



**WILMETTE PARK DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
MONDAY, MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2023  
7:30 PM – VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**AGENDA**

- 1.0 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS CALLED TO ORDER**
  - 1.1 ROLL CALL**
- 2.0 COMMUNITY SURVEY PRESENTATION**
  - 2.1 AQITY RESEARCH & INSIGHTS PRESENTATION**
  - 2.2 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**
- 3.0 COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE**
- 4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**
- 5.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
- 6.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- 7.0 NEW BUSINESS**
  - 7.1 CONSIDERATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY ORDINANCE 2023-O-4**
  - 7.2 CONSIDERATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY ORDINANCE 2023-O-5**
- 8.0 ADJOURNMENT**

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## **Wilmette Park District** **Policy for Public Comment**

The Board of Park Commissioners, in its regular or special meetings, is a deliberative body assembled to make decisions on new and pending matters affecting the District. Park Board and Committee meetings are meetings held in public, not a public meeting. The Board invites both oral and written communications from its residents.

To facilitate the conduct of Board/Committee meetings, the following procedures will be followed:

1. A section of each meeting will be set aside for public comment and will be noted on the agenda as "Recognition of Visitors."
2. During the "Recognition of Visitors" agenda item, audience members wishing to comment should raise their hands and will be permitted to speak once they are recognized by the President/Chairperson.
3. When recognized by the President/Chairperson, each audience member should identify themselves and limit speaking to no more than three (3) minutes, unless additional time is granted by the President/Chairperson. Each audience member will be permitted to speak only once. The President's/Chairperson's denial of or limitation on any request for an extension of time may be overruled by a majority of those Commissioners/Committee members present.
4. Questions are to be directed to the entire Board/Committee. Audience members are reminded that questions often require Board/Committee member or staff investigation or inquiry to obtain additional information before responding. As such, Board/Committee members may choose not to immediately respond to comments, and the issue instead may be referred to staff for additional consideration, or a Board/Committee member may pursue the issue at a future Board/Committee meeting. Lack of an immediate response to a question raised during public comment should not be interpreted as anything other than a commitment by the Board/Committee to take the issue under advisement for consideration and follow up or possible future action.
5. Park Board/Committee members may, by addressing the President/Chairperson, interrupt a presenter to obtain clarification and/or further information.
6. Personnel matters will not be addressed during "Recognition of Visitors."
7. During presentation and discussion of agenda items, the President/Chairperson will not recognize speakers in the audience unless the Board/Committee desires additional information from an audience member.
8. When addressing the Board/Committee, all persons permitted to speak shall confine their remarks to the matter at hand and avoid personal attacks, the impugning of motives, and merely contentious statements. If any person indulges in such remarks or otherwise engages in conduct injurious to the civil discourse of the Board/Committee and the meeting, the President/Chairperson may immediately terminate the opportunity to speak. This decision is at the discretion of the President/Chairperson or upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Park Board commissioners/Committee members present.
9. Any person, except a member of the Board, who engages in disorderly conduct during a meeting, may be ejected from the meeting upon motion passed by a majority of the Board/Committee members present.

*Approved February 13, 2023*

## Calendar of Events - May & June 2023

Date	Time	Event	Location
May 3	All day	New WPD website launched	Online
May 3	9 am	Yankee Doodle Dash registration opens	Online
May 5-7	Multiple times	WCT Student Directed Show	CRC
May 9	Noon	Summer 2023 Explore Online posted	Online
May 10	10 am	Denny Diamond at White Fence Farm Daytrip	Mallinckrodt
May 12-14	Multiple times	Spring Ice Show	Centennial Ice
May 15	All day	Center Fitness Club seasonal specials & sales begin	Center Fitness Club
May 15	1 pm	Movies at Mallinckrodt	Mallinckrodt
May 19	6:30 pm	Family Art Night	CRC
May 20	10 am	Touch a Truck	Centennial Parking Lot
May 22	All day	Centennial Family Aquatic Center preseason begins	Centennial Pools
May 23	10 am	Summer 2023: Resident Registration Opens	Online
May 24	11 am	Lunch Club	Mallinckrodt
May 25	9:30 am	Ones & Twos: Art Exploration Workshop	CRC
May 26	All day	Last day for preseason Beach & Pool Pass rates	Online
May 27	All day	Gillson Beach opening day	Gillson Beach
May 30	10 am	Summer 2023: Non-Resident Registration Opens	Online
June 12	All day	First day of Camp & Summer Programs	Multiple locations
June 21	12:30 pm	Sounds of Summer: Nanny Nikkie	Hibbard Park
June 22	7 pm	Sounds of Summer: Dancing Queen	Wallace Bowl



