

The attached survey was sent to 714 Parchment City residents in July 2021

96 were returned by August 15, 2021

The results were tabulated by a volunteer city resident (who sorry to say is not very computer literate) My apologies for a less than polished finished product. However, the information is there and I think you will find it very informative

The comments were transcribed (to the best of my ability) as written. No attempt was made to correct spelling, punctuation, grammar, etc. There are some discrepancies in numbers on the responses vs the number of surveys returned because not all boxes were always filled out

Copies of two surveys returned after the report was completed follow the general comments. They are lengthy responses worth noting.

The actual surveys were returned to the city manager.

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The City of Parchment currently has a contract with the Kalamazoo Township Police Department (KTPD) for police services. The contract expires in 2022 and is currently being reviewed by the Public Safety Committee and we value your input. Please fill out this survey, by August 15, 2021, and return it to Parchment City Hall (650 S Riverview Drive – by mail or drop box).

- 1) Do you feel safe in your community?

61 Yes 35 No

If you answered No, when and why don't you feel safe?

SEE ATTACHED COMMENTS

- 2) I am generally _____ when it comes to policing in Parchment.

Check one below

10 34 21 22 8
Very Dissatisfied Dissatisfied Neutral Satisfied Very Satisfied

- 3) Number the services according to the level of concern by you (1= highest concern, 10 = lowest concern):

____ 24/7 Coverage
____ Continuity of Officers on duty
____ Crime/Theft
____ Drug Activity
____ Homeless Presence
____ Other – Please explain: _____
____ Personal Safety
____ Presence and visibility
____ Response time to service calls
____ Speeding

SEE ATTACHED REPORT AND COMMENTS

- 4) Please explain your reason for selecting 1-Highest Concern in Question 3:

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- 5) What suggestion do you have to address your concern with question #4?

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- 6) Would you support a dedicated millage increase to enhance public safety?

52 Yes

39 No

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General Comments:

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Continue on back if necessary

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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 24/7 Coverage | 19 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 6 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 8 |
| Continuity... | 14 | 10 | 5 | 12 | 5 | 9 | 5 | 8 | 5 | 1 |
| Crime/Theft | 21 | 8 | 10 | 8 | 5 | 10 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 1 |
| Drug Activity | 12 | 8 | 9 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 12 | 11 | 4 | 2 |
| Homeless... | 9 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 10 | 16 | 7 |
| Personal Safety | 15 | 3 | 9 | 10 | 15 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Presence/Visibility | 23 | 9 | 11 | 4 | 12 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 1 |
| Reponse Time... | 11 | 7 | 4 | 7 | 11 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 5 | 1 |
| Speeding | 31 | 14 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 10 | 2 |

SURVEY COMMENTS

1. Do you feel safe in your community?

Comments from those who answered no

- I'm hearing daily of all the break-ins and items stolen from properties in Parchment
- Lack of police protection
- Every day and night because our street has become a drag strip
- We never see the police on our street Groveland. I don't no, are we safe
- We do not get the coverage we expected when contracted with township
- We have all kinds of theft going on and property being vandalized, homeless becoming more present, the park doesn't even feel safe to walk in with people sitting in cars watching not to mention the amount of speeding and reckless driving
- There is no or little police presence after dark and we've had a lot of people walking by late at night middle of the street and "checking out" cars, open garages, etc
- way too many break-ins and car thefts
- speeding cars on Parchmount
- at night items being stolen; strangers walking around
- I feel there is not enough police presence. The speeding is out of control. The theft has increased and feels unsafe. The park is beautiful but concern walking there early morning and at dusk
- Last night (7/5 at 3:00 am) someone attempted to steal stuff from our car parked in our driveway behind our fence. The alarm went off and the thief fled leaving the gate open. Our neighbor said that she saw him/her ride away fast on a bike. Several years ago my wife accidentally left her car unlocked and someone stole some things from her car. The same night the same person broke into another

neighbors house and dropped gps from our car in his house. Two other neighbors have had break-ins in the last year or two

--not enough police for our area—Parchment

--rarely see patrol car in my area

--There is no proactive policing in the city. Its all reactive. The speeding is outrageous and some crimes are tolerated. It seems like we pay a lot of taxes with no return!

