

MISSION STATEMENT

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An innovative park district that creatively adapts to our evolving community and provides exceptional parks, recreation and cultural arts that benefit all.



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Introduction

- The Waukegan Park District (WPD) collaborated with Heller and Heller Consulting, Inc. (HHC) to develop the District's Strategic Plan 2015-2017. The Plan will be aligned with the start of the budget year, beginning FY 2015 and continuing through FY 2017. The Strategic Plan's intent is to:
 - Continue the District's ability to execute strategy as a follow up to the District's previous 2010 Strategic Plan
 - Position the District for the future
 - Confirm vision, mission, and values of the District
 - Build upon the recently completed Community Engagement process
 - Establish strategic themes in support of the mission and vision
 - Create a roadmap for reinvestment in the system, together with the Parks and Open Space Master Plan
 - Continue to increase awareness of the District's services
 - Continue improvement of operations

The process included staff, Board, and community engagement, resulting in a more meaningful document for the District. A public meeting was held with approximately 87 Waukegan area leaders involved in providing their perspectives about the future direction of WPD. Another 18 submitted information because they could not attend.

The District, through its Vision Statement: An innovative park district that creatively adapts to our evolving community and provides exceptional parks, recreation and cultural arts that benefit all will align its efforts around the key words of the statement. Words such as innovative, creatively adapts, evolving community, and exceptional are repeated throughout this document and form the basis for many of the strategic initiatives.

The process for the strategic planning effort includes major areas as follows:

- Summary of input sessions, including the staff, Board, and community
- Revised Mission, Vision, and Values
- Information about the Balanced Scorecard framework for strategy
- Strategic Themes
- Strategic Goals
- Strategy Map
- Strategic Initiatives
- Guidelines for Implementation
- Strategic Plan Definitions

Mission, Vision, and Values

A good starting point for strategy is a review and development of mission and vision. This was achieved in successive Board and staff workshops, providing an opportunity to reflect on the revised statements. Mission statements define the business or purpose of the organization. Vision statements are more aspirational; what do we hope to become? The essence of strategic planning asks these three basic questions:

- Where are we now?
- Where do we want to go?
- How will we get there?

The intent of the Waukegan Park District Strategic Plan is to address these questions, as well as how the Plan will be successfully implemented. Both the Mission and Vision Statements were reviewed and refined.

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VALUES

In addition to the mission and vision, the District also reviewed its values. Values define the way individuals in the organization work with one another. Values are important for reinforcing the desired organizational culture. The existing values were reviewed and modified to describe the current organization. The values are:

- Accountability... We will work to achieve the most effective and efficient use of our financial resources while striving for the best return on the use of our assets.
- Excellence... We will strive for the best in everything we do.
- Integrity... We will practice steadfast adherence to a high moral and ethical code, and we will reliably deliver on what we say we are going to do.
- Service Oriented... We will focus our efforts on our customers and will operate the District based on the needs of the community.
- Working Together... We will work WITH one another.
- Sustainability... The Board and staff will use a collaborative and cooperative team based approach that results in the best possible decisions for the long term greater good of the entire community.

The values will be reinforced in hiring and promotional processes, staff orientation, ongoing operations, recognition systems, and the performance appraisal process. The values set the overall tone of the District's culture.

Summary of Input Information

As part of the Strategic Planning process, meetings were completed with key community stakeholders, Board members, and staff. The following section is a summary of comments. The summaries are listed in four sets of information:

- Public meeting
- Board focus group
- Leadership Group focus group
- Employee meeting

Public Meeting

Community leaders were invited to attend a strategic planning meeting. The meeting included an overview of the process and information about the strategic planning framework used for the process. At the public meeting, each table group was charged with brainstorming ideas about strategic direction for the District. The following is a summary of the comments from the individual tables. The spacing between bullets represents the summary of comments from each table.

- Declining tax base impact
- Get into new programs
- Involve youth
- Marketing more to new community
- Relevant programs
- Collaborate
- Implement existing plans
- Communicate –health, wellness, more investment

- Trail system
- Public + Private partners
- Accessibility to lakefront
- Accessibility to Hispanic population
- Opening up language barrier
- Engagement – multicultural multigenerational
- Programming
- Lakefront
- WPD positive hub and draw in Waukegan

- Promote cultural diversity in sports programs
- Open schools in evening get kids energized, safe place
- Family oriented small parks
- Family oriented programs in their parts
- Affordability – “no one is turned away”
- Grow tax base attract people to Waukegan
- Sports Park successful use as model
- Use properties that are torn down for small parks
- Evaluate programs and market

- Understand user population and needs
- New funding streams
- Marketing
- Pool
- Youth moving blend generations

- Community Bulletin Board
- Blend various cultures
- Affordability

- Accessibility
- As many people participate in programs kids, parents, accessibility, transportation; not everyone gets message
- Children’s programs, affordability
- Lakefront – control of John’s Manville property
- Programming for beach area
- Open space along lakefront
- Keep areas of lakefront open

- Indoor pool Needed
- Childhood obesity a focus
- Bring more activities to schools
- More collaboration between schools and park district
- Financial stability and viability
- Park District helps Waukegan’s Image
- Lakefront development
- Bigger role in lakefront especially Beach
- Access to Forest Preserve properties

The Park Board of Commissioners Focus Group

A focus group meeting with the Park Board of Commissioners was held to get Board members input into future direction. A summary of comments follows.

What are the most important issues facing the Waukegan community?

- Addressing aquatics/aquatics plan/maybe something indoor/outdoor
- Skating rink
- Further interacting with Waukegan community
- Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) decline
- Getting participation; need more community participation
- Language barriers
- Elevate the status of Waukegan
- We need to be able to communicate and tell our story
- Collaboration with other partners

What are most important strategic issues facing the Waukegan Park District in the next three to five years that we need to make sure are addressed in the Plan?

- What ideas do we have about the financing?
- What is the future for our funding?
- Staffing levels are a concern as they are stretched with what they are doing
- Communication
- We need the competency among staff to implement the vision
- Taxation issues; EAV
- Governor's race impact on the District
- Tax objectors are winning their argument; we need to be prepared for this

Are there any trends in the parks and recreation industry the District needs to consider taking advantage of?

- If there is something out there our staff are on it
- Foot golf
- We need to decide if we are going to subsidize golf; the golfers are aging
- There may be opportunities for the older Hispanic market to participate in golf; would like to see a Spanish league at the golf course
- Intergovernmental cooperation such as IT; increase our buying power

What about young girls that no longer want to play soccer and softball; what will they be doing?

- We need to find out what kids are interested in
- We need to identify activities that are no cost
- Soccer continues to be really popular with the Hispanic population

When you think of the District's programs and services, and the ongoing changes to the demographics of the community, how should these offerings change in the future?

- We have already tried to do things in this area; we need to keep it up
- Van in the community and inroad into cultural arts; I remember block parties (travelling playground)
- Cooperation and collaboration such as the bike path and the beach

What is your vision of an ideal Waukegan Park District for the next 3-5 years?

- One that is very inter-cooperative with the county, the city, the Hispanic community, etc.
- Keep going in the direction of health
- More community events and connections with faith based organizations
- There will be something that will happen at the beach
- People really want to come to visit Waukegan; out-of-towners need to have a sticker



Based on what you experienced with the last strategic planning process are there any changes to the process you would recommend?

- It has been a really good process
- The meeting at Belvidere was spectacular
- The master plan meetings were not well attended; maybe have fewer and larger meetings
- Make sure there is follow up to those who attended the meeting
- Need to continue to communicate

How can we make sure the Strategic Plan is meaningful to you as Board members?

- If it isn't meaningful, you shouldn't be a Board member
- It would be nice to have our thoughts implanted in the vision
- Make sure the community continues to receive feedback about the process; thank the community for attending meetings
- When is the review of the Plan; is it open to the public, annual retreat
- Need to use events such as the volunteer dinner as a way of telling our story



Leadership Team Strategic Plan Input

The Leadership Team was asked the same set of questions the Board members were asked. Answers to the questions follow.

What are most important strategic issues facing the District in the next three to five years that we need to make sure are addressed in the Plan?

- Wanting to implement the new registration system. Live next fall
- Master Plan
- Dropping EAV, hoping it will remain and not drop more
- Financial transition; I think we are finally at the bottom
- Two additional positions
- Spanish speaking residents
- People living in poverty
- Community engagement showed the need to support our families when school is not in schedule
- Cultural and academic literacy issues
- We have added free programs as a trial run
- We are 60% tax supported with all the social service orientation we do and free programs we do
- Dealing with the southwest community
- We may have some opportunities for connectivity
- We will have more greenway park development
- Intergovernmental cooperation with other agencies

Are there any trends in the parks and recreation industry the District needs to consider taking advantage of?

- Green and sustainable programs
- Three pillars from NRPA
- Partnerships and intergovernmental agreements
- Leave no child inside
- Parks are becoming smarter in seeking dollars from private foundations
- We are creating a foundation
- Design trends; we have urban and suburban elements
- Privatizing the courses was good
- What are we going to do with aquatics in the next 3-5 years; what will work for our community? We are looking at more water playground features
- The community is looking to the park district to do something with the lakefront
- Gardening and local food; people growing their own food; could the park district do something
- Trail connections

When you think of the District's programs and services, and the ongoing changes to the demographics of the community, how should these offerings change in the future?

- Do more family programming
- Weekend programs with Hispanic programs
- We need to look at hours at the Fieldhouse to accommodate our community; maybe later hours
- Cultural art program in the parks is working well; evening programs work best
- Spanish language and how we promote them

Can you identify any uses of technology the District needs to improve or further develop?

- RecTrac will connect with financial reporting
- Use of data will improve
- We are always upgrading our technology on the back end
- GIS mapping and inventory

How would you assess the District's efforts in being innovative and being able to change direction?

- At the staff level we are doing a good job
- The board is much more conservative
- We have added new facilities and taking the chance on big new operations
- Challenge to keep facilities new and fresh
- We will want a district presence if the mayor does some initiatives regarding the lakefront
- Park grant and addition of a swimming pool will take a lot of energy
- When we come up with something, it's for the benefit of the community, but feel support for being innovative
- We need more staff in order to be innovative
- We may miss the boat on some opportunities because of not having enough staff

Based on what you experienced with the last strategic planning process are there any changes to the process you would recommend?

- OnStrategy will be good to help with implementation
- Adding perspectives for programs/parks/facilities
- What about the smaller initiatives for an area like IT; our goals for our departments do not see the relationship with the organization
- How we communicate it with the public through multiple channels; development of a dashboard

Are there any changes or improvements to the organizational culture that will better support the implementation of the Plan?

- Wish the board would be more engaged
- Create a dashboard for the Board

Employee Meeting

WPD Employees participated in a meeting and provided comments in three topic areas: issues facing the District in the next three to five years, based on community changes how should programs and services change, and what does the ideal park district look like. The responses are as follows:

ISSUES

- Shifting demographics
- Economics/property taxes
- Accommodating growth
- Generational differences of users
- Technology use
- Aging infrastructure
- Limited capital dollars
- Indoor/outdoor aquatic

PROGRAM/SERVICES

- Health and wellness
- More free programs
- Movement to non-traditional activities
- Ask the people for their input
- Ensure input from Hispanic community
- Registration process ease especially special population
- Recreation program dashboard
- Nature/environmental
- Partnerships
- Coordination with school district
- Facilities match/community needs

IDEAL PARK DISTRICT

- More Latino staffing professional positions
- Completing the sports park adequate parking
- Adding indoor facility at Sports Park – multi purpose
- Keep employees happy so that employees are able to give happiness to the community
- Lakefront
- Meets the taxpayer and community needs
- More nature centers
- Adequate/functional operating and staff space
- More accessible special rec space

- More nature centers
- Generating revenue from non-taxpayers
- Parking at facilities
- More nature centers
- More sustainable (green systems)
- Engaged business community
- Adequate indoor/outdoor aquatics
- Sticking to a sold equipment replacement schedule

SUMMARY INFORMATION

The following is a listing of information generated at the first Strategic Plan workshop. The list includes a summary of topic areas generated from the Board, Leadership Team and employee meetings, and the public meeting of Waukegan leaders. The Leadership Team developed the list based on a review of the comments generated from the various meetings. The leadership group was then asked to vote for the top five items they felt were most important in considering strategic direction. The bolded items received the most votes. As a result of the key areas selected, the Strategic Plan needs to address these as part of organizational direction.

INPUT HIGHLIGHTS

- Language (communication) barriers
- Maintaining high quality standards
- Maintain Infrastructure Capital improvement



- Partnering opportunities
- Financial sustainability
- Staffing Levels
- Youth Programs
- Financial Cost Recovery
- Bring programs out to the community
- Health and Wellness
- Follow up to Strategic Plan
- Master Plan
- Green initiatives
- Trails and trail connections
- Family activities
- Agility
- Unify Waukegan's various cultures
- Relevant programming
- Partnering with schools
- Respond to demographics
- Use of technology
- Continuously asking residents for satisfaction/needs
- Engage youth more
- Help to attract business/economic development
- Soccer
- Affordability
- Marketing/Creating awareness
- Indoor aquatics
- Community engagement
- Community images
- Social service orientation

The Balanced Scorecard

Subsequent to the first workshop in reviewing key areas of focus, the next workshop involved building a Balanced Scorecard for strategic direction. The Balanced Scorecard is a strategy framework that emphasizes the cause and effect relationships among distinct yet interrelated themes: customer, financial performance, internal support processes, and organizational learning and growth needs. Waukegan's Plan also has two additional themes: programs and parks/facility. The Scorecard focuses on the key drivers of success that lead to the achievement of mission and vision.

The WPD framework includes six themes:

- Customer: To achieve our mission and vision, how should we appear to our customers?
- Programs and Services: To satisfy our customers, what programs should we offer? How do we ensure excellent program quality and how do we position our program offerings for the future.
- Parks/Facilities: To maximize our return on investment for parks and facilities, how do we plan for ongoing infrastructure improvements? How do we plan for future parks and facilities that meet the needs of the public?
- Financial: To succeed financially, how should we appear to our taxpayers?
- Internal Business: To satisfy our customers, which business practices must we do extremely well?
- Learning and Growth: To achieve our mission and vision, how will we sustain our ability to change and improve, and develop leaders among the staff and Board?



Definitions of the six themes are outlined more specifically below, which provide detail about areas of consideration for each of the themes.

CUSTOMER

- Product/service attributes such as price, programs, quality, availability of services
- Customer relationships
- Service qualities such as access mechanisms, service standards, customer requirements and encounters
- Partnerships

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES PERSPECTIVE

- Programs aligned with community needs
- Positioning for the future
- Accessibility to programs for all

PARKS AND FACILITIES PERSPECTIVE

- Lifecycle
- Connection to master plan
- Future needs

FINANCIAL

- Revenue growth
- Productivity
- Financial results
- Cost recovery
- Efficiency
- Tax versus non-tax revenue percentages

INTERNAL BUSINESS

- Operations Management (maintenance practices, program development, park design)
- Customer management processes (support systems and technology)
- Innovation processes
- Regulatory and social processes (safety and environmental)

LEARNING AND GROWTH

- Human capital (competencies)
- Information capital (organizational knowledge)
- Organization capital (culture, work environment, leadership)

Strategic Plan Hierarchy

The Plan includes a hierarchy of elements that starts with the most macro level of strategy and moves to a more micro level (moving from strategic to tactical). The starting point for any strategic planning process is the review of the vision and mission statements and values.

Subsequent to the development of mission and vision, strategic themes and goals were developed, followed by the strategic initiatives. Each successive element of strategy more specifically details the premise of the six themes.

The Balanced Scorecard hierarchy is presented by the pyramid shown in the following figure.



STRATEGIC THEMES

In using the scorecard, the District developed strategic themes. The themes are broad-brushed organizational descriptions that provide direction, following the six areas of Customer, Programs and Services, Parks/Facilities, Financial, Internal Business Support, and Learning and Growth. Waukegan’s themes include:

- Customer: Community Connection
- Programs and Services: Aligning Initiatives with Community Need
- Parks/Facilities: Infrastructure Development and Investment
- Financial: Sound Financial Management
- Internal Business: Operational Excellence
- Learning and Growth: Dedicated and Continuously Learning Staff

Following the development of themes, goals were developed. The goals are aligned with the themes and demonstrate how the District will work toward its strategic direction. Goals are more specific elements of strategy the District must do well in support of the six themes listed above. For example, what does the District need to do well to support Community Connection? It needs to work on enhancing the image of Waukegan, manage customer expectations, communicate strategically, and develop methods to engage the community.

GOALS

The following section lists the goals in support of the strategic themes. Generally speaking, each theme should be supported by no more than three or four goals, as this provides a narrower focus to strategic direction. The themes are repeated below and accompanied by their respective goals.

- Customer: Community Connection
 - Goal 1: Enhance Waukegan's Image
 - Goal 2: Increase Community Involvement
 - Goal 3: Implement District-Wide Interpretive Philosophy
 - Goal 4: Improve District Branding

- Programs and Services: Aligning Initiatives with Community Need
 - Goal 1: Innovative Programming
 - Goal 2: Interdepartmental Program Partnerships
 - Goal 3: Evaluating Program Affordability

- Parks/Facilities: Infrastructure Development and Investment
 - Goal 1: Invest in Maintaining Infrastructure
 - Goal 2: Parks and Open Space Master Plan Implementation
 - Goal 3: Sustainable Infrastructure Development

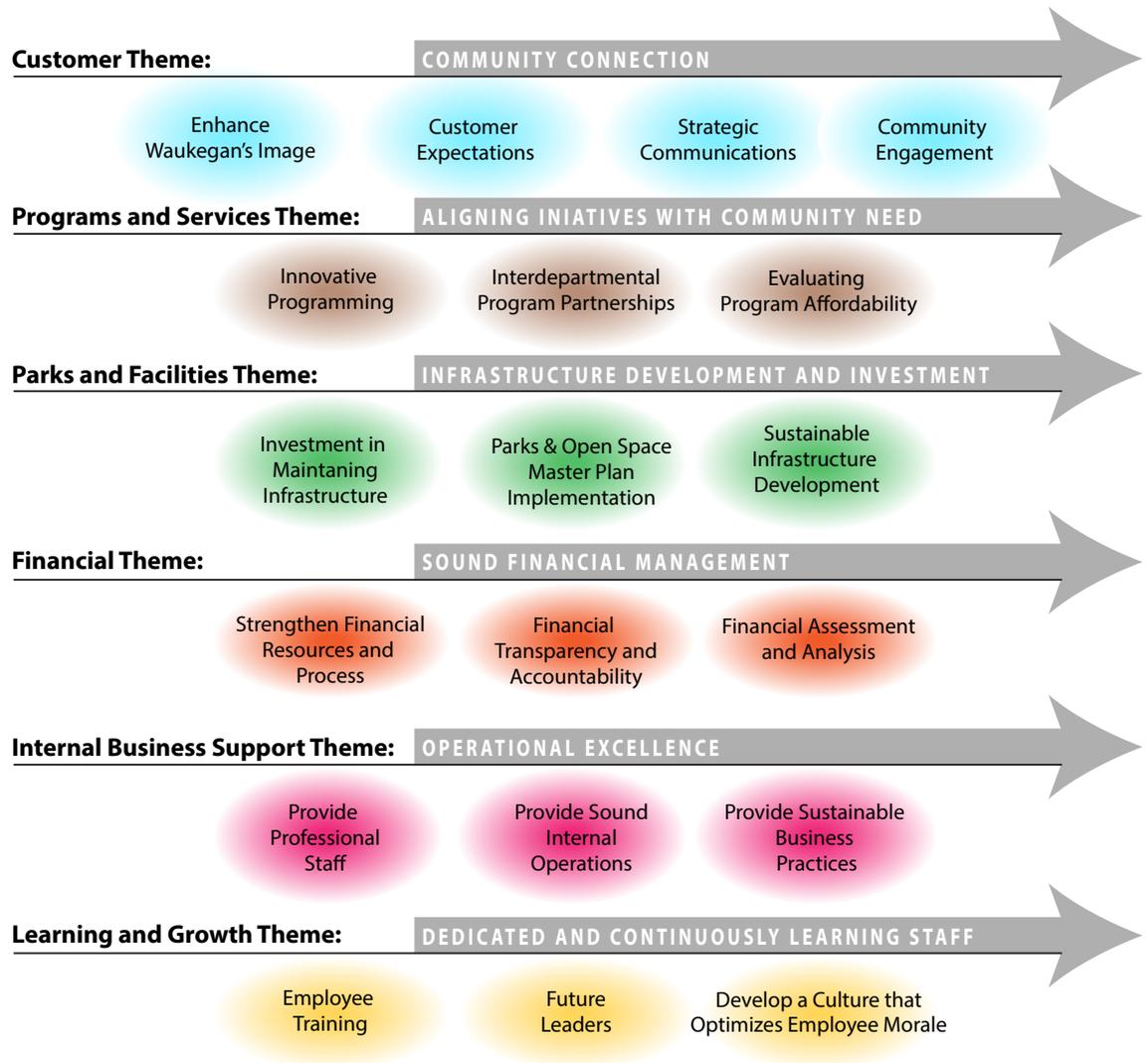
- Financial: Sound Financial Management
 - Goal 1: Strengthen Financial Resources and Processes
 - Goal 2: Financial Transparency and Accountability
 - Goal 3: Financial Assessment and Analysis

- Internal Business Support: Operational Excellence
 - Goal 1: Provide Professional Staff
 - Goal 2: Provide Sound Internal Operations
 - Goal 3: Provide Sustainable Business Practices

- Learning and Growth: Dedicated and Continuously Learning Staff
 - Goal 1: Employee Training
 - Goal 2: Develop Future Leaders
 - Goal 3: Develop a Culture that Optimizes Employee Morale

Strategy Map

The following diagram shows the information listed above, the strategic themes and objectives, in a strategy map.



Strategic Themes, Goals, Objectives and Initiatives 2015-2018

The following are the goals, objectives, and initiatives for the next three fiscal years, 2015-2016 through FY 2017-2018. Initiatives are aligned with the strategic themes and goals and provide more detail about how they will be implemented.

Before the budget year begins each year, the initiatives will be reviewed and tactics (specific action steps) supporting the initiative will be detailed by staff, as part of their yearly work plan. The tactics are not included within this Strategic Plan document, but will supplement the Plan in a separate reporting format.

CUSTOMER THEME: COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Goal 1: Enhance Waukegan's Image

- Promote the District's history, current initiatives and partnerships to enhance the image of the City and the Park District
- Create new traditions relevant to the population
- Develop methods to inform and educate the public about safety and security while in the parks.

Goal 2: Customer Expectations

- Create and implement a system wide process to measure customer satisfaction

Goal 3: Strategic Communications

- Identify and use effective channels for external communication
- Implement multi-lingual communication

Goal 4: Community Engagement

- Develop and maintain partnerships
- Create formal public input and involvement strategies

PROGRAM THEME: ALIGNING INITIATIVES WITH COMMUNITY NEED

Goal 1: Innovative Programming

- Expand youth-based programming
- Expand family programming options
- Enhance health and wellness opportunities
- Offer community programming to relevant trends and opportunities

Goal 2: Interdepartmental Program Partnerships (IPP)

- Implement multi-departmental outreach programs to neighborhoods and the underserved.

Goal 3: Evaluating Program Affordability

- Continue to assess, provide and expand free and low-cost/affordable programs

PARKS/FACILITIES THEME: INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT

Goal 1: Invest in Maintaining Infrastructure

- Implement fiscal year Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)
- Implement playground audit recommendations
- Create Capital Assets Maintenance/Replacement (CAMR) schedule for all facilities.

Goal 2: Parks and Open Space Master Plan (POSMP) implementation

- Annually evaluate POSMP recommendations and Implement into CIP
- Submit Grant Applications for Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) and Park and Recreation Facilities Construction (PARC) for community and neighborhood Park development and renovation
- Participate in and support Waukegan Lakefront Development
- Seek and support community input for new park development and existing park redevelopment

Goal 3: Sustainable Infrastructure Development

- Utilize Smart Energy Design Assistance Center (SEDAC) assistance when developing new facilities
- Integrate School and Community Property to Access Park Needs
- Integrate SMART Design and BMP's (best management practices) with Park Redevelopment
- Utilize methods to support crime prevention through environmental design practices

FINANCIAL THEME: SOUND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Goal 1: Strengthen Financial Resources and Processes

- Optimize external funding and non-tax revenue
- Maintain financial strength and sustainability

Goal 2: Financial Transparency and Accountability

- Enhance community access to financial information
- Practice and demonstrate financial compliance standards
- Ensure employee access to financial information

Goal 3: Financial Assessment and Analysis

- Document economic impact of District services and programs
- Analyze and report budget and financial condition
- Continually assess program cost recovery
- Develop budgets based on strategic and long range plan goals

INTERNAL BUSINESS SUPPORT THEME: OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE**Goal 1: Provide Professional Staff**

- Enhance new employee job orientation
- Engage the staff in healthy lifestyle opportunities
- Improve internal communication with all levels
- Recruit and hire the most qualified candidates

Goal 2: Provide Sound internal Operations

- Develop and implement systems to benchmark, analyze data, and evaluate programs
- Continuously improve and integrate technology into operations

Goal 3: Provide Sustainable Business Practices

- Review and update standard operating procedures for all departments
- Maintain professional designations: Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA), Distinguished Agency (DA) and Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA).

LEARNING AND GROWTH THEME: DEDICATED AND CONTINUOUSLY LEARNING STAFF**Goal 1: Employee Training**

- Maintain and develop relevant policies and procedures, in alignment with the District's vision
- Ensure the District's support of employee growth and development opportunities
- Create technology learning opportunities
- Optimize staff competencies through the Employee Development Program

Goal 2: Develop Future Leaders

- Create a succession plan
- Create ways to address internal cultural disconnect and language barriers
- Provide opportunities for Board of Commissioners learning and growth

Goal 3: Develop a Culture that Optimizes Employee Morale

- Assess employee satisfaction and organizational culture gaps through an annual satisfaction survey
- Continuously evaluate staff responsibilities and determine if/how to position for adequate staffing
- Assess what drives individual morale and have supervisors utilize techniques in support of morale

Implementation Guidelines

The following is a listing of suggestions for successful implementation of the Strategic Initiatives. The list represents the commitment and discipline required to integrate the process into daily operations. Rather than the Strategic Plan being seen as “extra work,” the desired outcome of the process is to have the strategic initiatives built into daily operations and the way the District works together.

- The Mission, Vision, Values and strategic initiatives will become the guidepost for the District. When decisions or responses to the community are needed, the Plan becomes the reference point for decision making and whether or not new issues or responses to the community are of higher importance than what has been established as existing direction.
- Utilize the Strategic Planning software to report results.
- This information should be included as part of the Board member and employee orientation program.
- Post the information on the Website and track results on the site as well. It may also be helpful to print a short summary of the progress to distribute to interested partners and community members.
- A staff person or team should have responsibility of being the project manager or “champion” of the Plan’s implementation to ensure success. This staff person is responsible for monitoring the Plan’s progress and works with staff to effectively integrate the Plan with operations.
- Each initiative will have a leader assigned to manage the process. The leader selected should be a good facilitator of process, have knowledge of the responsibility, and the initiative should be connected to the individual’s job responsibilities. Each initiative generally requires a cross functional team of employees to work on completing the initiative. There can be one, two, or five or more employees on a team for an individual initiative.
- Regular reporting of the Plan’s progress should occur. Break the Plan into separate fiscal years and report one year at a time, as an ongoing annual work plan. Each initiative for the year should include a list of tactics that support its completion. The tactics are developed prior to each year for the upcoming list of initiatives. The team of employees assigned to each initiative should develop the list of tactics. It is the project leader’s responsibility to report on his/her initiative, included in a quarterly report. A suggestion is to input each year’s data on a spreadsheet that lists the Themes, Goals, and Initiatives start date and targeted completion date, and which staff person is responsible for the Initiative’s completion. The updates should occur at the initiative level, not the tactical level. The following lists the short term initiatives to include in the initial spreadsheet.

