club for wine/food so that the atmosphere is less adversarial, and the Committee members are mixing with the residents rather than in a formal setting behind microphones.	4/21/2018 7:00 AM
216	Lowering taxes, combining police, school districts, libraries, fire departments with other towns. Allow chain restaurants and business	4/20/2018 11:15 PM
217	Not answering	4/20/2018 10:47 PM
218	don't know	4/20/2018 10:20 PM
219	I do not know	4/20/2018 10:00 PM
220	Maybe a section of each TC public meeting to have a public input time slot that is purely for sounding off about good and bad things noted with government in meetings or communications.	4/20/2018 9:30 PM
221	The strategic planning meeting the K-8 had was amazing and would be an excellent model to follow.	4/20/2018 6:55 PM
222	Open the Brookside Beach for a night to all residents to get together and network with committee members.	4/20/2018 6:18 PM
223	same as previous answer, make it less confrontational.	4/20/2018 5:29 PM
224	Town hall meetings or round tables. A candidate's night during primaries would be nice.	4/20/2018 4:10 PM
225	Perhaps a suggestion box?	4/20/2018 3:33 PM
226	See above	4/20/2018 3:23 PM
227	See answer #16	4/20/2018 3:21 PM
228	Open mic night...the feedback loops on FB were fairly active during the storms.	4/20/2018 2:23 PM
229	Not sure, I think we should look at other towns and see what they are doing and use some of the best ideas.	4/20/2018 2:12 PM
230	Meetings	4/20/2018 1:58 PM
231	Attend the committee meetings.	4/20/2018 1:56 PM
232	focused round table discussion on specific issues before twp committee votes on it. committee members on same level, not up on the dais.	4/20/2018 1:49 PM
233	Town hall type meetings for special interest topics	4/20/2018 1:48 PM
234	not sure	4/20/2018 12:36 PM

235	Show up to Township Committee meeting and participate.	4/20/2018 12:31 PM
236	The TC really only talks about volunteer appreciation. other than the Library and very recently the Recreation Committee, they do nothing to promote growth in other important organizations like the Mendham Township First Aid Squad or the Mendham Township Engine Companies. I would like to see them more engaged in supporting the volunteers rather than just random talk here and there.	4/20/2018 12:11 PM
237	what i wrote above	4/20/2018 11:49 AM
238	office hours	4/20/2018 11:29 AM
239	Open house or neighborhood get togethers.	4/20/2018 11:27 AM
240	twice annual town halls	4/20/2018 11:11 AM
241	Ad hoc committees, regular "listening" sessions - say once a month, with perhaps an MTC member and Administration person attending - open to all at a preset date/time, such as Amalia's open Friday sessions.	4/20/2018 11:06 AM
242	A casual meeting that is simply more of an open-mic night -- that doesn't have to follow the entire structure of a TCM. Perhaps you can have 1 per "topic" and you can have a gauge for how important a particular topic is based on attendance.	4/20/2018 11:05 AM
243	Cordial and welcoming response to residents speaking at TC meetings...at two different points during the meeting. (At the beginning and the end.)	4/20/2018 11:00 AM