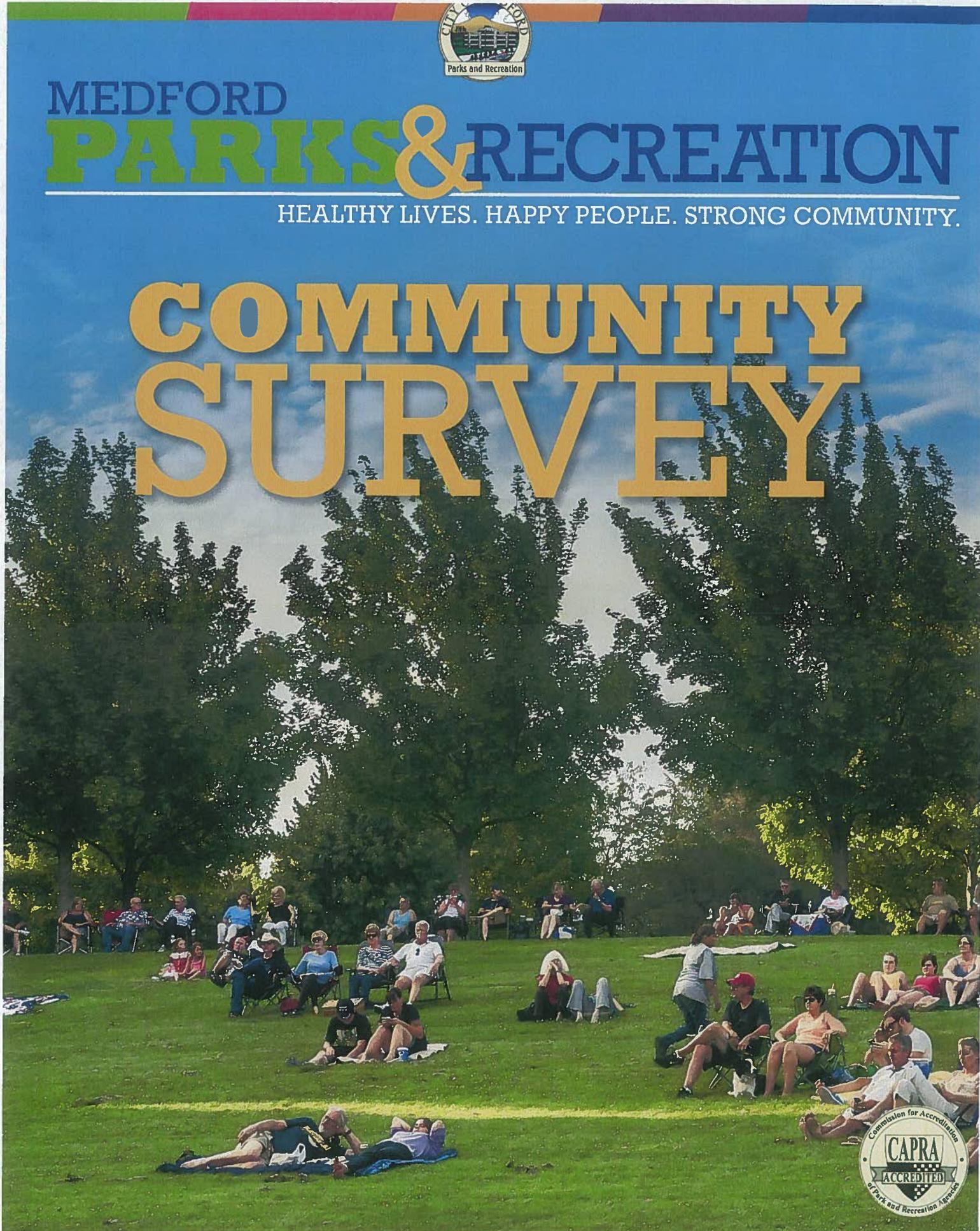




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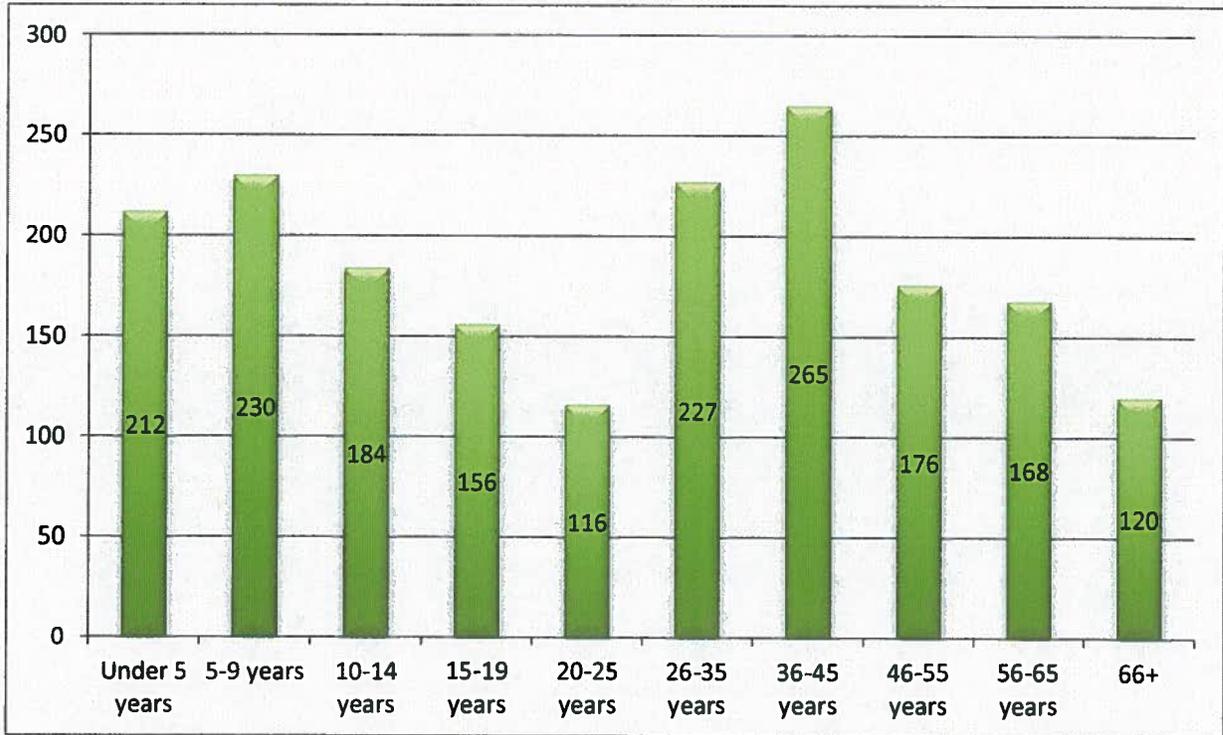
HEALTHY LIVES. HAPPY PEOPLE. STRONG COMMUNITY.

COMMUNITY SURVEY



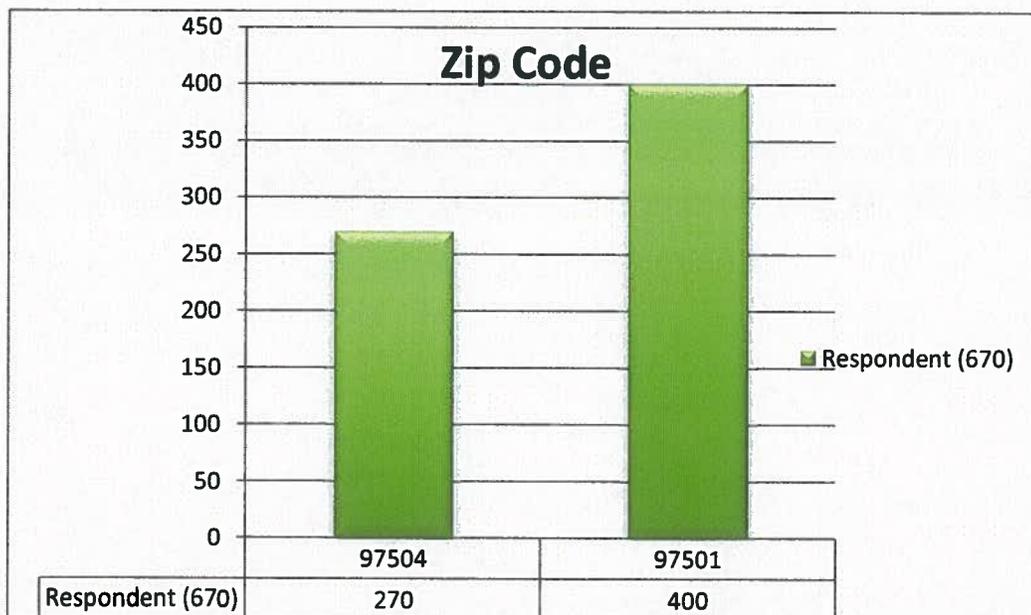
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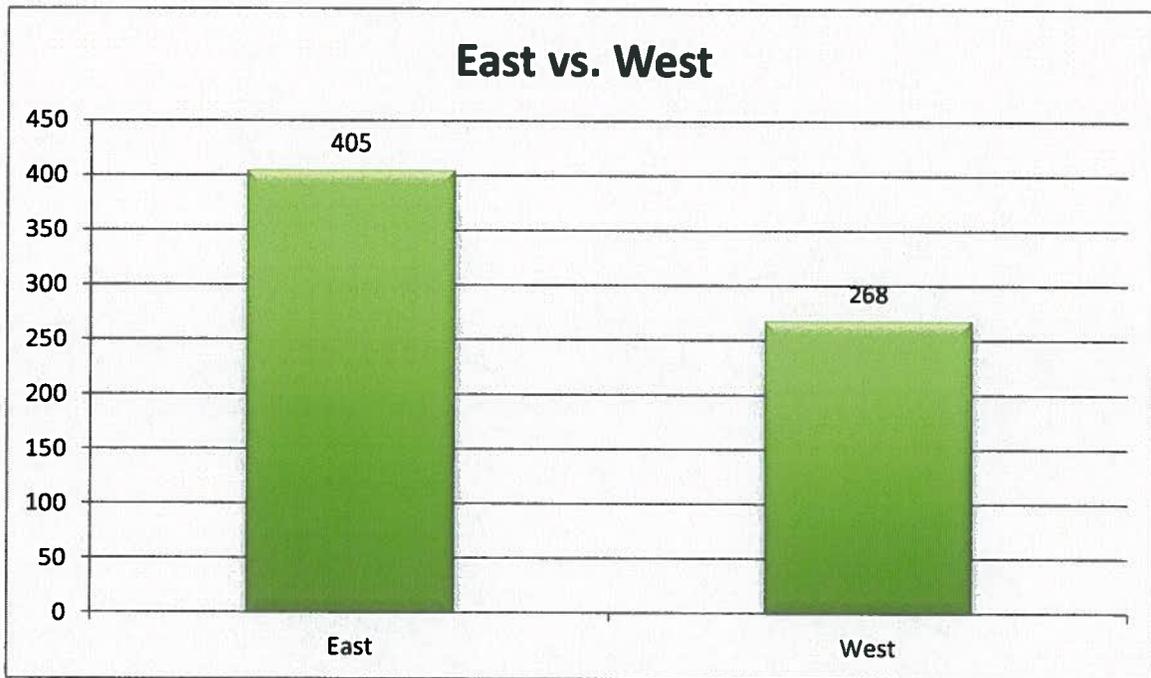
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Question 2 - What is your home zip code?

