

75: Other Comments

I am disappointed with how the current group of Township Trustees has used the authority provided them via Home Rule. My sense is that these individuals have a calloused appreciation for democracy. Anyone disagreeing with their proclamatory behavior is conveniently ignored. They appear unable or unwilling to consider both sides of issues in a fair and unbiased manner. The best thing that could happen to the citizens of Howland Township would be to elect a set of new, and impartial representatives.

I am glad to see recycling I am in favor of it and howland seems to want to do all they can.

We moved to the Howland Village from the S.W. side of Warren, and absolutely love it here. We live in a double wide, on a cul-de-sac where it is very peaceful, quiet, with friendly neighbors that are mostly transplants too, and enjoy it immensely. For retired people, it is just perfect. Close to businesses, library, Dr.'s offices etc. I do worry that because it is a mobile home park, others will want to see it removed, even though it is a quiet place, with mostly senior citizens who cannot afford to live elsewhere. We all try to keep our homes in very good shape and would hate to have to move.

I would love to see festivals like those in Warren, Niles, and surrounding communities that would promote activity in our own back yard. For example, the Fourth of July festivities in our school yard, and the farmer's market by the gazebo. Those are great ideas and well enjoyed. However, something that lasted a few days, complete with rides and food booths, would be a lot of fun. Maybe some sort of fall activity!

It is sad that we have become so disillusioned with the Township and our Trustees. We need to work together to sustain our community. Do not hire inexperienced outsiders, who have no loyalty, into positions where decisions will make or break a business. Make necessary changes and don't be so rigid that you lose business to other communities.

Howland Township is a good community to have raised a family, though the older neighborhoods are getting worse, the newer ones are becoming affordable. Keeping the "average family" in the Township could be a problem in the future. Revamping these old neighborhoods with new affordable housing could be a plus.

<p>I feel that Mark Zuppo has no idea what howland needs. He makes it hard on local small family owned businesses to succeed by enforcing rules such as sign location and color while he somehow forgets to enforce those rules to franchises such as arby's and dunkin' doughnuts. Also, he is from Girard. How much could he really care about a community that he doesn't even live in. It has also been brought to my attention that the zoning committee, including Zuppo, has denied the construction of a large car dealership on state route 46 that would have brought howland large sums of money through property taxes.</p>
<p>I love Howland and have been involved ALL my life, even though I lived in Bazetta for 10 years. My father served the township and we moved back here so our daughter could attend Howland Schools. For all its faults, it is the best place to live in Trumbull County, but things do need to be done to both PROTECT what has been done without deterring future expansion and development.</p>
<p>I am not an original Howlandite, but I have come to feel quite at home here and am very proud of what we have. I would recommend this community to anyone who is looking for a great place to raise a family... as there are many activities for families and great schools here. What we need are more economic opportunities.</p>
<p>I just hope that the feedback gained from this will actually be utilized. With the current state of US business, every entity must be agile and responsive to input. Bring as much business as you can to the area to provide more jobs and more tax money for the community.</p>
<p>Would like to be a part of the planning process..Being retired and quite active, I could devote the time needed.. My wife and I spend time in Chicago with our daughter, and it is amazing how green and bike friendly Chicago is becoming..Please feel free to contact me at Rbevan@neo.rr.com.....Respectfully, Robert Bevan</p>
<p>With the economic situation in this area in such a depressed state, I feel that it is not necessary or reasonable to ask the taxpayers to support the building of new schools.</p>
<p>When we first moved here Howland was a wonderful community-our children went to Howland schools which were the best around. Now it seems as if no one cares about much of anything. Our homes have had extensive flooding numerous times due to inadequate storm sewers. We have had to pay thousands of dollars for clean up, replacement, plumbers, etc. This has fallen on deaf ears. Every time we get a major rain our road still fills with water and we pray that the storm sewers don't back up. Now we have this problem with the ditch in our back yard. Again, I have called and complained and no one cares. If it wasn't for the fact that I could never sell my house here, I would move away from Howland. It seems as if Howland is more interested in "appearances" and status than in helping their people solve the real problems.</p>

Howland is a good place to live and raise a family. In planning for the future there must be a concerted effort to remember that Howland is more than one location. It seems that if you live in remote areas of the township, the only time you are part of Howland is "Tax time." There must be a balance of wants and needs. The costs for everything are going up. The only thing that isn't is my paycheck. It is even worse for our growing number of senior citizens on fixed incomes. We may want new schools, we may want new parks, and pretty entry ways to the township. What Howland must do is live within its means for now. Plan for the future, but don't force residents to move because they can't afford to live here anymore.

I understand controlled growth, but I believe the zoning regulations are somewhat too stringent and unattractive to businesses. Some areas such as Bolindale and Morgandale are overlooked.

We have had zoning issues with a past neighbor that the zoning inspector FAILED to deal with. We went through all of the proper channels, visited the zoning office numerous times, wrote all of the suggested letters, and still received no support from the zoning office.

Quality of life is obviously key to keeping and attracting residents. Bike paths are needed - both new and widening roads to allow for bike paths and walking. East Market by the Plaza and SR 46 from SR82 north to North River needs at least a middle turn lane and bike/walking paths along sides.

As a resident of Howland, Howland Wilson Rd S.E. to be exact, for the years that I have lived here the speed on this road and every road I travel in Howland has steadily increased. Despite the many complaints I have made to HPD and having spoken to OSHP officers re: the problem, the excess speed continues even though the speed is 40mph on this road people are traveling at 50, 60 and 70mph totally oblivious of the speed limits. And Why... Because speed limits are Not Enforced in Howland Township. If you want to speed then come to Howland. No radar exists except in the school zone during school session, otherwise, you can speed to any mph you want because there are no consequences. It is such a travesty of the law that the only time that something is done about the speed is when there is a fatal. I believe that your priorities are totally misdirected, instead of worrying about barking dogs, Your priority should be the safety of our residents, our families and pets on Howland roadways.

I am very pleased to have lived in this community for over forty years and plan to remain here.

Zoning enforcement regulations need to be more strictly enforced. <input type="checkbox"/>
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Drainage issues need to be address before new construction is approved and started. <input type="checkbox"/>
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Howland needs to be an educational leader in the Mahoning Valley. Adult education programs would be great.
I like the way the Township is run and the general responsiveness of our Twp Government. As long as we continue to have people and Twp officials & employees that "Care" about Howland, and see it as a good place to call home, we will continue to prosper. Home/Condo Owners and local business owners are the ones who will care. <input type="checkbox"/>
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Should we move towards transients and too many absentee apartment owners, etc. we will see a deterioration of those who "care" about this entity. Those corporations who only see the immediate bottom line and don't have any stakes in the Township will also be a detrement.
They gave the property to Niles and Warren and thats going to continue. They are just looking for more ways to waste the money so they can create more jobs for their friends.
Just to reiterate that Howland has wonderful schools and beautiful neighborhoods. What we need is an indentity and I believe that starts with the Howland Corners area. We need to set ourselves apart and make an area where people can walk on a sidewalk and step into little shops and eat at local restrauents. Ultimately it would be great to have a festival that celebrates Howland
I care so much about the appearance of Howland and the quality of life for the people who live here.
What happened to the sidewalks that were supposed to be put in on North Road? <input type="checkbox"/>
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The farmer's market is a great idea. We need more activities, especially in the winter months.

