

Other Thoughts/ Suggestions

<u>1</u>	Bollards that are installed in the roadways, raised and lowered mechanically to indicate when the road is closed. They have them all over D.C. and Europe.
<u>2</u>	Christmas parade, restaurant festival and other activities can resume Portable bollards can be easily installed at cross streets and removed at will
<u>3</u>	closing Gay St permanently is a good idea because it is a scenic street with great food options that can be enjoyed year round without vehicle noise
<u>4</u>	closing the street at first will cause some hardships but eventually it will entice more retail business. progress will skip this town over if we do not take advantage of this opportunity.
<u>5</u>	Doesn't have to be closed 24/7, but 7 days a week 4-12
<u>6</u>	Even though our diner has closed, it was very beneficial having extra dinning space a open air feeling. People generally like eat outdoors when the weather is good. Extremes they want inside dining. Thursday thru Sunday is best to close the street
<u>7</u>	Getting the street redesignated shouldn't be rocket science with the State. Having the road closed only 4 days a week allows for street cleaning which I feel is an issue. I do feel it should be all year. Plan B would be Early April to Thanksgiving.
<u>8</u>	I believe it hurts the traffic flow through town. I did not think it looked attractive. The streets looked half empty and dirty. There were a few businesses that made their out door space attractive. (Teca and Opa Taverna)
<u>9</u>	I love the idea of Gay st being closed to vehicles in any time frame.
<u>10</u>	If a permanent closure was a realistic option, we would support that. I do, however, feel at least through the summer and possibly October is a win for the restaurants.
<u>11</u>	If opened back up to traffic, open it as one lane. Extend the sidewalks where the existing parking spots are from Matlack St. to Darlington St. to make it more pedestrian friendly and use the 2nd lane as parking, or just eliminate parking altogether.
<u>12</u>	Long time area resident. Closing Gay St had no real traffic impact for me, and I believe it is safer for pedestrians and patrons.
<u>13</u>	MY opinion about when and what time of year to close Gay Street is based on the assumption that non-restaurant businesses do not enjoy the same benefits that businesses with table service do.
<u>14</u>	Open to Thursday to Sunday and year round also
<u>15</u>	The closing of Gay Street was a great success, bringing many new customers from areas outside of West Chester.
<u>16</u>	We prefer the street remain open all year. Your survey is flawed as the last 2 uestions presuppose that we want the street closed at some point.
<u>17</u>	When is bid going to ever do anything fior businesses on markert street ??
<u>18</u>	This survey is not fair as there are no options for the last two questions for those of us that are opposed.
<u>19</u>	As a real estate developer the closing of Gay street makes me more interested in the properties situated there. It creates walkability in places I would not venture to if encumbered but traffic.
<u>20</u>	As a resident, myself and neighbors loved having the street closed. Much more pleasant to eat outdoors, and no street noise. When I have had renters in for CCHC I have told them about the street closed, they love it, makes walking around town easier
<u>21</u>	Being as my business is on W. Market it's tough to gauge what impact the closing had on me. However, I fully support the permanent closing of Gay Street and making it a pedestrian space.

<u>22</u>	Being closed 24/7 for many weeks gives restaurants the ability to build out better looking displays etc. like Bar Avalon's fencing. Also gives boutiques opportunities for better looking displays. 1st summer looked "cobbled together" 2nd summer better
<u>23</u>	Business lunches at Gay St restaurants are nicer without Harleys going by your ear. It is just easier to walk around town with Gay St. closed.
<u>24</u>	Businesses need parking. Closing the street decreased the amount of people passing by our storefront by hundreds if not thousands per day. Also it made the entire street look ugly with all the barriers. Please let it be!
<u>25</u>	Closing off Gay Street brought unity to our community even more and simultaneously helped our local restaurants.
<u>26</u>	Dear John, I know the struggle of other businesses to have the street closed 24/7. The partial closure (Th-Su) would be fair for us. The only concern is temporary storage of chairs, tables etc. Using the parking spot for a fair fee could help.
<u>27</u>	Entire Town is more accessible and looks so much better with open streets.
<u>28</u>	Everyone LOVED Gay Street being closed and would LOVE it all year long. It brought many people into the borough to enjoy outdoor dining, being able to walk around with little kids without worrying about cars and shop at the borough's lovely stores!
<u>29</u>	Everyone we take to the Gay Street open air market thinks it's awesome and wants to come back. It's becoming a real feature of the DubC!
<u>30</u>	Gay Street should be a special place in PA. It should be closed Permanently. Removable bollards should be removed from 6:00am to 9:00am for deliveries Mon-Friday. Circulation should be in the middle of the street. Look at Burlington VT Boulder CO
<u>31</u>	Great 4 Covid times, not sure in the future yet. If this becomes a permanent fixture of WC more, concrete efforts must be put in place to drive traffic all around town too and help the businesses not on Gay with more concessions and open spaces.
<u>32</u>	I am open to the street being closed 7 days or Thursday thru Sunday!
<u>33</u>	I can support closing Gay Street for certain times, but we used to close Church Street once a month for Skating which really helped the shop. We weren't allowed to do that, so if we do close Gay, I'd like to get back Skate Days at least once a month
<u>34</u>	I don't think it has any negative impact on traffic. In fact I think traffic is worse because I sat for 5 mins the other day while a delivery truck and an Amazon truck blocked gay street. I think closing it brings something special to the area,
<u>35</u>	I don't think closing Gay Street benefits the town as a whole. :-)
<u>36</u>	I feel there should be a weekend bast and promote it which would be Frida through Sunday.
<u>37</u>	I fully support closing Gay street for the open air market. I feel it is a wonderful addition to the commerce of West Chester. Thank you for including us in the decision making process.
<u>38</u>	I know the consumer feedback may be in favor but I will only support the closure of measures are taken to help Non restaurant businesses on Gay st, and restaurants located off Gay st
<u>39</u>	I love the idea of a pedestrian only walkway in West Chester! This community loves being outside and walking their dogs. I think it would be an amazing addition to this beautiful town!
<u>40</u>	I support the open air concept but it does make my trash removal difficult because I have curb pick up for the building. And since we don't have a restaurant it doesn't really address any needs

