

Residential Survey Results

Age Group: 60+

2,064 responses

1. In your opinion, how would you rate the Town of Colonie as a place to live?

55.6 Excellent
40.6 Good
2.6 Fair
0.5 Poor
0.7 Unknown

2. Would you recommend a friend or relative purchase a home in the Town of Colonie?

93.1 Yes
2.4 No
4.5 Unknown

3. What do you believe is the best way for the Town of Colonie to communicate with residents?

30.4 Newspaper
17.8 Radio or television
79.0 Town Newsletters,
8.4 The Town's Website
6.5 Attendance at Town Meetings
24.5 Mailed notices of public meetings
5.8 Word of mouth

4. Should the Town encourage the construction of the following types of residential development?

60.0 Single Family Houses
15.7 Apartments, 6 units per acre or less
4.5 Apartments, more than 6 units per acre
21.7 Condominiums
29.4 Town Homes
66.7 Housing for senior citizens
29.3 Housing for young, working families

5. In your opinion, has the overall rate of growth in the Town of Colonie been:

23.7 too fast
75.4 acceptable
0.7 too slow

6. Do you believe the Town should require commercial properties to use 10' or share curb cuts to assist in improving traffic circulation on Town roads?

58.9 Yes
5.6 No
35.5 Unknown

7. Should the Town investigate alternative/parallel transportation routes to reduce congestion on existing Town roads?

70.8 Yes
8.0 No
21.2 Unknown

8. From your perspective as a driver on local roads, please rate the following traffic issues in Colonie:

a. Traffic congestion	c. Design of intersections	e. Too many pedestrians and bicyclists in roadways
39.7 Serious Problem	17.6 Serious Problem	9.0 Serious Problem
45.3 Minor Problem	45.2 Minor Problem	31.1 Minor Problem
8.3 Not a Problem	26.0 Not a Problem	48.7 Not a Problem
6.4 Unknown	11.1 Unknown	1.0 Unknown
b. Road maintenance	d. Inconsiderate drivers	
15.0 Serious Problem	40.6 Serious Problem	
50.9 Minor Problem	36.8 Minor Problem	
26.1 Not a Problem	14.1 Not a Problem	
8.0 Unknown	8.5 Unknown	

9. From your perspective as a pedestrian, please circle your level of concern with the following issues:

a. Not enough sidewalks	b. Sidewalks are poorly designed	c. Inconsiderate drivers	d. Sidewalk maintenance
33.2 Serious Problem	7.8 Serious Problem	31.9 Serious Problem	10.6 Serious Problem
27.4 Minor Problem	23.4 Minor Problem	30.1 Minor Problem	27.2 Minor Problem
22.5 Not a Problem	38.2 Not a Problem	18.3 Not a Problem	33.0 Not a Problem
16.7 Unknown	30.5 Unknown	19.7 Unknown	29.2 Unknown

10. Which of the following best describes sidewalks in the vicinity of your home?

14.9 There are sidewalks in my neighborhood and they are adequate.
4.8 There are sidewalks in my neighborhood and they are not adequate.
32.6 There are no sidewalks in my neighborhood and there is need for them.
47.6 There are no sidewalks in my neighborhood and there is no need for them.

11. Should bicycle lanes/corridors be encouraged in the Town?

12. Do you currently use mass transit?

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42.2 Yes	2.5 Often
18.7 No	25.9 Seldom
38.8 Unknown	71.6 Never

13. Would you use mass transit if better connections were provided to major travel corridors?

18.2 Yes
37.2 No
44.6 Maybe

14. Is noise a problem within the Town?

13.9 Serious Problem
42.6 Minor Problem
38.4 Not a Problem
5.1 Unknown

15. Is litter a problem within the Town?

8.4 Serious Problem
47.3 Minor Problem
38.4 Not a Problem
5.9 Unknown

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16. Would you like to see more public trails and greenways throughout the Town?
 48.5 Yes
 21.4 No
 30.1 Unknown

17. How often does anyone in your home use Town Park/Recreation facility?
 14.9 Often
 39.7 Occasionally
 29.3 Seldom
 16.2 Never

18. Considering various priorities facing the Town of Colonie for the future, do you think the following should be a high priority, moderate priority or a low priority?

a. Preserving Open Spaces
 50.6 High Priority
 35.4 Moderate Priority
 14.0 Low Priority

c. Expanding Town Water and Sewer Lines
 28.9 High Priority
 43.4 Moderate Priority
 27.6 Low Priority

e. Putting in More Sidewalks
 23.3 High Priority
 36.0 Moderate Priority
 40.5 Low Priority

b. Expanding Mass Transportation Services
 22.0 High Priority
 44.6 Moderate Priority
 33.4 Low Priority

d. Increasing Road Capacity for Vehicles
 36.1 High Priority
 39.8 Moderate Priority
 23.9 Low Priority

f. Putting in More Bike Paths
 12.9 High Priority
 34.8 Moderate Priority
 52.1 Low Priority