<p>I believe Howland needs to continue to dress up the main parts of E. Market St./State RT 46. The main problem is the heart of Howland is the four corners. The problem is all the traffic that flows through that area. You are limited to what can be done there. The BP sign and Sunrise Express signs are too high. Zoning should have controlled the height of the signs. □</p> <p>Howland is trying to look like a "World Class Community", but the message is not sent by the actions of the group. It seems to many people that it is just "lip service" □</p> <p>I would like a plan spelled out in steps. The first plan of attack is building a new high school. It may cost me more on my taxes, but the children will benefit for years to come. I don't mind paying more taxes if I can see what I am paying for!</p>
<p>In this tough economy we have to tighten the belt on spending, this includes the schools, and all forms of local government. Zoning and corridor planning that does not allow for tax base growth is unsound thinking. If property is lost to Niles or Warren, stop providing services to them that are being paid for by our tax payers. Consider attempting to incorporate such as Boardman Twp.</p>
<p>There is a path north from the Township Park past Anderson Av. to North River Rd. that could be great. There is a wonderful boardwalk on it but the trail has not been maintained in the past 2-3 years with water flowing over and washing out parts of it, and brush is overgrowing it. Is this ever going to be maintained to where we can enjoy it again?</p>
<p>The Howland park has great potential. The basketball court and the new boardwalk are wonderful! □</p> <p>If we can continue building off that boardwalk it would only benefit the community. I believe it would attract more people here and give young adults something positive to do to keep busy. I also noticed a lot of open land towards the end of the boardwalk...this may be a little out there but a rip cord would be a lot of fun out there and it would definitely attract a diverse crowd.</p>
<p>Did we have to pay a company from Toledo to organize this survey? We have several universities that could have done excellent market research, not to mention other firms that specialize in data collection and analysis!</p>
<p>Remove Roadside Memorials like the one at King Graves Rd & Howland Wilson Rd.</p>
<p>My concerns are with building new schools. Increased gas costs cause increased food costs, increased costs for basic items - if people can't afford the basics, how can they afford more taxes to pay for new schools? The proportion of property taxes already allocated to the schools is already too high.</p>
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This is a good idea and hopefully the township will act on the most prevalent suggestion.
I would hope we will see some changes.
I'm just waiting for my children to leave for college so we can leave this area. In Howland, it's not what you know it's who you know and how much money you have. It's a place that caters to who has money/property--not the real people. Wise up administrators--you will not always have open wallets to bank on.
Thanks for taking steps to improve our community. As I drive to many other communities, nearby as well in other states, I see numerous amenities that we do not have and I wonder why we can't have them. Whether it is just a beautified highway system (wildflowers) or a community center (recreational spot, gathering place, etc.), I would like to experience the pride they must have in their communities.
I am disappointed that the proposed highway improvements, by the state D.O.T., to rt. 46 have not been followed through with. This section of highway has a very high number of traffic accidents and is dangerous to enter from side streets. <input type="checkbox"/> I feel strongly that the township should push the powers in charge to encourage these highway improvements.
I enjoy community activities, parades/farmer's markets, etc. I particularly look forward to any activity that involves children under the age of 8!
Howland is a great community. I would like to see it get even better, starting with the schools. Talk is that Springs and Glen have different reading level guidelines (Glen adjusts for the child, and Springs teaches all kids at the same level). I would like to see uniformity throughout the schools. Like Glen, I think that all of the schools should have a grand entrance as well. Why doesn't Springs have a sign at the bottom of Howland Springs and rt 46? <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Howland is known for its schools and its class - so promote them! Make this township the place with the best looking schools with the best education program, offering modern conveniences and the most up-to-date learning environment like all-day Kindergarten. As well, the look of the entire township should be uniform with appropriate neighborhood signage, lighting and curbs throughout - giving every place a "touch" of Howland and a hometown feel.
Howland Township is a sustainable community with a lot to offer i.e excellent schools, affordable housing, good services
N/A

I am concerned about the number of homes which are for sale, or sitting empty. The development of condo areas, etc, encourage homeowners to downsize and move. Home buyers will often opt for new or newer construction, rather than buy an existing "older" home. The large number of homes for sale will cause prices to go lower.

I think I have covered most of my thoughts in other portions of this survey that also allow one to comment. However, I do think excellent schools embody or mirror what a community is like; unfortunately, I think Howland should have acted, comprehensively, long ago on this issue (perhaps a little differently than it did in the past). To update physical structures at this point in time with the economy the way it is -- is likely not going to work if the burden is placed on the homeowner. So this is certainly a challenge for the community. Good schools usually mean better/higher housing values; but it may be too late or the wrong time to rally the public.

I think the township building is wonderful. Parking is a bit of a problem though. The post office is so busy that the parking lot is often full and there is a line. That is a good thing. It would be nice to have our own postoffice. We love the branck and limb pick up and the leaf pick up. That is great. It prevents so much from going in a landfill. We are also thrilled about the recycling program. Our bin is full every time. Howland set the standard for other communities in the area for trash and recycling. I'm glad to see other communities like Liberty following the lead. We can truly make a difference in the world!

The Howland Administration and trustees have done a good job of being responsive to citizen's needs in some areas and we are appreciative of the excellent police, fire, and EMT, departments, Post Office and Howland Township Park. However, the lack of water services from Howland does leave some residents at risk for annexation if they try to receive this vital service from the city of Warren.

I do feel that we would be a much stronger area if our elected officials, township administrator, and school officials would develop a discourse of cooperation and not competition with Warren City and Warren school officials. Because of the close physical proximity of both areas and our rapidly declining populations, sharing of resources and joint activities might benefit both Howland and Warren.

This is an addendum to the survey I just completed.

I just noticed that the composition of the planning committee is 13 men and 2 women. With that gender imbalance, I would certainly question the vision and credibility of the recommendations of this committee.

School taxes too high !

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just the fact that you are offering this survey is a positive indicator....there needs to be alot of planning for the future of this community and you should not limit it to just the locals....we need input from other communities that have experienced similar growth and have the same direction.....continue to have well advertised community forums

howland is a beautiful community and so well kept.i am proud to have people vist because it is so clean and low crime good police and fire....and look at all the restraunts of choice....what more could a family want...everything is right herea great community to raise children in!!!

The traffic on Rte. 46 between North River Rd. and the Eastwood Mall is terrible at certain times of the day. Whether anything can be done, especially at the Rte. 46 and East Market St. intersecons, remains to be seen.
Especially at the various intersections, weeds need to be cut down regularly and also shrubs need to be trimmed back or set back far enough that they do not create a traffic hazard.

The pot in Howland is way more that half full. We have many great aspects for comfortable living. We can get better and we must continue to look for new and fresh ideas for positive growth. We need our young to stay local after completing their education.
I don't think the police force is very 'kid friendly', especially Cheif Monroe. In fact, the police force is not very friendly in general. It would be nice to have more of a Mayberry feeling of protection.

Township park and programs has improved as have activities at the gazebo :) Even more regularly scheduled proگرامing would be appreciated for both adults and children. Cooperating with Howland branch library, art museum, churches, senior center etc...

More green space, areas of visual interest at 46/82 intersection

I enjoy living in Howland and feel good about it most of the time. There is a stigma that families here are quite privileged - the girls are all raised as princesses and boys seem to get their own way - I don't like that. Living here but not being from here originally, I feel badly when outside people figure I must be rich and spoiled because I live in Howland. There are a lot of hard-working, nice people in Howland who would do anything for anyone in need.

It is really important to us to have a strong community filled with opportunities for everyone. It is also important to maintain the good things and keep up with improvements and look to the future so that the township will continue to be a favored community to live in.

We see one police car at Halloween go up our road. You don't see them any other time. I would like to see an indoor rec center.

I believe that the value of my property is challenged by the type of growth that is being allowed (apartments which don't contribute as much per capita to the Township in property taxes). □

The HPD is lax when it comes to the enforcement of laws (failure to yield at red lights or stop signs, parking violations [fire lanes, posted no parking areas], trespass, noise). □

The Trustees do not enforce zoning regulations. Sawgrass apartments still have not developed the buffer promised many years ago and the area between the apartments and surrounding residence is an eyesore. This specific is but one example of the general statement. □

Stormsewers are inadequate in the former 'Burning Oaks' neighborhood causing residence water damage problems from time to time. This is another example of the lack of responsiveness by the local government.