Steps in the process include:

1. Selecting a team leader for the initiative
 2. Team leader and/or senior leadership select the supporting employees who may be needed to complete the initiative
 3. The team meets to develop the list of tactics
 4. The team members and list of tactics provided to the director for review and approval
 5. The team develops a team charter that outlines the goals of their initiative, start date, targeted completion date, and a list of tactics. The team leader will provide a summary of progress each quarter
- At the end of the year, perform an annual written review and documentation of the initiatives.
 - Update major stakeholders on the Plan's implementation and results on an annual basis.
 - Conduct staff meetings on a semi-annual basis to review the Plan's progress and results and report the Plan's progress to the Board on a quarterly basis.
 - The performance appraisal process should reflect the completion of the Strategic Plan Initiatives as an evaluation criterion. Also, performance criteria should be aligned with values of the District: communication, accountability, integrity, stewardship, and meaningful work.
 - An annual just-in-time review of the next year's initiatives to determine if priorities have changed. This can be included at an annual retreat in which successive years' initiatives are discussed as part of the annual budget process. Initiatives should tie into the budget process.
 - Post a chart of each year's initiatives on office walls in administrative areas with a check-off column designating completion as part of a visual management program. Staff meetings should regularly include discussion of strategy. This will help to emphasize the Plan's importance and the District's commitment to execution.
 - After each year, the staff and Board should review the strategy process and re-tool any parts of the process that need improvement.
 - The initiatives are an organizational approach to strategy. Following a year of experience with adapting strategy with the organizational culture, the strategic themes and objectives should then cascade to the department level. Each department would then have their own unique set of initiatives. These initiatives will be aligned with the organizational strategy.
 - If there are ideas for new strategies that arise throughout the year, include them on a written "parking lot" and review them as part of the annual just-in-time review to determine if they supplant any existing initiatives.

Summary

The Waukegan Park District Strategic Plan represents the District's efforts in preparing for the future. In order to succeed in achieving the vision: an innovative park district that creatively adapts to our evolving community and provides exceptional parks, recreation and cultural arts that benefit all, the District will focus on the six strategic themes:

- Community Connection
- Aligning Initiatives with Community Need
- Infrastructure Development and Investment
- Sound Financial Management
- Operational Excellence
- Dedicated and Continuously Learning Staff

Therefore, the District will continue its work toward strengthening the connection with the Waukegan community and efforts in engaging and creating access to parks, facilities, and programs for all. In addition, the District will strive to align programs and services with the needs of the community, as well as identify capital investment needs and continuously maintain and update the infrastructure. These efforts will require excellence in financial management and operational work processes. Furthermore, staff will need to adapt to the changing environment and customer preferences outlined within the Plan.

Continuing its excellence as a Gold Medal Award winning and Commission for Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies certification, the Waukegan Park District's efforts in pursuing strategic direction will result in the agency building upon this impressive legacy.

Definitions

The following list of key words describes the definition of the terminology used for the Strategic Plan.

BALANCED SCORECARD PERSPECTIVES—the four perspectives include Customer, Financial, Internal Business Process, and Learning and Growth. For Waukegan, there are two additional perspectives: Programs and Services and Parks and Facilities. They demonstrate cause and effect relationships in the completion of strategy. All of the Strategic Initiatives are aligned with these perspectives.

MISSION—describes the business of the organization. The mission also defines the core purpose of the organization and why it exists.

KEY OPERATING RESULTS—the Results are a measurement system that supports the four theme areas of Employee Engagement and Satisfaction, Innovation, Customer Satisfaction and Loyalty, and Financial Growth and Sustainability. Measures are normally quantitative indicators and capture numbers, dollars, percentages, etc. Measures assist the staff with the ability to determine organizational performance.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES— broad brushed, macro-oriented organizational sense of direction that relates to the four Balanced Scorecard perspectives of customer, financial, internal business, and growth and development.

STRATEGIC GOALS—concise statements describing the specific elements an organization must do well in order to execute its strategy.

TACTICS—Tactics are not included as part of the Plan. The development occurs after the Plan's implementation. Tactics are subordinate to the initiatives and detail the steps necessary to complete an initiative. Staff members will identify the tactics for the initiatives before the start of each fiscal year.

VALUES—describe the way the District operates. Values are meaningful expressions of describing what is important in the way we treat our employees and our guests and relates to the internal culture of the organization.

VISION—desired future of the organization. The vision should be a “stretch” for the organization, but possible to achieve in approximately five years. It should state a measurable achievement.



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The Waukegan Park District has a proven track record of upholding the public's trust. The District strives to reflect the community's demographics, not only in program attendance, but also in staff and leadership roles up to and including the elected board of commissioners. Such representation improves communication and engagement and enables us to meet the community's needs. Ongoing dialogue with the community is maintained through advisory groups, the elected board and monthly public meetings. This project, the parks and open space master plan and the strategic plan are additional opportunities for public dialogue and strengthening trust.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Community Engagement Project was to enhance community by bringing leaders together from the faith community, not for profit organizations, government and institutions, business and media to establish new communication channels, identify needs, and discuss general strategies for action including possible collaborations.

Invitations to participate in the project ensured diversity and provided a voice for the underserved and underrepresented. Connecting potential resources with one another as well as the District and identifying future collaborations were goals. Outreach and conversations were meant to stimulate civic engagement.



LEADERS

The Community Engagement Project utilized the expertise of two marketing professionals, one an expert in Latino communication and marketing and the other a parks and recreation consultant interested in marketing and trends. Both individuals were familiar with the Waukegan Park District and the community. Leaders from the community were recruited to assist with process as facilitators, advisors and ambassadors. Their engagement brought others into the process. They helped to identify potential collaborations, future volunteers, ambassadors and leaders. Members of this group attended meetings, connected with community members and served as interpreters.

Consultants

Cristina Benitez, Lazos Latinos

Cristina Benitez is a Latino marketing specialist who has developed branding and marketing programs that targeted the growing Latino population in the United States. She is the Director of Latino Media and Communication at DePaul University and the owner of Lazos Latinos, a Chicago specialty Hispanic strategic branding and advertising company. She led the Community Engagement Project focus groups, provided the District with expert advice regarding communication with Latino organizations, leaders and residents and developed strategies for future implementation. Ms. Benitez is the author of two books, *Latinization and the Latino Leader* and *Latinization: How Latino Culture is Transforming the U.S.*

Ellen O'Sullivan, PhD, Leisure Lifestyle Consulting

Ellen O'Sullivan, PhD, is the owner of Leisure Lifestyle Consulting and professor emeritus from Southern Connecticut State University in Parks and Recreation. She is a specialist in the areas of play, marketing, and recreation programming. The author of two books on marketing for parks and recreation and several NRPA publications, she is interested in the benefits of parks and recreation and trends.

Community Facilitators/Advisors/Ambassadors

Community leaders were recruited to assist with the process as facilitators, advisors and ambassadors. Their engagement brought others into the process. In addition to potential collaborations, future volunteers, ambassadors and leaders were identified.

Benjamin Grimes, Waukegan Public Schools
Cynthia Castrejon, Boy Scouts
Andrea Danks, North Shore Gas
Susana Figueroa, Faith in Place
Megan McKenna de Mejia, Mano y Mano
Maggie Morales, Lake County Community Foundation
Myra Gaytan Morales, University Center
Carmen Patlan, Waukegan Public Library
Michael Rodriguez, Northeast Illinois Heating and Cooling
Jorge Torres, City of Waukegan
Yadira Sanchez Olson, News Sun

Waukegan Park District Staff

Greg Petry, Executive Director
Theodora Anderson, Manager, Community Relations
Josue Pasillas, Intern

COMMUNITY MEETINGS/FOCUS GROUPS

Several meetings with community organizations took place prior to the facilitated meetings below, most notably with staff from the Waukegan Public Library and the City of Waukegan as well as the Board of the Coalición Latinos Unidos de Lake County. These informal exploratory meetings were held to refine the concepts of “relevancy” and “connectedness” as related to the Waukegan Park District.



Focus Group Composition

The following focus groups were facilitated by Cristina Benitez, Lazos Latinos:

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| April 3 | Orientation with Community Leaders/ Advocates/Facilitators |
| April 8 | Faith Community Leaders |
| April 15 | Key Not for Profit Leaders |
| April 22 | Governmental & Institutional Leaders |
| May 6 | Business Leaders |
| June 10 | Board Members & Management Staff |
| May 20 | Media Leaders |
| July 8 | Report Findings & Recommendations to the Board |

Questions

Each group responded to these questions:

- What have parks meant to you and your family?
- How can the Waukegan Park District be most relevant within the context of families, residents, and the community?
- Are there suggestions that would help the District better communicate with, inform and/or engage the community?
- What community issues and/or needs should the Waukegan Park District address?
- Who are possible partners to help with those issues and needs?

Eighty community leaders were involved over the span of the seven meetings. Greg Petry and Theodora Anderson were present at each of the meetings.

DEMOGRAPHICS

The Waukegan Park District has been proactive in identifying key demographics of its residents, but it is always recommended to be mindful of the context in which the information is presented. The following information is based on Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) data provided to the District by Leisure Lifestyle Consulting (LLC) in January 2013.

Ethnic Breakdown

- White 22%
- African American 9%
- Latino 53%

Half the population is Latino and the 'white only' and African American populations account for approximately 20% each. 72% of the population is 'non-white' only.

ESRI Lifestyle Segments

45% of the Waukegan population, Global Roots, is further segmented into:

- Industrious Urban Fringe #38 of 65
- Inner City Tenants #52 of 65
- Newest Residents #58 of 65

These three segments compose 45% of the population and fall into the lower income brackets; two of them close to the bottom.

Other Cultural Factors

- Foreign born 31%
- Speak a language other than English in home* 54%

**This does not mean that everyone speaks only Spanish, but that it is the dominant language.*



findings

INFORMATION AND INSIGHT

The intent of this insight generated by Ellen O’Sullivan of Leisure Lifestyle Consulting (LLC), Cristina Benitez of Lazos Latinos and Waukegan Park District (WPD) staff is to review the responses and information generated from WPD-initiated conversations with representatives of various community groups. The questions and conversations were intended to identify the relevancy of the WPD to the community and issues facing the community as a whole. Two additional areas of inquiry focused upon people’s memories of parks and communication strategies for WPD efforts.

The insight attempts to identify:

- Relevancy of WPD to the Community
- Issues facing the Waukegan Community
- General Strategies for WPD along with suggested actions/activities.

RELEVANCY OF WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT TO THE COMMUNITY

The most frequently cited factors that make WPD relevant to and for the community included:

1. Safe Places for All to Gather (especially parks)
2. Support and Supervision of Children (especially during non-school times)
3. Access to Nature

Additional areas of relevancy expressed by fewer participants:

- Positive perception of WPD (cited primarily by the Business group and to be discussed subsequently)
- Trails and Lakefront (cited primarily by the Government group)

The first three factors were the most frequently cited across groups.

ISSUES/NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED BY WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

The primary needs or issues identified by the community groups for the Waukegan Park District to address include:

1. Safe Parks
2. Health and Wellness of Residents
3. Support for Children and Families

While this question generated similar responses across groups, there were some comments and suggestions that were more closely tied to the focus of the community group.



GROUP SPECIFIC ISSUES/NEEDS

Each group identified issues of importance to that group; highlights are below.

Faith Community

- Greater emphasis on safety of parks and crime, drugs and gangs in parks
- Health and wellness

Not for Profits

- Collaborating to increase the health and wellness of the community as well as safe access for children to parks
- An additional emphasis centered upon support for children and families

Government

- Identified a mix of issues that would be primarily beneficial to children and health as well as some issues, i.e. trails and the lakefront that would benefit the overall community and safe connections to parks

Business Community

- This group identified an overriding issue for community collaboration to change the perception of Waukegan both inside and outside of the community

Media

- Programming for children during non-school times
- Clear association of the Field House and Sports Park as part of Waukegan

Board and Senior Staff

- Reassure perception of safety in parks
- Build trust
- Increase sensitivity to the dominant culture in communication, programming, volunteer and staff recruitment, and board member composition

Please note that for the most part, there was a relationship between the two questions regarding relevancy and needs or issues. This is a very positive sign as it is good to know that the community perceives the WPD as being relevant to issues that are critical for the community.



PARKS AND THEIR MEANING TO PEOPLE

The wealth of information shared by the participants in these groups was overwhelmingly positive and personal, revealing the many ways in which parks were important to them in their childhood and in some cases, currently. In most cases, this question seemed to generate a unique response from everyone.

The only exception to the overwhelmingly positive recollections of parks came from the faith-based community. While some people mentioned family fun and positive memories, this was not true for all the participants. There were some African Americans who recalled parks as places where they were not welcome or places that were not safe. Childhood experiences in other community's parks, other than Waukegan, included segregation, inadequate public resources, gangs and lack of safety.

Likely the most significant insights from this area of questioning was the individual value most people associated with parks and the recognition that such positive memories may not be shared equally by all people perhaps based upon ethnic makeup. In addition, it was noted that the District could change perceptions by reaching out and communicating directly with church leadership.

ENGAGING AND INFORMATIVE COMMUNICATION

The central premise of the responses to this area of questioning was the importance of reaching the Latino community which composes over one-half of Waukegan residents and the 72% of residents who are not 'white only'. The people participating in most all of the groups identified new approaches and modifications to existing methods to ensure the 'minority is majority' community that Waukegan has become receives necessary communication and that preferred channels are used.

BUSINESS COMMUNITY'S BIGGER ISSUE: IMAGE OF WAUKEGAN

While most of the groups focused upon the needs of people, particularly as they related to positive support for children and health and wellness of the community along with specific ideas and plans for further collaboration, the business community took a different approach.

The participants in the business community clearly identified creating a positive image for Waukegan to combat the current negative views would be of critical importance to the community overall and believed WPD currently contributes to positive aspects of the community but called for all stakeholders, Chamber of Commerce, School District, the City and the Park District to undertake a collaboration with the long term outcome of a changed perception for the City of Waukegan.

GOVERNMENT FEEDBACK

The insight and feedback from this group focused on the importance for more community oriented actions such as trail completion and lakefront improvements. They were interested in improving the health and wellness of the community, especially children. Children's nutrition and their connection to nature were additional needs.



RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS BASED UPON COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INSIGHT

Identified within this section of the report are suggested strategies and actions to be considered by the Waukegan Park District as part of their Community Engagement process. The recommended strategies and actions address relevancy and issues or needs listed on pages 8-10.

It should be noted that an area cited consistently by the groups interviewed was the need to make the shift from traditional services and communication methods to adapt and modify resources and efforts to address and reach out to the 'minority majority' that currently makes up the community of Waukegan, Illinois.

SAFE PARKS

Whether safety in public areas is a real or perceived concern, the issue is people's awareness and feelings of safety in particular public spaces. Attention is required as perception is reality. The strategy recommended empowers residents, improves safety and elevates the perception of parks as safe places.

Overall Strategy

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) is recommended as a multi-disciplinary approach to deterring criminal behavior through environmental design.

Actions/Activities

- Meet with the police department to review parks and facilities with an eye towards CPTED issues and modifications.
- Train staff for CPTED as needed.
- Budget for changes and improvements to deter crime and raise levels of safety as suggested by CPTED assessment.
- Secure volunteers from park neighborhoods where there have been real/perceived safety issues and utilize them to conduct a modified CPTED for various times of the day and night.
- Secure media involvement as a positive approach throughout the process.
- For the parks where the real/perceived safety is an issue, plan smaller special events to bring out people and gather information, suggestions, etc. More activities in parks discourage antisocial behavior in those spaces.



Sources for information on CPTED:

www.americantrails.org/resources/safety/designcrime.html

www.redmond.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=93645

www3.cutr.usf.edu/security/documents%5CCPTED%5CRaleigh.pdf

HEALTH AND WELLNESS OF RESIDENTS

This area appeared immediately after mention of 'safe parks' as a community issue that makes the Waukegan Park District relevant. A cursory review of the programs and services offered by WPD attests to the effort and success in this area.

Overall Strategy

The overall strategy related to these issues/needs will be to attract and serve those people who currently are not likely to attend traditional WPD programs and services.

Actions/Activities

The District should continue to reach out to the public through collaborations with partners.

- Provide free health screenings and health information on topics such as nutrition, diabetes prevention, weight management
- Promote free health and wellness special events, screenings, and programs as well as Field House free walking times

The District may consider programming fitness, health, wellness and nature activities in neighborhood parks to increase visibility, generate interest and develop relationships.

SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Another contributing factor equal to the health and wellness of residents that makes the Waukegan Park District relevant in the community was the district's role in supporting children and families. Of special interest was the need for support during times when children were out of school and connecting children and families to nature.

Overall Strategy

The overall strategy related to these issues/needs would be the changes, modifications, and actions that can be taken through collaboration with the many not for profits and government agencies.



Actions/Activities

- Continue to meet with members of the School District, other not-for-profits and religious organizations with focus areas on children, health and wellness, or both.
 - Identify ways to collaborate and share existing resources.
 - Set up cross-communication messaging for residents.
 - Identify possible grant funding sources as both of these areas are recognized as being critical issues nationwide, and in many cases, awards will go to partnerships and collaborations rather than just a single agency.
- Continue to support families with education and programs that promote connections with nature, increased physical activity and healthy food choices.
 - Implement "Leave No Child Inside" recommendations.
- Continue to collaborate with the School District and not for profit partners to provide safe environments for children when school is not in session.

TRADITIONS IN TRANSITION/INTEGRATING NEW CULTURES

One area that is woven throughout most of the responses in this community engagement process is creating new traditions for the community. These new traditions would address the needs of residents who do not have the same values, preferences, and view of life that an established 'white only' neighborhood or community may have. This involves the necessity of connecting with Waukegan residents who do not have easy access or opportunity to parks and recreation experiences due to language, economic, or cultural barriers.

Overall Strategy

Innovations and different ways of doing things are required to create new traditions that work for the Waukegan Community. Below are five components with action strategies that would lead the Waukegan Park District in this direction.

Full Immersion

Attempt (and note the use of the word attempt) to fully immerse the Waukegan Park District into a culture that reflects the new traditions of its community.

Action Strategies

- Actively recruit employees in all levels of positions who reflect the predominant culture.
- Innovatively immerse current employees into this new culture by having them:
 - Learn greetings and responses to FAQs in Spanish; doesn't require fluency but a recognition of value and respect
 - Attend cultural events and celebrations in the Latino community
 - Present information at church gatherings
 - Acquire knowledge of cultural differences among this one group who are often thought of as a homogeneous group

Creating Connections

Human beings have a natural tendency to gather and interact with people they already know and feel a certain level of comfort with. We must create connections, and subsequently commonalities, with people different than the traditional America.

Action Strategies

- Identify the Latino association and conduct community engagement conversations with them.
- Continue contact and conversations with the faith based communities as they expressed interest in being involved; they are a key contact.
- Communicate with residents in both English and Spanish. Many park and recreation departments publish seasonal brochures in both languages BUT do not assume that use of the seasonal brochure in more than one language is the only alternative or the most effective one.
- Signage in more than one language at park sites and facilities is a major priority.



Outreach

The old adage “if you build it they will come” is not necessarily true for all people. People outside of the traditional mainstream have a tendency to stay close to home or neighborhood for a variety of reasons.



Action Strategies

- Identify programs or services which would be of greatest interest to various groups of residents and take a scaled down version of that program/service to an area or facility within that area.
- Review and assess the WPD health and wellness and child support activities and services provided that reflect issues of importance to the community and create ways to provide them off-site in areas more comfortable for participants.
- The Promotoria/Ambassador approach has been used by the public health community for many years and has been successful for the Waukegan Library. A possible different take for parks, recreation, and cultural arts might be to identify young teens that are not yet old enough to work to train them in leadership capacity to work in after school and summer programs.
- Add partnerships with Latino organizations and businesses to develop trust and decrease fear.
- Meet residents on their own turf, in places they are comfortable such as neighborhood parks, churches, schools, etc.

Breaking Barriers

Access to any product, program, service, or event holds the potential for creating barriers to participation. These barriers can be very intimidating to some groups of individuals while being invisible to those creating the product or service. Barriers, real or perceived, must be addressed.

Action Strategies

- There are three categories of barriers: institutional, situational and dispositional. Often informational is added as an additional fourth barrier. Review programs, services, and policies to determine which barriers might be organizational, ways in which an organization makes it difficult for someone to participate; situational, aspects of one’s life such as lack of transportation, child care, cost, etc. that make it difficult to participate; and dispositional which refers to internal issues such as self-esteem, fear or failure, motivation et al. Identify the organizational, situational, and informational barriers to determine a course of action.
- One barrier already identified by staff during the interviews is waiver forms and the issues it creates for many Latino children whose parents are concerned about issues such as deportation. Consider the actual validity of waivers. Find out how the local health department and the school district deal with these types of issues.
- Cancellation of traditional programs was mentioned in the staff group and alternative approaches such as breaking barriers, outreach, etc. among others should be explored.
- Identify those opportunities where lack of access may be attributed to economic situations and consider ways to address this very real barrier or the possibility of eliminating this area of programming that meets the needs of a diminishing number of residents.



Communication

“If a tree falls in the forest and no one is there to hear it. . .” This old adage can apply to communication as well. Respect, connections, welcome and inclusion are important factors when communicating with humans personally or institutionally, regardless of culture.

Action Strategies

- Continue to use all communication channels-brochure, website, social media, printed and electronic newsletters, newspaper press releases and advertising using affinity publications as well as traditional outlets, radio, television, direct mail, signage.
- Person to person communication is the preferred method of communication among Latinos; establish a network of trusted partners to assist with communication.
- Develop a communication strategy that considers mobile phone usage. Mobile phones are used at a higher rate by Latinos to communicate with one another. Conversations are longer and the phone is used more often. Mobile phones are used to link to the web and social media at a higher rate than seen in other populations.
- Accept the offers by several resources to help WPD communicate its services and programs.
- Translate communications about programs, services and information into Spanish.

IMAGE OF WAUKEGAN

The business and government groups who cited this gave the impression that this is not a new issue for the community.

Overall Strategy

The suggested action was a collaborative and comprehensive marketing plan for Waukegan; no small undertaking. The connectedness of trails and the development of the waterfront were included in this overall image concern.

Actions/Activities

- They specifically cited ways in which the park district was an integral part of what is positive about Waukegan.
- The WPD may want to consider a more focused packet of information and/or pictures to be distributed to realtors to promote positive aspects of the community as recommended by the groups.
- Do the staff and board of WPD have the capacity to undertake something as large as this? Is it their responsibility to do so; possibly, as a collaborator rather than the responsible party? The Waukegan Park District has the capacity to act as the facilitator of a discussion about a comprehensive city-wide plan.
- Regardless, WPD can continue to positively impact perceptions about Waukegan within its own sphere of influence.



COLLABORATION SUGGESTIONS/REQUESTS

Facilitators

- Keep connections and work together with the District after this project
- Support College of Lake County's (CLC) Latino and African American connections and celebrations
- Support the Library's Monarch Festival
- Support and publicize the North Shore Gas Lakefront Greening project that will attract and sustain butterflies on their brownfield
- Support National Museum of Mexican Art and Lyric Opera activities with their Waukegan partners

Faith Leaders

- Both partners need takeaways, churches are looking to build membership, park district attendance and community involvement
- Churches get asked by others to help but this is not reciprocated when churches ask for help
- Churches need recognition for their role in the project, often they are not recognized
- WPD is already a partner on some projects like the Latin Pentecostal Church Festival and the Messiah
- Churches are interested in outdoor ecumenical and cross-cultural services that focus on nature/environment/stewardship, possibly with a picnic and children's activities
- Churches would like to see an outdoor health fair in the parks, with information on how to make outdoor cooking fun and healthy
- Build community through a community drawing and feeding the needy in the summer in parks
- Together determine ways to channel negative energy of 15-19 year olds into positive energy to build the community
- Churches are willing to help spread information; contact them, and meet with them
- Would like to continue to work together
- Ensure that actions are taken on the information gathered in through the process.



Not for Profit Leaders

- A Safe Place domestic violence shelter would appreciate the district working with them to provide an activity for women and children to come together, outdoors
- Green Town wants WPD to help promote community gardening, provide educational sessions, and possibly assist in identifying land for community gardening
- Habitat for Humanity could use help with the new homeowner classes regarding gardening, lawn and tree care, etc.
- Erie Health Center wants pregnancy and exercise classes and possibly a pediatric running club as well as classes related to diabetes prevention and management, health and wellness; they are interested in serving as a resource and participating in some of our fitness, health and wellness activities and events
- Waukegan Harbor Citizens Advisory Group (CAG) wants to implement citizen science projects and use the Waukegan Park District to help promote the concept and projects
- United Way is interested in being a partner in summer learning opportunities and any literacy oriented activities

- Girl Scouts are interested in citizen science and butterflies because it ties into Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) and a ten-week program they offer. They would like opportunities to showcase their organization in Waukegan
- Former Inmates Striving Together (FIST) would like workforce development/community service opportunities at the Waukegan Park District
- Have scholarships available so people can participate
- Would like to meet again; information and networking was valuable

Business Leaders

- The State of Illinois seeks to partner with the District to fund capital projects such as the \$400,000 for Clearview Park renovations. Keep the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) informed of how the government can partner with the state to renovate enhance, beautify and expand specific projects
- Wants the District to communicate success stories to help combat negative perceptions
- Develop a comprehensive marketing strategy for Waukegan that includes all partners; City of Waukegan Chamber of Commerce, School District, City, Main Street, Township and Park District
- The Waukegan Chamber of Commerce would like to be more aware of WPD meeting spaces available for use by companies
- Help the Chamber by using members as vendors



Government/Institutional Leaders

- Refresh partnerships and develop new connections
- The Lake County Health Department would like to partner on the hiring of a health navigator for the Leave No Child Inside project. They have office space available.
- Collaborate on lakefront planning with various stakeholders, especially the City of Waukegan
- Collaborate on connecting trails
- Library would like help to create a “story time park” in their rear parking lot
- Implement the American Academy of Pediatrics Prescription for Active Living
- Fire Department wants to be invited to events as a way to interest and recruit firefighters and educate the public about fire safety
- Partner with the school district to enhance summer learning, increase healthy good nutrition and provide a safe place
- Vista desires more presentations by Vista physicians and nurses in WPD programming

Media Leaders

- Partner with media by supporting them with advertising
- Continue to send information about events and news
- Translate information into Spanish, they can assist as needed
- Promote events that might appeal to Latino or African American audiences in targeted publications and increase promotional efforts in these publications
- Use the Mayor’s Cup soccer tournament to focus on soccer and the SportsPark, and send a positive message

Board and Senior Staff

- Partner with Latino organizations in the community to help share the message
- Use the Puerto Rican Society, Latino Coalition, Citizens Advisory Group, schools, churches and businesses frequented by Latinos to help get the word out

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EXTERNAL

The Waukegan Park District is not only responding to requests; rather it is vigorously initiating conversations with others to address community needs. Collaborations and coordination within the community will ultimately serve residents more effectively and efficiently. That process has already begun.