19. How important is it to preserve/protect the following:

a. stream corridors
 43.4 Very important
 25.1 Important
 6.7 Not Important
 24.8 Unknown

c. wildlife
 43.4 Very important
 31.5 Important
 10.9 Not Important
 14.1 Unknown

e. prime farmlands
 44.2 Very important
 34.5 Important
 9.3 Not Important
 12.0 Unknown

g. scenic views
 48.3 Very important
 34.4 Important
 7.0 Not Important
 10.2 Unknown

b. wetlands
 39.6 Very important
 28.2 Important
 12.8 Not Important
 19.3 Unknown

d. historic structures/sites
 17.0 Very important
 35.1 Important
 7.9 Not Important
 9.9 Unknown

f. forests and woodlands
 48.1 Very important
 34.5 Important
 6.4 Not Important
 11.0 Unknown

20. Are there any special or unique buildings, landscapes or landmarks within the Town that need to be protected from future development? (Number of Mentions)

51 Shaker Sites
 30 Pine Bush
 26 Pruyn House
 21 Mohawk River
 21 Other

18 Ann Lee Pond
 15 Farms
 11 Latham Water Tower
 7 Parks
 7 Riverfronts

4 Trolley Station on Central Ave
 4 Erie Canal
 1 Riverfronts
 1 Latham Schoolhouse

21. Should the Town of Colonie fund initiatives for the preservation and acquisition of Open Space?
 27.9 Yes
 7.8 No
 52.8 Need more Info
 11.4 Unknown

22. Would you be willing to pay towards a future fund that would purchase land for the preservation of Open Space?
 16.1 Yes
 22.8 No
 52.4 Need more Info
 8.6 Unknown

23. The following commercial facilities are needed in the area where I live:

11.0 small "corner store" within walking distance (not including gas stations)
 1.4 gas station
 4.4 neighborhood shopping area (a group of small stores: restaurants, banks, offices, etc)
 2.8 supermarket complex (large supermarket with 2 or 3 adjoining stores)
 1.2 other (please write on comment page)
 82.1 No additional commercial facilities are needed in my area

24. What types of businesses would you like to see come to the Town?

(Number of Mentions)

70 High Tech
 38 Manufacturing

10 Theater
 8 YMCA/Recreation C

5 Entertainment
 4 Walmart Supercenter

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33 Restaurants	8 Supermarkets	4 Health Food
31 Profesional/Offices	8 Recreation	3 Outlets
24 Retail	8 Family Owned	2 Daycare
23 Other	8 Bakery	1 Farmers Market
22 Movie Theater	7 Book Store	1 Convention Center
18 Small Business	6 Youth/Family Orien	1 Dog Park
18 Services	5 Medical	1 Educational
16 Upscale Retail	5 Home Improvement	

25. Overall, how do you feel about the appearance of commercial signs for businesses in the Town?

3.7 Superior

70.9 Adequate

11.5 Poor

13.7 Unknown

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26. Overall, how do you feel about the appearance of the Town's commercial corridors?

a. Central Avenue/Route 5	b. Loudon Road/Route 9	c. Wolf Road	d. Troy Schenectady Road
3.8 Superior	9.4 Superior	22.9 Superior	8.1 Superior
56.7 Adequate	69.7 Adequate	65.6 Adequate	70.6 Adequate
31.1 Poor	11.8 Poor	0.7 Poor	10.2 Poor
8.3 Unknown	9.0 Unknown	6.0 Unknown	11.0 Unknown

27. How important is it for the Town to do the following:

a. improve the physical appearance of buildings and streets	c. preserve open spaces	e. attract new businesses
27.7 Very Important	37.5 Very Important	25.3 Very Important
46.9 Important	39.0 Important	32.9 Important
9.4 Not Important	10.9 Not Important	24.9 Not Important
15.8 Unknown	12.6 Unknown	16.8 Unknown
b. plant more shade trees	d. create more pedestrian friendly neighborhoods	f. require new development to meet design standards
26.1 Very Important	29.3 Very Important	40.3 Very Important
39.1 Important	37.5 Important	28.7 Important
19.9 Not Important	16.3 Not Important	10.9 Not Important
14.8 Unknown	16.7 Unknown	20.0 Unknown