When I first moved here 14 years ago I felt Howland was a nice place to live. Now I think the only thing the trustees think about is to fill every possible space because they fear it will be annexed to Warren. I feel the people who live here have nothing to say and have no voice. I feel this way because several years ago I and my neighbors fought to save wetland and to keep Sawgrass from being built and were completely ignored. Now it has been built and the promise made to us about a buffer have been forgotten and the back of our property looks dreadful.

Am I a homeowner? No. I am a college student. I have lived here my entire life. I am actively interested in urban design. I have very strong opinions. And will I be staying in Howland, Ohio? The place where I was born and raised? The community which has brought me so many memories? No. At least not right now. Maybe in the future, depending on how things go.

And one major reason is the type of lifestyle I want to live. I want to have the option of walking to major thoroughfares. I want to have bike trails. I want to have VISUAL symbols of the community. True civic structures. Real storefronts. REAL community life, not merely a network of isolated individuals. I have always been proud of my fellow citizens and those benchmarks which we strive for. I was very happy with my lifelong education in the Howland School System. But with the advent of college, and the exposure to a true community and those pedestrian networks, real community centers, and opportunities afforded by the arts (which I realize, was largely because I was in a university town) has made me want something MORE. Something that Howland cannot currently provide me, but that I certainly hope it will in the future.

I live in a development without street lights, it would be nice to have them for safety and security. (Surrey Hill)

I would like to see an indoor recreation area available for use. The park pavillions are great, but not very useful in the winter.

Also, I was a bit disappointed with the upkeep of the park pavillion. The playground equipment is outdated, the bocce court is overgrown, and the overall appearance is somewhat disappointing. This area gets a lot of use, it could really use a facelift!

How about a standard township wide for yard upkeep? Or MANDATORY curbside recycling.

The summer youth program is great. I would love to see something like this onc weekend a month during the school year too!

Even a program for Moms and babies or toddlers would be great.

Preserve the Seely House!!!!

Connect Howland Springs Road to 46 by Dunkin Donuts to eliminate the hill's hazzard of winter driving.

I like my location in the township, but as I age -Maybe at some point won't want to drive-it's hard to live here without a means to get around and not be isolated. We have had a lot of people with a lot of good ideas that I am sure would be good. The most disappointing thing that I saw was the voting down of a dog park --Other places have them very successfully-I wanted it a lot ,but knew that it wouldn't be approved-it would have been fun on so many levels.

I believe Howland is going in the right direction. Steps have been taken to improve the area. It is a good idea to have a plan/ vision for the future.

Howland is a very nice township with a lot of potential.

I know the problems that are going on are happening everywhere in ohio but to go and try to build a school and to put additional taxes on utilities is absurd. People are not going to work so that they can live in Howland. Get a grip. My property taxes used to be 360.00 a half and in the past years they have now reached 667.00. I'm talking a 5 year span. I have done several improvements to the appearance of my house to make it look nice only to have it kick me in the face with property taxes. I won't be making that mistake any time soon. By the way a couple of years ago you went and evaluated peoples houses so that you could raise their property taxes. How about doing that now? You won't because you'll loose your butts. I know on my street alone there is 6 houses in foreclosure and one's been for sale and mighty cheap might i add and still can't sell it. As far as I'm concerned I think it's time for a new local goverment. One that would have my best interest in mind and now the goverments pockets.

In looking at the members of the new planning committee, it seems it should be expanded to represent a better cross-section of township residents, businesses, schools, and other community groups.

Concern with the number of residential properties that are in foreclosure and the outside of the homes is not kept up...overgrown grass, weeds, bushes, etc. It deters from the neighborhoods and the residents who must live next door to these properties.

Concern with the number of cats that are free to roam wherever, without any "laws" like those demanded of persons with dogs.

It's nice to see Howland making use of the latest technoligy and using the internet for public input.

Anytime I have needed the police, EMR service or had any questions concerning any matter, the people that I have talked to have always responded in a positive manner. I feel that the Howland trustees and goverment officials are working hard to make our community a good place to live. Their energy shows.

need better roads---need more lighting---need more police. all areas of the township have to be taken care of equally
The stop sign on Raglan road before it becomes Raglan extension (or whatever it is called) causes a lot of confusion for drivers. It is dangerous and should be removed. <input type="checkbox"/>
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Howland is a wonderful community. A great place for families. We need to keep it that way.
pit enclosed w/2 ft walls or something. there are so many huge trees and so many sticks residents need another way tp get rid of them by burning but regulate it. we need better traffic enforcement from a loud music ordinance to more warnings and tickets for speeding and stop sign violators. i didn't pay to move here and here the boom boom coming up the steet everynight. pull these punks over and goive them a ticket. <input type="checkbox"/>
please address all the condos. without regulation these condos will be run down blight attracting low income poverty residents which leads to more drugs and more crime. look at warren. the same needs to be done on renatl properties before they get out of pocket like the warren situation. <input type="checkbox"/>
get more sidewalks around the parks and schools. this could eleviate busing some kids which would save on gas, busing, and payroll. <input type="checkbox"/>
the nature walk is excellent. need more of these projects. <input type="checkbox"/>
stronger enforcement on atv's and dirtbikes on the streets. i don't want to hear from the police they can't catch'em. get the cops a 4
HOWLAND NEEDS TO ATTRACT MORE BUSINESSES AND LOOK AT WAYS TO REDUCE TAXES TO ATTRACT MORE RESIDENTS. BETTER EFFORTS NEED TO BE MADE ON ADDRESSING LITTER/LITTERING(VERY UNATTRACTIVE IN A NUMBER OF LOCATIONS)
I enjoy living in Howland Township.
I live in the bolindale area and it seem that our local goverment forgets about that side of town. ie; police, no paid firemen at the fire station, snow removal and street lighting. The members of the goverments need to remember that we are voters too.
Howland Township is a very nice community. It is busier now, more traffic, a little more congested than I prefer, but all in all it is very nice. I think nice looking buildings and aesthetics are nice and very appealing but more than that I think whats beneath the surface is more important. If the business in the beautiful building is family friendly, depositing a positive result into the community, that is most important. Being a good steward of our resources is priority and I think with the high cost of all energy sources right now it is the prime time to resort to alternative energy and allow residents to adopt these measure without alot of zoning restrictions that would halt such progress.
I would like to see more consistency in the types of commercial buildings that are built in Howland

Improving the schools both from an educational / curriculum standpoint and the physical buildings will be very important to attract new families to Howland. Safety in travel and crime rate will be next while the cost of living, including taxes and utility costs will be third. Howland needs to develop more of a community - more entertainment in the park, egg rolls, haloween party, summer cookout, whatever - anything to get the community members together in a positive way.

I think from my previous answer that the school system for kindergarten is ridiculous. My husband and I have a young child and will be taking him to another school district for his kindergarten year, unless Howland changes this in the next year. I think it is a shame that I pay taxes for my township, but will have to educate my child elsewhere. What can children (5-6 years old) truly learn in 2.5 hours? Then be expected to go home and sit for another hour or two to do homework for kindergarten. We wonder why our children are so stressed out!!

I am happy to live in Howland. The fact that we have an excellent highway system making access to Youngstown, Cleveland and Akron easy is a true asset for residents, businesses and industry. □

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Howland needs to further create and maintain a feeling of community. Since the township is so chopped up I don't know if I am in Howland, Warren, Niles or Bazetta. Doing more community projects such as the 4th of July parade, Farmers' Market, park activities, etc. are good ways to create an atmosphere of community. □

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Howland also needs to toot its own horn more with the positives we do have going. Being from Mahoning County originally, I think we compare to a Canfield, Poland or Boardman yet we don't have that community feel that those areas do.