## WILMETTE PARK DISTRICT

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### Regular Meeting Dates of the Board of Park Commissioners and Standing Committees of Wilmette Park District For the Period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023

#### **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Following is the schedule of regular meetings, which are held at 7:30 pm in the Council Room, located on the second floor of Wilmette Village Hall, 1200 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, Illinois. Meetings are generally held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month. Notice will be given in accordance with Paragraph 42.02 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act for cancellation or change in date, time, or location of any meeting. Special meetings are scheduled as needed.

**January 19**  
**February 13**  
**March 13**  
**April 10**  
**May 8\***  
**June 12**

**July 10**  
**August 14**  
**September 11**  
**October 9**  
**November 13**  
**December 11**

\*The Annual Meeting will be held immediately following the Regular Board Meeting.

\*\*Denotes change in regular meeting schedule.

#### **COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE**

The Park Board has changed its Committee meeting structure, effective June of 2022. In lieu of seven separate Committee meetings, the entire Board will meet as a Committee-of-the-Whole, once a month. These meetings are open to the public, and take place the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Mallinckrodt Center, 1041A Ridge Road in Wilmette.

**January 23**  
**February 27**  
**March 27**  
**April 24**  
**May 22**  
**June 26**

**July 24**  
**August 28**  
**September 25**  
**October 23**  
**November 27**  
**December 18\*\***

\*\*Denotes change in regular meeting schedule.

/s/ Stephen P. Wilson, Secretary  
Board of Park Commissioners



**From:** [Steve Wilson](#)  
**To:** [Nunn, Brent](#)  
**Cc:** [Michelle Parson](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [External] Re: Pickleball courts on existing tennis facilities  
**Date:** Thursday, April 20, 2023 7:36:00 AM

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Brent,

Thank you for your email and your input. Your email will be included in our next meeting packet this week ensuring all members of the park board see your email. The next meeting of the board is a Committee of the Whole meeting at 6:30 pm at Mallinckrodt on Monday. While pickleball is not likely to be a discussion topic, we welcome public comment at all public meetings. Therefore, if you wish to add anything additional in person to your email below, please feel welcomed to join us on Monday evening.

Again, thank you for your email.

Steve Wilson  
Executive Director  
Wilmette Park District  
[www.wilmettepark.org](http://www.wilmettepark.org)  
847-256-9617

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**From:** Nunn, Brent <BNUNN@depaul.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 18, 2023 2:15 PM  
**To:** Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>  
**Subject:** [External] Re: Pickleball courts on existing tennis facilities

Dear Executive Director Wilson:

As members of the community, we recently learned about the Wilmette Park District's plan to spend nearly \$1 million dollars to remove two existing tennis courts and replace them with six pickleball courts at Wilmette's Community Park. Certainly, pickleball and its enthusiasts should have courts and facilities tailored to their specific needs but converting existing tennis courts to dedicated pickleball-only courts, right next to the remaining tennis courts, undermines decades of planning and neighborhood voice in building Wilmette's park facilities. **The park board should not remove existing tennis courts that are already in limited supply.**

During the season, all six tennis courts at Community Park are often booked with Wilmette Park District-run group lessons, private lessons, leagues, morning drop-ins and drills. All these programs have priority over individuals looking to book an open court. In addition, these courts are often reserved for Regina Dominican, a private high school, for their tennis team's afternoon practices and matches.