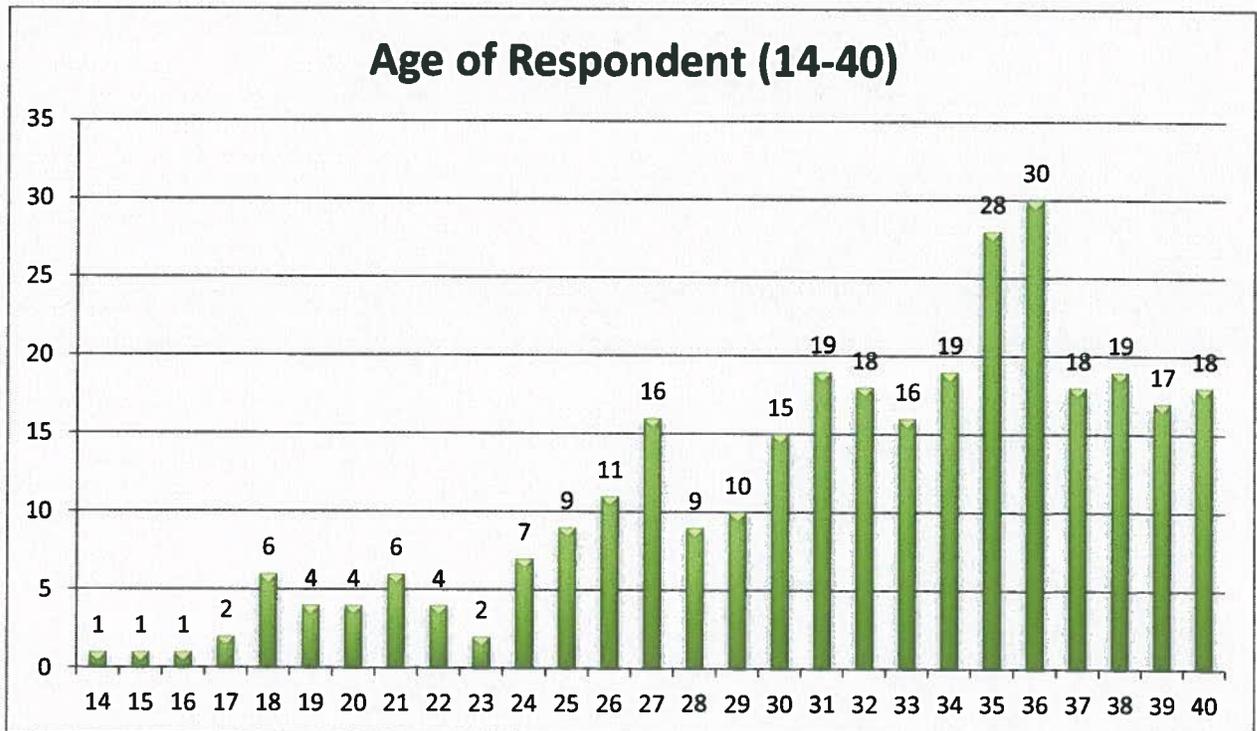


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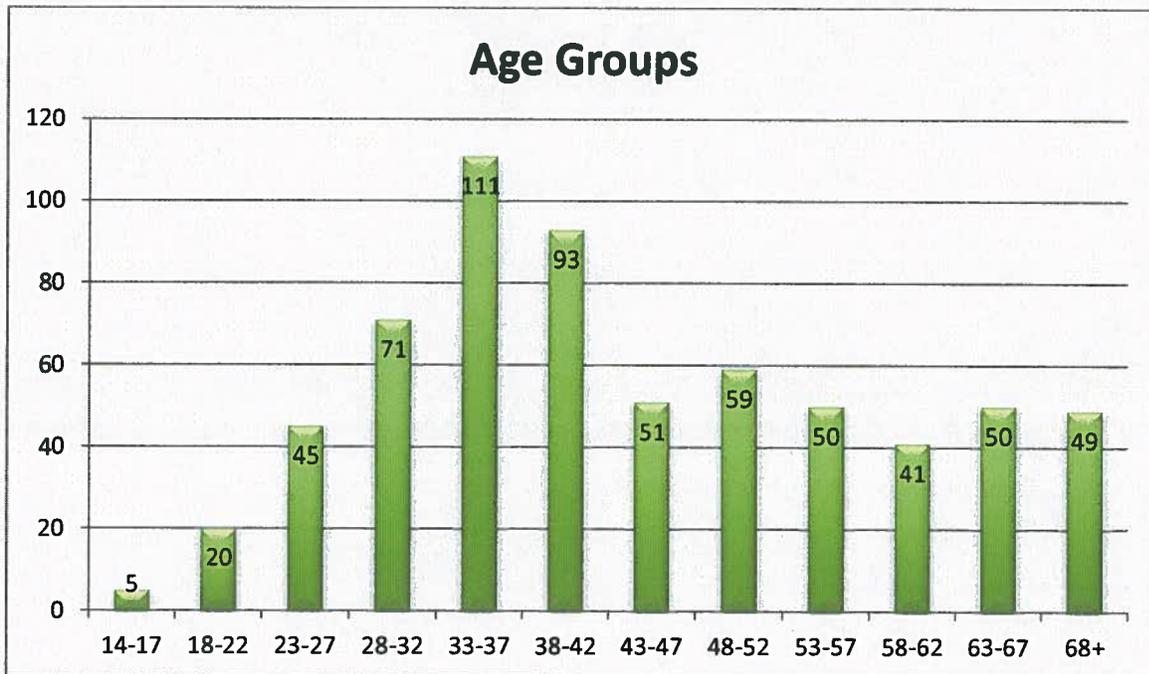
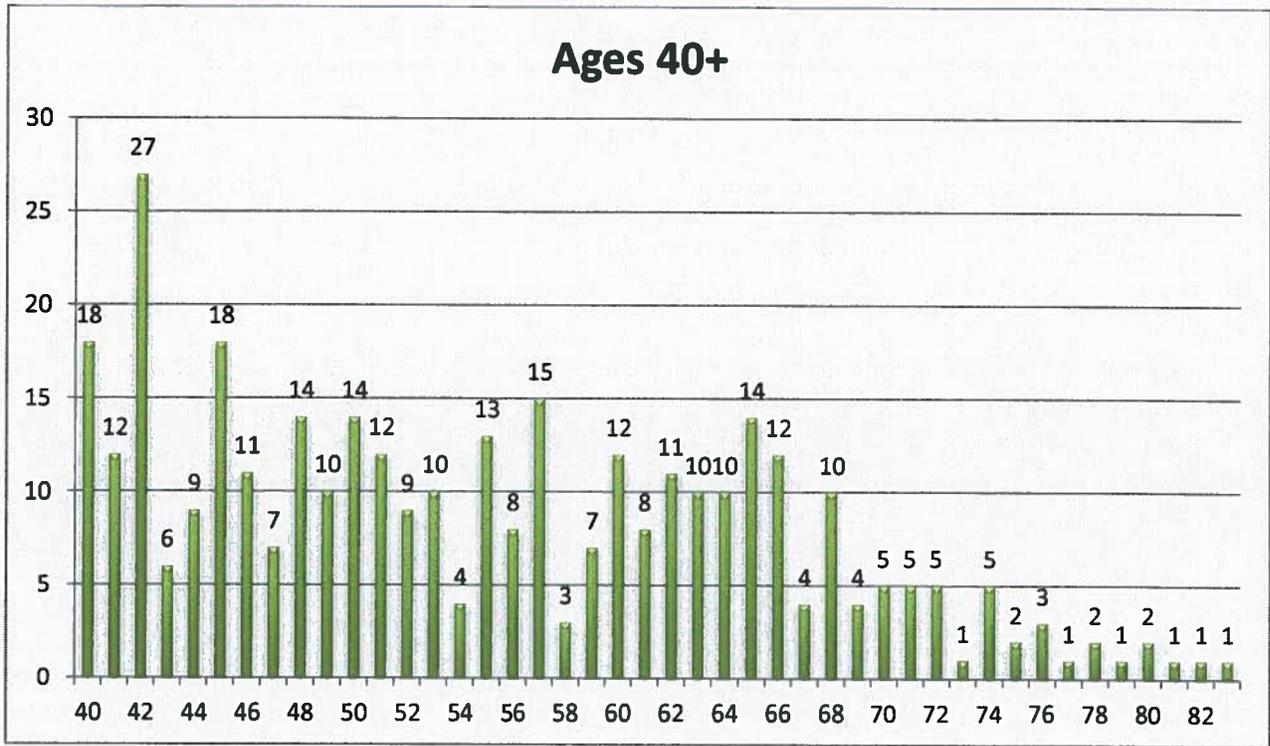
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Question 4 - What is your age?

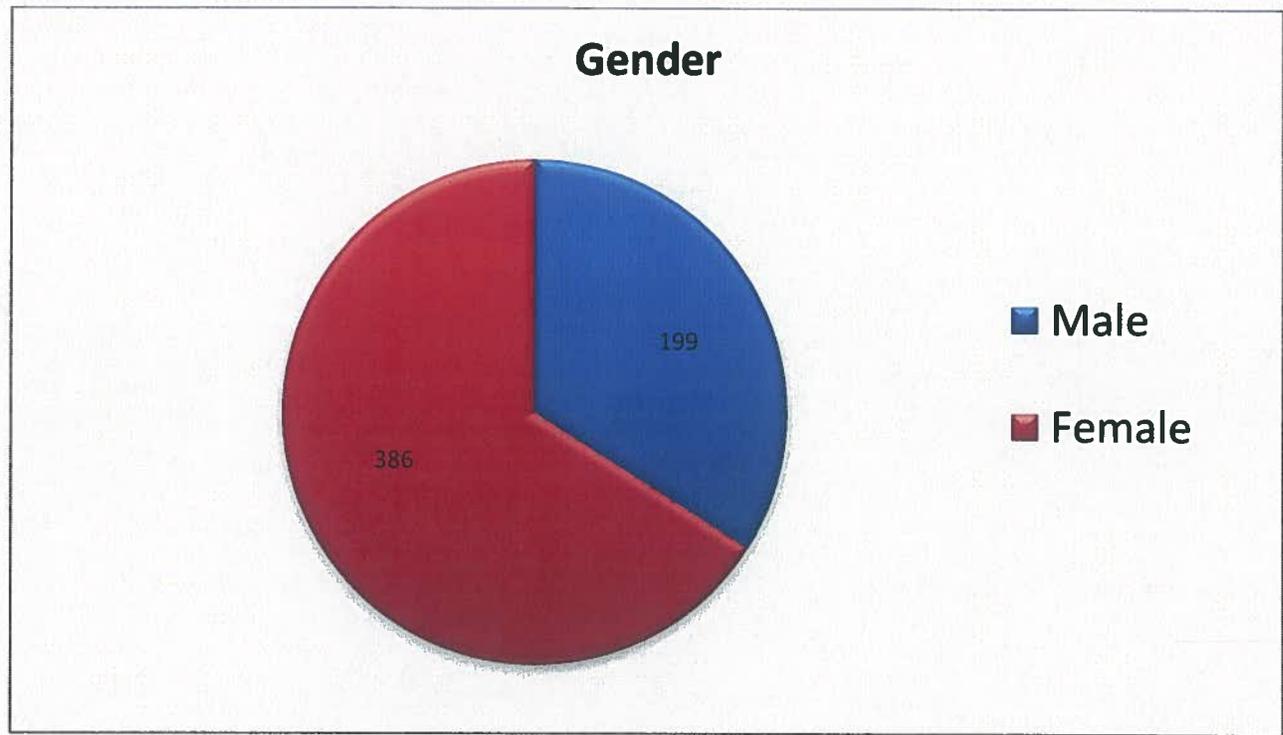


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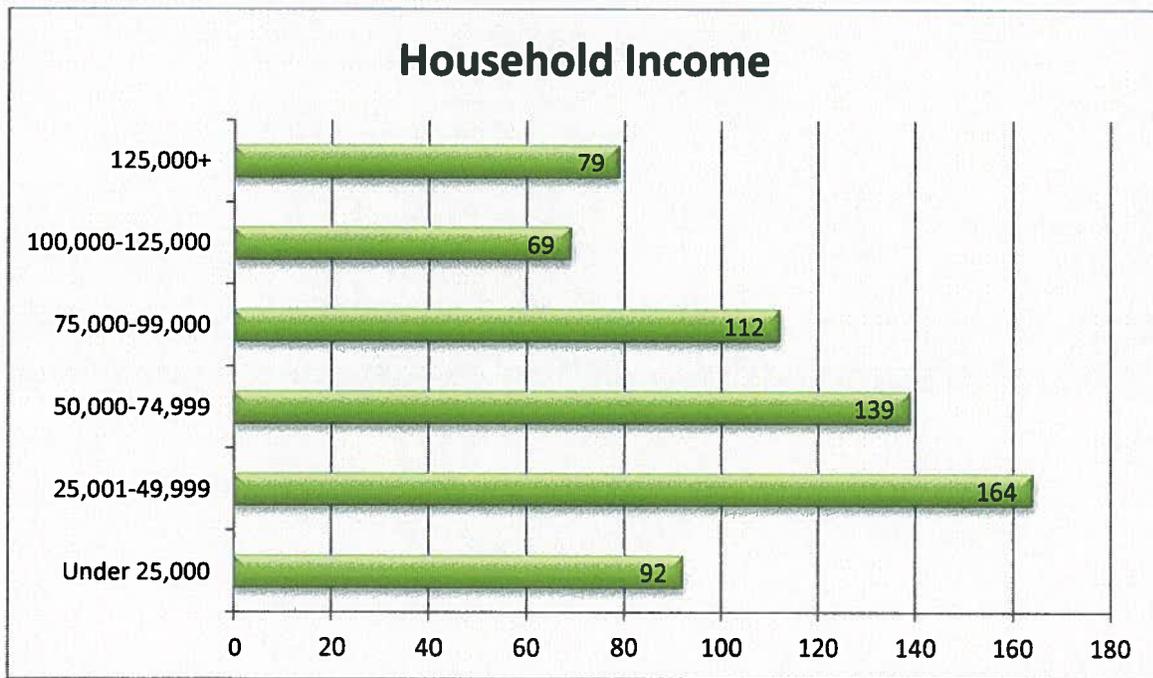


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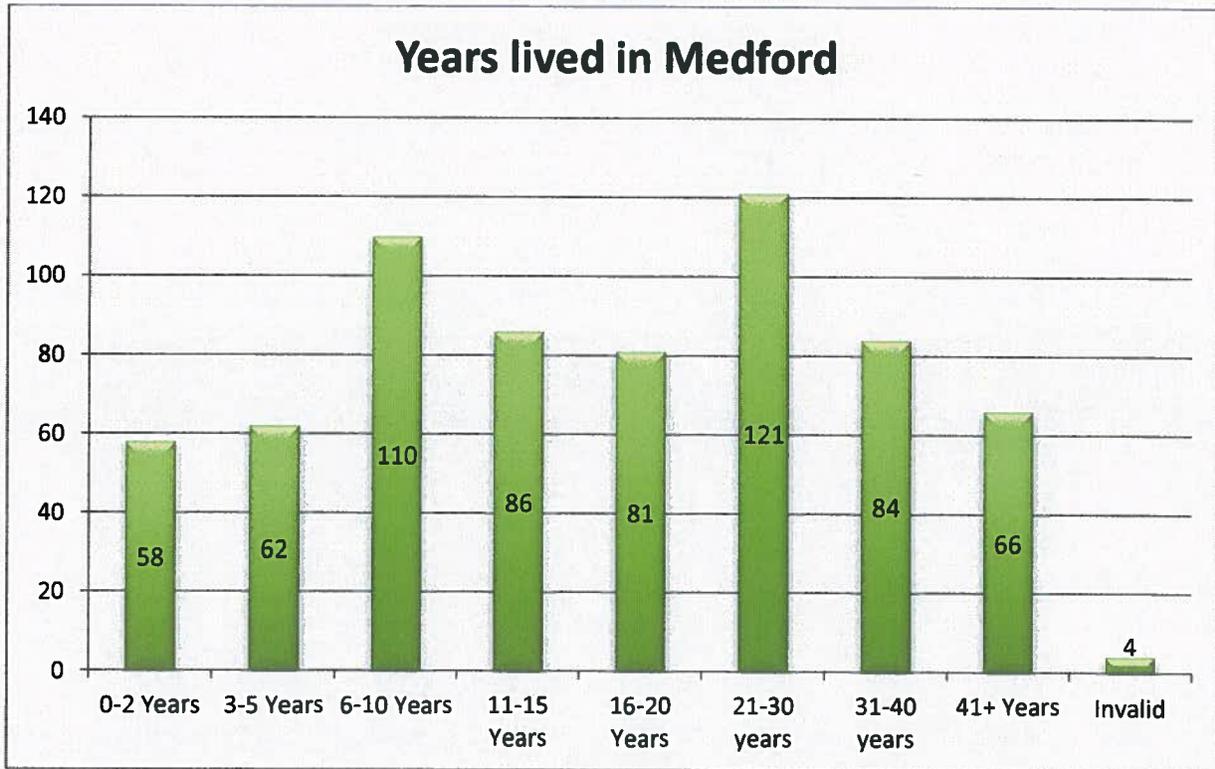