<u>41</u>	I think it was a great closure for the community in West Chester, and that we could eventually consider creating more communal park space in the future. I would be more in support of closing from Walnut street down to Church street permanently.
<u>42</u>	I think late April thru dec is great but if itâ€™s 365 restaurants/stores may put even more time & money investing in making the most of the open streets. Many did and made it very festive and inviting, it would be amazing if all {most} of them did!ðŸ—
<u>43</u>	I would suggest keeping it open till early November. Our business has significantly slowed this fall since the street reopened. We also need to ensure that we market the closure AND the reopening as their are different types of people to address.
<u>44</u>	I would support the open air market if it was a couple days a week, Friday ,Saturday, Sunday. The way the open air market was done the last two years is unfair to so many businesses to benefit so
<u>45</u>	I'd suggest closing the cross streets (Walnut, High, and Church) so there is ZERO vehicle traffic, making it a true pedestrian walkway. You could also incorporate live bands and DJs (Jack's Corner would be great!) on weekends.
<u>46</u>	If it can't be permanent do it from late April to late October (just before Halloween). People love the street closure and all merchants will eventually benefit from a consistent "walking town "atmosphere. Possibilities are endless!!!
<u>47</u>	If you plan to continue this practice, please consider putting more effort into cleaning Gay street frequently, if not daily and also doing something about skateboarding near eating tables and the
<u>48</u>	coming to west chester. Enlarged farmers market, Christmas market etc. Most importantly is it cant be done on the cheap. The investment is extremely worth while. Check out Charlottesville historic mall.
<u>49</u>	in the long run retail will thrive bc of the closure
<u>50</u>	Inconveniencs our suppliers and delivery service drivers so having some days where there would be no impact to them would help. Also I would suggest if this is permanent that you can significantly beautify things. Road Closed sign pretty ugly
<u>51</u>	It is critical that our customers, delivery personnel, and piano movers have easy, clear access to our store at all times. We continue to increase in-person lessons at the store requiring easy access and convenient parking for our customers.
<u>52</u>	Make it a walking community
<u>53</u>	Make the area a destination. With permanent upgrades. Restaurants are nicer to sit at without loud cars driving through. Plenty of parkingâ€™..would be great for west Chester.
<u>54</u>	My business is not a restaurant, or shop/boutique, so the only effect closing the street has to make parking/navigating west chester harder for my customers. If chestnut st garage offered something to help with parking, that would be much better.
<u>55</u>	My first choice is 7 days a week and 2nd would be Thursday-Sunday. The road noise to eat outside at restaurants is terrible. Covid is here for awhile and I have a lot of fiends who only want to eat outside. The car noise detracts from dinning.
<u>56</u>	Nothing good came out of this for my business other then my customers pissed off that that would have to drive around closures to get to my shop .
<u>57</u>	Parking will always be an issue when the street is closed. If street parking could be discounted when the streets are closed, that would be ideal
<u>58</u>	People like it closed in the warmer months
<u>59</u>	People love it. While I would love to see a pedestrian plaza, I'll take as much time as I can get with a street closure.

<u>60</u>	Permanent closure could allow for more solid temporary structures in the winter such as heated tents, Christmas/holiday displays, etc., while potentially providing space for businesses that aren't on Gay Street to benefit, as well.
<u>61</u>	Permanently would be less confusing for consumers. If so, the borough needs to fully commit and fund lighting and tables to make the entire street look cohesive. This would help the serving shortage and promote to go orders like Media's dining.
<u>62</u>	Q's 3&4 do not apply! The main thoroughfare changes from a working town into an outdoor restaurant; good for some but not for all. It transforms the part of town into strictly service based community which I believe is detrimental in the long run.
<u>63</u>	should shut permanently. tractor trailers and out of towners revving their engines are not a good
<u>64</u>	Since I'm new and don't have a pre pandemic experience to compare - I do think the street closure benefits the small businesses in town - regardless of covid - people love the outdoor village vibe and walkability of the closure.
<u>65</u>	Thank you for your continued efforts. The feedback from customers and individuals were they loved they could walk with their family and feel more comfortable strolling in town. They appreciated the ability to explore in a very pleasant environment.
<u>66</u>	The closure makes street parking difficult. Based on the hours I'm at the station -- 9-3 daily, I don't see much use of the street closure. I'm told it's busy at night. I'm not so sure the closure is worth
<u>67</u>	There are other businesses not on Gay street.
<u>68</u>	This brought so many more people into town to eat early in the week in addition to weekends. The day it closed it was evident that not as many people were out and about. I'm speaking of foot traffic around town in addition to diners. Busy open to cl
<u>69</u>	Though my business is not on Gay St, the closure of Gay St over the summer weeks of the last two years has had a positive effect that can be felt throughout the Borough. Please consider continuing this very valuable effort!
<u>70</u>	Thursday after normal business day (after 5 pm) through Sunday end of day would be an appropriate compromise.
<u>71</u>	Thursday through Sunday into late fall can be great as well
<u>72</u>	Traffic on gay st and the noise it creates is a nuisance for outdoor dining. Shut it down permanently and let the street be used as a park, with trees, benches, fire pits, playgrounds, games