Presentations

- Waukegan to College
- Faith Council

Lake County Community Foundation Grant

The Waukegan Park District applied for and received a Lake County Community Foundation Grant to support the Community Engagement Project. The Foundation's support of the project is considered to be a critical factor that helps legitimize the effort in the eyes of the community's not for profit and religious organizations.

Follow Up Conversations/Meetings

Several conversations have taken place with the following organizations as a follow up to the focus groups:

- Habitat for Humanity
- Most Blessed Trinity
- Erie Health Center
- Beacon House
- Puro Futbol
- Rainbows
- Citizens Advisory Group

ESPN Deportes Remote

Discussions with ESPN Deportes lead to a sponsorship and remote broadcast at the Inaugural Mayor's Cup Soccer Tournament in July 2014.

Fire Department Invited to Special Events

The Waukegan Fire Department expressed an interest in being included at the District's special events. They have been invited to all events and are contacted prior to each to determine if they will attend.

Partner with Latino Organizations-Christmas in July

Cultural Arts partnered with the Puerto Rican Arts Alliance and Puerto Rican Society of Waukegan and received a grant from the Illinois Arts Council to support a new event, Christmas in July, which was held on July 19th at Bowen Park. More than 800 people enjoyed music, food and art.

Little Lake County

Created a tour of four Lake County playgrounds beginning with Bowen Park. Two hundred people, mostly from nearby northern suburbs, signed up to attend. The Cultural Arts staff provided an art activity and Recreation facilitated a nature scavenger hunt, which helped attendees leave with a positive image of Waukegan.

INTERNAL

Alignment of District resources to address the needs identified through the Community Engagement Process has already begun.

COMPLETED

Enhanced Telephone Access

Spanish speaking staff added hours for 847-360-4700 line.

Also added a weekly events listing in Spanish to the voice mail line of 847-360-4747.

Tri-Fold

Created and published a tri-fold brochure describing the Waukegan Park District which included a map of the parks and amenities. Information about hours to reach Spanish speaking staff and the voice mail line were also included. The brochure is distributed at resource fairs and meetings and is on display at registration centers.

New Community Relations Position

A full-time Communications Specialist position was created. The position will be responsible for translation of materials from English to Spanish, writing articles, stories, and electronic newsletters, social media and representing the Waukegan Park District at community meetings, activities and events.

Training

- Attended "Reach Out: Successful Strategies for Engaging the Latino Community" at Rosalind Franklin University.
- Attended Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA) Webinar "Keys to Relevance in Parks and Recreation" presented by Teresa Penbrooke.

Citizen Science

A schedule for the next five quarterly brochures was developed for Citizen Science articles and projects with the assistance of the Waukegan Harbor Citizens Advisory Board (CAG).

IN PROGRESS

Intercept Survey

A survey written in English and Spanish and administered by Spanish speaking staff was developed to obtain additional information about needs and communication from the community. People in the parks, at events and programs are approached and asked a series of six questions. The survey will go through the middle of August. A summary report will be created with recommendations.

Communication

Media outlets, both traditional and non-traditional, are being explored to assess potential partners in communicating with specific target markets, especially the Spanish speaking community.

Quarterly Brochure

Beginning with the 2015 winter brochure, special event posters will be designed containing both English and Spanish components. These posters are the foundation for other communications including flyers, social media posts, website, electronic newsletters, advertisements and sponsorship information.

Resource Kit

Community Engagement Resources and the final Community Engagement Report were distributed to the Board and Senior Staff in preparation for upcoming Waukegan Park District Strategic Plan discussions. Among the materials were the book, *Latinization: How Latino Culture is Transforming the U.S.* and a toolkit for stakeholders, Working with Latino Individuals, Couples, and Families.



conclusion

The Community Engagement Project has evolved over the past eighteen months and will continue to do so in the future. Its purpose was to assist the District in being proactive. The project brought together leaders from various communities within Waukegan to discuss relevancy, identify needs, explore potential partnerships, create new channels of communication and build trust. The important role the district serves in the life of the community and its residents was confirmed. The process afforded many opportunities to better understand needs and trends, and learn about tools and techniques for collecting and conveying information.

Waukegan is rich with resources from the Latino Coalition, the Library, Lake County, Lake County Community Foundation and others; The Waukegan Park District is not alone as it strives to build community. Moreover, there are professional resources such as the National Recreation and Park Association, the Illinois Park and Recreation Association, and the National Park Service to assist in developing strategies and implementing programs.



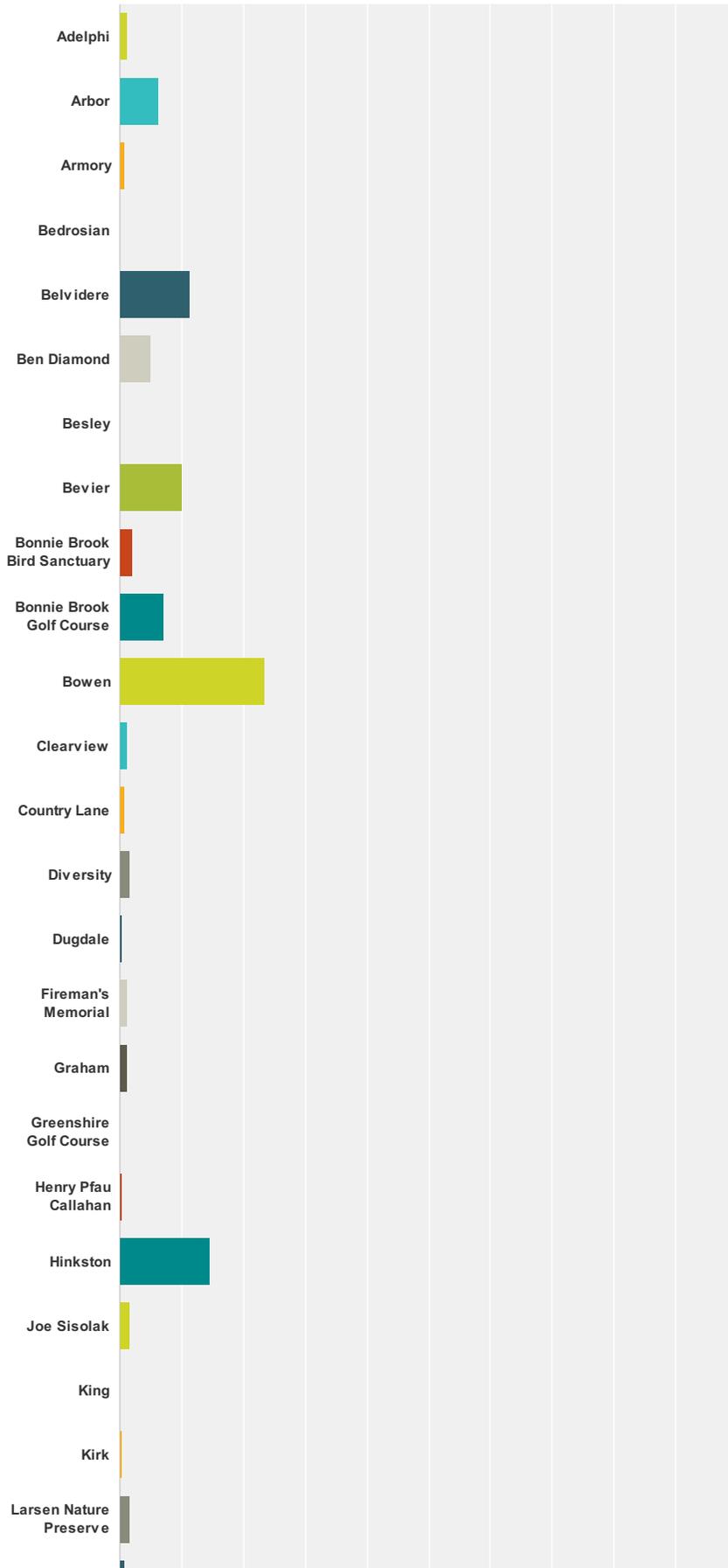
The District will continue to assess and engage the community using a variety of strategies and channels. Ensuring all residents feel welcome and valued when they interact with the Waukegan Park District, when they use District parks, services and facilities, and as they participate in programs and special events is a priority. It is imperative that the District continue to reach out and connect with residents using traditional and non-traditional methods, and capitalize on collaborations with partner organization to meet the identified needs.

The information, recommendations and action strategies identified in this project will be pursued and implemented. This project will be integrated into the District's strategic plan.

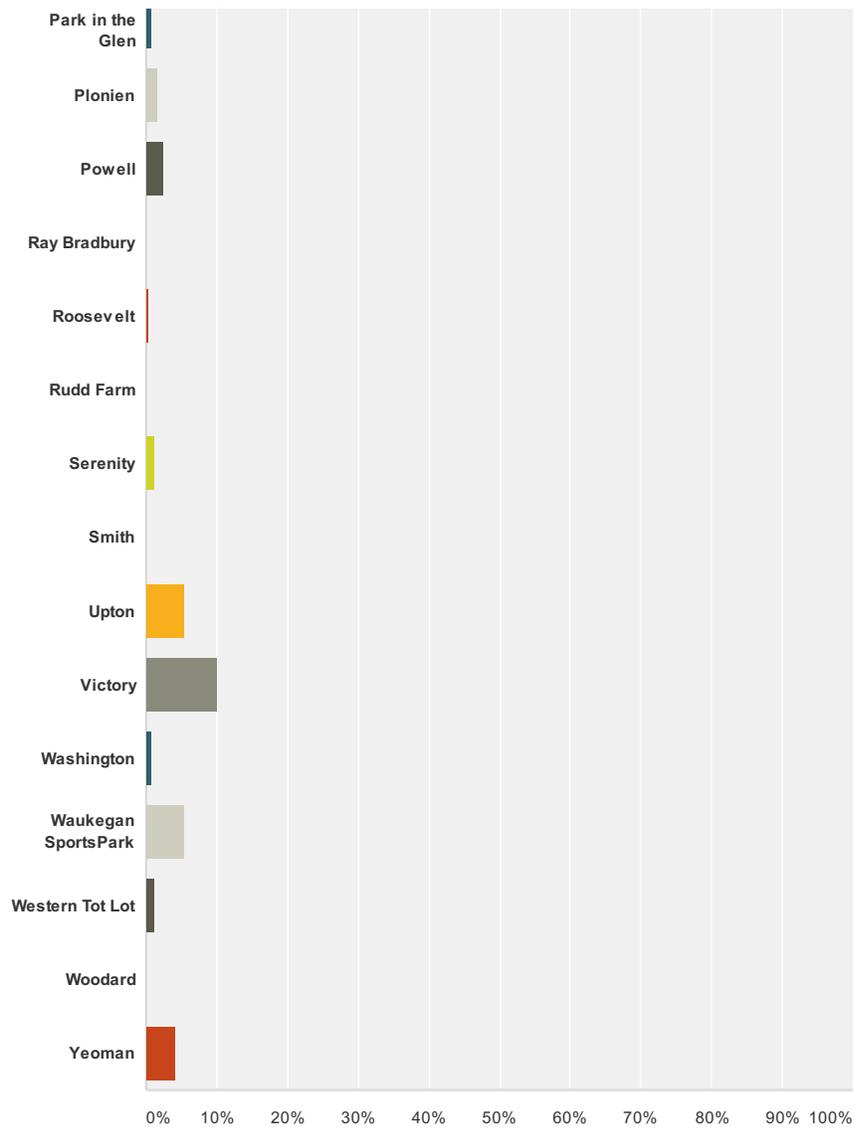
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Q1 Which park in Waukegan do you live closest to?

Answered: 239 Skipped: 3



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| Answer Choices | Responses |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Adelphi | 1.26% 3 |
| Arbor | 6.28% 15 |
| Armory | 0.84% 2 |
| Bedrosian | 0.00% 0 |
| Belvidere | 11.30% 27 |
| Ben Diamond | 5.02% 12 |
| Besley | 0.00% 0 |
| Bevier | 10.04% 24 |
| Bonnie Brook Bird Sanctuary | 2.09% 5 |
| Bonnie Brook Golf Course | 7.11% 17 |
| Bowen | 23.43% 56 |
| Clearview | 1.26% 3 |
| Country Lane | 0.84% 2 |
| Diversity | 1.67% 4 |
| Dugdale | 0.42% 1 |
| Fireman's Memorial | 1.26% 3 |

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| Graham | 1.26% | 3 |
| Greenshire Golf Course | 0.00% | 0 |
| Henry Pfau Callahan | 0.42% | 1 |
| Hinkston | 14.64% | 35 |
| Joe Sisolak | 1.67% | 4 |
| King | 0.00% | 0 |
| Kirk | 0.42% | 1 |
| Larsen Nature Preserve | 1.67% | 4 |
| Park in the Glen | 0.84% | 2 |
| Plonien | 1.67% | 4 |
| Powell | 2.51% | 6 |
| Ray Bradbury | 0.00% | 0 |
| Roosevelt | 0.42% | 1 |
| Rudd Farm | 0.00% | 0 |
| Serenity | 1.26% | 3 |
| Smith | 0.00% | 0 |
| Upton | 5.44% | 13 |
| Victory | 10.04% | 24 |
| Washington | 0.84% | 2 |
| Waukegan SportsPark | 5.44% | 13 |
| Western Tot Lot | 1.26% | 3 |
| Woodard | 0.00% | 0 |
| Yeoman | 4.18% | 10 |
| Total Respondents: 239 | | |

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Q2 If you could change one thing about your parks, what would it be?

Answered: 169 Skipped: 73

| # | Responses | Date |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 1 | sell back rarely used property back to the public for what you got it for. | 7/31/2014 10:41 PM |
| 2 | It's too late to change the only thing I could think of, buying the Y and running it for everyone that would have and did use it. | 7/29/2014 7:59 PM |
| 3 | More signs requiring dogs to be leashed at all times unless at dog park. Workable drinking fountains. Better night lights. Cameras. | 7/26/2014 9:14 PM |
| 4 | The walking trails have too much goose poop, and they should be marked better for bikes and the direction you should walk/run. Also at Bevier Park patrons often leave fishing line and the birds get tangled up in it, sad, post more signs and more garbage cans. | 7/24/2014 12:53 AM |
| 5 | nothing concerning the parks but I would like to see something changed at the field house. | 7/22/2014 11:17 PM |
| 6 | Parents would pay more attention to their bratty kids. | 7/22/2014 6:39 PM |
| 7 | Make more littleleague instead of softball fields | 7/22/2014 8:03 AM |
| 8 | More biking/walking paths. | 7/21/2014 10:19 AM |
| 9 | Bathrooms always open | 7/20/2014 9:13 AM |
| 10 | Having an indoor pool at any one of them. I think this is mandatory for a community of our size. I think we should also have an outdoor waterpark. | 7/20/2014 9:04 AM |
| 11 | indoor swimming pool | 7/17/2014 7:15 AM |
| 12 | SAFETY and CLEANLINESS | 7/15/2014 4:48 PM |
| 13 | nicer equipment at belvidere | 7/15/2014 12:14 PM |
| 14 | A pool and swimming programs would be added | 7/15/2014 10:56 AM |
| 15 | Keep the baseball diamonds and do not let the soccer players play on the baseball diamonds! | 7/14/2014 2:11 PM |
| 16 | Bathroom access for the public, benches for the elderly/people, and picnic tables. The maintenance of the parks like the slides, swings, and probably update some parks on the look, if possible in funds. | 7/14/2014 1:39 PM |
| 17 | More activities | 7/14/2014 12:27 PM |
| 18 | in/out entrances more public bathrooms more garbage cans | 7/14/2014 11:59 AM |
| 19 | Keep up with landscape. Assure grass is cut and goose dropping are cleaned up. Trail at Hinkstan Park cleaned daily. | 7/14/2014 11:54 AM |
| 20 | Then last time I visited Bowen with my grandchildren, parents were smoking. Perhaps a non-smoking policy has already been instituted. If not, I would love to see one. | 7/14/2014 11:51 AM |
| 21 | More picnic facilities, parking, and restrooms. | 7/14/2014 8:55 AM |
| 22 | Our parks are amazing! If I were to "wish" for anything to add, it would be both an Indoor Pool and a "water park" type outdoor pool. In a nice area of town. i.e. Bowen Park area :) | 7/14/2014 8:25 AM |
| 23 | All of our major parks need to have washrooms or portapotties and water for drinking. | 7/14/2014 8:24 AM |
| 24 | To not have teenagers try to run you over on their bikes or tell you it's their turf when you're walking the paths. | 7/14/2014 8:01 AM |
| 25 | More play equipment to accomidated ages from 1-12. Adelphi park needs a path way so bikes can ride up to the equipment. Overall Adrlphi park needs updating! | 7/14/2014 7:48 AM |
| 26 | Cleanliness | 7/13/2014 11:47 PM |

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| 27 | More garbage cans. | 7/13/2014 7:41 PM |
| 28 | Not sure. I think Victory Park works well as it is. | 7/13/2014 7:22 PM |
| 29 | Great parks, just need an indoor pool | 7/13/2014 5:46 PM |
| 30 | Why make us pay for parking at the sports arena | 7/13/2014 2:53 PM |
| 31 | We need an indoor swimming pool for laps and indoor swimming lessons year round. Other than that. I am very impressed with the Waukegan Parks. | 7/13/2014 10:31 AM |
| 32 | Make it look like the Bevier & Bowen Parks with the sheltered picnic area and BBQ grills | 7/13/2014 9:05 AM |
| 33 | Easier/safer to get to them e.g. safer crossing for busy streets, more bicycle and free car parking for neighborhood parks | 7/13/2014 6:38 AM |
| 34 | Some parks do not have decent parking. | 7/12/2014 9:24 PM |
| 35 | more playsets for the kids. More craft fairs or concerts in the parks. | 7/12/2014 9:13 PM |
| 36 | Toddler swings in addition to regular swings | 7/12/2014 7:50 PM |
| 37 | expand picnic covered facilities to more parks | 7/12/2014 5:10 PM |
| 38 | A bigger playground. The one thattje has now it gets crowd easily. | 7/12/2014 5:07 PM |
| 39 | More benches | 7/12/2014 5:07 PM |
| 40 | I really enjoy Hinkston Park, and would like to see the walking/running/bike path lanes clearly marked. The lagoon/wild flowers are nice to look at when walking. The park serves so many purposes: exercising, meditation, relaxation. Thank you. | 7/12/2014 3:59 PM |
| 41 | We need an indoor/outdoor aquatic center for the community. | 7/12/2014 2:00 PM |
| 42 | Connect all with safe bike paths. | 7/12/2014 1:30 PM |
| 43 | Have a pool | 7/12/2014 1:19 PM |
| 44 | I would like the sides of the big slides to be open so you could see your children inside. Sometimes other children hide inside and you can't see that they are in there. It leaves me a little uneasy as a parent. This is how our society has changed. | 7/12/2014 12:51 PM |
| 45 | More Pickleball courts with a better surface and wind shields on the fence | 7/12/2014 12:49 PM |
| 46 | I would be sure that the park facilities are more accessible as far as fees for family gatherings are concerned. In other words, less costs to citizens. | 7/12/2014 12:44 PM |
| 47 | More trails. More inviting to picnic in with more tables. | 7/12/2014 12:35 PM |
| 48 | Have more pet friendly (dogs) areas. | 7/12/2014 12:02 PM |
| 49 | more garbage cans | 7/12/2014 11:34 AM |
| 50 | Install basketball courts and bathrooms at Upton Park. | 7/12/2014 11:32 AM |
| 51 | I dont visit this park closest to me | 7/12/2014 11:24 AM |
| 52 | Improve tennis courts | 7/12/2014 11:09 AM |
| 53 | Add lights to the basketball courts and have a automated shut-off time by 10p.m | 7/12/2014 9:51 AM |
| 54 | We should have a new pool Connect the ravine system | 7/12/2014 9:38 AM |
| 55 | No changes | 7/12/2014 9:15 AM |
| 56 | Feel safer | 7/12/2014 9:13 AM |
| 57 | More walking trails. | 7/12/2014 9:11 AM |
| 58 | Good general maintenance on existing parks keeping green spaces Green not new buildings or parking on green spaces. | 7/12/2014 8:58 AM |
| 59 | Better bathrooms where there is soap, hot water and safe clean hand dryers vs paper towels. | 7/12/2014 8:48 AM |
| 60 | none | 7/12/2014 8:32 AM |
| 61 | Increase walkability, tracks, trails | 7/12/2014 7:29 AM |

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| 62 | A pool somewhere aside from ganster. | 7/11/2014 10:36 PM |
| 63 | Free to Waukegan residents. | 7/11/2014 9:28 PM |
| 64 | We need a indoor swimming pool. | 7/11/2014 8:34 PM |
| 65 | have more than 4 showers | 7/11/2014 8:26 PM |
| 66 | tough question. I guess I like them the way they are. | 7/11/2014 8:14 PM |
| 67 | A few more children's play things | 7/11/2014 7:27 PM |
| 68 | not sure | 7/11/2014 7:06 PM |
| 69 | I love Bowen park, I wouldn't change anything. It has something to do for everyone. | 7/11/2014 7:05 PM |
| 70 | larger pool | 7/11/2014 6:25 PM |
| 71 | First, I belong to the Field House, I am not a resident of Wkgn. However, that said, I would, 1. HAVE A POOL!! 2. I hope said pool will not mean removing the lovely trees outside the Field House. | 7/11/2014 6:18 PM |
| 72 | make them more safe | 7/11/2014 6:06 PM |
| 73 | more walking paths like what are at Bowen and the one near the Field House | 7/11/2014 5:51 PM |
| 74 | N/A | 7/11/2014 5:31 PM |
| 75 | Extended open hours for bathrooms | 7/11/2014 5:15 PM |
| 76 | Add an indoor swimming pool. Less programs for children and more for senior citizens | 7/11/2014 5:01 PM |
| 77 | Install a water playground for kids. More swings. | 7/11/2014 4:44 PM |
| 78 | Improved bathroom facilities. | 7/11/2014 4:40 PM |
| 79 | Safety | 7/11/2014 4:28 PM |
| 80 | Better driving range | 7/11/2014 4:21 PM |
| 81 | Vending machines. Farmers Markets. | 7/11/2014 4:01 PM |
| 82 | More security. | 7/11/2014 3:58 PM |
| 83 | More options with better playground equipment. | 7/11/2014 3:58 PM |
| 84 | If they had kept the pool and not put in the skate park | 7/11/2014 3:54 PM |
| 85 | Hinkston needs play equipment for little kids, and more equipment for everyone. | 7/11/2014 3:49 PM |
| 86 | Make separate area for pets | 7/11/2014 3:48 PM |
| 87 | Bowen Park is too crowded with Park District activities and buildings. Put some somewhere else. | 7/11/2014 3:34 PM |
| 88 | Improved bathrooms/bathroom access at Bowen, Bevier, Belvidere, Hinkston, and many others... Especially would like to see soap and paper towels available. | 7/11/2014 3:34 PM |
| 89 | More soccer fields | 7/11/2014 3:34 PM |
| 90 | . | 7/11/2014 3:33 PM |
| 91 | I would make Bevier Park more kid friendly, I would add more to the playground for older kids. Bevier Park is geared more toward kids ages 1-7 years old. The bird sanctuary, I would like to see a path to walk through and check out the birds. Bonnie Brook playground is also geared toward younger kids. I would like to see something for the older kids. Because those two parks are closest to my house I have to take my daughters to parks further from my house. | 7/11/2014 3:23 PM |
| 92 | Cleaner parks | 7/11/2014 3:19 PM |
| 93 | Nothing | 7/11/2014 3:12 PM |
| 94 | More available parking for the Belvidere/Lewis location | 7/11/2014 3:11 PM |
| 95 | Seems a little hidden, behind a building | 7/11/2014 3:02 PM |
| 96 | I would add a water area for kids to get wet during the summer and add a soccer field to keep the soccer players off the baseball fields. | 7/11/2014 2:50 PM |

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| 97 | Build an indoor pool at the Field House. | 7/11/2014 2:48 PM |
| 98 | Security. There seems to be teenagers and young adults there all night long especially into the early morning hours of 4am and 5 am. | 7/11/2014 2:46 PM |
| 99 | More sitting areas | 7/11/2014 2:46 PM |
| 100 | Add football/soccer field. | 7/11/2014 2:46 PM |
| 101 | more bocce ball courts | 7/11/2014 2:46 PM |
| 102 | Add more picnic tables and benches. Also, be watchful of the homeless folks that sleep in the bushes. | 7/11/2014 2:41 PM |
| 103 | More benches. Snow/leaf removal from walking paths. | 7/11/2014 2:41 PM |
| 104 | make it so you could see your kids on the playground from the walking trail | 7/11/2014 2:26 PM |
| 105 | More splash pads | 7/11/2014 2:19 PM |
| 106 | Make sure that the home plates and bases are lined up accurately at Victory park because right now they are off. | 7/11/2014 2:16 PM |
| 107 | the people | 7/11/2014 2:13 PM |
| 108 | safer equipment | 7/11/2014 2:04 PM |
| 109 | Bring a pool back the the North side of town. | 7/11/2014 2:03 PM |
| 110 | Nothing on the parks side, society needs to allow kids to go to parks alone, or with friends more. | 7/11/2014 2:00 PM |
| 111 | nothing | 7/11/2014 1:54 PM |
| 112 | More security | 7/11/2014 1:54 PM |
| 113 | No dogs or animals allowed - all do not use a leash or pick up after their animal. | 7/11/2014 1:53 PM |
| 114 | I would add some outdoor basketball courts with lights to the Sportspark | 7/11/2014 1:41 PM |
| 115 | Nothing! They are well maintained and of high quality. | 7/11/2014 1:37 PM |
| 116 | Summer programs at each Park (for children) | 7/11/2014 1:34 PM |
| 117 | I wish we had a Park closer to the Near North Historic District. Upton is far and to access Powell you have to dodge traffic on Grand Ave. It can also get a little sketchy at Powell. | 7/11/2014 1:30 PM |
| 118 | They could be cleaner & Bowen park needs some rerular swings | 7/11/2014 1:29 PM |
| 119 | Parking for large scale events | 7/9/2014 8:42 PM |
| 120 | I would add water fountains to my local park and in general I think all the parks could benefit from more. I typically visit Bevier and Belvidere Parks. | 7/8/2014 10:57 AM |
| 121 | Provide parking that we can drive over and use the tennis court in the park without getting a ticket. | 7/7/2014 11:43 AM |
| 122 | More walking/running trails | 7/4/2014 2:25 PM |
| 123 | More Handicapped type playground equipment. | 7/4/2014 8:18 AM |
| 124 | Poor customer service when dealing with maintenance staff. | 7/3/2014 9:49 PM |
| 125 | Arbor Park needs to be updated and removal of the basketball court. | 7/3/2014 4:03 PM |
| 126 | More disc golf spots. Please | 7/3/2014 3:38 PM |
| 127 | Add another basketball court | 7/3/2014 3:32 PM |
| 128 | Remove basketball hoop. It is often a source of fights and a meeting place for drug deals. | 7/3/2014 3:10 PM |
| 129 | Indoor pool | 7/3/2014 6:58 AM |
| 130 | The lack of splash pads | 7/2/2014 10:11 PM |
| 131 | cleanliness sometimes intimidating by the people it attracts | 7/2/2014 9:10 PM |
| 132 | More mowed grass across mcaree on the west side for the disc golf course | 7/2/2014 9:04 PM |
| 133 | Feeling safe, have park employees on rounds | 7/2/2014 8:15 PM |