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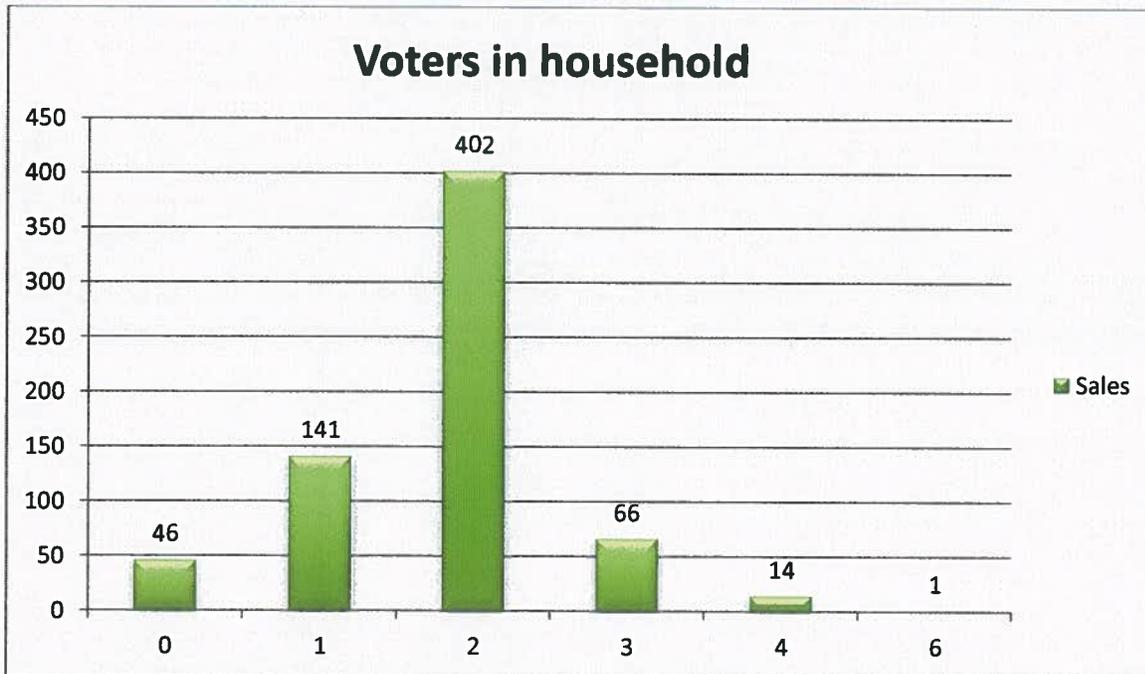


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Question 7 - How many years have you lived in Medford, Oregon?



Question 8 - How many members of your household voted in the last election?

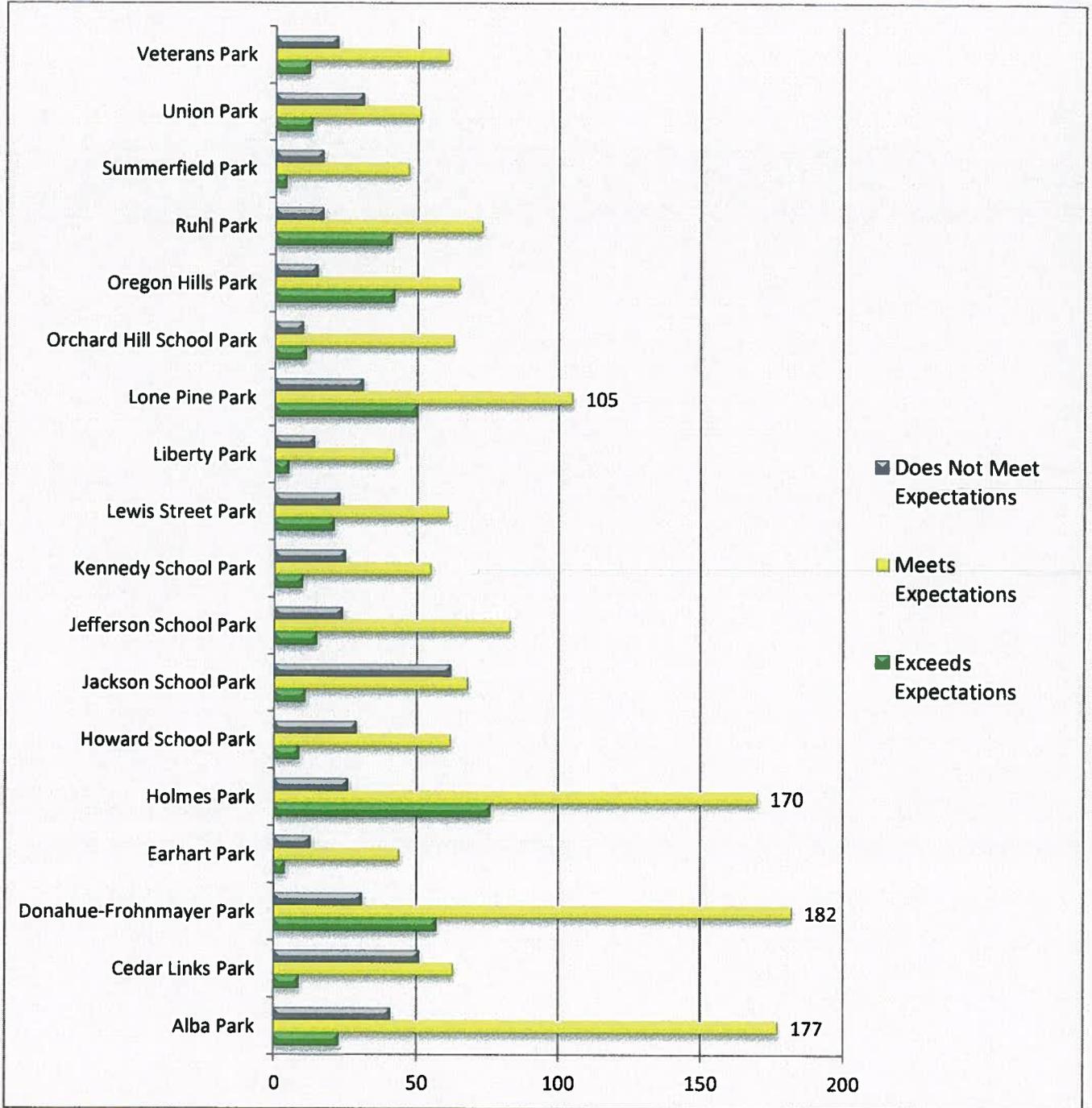


Total of 670/685 answered this question, with 6.8% not voting in the last election and 60% of household having 2 voters.

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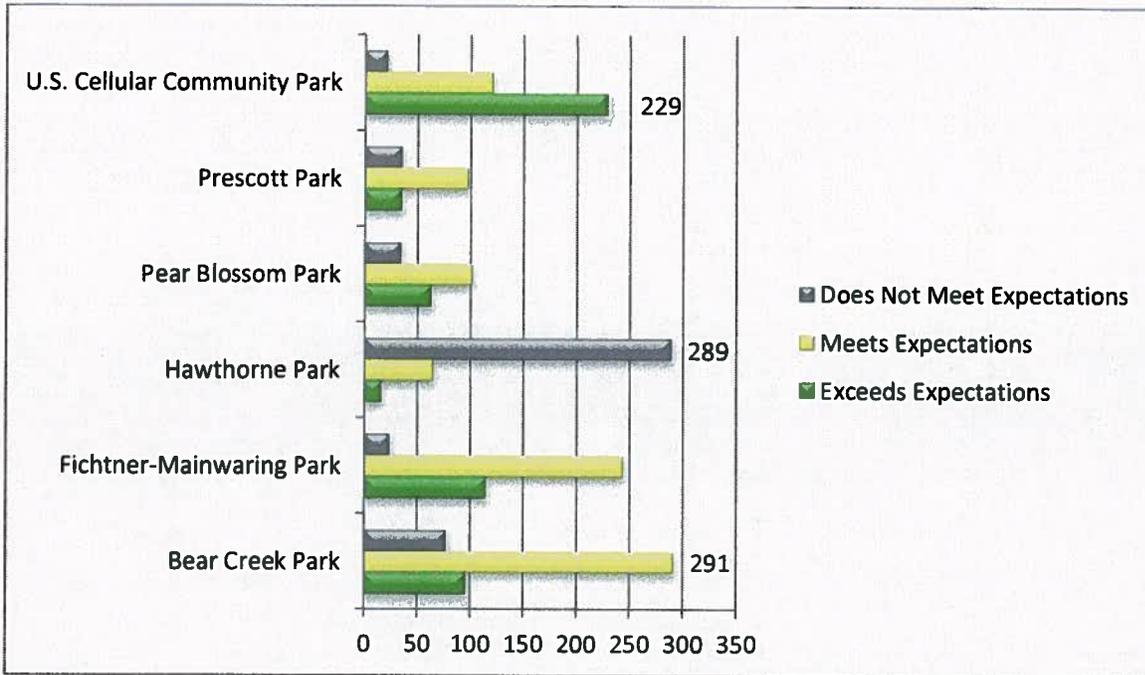
Question 9 - From the following list, please check ALL of the parks and facilities you or members of your household have used or visited in Medford over the past 12 months by rating physical conditions of each.

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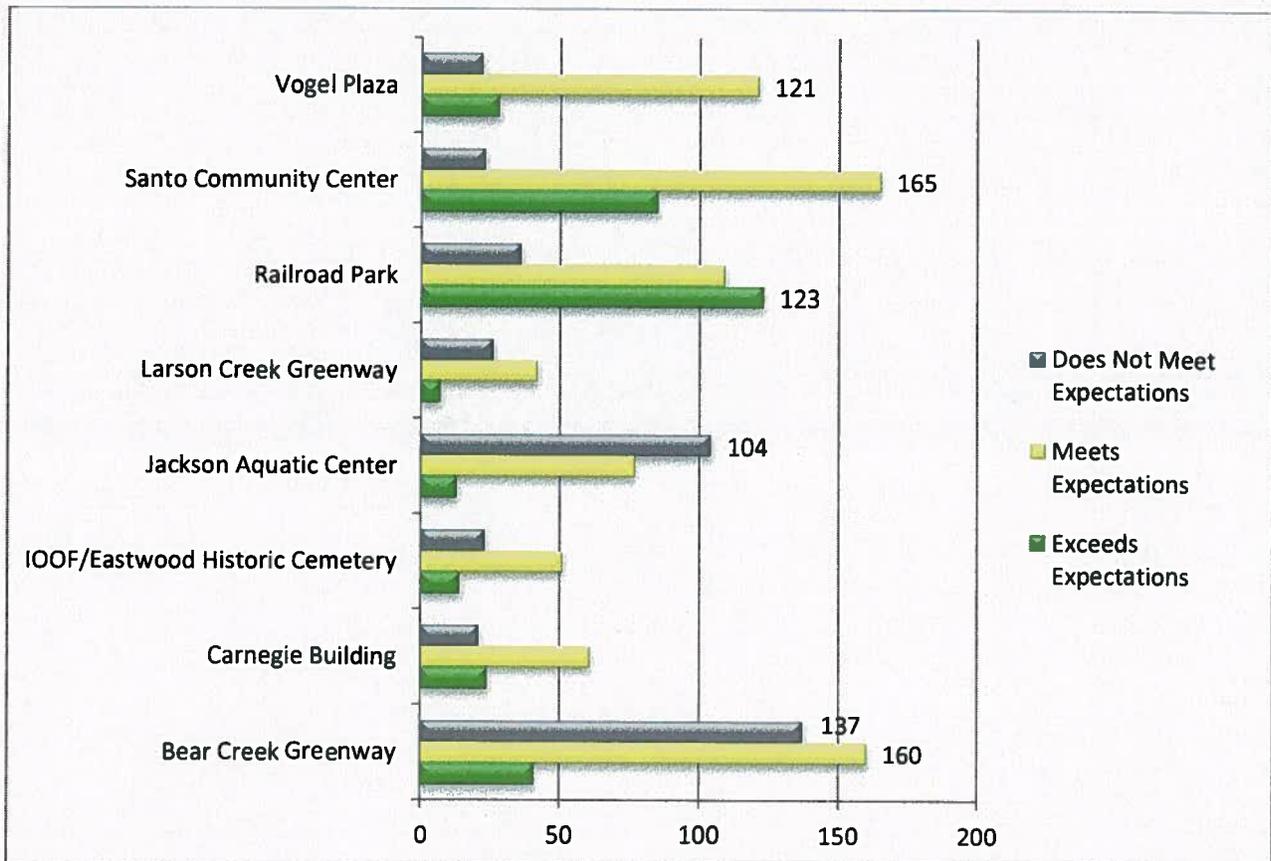


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(Community Parks)