I have always liked living in Howland for over 30 years and as I approach retirement age I hope there will be more interesting and enjoyable things to do here.

I hope that Howland can continue to deserve its reputation as the best community in Trumbull County. As my son is only two years old, I hope that throughout his schooling, things continue to stay strong in the district. The fact that you are making this available to residents is reassuring; I also have been surprised by the newsletters sent to residents--they are a sign that the township cares to reach those who reside within it.

A concern with the development I live in is that people tend to speed down the road and we have many children that play outside and walk/ride bicycles with supervision on the street. I would like to see more community awareness to the dangers of speeding through neighborhoods. I think that more enforcement of speed limits in small developments is needed to keep the children in the community safe.

I would love to see Howland bring in some kind of innovative technology that will build our community, encourage new residents and provide jobs for our children to come home to.

There are times that zoning makes it difficult for businesses to properly advertise themselves. This is disturbing to me. I also recognize the importance of having rules in place to prevent eyesores. There has to be some middle ground.

I would also like to see Howland encourage the building of moderately priced homes (\$90,000 - \$120,000). Not everyone can afford a mansion.

Our family enjoys the park and would love to see a little more parking there for soccer season.

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My biggest gripe is the useage of the Township Park. While I fully support the youth sports programs, I find that the Athletic Club is abusing the use of the park in as much as our Township Park is unuseable when they have events due to heavy scheduling on the same night -- the average citizen can't find a parking spot - or even get past the haphazard parking.

OVERALL HOWLAND IS A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE !

I love Howland, and am proud to say it is my hometown.

More of an on-line web presence for the township offices.

Would be wonderful to be able to purchase your "garage sale" permits on-line.

Also, explanation to new residents why "garage sale" permits are required. ;-) (this is a question I've been pondering since finding out about them)

We take pride in keeping our home looking good - something my neighbors can be proud of. Yet, to my right is a family that has little or no respect for their property or mine. A boat sits in the driveway, and has for the past 3 years. Cars are parked on the lawn every weekend. Their TWO Great Danes bark constantly. They don't bother the home owners, since thier bedrooms are on the North side of the property, and the dogs "toilet" is on the South - - 15 feet from my bedroom wall.

I think that they need to make andrews a state landmark, build new schools, fix up howland twp park, and totally redo morgandale park. Fix up north river road, and repave old 82 before the bridge. Also put new street signs up and fix up the morgandale area.

We must continue to battle the northeast Ohio stigma of corruption and stagnant employment ideas that keep jobs and business development out of our valley. If we do not overcome these situations, we will lose our children, our tax base, and our community.

Some road in the bolindale area are way to small for 2 cars to be on at the same time going in opposite directions. More lighting is needed in this area too.

Sidewalks in neighborhoods without sidewalks would be very nice.

to many loose dogs in bolindale area and people who walk dogs without them being on a leash

The limb and branch pickup is great!

Would like to see speed limits enforced

Limit Gargage sales

I think Howland Township is a great community to live in. I have enjoyed living here for the past 12 years and my children received a great education at the schools. I do believe that there needs to be a bike/hiking trail for the residents to use.

When I moved here, I was struck first by the lack of sidewalks - no where for pedestrians to walk, except in street or in someone's yard. A bike path would be a very welcome improvement, as well as eliminating the graffiti on the kids play area at the park. Need an organized recycling program with curbside pickup. I like living here, overall; it's quiet, and for the most part I feel safe here; I like the open feel, the trees/open fields, etc. The overall attractiveness of the area, I would rate pretty high. Provided I don't get laid off in the next year or so, I will likely be looking to buy a home here. But I would like to see some of the improvements made that I mentioned - sidewalks, possibly a bike path, hopefully increased police patrols, and definitely allow a left turn from 82 onto market street (a traffic light??).

Howland is known to be full of snobs. Not everyone in this town is like that tho. Seems to be more of the wealthier, powerful people that look down on folks who aren't in power positions or have money to buy their way. Appears if you have money and want the township to fix/repair something, it happens. No money or clout, your concerns get ignored. □

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Snow removal: don't pile in front of driveways. I'm not talking about a foot of snow, I'm talking half a street worth (3-4 feet high and wide). There's township property between my drive and the neighbor's and snow could be pushed onto the grass there. □
They could go across my drive if they like to get the snow out of the road. □

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Limb pick-up: they seem to come before I'm scheduled to trim bushes and trees in the spring. May instead of April would be good.

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Road repairs is a welcome thing. Some of the roads have gotten really rough over the years. The repairs they did this year are awesome. □

□ It's really sad to see the fields and woods being made into residential developments with little or no yards or more small businesses. It would be nice to see another industrial facility go into the unused part of Delphi (Packard Electric), or any of the vacant buildings around. □

I have neighbors who own three large dogs. I know this is legal but they have constructed a 15x20' pen which they are restricted to between our home and theirs. The police have put a halt to the animals constant barking but the smell is offensive at times as is the sight of the droppings all over the pen. The grass is now gone, the weeds are allowed to grow around the perimeter and the sanitation problems need addressed. My other neighbors simply put their three large dogs out at about 5am as they leave for work leaving them completely unsupervised to roam the borders, and I informed them the large one nearly bit my ear off as I was on my lawn tractor cutting my grass. The neighbors behind us have made our property a retention pond by raising the grade between us and are now in the progress of raising it even higher. I put in drains on my property and now they are in danger of becoming overwhelmed. This should be investigated by the township. We live at 8019 Castle Rock Dr. Thank you.

Thank you for asking our opinions.

Do something for Bolindale for a change,

Zoning regulations not enforced. Cars parked on streets and in front yards make the township look trashy. <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Warren trash trucks come through Howland in the middle of the night and are very noisy. Even though the trucks are newer, the device that picks up the trash containers makes a heck of a lot of noise when working people are trying to sleep!
I am totally disappointed in our police chief,he is very well paid for the responsibilities that he handles.Several times I have discussed various problems in the township and his response is he cant do anything about the problems.I just happen to get on line and find out that Ohio does have a law that would take care of these problems but obviously the Police chief doesn't know the laws or want to know them.There is quiet a bit of Drug Dealing going on in our township also and again there is nothing being done about it.I am sorry to say its hear no evil, see no evil, speak no evil around here.I would like to mention that we need some control over the 4 wheelers eg quads that are all over our township roads especially in the subdivisions along with mini bikes and all kinds of self propelled vehicles that little kids are riding with no supervision.
Start forcing the county planning commission to see things Howland's way. That department is not your friend and they either lack foresight with respect to Howland or they are more interested in playing political games with our community. Either way, we come out on the loosing end of their plans. Keep businesses located in well defined areas. Particularly on Market street and North River road. I think it was a mistake to permit businesses on route 46 between 82 and North River.
I would seriously love to have the choice to put public sewage on my taxes as an assessment rather than have septic tanks.
The lack of sidewalks, street lights and limited road repair.
vandalism of howland park. Very nice quiet community. Loud car radios.
well sometimes i see dead animals on the road and they do not check to see this like no one cares its horrible
It seems like our leaders are more concerned about their own agenda and well being and not really concerned about the community, only what it will do for them and their ego. The school system is in need of general overhaul. Taxes are to high for the level of education and services. I'm not from the area and have seen a lot better for a lot less. <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
This is a very good venue for expressing thoughts. Very easy to use also.

I like my community, even though I see things that could be better, I also know that it takes time and money, and putting things in order importance, but I don't think I would change my location to another community, most everything we need is with-in 15 minutes from where we live, it is a good community to live in, keep up the good work and we will remain a good community.

I wish the township luck.