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| 134 | Remove basketball court. | 7/2/2014 7:45 PM |
| 135 | Remove the basketball court, clean up the tall trees, and no bushes so it is clear to see inside and out of the park. It is becoming a bystander's place to hang out inviting many unwanted activities. | 7/2/2014 6:34 PM |
| 136 | Get rid of basketball court. | 7/2/2014 5:19 PM |
| 137 | The lack of interesting bike paths (no obstacles, jumps etc) and the lack of walking/biking paths in the ravine/creek areas. Such as Bowen park or Powell park. | 7/2/2014 4:52 PM |
| 138 | remove basketball court | 7/2/2014 4:10 PM |
| 139 | As a avid disc golf player, I would love to see more courses in the area. I am not fully aware of the amount of land available to parks near me but would love to see more disc golf! even some practice baskets or 2 off to the side and out of the way. | 7/2/2014 3:29 PM |
| 140 | Improve the disc golf course. | 7/2/2014 3:29 PM |
| 141 | More trash cans | 7/2/2014 3:25 PM |
| 142 | Overall midemizing of the playgrounds, similar to bowen park | 7/2/2014 3:23 PM |
| 143 | More rec room for picnics and for Frisbee golf | 7/2/2014 3:21 PM |
| 144 | Updated equipment and art and meditation areas | 7/2/2014 2:48 PM |
| 145 | More mosquito sprays. Too many trees and bushes that the bugs love. It's hard to stay for more than a few minutes without being bit or stung. | 7/2/2014 2:28 PM |
| 146 | Move the playground equipment further from the apartment complex & add trash cans | 7/2/2014 2:28 PM |
| 147 | Nothing | 7/2/2014 2:26 PM |
| 148 | More disc golf baskets, less garbage. | 7/2/2014 2:19 PM |
| 149 | Remove the basketball court. | 7/2/2014 2:15 PM |
| 150 | Safety | 7/2/2014 1:45 PM |
| 151 | Trails, walking paths, more reasons to visit other than green open spaces | 7/2/2014 1:31 PM |
| 152 | Level out parts of the walking/running track at belvidere park. | 7/2/2014 1:25 PM |
| 153 | More lights for evening walking in the fall and winter. | 7/2/2014 1:16 PM |
| 154 | Eliminate the basketball court! It creates a huge traffic bottleneck from others not in the subdivision that drive here. There is inadequate parking for such a small court. So many grown men (that do not live in the subdivision as is evident by the number of cars) play there that our own children cannot use it. In addition to the parking, the people that use these courts leave empty beer bottles, cigarette butts and other garbage on our lawn. (I live directly across the street and can see all of the movement from my kitchen). We have had a great deal of suspicious behavior in our subdivision and by eliminating this basketball court we might cut down on this. Our children cannot currently use the courts anyway. | 7/2/2014 12:59 PM |
| 155 | Have separate walking/running & bike paths at the parks. Or wider paths so that people can run while kids ride their bikes | 7/2/2014 12:51 PM |
| 156 | More fitness and event focused | 7/2/2014 12:46 PM |
| 157 | Checkers/chess tables and appropriate seating | 7/2/2014 12:44 PM |
| 158 | Walking path around park | 7/2/2014 12:43 PM |
| 159 | Direct path so you don't have to walk through the field and more equipment | 7/2/2014 12:40 PM |
| 160 | The addition of a state-of-the-art aquatic center with an Olympic size pool | 7/2/2014 12:34 PM |
| 161 | More frequent clean up of graffiti, besides that they are great | 7/2/2014 12:34 PM |
| 162 | Better parking options, particularly at Victory, where crowded street parking leads to poor driving, near-misses, etc. | 7/2/2014 12:33 PM |
| 163 | Skate Park should have paid access to deter loitering and thugs. Should have a person monitoring. Also should have a paid teen center with constructive things for responsible teens to participate in. | 7/2/2014 12:30 PM |
| 164 | Nothing, this park is perfect | 7/2/2014 12:28 PM |

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| 165 | Focus on family-small shelters with a grill, playgrounds that serve tots to teens. | 7/2/2014 12:27 PM |
| 166 | Nothing, I like the parks | 7/2/2014 12:13 PM |
| 167 | I think they are great! | 7/2/2014 11:46 AM |
| 168 | Can't think of anything that needs changing. | 7/2/2014 11:17 AM |
| 169 | Bowen Park Nature Center | 7/2/2014 11:07 AM |

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Q3 Please comment on the following key questions related to your parks.

Answered: 144 Skipped: 98

| Answer Choices | Responses |
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| Do we have enough parks and are the distributed where they need to be? Suggestions to improve? | 90.97% 131 |
| Do we have enough trails within our parks and connections between our parks? Suggestions to improve? | 87.50% 126 |
| Are the park amenities like picnic areas, shelters, parking, playgrounds, benches, spray pads, etc. adequate? Suggestions to improve? | 84.03% 121 |
| Are the sports fields and related amenities adequate? Suggestions to improve? | 81.94% 118 |
| Are there recreation facilities that you would like us to have or have more of? Suggestions to improve? | 75.69% 109 |
| Are there current facilities that you feel need renovating or improving? Suggestions to improve? | 71.53% 103 |
| Other suggestions for improvements? | 34.72% 50 |

| # | Do we have enough parks and are the distributed where they need to be? Suggestions to improve? | Date |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 1 | sell back the rarely used park land back to the public for a fair price | 7/31/2014 10:49 PM |
| 2 | Yes. | 7/29/2014 8:04 PM |
| 3 | I think you should focus on improving the parks we have with more shelters for picnics. I think you need one more big park like Bowen on the southwest side of town | 7/24/2014 1:04 AM |
| 4 | Yes | 7/22/2014 6:40 PM |
| 5 | Yes | 7/21/2014 10:21 AM |
| 6 | yes | 7/20/2014 4:28 PM |
| 7 | yes, i think we have a lot of parks | 7/20/2014 9:17 AM |
| 8 | Yes | 7/20/2014 9:07 AM |
| 9 | yes | 7/17/2014 7:28 AM |
| 10 | I think so | 7/16/2014 11:23 AM |
| 11 | yes | 7/15/2014 4:49 PM |
| 12 | yes | 7/15/2014 12:16 PM |
| 13 | Not Sure | 7/15/2014 10:57 AM |
| 14 | yes | 7/14/2014 2:14 PM |
| 15 | There is enough parks but we need to maintain them well. | 7/14/2014 1:59 PM |
| 16 | Yes | 7/14/2014 12:28 PM |
| 17 | Yes. | 7/14/2014 12:06 PM |
| 18 | yes | 7/14/2014 12:01 PM |
| 19 | Yes | 7/14/2014 11:52 AM |

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| 20 | Yes, we have enough parks and I think they are well distributed. Indoor pool and/or outdoor pool/water park in nice area of town | 7/14/2014 8:33 AM |
| 21 | We need to develop the Yeoman Creek remediation area into a park with baseball/soccer fields, picnic tables and grills, bathrooms, playground, walking paths and appropriate landscaping. | 7/14/2014 8:30 AM |
| 22 | Yes we have enough parks | 7/13/2014 11:50 PM |
| 23 | Yes | 7/13/2014 7:53 PM |
| 24 | Yes | 7/13/2014 5:47 PM |
| 25 | yes they should be patrolled | 7/13/2014 2:57 PM |
| 26 | Yes. But we need an indoor pool for laps. | 7/13/2014 10:34 AM |
| 27 | Yes | 7/13/2014 9:09 AM |
| 28 | could use more in downtown area - with playgrounds and safe street crossings | 7/13/2014 6:45 AM |
| 29 | yes | 7/12/2014 9:17 PM |
| 30 | Yes | 7/12/2014 7:51 PM |
| 31 | yes | 7/12/2014 5:27 PM |
| 32 | no | 7/12/2014 5:10 PM |
| 33 | Yes, we have a great number of parks | 7/12/2014 5:08 PM |
| 34 | Yes, Waukegan has enough parks that are well distributed throughout the city. | 7/12/2014 4:17 PM |
| 35 | yes, | 7/12/2014 2:43 PM |
| 36 | Yes there are enough parks | 7/12/2014 2:03 PM |
| 37 | Yes. | 7/12/2014 1:33 PM |
| 38 | yes, they are. | 7/12/2014 12:56 PM |
| 39 | yes | 7/12/2014 12:50 PM |
| 40 | pretty much | 7/12/2014 12:43 PM |
| 41 | yes | 7/12/2014 12:09 PM |
| 42 | Need more parks on southwest side of City (River Road) | 7/12/2014 11:18 AM |
| 43 | Yes | 7/12/2014 9:54 AM |
| 44 | yes | 7/12/2014 9:39 AM |
| 45 | Yes | 7/12/2014 9:16 AM |
| 46 | There are enough parks. | 7/12/2014 9:15 AM |
| 47 | Yes | 7/12/2014 9:06 AM |
| 48 | How about some dedicated parkland at the lake front | 7/12/2014 9:05 AM |
| 49 | yes | 7/12/2014 8:53 AM |
| 50 | yes | 7/12/2014 8:33 AM |
| 51 | yes | 7/12/2014 8:12 AM |
| 52 | Yes | 7/11/2014 10:39 PM |
| 53 | Yes | 7/11/2014 9:29 PM |
| 54 | Yes. | 7/11/2014 8:36 PM |
| 55 | yes | 7/11/2014 8:29 PM |
| 56 | yes | 7/11/2014 7:31 PM |
| 57 | yes | 7/11/2014 7:12 PM |
| 58 | Yes, I believe there are enough parks around Waukegan | 7/11/2014 7:06 PM |

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| 59 | more parks. Cities always need more green space | 7/11/2014 6:19 PM |
| 60 | yes | 7/11/2014 6:07 PM |
| 61 | I think there are enough on the north side, where I live; there seem to be fewer on the south side | 7/11/2014 5:53 PM |
| 62 | Yes, Yes to both questions | 7/11/2014 5:04 PM |
| 63 | The Field House is in need of more parking when tournaments are in session on Saturdays. The members and fitness instructors sometime have to park far away from the building and let's face it, the members come first. Why can't they have valet parking for the tournament people? In bad weather it becomes a problem for seniors and most members and I know that some of the people stay away from there on Saturdays because of that. | 7/11/2014 4:48 PM |
| 64 | Yes | 7/11/2014 4:47 PM |
| 65 | Enough parks. | 7/11/2014 4:43 PM |
| 66 | yes | 7/11/2014 4:29 PM |
| 67 | Yes. No improvements. | 7/11/2014 4:03 PM |
| 68 | Yes | 7/11/2014 4:00 PM |
| 69 | We have enough parks - just not sure everyone in the community utilizes them | 7/11/2014 3:56 PM |
| 70 | I would love one within walking distance of my house-within unincorporated Waukegan. | 7/11/2014 3:54 PM |
| 71 | Yes | 7/11/2014 3:39 PM |
| 72 | More athletic fields, especially soccer | 7/11/2014 3:39 PM |
| 73 | Everywhere good except no parks on or near Lake Michigan. | 7/11/2014 3:34 PM |
| 74 | NO | 7/11/2014 3:21 PM |
| 75 | Yes | 7/11/2014 3:13 PM |
| 76 | yes, but more parks and open space is always a good thing. | 7/11/2014 3:00 PM |
| 77 | no suggestions | 7/11/2014 2:49 PM |
| 78 | Yes | 7/11/2014 2:48 PM |
| 79 | Yes and yes. You have beautiful parks. | 7/11/2014 2:48 PM |
| 80 | I think it's a good network with sufficient numbers. | 7/11/2014 2:44 PM |
| 81 | N/A | 7/11/2014 2:43 PM |
| 82 | Yes | 7/11/2014 2:20 PM |
| 83 | yes | 7/11/2014 2:15 PM |
| 84 | Seems to be. | 7/11/2014 2:09 PM |
| 85 | I believe they are distributed well, can always use more playground equipment in some. | 7/11/2014 2:08 PM |
| 86 | yes | 7/11/2014 2:05 PM |
| 87 | Yes. Need some type of security during open time periods. | 7/11/2014 1:57 PM |
| 88 | yes | 7/11/2014 1:45 PM |
| 89 | Yes | 7/11/2014 1:43 PM |
| 90 | yes, but new areas have to have new parks added to them for future generations | 7/11/2014 1:41 PM |
| 91 | Yes | 7/11/2014 1:37 PM |
| 92 | See previous wish. | 7/11/2014 1:34 PM |
| 93 | yes | 7/11/2014 1:32 PM |
| 94 | Yes we do | 7/9/2014 8:48 PM |
| 95 | I think there are enough parks, but I wish we had a water area in the northern part of Waukegan- or maybe I don't know about it. | 7/8/2014 11:01 AM |

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| 96 | yes | 7/7/2014 11:44 AM |
| 97 | Yes, as far as I know | 7/4/2014 2:32 PM |
| 98 | Yes. Parks are beautiful. | 7/4/2014 8:30 AM |
| 99 | yes | 7/3/2014 9:53 PM |
| 100 | Yes | 7/3/2014 4:04 PM |
| 101 | Appear to have plenty of space. | 7/3/2014 3:47 PM |
| 102 | Yes. Plenty | 7/3/2014 3:38 PM |
| 103 | Yes | 7/3/2014 7:01 AM |
| 104 | Yes, however they should be upgraded to cater to all ages and not just children (full sized swings, gardens, water features) | 7/2/2014 10:11 PM |
| 105 | yes, mostly | 7/2/2014 9:12 PM |
| 106 | yes | 7/2/2014 7:47 PM |
| 107 | Not sure about this since I don't ride around subdivisions to notice | 7/2/2014 6:41 PM |
| 108 | Yes | 7/2/2014 5:20 PM |
| 109 | I think so. | 7/2/2014 3:31 PM |
| 110 | more in the downtown area | 7/2/2014 3:26 PM |
| 111 | There are a lot of parks, but they aren't all equal in their offerings. It would be great to see updated equipment for kids and tots as well as walking trails and meditation areas for adults. Maybe some art space as well. | 7/2/2014 2:51 PM |
| 112 | We are good in my area, but I think the downtown and south side need more playgrounds. | 7/2/2014 2:36 PM |
| 113 | we have 3 parks in our area and love the ability to choose | 7/2/2014 2:30 PM |
| 114 | yes | 7/2/2014 2:29 PM |
| 115 | Yes | 7/2/2014 2:27 PM |
| 116 | Yes | 7/2/2014 2:21 PM |
| 117 | Yes, I think Waukegan has a great park district! | 7/2/2014 1:48 PM |
| 118 | Yes | 7/2/2014 1:33 PM |
| 119 | Yes - good locations | 7/2/2014 1:20 PM |
| 120 | Yes! We have 3 parks within walking distance. I'd love to see more rock climbing or other park equipment for kids aged 9-14. | 7/2/2014 1:12 PM |
| 121 | Yes | 7/2/2014 1:01 PM |
| 122 | Is a Dunesland nature park feasible? | 7/2/2014 12:57 PM |
| 123 | yes | 7/2/2014 12:41 PM |
| 124 | yes | 7/2/2014 12:35 PM |
| 125 | Not sure but probably. No suggestions | 7/2/2014 12:33 PM |
| 126 | yes | 7/2/2014 12:33 PM |
| 127 | Yes | 7/2/2014 12:15 PM |
| 128 | Yes | 7/2/2014 11:47 AM |
| 129 | Yes | 7/2/2014 11:19 AM |
| 130 | Yes | 7/2/2014 11:19 AM |
| 131 | More neighborhood parks with bathrooms | 7/2/2014 11:10 AM |
| # | Do we have enough trails within our parks and connections between our parks? Suggestions to improve? | Date |

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| 1 | plenty | 7/31/2014 10:49 PM |
| 2 | If you could get the funding for a joint project w/ the municipalities and the LCFPD to put bike lanes on major thoroughfares, that would be terrific! | 7/29/2014 8:04 PM |
| 3 | I think all your parks should have a exercise walk with machines like at Bowen. | 7/24/2014 1:04 AM |
| 4 | Yes | 7/22/2014 6:40 PM |
| 5 | No | 7/21/2014 10:21 AM |
| 6 | not sure | 7/20/2014 4:28 PM |
| 7 | more walking paths | 7/20/2014 9:17 AM |
| 8 | Yes | 7/20/2014 9:07 AM |
| 9 | no trails need to be cleared and easier to walk on | 7/17/2014 7:28 AM |
| 10 | safe walking trails are always a plus for people of all ages | 7/16/2014 11:23 AM |
| 11 | yes | 7/15/2014 4:49 PM |
| 12 | yes | 7/15/2014 12:16 PM |
| 13 | Not sure | 7/15/2014 10:57 AM |
| 14 | yes | 7/14/2014 2:14 PM |
| 15 | No we do not have enough trails that connect to one another but that would be awesome! | 7/14/2014 1:59 PM |
| 16 | No | 7/14/2014 12:28 PM |
| 17 | Yes. | 7/14/2014 12:06 PM |
| 18 | yes | 7/14/2014 12:01 PM |
| 19 | Yes | 7/14/2014 11:52 AM |
| 20 | Yes, they are beautiful and very well maintained. | 7/14/2014 8:33 AM |
| 21 | We should make a boardwalk or paths through the ravine areas that the city has access to and that would connect one public area to another (i.e. Yeoman park on grand could connect with downtown area). | 7/14/2014 8:30 AM |
| 22 | The trail system could be improved | 7/13/2014 11:50 PM |
| 23 | Don't need to connect parks. Enough trails | 7/13/2014 7:53 PM |
| 24 | No | 7/13/2014 5:47 PM |
| 25 | not enough connections | 7/13/2014 2:57 PM |
| 26 | Yes. | 7/13/2014 10:34 AM |
| 27 | Yes | 7/13/2014 9:09 AM |
| 28 | no, or if we do, the trails are not clearly marked. | 7/13/2014 6:45 AM |
| 29 | Don't know | 7/12/2014 9:17 PM |
| 30 | Yes | 7/12/2014 7:51 PM |
| 31 | yes | 7/12/2014 5:27 PM |
| 32 | no | 7/12/2014 5:10 PM |
| 33 | I use Hinkston park at least four times per week, I enjoy the walking path/trail. This is enough trail for me and my family. | 7/12/2014 4:17 PM |
| 34 | no. | 7/12/2014 2:43 PM |
| 35 | Trails are nice | 7/12/2014 2:03 PM |
| 36 | Connect all with bike paths. | 7/12/2014 1:33 PM |
| 37 | If parks are in certain areas that are more remote, like Bowen, that's fine. | 7/12/2014 12:56 PM |
| 38 | since a lot of neighborhoods don't have sidewalks it would be nice to have more bike and walking | 7/12/2014 12:43 PM |

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| 38 | since a lot of neighborhoods don't have sidewalks, it would be nice to have more bike and walking trails | 7/12/2014 12:45 PM |
| 39 | yes | 7/12/2014 12:09 PM |
| 40 | We need to be made aware of what trails there are. Where are they? Where are these "connections"? | 7/12/2014 11:18 AM |
| 41 | Yes | 7/12/2014 9:54 AM |
| 42 | connect the ravine system | 7/12/2014 9:39 AM |
| 43 | Yes | 7/12/2014 9:16 AM |
| 44 | No, we need more trails. For example Bowen Park would be a great place for some nice trails. | 7/12/2014 9:15 AM |
| 45 | No, not at all parks | 7/12/2014 9:06 AM |
| 46 | yes | 7/12/2014 8:53 AM |
| 47 | yes | 7/12/2014 8:33 AM |
| 48 | yes | 7/12/2014 8:12 AM |
| 49 | More nature trails | 7/11/2014 10:39 PM |
| 50 | Yes | 7/11/2014 9:29 PM |
| 51 | Yes | 7/11/2014 8:36 PM |
| 52 | yes | 7/11/2014 8:29 PM |
| 53 | create bike paths in the ravines close to the lakefront and downtown | 7/11/2014 8:16 PM |
| 54 | yes | 7/11/2014 7:31 PM |
| 55 | yes | 7/11/2014 7:12 PM |
| 56 | I don't know, as I won't go on any trail, their are to many freaks in the world waiting to jump, kill or rob you. | 7/11/2014 7:06 PM |
| 57 | Not sure | 7/11/2014 6:19 PM |
| 58 | no | 7/11/2014 6:07 PM |
| 59 | more trails would be nice | 7/11/2014 5:53 PM |
| 60 | Yes, No need to "connect" parks | 7/11/2014 5:04 PM |
| 61 | More trails needed | 7/11/2014 4:47 PM |
| 62 | Adequate trails | 7/11/2014 4:43 PM |
| 63 | yes but safety is an issue | 7/11/2014 4:29 PM |
| 64 | More connections to parks would be nice. | 7/11/2014 4:03 PM |
| 65 | No | 7/11/2014 4:00 PM |
| 66 | For the parks that I visit, there are enough trails | 7/11/2014 3:56 PM |
| 67 | I love the open walking trails at hinkston and bevier. Really nice. | 7/11/2014 3:54 PM |
| 68 | Yes | 7/11/2014 3:39 PM |
| 69 | No, add more wood chip trails | 7/11/2014 3:39 PM |
| 70 | Yes, but more connections wouldn't hurt - or connections to Lakefront and Lake County Forest Preserves. | 7/11/2014 3:34 PM |
| 71 | NO | 7/11/2014 3:21 PM |
| 72 | Yes | 7/11/2014 3:13 PM |
| 73 | yes | 7/11/2014 3:00 PM |
| 74 | none | 7/11/2014 2:49 PM |
| 75 | Yes | 7/11/2014 2:48 PM |

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| 76 | yes. | 7/11/2014 2:48 PM |
| 77 | sufficient number of trails but they need to be kept clear of goose droppings, leaves, snow, ice | 7/11/2014 2:44 PM |
| 78 | N/A | 7/11/2014 2:43 PM |
| 79 | More trails | 7/11/2014 2:20 PM |
| 80 | no | 7/11/2014 2:15 PM |
| 81 | I haven't been on them in a long time, but Bowen seems like an ideal place to develop and promote trails. | 7/11/2014 2:09 PM |
| 82 | I don't think of trails between parks, is there? There are plenty of trails, could use perimeter walking tracks in some. | 7/11/2014 2:08 PM |
| 83 | no | 7/11/2014 2:05 PM |
| 84 | Yes | 7/11/2014 1:57 PM |
| 85 | this could improve with more paths | 7/11/2014 1:45 PM |
| 86 | no, there needs to be more connections, especially to the lake | 7/11/2014 1:41 PM |
| 87 | It would be great to have a Ravine path. | 7/11/2014 1:34 PM |
| 88 | yes | 7/11/2014 1:32 PM |
| 89 | Yes we do. | 7/9/2014 8:48 PM |
| 90 | I believe there are enough trails and connections. | 7/8/2014 11:01 AM |
| 91 | would like to see better connection of parks for bikes | 7/7/2014 11:44 AM |
| 92 | more trail connections would be great | 7/7/2014 9:02 AM |
| 93 | I would like to have more community connected | 7/5/2014 12:36 PM |
| 94 | More trails within parks | 7/4/2014 2:32 PM |
| 95 | Bigger parks have nice trails. Not sure how you would connect smaller parks to other areas. | 7/4/2014 8:30 AM |
| 96 | no | 7/3/2014 9:53 PM |
| 97 | Yes | 7/3/2014 4:04 PM |
| 98 | Sufficient. | 7/3/2014 3:47 PM |
| 99 | No. Most trails are not connected from town to town. Some don't have sidewalks to get to another place. | 7/3/2014 3:38 PM |
| 100 | Yes | 7/3/2014 7:01 AM |
| 101 | Yes | 7/2/2014 10:11 PM |
| 102 | yes | 7/2/2014 9:12 PM |
| 103 | Parks are too far apart to connect by trails. | 7/2/2014 7:47 PM |
| 104 | Where we live, we do have access to the DPR trail so it is not an issue | 7/2/2014 6:41 PM |
| 105 | I think so. | 7/2/2014 3:31 PM |
| 106 | more wouldnt hurt, but i dont think the park district is inadequate | 7/2/2014 3:26 PM |
| 107 | Would love to see more biking and walking trails. | 7/2/2014 2:51 PM |
| 108 | I would like to see an east west bike trail to connect Robert McLory to the Des Plaines River Trail. It's a dream I know. | 7/2/2014 2:36 PM |
| 109 | would love to see more trails | 7/2/2014 2:30 PM |
| 110 | yes,not that I would feel save using them by myself. | 7/2/2014 2:29 PM |
| 111 | Yes | 7/2/2014 2:27 PM |
| 112 | We do | 7/2/2014 2:21 PM |

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| 112 | | |
| 113 | NO, we should expand upon the North Shore bike trail to allow bikers to easily move around the city. We also need a way to easily get down to the lake. | 7/2/2014 1:48 PM |
| 114 | No - need more trails and walking areas | 7/2/2014 1:33 PM |
| 115 | Good | 7/2/2014 1:20 PM |
| 116 | Yes! We have wetlands behind Arbor Park with an excellent trail. | 7/2/2014 1:12 PM |
| 117 | No | 7/2/2014 1:01 PM |
| 118 | Establish a boardwalk trail linking ravine parks | 7/2/2014 12:57 PM |
| 119 | no | 7/2/2014 12:41 PM |
| 120 | I am not aware of any connecting trails. Park maps that show that would be cool | 7/2/2014 12:35 PM |
| 121 | No we do not have sufficient trails. Is there a city-wide or maybe a park-wide pamphlet that shows each of the trails in the parks and how many laps equal a mile and features along the trail? | 7/2/2014 12:33 PM |
| 122 | no | 7/2/2014 12:33 PM |
| 123 | Yes | 7/2/2014 12:15 PM |
| 124 | Not enough connections | 7/2/2014 11:47 AM |
| 125 | I think so. | 7/2/2014 11:19 AM |
| 126 | No, connect to lakefront and downtown | 7/2/2014 11:10 AM |
| # | Are the park amenities like picnic areas, shelters, parking, playgrounds, benches, spray pads, etc. adequate? Suggestions to improve? | Date |
| 1 | fine those who damage park property | 7/31/2014 10:49 PM |
| 2 | I think so... | 7/29/2014 8:04 PM |
| 3 | Make sure all parks have bathrooms open and supplied could use more benches and tables to be more inviting | 7/24/2014 1:04 AM |
| 4 | Could use more picnic areas & maybe pavilions | 7/22/2014 6:40 PM |
| 5 | Yes | 7/21/2014 10:21 AM |
| 6 | yes | 7/20/2014 4:28 PM |
| 7 | more sprinkler parks, on the northwest side too. | 7/20/2014 9:17 AM |
| 8 | They need an update. | 7/20/2014 9:07 AM |
| 9 | no not enough bathrooms poor parking | 7/17/2014 7:28 AM |
| 10 | I think so | 7/16/2014 11:23 AM |
| 11 | yes | 7/15/2014 4:49 PM |
| 12 | need more benches and seating at bowen play area | 7/15/2014 12:16 PM |
| 13 | Yes | 7/15/2014 10:57 AM |
| 14 | yes | 7/14/2014 2:14 PM |
| 15 | Some of them don't have certain things. That would be very lovely to have in ALL of them. Equality in the parks would be great! | 7/14/2014 1:59 PM |
| 16 | No | 7/14/2014 12:28 PM |
| 17 | Playground at Bowen park too crowded. Expand playground and picnic area. | 7/14/2014 12:06 PM |
| 18 | some need more garbage cans | 7/14/2014 12:01 PM |
| 19 | yes | 7/14/2014 11:52 AM |
| 20 | Yes, suggestion: as with anything, security cameras would be nice so the people who are not respecting the parks can be held accountable. | 7/14/2014 8:33 AM |
| 21 | We need bathrooms or portapotties and drinking water in all of our major well used parks so that | 7/14/2014 8:30 AM |

