

Message from the Participatory Budget Chair

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We certainly are living in interesting times. It seems as if Covid-19 has taken over our lives, and all we can do is sit back and wait to see where things take us. There are some bright spots though.

In the past couple of weeks, I've been outside even more than normal and see more of my neighbors than I think I'd seen in all of 2019. From a safe distance, of course. During my walks, I've seen some things that I'd like to be different or missing about our town. Maybe, an intersection needs a crosswalk or a playground needs some new equipment. Perhaps, you've come across a trail at Lake Topanemus that could use some tender loving care. Fortunately, our town has a way to help address these problems, the Participatory Budget Program.

If you see something that needs to be fixed, changed, or would be nice to have, we're always looking for project ideas (and volunteers). To submit an idea, you can download an interactive PDF from our web page on the Borough's main site (<http://www.freeholdboroughnj.gov/participatorybudgeting/index-2.html>), and when it's completed, email it to freeholdbp@gmail.com. You can fill it out right on your computer, so you don't even need to print it out. Saving paper and making the town better. Win/Win! You can also fill it out online at <https://forms.gle/HZy3hbKvQ9YBk2oM8>.

Please stay healthy and look after yourselves, your neighbors, and our town!

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