--Next street over common car break-ins. Theft from our car when we didn't lock it

--There seems to be a lot of strangers walking the streets and we don't see the police very often. You cannot go for walks at night like we use to

--Lack of visible patrols—slow response to calls

--at night items being stolen and strangers wandering around

--With our governments attitude towards defunding the police I feel it would take longer for help if I needed it

--I live close to a low income apartment. They are loud, inconsiderate, trashy, and have caught the building on fire several times. I have had encountered with homeless people on my property and have heard of other people in Parchment that have also. I live on a private drive with a speed limit of 10 mph and people use it to cut through to school. Most of them turn the corner going at least 20 mph and speed up when they get straightened out. Most people speed on G Ave and Riverview Dr and I see too many people running red lights on Riverview Dr

--License plates are stolen, sounds of guns, homeless people, and theft from yard and porch

--No police presence. No routine patrolling of the street I live on

--There is an awful lot of noise and traffic in the apartments behind our condo

--Primarily at night there have been many break-ins and theft

- I don't feel that if I need help it will come in time. There are too many different people walking around at all hours doing who knows what
- Drug activity on a city street—in and around a house KNOWN to police
- Auto thefts, car break-ins, no traffic enforcement of any kind even in school zones
- Lack of police presence. Crime is up in the area
- Too much activity in the park after dark. Too much speeding and running of red lights esp Espanola and Riverview Dr
- Less safe than my last—theft from doorsteps/mailboxes, speeders/stop sign runners and vehicles with no license plates

Comments from those who answered yes

- most of the time
- somewhat (x2)
- Safe in general but there are a lot of problems in the city that will just get bigger without more police coverage
- Mostly for now. I wish there were more police presence in and around Parchment. Especially in the park. I've witnessed some vandalism and some wild groups
- Night time security in the park should be upgraded—i.e. unannounced and unscheduled park drive throughs should be scheduled and be provided for

General comments

- Yes and no! We've had two people hit telephone poles right outside our home in the last 2 months. People consistently speed down the road and complaints of people stealing packages

- Not unsafe but not as safe as used to feel
- feel somewhat safe but not sure if there is sufficient coverage at night. A lot of cars are being entered. Also speeding on our streets are at an all time high
- yes and no. not as safe as I used to be
- feel relatively safe. My perception is that the city is less safe than in years past, trending lower. I have no data to support this
- Feel safe most of the time—my home backs up to the woods behind Espanola Ave. Many people cut through 24/7 and use flash lights after dark. It is unnerving to see flashlights in the dark woods
- Feel safe sometimes. Not when cars and motorcycles speed recklessly on our road. We estimate about 50 mph in a 25 zone. Not when an attempted break-in happened near us. Not when cars are being broken into. Not when gun shots are fired near us while a drug deal went bad.

3. Number the services according to level of concern

General comments

- No real knowledge of these categories
- A few drive throughs by officers on duty doesn't stop speeding! The posting of your speed machines only lets speeders know how fast or slow their rods are moving
- Speeding is terrible in our city. Officers on duty. Where are they... never see them. Presence and visibility- very seldom see the police
- Speeding on Haymac Dr
- So much going on in park that is not worthy of a 911 call but would be addressed if an officer was driving through
- Control the size of groups that travel the sidewalks (students)
- Noise from music and drug use in lawns (front yards)
- People speed, especially on Riverview and go through red lights often. I rarely see any police or people pulled over for a ticket
- I believe visibility is one of the most important aspects in community policing. Visibility has been proven to reducing crime in any given situation
- Speeding on Glendale. Homes on Glendale have cars that park on front lawns and drive on lawns
- Zoning ordinance enforcement appears to be left to the township police and they DO NOT enforce our ordinances. This is NOT a township! It is a city with zoning
- Police presence deter crime, drug activity, homelessness and speeding. Continuity of officers will help the officers know our community
- Install electric speed monitoring signs for speeding
- Noise from car radios is another concern (level 10)