So far, the trustees and administrator of Howland are doing a commendable job. But don't pat yourselves on the back too much. There is still a lot more to be done and just maintaing the status quo will be tough enough let alone the future improvements and ideas.

I enjoy living in Howland Township! Keep up the good work.

The East Market an SR46 corridors are becoming too congested. This negatively affects the quality of life for anyone living in an area that must use these corridors. There needs to be another route that crosses Mosquito Creek/SR 5 Bypass somewhere between East Market and North River Road, possibly linking Anderson Ave. to Reeves Road (less than 0.5 miles).

it is reassuring to know our local leaders personally and to feel they have their heads on straight.

it would be nicw to have a sidewalk in northroad, there are too many people walking in the street and most people do not go 35mph, sometimes its scarey!

We need jobs.

I would move out of Howland if it were possible.

Concerned about absent landlord rental properties and renters. Also houses for sale that have not sold are an eyesore-unkept properties and lawns. Our street alone had 4 lawns that neighbors would take turn mowing about twice a month to try to keep the homes looking decent-although that didn't include edging and weeding so it was obvious that the homes were vacant.

I really feel strongly against the idea of taxing the community for a new school without additional government funding. We just had to pay for a new sewer project on Henn Hyde without ANY help from the government. Many of us have been forced into early retirement and do not have the additional funds we used to have. Asking for additional tax dollars will not fly in my household.

Protect the community against lower cost rental units & condos.

Howland Township is preparing to ask voters to approve a levy for a new school.□

What they need to do is work on the quality of the school they have now. There are some situations at the schools that require definite observation. Rules and regulations not being followed. The Ohio State Board of Education has been contacted and will be heard from soon. The voters of Howland need to demand better teaching situations.

Using the Howland park at the gazabo, is a great idea. The parking is close, the school lot, that was a great idea who ever came up with that one! They need it to run longer in the day, increase the hours. We've lived in several areas, and prefer Howland, where we are, close to everything, shopping, grocery stores, wine and beverage areas. It's easy access to all things important to the lives of two retired people. Drug stores, Drs., hospital, rehab hospital, which I've used on several incidences, I have active progressive ms, and have used their WONDERFUL SKILLS AND GREAT ATTENTIVENESS TO THE LIVES OF THEIR PATIENTS, THEY MAKE IT A "FAMILY AFFAIR" DURING YOUR STAY THERE AND /OR THE OUT PATIENT AREA ALSO. YOU ARE TREATED LIKE YOU ARE THEIR PARENTS, OR SOMEONE IN THEIR FAMILY THAT THEY WANT TO HELP AND WATCH YOU GET BETTER, AND THEY ARE WILLING AND ABLE TO HELP YOU IN THE HARD PROCESSES FOR SOME TO "GET BACK ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY"

howland is a very nice place to live. It feels very safe. my only main concern is living in a development our property is not protected enough by rules to keep neighborhood looking neat and clean. one neighbor beside us has a car that has not run for 15 or 20 years. neighbor out back brings junk home from work and puts behind fence. he can not see it only his neighbors can. It would be nice to have property value protected more. please give this some thought

Your police suck

Daily...I suffer from one indignation after another put upon me by a restaurant, it's employees, customers and owners. From people burglarizing my home having used their property to case the job during the construction of their building, to the constant flow of trash (clearly labeled with the restaurant's name) onto my property, much of which is the fault of their own employees, to the "cat calls" from patrons (an action that would have had to be encouraged by their employees or owners, as it involves many different people at differing times and days, and I do not know nor have done anything to these people). They yell things at my wife, myself, and my 87 year old mother, and I can only assume these things and others originate because I was forced to complain when our zoning department failed to even enforce the construction of a barrier fence between a commercial establishment and my residence. Their delivery trucks, full sized semi trucks, were driving 50 feet onto my property to back into a delivery area sized at best for a small straight truck or even a standard sized cargo van, and definitely NOT for a 55 or 65 foot long semi tractor trailer. I was forced to erect barriers to stop them (continued at end of section).

I live on Howland Wilson SE...Since O.D.O.T. fixed the light and lanes at Rt. 82, our basement and yard floods. We also have LARGE potholes and it takes 3-4 weeks for a response, and then it isn't fixed correctly. We have been told by the street department that it wasn't done correctly by O.D.O.T., and OUR TOWNSHIP signed off on it. Our son is a senior this year and when he graduates, we are out of here. Look around and you will see how many houses are for sale. We are large enough to be at least a Village and bring in more money. ASK Lordstown!!

As I wrote earlier, we enjoy the park with its new boardwalk and have been there several times. We enjoy that we can take our grandchildren to the Fourth of July parade every year. I hope there are not too many more businesses added to the already very busy area of Rt.46 from Lowes south toward the mall and Rt.422. Being walkers, my husband and I are very concerned about the occasional dogs we have encountered. I myself have been knocked to the ground by an untied very large rottweiler. My husband has been faced with three loose pitbulls who were acting very aggressive towards him. Of course, he feared for his safety that day. Our area of the township is well maintained. The snowplows do a fine job even though we live on a small street. We are appreciative of the limb and leaf pickup that have been done since we moved here. We are proud to say to anyone that we live in Howland. I believe that the money collected through taxes has been thoughtfully used and very well managed compared to other communities.

WOULD LOVE TO HAVE A PLACE TO BICYCLE. I HAVE TO DRIVE ALL THE WAY TO CHAMPION TO GET ON A BIKE TRAIL SO I CAN SAFELY BICYCLE. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO BIKE IN HOWLAND WITH THE TRAFFIC SITUATION. IT WOULD BE NICE TO FEEL THAT YOU CAN SAFELY TAKE A WALK OF A BIKE RIDE.

Making the parking in howland plaza more user friendly to park and shop there, it to hard to get in out of the plaza that why I stop shopping there. Making Route 46 traffic flow easier.

<p>I can say i am very Proud to live in Howland it is what our signs say (World Class) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>On the other hand we are slipping when it comes to Noise. Cars every day our homes shake from the kids with there car stereos.This is really getting out of control. also cars speeding at high speeds day and night running stop signs on Anderson Ave, This needs attention NOW so we can keep this a great and safe <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>place to live. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Thank you <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Jerry L Morgan</p>
<p>Institute a NO TOLERANCE policy for any drugs or alcohol on school property and ENFORCE it. Eliminate open enrollment and send message that this is a community that stands for academics and the safety of all students above anything.....(sports, etc) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Animal control must be addressed in terms of enforcment on owners letting their pets run through neighborhoods.</p>
<p>Howland Township has many things to improve. As far as building a new high school, the idea is ridiculous and angers me as a homeowner. The stuck up students don't need a new school, they need educated teachers that dedicate themselves to bettering their students.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Appreciate the limb/branch pick-up <input type="checkbox"/> * 4th of July community celebration <input type="checkbox"/> * Township newsletter <input type="checkbox"/> * encouragement of resident feedback in community <input type="checkbox"/> * Beautification of community and parks <input type="checkbox"/> * Community day at Holwand park to have residents participate in expanding the boardwalk
<p>Howland Twp. needs to take the basketball court out of the Howland Twp. park. Since that was put up we have had nothing but problems at the park. Tiger Town has been destroyed and we are getting too many that are not a part of our area hanging out at our park, making it very uncomfortable for those who have young children to want to take them to that area to play. Also, we have too many rental properties available in nice areas. (ie. Howland Glen area)</p>