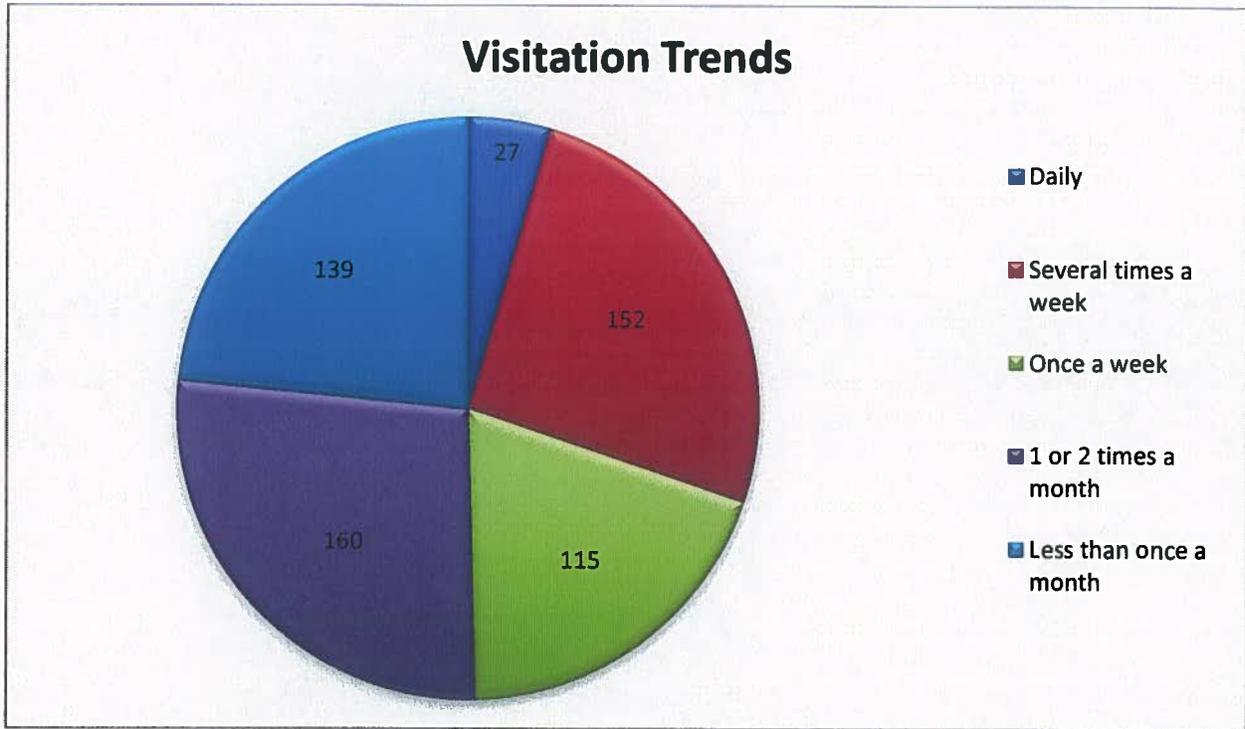


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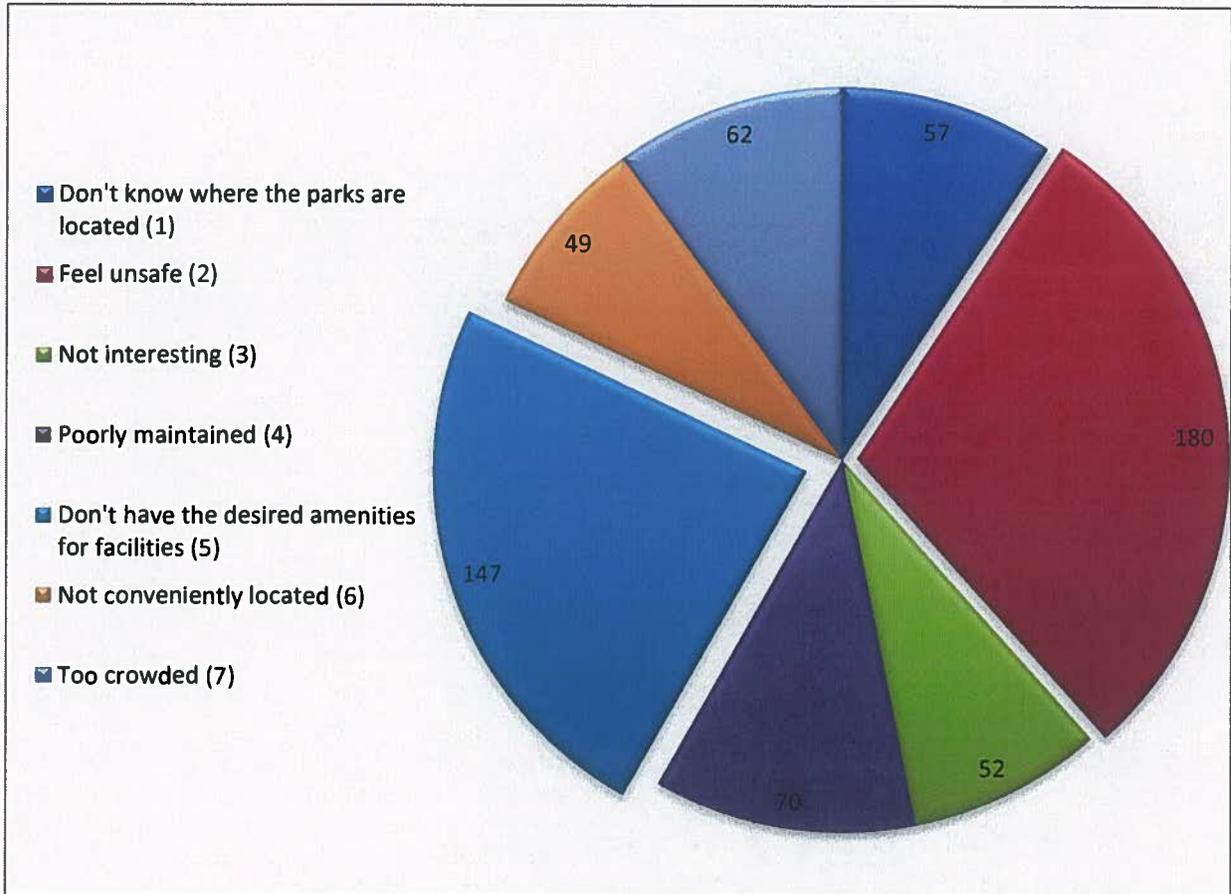
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Question 12 - Approximately how often did you or member of your household visit any Medford park or recreation facility within the past 12 months?



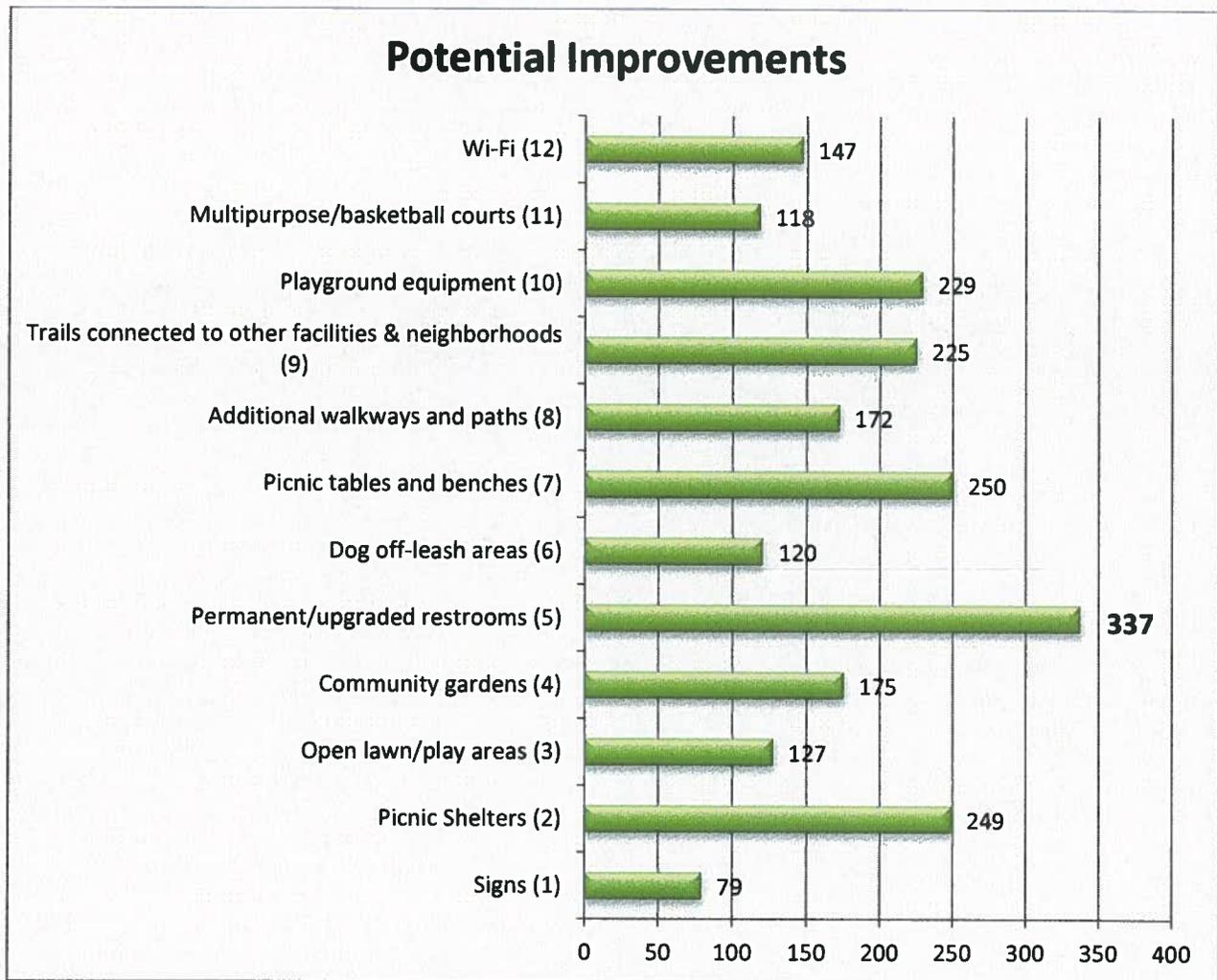
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Question 13 - If you seldom use or do not use the parks and facilities in Medford, what are your main reasons?



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Question 14 - Below are potential improvements that could be made to parks (Please check ALL the improvements you would suggest we address.)

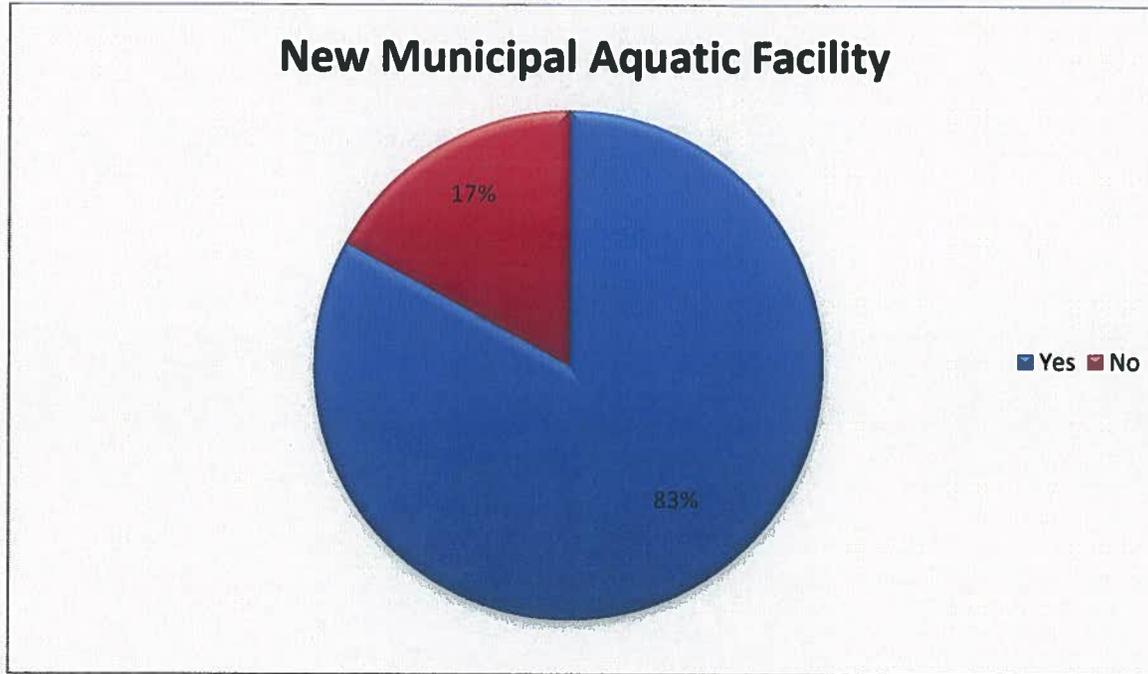


Total number of respondents: 543

62% of respondents want "Permanent/Upgrade Restrooms"

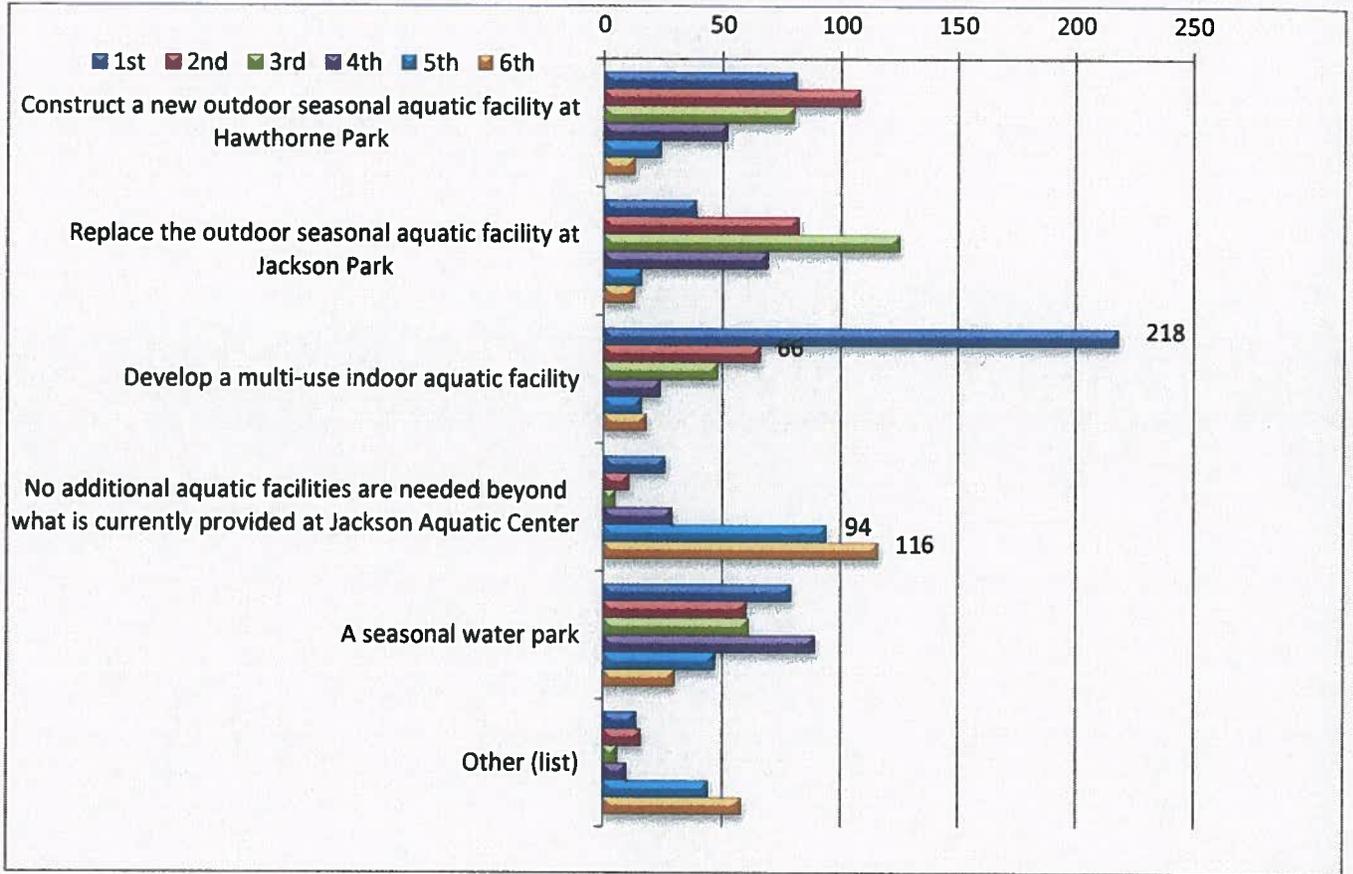
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Question 15 - Do you support construction of a new municipal aquatic facility in the City of Medford?