- Abandoned paper mill security is another concern (level 6)
- Speed: Increase speed limit on Riverview to 35/40
- Parchment needs to re assert its reputation for being a speed trap
- Homelessness is not a crime. I had a relative who was homeless for awhile. The uppity powers that be about zoning are a major cause of homelessness. Bring on more mobile home parks nearby!
- All the concerns can be addressed with proactive policing!
- Presence and visibility does not exist.. Response time to service calls HORRID!
Have asked numerous times for traffic surveillance to no avail
- If we had 24/7 coverage and somewhat continuity of officers on duty, all of the other issues would be taken care of
- All of these are important. Presence and visibility will decrease the other concerns. Must have own police
- There is an awful lot more speeding happening all over Parchment but especially on Riverview. Lots of people running red lights
- Homeless presence a concern—not lately but in the past
- all of the services are very important
- Maybe some kind of function for officers to attend, put on by our community citizens and city employees. To show appreciation for their good work to us
- some answers were given a zero..I can't order since I have no experience with these
- concern with lighting on streets at night (level 2). Many areas are very dark/have inadequate lighting for safety
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- Police need to know our community. That can only be achieved with the same officers. Drug use is up, cars in Kindleberger at AM hours. Speeding is totally out of control. Criminals are aware there is not continuous police presence
- Safety. Community knows police are there if necessary
- Parchment has a history of very visible police presence at events. Leads to a good feeling between police and citizens
- Speeding. Espanola is like a race track..There are many children and it's a danger for them
- Because we like it here. We want the local police to work towards keeping the crime out to ensure peoples prolonged safety and to preserve Parchment's reputation of being a safe and good place to live
- I see posts about cars being broken into in the middle of the night on the Facebook page. Also theft off front porches
- Speed limit is 25. Even the school buses go at least 10 over—speeding is a big problem and the potholes on Parchmount are LOUD!
- You can see drug use taking place when driving by homes or in cars parked on the street
- It breaks my heart that we no longer have a police force or fire department in Parchment. It gave us a sense of security and protection
- We are paying for a service. A painter paints my whole house. Lawnmowing company mows my entire yard. A plumber fixes the leak. Hopefully you get my point
- We live on Parchmount, have young children, and see people speeding every day. There is gray mini-suv (toyota) that has actually passed me while driving. I've also seen this car pass others on the street
- visibility and traffic enforcement are the two most effective tools in law enforcement today. Persons still comment today to me. "We used to see you guys all the time". We stayed out of trouble

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4. Please explain your reason for selecting 1-highest concern in question 3

--Crime/theft --facebook's "we are Parchment" is disturbing to read about all the theft

--poor response time reported by several neighbors. Speeding is also a huge issue!

--Parchmont Ave has become a drag strip and the officers are parked most of the time on Riverview Dr behind the new ice cream stand

--I see the township police occasionally but not regularly

--main issue I hear about (crime/theft) and uncalled for

--safety

--coverage and presence will deter crime and speeding. No coverage = higher crime

--i believe many problems would be reduced if we increase visibility and presence

--Speed has become very bad. Also reckless and aggressive driving

--It takes a long time to get officers on scene from the time of a call

--Personal safety is a must be first

--We were robbed in 2019 (maybe 2018) and the criminals were identified but as far as I know they were never prosecuted.