<p>I appreciate your flea markets ~ thank you! I appreciate our police, road crews, and the efforts to build in the Twp. park. Children's rec. svcs. are great (other than the competitiveness, which we've avoided so far). □</p> <p>Maintain diligence in decreasing costs; avoid turf protection when the public may be served by consolidating services and positions; and please, get rid of the School Superintendent and Treasurer ... nothing personal against an individual, it's just terribly expensive the way we run such a small agency (our student population is small, compared to MANY U.S. districts that run well with far less overhead, per student capita).</p>
<p>More examination of facts should be made before decisions are made. Ethical methods should always be examined in all instances.</p>
<p>The schools aren't all people hold them up to be (so what if they're Excellent with Distinction?). Half the school year is spent cramming for the OATs/OH graduation exam, so there's no real learning, and a child can only LOVE to learn in SPITE of us, not because of us. Too much focus on the narrow band of facts/narrow concepts that spews from last year's released test portions. No opportunity to assimilate and synthesize, and really learn HOW TO learn. Just cram, cram, cram. Ask any other teacher! Many have lost their enthusiasm and creativity. □</p> <p>Too much money is spent because Township staff is afraid to change... we could do better if we really merged some services/administration with other communities. □</p> <p>Howland does a great job with safety and police protection (for our small size), as well as maintenance of the buildings we have. And we have a great parade, too!</p>
<p>It's not necessarily a good idea to have a four lane road with tons of businesses along the sides of it. It would be smarter to have mixed-use or new urbanist style developments with a mixture of commercial and residential. Walkability is an issue as well. There is a lack of walkability throughout the township--very few sidewalks and few bike trails. Planners that are working on this project, please take a serious look at the sidewalks along Market Street (Old 82.) These sidewalks weave in and out, around light fixtures, benches, etc. No-one uses them because they are ridiculous. There is lack of public space as well. Not enough parks, etc. The community needs to be engaged in the planning process... the community should be consulted at various stages--use Youngstown2010 as an example. Rather than develop areas of Route 46, why not do infill development along Route 422? Ignoring the area near Warren will not help things. We need to promote business activity even more there than in the center. A lot of times it seems that the wealthy in the community want to act as though the poorer parts of Howland aren't really part of Howland.</p>
<p>For the past 45 years we have enjoyed living here, and hope to continue to call it home.</p>
<p>The widening of E Market from the creek to 46 is too narrow. Taking another couple of feet would have made the street more traffic friendly. Improve N River Rd and others to include widening, bike lanes.</p>
<p>We need to have stricter regulations for animals running loose. They are everywhere and pet owners could care less. Patrol the areas more to prevent some of these thefts that are occurring constantly.</p>

I love living in Howland. I just wish our kids didn't have to move away to find good jobs.
There needs to be more collaboration between goals of township, schools, services, etc. Each entity can not exist separately, must collaborate for the future of this community.
This survey is an excellent tool. I feel that our Trustees and school board members are tuned in to the community's needs and concerns. We are fortunate to have excellent public servants who direct the spending of our tax money wisely. □ Our fire and police departments are kind and compassionate while exercising their duties. Our Road Department keeps our roads and residential streets in good repair in all seasons. I'm proud to be a Howland Twp resident, and will vote for the school improvements levy. You're all doing a wonderful job! Thanks!
Basically I think this is a nice place to live with excellent local government and services.
The administrator & trustees are to be commended for being progressive in maintaining the community of Howland as a leader in development & service, including utilizing technology to gather that information.
need change at the Public work he is not any GOOD
Thank you for asking my opinion. I do feel invested in this community and I appreciate the opportunity to voice my opinion.
We have had drainage problems in our area and response/improvements are poor, usually numerous calls needed
PUT A FENCE UP BETWEEN WARREN, NILES AND US!!!!
alot of people are worried about housing prices. I think if the more condos that go in the worse it makes the community. You can have to many people in a community and then you end up with alot of bad people. Save the wildlife so our □ future children can see what we got to see in our back yards.
Howland has to keep up with the times. It had the time and money to put in sewer lines but it focuses on certain areas only.

our family moved into Howland from Pittsburgh 30 years ago because of my job. We loved Pittsburgh, as most people do who live there. We have been mostly happy here. The only two disappointments have been the decided favoritism displayed by the HAC officers and coaches to those children whose parents were coworkers at GMC plants. This also applies to any organization to which we became members. This isn't to say that this was openly intentional, except for the HAC experience, but probably due to the fact that GM employees know each other & have something in common. However, there was very little attempt to make us feel welcome to any organization. □

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Secondly, there is a decided favoritism to a particular nationality in the area. A review of the list of government officials displays this. As long as there is little diversity from this cronyism, this area will always struggle to keep up.

Great idea for the survey. I look forward to seeing the results and changes that are implemented as a result.

We have a great community, the best in Trumbull County. We need to try to rid the township of any "blight", meaning buildings or properties that are not appealing to the eye.

Like I said before it seems as though the "poor" side of Howland gets a little overlooked more often than not and those people pay taxes too so something should be done about that. The park behind the Ridge Rd. Fire Station could be a little safer for kids too. Get the drug dealers and users out instead of turning a blind eye to it. Our kids deserve a good park that is safe to play in too.

REASON WHY ANYBODY SHOULD HAVE TO LOOK OUT THE WINDOW AND SEE ONE OF THOSE UNSIGHTLY CEMENT TANKS OR THE MOUNDS OF DIRT STRETCHING ACROSS WHAT USED TO BE A GORGEOUS LANDSCAPE OR SCENERY. We expect to keep our property values high but yet the zoning and our leaders let these things be put in our community. How wrong is that!!!

No new homeowner wants to buy a home with one of those in their yard....so there goes the property value and the degrading look to the neighborhood too.

PLEASE HELP GET THOSE THINGS OUT OF OUR COMMUNITY!!!!!!!

I think we have too much building of new homes that seem to never get sold . I

think incentives should be given to homeowners to upgrade and add onto existing homes instead of taking up every inch of ground left in the community.

What is wrong with greenery & trees? Why must it all be developed into more homes. There's nowhere to expand for useful things like baseball fields, or soccer

or a bigger & better football facility with nice restrooms & ample seating,.... Things that are good for our up and coming children. Neighborhood play areas would be great to have again. So we can walk or bike to our play area and not waste gas to have to drive

The traffic situation around the Giant Eagle/Burger King area has to be improved. The problem is caused by the two lights, one at the Burger King and the second at the Giant Eagle entrance, in such close proximity to one another. Take out the light at the Burger King; people and the children can walk a few more feet and cross at the Giant Eagle light. And oh by the way, why does the light at the Burger King operate 24/7; at least make it a blinker from lets say 7 PM to 7 AM and non-functional when school is out.

think about working with Warren on corridors that make the whole area look nice just not a small part. Too much "theirs and ours" thinking sometimes with little or no cooperation. Share ideas and "best practices" with others to create a nice place to live, work and not know when your outside township lines

It would be nice to build new schools however first we need to get through this slump in the economy that could last a good decade. Also, please get our children out of those "temporary" trailers at the schools from two decades ago. Trim the budget now and save what we have. Put most of our money into the education of our children and encourage the businesses that are here to stay and the ones that are thinking about coming to come. We have a nice community if we can keep it that way and encourage a nice looking and active Howland Corners that would be great. It would be a good idea to put in sidewalks (that are straight) and bike lanes also if we could become a more walking/biking friendly community. That would also lessen the traffic in the Corners area. We could go green and encourage no busing with in 2 miles etc.

Overall, Howland is one of the most desirable places to live in the Mahoning Valley, only Poland and Canfield are in our league. Well-run schools and local government services are positives.

It would be great to see some types of high-tech, educational, or headquarters- type jobs brought into the community as well as light industry focusing on emerging technologies like wind energy, fuel cells, and perhaps financial or insurance services. Continue to support basic industries like WCI (new name??), but also try to develop a diverse job base like the Columbus area.

We also need recreational facilities that would appeal to business owners and employees - recreation center, bike trails, more outdoor facilities. A good start has been made with the basketball courts at Howland Park and the boardwalk into the wetlands.