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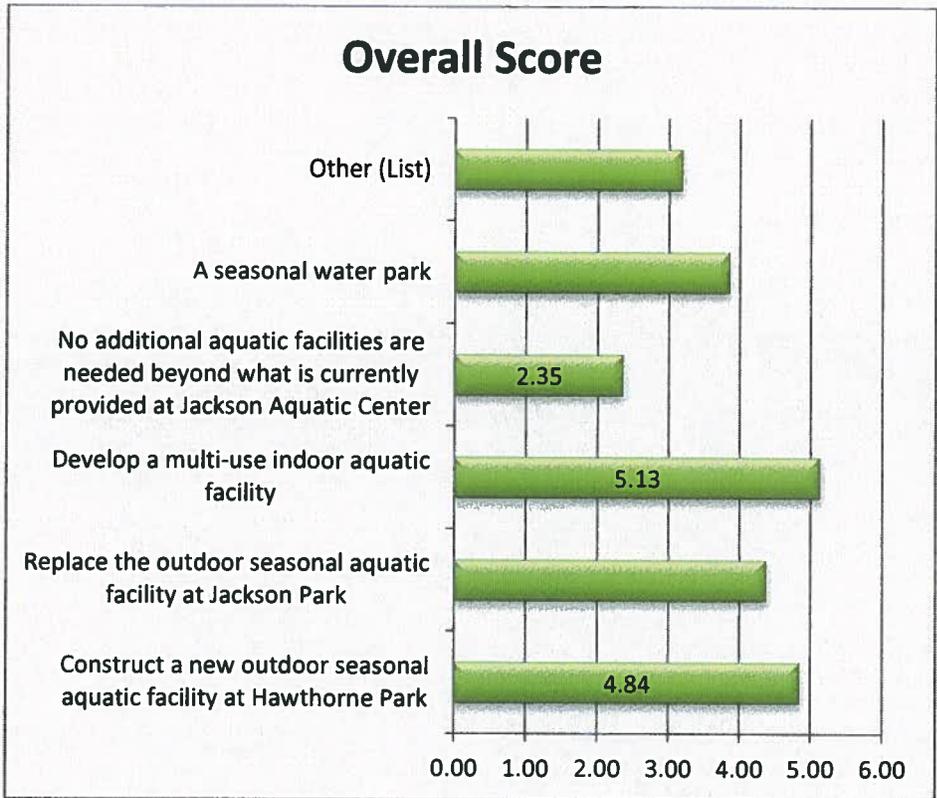
Question 16 - How should Medford meet future aquatic needs?



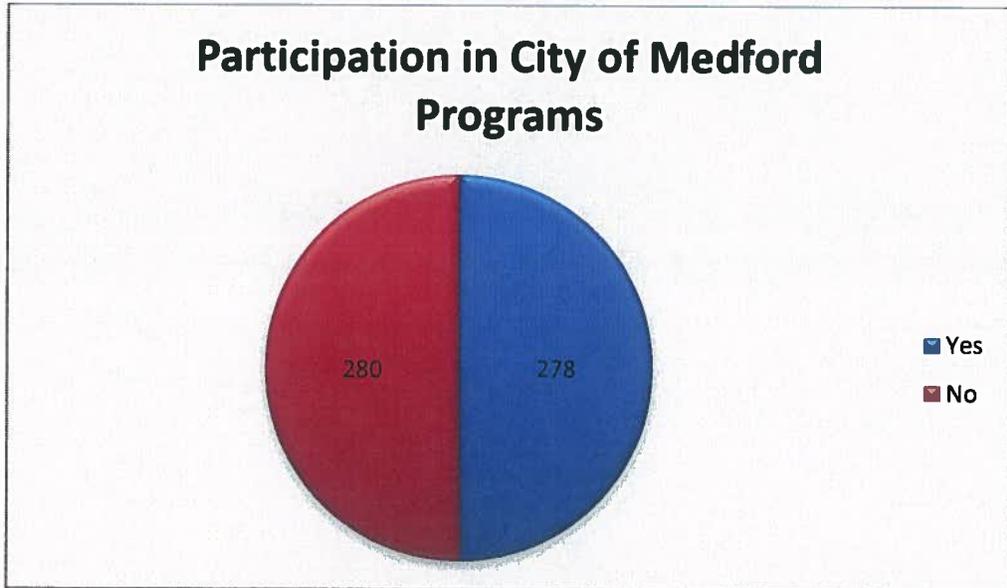
Of the 495 respondents who answered this question, 57% put “Develop a multi-use indoor aquatic facility as their TOP TWO choices, and 42% of respondents ranked “No additional aquatic facilities are needed...” as their BOTTOM TWO choices.

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OVERALL SCORE OF RANKINGS

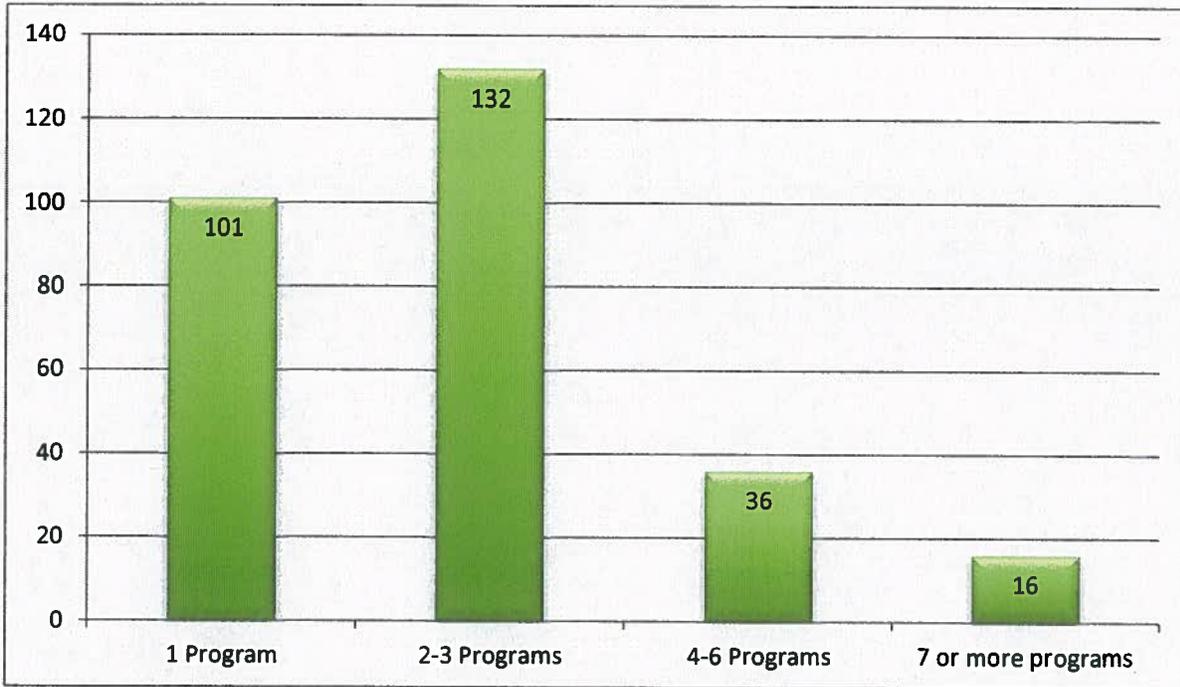


Question 17 - Have you or anyone in your household participated in a recreation program sponsored by the City of Medford in the last year?

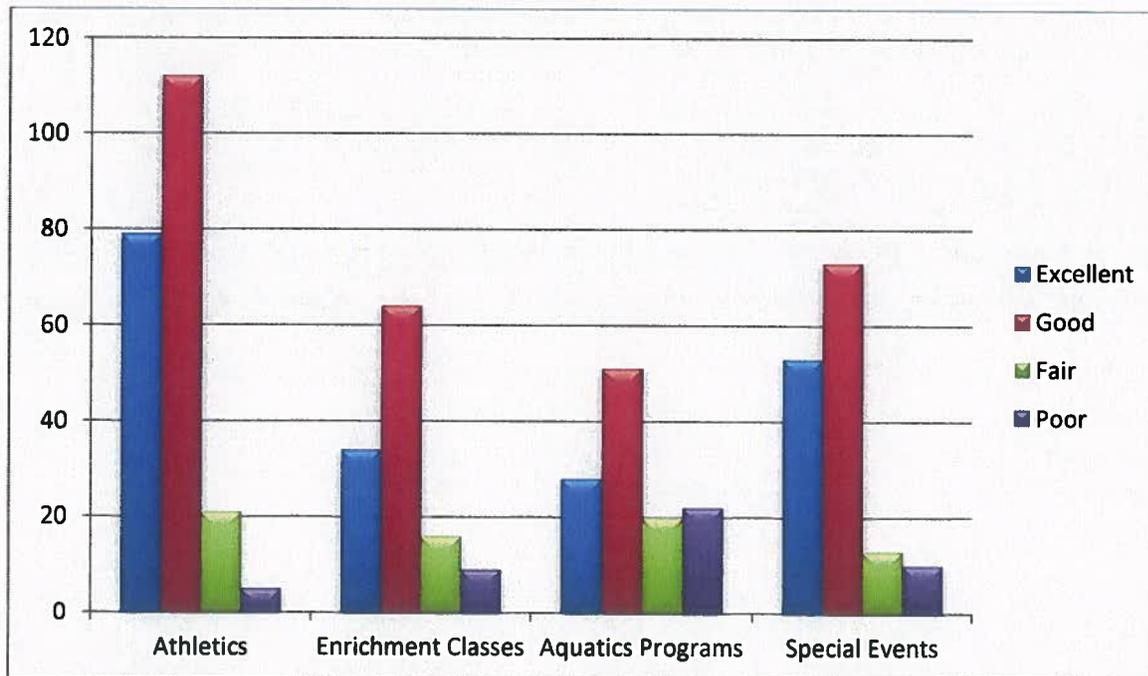


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Question 18 - How many different organized recreation programs offered by the Medford Park and Recreation Department have you or a member of your household participated in over the past 12 months?

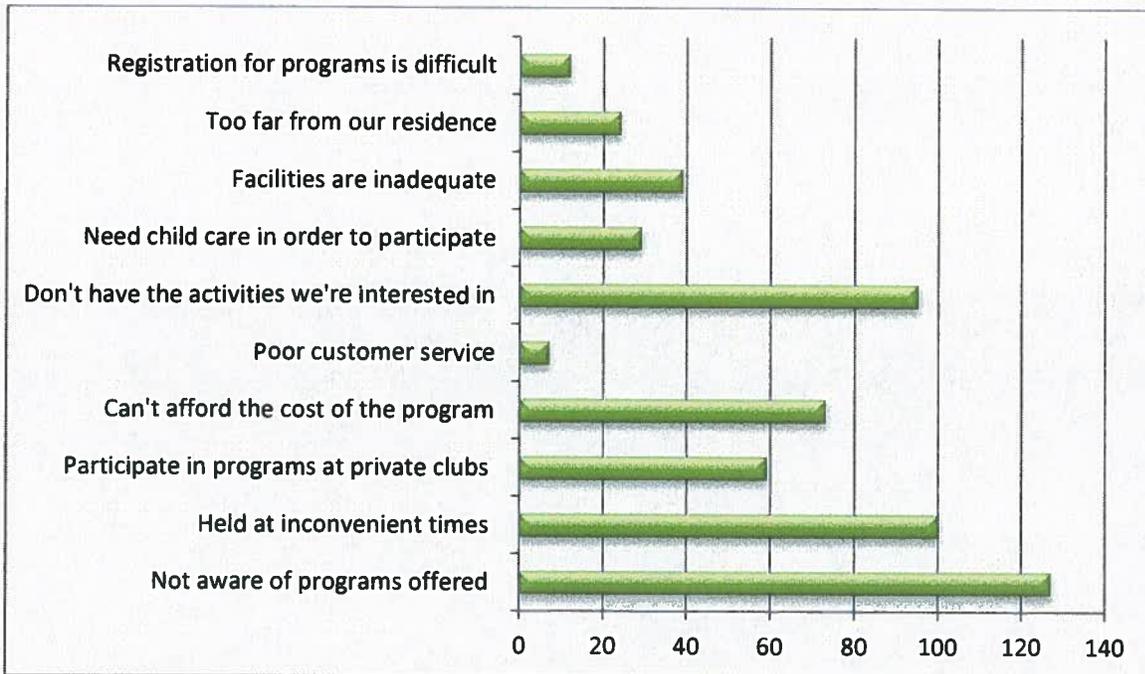


Question 19 - How would you rate the quality of the programs?

