

TOWN OF UPPER MARLBORO

FY 2027 Budget Survey

Question 4: Additional Comments

Total Responses: 16 | Survey Period: February – March 2026

Survey Question:

Q4: Do you have any additional comments you would like to share?

The following 16 responses were submitted by residents of the Town of Upper Marlboro as part of the FY 2027 Budget Survey. Responses are presented in chronological order, most recent first, and reproduced as submitted (with only minor formatting adjustments).

Response 1 — 3/8/2026

Trash gets picked up, streets are maintained, crime is low, police are visible and respond when called (same for fire department), elected officials are accessible and responsive . . . important aspects of local government. Roadways need some repair but mostly those maintained by the state. Please continue to work with MNCPPC to increase trails in the area especially the Chesapeake Beach rail trail. I chose to move to Upper Marlboro because of the small town appeal. I understand the fiscal benefits of annexation but the larger Upper Marlboro gets the less appealing it becomes.

Response 2 — 3/4/2026

Post a sign at the Town entrances to notify/remind citizens of Town Meetings

Response 3 — 3/3/2026

Road improvement is critical to the residents of School Lane. Our home/property specifically has suffered great loss on 3 separate occasions. A letter was written to the previous Mayor regarding the 2024 accident where our home and 2 vehicles were hit by a driver who mistook our driveway as a main road. These individuals are not familiar with the area with at least one driving impaired. These accidents have been major and life threatening to us and the drivers. I brought my concerns to the previous Mayor and no action or acknowledgement of the matter was taken. This concern should be a high priority for the town, as residents are also concerned their homes and safety could be affected next. I am asking the Mayor and board to be creative and find the monies to get this done in 2026, not another year can go by - we've waited long enough and it's overdue. The daily traffic load on School Lane from school board employees, visitors, vendors, deliveries, tractor trailers, Sasscer field games and residents is not designed or up to par to protect or support the demand. Lastly, why would TUM still push annexation when the town is suffering from a lack of repair/infrastructure. How can you take on more when this place is falling apart. Please do the first things first. Prioritize please, for all of our sake and safety.

Response 4 — 3/3/2026

Businesses don't stay open long enough and are often closed on Sunday. Incentives to stay open and create more gathering opportunities.

Response 5 — 3/2/2026

Noise monitoring during holidays. Too many gun pops and backyard fireworks.

Response 6 — 3/2/2026

Employees engaging with community

Response 7 — 2/28/2026

In answering the survey I didn't want the ranking to indicate my position is negative towards any of those items (for example, public safety is critical but I ranked lower), but noting that I am looking at the one to three year range from now, where I see best investments in this timeframe to help the Town thrive economically and to help improve our sense of community.

Response 8 — 2/24/2026

Put more money in the budget for UMFd. An organizational chart. A detailed line item budget. Available to the public every quarter upon request.

Response 9 — 2/22/2026

1. Seafood market
2. Sports bar (multiple TVs, big bar)
3. Public parking garage

Response 10 — 2/21/2026

We would like to see funding and programs to help start up businesses and non profit organizations not just start but to sustain. Classes would be helpful for these businesses and organizations to stand the test of time. Courses that help the owners and help create youth jobs and opportunities.

Response 11 — 2/17/2026

Note: above, public health and safety is always #1, but unclear as it stands what that means. Police? Not my priority, but would be much better to bring police dept back into town. Why not restore the stone telephone exchange building?

Response 12 — 2/16/2026

Semi trucks, cars, motorcycles, and bicycles have run through and into my property at this very confusing intersection. As a result, my property has been repeatedly damaged; multiple plants and trees ruined, fencing damaged, mailbox run over twice, and last March my home was flooded with nearly five feet of water after a speeding vehicle struck the fire hydrant at this intersection. My property has suffered tens of thousands of dollars of damage due to the traffic at this intersection. Please consider budgeting toward improvements, upgrades, or anything that would help to keep this from happening over and over again.

Response 13 — 2/16/2026

Would love to see a local farmer's market once a month or once a week (in warmer weather) in town - would be a great way to support local businesses and access fresh local produce.

Response 14 — 2/16/2026

Core responsibilities of town government are infrastructure and public safety. Snow removal this year was disastrous; need additional drivers to keep plowing during snow storm.

Response 15 — 2/16/2026

Marlboro Pike is becoming a major throughway for commuters passing through the county down to 301 and farther south to Charles and St. Mary's counties. We need to slow traffic down, improve the friendliness of the driving to minimize car horns, minimize noisy vehicles at night with intentionally loud mufflers. The traffic noise is making the town unlivable. Please also ask if trash collectors could leave receptacles standing upright and not strewn in the roadways.

Response 16 — 2/13/2026

I've petitioned the County Executive, my council representative many times over the years - Sydney Harrison - without even the courtesy of a reply from either. Additionally, I've spoken and written to three of our Town Presidents, including Sarah Franklin. Still, no action. When there were similar situations near the Town Hall funds were found to fix that issue even though no homes were involved. Over the years my

family and I, and a succession of next door neighbors have had to pony up literally thousands to fix the damage. We've lost our VA funding due to flooding on the day of the inspector's visit (cost \$6K). DO BETTER, FORGET ABOUT PLAYGROUNDS AND THEIR FLOODING, WHY NOT PROTECT THE HOMES OF RESIDENTS??

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Responses are unedited and represent the views of individual respondents.