Realistically this has to be a cooperative effort between the government, business and individuals to maintain and enhance the economic strength of our community. I see Howland as a place where both strong light industrial and commercial development can co-exist with a desirable residential development. It would be nice to see some housing in the 150-170K range being developed

Most people who live in Howland don't realize the boundaries of our community. I think that the people need to realize that our community extends to Elm Road and includes neighborhoods that are on a lower economic scale than those that live East of Howland Wilson. As a community, we tend to center our efforts around Howland Corners but ignore the Morgandale and Bolindale areas.

Also, I would like to see a community push for the new school infrastructure, instead of a push by the schools. We need to know that our schools are rated Excellent and that we need to make sure that they stay that way which includes improving the learning facilities.

husband working at a business in Howland. We got married and bought a home in Howland. I have lived in Howland for 20 years! And this is where I will raise my children. It is great to see the evolution of this community. I feel that it is a very safe community and the school system is EXCELLENT! I have a family history in this beautiful community. □

My grandfather was one of the first constables in Howland. He helped to form the safety forces for this township. And my uncle has been a volunteer firefighter for Howland for many years. My mother, my uncle, my aunt, my cousins, my husband and myself are all graduates of Howland. My sister is a teacher in Howland and I hope to one day be so fortunate - once I finish my degree! I love Howland township. It is beautiful and peaceful. I look forward to participating in the changes to come to make it an even better place to live. □

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The only thing that my family and I are concerned about is what impact the Section 8 housing being built on North River Rd. will have on our community.

I like living in Howland. My three children were educated here and are doing well. I enjoy the Howland Park and it is well maintained. Thanks to Bud. The township is run well thanks to our officials.

thanks for asking.

It's very bothersome when the many unions decide to go out "on strike". A better relationship between labor and business would be welcome. We have to keep whatever business we have left in our community for the betterment of all of us. The "possible selling" of Hillside Hospital is also a great concern.

We love living in Howland. I do feel that some public departments within the township could be more approachable. The 911 system does not do a good job of public service when you call the non-emergency number. It is disappointing when the countywide system answers your call and makes you feel like you have done something wrong. I have not had this happen with actual Howland Township emergency officials.

Howland is a great place to live. We have to figure out how to maintain the excellence we already have. Tax levies are going to be important to that end. We must be creative to draw new industries/etc. to our area. We also need to show the community how important our youth programs and our schools are. The children are our future - sounds cliché, but very true.

<p>This process needs to create a viable and working document that provides a road map for the future of Howland Twp. Please don't create a "report" that sits on a shelf and is soon forgotten.</p>
<p>CAN NOT AFFORD HIGHER TAXES. MAY BE FORCED TO SELL AND RELOCATE.</p>
<p>Slow growth concept of commercial dev.</p>
<p>I would love to see our town have a little shops, diners where families could walk around. We need sidewalks. The parks need to be taken care of better. There is no soap and hardly ever toilet paper at the restrooms at the park. An additional restroom by Tiger Town is needed for the small children that play there.</p>
<p>Was a "special invitation" sent to all residents to complete this survey? If so, GREAT, if not, I think it should have.</p>
<p>We love being a part of a wonderful community . Being that we have been residents for most of our lives shows that we would rather live in this township than anywhere else . Yes , there are things that can be improved on but that is anywhere in the USA . We do our best to keep our property looking attractive and are proud of how our home looks. There are some things due to limitations (financial and physical) that we are not able to do but we are proud to say that this is our home .</p>
<p>I would hope that the planning committee is able to produce a solid comprehensive plan to allow Howland Township to maintain its good government infrastructure, high quality police and fire protection, high quality of schools and be able to allow structured growth.</p>
<p>Howland is a great to live. I have no children, so my knowledge of schooling, childcare and youth activities is limited. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I do strongly feel that all households should at least have the option of city water and sewer. Water wells and septic systems are costly to maintain and an eyesore to the overall community.</p>
<p>Thanks for asking.</p>
<p>I don't believe we need a 40+ million dollar high school. I think we have an excellent school system, and I'm sure we need some upgrades - but not 40 million dollars worth. Many of us are struggling financially already, and this may tip the scale as to whether I stay in Howland or not. I do believe we need a serious overhaul of the storm sewer system as my backyard is eroding more and more each year due to flooding. I think our Police/Fire Departments are outstanding, and I appreciate all that they do for all of us. Thank you for this opportunity to express my feelings.</p>

I like Howland and don't want it spoiled by higher taxes in a declining economy and am concerned about the school board's trying to push bigger and supposedly "better" schools on the town's taxpaying citizens in this declining economy and thereby creating an even greater exodus of the taxpaying base out of the Township. I'm seeing this happen in other towns in which the tax base simply isn't and won't be, in the foreseeable future, sufficient to pay for this new construction, due to continuing job loss and declining populations resulting from smaller families and an aging population. Ultimately the state may have to default on its bonds because of these school system loans. I've seen it happen in Andover Twp., the Hiram-Matuy area, the tax increase from Kenston Schools is forcing people out of Bainbridge-Auburn. It's not about children's education, it's all about money and it can destroy Howland if it's allowed to happen here too.

I lived in Howland Township for 2 years and 9 months. I like this small community
it was nice. If I had to move someplace again. I would move to Howland Township,
Ohio. I liked all of the services that I received while living in Howland Township.
I hope the Howland Township good luck with the planning and progress from the
Board Of Trustees for Howland Township and the administrators.

I love this community.....it is home to me.....I don't care if people think we are snobs here in Howland....I know that is not true.....I am proud to live here.....

It's a shame that we have resorted to a survey to decide the future of our community. It must mean that we need new township administration in place. No matter what the outcome of this survey is nothing will change. You'll have the same people making the wrong decisions. Traffic is the most important issue at hand, the more we grow the heavier the traffic and accidents. Our roads are so congested now what does the township have planned for the future?

We need another grocery store.

I think it behooves us to be energy efficient and minimize our carbon footprint in the area by use of wind turbine or biofuel or solar power

This survey is a step in the right direction with getting feedback from the residents as to continuous improvements for Howland. I feel the park plays a large role in our township and needs to have the parking improved, expansion of bike/walking trails and even some scheduled activities for others to enjoy at the park. Continue to be forward thinking with our township and making this an attractive place for us to remain and others to want to come. Thank you.

Great community to live in.
WE NEED A BETTER TRAFFIC SYSTEM. GETTING ONTO RT. 46 FROM ANY STREET IS NEXT TO IMPOSSIBLE.THERE HARDLY A DAY THAT GOES BUY THAT THERE ISN" T AN ACCIDENT ON RT. 46.THE SCHOOL BUSES FLY DOWN OUR STREET.IF THERE IS AN ACCIDENT THE OTHER DRIVER IS ALWAYS REPRIMANDED BUT THE BUSES SHOULD BE .
I would like to see a stop light installed at Square Lane.
1.HOWLAND TOWNSHIP IS OVER POPULATED. 2. TRAFFIC FLOW IS LIKE BEING IN A DEMOLITION DERBY. 3.WE MIGHT NEED TO START THINKING OF MERGING WITH OTHER TOWNSHIPS LIKE VIENNA, CORTLAND, OR NILES TO DEFRAY THE VAST EXPENSIVES FACING OUR CITIZENS. 4. THE OPEN SCHOOL ENROLLMENT STINKS, WE NEVER HAD THAT BEFORE AND IT DOES NOT HELP OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM PERSAY IT ONLY MEANS MORE MONEY FOR HOWLAND. 5.THERE MUST BE INTELLIGENT WAY TO GENERATE INCOME INTO OUR TOWNSHIP THAN HAVING OPEN SCHOOL ENROLLMENT.6. I ALSO THINK ALOT OF OUR ADMINISTRATORS ARE BEING OVER PAID. 7. HELP OUR SENIOR CITIZENS LIKE MY WIFE AND I WHO ARE ON A FIXED INCOME, TRY LOWERING OUR PROPERTY TAX ACCORDING TO YOUR ANNUAL INCOME NOT YOUR LOCATION WHERE WE LIVE. THE COMMENTS AN FILLINGS, EXPRESSIONS ARE ONLY MY PERSONAL OPINION. THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
I would love to have the Township establish a burning policy and enforce it. I would love to have the Township embark on a campaign to ask people not to burn. Why should a resident be allowed to have a campfire burning when their neighbors house is less than 30 feet away in most cases? <input type="checkbox"/> They should encourage residents to report neighbors who burn for fun in their backyards and then punish those who burn. I have lived in Howland for 17 years and probably have to shut my windows 4 nights a week during nice weather because a neighbor decides to burn. <input type="checkbox"/> Where I grew up, burning was done by those who lived in rural or farm areas. It was not tolerated in town. Howland hasn't outgrown its rural mindset or there would be more dialog to inform residents that this won't be tolerated. <input type="checkbox"/> Except for this area, I think the Township has done a great job developing Howland into a place people want to live.