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| 21 | We need bathrooms or portapotties and drinking water in all of our major, well used parks so that people can use them for longer than a half hour or an hour without having to leave to go to the bathroom or hide behind a tree (the second option really is not a good one). | 7/17/2014 8:38 AM |
| 22 | More picnic benches would be nice | 7/13/2014 11:50 PM |
| 23 | Need More picnic tables. More barbecues. Would like to see play ground equipment for adults. In china there are many areas for adults to work out on adult equipment - more like therapy. | 7/13/2014 7:53 PM |
| 24 | Yes | 7/13/2014 5:47 PM |
| 25 | yes | 7/13/2014 2:57 PM |
| 26 | Yes. The Fitness Center is great. | 7/13/2014 10:34 AM |
| 27 | Need this at the Belvedere Park | 7/13/2014 9:09 AM |
| 28 | parking is the only challenge | 7/13/2014 6:45 AM |
| 29 | They are ok | 7/12/2014 9:17 PM |
| 30 | Yes | 7/12/2014 7:51 PM |
| 31 | I believe Bowen is overcrowded many time, because of the excellent playground and spray pads - we need to add themed playgrounds with spray pads to spead people out around the parks. | 7/12/2014 5:27 PM |
| 32 | Yes, the amenities at Hinkston Park are adequate. | 7/12/2014 4:17 PM |
| 33 | More spray pads would be nice | 7/12/2014 2:43 PM |
| 34 | Picnic shelters are good | 7/12/2014 2:03 PM |
| 35 | Yup. | 7/12/2014 1:33 PM |
| 36 | They are adequate thus far. | 7/12/2014 12:56 PM |
| 37 | more picnic areas/shelters and tables | 7/12/2014 12:43 PM |
| 38 | more picnic areas | 7/12/2014 12:09 PM |
| 39 | More picnic tables and washrooms. Port-a-jons from April 15 - Nov. 1st, not just after Memorial Day | 7/12/2014 11:34 AM |
| 40 | Picnic benches could be increased at Bowen Park | 7/12/2014 11:18 AM |
| 41 | Yes | 7/12/2014 9:54 AM |
| 42 | yes | 7/12/2014 9:39 AM |
| 43 | Yes | 7/12/2014 9:16 AM |
| 44 | Yes but Bevier could use some more shelters. | 7/12/2014 9:15 AM |
| 45 | Yes | 7/12/2014 9:06 AM |
| 46 | Updating the park play grounds and add a few extra benches/shelters. | 7/12/2014 8:53 AM |
| 47 | yes | 7/12/2014 8:33 AM |
| 48 | yes | 7/12/2014 8:12 AM |
| 49 | Yes | 7/11/2014 9:29 PM |
| 50 | Yes | 7/11/2014 8:36 PM |
| 51 | yes | 7/11/2014 8:29 PM |
| 52 | Add more things to the playground at Hinkston | 7/11/2014 7:31 PM |
| 53 | no. would like more than one park to have spray pads | 7/11/2014 7:12 PM |
| 54 | Picnic areas could have some shelter to keep the sun out. | 7/11/2014 7:06 PM |
| 55 | not sure | 7/11/2014 6:19 PM |
| 56 | yes | 7/11/2014 6:07 PM |
| 57 | Yes | 7/11/2014 5:04 PM |
| 58 | Yes | 7/11/2014 4:47 PM |

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| 59 | Good | 7/11/2014 4:43 PM |
| 60 | yes | 7/11/2014 4:29 PM |
| 61 | Yes. No improvements | 7/11/2014 4:03 PM |
| 62 | Very good | 7/11/2014 4:00 PM |
| 63 | Possibly a spray pad at one or two of the smaller parks, since Bowen is always so crowded | 7/11/2014 3:54 PM |
| 64 | More spray pads at places other than Bowen would be excellent. Not sure how to improve this, but when we rent a pavilion, there are almost always squatters we have to ask to leave, and they can be nasty about it, leaving garbage, swearing, moving tables, refusing to leave... And the bathrooms are unilaterally gross and lacking in soap. | 7/11/2014 3:39 PM |
| 65 | Yes, but more benches always appreciated | 7/11/2014 3:39 PM |
| 66 | yes, adequate | 7/11/2014 3:34 PM |
| 67 | SOME | 7/11/2014 3:21 PM |
| 68 | Could use some cosmetic upgrades | 7/11/2014 3:13 PM |
| 69 | Yes, more picnic shelters would be nice, especially at Bowen, Belvidere and Bevier Parks | 7/11/2014 3:00 PM |
| 70 | No shelters or parking at victory. | 7/11/2014 2:49 PM |
| 71 | none | 7/11/2014 2:49 PM |
| 72 | Yes | 7/11/2014 2:48 PM |
| 73 | yes | 7/11/2014 2:48 PM |
| 74 | toilet facilities poor or non-existent/more benches/quality of benches excellent | 7/11/2014 2:44 PM |
| 75 | I would like to see more benches along the trails. | 7/11/2014 2:43 PM |
| 76 | yes | 7/11/2014 2:15 PM |
| 77 | Seems so. I used to live on Sunset and it seemed that Ben Diamond didn't have much of an area for picnics & tables. | 7/11/2014 2:09 PM |
| 78 | Varied answers, I would like more seating in some to rest, and/or enjoy the day at the busy parks like Bowen where there are many kids and parents. | 7/11/2014 2:08 PM |
| 79 | no | 7/11/2014 2:05 PM |
| 80 | Yes | 7/11/2014 1:57 PM |
| 81 | yes | 7/11/2014 1:45 PM |
| 82 | yes | 7/11/2014 1:41 PM |
| 83 | No suggestions. | 7/11/2014 1:34 PM |
| 84 | yes | 7/11/2014 1:32 PM |
| 85 | Parking isn't adequate | 7/9/2014 8:48 PM |
| 86 | It would be nice to add more picnic tables to Bevier park as I often see families in the area. | 7/8/2014 11:01 AM |
| 87 | yes | 7/7/2014 11:44 AM |
| 88 | indoor rental that is affordable for small groups (50) | 7/7/2014 9:02 AM |
| 89 | more picnic areas is always good | 7/5/2014 12:36 PM |
| 90 | More picnic areas would be nice, especially around Arbor park | 7/4/2014 2:32 PM |
| 91 | Need more enclosed play ares for young children...like at Bevier. | 7/4/2014 8:30 AM |
| 92 | playgrounds are always filthy. trash cans over flowing | 7/3/2014 9:53 PM |
| 93 | Arbor is really our dated and needs improvement. | 7/3/2014 4:04 PM |
| 94 | Appear to have fair amount. | 7/3/2014 3:47 PM |
| 95 | Parking at arbor park is terrible. Littering is everywhere on my property. Cars go too fast when many | 7/3/2014 3:38 PM |

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| 95 | Parking at arbor parks terrible. Entering is everywhere on my property. Cars go too fast when many cars are parked. | 7/2/2014 9:59 PM |
| 96 | No, the amenities should be further developed such as adding grill pits and splash pads to more parks. | 7/2/2014 10:11 PM |
| 97 | another bench or two would be good, maybe more trash cans for less trash | 7/2/2014 9:12 PM |
| 98 | I don't ever see them as overcrowded. | 7/2/2014 7:47 PM |
| 99 | sufficient in my opinion | 7/2/2014 6:41 PM |
| 100 | Yes. | 7/2/2014 3:31 PM |
| 101 | more parks like bowen would be awesome! | 7/2/2014 3:26 PM |
| 102 | Need updated equipment in most of the parks. Add more preschool play areas too | 7/2/2014 2:51 PM |
| 103 | I would like to see disc golf baskets at Bowen, and more trash cans at Bevier Park | 7/2/2014 2:36 PM |
| 104 | yes | 7/2/2014 2:30 PM |
| 105 | Yes | 7/2/2014 2:27 PM |
| 106 | There's no public parking at Arbor. It's street only. Yet another reason to remove that court. | 7/2/2014 2:21 PM |
| 107 | I think we could use a little more picnic areas, it seems like they are always full. | 7/2/2014 1:48 PM |
| 108 | More trash cans, lights, and areas for both adults and not only kids | 7/2/2014 1:33 PM |
| 109 | Good | 7/2/2014 1:20 PM |
| 110 | Arbor park could be expanded by removing the basketball court. A to ck climbing wall or a spider web net climbing thing like the one at Warren Township park would be great for older children. | 7/2/2014 1:12 PM |
| 111 | Would be nice to have more shelter picnic areas at the parks like at Bowen | 7/2/2014 1:01 PM |
| 112 | More small family picnic shelters | 7/2/2014 12:57 PM |
| 113 | no, there should be more equipment | 7/2/2014 12:41 PM |
| 114 | More shelters, especially at heavy picnic areas like Ben Diamond | 7/2/2014 12:35 PM |
| 115 | More restrooms would be helpful | 7/2/2014 12:34 PM |
| 116 | More shelters. Spray parks are a nice addition to parks. Would like to see one along with a pool at Belvidere | 7/2/2014 12:33 PM |
| 117 | A shelter in each park if possible | 7/2/2014 12:15 PM |
| 118 | Yes | 7/2/2014 11:47 AM |
| 119 | Yes | 7/2/2014 11:19 AM |
| 120 | Usually | 7/2/2014 11:19 AM |
| 121 | Shelter at Belvidere | 7/2/2014 11:10 AM |
| # | Are the sports fields and related amenities adequate? Suggestions to improve? | Date |
| 1 | good | 7/31/2014 10:49 PM |
| 2 | I think so... | 7/29/2014 8:04 PM |
| 3 | more vollyball | 7/24/2014 1:04 AM |
| 4 | Yes | 7/22/2014 6:40 PM |
| 5 | Don't know | 7/21/2014 10:21 AM |
| 6 | now they are since "Sportspark" was developed | 7/20/2014 4:28 PM |
| 7 | I thik so. | 7/20/2014 9:07 AM |
| 8 | no not accesable to al community members -baseball diamonds field house gym cannot be used most of the time by kids and community | 7/17/2014 7:28 AM |

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| 9 | I really only use Bonnie Brook which I think is outstanding. Recently I had several people in from | 7/16/2014 11:23 AM |
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| 9 | Heavily only use Benne Brook, which I think is outstanding. Recently, I had several people in from out of town and we played at BB. They were so impressed with the staff and the course. | 7/15/2014 11:23 AM |
| 10 | yes | 7/15/2014 4:49 PM |
| 11 | no, upton and some of the smaller fields definately need updating | 7/15/2014 12:16 PM |
| 12 | Not sure | 7/15/2014 10:57 AM |
| 13 | Baseball diamonds need to be sized up for the young kids. Other towns are far ahead of us. | 7/14/2014 2:14 PM |
| 14 | Maintain them well kept is the key and if need to expand the field that would be nice. The basketball court on Ben Diamond is small. I would suggest expanding it and adding water works. Same goes for Hinkston Park. New playground equipment is needed and water works. There is a lot of parties that happen there and so having splash pads (water works) would be fun during those celebrations. . Also sometimes the bathroom is locked there. No bueno. | 7/14/2014 1:59 PM |
| 15 | No should have soccer goals like gumees does | 7/14/2014 12:28 PM |
| 16 | Yes | 7/14/2014 12:06 PM |
| 17 | yes, suggestion to post signs of upcoming events, game, so the public know when not to use for personal | 7/14/2014 12:01 PM |
| 18 | Yes | 7/14/2014 11:52 AM |
| 19 | The Sports Fields are awesome! Thank you thank you thank you for Sportsman's Park! Both of my sons, ages 22 & 17 spend weekends playing ball @ Sportsmans park, it's phenomenal! | 7/14/2014 8:33 AM |
| 20 | No comment. | 7/14/2014 8:30 AM |
| 21 | Yes | 7/13/2014 11:50 PM |
| 22 | Adequate. | 7/13/2014 7:53 PM |
| 23 | Yes | 7/13/2014 5:47 PM |
| 24 | too costly | 7/13/2014 2:57 PM |
| 25 | Don't know -- no one in our family plays organized sports. | 7/13/2014 10:34 AM |
| 26 | Yes | 7/13/2014 9:09 AM |
| 27 | yes | 7/13/2014 6:45 AM |
| 28 | yes | 7/12/2014 9:17 PM |
| 29 | Yes | 7/12/2014 7:51 PM |
| 30 | I understand we have many soccer and baseball teams in the summer. I'm not sure if we have adequate facilities. | 7/12/2014 5:27 PM |
| 31 | we need more sports at Bowen park | 7/12/2014 5:10 PM |
| 32 | A pool would be VERY nice - at Hinkston | 7/12/2014 5:08 PM |
| 33 | The Hinkston health and sports center is fantastic--the equipment, in door track, and the staff are all awesome. I'm so glad you did not build the water park that was initially being considered. It is so great to see residents of all ages enjoy the Hinkston outdoor park and walking trail and the indoor sports facility. It is the best place to exercise. Thanks for encouraging helping Waukegan residents to maintain their health. | 7/12/2014 4:17 PM |
| 34 | sports fields are ok | 7/12/2014 2:43 PM |
| 35 | Sports fields are godd | 7/12/2014 2:03 PM |
| 36 | Yup. Bowen Park ball field seems underutilized. | 7/12/2014 1:33 PM |
| 37 | They seem adequate enough, as long as influx of patrons don't overshadow the facilities. | 7/12/2014 12:56 PM |
| 38 | I think so | 7/12/2014 12:43 PM |
| 39 | yes | 7/12/2014 12:09 PM |
| 40 | Yes | 7/12/2014 11:18 AM |
| 41 | Yes | 7/12/2014 9:54 AM |

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| 71 | Yes | 7/12/2014 9:37 AM |
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| 42 | yes | 7/12/2014 9:39 AM |
| 43 | Yes | 7/12/2014 9:16 AM |
| 44 | Generally yes, but you should light the basketball courts at Bevier. | 7/12/2014 9:15 AM |
| 45 | Yes | 7/12/2014 9:06 AM |
| 46 | Yes | 7/12/2014 9:05 AM |
| 47 | yes | 7/12/2014 8:53 AM |
| 48 | yes | 7/12/2014 8:33 AM |
| 49 | n/a | 7/12/2014 8:12 AM |
| 50 | With the increase of tournaments at the field house, which is great and needs to continue, we need another or additional space for member use. It can be too crowded. | 7/12/2014 7:38 AM |
| 51 | Yes | 7/11/2014 9:29 PM |
| 52 | Yes | 7/11/2014 8:36 PM |
| 53 | yes | 7/11/2014 8:29 PM |
| 54 | yes | 7/11/2014 7:31 PM |
| 55 | yes | 7/11/2014 7:12 PM |
| 56 | yes | 7/11/2014 7:06 PM |
| 57 | Hate all the lights at the soccer complex. | 7/11/2014 6:19 PM |
| 58 | yes | 7/11/2014 6:07 PM |
| 59 | would love to have an indoor pool | 7/11/2014 5:53 PM |
| 60 | DO NOT need more sports fields. | 7/11/2014 5:04 PM |
| 61 | Yes | 7/11/2014 4:47 PM |
| 62 | Good | 7/11/2014 4:43 PM |
| 63 | yes | 7/11/2014 4:29 PM |
| 64 | Yes. No improvements | 7/11/2014 4:03 PM |
| 65 | Yes | 7/11/2014 4:00 PM |
| 66 | N/A | 7/11/2014 3:54 PM |
| 67 | Yes | 7/11/2014 3:39 PM |
| 68 | Yes at the Sports Park. Otherwise, rehab generally needed. | 7/11/2014 3:39 PM |
| 69 | yes, adequate - too many really | 7/11/2014 3:34 PM |
| 70 | SOME | 7/11/2014 3:21 PM |
| 71 | Yes | 7/11/2014 3:13 PM |
| 72 | It's important to have these, but I'm not the one using them at this time. | 7/11/2014 3:00 PM |
| 73 | none | 7/11/2014 2:49 PM |
| 74 | yes | 7/11/2014 2:48 PM |
| 75 | Yes | 7/11/2014 2:43 PM |
| 76 | yes | 7/11/2014 2:15 PM |
| 77 | I believe so. I just wish that you'd keep Beavier lite later. The kids are doing something productive (playing tennis and basketball) with their time there. Why send them away early? | 7/11/2014 2:09 PM |
| 78 | Seems like it to me. | 7/11/2014 2:08 PM |
| 79 | yes, need to have more open gym | 7/11/2014 2:05 PM |
| 80 | As far as I know | 7/11/2014 1:57 PM |

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| 81 | yes | 7/11/2014 1:45 PM |
| 82 | yes | 7/11/2014 1:41 PM |
| 83 | No, the ball fields at the schools are not maintained very well | 7/11/2014 1:37 PM |
| 84 | Water park and indoor pool. | 7/11/2014 1:34 PM |
| 85 | yes | 7/11/2014 1:32 PM |
| 86 | Yes | 7/9/2014 8:48 PM |
| 87 | Yes | 7/8/2014 11:01 AM |
| 88 | yes | 7/7/2014 11:44 AM |
| 89 | Yes, as far as I know | 7/4/2014 2:32 PM |
| 90 | Yes. Wonderful. Tennis courts need better reservation signage. | 7/4/2014 8:30 AM |
| 91 | yes | 7/3/2014 9:53 PM |
| 92 | yes | 7/3/2014 4:04 PM |
| 93 | Could use disc golf parks. Sport is booming and if it is done properly people will pay to play. This covers maintenance cost and upkeep. | 7/3/2014 3:47 PM |
| 94 | Not sure | 7/3/2014 3:38 PM |
| 95 | Yes, however, with the success of the Sportspark at generating revenue, similar developments be further invested in. | 7/2/2014 10:11 PM |
| 96 | yes | 7/2/2014 9:12 PM |
| 97 | I never use the sports field so no comment | 7/2/2014 6:41 PM |
| 98 | MORE DISC GOLF! even if just a basket or 2 off to the side for practicing. It would get use! Trust me! | 7/2/2014 3:31 PM |
| 99 | no suggestions, if anything more basketball courts | 7/2/2014 3:26 PM |
| 100 | I don't know | 7/2/2014 2:51 PM |
| 101 | They seem good. | 7/2/2014 2:36 PM |
| 102 | yes | 7/2/2014 2:30 PM |
| 103 | Yes | 7/2/2014 2:27 PM |
| 104 | I do not use them. Don't know. | 7/2/2014 2:21 PM |
| 105 | Yes | 7/2/2014 1:48 PM |
| 106 | Updates - mainly TLC, paint, etc | 7/2/2014 1:33 PM |
| 107 | Very good | 7/2/2014 1:20 PM |
| 108 | We have tennis courts and a volleyball court within walking distance. We also have an open field were kids play anything from baseball to tag. The basketball court is useless to our children as it is usually full of older men that do not live in the subdivision. | 7/2/2014 1:12 PM |
| 109 | Yes but a better basketball court at Bowen Park | 7/2/2014 1:01 PM |
| 110 | Yes | 7/2/2014 12:57 PM |
| 111 | yes | 7/2/2014 12:41 PM |
| 112 | The addition of an Olympic size pool | 7/2/2014 12:35 PM |
| 113 | Sports Park out on Green Bay covers the needs for games not sure about team practices. | 7/2/2014 12:33 PM |
| 114 | Yes | 7/2/2014 12:15 PM |
| 115 | Yes | 7/2/2014 11:47 AM |
| 116 | yes | 7/2/2014 11:19 AM |
| 117 | Don't currently use | 7/2/2014 11:19 AM |

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| # | Are there recreation facilities that you would like us to have or have more of? Suggestions to improve? | Date |
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| 118 | Remove Tennis courts at Victory Park | 7/2/2014 11:10 AM |
| 1 | stop getting bigger. The public pays for this and we are tapped out. | 7/31/2014 10:49 PM |
| 2 | An indoor pool on the north side. | 7/29/2014 8:04 PM |
| 3 | more biking trails, and exercise trails with outside machines | 7/24/2014 1:04 AM |
| 4 | No | 7/22/2014 6:40 PM |
| 5 | Would like to see more concerts in the parks | 7/21/2014 10:21 AM |
| 6 | Indoor pool | 7/20/2014 4:28 PM |
| 7 | Indoor pool and and waterpark | 7/20/2014 9:07 AM |
| 8 | indoor swimming pool for ALL community members Gym for ALL community members | 7/17/2014 7:28 AM |
| 9 | NO | 7/15/2014 4:49 PM |
| 10 | we need more swimming options | 7/15/2014 12:16 PM |
| 11 | No | 7/15/2014 10:57 AM |
| 12 | ? | 7/14/2014 2:14 PM |
| 13 | An aquatics center that has water slides, water pads, nice huge space for adults to swim and a separate section for the babies and a section for the bigger kids (3 sections). That would be great! Please don't build in Hinkston Park. That trail is awesome and provides a lot of SHADE when I exercise there! Don't kill trees!! Can we have a camp! an actual camp like before when Mrs. Bowen was around? or is that too expensive or is there a land the Park District has to kind of make a camp for the kids and teens? | 7/14/2014 1:59 PM |
| 14 | No | 7/14/2014 12:28 PM |
| 15 | no | 7/14/2014 12:06 PM |
| 16 | no | 7/14/2014 12:01 PM |
| 17 | Indoor pool? | 7/14/2014 11:52 AM |
| 18 | Indoor pool | 7/14/2014 10:15 AM |
| 19 | Again, pools or water features in a NICER AREA OF TOWN. Please cater to a safer area of town. | 7/14/2014 8:33 AM |
| 20 | We need an aquatic center - one that is on par with the kind they offer in Wisconsin Dells - with a city of close to 100,000, one small pool is not enough. | 7/14/2014 8:30 AM |
| 21 | More pool areas that are clean | 7/13/2014 11:50 PM |
| 22 | For adults as I said above. And these would be free; just in case you thought of charging. As I said they have them in china for free and they are used a lot why are we soooo behind china! | 7/13/2014 7:53 PM |
| 23 | I would love an indoor pool at the Field House. | 7/13/2014 7:23 PM |
| 24 | Indoor pool | 7/13/2014 5:47 PM |
| 25 | free fitness | 7/13/2014 2:57 PM |
| 26 | Indoor pool. | 7/13/2014 10:34 AM |
| 27 | NA | 7/13/2014 9:09 AM |
| 28 | indoor pool with free swim time. Playground at lake front | 7/13/2014 6:45 AM |
| 29 | More splash pads | 7/12/2014 7:51 PM |
| 30 | See above - more themed playgrounds with spray pads or geyser-like installations. | 7/12/2014 5:27 PM |
| 31 | Duplicate the Hinkston Sports Center! | 7/12/2014 4:17 PM |
| 32 | more walking areas | 7/12/2014 2:43 PM |
| 33 | Indoor aquatic center | 7/12/2014 2:03 PM |

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| 34 | Nope. | 7/12/2014 1:33 PM |
| 35 | Are there still baseball facilities, or has soccer taken over the entire region? | 7/12/2014 12:56 PM |
| 36 | Pickleball courts instead of having to use tennis courts | 7/12/2014 12:50 PM |
| 37 | yes. The waukegan beach and lakefront should have more parks and park areas | 7/12/2014 12:09 PM |
| 38 | indoor pool | 7/12/2014 11:34 AM |
| 39 | No | 7/12/2014 11:18 AM |
| 40 | Yes | 7/12/2014 9:54 AM |
| 41 | new pool | 7/12/2014 9:39 AM |
| 42 | Yes | 7/12/2014 9:16 AM |
| 43 | None that I can think of. | 7/12/2014 9:15 AM |
| 44 | I do not think it in the best interest of taxpayer to subsidize gym facilities for indoor activities for the few | 7/12/2014 9:05 AM |
| 45 | Indoor pool | 7/12/2014 8:53 AM |
| 46 | yes, pool | 7/12/2014 8:33 AM |
| 47 | no | 7/12/2014 8:12 AM |
| 48 | It would be nice to have an indoor pool. | 7/12/2014 7:38 AM |
| 49 | Swimming | 7/11/2014 9:29 PM |
| 50 | indoor pool | 7/11/2014 8:36 PM |
| 51 | no | 7/11/2014 8:29 PM |
| 52 | Indoor swimming pool | 7/11/2014 7:31 PM |
| 53 | a park with a lake big enough to kayak/canoe in | 7/11/2014 7:12 PM |
| 54 | a pool, a pool, a pool, please | 7/11/2014 6:19 PM |
| 55 | no | 7/11/2014 6:07 PM |
| 56 | more basketball courts | 7/11/2014 5:53 PM |
| 57 | An indoor swimming pool with classes for those with arthritis ie water aerobics | 7/11/2014 5:04 PM |
| 58 | More pools | 7/11/2014 4:47 PM |
| 59 | No | 7/11/2014 4:43 PM |
| 60 | more basketball courts | 7/11/2014 4:29 PM |
| 61 | No. | 7/11/2014 4:03 PM |
| 62 | Good | 7/11/2014 4:00 PM |
| 63 | Better pool - indoor and outdoor to used all year round | 7/11/2014 3:56 PM |
| 64 | I would love to see a swimming pool at the field house (either indoor or outdoor), as has been suggested | 7/11/2014 3:54 PM |
| 65 | More gardens? | 7/11/2014 3:39 PM |
| 66 | Lacrosse would be a great addition. | 7/11/2014 3:39 PM |
| 67 | Do not spend money on a swimming pool. We have Lake Michigan and plenty of private options. | 7/11/2014 3:34 PM |
| 68 | HAVE MORE | 7/11/2014 3:21 PM |
| 69 | No, facilities are adequate | 7/11/2014 3:13 PM |
| 70 | Swimming....we need several swimming pools in the community or one very large aquatic center | 7/11/2014 3:00 PM |
| 71 | none | 7/11/2014 2:49 PM |
| 72 | indoor swimming pool and bocce ball courts | 7/11/2014 2:48 PM |