--I haven't had to call them

--Speeding on G Ave is terrible! There are children very close by this area. It's more residential than area closer to Sprinkle

--I you are here, all the rest will follow

--I have lived on Parchmont for 35+ years. Cars now FLY down Parchmont. Never happened with our Parchment police

--Speed limit is not being enforced

--Vehicles driving well above speed limit on Parchmont Ave. It's not uncommon for drivers to pass me while I drive 25 mph

- Noise concerns with motorcycles in neighborhoods. Speeding on Glendale and Part St. is excessive and dangerous
- Street parking overnight, parking lot for used cars—no house! Motor homes in front yards , etc. etc. etc.
- I have not had a bad experience with crime/theft in the city but I think it is important to have low crime/theft rates as a priority
- I believe in police; don' get me WR—we know some can be bad, but every profession has those few bad (or more) in it. I would say thank you to anyone who serves if possible
- The amount of crime and theft has spiked in recent years
- Parchment has become a town of poverty and broken promises/Factory, H2O
- If police are providing adequate 24/7 coverage then all other items on the list will be dealt with as necessary
- We fear for personal safety. Don't want to wake up to armed robber/burglar. About ready to replace our large windowed front door with solid steel door
- We live directly across the street from a drug house with intense crime activity. It has gone unabated for two years! The police act as if we should accept this as commonplace. They are very dismissive!
- If a reported condition exists, it's over before police respond. People know they can do things because cops are not in Parchment. i.e. parking on sidewalk, golf carts on streets, etc.
- All of these are of high concern in Parchment
- 24/7 coverage in #1 because the 24/7 coverage is consistent and crime doesn't just happen at one specific time. Speeding is out of control
- I never see the police patrolling my street...Espanola Ave
- Parchmont isn't I 94!! Multiple times I've been passed by other cars and I'm doing the speed limit!

- Safety is #1
- Police need to "serve and PROTECT!"
- Cars speed on all roads, not safe for children. Items are stolen from property
- I lived on Parchmont for 30+ years and have observed the traffic speeds increase a lot since we switched to KTPD
- Since the Parchment police have been removed and the township took over the whole city has gone down hill. Things happen now that never happened in the past
- These cars, vehicles are always running RED lights and speeding on the side streets
- I live on Parchmont Ave. The speeding is very excessive. We don't see a lot of police presence to slow it down
- If we had presence and visibility it would go a long way to helping the other concerns
- Parchment is supposed to be a nice hometown city. There are children and adults walking and playing everywhere. Parchment sounds and looks like a race track on a daily basis! Something needs to be done before someone is hurt or killed, not AFTER!
- Police coverage and presence was the number one reason for moving here. Speeding down Parchmont wasn't allowed and police presence when we moved in was amazing. That's now number one reason for looking for another home outside of Parchment
- Nice to see their presence to let us know they are near and friends to us!
- Homeless presence around old abandoned buildings and occasionally near river front I experience while walking through these areas May be opportunity for drug traffic in/near old buildings
- Without control of speeding/ticketing the speed of traffic on Riverview and other roads within the city has increased. However I feel this is an issue in most communities not just Parchment

- We are a small town. Riverview is a raceway. There is a school!! I was passed on Parchmount!! Then I see an officer sitting behind middle school! Really? Will it take someone being hit and killed before anyone cares?
- For several years police have known about drug and other illegal activity happening ~~around here~~ This house has also become a flop house with many unrelated people coming and going
- Lack of presence and visibility means people can flaunt the law with impunity. Right now there is NO presence or visibility
- If police are visible, less likely to be major crimes committed
- People flying down Riverview and Parchmount hill
- It is nice for safety, to have police available quickly on a 24/7 basis. By having that coverage, personal safety, presence, response time and speeding will be taken care of
- We rarely see police presence. Feel like more visibility would help deter other concerns
- Reports of theft from yards, mailboxes and doorsteps
- It is a known fact that we (Parchment) don't have good/continual police coverage. This results in high crime rates, speeding, and disrespect for the law
- Presence and visibility plus 24/7 would take care of most of the other issues, correct?
- For years Parchment had its own police force patrolling the streets. Now it could be days before I see a cruiser in the area patrolling
- This should be easy. The car on blocks just west of the Mosel bridge. Attempted car break-in across the street
- More police presence
- I just moved to Parchment at the beginning of 2021. Want to be reassured that I'm in a good community