to bring in recycling and reduce costs to the residents. At this point I am still feeling my way around but we use bike and fitness trails in other communities I am hopeful this ill change as well.

Other ideas should be developed to bring neighborhoods together. Community garage sales, community participation with the police , (Hanging out at the gas station on 46 drinking coffee for 30 minutes on Sunday does not qualify. I have never seen a police car in my neighborhood in over one year. I live in a nice area but seeing the police on occasion might help keep it a safe place as well.

Thank you for letting me voice my opinion and I wish you the best of luck with your plan. In the end we are the community and we will get the Township and the Government we deserve

Nothing to note at this time.

I am glad to be living in a safe smaller town that is good for kids and not in
a downtown Warren or Youngstown crime filled area. It is outgrowing it's space
a bit , so I don't know if my kids will stay in this area when they are adults. It
is similar to Hartville where I grew up and enjoyed even more than here.

SEE previous comments.

By planning for the future, we have a chance to shape it. Without planning, we are at the mercy of others.

We need to be pro active with our fire and police departments. They are the most respected in the county now. Others can benefit from them and in turn share services if it can benifit all concerned.

We need to maintaine our level of professionalism that sets us apart from our neighboring citys and twp's.

Retain our forward thinking Trustee's and personel in goverment. We are always looked up to from other communities as a great place to live and with more retail business we can gain more people to Howland.

The crooked sidewalks look terrible!! If any new ones are put in, they should be straight because people DO use them. When the noise ordinance was introduced it seemed NO ONE followed through on it. People burning in their back yards should be FINED on the spot - no tolerance! The Township wants to do all these things but yet no one wants to keep after it. Police on midnight shift - only 4 & they ride double??? I realize the high prices in gas but when do you think all the trouble happens, during the day shift?? It doesn't take long for the trouble makers to figure it out they can get away with more things because less chance of getting caught!

I'm wondering whose bright idea it was to start open-enrollment in our schools. I don't think it is fair that we pay high taxes in this area so that our kids can go to Howland schools when we could move outside the area and come here anyway. Eighty percent of the reason I moved into Howland was the great school system. I'm glad my daughter is about to finish, but I worry about my nephew. He's in the fourth grade, but I'll be surprised if my sister lets his education continue here until he graduates. The bottom line is that everything that made me choose to live here sixteen years ago is everything that is making me leave now.

We must not restrict business development.

Keep residentially focused areas residential. There are plenty of areas for business or retail development. I am grateful for the decision to keep the drugstore out of the Raglan Dr area. The additional traffic in that area would not be conducive to the atmosphere of the area. It is suitable for offices, not for retail. Put those retail businesses in the commercial corridors.

I love Howland. I was born and raised here. I love the schools and the sense of community. I do worry about the increased number of condominiums and rental properties. I feel that home ownership breeds a sense of pride and that a community is strong that has a few rentals as possible.

I want our schools that are strong and gives incentives so more people come here to live. All the zoning laws should be enforced, but offer some help for people who have limited income and no family support.(like my elderly neighbor) Bring all the residents together no matter what their finances or ethnic background. Our police and fire department are excellent. Lets keep it that way. Educate or young people with community awareness of drugs and alcohol and pharmaceuticals. And teach the high school students about driving drunk, and driving responsibly. They are not experienced at driving, and when they come out of the high school it is scary to be anywhere near the high school. They need not to talk on cell phones or text message while driving.I almost got hit head on by someone text messagiing while driving. Maybe reduce the speed limit on 46 near the schools, and enforce the school zones. I have no idea what to do about the traffic congestion on 46 or 82, but if you live on 46, you see alot of accidents that are from not paying attention or inexperience. It is hard to get out of my driveway at times, and adding the light at kings grave has made

not only is bolindale a difficult area to keep clean but also there seem to be an ongoing problem with the area around weir rd . the mobile home park named forest grove is especially a grave eye sore to anyone and the township should approach the owner if possible to maybe clean it up or close it, it is my understanding that many of the tenants were forced to leave,so i'm not sur how many homes are there.

I truely love living in Howland. However, I have had a great deal of problems with teenage neighbors disturbing the peace. I have 3 children, 1,3 & 9. I love the schools but am unable to even be outside with my children at times due to vulgar language, screaming, loud music that is inappropriate and violent behaviour. I have tried calling the police but by the time they arrive for a nonemergency call, the teenagers are often gone or hear the dispatch on their scanner. The majority of my neighborhood is frustrated and disgusted about our inability to stop these few homes that are making our street undesirable. There have even been threats and intimidating behavior by these individuals. The families of the teenagers know we are unhappy and the longer the behavior goes unpunished the worse the actions become. I fear for the future of this community if these types of behaviors and individuals go unaddressed and unpunished. I slowly watched my last community deteriorate due to much the same reasons.

We have had problems with barking dogs in our neighborhood and we have people driving on the road with loud ATV's and motorized bikes and I would like to have such problems addressed. What can be done to stop these annoying and disturbing actions which destroy the peacefulness and tranquility of our fine neighborhoods?

Howland Twp. is a great place to live. Have lived in this community for over 50 years. Attended Howland Schools and raised children who attended same.

This community has grown so much over the last 40 years, it's unbelievable. We have everything from parks, to shopping.

Good Trustees help, and they are very accessible when there is a problem.

Most roads could use some work and hope that will come soon.

We really wouldn't want to live anywhere else.

Our neighbors are the best, there are so many caring, kind and generous people in Howland Twp.

as for route 46 & Dawson Drive, I am afraid that it will take a major DEATH accident for the township government and transportation board to make a major change. I pray that this problem will be remedied before this disaster happens. Storm and sewer drainage is a major problem on Dawson Drive

as the township's solution was to threaten to widen the street, taking away part of my yard, and bringing these diesel trucks and their fumes even closer to my home. I am disabled with severe breathing problems, and any strong fumes or chemical smells can cause my death, yet because I complained about something, I get threatened with an even worse exposure, instead of forcing the commercial business to only use the size of truck for which their loading dock and driveway is sized for. I did not design their site improperly, they did, and the township approved the plans, apparently without any concern or consideration for the adjoining residences. I have been more than patient in waiting for the township to deal with these issues, but to date, the only action has been threats to me regarding widening the road just to appease a business that has an utter disregard for their neighbors and for the zoning laws of the township. A letter was sent to them by the township threatening to fine them for not complying by a given date, and not only was action not taken by the business, but the citations were never even served, and it is now more than three mo

I saw a news story of a similar circumstance where a man stood junk cars on end to form a fence, perhaps I should do the same, and bring in the national media to view it....