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| 73 | indoor swimming pool/addition outdoor pool | 7/11/2014 2:44 PM |
| 74 | more pools | 7/11/2014 2:15 PM |
| 75 | I wish you had more dance classes at the Field House versus Belvidere Rec Center. | 7/11/2014 2:09 PM |
| 76 | Covered picnic areas for rainy day picnics that were planned, not huge ones, maybe one or two tables. | 7/11/2014 2:08 PM |
| 77 | Parking closer to picnic tables for handicapped seniors. | 7/11/2014 1:57 PM |
| 78 | A path that goes along the inner area of the beach thru the dunes would be nice for walking/running | 7/11/2014 1:45 PM |
| 79 | It would be nice to have an indoor and outdoor pools. | 7/11/2014 1:43 PM |
| 80 | indoor pool at the field house and an outdoor pool at Belvidere park | 7/11/2014 1:41 PM |
| 81 | Please take responsibility for the Waukegan Beach and it's operation | 7/11/2014 1:37 PM |
| 82 | Water park and indoor pool. | 7/11/2014 1:34 PM |
| 83 | these are fine | 7/11/2014 1:32 PM |
| 84 | I think some of the facilities should be upgraded as to compete with some of the private facilities. This will draw more public use and generate more revenue. | 7/9/2014 8:48 PM |
| 85 | I wish we had a pool in the northern area of Waukegan. | 7/8/2014 11:01 AM |
| 86 | I would like to see a nature center of some type. Love the nature programs you offer. An indoor swimming pool would also be great for year round use | 7/4/2014 8:30 AM |
| 87 | outdoor pool to serve more than south siders | 7/3/2014 9:53 PM |
| 88 | yes | 7/3/2014 4:04 PM |
| 89 | Water parks for cooling off during summer. | 7/3/2014 3:47 PM |
| 90 | You should charge more to non-Waukegan resident people. That's what Gurnee, Libertyville and Grayslake do. | 7/3/2014 3:38 PM |
| 91 | A new public pool, Ganster is in real need of renovation. Similarly, we should invest in an indoor pool facility like Gurnee | 7/2/2014 10:11 PM |
| 92 | Bike trails, perhaps a single track can be incorporated to the DPR Trail since there is a ton of room there. | 7/2/2014 6:41 PM |
| 93 | I don't know | 7/2/2014 2:51 PM |
| 94 | Disc Golf!! | 7/2/2014 2:36 PM |
| 95 | none | 7/2/2014 2:30 PM |
| 96 | More disc golf added. | 7/2/2014 2:27 PM |
| 97 | Nothing I can think of. | 7/2/2014 2:21 PM |
| 98 | More trails and more shelters. | 7/2/2014 1:48 PM |
| 99 | Indoor pool would be nice | 7/2/2014 1:20 PM |
| 100 | A sprinkler area might be nice at Arbor park. Again, eliminating the basketball court would provide adequate space for a sprinkler area for our children to use. | 7/2/2014 1:12 PM |
| 101 | Better basketball at Bowen park & more indoor facilities to walk & play in the winter months | 7/2/2014 1:01 PM |
| 102 | Indoor winter senior/preteen middle school/ young caregiver indoor centers | 7/2/2014 12:57 PM |
| 103 | aquatic center | 7/2/2014 12:35 PM |
| 104 | I tire of having to drive down to Bowen Park (especially in the winter) for music lessons. Wish there was something on this side of town. | 7/2/2014 12:33 PM |
| 105 | Teen Center like Gurnee Park District has | 7/2/2014 12:33 PM |
| 106 | Indoor Pool | 7/2/2014 12:15 PM |

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| 107 | No | 7/2/2014 11:47 AM |
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| 108 | Another pool. | 7/2/2014 11:19 AM |
| 109 | Aquatics | 7/2/2014 11:10 AM |
| # | Are there current facilities that you feel need renovating or improving? Suggestions to improve? | Date |
| 1 | All your questions are about spending more. how about selling unused park land back to the public | 7/31/2014 10:49 PM |
| 2 | The only two I have experience with - Bowen & Belvidere - look fine to me. The theater could use a little work... | 7/29/2014 8:04 PM |
| 3 | . It may be time to renovate Ganster pool or turn that area into a new more modern aquatic center | 7/24/2014 1:04 AM |
| 4 | Fieldhouse could use a change of carpet tiles in locker rooms/ they'er stained and smell moldy... | 7/22/2014 11:18 PM |
| 5 | Better playground at Hinkston Park | 7/22/2014 6:40 PM |
| 6 | not sure | 7/20/2014 4:28 PM |
| 7 | Field House Fans in workout areas, easier access to bathrooms--you have to scan to go into the locker room-silly You have scan 3 times to even get into the locker room Better equipment for women | 7/17/2014 7:28 AM |
| 8 | the walking trail at Hinkston is nice, but the last time I was there, it was not in the best condition | 7/16/2014 11:23 AM |
| 9 | NO | 7/15/2014 4:49 PM |
| 10 | belvidere, powell | 7/15/2014 12:16 PM |
| 11 | Not sure | 7/15/2014 10:57 AM |
| 12 | ? | 7/14/2014 2:14 PM |
| 13 | Hmmmm, I'm not familiar with the park districts facilities. If I knew, I would have to say yes they do. There is always some kind of renovation needed in a facility. | 7/14/2014 1:59 PM |
| 14 | keep parks clean. | 7/14/2014 12:06 PM |
| 15 | don't know | 7/14/2014 11:52 AM |
| 16 | No suggestions, I love our parks! | 7/14/2014 8:33 AM |
| 17 | The fieldhouse needs to have a pool | 7/14/2014 8:30 AM |
| 18 | Pools | 7/13/2014 11:50 PM |
| 19 | Bevier needs to expand play area for the pint of kids in this area. Also put an ice rink in bevier in the winter. | 7/13/2014 7:53 PM |
| 20 | No | 7/13/2014 5:47 PM |
| 21 | yes fitness is run poorlythe type of classes are not what people want | 7/13/2014 2:57 PM |
| 22 | If the Park District controls the lakefront beaches, it should do something about them -- they are a disgrace. No lifeguards??? Almost no garbage cans??? Crumbling, closed restroom changing building? Why can't we fix this -- our beaches are beautiful, but so neglected. | 7/13/2014 10:34 AM |
| 23 | the pool | 7/13/2014 6:45 AM |
| 24 | Belvedere Rec Center looks old and dated | 7/12/2014 9:17 PM |
| 25 | The bathrooms at Bowen need help - no soap dispensers! | 7/12/2014 7:51 PM |
| 26 | I believe some of our large shelters need renovation - see Hinkston Park | 7/12/2014 5:27 PM |
| 27 | Re-paint the outdoor walking/running path at Hinkston Park to identify the bike lane vs. the walking lane. | 7/12/2014 4:17 PM |
| 28 | picnic pavillion at Hinkston needs renovating | 7/12/2014 2:43 PM |
| 29 | Victory park needs renovating | 7/12/2014 2:03 PM |
| 30 | Nope. | 7/12/2014 1:33 PM |

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| 31 | I am a frequent visitor to Bedrosian, as it was once my childhood neighborhood. What happened to the original water flow? | 7/12/2014 12:56 PM |
| 32 | tennis courts at some parks need resurfacing, such as Upton Park | 7/12/2014 12:09 PM |
| 33 | Victory Park's bathrooms. It's embarrassing to tell a friend that during our tennis matches that he needs to use the outhouse. | 7/12/2014 11:18 AM |
| 34 | Yes | 7/12/2014 9:54 AM |
| 35 | Yes | 7/12/2014 9:16 AM |
| 36 | They are in pretty good shape for the amount of use they receive. | 7/12/2014 9:15 AM |
| 37 | Old building in Bowen park should be saved and utilized before other places are built new on green space | 7/12/2014 9:05 AM |
| 38 | Kirk park and Hinkstons need make overs. | 7/12/2014 8:53 AM |
| 39 | ? | 7/12/2014 8:33 AM |
| 40 | Field house needs more free walking times including week-ends. | 7/12/2014 8:23 AM |
| 41 | no | 7/12/2014 8:12 AM |
| 42 | No | 7/11/2014 9:29 PM |
| 43 | no | 7/11/2014 8:29 PM |
| 44 | More parking, especially member parking at Hinkston. | 7/11/2014 7:31 PM |
| 45 | no | 7/11/2014 7:12 PM |
| 46 | picnic tables | 7/11/2014 7:06 PM |
| 47 | Field House needs a couple of more machines. | 7/11/2014 6:19 PM |
| 48 | no | 7/11/2014 6:07 PM |
| 49 | the tennis courts at Victory could be fixed up | 7/11/2014 5:53 PM |
| 50 | Bathrooms need to be upgraded | 7/11/2014 5:33 PM |
| 51 | Field house, an indoor swimming pool. More parking. Impossible to park on weekends | 7/11/2014 5:04 PM |
| 52 | No | 7/11/2014 4:43 PM |
| 53 | no | 7/11/2014 4:29 PM |
| 54 | No | 7/11/2014 4:03 PM |
| 55 | No | 7/11/2014 4:00 PM |
| 56 | no | 7/11/2014 3:54 PM |
| 57 | The beach needs cleaning and renovation | 7/11/2014 3:47 PM |
| 58 | Bathrooms | 7/11/2014 3:39 PM |
| 59 | Yes, but the real need is a strong girls soccer program. | 7/11/2014 3:39 PM |
| 60 | The visual arts center at Powell Park seems unused and a waste. Move something from Bowen Park there. | 7/11/2014 3:34 PM |
| 61 | YES | 7/11/2014 3:21 PM |
| 62 | Belvidere and Lewis could use some upgrading, carpet replacement, more mirrors in the dance room, and replace the clock in the dance room that is missing. | 7/11/2014 3:13 PM |
| 63 | Specialty day camps in the summer for school kids which include more activities like bicycle rides, fishing, canoeing, kyaking, archery, etc. | 7/11/2014 3:00 PM |
| 64 | Victory the tennis courts and basketball nets. | 7/11/2014 2:49 PM |
| 65 | none | 7/11/2014 2:49 PM |
| 66 | swimming pool at belvidere park | 7/11/2014 2:48 PM |

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| 67 | Ganster Pool needs renovation. Hinkston Park Fieldhouse is very well maintained and clean. | 7/11/2014 2:44 PM |
| 68 | the field house needs to be larger | 7/11/2014 2:15 PM |
| 69 | Not really. | 7/11/2014 2:09 PM |
| 70 | Not sure, haven't been to many outside of my area to evaluate. | 7/11/2014 2:08 PM |
| 71 | More for senior citizens. | 7/11/2014 1:57 PM |
| 72 | Beach | 7/11/2014 1:45 PM |
| 73 | continue to keep up with the maintenance and improvements. thats why I voted for the referenendum | 7/11/2014 1:41 PM |
| 74 | no | 7/11/2014 1:37 PM |
| 75 | Ganster Pool is in despirate need of an upgrade. Altemately we could use a Water park and indoor pool.. | 7/11/2014 1:34 PM |
| 76 | i have not been in to many | 7/11/2014 1:32 PM |
| 77 | Go ahead and add a pool to the fieldhouse. The fieldhouse needs more frequent cleaning of the women's locker rooms. | 7/9/2014 8:48 PM |
| 78 | I believe that the facilities are in good condition. | 7/8/2014 11:01 AM |
| 79 | Need new surface on tennis court | 7/7/2014 11:44 AM |
| 80 | Some newer playground equipment at Arbor Park would be nice | 7/4/2014 2:32 PM |
| 81 | Yes. A building better accessible for spec needs programming is needed. I think the Belvidere recreation Center needs improvement. | 7/4/2014 8:30 AM |
| 82 | belvidere recreation | 7/3/2014 9:53 PM |
| 83 | Arbor Park | 7/3/2014 4:04 PM |
| 84 | ? | 7/3/2014 3:47 PM |
| 85 | None | 7/3/2014 3:38 PM |
| 86 | Ganster should either be renovated or replaced with newer aquatic facilities | 7/2/2014 10:11 PM |
| 87 | The section of the McClory Trail that runs into Zion/Beach Park/Waukegan/North Chicago need some cleaning | 7/2/2014 6:41 PM |
| 88 | I don't know | 7/2/2014 2:51 PM |
| 89 | The ones I use are good. | 7/2/2014 2:36 PM |
| 90 | basketball court needs improving | 7/2/2014 2:30 PM |
| 91 | No | 7/2/2014 2:27 PM |
| 92 | None I can think of. | 7/2/2014 2:21 PM |
| 93 | None that I go to. | 7/2/2014 1:48 PM |
| 94 | Wondering why the stopped mowing the center area at hinkston. Mosquitos !!!! | 7/2/2014 1:20 PM |
| 95 | The roller slide at arbor park has been a source of great fun for over 9 years for my children. The space under that slide is a bit of a waste. That could use some updating. | 7/2/2014 1:12 PM |
| 96 | None I see. | 7/2/2014 12:57 PM |
| 97 | No | 7/2/2014 12:35 PM |
| 98 | The music school is looking old. | 7/2/2014 12:33 PM |
| 99 | None | 7/2/2014 12:15 PM |
| 100 | No | 7/2/2014 11:47 AM |
| 101 | No | 7/2/2014 11:19 AM |
| 102 | Pool | 7/2/2014 11:19 AM |

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| 103 | Upgrade BRC | 7/2/2014 11:10 AM |
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| # | Other suggestions for improvements? | Date |
| 1 | Maybe the property out by fountain square could be a grand park and aquatic center. | 7/24/2014 1:04 AM |
| 2 | No | 7/22/2014 6:40 PM |
| 3 | More police presence in the parks | 7/20/2014 9:07 AM |
| 4 | Up stairs work out rooms in field house should be open for use! We paid for them! More concern for members and making members feel welcome! | 7/17/2014 7:28 AM |
| 5 | DO NOTHING!!!! | 7/15/2014 4:49 PM |
| 6 | none | 7/14/2014 12:06 PM |
| 7 | Keep up your ongoing commitment and amazing work. I am very proud of our parks! | 7/14/2014 8:33 AM |
| 8 | Men from park board who pick up garbage do A louder job. I have watched them at nervier while waiting to pick up my grandchild. Check it out sometime yourself. | 7/13/2014 7:53 PM |
| 9 | have directors be from the discipline in which the head up - have staff that are people friendly | 7/13/2014 2:57 PM |
| 10 | less focus on destination parks and more on accessible neighborhood paks | 7/13/2014 6:45 AM |
| 11 | A pool at the Field House and maybe a bigger water area at Belvidere | 7/12/2014 9:17 PM |
| 12 | How about a lighted, three sided enclosed shelter with a fire palce, in front of an ice skating pond? | 7/12/2014 5:27 PM |
| 13 | Keep Hinkston Park's outdoor park and walking path, keep the indoor health and sports center, keep the satelite Waukegan Library at Hinkston Park. Keep up the great work that you all do to keep the Waukegan Park District a fun and healthy place for residents. | 7/12/2014 4:17 PM |
| 14 | Again, the bike path connections. | 7/12/2014 1:33 PM |
| 15 | I think the Waukegan Park District does a great job accomodating all its residents as far as year round activities are concemed. | 7/12/2014 12:56 PM |
| 16 | Overall, you are managing the parks quite well. | 7/12/2014 12:09 PM |
| 17 | No. | 7/12/2014 11:18 AM |
| 18 | Nope. | 7/12/2014 9:15 AM |
| 19 | park security would be nice | 7/12/2014 8:53 AM |
| 20 | If parking at Hinkston is not feasible, there should be offsite parking with shuttle service for all the visitors that come in for tournaments and meets. | 7/11/2014 7:31 PM |
| 21 | none | 7/11/2014 7:12 PM |
| 22 | no | 7/11/2014 4:29 PM |
| 23 | No | 7/11/2014 4:03 PM |
| 24 | None | 7/11/2014 4:00 PM |
| 25 | no | 7/11/2014 3:54 PM |
| 26 | Playgrounds could use more equipment variety. Bowen is great; the others are mostly boring. | 7/11/2014 3:39 PM |
| 27 | Develop the Johns Manville site as a sports complex - combine with WSP for tournaments | 7/11/2014 3:39 PM |
| 28 | HAVE WORKERS TO KEEP CLEAN AND IN ORDER | 7/11/2014 3:21 PM |
| 29 | Aquatic Center big enough for public use as well as Summer Camp Use for daycare including an indoor area for rainy days or as a community room. | 7/11/2014 3:00 PM |
| 30 | none | 7/11/2014 2:49 PM |
| 31 | Add lit basketball courts to Bowen and more at Ben Diamond. | 7/11/2014 2:09 PM |
| 32 | Can't think of anything, they are mostly all beautiful spots. | 7/11/2014 2:08 PM |
| 33 | upgrade the Belvidere Recreaton Center. tired and old looking | 7/11/2014 1:41 PM |

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| 34 | Youth athletics- please schedule so that working parents can get their kids to volleyball and fitness classes. Also, consider co-locating programs at nonpublic schools. | 7/11/2014 1:34 PM |
| 35 | the park district should clean the equipment ie the slides and swings ect. | 7/11/2014 1:32 PM |
| 36 | partner with Lake County Forest Preserves when possible | 7/7/2014 9:02 AM |
| 37 | . | 7/4/2014 8:30 AM |
| 38 | None | 7/3/2014 3:38 PM |
| 39 | Expand lakefront. | 7/3/2014 7:01 AM |
| 40 | No | 7/2/2014 10:11 PM |
| 41 | The Trails had been improved to interconnect to the west through the Independence Grove, why not interconnect the McClory into this? | 7/2/2014 6:41 PM |
| 42 | More disc golf please | 7/2/2014 3:31 PM |
| 43 | Did I mention disc golf baskets. Bowen Park would be good for nine holes to get more use out of the ravine area. | 7/2/2014 2:36 PM |
| 44 | No | 7/2/2014 2:27 PM |
| 45 | Small neighborhood parks cannot and should not be expected to serve the entire city. | 7/2/2014 2:21 PM |
| 46 | Our parks are designed for our children to play and get some exercise. There are many of adult facilities Waukegan offers including those at the Fieldhouse. The 3 parks in our subdivision need to be preserved for our children and their families not adult men. | 7/2/2014 1:12 PM |
| 47 | Repair/restore the green metal bridges used to cross the street like the one on Sheridan at Bowen Park | 7/2/2014 1:01 PM |
| 48 | No | 7/2/2014 12:35 PM |
| 49 | No. The parks are beautiful. When I have family in town we always travel to the different parks and they are amazed at how nice they are. | 7/2/2014 12:33 PM |
| 50 | Again, an Indoor Pool | 7/2/2014 12:15 PM |

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Q4 What do you see as barriers for the community to use the parks?

Answered: 112 Skipped: 130

| # | Responses | Date |
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| 1 | sometimes the bad crowd takes over. | 7/31/2014 10:50 PM |
| 2 | The parks I use are used quit a lot. Perhaps some of the less-used parks are in less safe areas. | 7/29/2014 8:06 PM |
| 3 | The only barrier I think would be not feeling safe. | 7/24/2014 1:06 AM |
| 4 | na | 7/22/2014 11:19 PM |
| 5 | Parents mostly don't let their kids just run to the park. Maybe activities to engage the parents, since they come with the kids. | 7/22/2014 6:42 PM |
| 6 | safety concerns for south side parks | 7/21/2014 10:23 AM |
| 7 | None | 7/20/2014 9:18 AM |
| 8 | I would like more police patrol in the parks. Many people I know won't send their kids to the parks because they (parents) are afraid (even when their children are clearly old enough | 7/20/2014 9:08 AM |
| 9 | Lack of diversity in decision making and understanding of the needs of the community It should be reflective of a very diverse community | 7/17/2014 7:34 AM |
| 10 | PEOPLE WHO DON'T ALREADY UTILIZE THE PARK WILL NOT DO SO IF YOU MAKE IMPROVEMENTS | 7/15/2014 4:49 PM |
| 11 | too many kids not enough space | 7/15/2014 12:16 PM |
| 12 | see none | 7/15/2014 10:58 AM |
| 13 | ? | 7/14/2014 2:14 PM |
| 14 | Language is number one! Many people of Waukegan are immigrants and they have difficulties in understanding English. Whether they are from Latin America, the Philippines, or some part of Europe, understanding English can be difficult. Even I don't understand what I'm reading at times...and I have been speaking English for almost 23 years. | 7/14/2014 2:01 PM |
| 15 | over crowded some days | 7/14/2014 12:23 PM |
| 16 | none | 7/14/2014 12:06 PM |
| 17 | more mutple language signs | 7/14/2014 12:01 PM |
| 18 | I really do not see barriers - parks seem to be available for anyone who chooses to visit. | 7/14/2014 11:53 AM |
| 19 | Safety is always an issue no matter what we are talking about. Safety and Security is so important in our parks. Perhaps facilitating more police presence @ our parks... on a regular basis. Not in an overbearing way, but to let the "riff raff" know that the park is not the place to cause problems. | 7/14/2014 8:42 AM |
| 20 | The idea that we have to worry so much about security that we are afraid to make the parks as available as possible for as many different activities as possible. | 7/14/2014 8:31 AM |
| 21 | Location and access to them | 7/13/2014 11:50 PM |
| 22 | Too much goose poop | 7/13/2014 7:53 PM |
| 23 | Concerns about safety, maybe. I don't know. | 7/13/2014 7:24 PM |
| 24 | Not patrolled so safety | 7/13/2014 2:57 PM |
| 25 | None, except the disgraceful condition at the lakefront. | 7/13/2014 10:35 AM |
| 26 | Don't have an opinion | 7/13/2014 9:09 AM |
| 27 | perceptions about safety, difficulty accessing on foot. | 7/13/2014 6:48 AM |

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| 28 | Safety | 7/12/2014 9:17 PM |
| 29 | Not enough wheelchair/stroller accessibility | 7/12/2014 7:52 PM |
| 30 | My family has found that overcrowding has kept us from casual use of the Bowen Park. I don't know what we can do about it, except to add more of the amenities, that Bowen offers, to other parks throughout the district, to spread out the crowds. I'm also aware that pre-schools and other groups from out of town, use our facilities, which does increase the wear and tear on our facilities. Is there any way that we could charge outsiders for the use of the parks? | 7/12/2014 5:34 PM |
| 31 | To many people at Bowen and not big enough. | 7/12/2014 5:11 PM |
| 32 | I'm not aware of any barriers at this time. | 7/12/2014 4:18 PM |
| 33 | transportation issues to sports park. some neighborhood difficulties. | 7/12/2014 2:44 PM |
| 34 | Lazy people | 7/12/2014 2:03 PM |
| 35 | Lazy people. Those who complain don't seem to know what is available. | 7/12/2014 1:34 PM |
| 36 | The weather is probably the biggest barrier as far as community use is concerned. | 7/12/2014 12:57 PM |
| 37 | Some times cliental that attend the parks. I know this is not something you have control of. It is of course a reason I don't frequent the parks | 7/12/2014 12:53 PM |
| 38 | What borders the area... (retail, residents..) | 7/12/2014 12:44 PM |
| 39 | Sometimes the parking spaces and parks can be quite crowded. | 7/12/2014 12:09 PM |
| 40 | Unsavory characters that loiter in parks, a lack of security patrol, residents not aware of all the parks that WPD has. There should be a brochure that lists all of the parks and the amenities that the parks offer. Off the top of my head, I can probably name only 7 parks when there's got to be around 25. | 7/12/2014 11:24 AM |
| 41 | transportation? | 7/12/2014 9:39 AM |
| 42 | No barriers | 7/12/2014 9:16 AM |
| 43 | Parking can be difficult at times. | 7/12/2014 9:15 AM |
| 44 | Shortage in parking spaces | 7/12/2014 8:53 AM |
| 45 | gangs | 7/12/2014 8:33 AM |
| 46 | walking in some of the parks could be dangerous | 7/12/2014 8:13 AM |
| 47 | Safety issues. Concern for gang activity. And location. The parks we use we drive to. Also, lack of information about what the parks offer. | 7/12/2014 7:43 AM |
| 48 | Cost of programs | 7/11/2014 9:29 PM |
| 49 | The lack of parking at Hinkston when there are bid events taking place. | 7/11/2014 7:32 PM |
| 50 | not sure | 7/11/2014 7:13 PM |
| 51 | 1. Parking 2. More information about parks | 7/11/2014 6:20 PM |
| 52 | I still feel safety is a concern and this may not be a park issue however I think the parks need to work with the police dept to get them to patrol the park more. | 7/11/2014 6:10 PM |
| 53 | I don't know. I don't feel any. | 7/11/2014 5:53 PM |
| 54 | Dogs, I am allergic to dogs and when they approach me an their owners do nothing I can become sick. Dogs should stay at home for public safety. | 7/11/2014 5:05 PM |
| 55 | More communication as to facilities available | 7/11/2014 4:47 PM |
| 56 | None | 7/11/2014 4:43 PM |
| 57 | too many homeless or drunk people in the parks and so they are not safe. | 7/11/2014 4:30 PM |
| 58 | None. | 7/11/2014 4:07 PM |
| 59 | Safety - monitor people at the park. Gang activity | 7/11/2014 4:01 PM |
| 60 | Sometimes there are criminals that use the parks that discourages me from going to them | 7/11/2014 3:57 PM |

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| 61 | Segregation. White people like to be by other white people and Hispanic people like to be with other Hispanic people. If too many of one kind are in a park, the other won't go to that park... | 7/11/2014 3:55 PM |
| 62 | We have trouble getting to our neighborhood park because there aren't any sidewalks along the way, but driving-wise the parks are all wonderful. | 7/11/2014 3:55 PM |
| 63 | Security at times. Getting people out to participate is the biggest barrier. | 7/11/2014 3:40 PM |
| 64 | Transportation for some... Language barriers to knowing about free events... Bathroom access... Unfriendly folks who are also at the parks... | 7/11/2014 3:39 PM |
| 65 | None. | 7/11/2014 3:34 PM |
| 66 | NOT CLEAN AND WELL MAINTAINED | 7/11/2014 3:21 PM |
| 67 | Might be a language barrier for the advertisement of programs | 7/11/2014 3:13 PM |
| 68 | Picnics, barbeques | 7/11/2014 2:50 PM |
| 69 | The costs of the park. | 7/11/2014 2:50 PM |
| 70 | Possibly more parking needed at some of the parks. | 7/11/2014 2:50 PM |
| 71 | It can be scary to find homeless people (men) sleeping in the bushes. | 7/11/2014 2:44 PM |
| 72 | the environment is kind of negative and i would be frightened to take my children to them | 7/11/2014 2:16 PM |
| 73 | Fear of "stranger dangers" for kids parents. Afraid to let them go alone to find playmates. Computers, games, etc. drawing them inside. Too much cocooning. | 7/11/2014 2:11 PM |
| 74 | You may want to add and advertise handicap access ramps/walking paths at perhaps Bowen. | 7/11/2014 2:10 PM |
| 75 | Lack of security. | 7/11/2014 1:57 PM |
| 76 | none | 7/11/2014 1:41 PM |
| 77 | Distance to parks from residential areas | 7/11/2014 1:38 PM |
| 78 | No many. As I mentioned, some youth athletic programs are not schedule conveniently for working parents. | 7/11/2014 1:35 PM |
| 79 | none | 7/11/2014 1:32 PM |
| 80 | Awareness. | 7/9/2014 8:49 PM |
| 81 | Most parks are within walking distance of communities, but the field on Green Bay is difficult to access by foot for most. In addition, people may not visit the parks because of their unfamiliarity with them. | 7/8/2014 11:02 AM |
| 82 | Ease of access because of their locations | 7/4/2014 2:32 PM |
| 83 | I don't like going to Bowen playground in the Summer. Way too busy and many parents don't watch their children well. I like the smaller parks with less people at them. More splash pads, like put one at Bevier. | 7/4/2014 8:32 AM |
| 84 | Gangs lack of maintenance lack of police patrols lighting | 7/3/2014 9:53 PM |
| 85 | Rough boys scaring kids away | 7/3/2014 5:51 PM |
| 86 | We get a lot of bad news coming into our neighborhood and they seem to hang around the basketball court. The police had to be called several times last year. | 7/3/2014 4:05 PM |
| 87 | Excessive loitering | 7/3/2014 3:11 PM |
| 88 | The lack of amenities for people of all ages. Many small parks have amenities for children but lack splash pads, grill pits, bathrooms, and other more interesting activities (ex. Bowen's swings). If introduced, more visitors would likely appear (ex. Bowen, Bevier, and the Sports Park) | 7/2/2014 10:11 PM |
| 89 | Just keeping them clean and keeping people courteous of others | 7/2/2014 9:15 PM |
| 90 | Potential crime in the neighborhoods | 7/2/2014 6:42 PM |
| 91 | Many parks are designed for certain ages, not designed as a place for families to enjoy themselves. A lot of the parks feel too age-specific | 7/2/2014 3:27 PM |

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| 92 | Older people in my neighborhood have mentioned being intimidated by the overwhelming amount of "foul mouthed" young people hanging out in the park smoking pot and drinking. They are afraid to go to the parks. Young mothers and families are sometimes intimidated as well. Make the parks more user friendly by monitoring the park activity | 7/2/2014 2:53 PM |
| 93 | Traffic perhaps? Yorkhouse can be hairy during rush hour. | 7/2/2014 2:36 PM |
| 94 | kids from neighboring communities often use the basketball court to meet and participate in illegal or offensive (to children) activities | 7/2/2014 2:31 PM |
| 95 | safety, lighting, patrolling | 7/2/2014 2:30 PM |
| 96 | None | 7/2/2014 2:27 PM |
| 97 | Crime. Arbor Park has had ongoing drug sales and we are forced to constantly clean up litter. | 7/2/2014 2:23 PM |
| 98 | People are afraid. I have personally had my car broken into. | 7/2/2014 1:49 PM |
| 99 | Not a huge focus for each park other than Belvidere and the soccer park - updates without too much expense but areas for all | 7/2/2014 1:34 PM |
| 100 | I'm always sure to go with someone else, so maybe security issues ??? | 7/2/2014 1:21 PM |
| 101 | Safety is a huge concern for us. Our children are old enough to go to the park alone but due to the number of unknown men that use the basketball courts my children are rarely allowed to go unsupervised. With the field house and new sports complex, I feel there are adequate facilities for the men that want to play competitively. Some parks need to be targeted to serve different age groups. The parks in the Pleasant Hill subdivision need to be preserved for our families without it being transient. I know many families in this subdivision, including our family, that have stopped using the park due to safety concerns. | 7/2/2014 1:17 PM |
| 102 | Cleanness, safety, weather, crowdedness | 7/2/2014 1:05 PM |
| 103 | Parking and many more bike racks, emergency phone stations, lighting keeps dangerous characters from "lurking" and makes them visible for observation by public and reporting (inspire of what some people think). | 7/2/2014 1:00 PM |
| 104 | Having to walk through the field to get to the playground | 7/2/2014 12:42 PM |
| 105 | Safety | 7/2/2014 12:35 PM |
| 106 | Language. Some family don't understand the signs. You need some spanish | 7/2/2014 12:34 PM |
| 107 | Gang activity, general loitering. | 7/2/2014 12:34 PM |
| 108 | None | 7/2/2014 12:15 PM |
| 109 | Other communities using our beautiful parks we pay for! I take my daughter to Bowen park all summer long, and sometimes it is so crowded in the mornings with daycares/ day camps from Gurnee. Their taxes are not paying for the upkeep of our wonderful parks! | 7/2/2014 11:50 AM |
| 110 | None | 7/2/2014 11:19 AM |
| 111 | None | 7/2/2014 11:19 AM |
| 112 | Parking fees, lack of restrooms, handicap accessibility | 7/2/2014 11:11 AM |

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Q5 What are your thoughts about public art displays in the parks?