--Without 24/7 coverage, I believe Parchment would be in jeopardy of a much higher crime rate than we have

--In an emergency a quick response is important

--There is no police presence in Parchment. Living on the upper end of Parchmount cars speed by our house going very fast and even passing cars actually doing the speed limit

5. What suggestion do you have to address your concern with question #4

- more police presence..these criminals know there are no police in the area
- 24/7 coverage. we should not have to share with the Eastside
- Post an officer morning and night, no set time and write some tickets!! I live on the drag strip a long time and have only seen one person stopped
- I have none
- Not a clue? More police, but can they really do their jobs anymore?? People really should just leave things alone that aren't theirs!
- closer monitoring...speed bumps
- electronic ticketing through cameras placed around town
- Re-institute the police department here. Put the money we are currently paying the City of Kalamazoo back into our own community
- Significant enforcement of violators
- Publish the right phone # to call that isn't 911
- Higher and more visible presence of police on patrol
- Increase the amount of patrols and or officers to go on patrol. More patrols in and around Kindleberger Park
- Certain township police dedicated to service in Parchment
- Have our own police force again, 24/7
- More police presence. Stop signs at every intersection. Allow parking both sides of street to narrow roadway
- More consistent monitoring of traffic on city streets
- More stop signs at cross streets (4 way stops to slow traffic). Cameras that can give electronic tickets like in Chicago and other cities

--BE HERE

--Patrolling

--More police presence

--Follow up by police

--More random speed tracking. I can set my watch to police patrol. Pull people over

--The biggest law enforcement in Parchment is speed control. Drugs and homeless is number 2. Kids vandalizing and stealing

--Place a few stop signs in along Parchmount to slow drivers down. Often I see people going at least 40 mph

--Rumor has it that the Sheriff Dept would be asked to patrol the "city of Parchment" This would be a tragic mistake. The township police are as highly trained and professional as KCSD. Also the township PD is ½ mile from the city of Parchment. From my own experience, it would be tragic error, based on my own (35 yrs) experience

--Doesn't Parchment already pay the township for public safety? Monitor traffic speeds on Friday/Saturday 4-7 PM

--I believe that having a police officer visible would reduce crime in our community

– Educate the community through a quarterly newsletter about ways they can make their property safer, for example, provide information about security systems, solar powered motion detectors, cutting landscaping back from windows/doors. If possible, post crime statistics in the newsletter and provide ideas to help people reduce the risks of these types of crime i.e. theft from a garage, keep garage doors shut/ locked when not outside. Hold quarterly or semi-annual meetings at the library Bring in guest speakers to educate community about things they can do to increase security at their homes i.e. security companies, lighting specialists, police officers, locksmith, landscapers

--More police and tickets given out. Police need to sit on Parchmount for more than 5 minutes! Speed bumps. People have made that suggestion for some time now!!

- Have/create a silent observer/neighborhood watch committee led by the police with regular meetings and forums
- NEVER DEFUND THEM!
- More police around the park. There can be some bad actors in and around the park
- Get the police back
- More traffic stops and do everything that we can to keep the homeless out of Parchment. They are here now and a lot more within walking distance
- More presence and visibility. Drive around more on all of the Parchment streets. Vary the route. Park where the car will be seen
- Hire more highly qualified police
- Volunteer crime watch
- Lets see some cops! There is NO presence and visibility
- Arrest individuals and work with prosecutors office to make a case that will keep these criminals from returning just to do the same criminal activity again
- We need our own dept. I understand cost but our little town is declining
- Without an active police presence there are not many options
- Patrol these areas more often or even an occasional coffee break in the area
- I have noticed officers at all times of the day at various locations. My suggestion would be to continue this system of their visiting us
- Insure our community has an adequate number of officers to cover our streets at all times
- Send out informational flyer that tells you where the best areas are in the Parchment area
- Unfortunately we need more police and enforcement of laws. Driving around or parked for visible deterrent does not work without enforcement