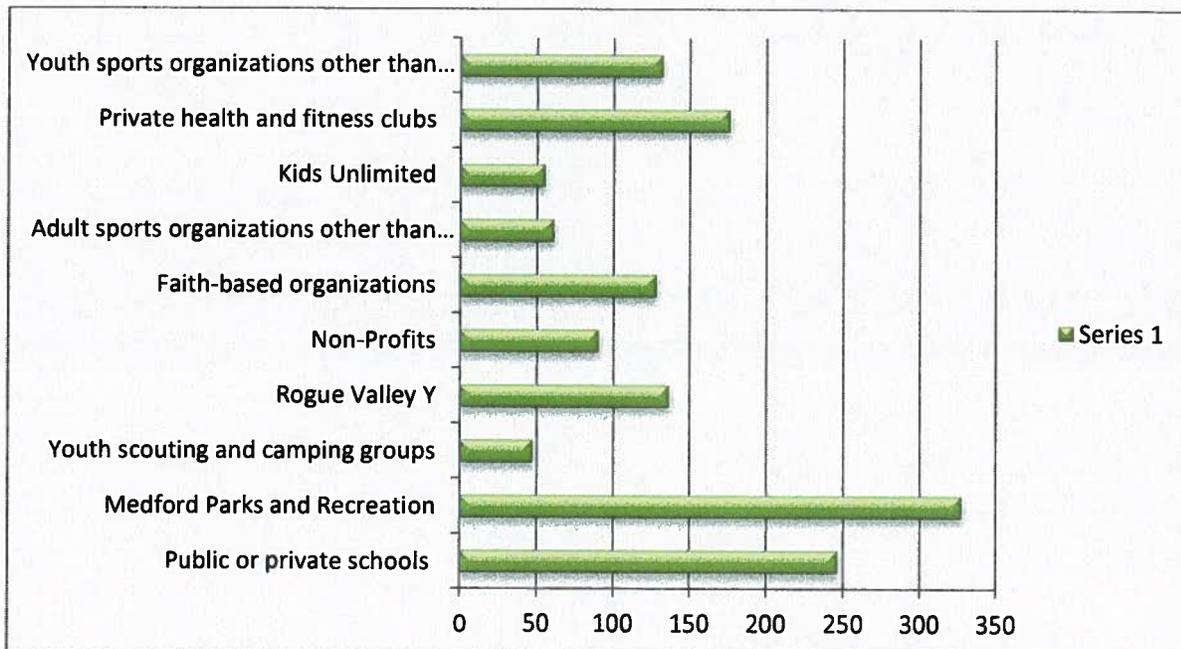


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Question 20 - Please check the THREE primary reasons that prevent you or a member of your household from using recreation programs offered by Medford Parks and Recreation

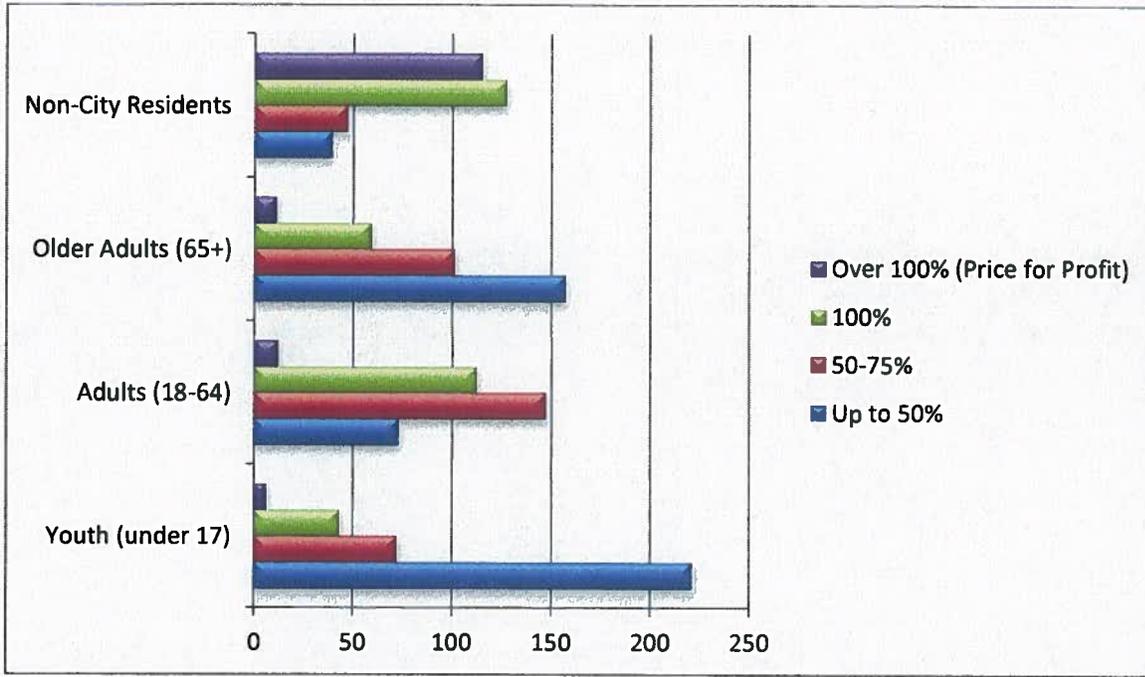


Question 22 - Please check ALL the organizations that your household uses for organized recreation programs and services

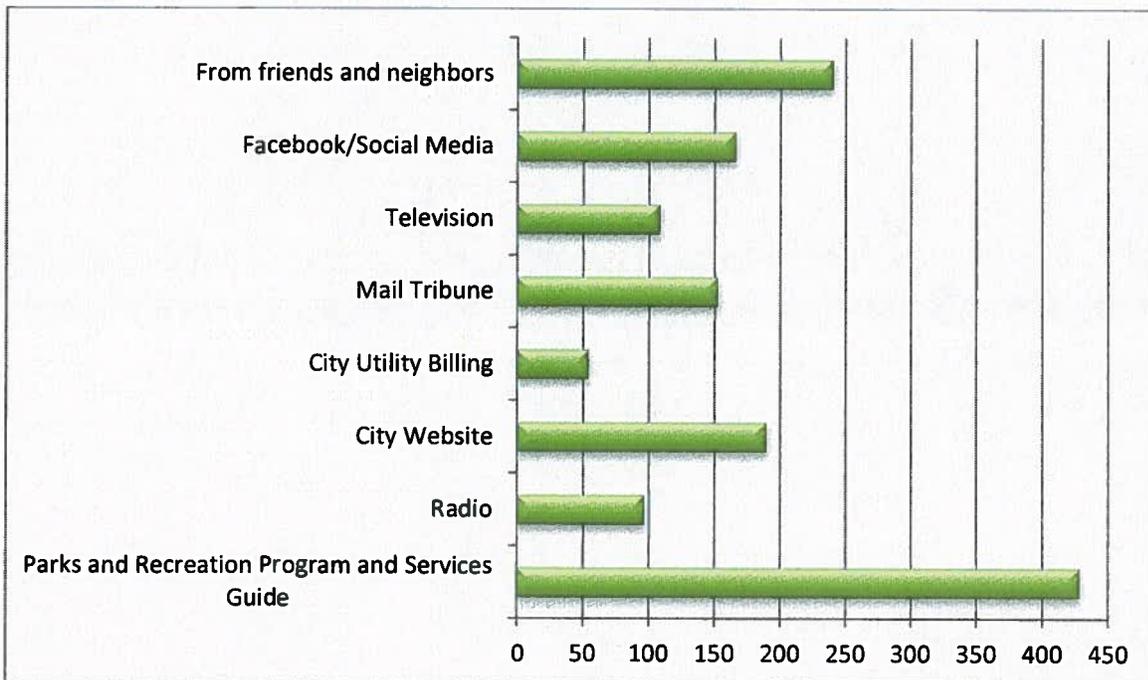


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Question 23 - Price for recreation programs offered by the City are based on a cost recovery policy approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission. What portion of programs and service costs for the various age groups should be recovered by participation fees?

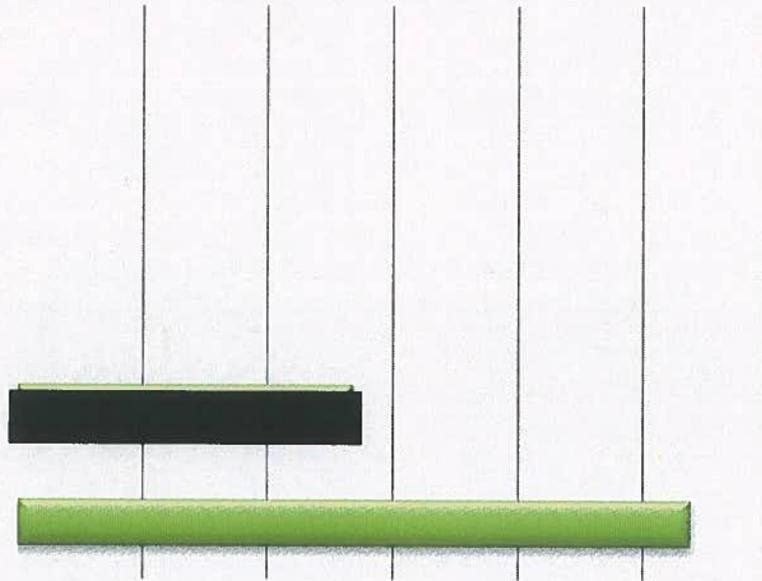


Question 24 - Please check ALL the ways you learn about programs and facilities offered by the City of Medford?



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Question 25 - How do you currently register for a program or make park reservations?



Question 13: If you seldom use or do not use the parks and facilities in Medford, what are your main reasons?

Safety

Bums/Transients/Homeless

Too many bums hanging around and no police patrols.

Too many transients at Hawthorn and **bear creek greenway** north of bear creek park

do not feel safe on the **bear creek greenway**, too many transients

Transients

Uncomfortable with the gang and homeless presence

Fichtner Mainwaring is taking in more transient traffic all the time.

Hawthorn Park for instance is overrun with transients or people causing problems. I don't want me or my family in an unsafe environment. Even though this park is conveniently located, has ample shade and will be completely renovated, I am still hesitant that we will take advantage of the tax funded park as it will remain an unsafe and trashy environment.

Too many homeless, vagrants, and drug users

Homeless / crime

Hawthorne and bear Creek make us feel unsafe because of all the homeless or unsavory looking people hanging and sleeping about.

nomadic groups of homeless.

I would love to use the Greenway. Too many problems with transients, bums, etc. Really not a place I want to take my wife or grandkids. Medford should be embarrassed at the state of that potentially great area.

Too many bums hanging around

I walk the track at Lewis daily...hate the increase of overnight guest that I see in the mornings.

Gangs/Drugs/Needles

Last time I walked my kids through Hawthorne park in one day there was a group of people drinking liquor, another group smoking marijuana with 2 unleashed pitbulls, a man and women shooting up drugs and multiple homeless people sleeping. You can

renovate the park all you want but you cannot remove the drugs. My poor daughter had to walk through drug smoke.

We do not visit Hawthorne because it is so unsafe; it's just a hangout for bad people doing bad things. People intimidate those walking by just for fun. At the far corner (fire station side) of the Bear Creek Park there is a transient that on most days is nice, some he is not. My kids are not allowed in that area because of him and those that visit him.

Hawthorne and the bike path is underutilized because of the questionable people who loiter there - would be nice to have better community police patrols

Have witnessed drug use in random areas of the park (Fichtner-Mainwaring). We live within walking distance, and have A LOT of transient traffic past our home on their way to/from the park to buy cigarettes at market on Kings Hwy/Stewart.

Too many drug addicts that hang around

Druggies, crime

Most of the parks in city limits are run-down and dirty. Seeing dirty needles in the parks where my nephews and nieces are playing makes for a very quick exit for us. It also makes it to where I won't take them back to that park.

I will not take my family to Hawthorne Park if I can avoid it. We have gone to a couple events but I am uneasy the whole time. I have found needles and other paraphernalia on the ground and am not comfortable letting my children play there.

Drug activities are a major deterrent

Drug deals in Union park.

When there are druggies running around and needles in the bushes I don't want my grandkids playing there.

Gang activities/ tagging everywhere

We have also found needles and used condoms in the public parks, sometimes on the play structures. It's very disgusting, unsanitary, and harmful. I usually bring disinfectant wipes with us when we go to the park.

too much gang activity and homeless hangouts, play areas safe for children, safe sitting areas

Sometimes the parks feel dirty or unsafe... But it's not your fault... More the people using the parks. Such as transients on the bike path near bear creek and Hawthorne etc, we mostly visit bear creek and fichtner. I don't mean to sound judgmental, but a lot of people at the park look like they use meth etc. hard to feel safe w my baby. Especially

bear creek and Hawthorne. I will have summer off and look forward to exploring and finding / using more parks in our area.

Lighting

Better lighting for most, or all parks are needed- Especially so on the bike path.

the lights will be down for a week before its fixed. Why does it take that long!? Oh and it's always fun playing tennis at night with homeless people walking around every time. It's scary being alone with a girl at the park playing tennis and 50 homeless people are getting drunk behind the courts.

Dogs

I love going to our parks, but limit myself to those where I feel safe. Too many folks bring their dogs and allow them to run free with no leash, even though there are signs telling owners not to. It's not comforting to walk through an area where unleashed pit bulls are roaming around or worse, not getting on well with one another. Growling & barking and their owners are saying not to worry...I worry - that I can't get back to my car fast enough to leave.

I walk my dog over by the soccer field near Harry and David field because I feel safer.

Dogs off leash

Signs say keep dogs on leash and every time I go Big dogs are loose without leashes makes me nervous for my child and small dogs Stopped going

Inconsiderate dog owners doing things such as not using leash, not picking up after dogs, letting dogs chase the wildlife who call park their home, and blatantly ignoring posted signs about various rules/ordinances for whatever particular park... Irresponsible Dog owners do whatever they want because there is never anyone enforcing things

Miscellaneous

Safe parking

Hawthorne is unsafe

Hawthorne: lovely, convenient, unsafe.

Hawthorne used to be a great park & now feels completely unsafe. Jackson pool sketchy too.

Please please please clean up the **Greenway, Hawthorne and Bear Creek Park**. We are a family of athletes, we run, bike, and skate the greenway. It is beyond unsafe for both of

my children. I use the greenway to get to school and work instead of driving and feel threatened at least 3 times a day on that path.