Answered: 152 Skipped: 90

| # | Responses | Date |
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| 1 | keep it non political and American. This is America and we should be proud of it. | 7/31/2014 10:52 PM |
| 2 | Love 'em if they're not too expensive... | 7/29/2014 8:07 PM |
| 3 | if they are free, don't spend money if they will be stolen or vandalized | 7/24/2014 1:06 AM |
| 4 | cool idea | 7/22/2014 11:19 PM |
| 5 | Great. | 7/22/2014 6:43 PM |
| 6 | good idea | 7/21/2014 10:23 AM |
| 7 | good idea | 7/20/2014 4:28 PM |
| 8 | Good idea | 7/20/2014 9:18 AM |
| 9 | LOVE IT!!! GREAT IDEA! | 7/20/2014 9:09 AM |
| 10 | It would be nice to have arts and crafts shows a farmers market and art reflective of the community | 7/17/2014 7:36 AM |
| 11 | Always good. | 7/16/2014 6:56 PM |
| 12 | Very nice. They add something special. | 7/16/2014 11:26 AM |
| 13 | DON'T WASTE OUR MONEY ON THAT | 7/15/2014 4:49 PM |
| 14 | art is always a good thing | 7/15/2014 12:16 PM |
| 15 | I would like to see more | 7/15/2014 10:58 AM |
| 16 | I think donated pieces are fine but am not in favor of the WPD purchasing them. They are a target for vandalism or theft. | 7/14/2014 10:42 PM |
| 17 | I love art, I'm not sure if "parks" are the place for it. Please don't allow "graffiti art" because it's still graffiti. | 7/14/2014 3:54 PM |
| 18 | Don't care | 7/14/2014 2:15 PM |
| 19 | That is amazing!! Art in the PARK! yes!! Just make sure to have a safe place to display the artwork. Keep in mind the Artist took time to make that masterpiece. Inform the community well when, where, and why this event is happening. Display flyers, newspaper ads, or tell friends to invite others. | 7/14/2014 2:05 PM |
| 20 | Na | 7/14/2014 12:29 PM |
| 21 | good | 7/14/2014 12:23 PM |
| 22 | im very open minded, but maybe if someone feels that an art display can possible offend or even start controversy, made add a description of who-what-when-where | 7/14/2014 12:10 PM |
| 23 | fine with me. | 7/14/2014 12:07 PM |
| 24 | Go for it! Awesome idea! | 7/14/2014 11:53 AM |
| 25 | Nice - better than graffiti :(| 7/14/2014 10:16 AM |
| 26 | I like it. | 7/14/2014 8:31 AM |
| 27 | It would be nice but don't think they will remain nice due to graffiti artists | 7/13/2014 11:51 PM |
| 28 | Good idea | 7/13/2014 7:54 PM |
| 29 | I love the idea! | 7/13/2014 7:24 PM |
| 30 | Great idea | 7/13/2014 5:47 PM |

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| 31 | That would be great | 7/13/2014 2:58 PM |
| 32 | I love "public art," such as that in Millennium Park in Chicago or the art in the Veterans' Memorial in Waukegan. But I would prefer that Waukegan put the money into upkeep and improved facilities rather than more art. | 7/13/2014 10:36 AM |
| 33 | That would be a nice touch | 7/13/2014 9:10 AM |
| 34 | I think they are wonderful and add immensely to the visual space, but they must be art that can be touched (climbed, explored...) | 7/13/2014 6:49 AM |
| 35 | Love the idea!!! | 7/12/2014 9:18 PM |
| 36 | I like them, but worry about vandalism and theft | 7/12/2014 7:52 PM |
| 37 | I love art in the park. Our children need to be exposed to all things cultural from a very early age and adults need to experience art for enrichment and inspiration. | 7/12/2014 5:42 PM |
| 38 | It is a good idea. | 7/12/2014 5:11 PM |
| 39 | I'm not against public art displays, just not in the parks. Keep the parks neutral and medicinal; keep the parks clean with what nature has provided. Display art displays in art galleries or in downtown Waukegan, similar to how they do in Chicago on a seasonal or rotating basis, which allows the work of various artists to be displayed. Please don't allow any permanent artwork, anywhere. Thanks. | 7/12/2014 4:22 PM |
| 40 | Public art displays would probably be vandalized | 7/12/2014 2:45 PM |
| 41 | That would be interesting | 7/12/2014 2:03 PM |
| 42 | Excellent. Cultural Arts are fantastic and a rare addition to most "parks". Bowen Park Cultural Arts are terrific! | 7/12/2014 1:35 PM |
| 43 | As long as the displays are protected against vandalism, they would be a welcome addition to the park system. | 7/12/2014 12:58 PM |
| 44 | I think it would be a great idea. Especially if it were driven by the Waukegan school Children to be placed and displayed in the park. | 7/12/2014 12:54 PM |
| 45 | all for it | 7/12/2014 12:50 PM |
| 46 | They make it more unique, art does. | 7/12/2014 12:45 PM |
| 47 | If the art is appropriate for the park, that would be OK. | 7/12/2014 12:11 PM |
| 48 | Good | 7/12/2014 11:34 AM |
| 49 | I love the idea. Just as long as they don't become items that get "tagged" or damaged by people. | 7/12/2014 11:26 AM |
| 50 | Don't do it. It would just be tagged up | 7/12/2014 9:55 AM |
| 51 | Terrific! | 7/12/2014 9:39 AM |
| 52 | Great idea and we should have more. | 7/12/2014 9:16 AM |
| 53 | I love them! | 7/12/2014 9:16 AM |
| 54 | Great idea | 7/12/2014 8:54 AM |
| 55 | ? | 7/12/2014 8:33 AM |
| 56 | It would be fine. | 7/12/2014 8:23 AM |
| 57 | would like them | 7/12/2014 8:13 AM |
| 58 | Wonderful! | 7/12/2014 7:43 AM |
| 59 | Art Fairs now and then would be wonderful. If you are talking about having a "bean" like Chicago, that could work too to draw more people to it. | 7/12/2014 12:14 AM |
| 60 | ?? Where? | 7/11/2014 10:39 PM |
| 61 | Love them...should be more public artist display. | 7/11/2014 9:30 PM |
| 62 | We need more public art displays in the parks. | 7/11/2014 8:38 PM |
| 63 | Not intrested | 7/11/2014 8:30 PM |

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| 64 | as long as it is art that is not specifically made for the purpose to fit the park. | 7/11/2014 8:20 PM |
| 65 | Would depend on what kind of art displays there would be. | 7/11/2014 7:33 PM |
| 66 | love it | 7/11/2014 7:13 PM |
| 67 | I like the idea, as long as it is tasteful. | 7/11/2014 7:08 PM |
| 68 | Think it's great. | 7/11/2014 6:20 PM |
| 69 | I'm fine with that as long as it's tasteful. | 7/11/2014 6:11 PM |
| 70 | I would like to see more. Mural projects for community members to participate in would be fun and a way to bring neighborhood people together and get people invested in the parks. | 7/11/2014 5:54 PM |
| 71 | what kind of public art displays? Music is okay as long it is not spanish | 7/11/2014 5:06 PM |
| 72 | Love it...especially with Art Space and art galleries in downtown Waukegan. | 7/11/2014 4:56 PM |
| 73 | that's fine for the public but for the artists it might be vandalism or destruction of their property or works? | 7/11/2014 4:49 PM |
| 74 | I would like more. | 7/11/2014 4:48 PM |
| 75 | Adequate | 7/11/2014 4:44 PM |
| 76 | love the idea | 7/11/2014 4:30 PM |
| 77 | That would be cool. | 7/11/2014 4:08 PM |
| 78 | Not interested in art displays - but nothing against them. | 7/11/2014 4:03 PM |
| 79 | I love it - my concern is they would be vandalized | 7/11/2014 3:57 PM |
| 80 | That would be wonderful. | 7/11/2014 3:56 PM |
| 81 | Great idea | 7/11/2014 3:47 PM |
| 82 | OK, but not the primary mission. It is good to offer non-athletic opportunities, especially if it does not detract from the fitness and participation goals. | 7/11/2014 3:42 PM |
| 83 | Lovely | 7/11/2014 3:39 PM |
| 84 | Ok, if they are maintained or removed. | 7/11/2014 3:34 PM |
| 85 | GOOD IDEA | 7/11/2014 3:21 PM |
| 86 | I would like them as long as they are tasteful and family friendly | 7/11/2014 3:14 PM |
| 87 | No | 7/11/2014 2:50 PM |
| 88 | Yes I am in favor of it. | 7/11/2014 2:50 PM |
| 89 | none | 7/11/2014 2:50 PM |
| 90 | Great idea | 7/11/2014 2:48 PM |
| 91 | They're okay. | 7/11/2014 2:45 PM |
| 92 | Great idea. | 7/11/2014 2:45 PM |
| 93 | No | 7/11/2014 2:26 PM |
| 94 | I think its good especially if they are performed local artists and kids | 7/11/2014 2:22 PM |
| 95 | it is a very good idea. i think it would make the parks look and feel alot better | 7/11/2014 2:16 PM |
| 96 | Love them! I love sculptures, or other types of public art. Always find something new in visits to Chicago. | 7/11/2014 2:12 PM |
| 97 | It would be nice as long as no one destroys it. | 7/11/2014 2:10 PM |
| 98 | I like them | 7/11/2014 2:06 PM |
| 99 | love it.. it would be fun. history display as well | 7/11/2014 2:05 PM |
| 100 | Would be great! | 7/11/2014 1:57 PM |

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| 101 | Great! | 7/11/2014 1:45 PM |
| 102 | That would be fine. | 7/11/2014 1:43 PM |
| 103 | yes, it makes our community more interesting and lively | 7/11/2014 1:42 PM |
| 104 | They would be welcomed | 7/11/2014 1:38 PM |
| 105 | Love it. | 7/11/2014 1:35 PM |
| 106 | it would be nice | 7/11/2014 1:32 PM |
| 107 | No opinion on this. It's a nice to have, but I think there are more constructive ways to distribute funds. | 7/9/2014 8:50 PM |
| 108 | I think that would be great and a great addition. | 7/8/2014 11:02 AM |
| 109 | Would love to see more of that | 7/7/2014 11:44 AM |
| 110 | great idea | 7/7/2014 9:02 AM |
| 111 | That's nice | 7/5/2014 12:54 PM |
| 112 | I like public art displays | 7/4/2014 2:32 PM |
| 113 | Would be great. But change them often. It would be overlooked after a while if it always stayed the same. | 7/4/2014 8:34 AM |
| 114 | Awesome | 7/3/2014 9:54 PM |
| 115 | Not bad idea | 7/3/2014 5:51 PM |
| 116 | Great idea | 7/3/2014 4:05 PM |
| 117 | Some will like and some will not. Wouldn't do it. Advertising is tacky as well. | 7/3/2014 3:51 PM |
| 118 | Love! | 7/3/2014 3:11 PM |
| 119 | Great | 7/3/2014 8:10 AM |
| 120 | Good idea | 7/3/2014 7:02 AM |
| 121 | Always eye-catching and relaxing for older visitors to admire. | 7/2/2014 10:12 PM |
| 122 | I like that idea | 7/2/2014 9:16 PM |
| 123 | Yes | 7/2/2014 9:06 PM |
| 124 | Sure why not, | 7/2/2014 8:16 PM |
| 125 | Not much into art so I can't make a comment | 7/2/2014 6:43 PM |
| 126 | don't need them. nature is good enough | 7/2/2014 4:12 PM |
| 127 | sounds awesome! permanent would be a little much but annual installations would be really cool I think! | 7/2/2014 3:31 PM |
| 128 | I think it would be great, but they're going to be defaced and graffiti-ed. Maybe have murals and encourage different groups or artists to repaint with a new design every year to get rid of graffiti and to provide new art (which would help Waukegan's image of an art hub) | 7/2/2014 3:30 PM |
| 129 | I think it is a good idea only in moderation. | 7/2/2014 3:26 PM |
| 130 | I would love to see more art displays and places to do art in the parks all over the city. I'd love to see Waukegan gain a reputation for being "art friendly" | 7/2/2014 2:54 PM |
| 131 | That would be lovely. Sculptures and murals are good. | 7/2/2014 2:39 PM |
| 132 | would love it, but am afraid of them being damaged or destroyed :(| 7/2/2014 2:32 PM |
| 133 | I want more | 7/2/2014 2:30 PM |
| 134 | None | 7/2/2014 2:27 PM |
| 135 | No opinion. | 7/2/2014 2:23 PM |

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| 136 | I think it's the best thing the city has going! Other surrounding areas like Deerfield, Northbrook and Highland Park have a much better art organization and public juried art shows in their spaces. Ours are always the same two or three artists. ALWAYS! I don't care to see the same thing by the same people that only involve Motley and his few friends. | 7/2/2014 1:51 PM |
| 137 | Great idea! | 7/2/2014 1:34 PM |
| 138 | Beautiful but not necessary. I'm there to experience the outdoors | 7/2/2014 1:22 PM |
| 139 | My children have enjoyed the Arts In The Park program every time it has come to Arbor Park! More WPD sanctioned programs at Arbor park would be great! | 7/2/2014 1:18 PM |
| 140 | Don't mind art displays | 7/2/2014 1:05 PM |
| 141 | Even in Chicago underpasses, murals in mosaic are seldom subjected to graffiti nor are statues. | 7/2/2014 1:01 PM |
| 142 | I like it | 7/2/2014 12:42 PM |
| 143 | That would be a great addition! | 7/2/2014 12:36 PM |
| 144 | I think it is nice and makes Waukegan special | 7/2/2014 12:34 PM |
| 145 | Great | 7/2/2014 12:34 PM |
| 146 | In favor. | 7/2/2014 12:34 PM |
| 147 | We have enough of that downtown Waukegan | 7/2/2014 12:15 PM |
| 148 | Great idea! | 7/2/2014 11:51 AM |
| 149 | That would be nice. | 7/2/2014 11:19 AM |
| 150 | Not necessary | 7/2/2014 11:19 AM |
| 151 | Local artists would be great! | 7/2/2014 11:11 AM |
| 152 | Wouldn't do it. Too much graffiti going on. Kids would ruin art. | 7/2/2014 10:59 AM |

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Q6 What do you think are the priorities for spending tax dollars for the Park District?

Answered: 134 Skipped: 108

| # | Responses | Date |
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| 1 | spend less tax dollars. maintain the parks we use and sell those we don't use. | 7/31/2014 10:53 PM |
| 2 | Keeping park grounds and buildings in good shape, providing opportunities for children and adults in the arts and in physical fitness. | 7/29/2014 8:09 PM |
| 3 | not a pool at the field house, unless us Waukeganites get a huge discount. We need an aquatic center | 7/24/2014 1:07 AM |
| 4 | upkeep | 7/22/2014 11:19 PM |
| 5 | Spend as much on upkeep as on new things. | 7/22/2014 6:43 PM |
| 6 | maintenance/upkeep of facilities | 7/21/2014 10:24 AM |
| 7 | children's programs, sports for youth &, possibly, adults. | 7/20/2014 4:30 PM |
| 8 | Outdoor and indoor waterpark | 7/20/2014 9:10 AM |
| 9 | Indoor water complex to be used by ALL community members babies to old people | 7/17/2014 7:37 AM |
| 10 | Family friendly. senior friendly. | 7/16/2014 6:58 PM |
| 11 | Making sure that the money is wisely spent on facilities, programs, etc. that benefit Waukegan tax paying citizens. | 7/16/2014 11:29 AM |
| 12 | SAVE IT FOR ONLY THAT WHICH IS ABSOLUTELY NEEDED - LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE, EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE, CLEANLINESS | 7/15/2014 4:50 PM |
| 13 | Maintenance Adding a Pool | 7/15/2014 10:59 AM |
| 14 | There needs to be a little of everything so all the citizens can enjoy the parks. | 7/14/2014 10:43 PM |
| 15 | Upkeep of existing parks, safety, and adding an indoor/outdoor pool. | 7/14/2014 3:55 PM |
| 16 | To have a place for family's to go to relax and have fun without being bothered with hundreds of SOCCOR BALLS!! | 7/14/2014 2:17 PM |
| 17 | The funds should go for any serious renovations/expanding, keep the employees a good pay (raise!!!), interns hmmm more please, and finally maintaining the district's parks! | 7/14/2014 2:11 PM |
| 18 | Make accessible for all ages | 7/14/2014 12:29 PM |
| 19 | clean, accessible, safe | 7/14/2014 12:23 PM |
| 20 | maintence, then programs | 7/14/2014 12:10 PM |
| 21 | Proper maintenance, repairs and improvements. | 7/14/2014 11:54 AM |
| 22 | Parks are good - just keep them clean. Waukegan really needs an indoor pool. The Kiley center is too scary and we'd love to have swim lessons all year. Not have to go up to Zion in the winter. | 7/14/2014 10:18 AM |
| 23 | We were promised that the park district would build us an aquatic center and purchase more park land if we approved a referendum for more money to the park district, but this has not happened. | 7/14/2014 8:32 AM |
| 24 | Improve and maintain what we have. Keep it safe for kids and add pools for kids to go swimming | 7/13/2014 11:52 PM |
| 25 | Put adult exercise equipment out. We pay the majority if taxes and get the least back from the parks | 7/13/2014 7:55 PM |
| 26 | Programs and services that improve the fitness of the community. | 7/13/2014 7:24 PM |
| 27 | Maintenance | 7/13/2014 5:48 PM |
| 28 | Priorotes should be making it affordable for all | 7/13/2014 2:58 PM |

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| 29 | Let's preserve a little non-manicured space; provide athletic facilities for kids and adults; continue to be inclusive in approach. We have a diverse community, and I think the Park District does a decent job of remembering this and should continue to do so. | 7/13/2014 10:38 AM |
| 30 | Don't have an opinion. | 7/13/2014 9:12 AM |
| 31 | Maintenance and upkeep | 7/13/2014 6:49 AM |
| 32 | Constant updates at the Field House and keeping the parks clean and safe | 7/12/2014 9:20 PM |
| 33 | Update and modernize as many facilities as possible | 7/12/2014 7:53 PM |
| 34 | Continue to provide the cultural amenities that Waukegan provides for its citizens. I think we are far and above cities around us. We do need an indoor swimming pool. I'm a senior and would appreciate warm water exercise throughout the year. It would also provide a wonderful activity for our children/teens on weekend evenings in the winter. I used to take my young teens to swim at the Zion HS pool on Friday nights, in the winter, and they loved it. | 7/12/2014 5:48 PM |
| 35 | Sports and more pools. | 7/12/2014 5:12 PM |
| 36 | Providing parks that are multi-purpose, that get bang for our tax dollars. Hinkston Park is a great example, I use the library, workout indoors and outside, and meet friends for coffee in the lobby of the sports center. Parks are needed and are well utilized in Waukegan by people of all ages, families and individuals. | 7/12/2014 4:26 PM |
| 37 | sports park, field maintenance, field house | 7/12/2014 2:46 PM |
| 38 | General upkeep of parks and getting an indoor aquatic center built | 7/12/2014 2:04 PM |
| 39 | Those bike paths again and completion of the Ball fields in the complex on Green bay Road. | 7/12/2014 1:36 PM |
| 40 | Priorities for spending should be limited to the funds that provide the most use for the general park-going population. | 7/12/2014 12:59 PM |
| 41 | I don't mind spending tax dollars on something that is healthy for the children and our future citizens of our land. | 7/12/2014 12:55 PM |
| 42 | not sure what the priorities are | 7/12/2014 12:51 PM |
| 43 | They seem to be spent fair. | 7/12/2014 12:46 PM |
| 44 | Try to offer and enhance activities that appeal to a wide range of people, including seniors. | 7/12/2014 12:12 PM |
| 45 | High | 7/12/2014 11:35 AM |
| 46 | "Are the priorities?" I don't know. "What the priorities should be?" Spend it on amenities that would be used by the entire community, not by a segment of the community. The WPD has been doing a great job under Greg Petry. | 7/12/2014 11:29 AM |
| 47 | I don't know | 7/12/2014 9:40 AM |
| 48 | Grand facilities (i.e. The Field House, Waukegan Sports Park, etc.) over the other, older, parks without fancy facilities. | 7/12/2014 9:18 AM |
| 49 | I believe that the more tax dollars spent the better. | 7/12/2014 9:17 AM |
| 50 | Not to incur unneeded long term debt . | 7/12/2014 9:06 AM |
| 51 | Bathrooms | 7/12/2014 8:54 AM |
| 52 | upkeep | 7/12/2014 8:33 AM |
| 53 | maintaining existing parks and buildings | 7/12/2014 8:13 AM |
| 54 | Increase available use and programs for kids, increase space at field house, or create separate tournament space. | 7/12/2014 7:53 AM |
| 55 | Maintain parks, have enough playground equipment for kids and some toilet facilities nearby, and more places to take dogs. | 7/12/2014 12:16 AM |
| 56 | ?? | 7/11/2014 10:39 PM |
| 57 | Parking facilities | 7/11/2014 9:31 PM |
| 58 | The field house serves a large section of the community, so that should be a priority | 7/11/2014 8:24 PM |

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| 59 | Indoor swimming pool | 7/11/2014 7:33 PM |
| 60 | not sure | 7/11/2014 7:20 PM |
| 61 | protecting the land and wildlife | 7/11/2014 7:08 PM |
| 62 | A pool. I think I've mentioned that. | 7/11/2014 6:20 PM |
| 63 | maintenance for example in Hinkston park you can't see bike lane on the path. | 7/11/2014 6:14 PM |
| 64 | programming, trails, a pool | 7/11/2014 5:55 PM |
| 65 | an indoor swimming pool is the first and only priority | 7/11/2014 5:07 PM |
| 66 | Parks are extremely important to communities, I am in favor of tax dollars for the park district. | 7/11/2014 4:57 PM |
| 67 | Maintaining the excellent parks and activities we have. | 7/11/2014 4:49 PM |
| 68 | I have seen so many improvements lately that I would say just keep doing what you are doing | 7/11/2014 4:30 PM |
| 69 | The park district is doing well. Taxes needs to be focused more on our schools. | 7/11/2014 4:09 PM |
| 70 | Safety in all areas | 7/11/2014 4:04 PM |
| 71 | Better pool and more community activities to keep the parks in use for everyone | 7/11/2014 3:58 PM |
| 72 | Keeping existing facilities nice and well kept, then all the wonderful free programs, then new facilities | 7/11/2014 3:56 PM |
| 73 | Gardens, art space, another swimming pool | 7/11/2014 3:48 PM |
| 74 | Acquire and Develop Manville | 7/11/2014 3:43 PM |
| 75 | I think family and child events are important, also sports. I love the movies and music in the parks. The campout sounds great, too. I like the children's garden. | 7/11/2014 3:41 PM |
| 76 | Spend and borrow as much as they can. Stop borrowing money and pay off debts. | 7/11/2014 3:35 PM |
| 77 | YES | 7/11/2014 3:21 PM |
| 78 | I think the amount spent currently is enough | 7/11/2014 3:14 PM |
| 79 | Try to do a fundraiser | 7/11/2014 2:51 PM |
| 80 | do not know | 7/11/2014 2:50 PM |
| 81 | What recreations are available in the winter months? I could not find a bunny hill for my grandchildren to sled on. | 7/11/2014 2:46 PM |
| 82 | programs | 7/11/2014 2:45 PM |
| 83 | i think that it should be on the top 3 seeing as this is where our kids are going and learning. The kids of today are the adults of tomorrow | 7/11/2014 2:17 PM |
| 84 | Upkeep is high, difficult to say, I think you do a fine job, good people. | 7/11/2014 2:15 PM |
| 85 | Maintaining and improving. | 7/11/2014 2:10 PM |
| 86 | spend less | 7/11/2014 2:07 PM |
| 87 | Not sure but i think the cost can go down and more specials. The Y had a smaller but friendly and home based building. | 7/11/2014 2:06 PM |
| 88 | Keeping up the parks and adding security. | 7/11/2014 1:58 PM |
| 89 | Maintenance | 7/11/2014 1:46 PM |
| 90 | continue what you are doing, my tax dollars are well used by the park district | 7/11/2014 1:43 PM |
| 91 | The highest priority should be maintenance of existing facilities. | 7/11/2014 1:40 PM |
| 92 | Capital expenses: Swimming facilities, please! I enjoy the programming- more of the same. | 7/11/2014 1:36 PM |
| 93 | ook as long as its reasonable | 7/11/2014 1:33 PM |
| 94 | I'm not sure. I don't really see a direct correlation between the mission statement and the events. It's a mixed bag, | 7/9/2014 8:52 PM |