- Bring back Parchment police and fire dept
- Bring back our own Parchment force. Our safety has declined since they left
- Increased police presence
- Police presence
- More police, more patrols
- Keep police close and have plan for back up if more are needed
- A much larger police presence—there's no threat of getting caught speeding because there's nobody to control it

6. Would you support a dedicated millage increase to enhance public safety?

Comments from those who answered yes

- 100% my family would support a millage!
- We need our police force back in this city. I would very much support having our police back
- If the city puts speed bumps on the top of Glendale near Hubbard to slow speeders
- yes, would pay plenty
- yes, maybe..Increase in millage if for our own department but taxes are so expensive now so would depend
- ABSOLUTELY! 100%
- yes, if it would allow us to have our own department
- Support a millage of reasonable expense, not supplying peoples excessive dreams or anxieties to suppression. Maybe some moneys could go toward prevention means, education, etc. to aid neighbors to practice not community controls leading to excess
- Good luck with an increased millage since people believe everything comes for free
- yes if it not too high

Comments from those who answered no

- taxes continue to rise and there is no one who cares about this community anymore—can't wait to move out of the area!
- We are already paying too much for our new public safety
- My taxes are already through the roof and higher than friends that live in "nicer" areas with more to offer

- We had \$ for a police force..We are contracting = \$ with township we should have money in budget for policing
- They already get a ton of money!
- not getting our moneys worth now
- no, maybe.. We were paying the same amount when we had our own police dept before that other city manager (Dennis Durham) got rid of them..This worked
- Don't you think we pay enough taxes and for what. I would rather have more police than fire especially when we have other fire dept so close. And maybe not pay for a full time city manager
- taxes are to high now
- Taxes are VERY high as they are. Redistribute funds so there are funds available for police presence. City of Parchment receives the most of our (personal) property taxes. If you take \$5-\$10 (or certain %) from every entity receiving part of taxes, this could fund police. If not that, then lower millage amount for each entity and add millage for police
- Taxes are currently too high for services now receiving
- Not additional, but would support reallocation of current millage/budget

General comments

- Is a lack of tax income the cause of too much speeding? Would more tax bring better drug control?
- Depends on what the enhancements are
- It depends on what and how much!
- Taxes are already pretty high...unsure why there is not already dedication to safety
- I am not sure—property taxes are already so high—not sure of ALL options
- neutral on support

General comments

--Living across from the park I do (rarely) see an officer drive down Park Ave. I see many things going on in the park not worth a 911 call, but people would not be doing if there were police presence, especially on weekends. Driving up to upper picnic shelters, smoking pot, unauthorized use of bandshell, alcohol bottles and to go food containers left in water tower parking lot during the middle of the night (I pick up and throw away when walking dog). I love our park and am afraid it is going to turn into Spring Valley. I am happy that those who may not have a safe or nice park in their community can share ours, but unless we "police" it more some will disrespect it. I occasionally see an officer looking for speeders on Riverview, but never on Park, Glendale, Parchmont. Many going at least 15 over. I feel because of lack of presence we are loosing our reputation as a safe, watch your speed town

--Thank you for all you do

--Please continue the contract with KTPD. They do a great job

--Put a stop sign on Glendale at Hubbard to slow traffic speeding, please and thanks

--Our taxes are extremely high in Parchment and would hate to see them go higher

--Why is the paper mill still standing? Homeless people living there! Not good!