I would love to walk on the **greenway**, but I don't feel it is safe.

The skaters are **Bear Creek** are fucked. I've had many problems with them just because I ride a bike past them. They are always drunk and the underage kids are always asking for bear money because their peers all do the same thing and also BUY them beer!

Safety and clean up **bear creek bike path**.

Would love to use the **Greenway**, but it sadly feels very unsafe. **Hawthorne** park as well.

Restroom/Bathrooms

Bathrooms are gross. Ex: Fichtner-Maineering Lone Pine could use a play structure or swings and maybe a water area upgrade.

restroom facilities at Ruhl Park....an out house for a park for younger children, not acceptable and yet the playground is so ideally suited for younger children. I cannot tell you how many times I see people who are working and driving to different jobs stop to use the facility and then you have to take a 2 or 3 year old in and tell them not to touch this or that in essentially an outhouse! Just not appropriate.

Poor bathroom facilities.

There needs to be a toddler friendly bathroom at Ruhl Park! It was built for little kids and you have a port a potty. This is horrible for the kids to use and if the adult needs to use....most of the kids are too little to wait outside and it is not exactly big enough for two:)

Restrooms are never adequately maintained

Unsanitary Bathrooms

I prefer a park where there is a clean bathroom and a working drinking fountain. Tables are also a plus. Some parks in Medford are poorly kept with closed or not working bathrooms and drinking fountains.

They aren't open. Bathrooms aren't open and water fountain

I have 3 children and when we go to the park, often times my kids have to use the rest room or they get thirsty and the restrooms are locked or the drinking fountains are not working.

Restrooms are always locked.

Time

I walked Roxyann every weekend with a friend year-round for years, but now I don't always have enough time and sometimes the lower gate is closed or maintenance work is being done.

No time

Little free time during daylight hours.

Too busy.

I don't have time.

Busy

Time (2)

Don't take the time

Just not on our agenda.

Too busy :(

Different activities take up time

No children and time constraints

Too busy working (to pay for extra taxes)

Very Busy

Busy Schedules

Pool/Water

Also, the Jackson county pool has no clear website for its location, hours of operations, and prices.

Need big big water park...casino will pay for that x2....

The main reason why I'm filling this out is to let you guys know that it's great to see all the kiddie water parks but seriously Medford needs a water park for all. Contrary to popular belief not all of us have kids and would like to go and cool off as well. Build a damn raging waters or something fun for not for some. I will not vote for random pools and kiddie water parks anymore but I will vote for a large water park like in Redding ca. Thank you for all that you folks and for keeping our city beautiful. Just add some all age large water park.

Not enough aquatics need more community water parks

Doesn't have water features

More water parks/splash pads would be great!

we need a pool in the valley!!!!

As a family who is highly aquatic, we have take issue with the fact that there is no aquatic center with proper amenities and staffing. All kids are on a swim or waterpolo team, but are running out of places to go.

We need a 50 meter pool.

Swimming pool is dismal.

Feeling the loss of Hawthorne Park Pool

Pools are missing or to small should be at bear creek or at cellular close to services even cedar links has enough room for a proper center. Your last proposal was way too expensive thus people did not want to pay for this.

No quality pool

There is no swimming facility, competition sized

There is not a nice, competitive pool.

I would like a public pool with water aerobics classes to maintain my health.

I did go to the big on in central point, with the water park. It was way too crowded, I could see my two year olds getting hurt by the 13-17 year olds running around. We need more water parks for Medford's hot summers!!! Please!!! You could put one where the tennis courts are at Roosevelt elementary, and one should also go in at Hawthorne.

I love water parks, movies in the park, sadly can't find most of them

Health-Related

At our age, we do not have much need of any of the parks. Handicap access is also an issue.

Disability

We walk and we need benches to accommodate a person with hip replacement. Benches need to be higher and keep hip level with knee.

Not enough handicap parking and lack of handicap restrooms. Paved pathways would be very helpful for wheelchairs and walkers.

Not in short walking distance. I am handicapped

Recently had grandchild move in also most parks need to have a paved path that runs thru the middle like Stewart Park does due the need for me to get around easier to keep an eye on my grandchild due to me being in a wheelchair

Teenagers have bad language

Disabled husband, rarely leaves home

My arthritis, heat

Health issues sometimes

allergies

Courts/Equipment

Oregon Hill Park is nice, but needs either tennis courts or basketball/sand volleyball courts for people who don't have kids - even a running path (with natural ground- not paved)

I am looking for pickle ball courts.

No big kid swings at Fichtner!!!!!!

Tennis courts in disrepair

They don't have playgrounds, water features, or restrooms.

Oregon hill park needs to be expanded with swings, slides, more grass, frisbee golf

Wish Holmes Park had regular swings instead of the 2 baby swings.

No playground equipment at Oregon Hills Park, not much for kids to do.

We like to spend time at the Volleyball courts. There aren't enough tables to sit at. Also, we enjoy drinking a beer, but can't.

No Interest/Use

other interests

Doing other activities. We are looking forward to a dog park at Hawthorne Park!

Don't normally go to the parks. If there was an event or an occasion to go to that I was interested in I might but as a rule I haven't gone. Used to go to music in the park when they had it.

I only visit the parks when there is music or my grandkids are in town

Not appropriate for the uses I desire.

Lazy - don't want to get up and go.

Depends on activity I am looking for at the time

i live in GP

Our kids moved out and we work full time.

Kids are older, don't have too many reasons to go to parks anymore.

Not really interested.

A matter of timing with our Grandkids

Not interested in using them

At my age, the senior centers are where I meet my friends. When I was younger with a growing family, we used parks a lot.

We generally can only visit parks on the weekend and prefer Lithia Park for its diverse offerings.

We do not get out much anymore unless the grandchildren are here.

Used with family when able

Not much of a reason to go

We go to Central Point

Have large outdoor property

I hike the Southern Oregon trails or Table Rocks

Shade

Have been to a few parks and some need more shade.

Some do not have enough shaded areas.

No shade

Location

I do not know where all of the parks are located. I seldom go to Bear Creek park because I can't keep an eye on my children when on the play structures, they disappear. Fichtner Mainwaring I seldom use for the same reason. Too many people and on the playground there are "blind" spots. I cannot keep a constant eye on my children.

would like to know locations and services. Suggested paths for walking.

Accessibility to the park via bike paths from neighborhoods. No working water fountains

Looking at the list there are a lot more parks than I knew of and a lot of them that I don't know their location.

Just moved to Medford and have not had the time to see all the listed park facilities.

We need some parks in the Mallard Lane and Dragon Tail area.

How about a park near the subdivision of Elk Creek Estates

Not any close to house

Current Users

The parks I use meet my needs.

we use the parks in Medford. We value what the parks offer to our community.

I use parks for my daycare children.

I do visit the parks with my child. I think the facilities in Medford are satisfactory

Disc Golf

DISK GOLF SOMEWHERE would be great. As it is most park time is spent in Josephine county.

no disc golf

There is no disc golf course for our family to play.

Miscellaneous

Fence is locked at Jefferson. We prefer it because of the fence (keeps the kids safe). Cannot access it

Doesn't have a comfortable BBQ area

Needs yard workers.

Parks near me are not dog friendly

Bear Creek park: parking

Lone Pine: needs more picnic tables

We need a park that has an adequate picnic area (Or several areas) for groups that are secluded enough you aren't on top of another picnic group.

Chemicals used in grass for weeds... Such as weed and feed, roundup etc. my baby is 8 months and I don't want him crawling in grass with chemicals. Not enough shade in summer or cover in winter

Unsupervised kids

Weather's too cold, but will visit parks now that it's warmer.

Very few places for parents to sit

Hawthorne park!!!

Please make all parks smoking free. We don't need our kids subjected to someone else's bad habits. We belong to a local gym and do not require an aquatics park for our family and friends.

Mainly sports related

Question 14: Potential improvements that could be made to parks

Pool/ Water

Pool (x13)

Water Park (x4)

Water parks (x2)

BIG BIG WATER PARK.INDOOR...OUTDOOR

love to have more water parks available/not enough swimming pools

Olympic-Sized swimming

Olympic year round swimming and Water Park

Indoor/outdoor 50 meter/25 yard pool

Medford needs a competitive pool

To get a 50 meter pool in Medford

50 meter competition swimming pool

Indoor competitive 50m swimming pool with amenities

Water Features

water features (x4)

Making sure the water features work

water or splash pads

Add Additional water features/splash areas to additional parks.

hand-powered splash pads are a poor choice for new parks

Spray grounds

Aquatics

aquatics facility

Aquatic Park with lazy river and pools and ocean pool

Year Round/Indoor

More Pools (focus on year-round, indoor facilities; a regional level, multi-city/county cooperative facility could be a good solution. Partnering with high schools/community college for a second facility partnering with high schools, community college, etc).

Hawthorne Park year round pool and not dog park

Year round pool facilities for team sports and recreation

Indoor swimming pools

Community/Multi-use

covered pool area multi use pool see Salem pool center

Providing our community with a new multi-use indoor swimming facility

Community pool for adult use

Miscellaneous

Ponds, Ducks

Put all slides facing north so they won't burn sensitive skin

offer swim lessons on weekends

Water play!!! Safe water play!! Not on concrete, on that soft rubbery material.

swimming

Security/Safety

Transients/Homeless

Get rid of the transients, drug addicts.

clean up drug users and homeless

Fix the homeless presence!

Less hostile and mentally ill and drug users.

Too many transient

there are some scary people that hang out in the parks which can be a deterrent for visiting.

Ban all homeless

less homeless

Please do not install Wi-Fi as this will draw transients to the area.

Police/Patrol

Visible Law enforcement

Increased Police patrols

Permanent law enforcement

Security/police presence

Armed guards at Union

police foot patrols

i think we have great parks..... would be nice to have additional police patrol just as a preventive to discourage drug activity

Miscellaneous

CAMERAS!!! I'm tired of cleaning the f word off the walls in our children's park!!
CAMERAS CAMERAS CAMERAS

make them safe

cameras

Creating a safer environment

Enforce vagrancy laws.

Improvements to Parks

Shade

shaded toy or water areas for observing

Shade (x2)

We don't go to some parks because there is no shade around the play area. I have a son with sun sensitivities (albino) and that is very important

shade trees

Increase shade over play structure - the sun sails at some of the parks are wonderful!

play areas could have more cover to allow for shade

More shade at some especially Lone Pine splash park

trees

shaded picnic areas near the playgrounds so parents can see their children

Lighting

Lighting

more lighting

Adequate lighting. I take my kids to movies in the park and always leave before the movie is over because the parking lot is very dimly lit.

Better lighting

Disability

Handicap access

easier access for mobility-impaired/wheelchair folks

Seating

Benches (for parents) near playground.

Disc Golf (Frisbee)

Disc golf course (2)

disc golf (3)

Disc golf course needs to be built. This is extremely inexpensive

Courts

Also, more Tennis courts (and, repair Holmes park court).

sand volleyball areas

redo tennis courts at Holmes

Sand volleyball courts, tennis courts

Sand volleyball, badminton

backboards for tennis drills and handball

tennis courts (2)

pickle ball courts

Repair tennis courts

more sand volleyball courts

Bathroom

Bathrooms which are always locked (summer field)

Pathways/Grass

no new trails in Prescott

I strongly feel the bike path would be nicer and safer if all the overgrown growth was cleared out. I see homeless camping along the creek.

lawn and pathway maintenance, fencing

please don't spray all the grass

stroll gardens with private study areas

Parking

Parking lots

Parking (2)

Equipment

Fitness equipment

More appropriate playground equipment for younger children

More climbing/play structures for older kids

Rubber matted toddler play areas

Toddler areas

Miscellaneous

a small pocket park in each neighborhood maintained by the local residents

chess/checkers tables, fire pits

NO WIFI! You should be there to be outdoors and with people not on an electronic device.

I think community Gardens is the most impacting and cutting edge addition

Educational signs about flora, fauna, geology etc

Ecological focused management of natural areas: improving ecologic function

sUAV friendly areas (?*)

Covers US Comm. Park for dugout. Ones that keep water off you.

Marked turning circle at Prescott upper gate

Put in a way to wash off the sand at the Oregon Hills park and we would visit more often.

Bike Jump Park

Maintain Vogel Plaza

Dog-free areas

East Medford!!!!

Should include clean water & Doggie bags at all

Question 20 (R2): Please check the THREE primary reasons that prevent you or a member of your household from using recreation programs offered by Medford Parks and Recreation?
Other...

Cancelled

Programs cancelled

I registered for 2 classes last year and they were both cancelled

Time Restrictions

We are busy so it is hard to do programs. But we just signed up for a summer indoor volleyball team and are very excited.

Busy--three jobs, two choirs, volunteer work, two grandsons!

Looking for a compatible time to attend Tai Chi class

Limited time

Just got out of the habit

Too busy (2)

Not enough time.

I don't want to commit to an activity.

Busy with sports and life

Don't have time.

Not on our agenda

Just too busy. Not a fault of the park department.

No real good reason, full time student, busy life

Classes were at times we work

Kids are too young still to participate in most and we're too busy

Too busy

No time, too busy already

Travel too much to use

Timing just didn't fit my schedule.

I have a more-than-full-time job, a house/yard/garden to maintain and a family...

Disability

Afraid to use Carnegie Building because of lack of handicap parking. Haven't investigated the distance to the class. Santo Center is convenient.

too old

Our autistic young adults are booming now, they need a place that is safe and comfortable to swim with warmer water and with a spot to just get a grip if overwhelmed.

Not many are available to the mobility-challenged...such as bus trips from Santo. the bus has no access for my scooter.

Not enough parking and handicap parking

health limitations

i have been working on finding a life after getting into a wheelchair

Husband ill- I work out a gym and still work full time

Too old and fragile

I'm old and I don't participate in most outdoor activities. I might if there was a water park.

Safety

Don't want my kids around drug addicts and sex offenders

No Interest/Needs Already Met

Prefer just having open green space available for my own activities. I used the facilities more when my children were young.

We didn't take advantage of available programs.

No current interests, busy. Fearful being too crowded. Personal needs are currently being met...

Not interested.

I participate in programs offered for seniors elsewhere.

We do not get out unless we have family visiting.