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| 95 | A water park, similar to other communities around us. | 7/8/2014 11:02 AM |
| 96 | safety | 7/7/2014 11:44 AM |
| 97 | safety and maintenance foremost | 7/7/2014 9:02 AM |
| 98 | Keeping parks safe, adding more trails | 7/4/2014 2:34 PM |
| 99 | We have good facilities. Keep them up-to-date and clean. Maintain and provide facilities that allow for families to do things together. I like the special events. Maybe make going to the pool more family friendly, floors are gross and privacy for changing is poor. | 7/4/2014 8:38 AM |
| 100 | Paying adequate wages to lower level staff. Educating staff to do their jobs correctly. Lower upper management wages. Especially a certain way over payed executive director | 7/3/2014 9:55 PM |
| 101 | Low | 7/3/2014 5:51 PM |
| 102 | updates are needed | 7/3/2014 4:05 PM |
| 103 | Parks that draw the most traffic and that is disc golf. | 7/3/2014 3:52 PM |
| 104 | Expand lakefront. | 7/3/2014 7:03 AM |
| 105 | Splash pads, bathrooms, and grills. Essentially, making all Waukegan parks popular for weekend activities. | 7/2/2014 10:15 PM |
| 106 | keeping the parks inviting and create spaces for people to relax and play in a welcoming engaging atmosphere | 7/2/2014 9:17 PM |
| 107 | Use some for the disc golf course at bevier park. Many people from around the midwest come to Lake County to play our disc golf courses. I just played with a guy from Indiana at bevier park yesterday. If across the street of mcaree gets mowed more often and wider than the current operation more people will come to bevier Park to play disc golf which would bring people from out of town to Waukegan Illinois. The grass is very tall right now and very easy to lose frisbees in. | 7/2/2014 9:13 PM |
| 108 | Cleanliness, amenities such as restrooms, drinking fountains | 7/2/2014 6:45 PM |
| 109 | security | 7/2/2014 4:12 PM |
| 110 | Overall upkeep and the external appearance to keep a good first impression with guests | 7/2/2014 3:31 PM |
| 111 | Making sure that the park is well kept i.e. lawn mowed, playground equipment safe as well as the ground surrounding it, parking lots clearly lined. | 7/2/2014 3:29 PM |
| 112 | Affordable programming, before and after school care, preschool programming, programming for the elderly and park upkeep and facilities improvements | 7/2/2014 2:55 PM |
| 113 | Playgrounds for the children, and maintaining the most often used sports facilities. | 7/2/2014 2:43 PM |
| 114 | keep them clean and safe for children | 7/2/2014 2:32 PM |
| 115 | I think ice skating rinks are silly | 7/2/2014 2:30 PM |
| 116 | None | 7/2/2014 2:28 PM |
| 117 | Keeping out gangs and providing a safe environment. | 7/2/2014 2:24 PM |
| 118 | upkeep of land and buildings and fundign for programs | 7/2/2014 1:54 PM |
| 119 | Continue to update, keep clean and flowers/trees, and add lights | 7/2/2014 1:35 PM |
| 120 | Maintenance or upkeep and safety. | 7/2/2014 1:23 PM |
| 121 | Updating, maintaining and repairing the equipment needs to first! WPD has done a great job with the up keeping if our park. We have lived in Pleasant Hill for 9 years and would love to see the parks grow with our children. We'd live to see WPD update this park by adding playground equipment for older children. The priority should be creating parks that grows with family needs | 7/2/2014 1:21 PM |
| 122 | Safety of the paths (bumps & cracks on pavement) and play equipment, lighting at parks & cleanness of the parks | 7/2/2014 1:08 PM |
| 123 | Safety, accessibility, inclusivity rather than expansion except for environmental foci. | 7/2/2014 1:03 PM |
| 124 | Making sure the parks are clean and safe | 7/2/2014 12:43 PM |

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| 125 | Pre- and post-school activities at low or no cost to working parents, keeping existing parks in good repair | 7/2/2014 12:36 PM |
| 126 | Keeping parks on the cutting edge | 7/2/2014 12:36 PM |
| 127 | The children-so parks and playgrounds. A pool in Belvidere Park. And keep up the buildings. Make it more modern. | 7/2/2014 12:35 PM |
| 128 | spend more tax dollars on revitalizing downtown Genesee district | 7/2/2014 12:35 PM |
| 129 | Indoor Pool | 7/2/2014 12:15 PM |
| 130 | Maintaining what we have. | 7/2/2014 11:52 AM |
| 131 | Make sure all equipment and parks are safe. Equipment and areas around the equipment are kept up. My daughter hurt her leg on one of the steps near the playground at Bowen because the step was sticking out. More lighting at the parks for safety. | 7/2/2014 11:21 AM |
| 132 | Upkeep for current equipment/renovation where needed | 7/2/2014 11:20 AM |
| 133 | Aquatics facility to meet the need of the community | 7/2/2014 11:13 AM |
| 134 | Make sure that ALL the parks are easy accesible for everyone. Handicapped. | 7/2/2014 10:59 AM |

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Q7 How can the Park District better meet the needs of the community?

Answered: 113 Skipped: 129

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| 1 | mix it up a little. Park for hiking, some for kids, perhaps a dog park, park for older residents, etc. | 7/31/2014 10:55 PM |
| 2 | I think they're doing an excellent job now. | 7/29/2014 8:10 PM |
| 3 | Promote your Facebook page more, don't stop asking the community for help and why you need help. You have a large Hispanic community that will come out and help if asked and explained why you need volunteers. | 7/24/2014 1:10 AM |
| 4 | by doing these surveys and actually following thru on suggestions | 7/22/2014 11:20 PM |
| 5 | Places for families to spend time on weekends at no cost. The picnic areas are always crowded - can there be more? | 7/22/2014 6:45 PM |
| 6 | nature classes/programming | 7/21/2014 10:24 AM |
| 7 | I think they are doing a great job in most areas. Did I mention I'd like a waterpark? | 7/20/2014 9:11 AM |
| 8 | Listen Mae the park district more aware and concerned about the diversity of the community it serves NOT just the old community members! | 7/17/2014 7:38 AM |
| 9 | I think they do a great job in the community. The parks are clean and welcoming. | 7/16/2014 11:29 AM |
| 10 | KEEP IT A SAFE, DRUG_FREE ZONE THAT WILL ATTRACT DECENT PEOPLE TO SPEND TIME THERE. GET RID OF THUGS AND GANGS | 7/15/2014 4:51 PM |
| 11 | Not sure | 7/15/2014 10:59 AM |
| 12 | By getting the opinion of all the people who use the parks. | 7/14/2014 10:45 PM |
| 13 | I think the Waukegan Park District does an excellent job @ meeting the needs of the community. | 7/14/2014 3:56 PM |
| 14 | Enforce the rules so everyone can enjoy the parks. | 7/14/2014 2:17 PM |
| 15 | Reaching out to the community and explaining to them WHAT IS A PARK DISTRICT! what does a park district do or offer? In Spanish and Tagalog flyers/information would be helpful. | 7/14/2014 2:12 PM |
| 16 | Mow the lawn more often n clean up garbage. | 7/14/2014 12:29 PM |
| 17 | continue to communicate | 7/14/2014 12:24 PM |
| 18 | it already exceeds the needs of the community-we just need to community to make use of the programs | 7/14/2014 12:11 PM |
| 19 | Not sure—there are lots of programs and activities in which to engage. Publicity is good. If someone does not know about what the District offers, it's really up to him or her to find out. | 7/14/2014 11:55 AM |
| 20 | See question 6 about indoor pool | 7/14/2014 10:18 AM |
| 21 | Bathrooms, running water and an aquatic center would be big steps in the right direction. | 7/14/2014 8:32 AM |
| 22 | Adult equipment | 7/13/2014 7:56 PM |
| 23 | Not sure. | 7/13/2014 7:24 PM |
| 24 | Make it affordable | 7/13/2014 2:59 PM |
| 25 | Varied opportunities – fix the beaches, if you have any control over them. | 7/13/2014 10:38 AM |
| 26 | Make sure to keep mosquito population in check during summer months | 7/13/2014 9:14 AM |
| 27 | better publicity about what is available at all of the parks, increase focus on neighborhood parks and work on the perception or reality of safety in our parks. Work with city to improve access via sidewalks and crosswalks | 7/13/2014 6:51 AM |

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| 28 | I think they meet them already. Is the Park District responsible for the beach? | 7/12/2014 9:21 PM |
| 29 | Continue providing multi language options | 7/12/2014 7:53 PM |
| 30 | We have a diverse community to please, but I see the park district reaching out and providing some really interesting programs for all of us to enjoy together. I sincerely believe the park district is the organization that will bring all of us together into a more unified community. | 7/12/2014 5:53 PM |
| 31 | By providing information about what is going on our city. | 7/12/2014 5:13 PM |
| 32 | Increased promotion of what each park has to offer to residents, encourage the health benefits of using the parks. Kids can form or join basketball, tennis, and volleyball teams. Hinkston Park offers workout boot camps, Zumba, and personal trainers. Keep promoting the great work that you do at the park district. provide | 7/12/2014 4:33 PM |
| 33 | additional programming for teens | 7/12/2014 2:46 PM |
| 34 | Build an indoor/ outdoor aquatic center preferably with ample parking and amenities for picnics and play equipment | 7/12/2014 2:06 PM |
| 35 | The district gets great input from the community. Perhaps working with the city, etc. to return life guards to our great beach! Also, it might help if Police ticketed the pigs who seem to intentionally deface our parks and beaches. The pigs should be Bar-B-Q'ed! | 7/12/2014 1:39 PM |
| 36 | Do these type of surveys often, and keep asking the community for their input before making decisions based on a few people's preferences. | 7/12/2014 1:01 PM |
| 37 | I think you are doing a great job. Thank you. | 7/12/2014 12:55 PM |
| 38 | Have more input and ask the needs of more people before embarking on tasks. Especially for the senior community. | 7/12/2014 12:48 PM |
| 39 | See answer to previous question (#6). | 7/12/2014 12:12 PM |
| 40 | Incorporate get togethers at the neighborhood parks with the residents to get input in a more informal format/venue. | 7/12/2014 11:35 AM |
| 41 | Spend more on the neighborhood parks and a bit less on the big stuff. | 7/12/2014 9:19 AM |
| 42 | I believe that they are being met. | 7/12/2014 9:18 AM |
| 43 | Fresh ideas from the community and maybe a reasonable vending with healthy and not so healthy snacks that would satisfy everyone's cravings. | 7/12/2014 8:57 AM |
| 44 | indoor aquatic center | 7/12/2014 8:34 AM |
| 45 | already doing a very good job | 7/12/2014 8:14 AM |
| 46 | I think the district has been doing a great job, actually. There are already lots of things for kids and that would be the best thing for the community. I love seeing how many students use the open court time. We need more of that. | 7/12/2014 7:57 AM |
| 47 | Do not know | 7/11/2014 9:31 PM |
| 48 | I think the park district has done a good job in meeting the needs of the community. | 7/11/2014 7:35 PM |
| 49 | not sure | 7/11/2014 7:21 PM |
| 50 | have instructors who are supposed to be at the classes you offer show up. I signed up for a class and he didn't show up for 3 of the classes.... | 7/11/2014 7:09 PM |
| 51 | Not sure. | 7/11/2014 6:21 PM |
| 52 | better communication about park sponsored activities. | 7/11/2014 6:14 PM |
| 53 | An indoor swimming pool. I guess I have made my point. We have golf courses, baseball diamonds, soccer fields. Now a swimming pool, please. However, doubt it will ever happen. Have to take care of the sportsmen and children under all circumstances. | 7/11/2014 5:08 PM |
| 54 | We need someone to properly run the beach. The beach needs public washrooms, changing areas, showers to rinse off feet, Covered pavilions, picnic areas with grills and a concession stand or food trucks. I don't mind paying for parking if the beach had something to offer. | 7/11/2014 5:01 PM |
| 55 | More people might participate in events and activities if they were aware of them in advance. Sometimes I read about them after they occurred. | 7/11/2014 4:51 PM |

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| 56 | they are doing a good job as of now. | 7/11/2014 4:49 PM |
| 57 | lots of free activities | 7/11/2014 4:45 PM |
| 58 | Provide more classes/programs for children 6-10.(Acting/Arts/Sports) | 7/11/2014 4:11 PM |
| 59 | Safe parks and trails, offerings for all age groups (including seniors). | 7/11/2014 4:07 PM |
| 60 | More free activities at all of the parks | 7/11/2014 3:58 PM |
| 61 | I'm not sure; I've never been more impressed than I am this summer. | 7/11/2014 3:57 PM |
| 62 | Keep offering opportunities. Be creative. | 7/11/2014 3:43 PM |
| 63 | I think you're doing pretty well, personally. Would love an indoor pool. | 7/11/2014 3:41 PM |
| 64 | Lower your tax rate for us. | 7/11/2014 3:35 PM |
| 65 | I think the Park District does a good job of meeting the communities needs. Would like to see more utilization of the facilities. | 7/11/2014 3:15 PM |
| 66 | Do an organizations meeting with alderman | 7/11/2014 2:52 PM |
| 67 | Have security in the park | 7/11/2014 2:51 PM |
| 68 | no suggstions | 7/11/2014 2:51 PM |
| 69 | Platinum classes are fieldhouse are a bad idea. If one has a highest-tier membership rate, why should anything cost more? Consider more morning programs for adults; besides many active retirees, lots of people work from home or have flexible work hours. | 7/11/2014 2:48 PM |
| 70 | The easter egg hunt was not very good this year. | 7/11/2014 2:47 PM |
| 71 | Again, difficult to say, how to draw them out of the house, events are fun, but expensive, but does draw people out. | 7/11/2014 2:17 PM |
| 72 | eliminate the negative and hostile environment | 7/11/2014 2:17 PM |
| 73 | It seems like they are doing a pretty great job. I would publish photo's after events to get more folks involved in future events. Do you have a facebook page? | 7/11/2014 2:11 PM |
| 74 | you do a fine job now | 7/11/2014 2:08 PM |
| 75 | Add a pool | 7/11/2014 2:06 PM |
| 76 | More senior programs. | 7/11/2014 1:59 PM |
| 77 | More after school activities? | 7/11/2014 1:46 PM |
| 78 | a park or ice rink downtown take over the lake and make improvements | 7/11/2014 1:44 PM |
| 79 | Keep doing your usual good job! | 7/11/2014 1:40 PM |
| 80 | Keep the Parks a well patrolled safety zone for families. | 7/11/2014 1:37 PM |
| 81 | work to get a waterpark some place in the city | 7/11/2014 1:33 PM |
| 82 | The park district can partner directly with the schools on basic needs and still accomplish the same things. Such as advertising to the students and their parents on sports programming that can be used to supplement athletics in the schools. That's what they did in the 80s and 90s. There were also services like tutoring and music lessons through a partnership with the schools. It created more of a thriving athletic and musical community. I remember a music fair that me and my parents attended in grade school. Joe Favaro was my music instructor, I purchased ,y trumpet from a-major music. I don't know when all these entities became so siloed. Well, that's my two cents.. | 7/9/2014 8:57 PM |
| 83 | I believe the park district is currently doing an excellent job and offers a variety of things to the community including sports and education. | 7/8/2014 11:03 AM |
| 84 | trail connections | 7/7/2014 9:02 AM |
| 85 | Provide safe outdoor facilities for recreation | 7/4/2014 2:34 PM |
| 86 | Nature center, like events and free programs, enclosed play areas for smaller kids, more splash pads. More picnic shelters like at Belvidere park | 7/4/2014 8:40 AM |
| 87 | Better recreation offerings for all members of the community. Not just whites and blacks | 7/3/2014 9:57 PM |

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| 88 | Get some volunteers | 7/3/2014 5:52 PM |
| 89 | Surveys and clean bathrooms. | 7/3/2014 4:09 PM |
| 90 | Update our park (Arbor park) | 7/3/2014 4:06 PM |
| 91 | Indoor pool. | 7/3/2014 7:03 AM |
| 92 | Provide programs that are specifically tailored to better serve our local Latino population (ex. screen Spanish movies on outdoor screens every once in awhile) | 7/2/2014 10:17 PM |
| 93 | keep equipment current and diverse- adults, kids, teens | 7/2/2014 9:17 PM |
| 94 | Listen to the little people | 7/2/2014 9:14 PM |
| 95 | Ensure the parks are safe for everyone to use and not becoming a bystander's haven | 7/2/2014 6:47 PM |
| 96 | Disc golf is the fastest growing sport in America. It is easy to play and inexpensive for a player to get involved. People ,like my self, who get hooked to the sport end up looking for more challenging or Fun courses to play. We travel 2-5 hours to play these course and we spend money in the communities that have them (gas, food, misc.). People are hungry for more Disc Golf courses, if Waukegan added a SOLID well designed*** 9 hole course to one of its wooded parks, people from all over would come to check it out along with other courses in the area. | 7/2/2014 3:34 PM |
| 97 | More festivals, like dandelion wine, etc | 7/2/2014 3:32 PM |
| 98 | Continue to offer affordable and free programming. Offer more of a variety of adult educational opportunities and keep the parks in good shape | 7/2/2014 2:55 PM |
| 99 | They would probably want more soccer facilities. | 7/2/2014 2:47 PM |
| 100 | attend community meetings or contact communities about their needs | 7/2/2014 2:32 PM |
| 101 | More disc golf | 7/2/2014 2:28 PM |
| 102 | Listen to what the community is asking for and not just doing what you wish. No need to spend money where it's not necessary. | 7/2/2014 2:25 PM |
| 103 | I think our park district is great and offers a lot of valuable programs. I love the dog classes! | 7/2/2014 1:54 PM |
| 104 | Indoor pool, adult outdoor activities, and hiking/walking trails | 7/2/2014 1:35 PM |
| 105 | The community changed as famines grow and children up. The park needs to be a place of fun and exercise for families. | 7/2/2014 1:22 PM |
| 106 | Continue to make the parks look nice, clean, and updated and also keep adding facilities and parks to keep up the needs of the community | 7/2/2014 1:16 PM |
| 107 | Consider more age groups activities such as four squares concrete for kids and for jump roping, gardens for kids and courts for bocce ball, shuffle board, etc., seniors as in raised gardens, | 7/2/2014 1:06 PM |
| 108 | Said before, language. | 7/2/2014 12:36 PM |
| 109 | More activities with Arts Council and Genesee downtown. | 7/2/2014 12:36 PM |
| 110 | Indoor Pool | 7/2/2014 12:15 PM |
| 111 | Keep asking for their opinions, like this survey. | 7/2/2014 11:21 AM |
| 112 | Get out in the community | 7/2/2014 11:16 AM |
| 113 | More security. | 7/2/2014 11:00 AM |

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Q8 Are there any questions we have not covered or any additional information you would like to share?

Answered: 80 Skipped: 162

| # | Responses | Date |
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| 1 | Nope. | 7/29/2014 8:10 PM |
| 2 | I think we have a great Park district. I think the field house fees are too high, I think we should be able to use it more for free. Especially the walking times and the kids to play basketball. | 7/24/2014 1:12 AM |
| 3 | nope | 7/22/2014 11:20 PM |
| 4 | No | 7/22/2014 6:45 PM |
| 5 | not really | 7/20/2014 4:31 PM |
| 6 | The staff needs to be more customer friendly and to understand the diversity and needs of the members | 7/17/2014 7:41 AM |
| 7 | NO | 7/15/2014 4:51 PM |
| 8 | Not at this time. | 7/14/2014 3:56 PM |
| 9 | Nothing more. | 7/14/2014 2:18 PM |
| 10 | I currently don't have any in mind. | 7/14/2014 2:13 PM |
| 11 | No | 7/14/2014 12:29 PM |
| 12 | none | 7/14/2014 12:11 PM |
| 13 | no | 7/14/2014 12:08 PM |
| 14 | No | 7/14/2014 11:55 AM |
| 15 | No. | 7/14/2014 8:32 AM |
| 16 | No. Too repetitive | 7/13/2014 7:56 PM |
| 17 | No | 7/13/2014 2:59 PM |
| 18 | I think the Park District is the best-run unit of government in Waukegan -- seems efficient, attuned to diverse population, doing a good job without a gazillion dollars to spend. | 7/13/2014 10:40 AM |
| 19 | No additional questions | 7/13/2014 9:15 AM |
| 20 | It would be great if the park district could take over more of the open space in the downtown area, maintain it and encourage people to use it as open play space. | 7/13/2014 6:55 AM |
| 21 | None. Keep up the good work!! | 7/12/2014 9:21 PM |
| 22 | None | 7/12/2014 7:53 PM |
| 23 | Other than the overcrowding issues, that my family has encountered (our parks are a destination and this can be considered a positive), our experiences over the years have been very positive. | 7/12/2014 6:00 PM |
| 24 | N/A | 7/12/2014 5:14 PM |
| 25 | I enjoy the Waukegan Park District. Keep up the great work and thank you! | 7/12/2014 4:34 PM |
| 26 | Nope. | 7/12/2014 1:39 PM |
| 27 | Not at the present. I am happy that you asked for my opinion online, as I was unable to be present at the previous meetings that were held. | 7/12/2014 1:03 PM |
| 28 | I love the music and theatre within Waukegan. It is a good culture for our children. Thank you. | 7/12/2014 12:56 PM |

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| 29 | Parks are a very special place for a lot of people for all ages. Not just for little kids, but for older and seniors. We seem to be more active as a society, and we need to find ways to encourage this for the active adult. | 7/12/2014 12:50 PM |
| 30 | I really appreciate the helpfulness and positive encouragement that the Special Recreation staff gives to my disabled son. You have a wonderful Special Rec program. Please keep up the good work! | 7/12/2014 12:16 PM |
| 31 | The WPD has been doing a great job under Greg Petry. | 7/12/2014 11:36 AM |
| 32 | Adding lights to the basketball courts. To avoid problems it should have an automated shut-off time | 7/12/2014 9:56 AM |
| 33 | No | 7/12/2014 9:19 AM |
| 34 | No | 7/12/2014 9:18 AM |
| 35 | N/A | 7/12/2014 8:57 AM |
| 36 | no | 7/12/2014 8:34 AM |
| 37 | no | 7/12/2014 8:14 AM |
| 38 | As much as is possible, we should make Waukegan, over all, more pedestrian and bike friendly. I'd ride my bike to work more if the roads were easier to maneuver. Gain access to the shoreline. We've been on the right track to give Waukegan a better image. The field house has been wonderful! But, anything to enhance Waukegan's image as a whole. | 7/12/2014 8:04 AM |
| 39 | no | 7/11/2014 8:31 PM |
| 40 | No | 7/11/2014 7:35 PM |
| 41 | none | 7/11/2014 7:21 PM |
| 42 | No. | 7/11/2014 6:21 PM |
| 43 | no | 7/11/2014 6:15 PM |
| 44 | I am very happy with the Park District Board in moving forward with the much needed Sports Complex on Green Bay Road and the much needed Rec Plex Center at Hingston Park. They moved forward against public opinion and both turned out to be great ASSETS to the community! | 7/11/2014 5:03 PM |
| 45 | I miss the reviewing stand for the 4th of July parade. What happened to it? Not having that or giving awards has caused the parade entries to decrease in quantity and quality. | 7/11/2014 4:52 PM |
| 46 | no | 7/11/2014 4:45 PM |
| 47 | Very pleased with all you have done. Discounts for teachers/Waukegan city workers, etc..... | 7/11/2014 4:14 PM |
| 48 | I was actually at two parks today, and saw a park district employee lounging on top of the equipment, kind of in the way of the kids that wanted to play, and at the second park the employees who arrived to clean up the park also stood around on the equipment kind of in the way of the kids trying to play. I know that it's a hard thankless job, so I hope I'm not coming across as harsh, but it was somewhat off-putting to see him laying there on top of the monkey bars, leave for 30 minutes, and come back and see him still there. | 7/11/2014 4:00 PM |
| 49 | No, good survey | 7/11/2014 3:44 PM |
| 50 | We love the parks. They are always kept clean and free of trash and graffiti. I love all the mature trees at many of our parks. The Bowen facility is great and I love the sand volleyball courts and baseball fields. | 7/11/2014 3:43 PM |
| 51 | No | 7/11/2014 3:15 PM |
| 52 | No | 7/11/2014 2:51 PM |
| 53 | none | 7/11/2014 2:51 PM |
| 54 | Personally, I would like to see more history on the parks. Many names have changed since I was young, or maybe former names, why was it named, what was there before. I have fond memories of Powell Park, and the summer recreation workers, and fun stuff on the stage, skating on the tennis courts at Victory, maybe a column/news letter occasional piece telling stories from the park, might draw interest back. Stories that appeal to kids, or a person who goes to schools to tell them stories of neighborhood parks, and to ask kids if or why they do or don't go to parks. | 7/11/2014 2:22 PM |

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| 55 | Use social media to your advantage. Show people having fun and the different things you can do at the Park District. Regular posts on "News from the Park" could be interesting. It would be a refreshing change from the news on TV and in the papers about all the violence and negativity. | 7/11/2014 2:13 PM |
| 56 | Thanks for making improvements. remove the wall clime. Maybe add a KIDS area.. That area is always closed wasted space | 7/11/2014 2:07 PM |
| 57 | No | 7/11/2014 2:00 PM |
| 58 | Greg Petry and the park district is the best thing this city has! | 7/11/2014 1:46 PM |
| 59 | no | 7/11/2014 1:40 PM |
| 60 | I love our Park District. | 7/11/2014 1:37 PM |
| 61 | Overall I like the programming of the Park District. I just think it's not advertised enough to the community in a way that's appealing. A lot of the programs are somewhat comy. Comy is okay when you're talking about kids, but more people have to know about these things. Better marketing strategy would help. | 7/9/2014 8:59 PM |
| 62 | Love Bowen Park! Thank you. | 7/7/2014 9:03 AM |
| 63 | Better recycling containers throughout parks would be nice. | 7/4/2014 8:41 AM |
| 64 | None | 7/3/2014 5:52 PM |
| 65 | Night access at select parks would be nice. Hastle free pavilion usage for smaller groups | 7/3/2014 4:10 PM |
| 66 | No | 7/3/2014 8:11 AM |
| 67 | No | 7/2/2014 10:17 PM |
| 68 | No, but I love Waukegan and the potential it has for greatness. | 7/2/2014 9:15 PM |
| 69 | Do we have any park district personnel that patrols these parks? | 7/2/2014 6:47 PM |
| 70 | I love that we have a park district. I am currently going to college in Memphis TN, and they do not have anything like a park district, instead they have to have conservancies to maintain parks. | 7/2/2014 3:33 PM |
| 71 | Good Job! | 7/2/2014 2:47 PM |
| 72 | All the crime, noise, litter, and gang graffiti at Arbor can be traced to the basketball court. Residents rarely use it for those reasons. Please remove it and follow the lead of other communities like Oak Lawn. | 7/2/2014 2:28 PM |
| 73 | No | 7/2/2014 2:28 PM |
| 74 | Keep up the good work! | 7/2/2014 1:36 PM |
| 75 | We love our park, Arbor Park. We would love for our children to continue to enjoy their park. It is our hopes that WPD can help us keep Arbor Park a neighborhood park for our children. | 7/2/2014 1:24 PM |
| 76 | Decentralized park programs for kids to come to for supervised activities rather than only at Bown and Bevier such as day camps not child care. | 7/2/2014 1:08 PM |
| 77 | No. This was a good survey and was not too long. | 7/2/2014 12:36 PM |
| 78 | N/A | 7/2/2014 12:15 PM |
| 79 | No. | 7/2/2014 11:22 AM |
| 80 | Kirk park is a really bad park. Lots of gang activity. | 7/2/2014 11:00 AM |