--Please use the increased taxes to go towards enhancing public safety

--I hope it doesn't take a pedestrian being run over to cause action

--We were told you would be here, so be here and you have been. Thank you. We love to see the black and whites just keeping an eye on things

--I've never called the police for anything but I like that they are here and hope they will be available if I do call

--Generally good

--Need to patch street (Church) between Park and Glendale. A lot of tar chunks are on lawns and they are a nuisance to lawn mowers and snowblowers. Have requested this for 4 years. Need to add more signs requesting dog walkers to leash dogs and pick up dogs refuse in park. **Has anyone been FINED this year (2021) for violations of these visible requirements in the Parchment park area? Who? And when?. Who enforces the rules?

--I've lived in Parchment over 30 years. We raised our kids here. If people don't feel safe in Parchment they will move away

--I am very satisfied with the service provided by KTPD

--If the township can maintain police presence in our community while under contract we should see some time lost reimbursement. We pay 4.65140 millage to the county. I would between the two law enforcement agencies we should not be without coverage

--Just to patrol they get almost \$400,000 per year! I don't think Parchment is receiving the services from KTWP as it is! The crime across the street from me [REDACTED] is absolutely untenable! Second on my list is the dangerous speeding I witness everyday. I've see cars passing already speeding cars! I've lived in Parchment 40 years and my parents and grandparents lived here also. I am very saddened at whats become of this once nice town!

--So much vandalism at the paper mill

--No mean, trigger happy cops. Give 'em tasers, pepper spray, and "always on" body cameras. Cop cars should have 360 "always on" cameras to confirm traffic violations or whatever. Good proof too for brutality, allegations, as has been in news lately. Those lawsuits are expensive too.

--I want the police fully funded with the tax payer dollars we are already paying too much for

--Make the park Christmas lights like Kalamazoo

--Though safety/crime are most important, speed enforcement is more visible

--When the city removed our police the taxes did not go down. The taxes keep going up and the city's duties are going down

--I could understand 10 or 15 miles per hour over the posted 25 but we have continuous speeds of 45, 50, 60 mph

--Bring our local police back! Lack of police presence is adding to the decline of the safety of the citizens of Parchment

--taxes are to high now

--if we have to continue with a contract with KTPD or any other department the contract should be rewritten to address our specific concerns and then be held accountable on a routine basis. We should have at least a monthly report on crime statistics for our city so we can be better informed

--Beginning to think we should have our own police dept again

--Urgent action is needed on all of the above. We are the taxpayers and we pay for this contract. We are not getting what we pay for

--I feel Parchment is very safe place to live. Enforcement was better with our own police dept/ no surprise!/ less cost. Liked seeing canine units practicing in Kindleberger park

--I appreciate the support Parchment has received from Kal township police. The money is well worth the investment. Parchment cannot do, afford, or replicate the skills of KTP to re-establish our own police force. Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinions

--Those mills have been dead for 20 yrs? Why aren't we trying to make Parchment a destination town so we few citizens aren't piled on with new taxes? We need new business!! That could be prime riverfront property!! Tuesday, July 27, 2021 my friend and I were walking the road behind middle school down to Parchmount. Tucked behind bushes up by old mill admin building was a township officer. No one could see him/her. I don't care what they were doing but if they just would park somewhere on Riverview to take a break, traffic would slow down. Almost every road/street in our town has become a race track. Township could at least pretend to care.

--Something needs to be done about the motorcycles RACING up/down Riverview before someone dies

--Police response is slow. I have been told by police officers from Kazoo township that they also cover the north side of Kalamazoo along with Parchment and it is a lot of territory for them to cover

--Glad to see this survey!

--The speeding is out of hand on Parchmount and Riverview Dr

--I would never have thought in my youth, that I would miss Ralph Herrick

--DO NOT DEFUND OUR POLICE!!! They are doing a great job within our community and should be commended for their service in these trying times!

--Why does a google of Parchment yield a terrible picture of a burned out factory? Awful PR!!

--Things were much better when we had our own police force that was much more dedicated to Parchment

--It shouldn't cost more to feel safe in my hometown