Use when family members are in town

Don't need parks

I am only a part-time visitor, second home, but do plan to retire here

I was out of state until recently.

We use the North Medford Senior High school tennis courts

Pool/Aquatics

I want to put my child in swim lessons but work during week.

We also signed up for summer swim lessons.

Indoor swimming adults only

Medford needs a new Pool

There isn't an aquatics facility

No pool to help support competitive swimmers, no pool to host meets

Swimming classes fill so fast we have missed out on last 2 years

Swim lessons- not enough pools in the area

Love the free swimming lesson sessions

Too Young

Kids too young for evening hours

Not of age

Not enough activities for grandson

Miscellaneous

Racquetball courts

Looking for programs, boy age 16. Baseball/Basketball

I am looking for Senior Programs in addition to regular Adult Programs. I recently moved from Independent Living housing into my own home and have just begun looking for activities I can attend. I prefer gentle exercise programs or sit-down lecture type programs. I do plan to see what the Library offers in sit-and-listen type activities. Thank you for allowing our input.

We receive a booklet about what programs are available but haven't read it

Please advertise your music at the commons for the Friday/Saturday concerts.

They are fun for the family and a good mix with the Farmers Market and

Starbucks. This is the economic stimulation we need to get people to return to downtown and shop, not just drink alcohol on the weekends.

Yoga, sightseeing, dance, core exercises

We've wanted to do Prescott Park adventure camps for kids but can't afford it.

Yet we make too much to be scholarship eligible.

Have small Chihuahua, we don't leave home

Can't afford cost of adult programs

Question 21 (R3)- What new recreation programs would you like to see Medford Parks and Recreation offer?

Pool/Aquatics

Indoor Swimming

Water park with plenty of parking, something for all ages.

An outdoor water park with an indoor all year pool.

Outdoor Water Park like in Redding, Ca

Swimming pools

Extreme water park for indoor and outdoor use, that way at least it would cover some or all cost , that the parks services.

Water parks and rec.

Water aerobics at a new indoor aquatics facility

A new indoor/outdoor pools facility that offers year-round swimming lessons for child safety. VERY underserved safety issue for your youth!!!

Aquatics Swimming Water Polo

We want an indoor aquatic center like the one in Eugene (Willamalane).

An indoor pool for meets. A good example is the Willamalane facility in Springfield OR.

Accessible swim lessons

A 50 meter competitive pool to support our youth teams. To grow public swim lessons and provide more jobs for our teens. Our swim community through club and high school is large and Medford lacks the facilities. This would give our seniors and other athletes in valley the opportunity to stay in shape year round.

Multiuse part indoor pool and part rec center. Clackamas has a great center with rentals and vendors for groups and still provides for sports like water polo and swim teams and dive teams

More outdoor water parks

Swimming, water polo, diving

all year round adequate swimming facilities

Aquatic

Aquatic Center

A new, multi-use aquatic facility

New and Improved indoor swimming facility.

Swimming programs

A new 50 meter swimming pool facility

Indoor Aquatic Center

A new indoor 50 meter pool with water park for our children

An aquatics center that is open all year and can support competitive swimming events and allow multiple teams practice weekly

50 meter pool

Aquatic Center

YEAR ROUND SWIMMING!!!!

We have great parks and an awesome bike path. Please focus on cleaning them up instead of building new. **Except a seasonal water park....I think that's a great idea for the area.** We visit Redding and great wolf resort a few times per year.

Scuba

Water Polo- Adult and pre-high school

Water polo (2)

Swimming- Need Olympic sized pool to bring competitive swimming to Medford.

Indoor Water! Not a seasonal park, but year round.

An indoor aquatic complex that offers things like water aerobics for people with disabilities
water parks for kids- teen activities.

We need a good size water slide/pool area even if it is spendy... Water slide

Something for seniors only with a pool. Or a designated day for seniors on the East side of town.

I do not believe that the city of Medford should invest in a public pool and especially a water park. look at all the complaining and upkeep that they did not do in the 30 years on the current pools. A company needs to run a pool and or water park to make money and maintain the facility. City of Medford Park & Rec cannot run a water park.

Classes

Better, inexpensive swim classes.

Bring back swim lessons during summer camp.

Swimming classes once a new aquatics facility is completed.

Swim classes

Infant safety swim

Earlier in year swim classes

Arts and Crafts

Art

Adult arts & crafts classes

Art classes, pottery, stain glass, mosaic, yarn making, weaving, wood working

Woodworking

We would like arts/crafts classes that don't last all day, Just a two hour program or similar. Perhaps it's already offered this year and I failed to check.

More arts and crafts

Sewing, crafts, woodworking, etc.

Ceramics/pottery

Auto shop, fly fishing

Art and craft classes.

Might like to see knitting and crocheting in addition to the tatting

Creative Writing

Outdoor Activities

More gardening and self-sustenance classes

More open space is needed to keep people occupied and out of trouble. We don't need fancy parks, just basic open space. How about getting back to basics with shelter houses, swings, teeter totters and sand boxes and summer programs that allow children to stay in their neighborhoods and parks and rec bringing balls, games and crafts to share with the kids? Money could be saved by building simple facilities that can be used year round. I think it's a shame that school playgrounds are considered park space when they are not available during school hours.

Honestly...LARPing. Live-action roleplaying. To help get those who are normally indoors, outdoors. Get the community to see different kinds of recreational activity.

Boot camp! I LOVED it and would enroll immediately if it was brought back. I went when it was in Hawthorne, I went to the Santo. I lost lots of weight and I was in excellent shape.

Adventure camps

Develop Bear Creek

Improve the Bear Creek Greenway by planting more trees--good job already!

White water rafting, hiking the southern Oregon trails, hiking northern California trails.

Zip line, out-door seating, beer garden

More gardening

Mountain bike trails

Programs are okay. How about facilities? - walking trails and bike paths

Rogue River and Bear Creek activities

Guided nature hikes of Bear Creek Greenway and Prescott Park.

Neighborhood walks

More outdoor programs for teens

Outdoor summer camp sleepover (tent/cabins).

Bike trails

More walking pathways, more bike paths

Travel, field trips

Family-Oriented

Free Gang prevention seminars for families

Large family facility

Family painting

More interactive family

More family activity's like move in the park. I also love bouncy house

Free or affordable summer activities for low income families

Senior-Focused Programs

more senior programs

Senior Bingo

Computer and craft classes for seniors. Exercise classes for seniors.

Senior fitness, particularly classes that help with flexibility, agility and balance. This needs to be a low pressure environment that encourages whatever activity a person can do, without making people feel like they have to compete with others or keep up with them. Having a friendly environment that promotes social interaction would be helpful, too.

events that are safe for the senior citizens

Teaching/assisting older citizens with learning how to keep up with computer programs, bus trips for Sightseeing our gorgeous state that have disabled access.

Senior fitness with hours for those of us still working Culinary education - "Chef School" How to prepare local produce-asparagus to squash Dancing classes - Swing-Tango-Salsa Yoga for seniors - early am or evenings Sustainable Living idea and DIY

Out of Chair, on to sidewalk instructional and support classes, Senior games, activities, chances for interaction

Tai Chi for people who are in their 60s and older in a building not outdoors due to weather and allergies.

Senior swim nights

Adult-Focused

More Parents Night out!!

Bring back parents night out!! We have a hard time finding a sitter we can afford. Keep Bathrooms clean and odor controlled P.U.

More evening adult classes at different schools or churches.

Cooking classes, more in depth photography for adults and teens*

Adult flag football

USSSA Rules Adult Slow-pitch Softball League

maintenance classes for adults would be nice too

More diverse adult enrichment classes

More adult sports that are welcoming. I would like to participate in soccer or softball but am not experienced and don't feel comfortable joining a team of strangers.

Adult playground/ American ninja warrior type obstacle course

painting group classes for adults maybe with wine

Leagues for the over 50 years old

Learn to speak Spanish classes (adult)

Mommy and Me

Something for new moms. Mommy and baby yoga, or mommy stroller walks with a group

Mommy and Me groups or classes

More parent/child classes

Prenatal Yoga

Young Child-Focused

T-Ball for preschoolers

Music and dance classes for preschoolers and 5-8 year olds.

Anything athletic for younger children (4 and under)

Toddler/parent swim classes

More stuff for younger kids (under 5)

children dance classes, story times

Kids golf, kids gymnastics

Toddler programs

Tumble classes for kids

Lacrosse for kids. Girls & boys.

More interactive toddler and youth programs that are offered on the weekends or evenings. Bicycle safety clinics for youth (like they do in Ashland)

More programs for children 3-10. More options for summer like varied days similar to preschool for the sprites program.

Multiple sports for youth under 8 NOT on Sunday (We honor the Sabbath)

More options for small children (under age 5)

CPR for young people to learn, ages 8 & up.

More day programs for kids

Park sponsored tee ball/ baseball

Grade school programs

More youth games

More youth programs that are available after work hours so working parents can get their children to things (sports , classes and such). Not all of us can get our kids to something that starts at 3 or 4 in the afternoon and would love an evening option. Also, during the summer, programs need to offer early drop off for working parents and transportation if the will be at other sites (such as the arts and crafts camp at orchard hill last year) and maybe some full day classes, not just 9-12.

Teen-Focused

CPR/first aide basics for younger kids

A safe place for kids where you don't encounter used needles

More for teens

Babysitting for young teenagers

Cooking classes, more in depth photography for adults and teens*

Something for teenagers

More sports teaching classes, more ages summer camps for the short day for older kids -12

Teen activities

Health/Sports

Exercise/Fitness/Healthy Lifestyle

More exercise programs; Pilates, yoga, Tia Chi, karate, etc

Evening, weekend. Yoga, Tai Chi.

It would be nice to have drop-in fitness classes like Yoga and Zumba without a multi week commitment.

Yoga, Pilates

Fitness and wellness seminars, Healthy living awareness

Fitness

Tai Chi Chuan (no qi gong)

Yoga, tai chi at the Santo Center.

Nutrition, cross-cultural and cross-generational activities.

More Zumba

I want the color run to continue to come to Medford.

More exercise classes

Health Care, exercise programs

Tai Chi in the park

Marathon training (Portland)

Kung Fu

Sports/Games

Disc golf (5)

Disc Golf Course

More sand volleyball

I'd like to see some opportunities to play volleyball and softball without having to pay over \$100, I'm wanting to do it for fun and paying that much takes all of the fun out.

Roller skating, maybe a combined effort with a roller derby team.

Ultimate Frisbee

laser tag

Field hockey for girls!

Indoor recreation facility. Basketball, volleyball, weights, cardio, possibly pool.

Pickleball (2)

Wiffleball.

Dodge ball

Golf classes and Cyclocross Youth and adult programs

Golf...kayaking...

Racquetball tournaments.

Bowling leagues for low income adults and children

Summer baseball leagues

Lacrosse

More tennis classes or tournaments

Karate tournaments public nights.

Cheerleading and gymnastics

Computer/Technology

I like computer classes, social media

Everyday technology skills (cell phone, tablet, etc.)

Social media- now only twitter and Pinterest

Computer help

Excel classes (Beginning and Advanced)

Dance/Music

More piano, guitar, vocal opportunities

Better guitar lessons

Dance freely nights

Music lessons

Ballet, tap, jazz

Miscellaneous Programs

Cooking, nutrition,

Middle-age adult or multi-generation sober evening and holiday alternatives like game nights, ping pong, make something out of re-purposed stuff, potluck, cards, obstacle course, meditation, travel slide shows, new comers mixers, etc. - not requiring pre-registration or skill. (but also not a homeless magnet)

sUAV familiarization and safe operation 101.

More community safety and awareness type classes. Things like: Safe guarding homes and neighborhoods. How to prepare for disaster/severe weather. Gang awareness. I could think of a lot of things I would attend a workshop on.

Genealogy class

Baking/Cooking classes, and Kickboxing

Concerts/ Movies in the Park

Robotics, Math, Science, Partner with Science Works

Dog friendly parks or areas in parks

More for seniors and singles. Meet and greet or meet and do outdoor activities

I would like to see activities that are offered more on weekends for adults and children. Too often I am unable to attend because it is during work hours. This is a complaint I hear from my Daughter a lot, she is not able to have my Granddaughters join activities because practice is during her work hours

Other Comments

Our family is very involved with the Singler Open basketball tournament held over Mother's Day weekend. We just had our 9th Annual event and it was the best yet. In my mind, this is the best held secret in our region. If you were to ask the general public which is a bigger event, the Rogue Memorial Soccer event or the Singler Open, likely hands down people would say the soccer event. But, the numbers don't lie. This past May, we had approx.180 teams with approximately 1.440 players and their families over Mother's Day weekend coming from all over Oregon, WA and N. California to Medford and spend over \$600,000 dollars in our local economy. This has been very much a grass roots event from its inception with Kyle Singler's (current NBA player with the Oklahoma City Thunder) senior project from South Medford. We believe after seeing first hand the success of this tournament and the passion around youth basketball, we are wondering why Medford can't sustain an Indoor basketball center with 8 courts (larger Santos Center). Its possible Kyle Singler might be interested in helping financially support this project if the city is interested. Most recently, the Singler Open won the Chamber of Commerce Mayor award for bringing economic vitality to the area. Seeing how beautiful and useful Cellular Field is, why can't we have a first class basketball venue where we can attract large tournaments to our area. My goodness, we an NBA player that was born and raised right here in our area, we should leverage all of Kyle's hard work and success for the better of the Medford community. Kyle would be honored to help in the process if Medford is interested. We would love to talk if there is a willing ear. Thank you. Ed and Kris Singler

Your programs are great for kids. We older adults enjoy the landscape and the walkways and watching kids having loads of fun.

Open Streets Events Adopt a Spot (Would LOVE to have Parks partner with the Planning Department on these)

What about just improving and maintaining what we have, instead of spending more money \$\$\$.

I think the offerings are great and would take advantage of them if I had time... Interactive sessions for parents/grandparents and their kids/grandkids might make it more likely that I'd attend.

Very dissatisfied with the gross lack of upkeep by the city of Medford over the years. Which includes all the things they have allowed to happen that destroyed Hawthorn Park.

None. Medford parks rips of the public

They are offering enough for now- this could add more costs to consumers

The community of Medford is very fortunate to have what they do. More is not always better. Quality counts- time together.