28. Should there be architectural review and design guidelines for new development throughout the Town?

66.6 Yes
8.9 No
24.5 Unknown

29. Overall, how do you feel about the employment opportunities available within the Town of Colonie?

0.6 Superior
44.2 Adequate
8.9 Poor
42.6 Unknown

30. Please rate the following services that are provided by the Town of Colonie:

a. Fire Protection	d. Road Maintenance	g. Planning Board	j. Youth Services
70.4 Excellent	23.2 Excellent	16.0 Excellent	16.3 Excellent
22.0 Good	50.7 Good	35.6 Good	33.9 Good
1.1 Fair	18.5 Fair	12.3 Fair	8.8 Fair
0.5 Poor	3.8 Poor	4.9 Poor	2.4 Poor
5.9 Unknown	3.8 Unknown	31.1 Unknown	38.5 Unknown
b. Leaf Removal	e. Sidewalk Maintenance	h. Zoning Board of Appeals	k. Recreational Services
53.7 Excellent	11.3 Excellent	11.6 Excellent	25.8 Excellent
31.3 Good	29.7 Good	30.6 Good	43.9 Good
4.6 Fair	13.9 Fair	11.0 Fair	9.4 Fair
2.0 Poor	4.7 Poor	5.2 Poor	2.0 Poor
8.3 Unknown	40.4 Unknown	41.5 Unknown	18.8 Unknown
c. Snow Removal	f. Water/Sewer Service	i. Senior Services	
48.7 Excellent	42.7 Excellent	27.5 Excellent	
36.2 Good	41.0 Good	42.0 Good	
9.0 Fair	5.4 Fair	9.2 Fair	
2.5 Poor	2.5 Poor	2.5 Poor	
3.6 Unknown	8.4 Unknown	18.8 Unknown	

31. What is your age group?

0.0 18-35
0.0 36-59
100.0 60 & over

32. What is the size of your household?

32.3 1 person
59.1 2 people
7.7 3 or 4

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0.8 5 or more

33. Does anyone under 19 years of age live in your home?
 2.7 Yes
 97.3 No

34. Do you have access to the internet/email?
 51.7 Yes
 48.3 No

35. Do you Own or Rent your home?
 90.3 Own
 9.6 Rent

36. Do you live in a:
 87.0 Single Family Detached Home
 7.4 Apartment or Condo
 4.4 Town Home/Duplex
 1.1 Group Living Arrangement

37. How long have you lived in the Town?
 5.5 Less than 5 years
 8.7 5-15 years
 85.7 More than 15 years

38. Do you expect to be living in the
 Town of Colonie five years from now?
 83.6 Yes
 2.0 No
 14.3 Unknown

39. When you are considering options for your next residential move, will the next home be:
 3.1 Larger than your current dwelling
 28.8 Smaller than your current dwelling
 14.6 About the same size as your current dwelling
 53.5 Don't know

40. Are you employed within the Town?
 9.8 Yes
 88.3 No
 1.8 Unknown

41. Which of these terms describes you?
 99.1 Town Resident
 0.4 Non-Resident Town Property Owner
 0.0 Town Business Owner

42. In your opinion, what are the most positive aspects of the Town of Colonie?

22.6 Convenient Location	2.2 Recreational Opportunities	0.5 Pruy House
14.0 Reasonable Taxes	2.1 Road Maintenance	0.5 Quiet
13.9 Schools	2.0 Snow Removal	0.4 Airport
11.4 Services	1.9 Other	0.3 Town Times
9.2 Police Dept	1.3 Town Employees	0.2 Latham Water Dept
8.7 Good Gov't	1.2 Golf Course	0.2 Planning Board
8.2 Safety	1.0 Leaf Pick up	0.2 Landfill
5.7 Fire Depts	1.0 Growth/Development	0.2 Town Board
5.6 Parks	0.9 Water/Sewer Services	0.2 Restaurants
5.1 Shopping	0.9 Youth Services/Programs	0.2 Public Transportation
3.5 The Crossings	0.9 Mary Brizzell	0.1 Highway Dept
3.4 EMS	0.9 Bike Trails/Paths	0.1 Pure Waters Dept
3.2 Clean	0.8 Open/Green Spaces	0.1 Affordable Housing
2.9 Library	0.7 Town Park/Pool	0.1 Sidewalks
2.5 Neighbors/Neighborhoods	0.6 DPW	0.1 Schuyler Flatts
2.3 Senior Services/Programs	0.6 Community Feeling	

43. In your opinion, what are the least positive aspects of the Town of Colonie?

15.2 Traffic	1.1 Litter	0.3 Town Center lacking
5.9 Overdevelopment	1.0 Lack of Senior Housing	0.3 Street lights needed
5.1 Other	0.9 Police Dept	0.3 Approval Process
4.1 Lack of sidewalks	0.8 Code Enforcement	0.3 Town Employees
3.8 Delinquent/Vacant Properties	0.8 Motels/Trailer Parks	0.2 Too much cronyism in gov't
3.1 Lack of traffic enforcement	0.7 Parks Needed	0.2 Strip Clubs
3.1 Appearance of Comm. Corridors	0.7 Senior services	0.2 The Crossings
3.0 Road Maintenance	0.6 One Party Rule/Political Struct.	0.2 Town Board

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2.0 Airport Noise	0.6 Lack of Youth Programs/Service	0.2 On Street Parking
1.7 Noise Ord. Needed	0.6 Water restrictions	0.2 Loudon Green
1.5 Lack of Mass Transit	0.6 Community feeling lacking	0.2 Need more Sewers
1.5 Housing Too Expensive	0.6 Schools	0.1 Water Drainage
1.4 Too Much Retail	0.5 Recreation Center Needed	0.1 Caters too much to business
1.4 Lack of Green/Open Space	0.5 Planning Board	0.1 Leaf Pick up
1.4 Taxes	0.4 Library	0.1 Crime
1.2 Snow removal	0.3 Intersection Design	0.1 Water Pressure
1.1 Garbage Pick up needed	0.3 Latham Circle Mall	0.1 Zoning Board