Tennis associations across the county are working with community parks so that the recommended best practice scenarios are in place for both tennis and pickleball to exist and grow. Separate pickleball facilities are being built out of sport specific, non-traditional and shared spaces so they do not reduce the popularity and access to existing community tennis courts. Why is the board not working to add pickleball courts just as we have added park facilities dedicated to skateboarding or platform tennis? Is the presumption that our tennis courts will not be in demand in the future so the board will forego any future growth funding for tennis courts and spend \$1M to build new dedicated pickleball courts and permanently remove the existing tennis facilities?

This does not seem part of the recommended guidance.

Here is a link to the USTA's recommendations for the development of tennis and pickleball facilities: <https://www.usta.com/content/dam/usta/2023-pdfs/FINAL-SOG.pdf>

Pickleball has grown during the pandemic and so has tennis. Tennis grew 33% between 2019 and 2022 and numbers roughly 23.6 million players nationwide.\*

The estimate of pickleball's participants numbers between 5 to 8.9 million. \*\*

Pickleball courts, when hastily placed into communities, has proven controversial and has driven communities apart across the country. This issue must be handled with greater consideration than currently seems to be the case. Aside from the inherently larger and louder groups associated with pickleball play, in densely packed courts, in comparison to tennis, the configuration and the specifics of the activity make it much louder than tennis and less suitable to residential neighborhoods.

Pickleball continues to foster controversy across the county with community lawsuits against town boards for, in some cases, "daily injurious and obnoxious noise levels..." due to the constant popping sound of pickleball being played all day. The Los Angeles Times reported "Pickleball noise is fueling neighborhood drama from coast to coast" (article can be found at <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-03-03/pickleball-noisefueling-neighborhood-drama>)

In addition to noise, other complaints include that there is less space to play in the parks as groups of pickleball players gravitate and occupy local playgrounds as they wait to play and socialize. One petition in New York City noted that "Players now endlessly swarm the playground daily."

No doubt, pickleball players need courts to play. I fully support this community need, but

these courts should be built in the proper space, and should not reduce opportunities and future participation to tennis. Building pickleball courts on top of and next to existing tennis facilities, with an estimated cost of nearly \$1 million dollars, is not the answer.

Wilmette must focus on better longer-term recommended solutions rather than the short-term repurposing of existing in-use facilities.

Respectfully,  
Brent Nunn  
Wilmette Resident

Sources:

\*According to The 2022 National Tennis Participation Report available from the Tennis Industry Association (TIA)

\*\* Pickleball number sources: Sports & Fitness Industry Association (SFIA) & Sports Business Journal (6/13/22)

**From:** [Mike Murdock](#)  
**To:** [Michelle Parson](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: [External] Tennis Court Reconfiguration at Locust  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 25, 2023 4:44:42 AM

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FYI

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** SCOTT SMITH <kathyshelgren@comcast.net>  
**Date:** April 24, 2023 at 10:41:26 AM CDT  
**To:** Mike Murdock <mmurdock@wilpark.org>  
**Subject:** [External] Tennis Court Reconfiguration at Locust

To the President of the Wilmette Park Board,

Mister Murdock, we have not met and I am coming to this Wilmette tennis court/pickle ball court issue very late in the game. My hope is that you will share this with the other members of the board before Monday's Park Board meeting.

I am a long time Wilmette resident. An avid tennis player, participating in Wilmette park district competitive teams, (and a sometimes pickle ball player).

In talking with a couple of other Wilmette tennis players this weekend, it has come to my attention that there is a plan to reduce the number of tennis courts at Locust Park from 6 courts to 4 courts; in order to make way for some new pickle ball courts. I am fully in support of adding pickle ball courts to Wilmette's parks; but I believe that the current plan (as I understand it) would be a mistake.

I believe that you have received similar letters/e-mails from other Wilmette tennis players, so I won't rehash all of the arguments. However, having gone through this issue in a Florida community, I recognize this is not an easy issue to tackle. One thing to note, the addition of pickleball courts,

particularly right next to a tennis court, will engender a lot of backlash in terms of the appeal/popularity of the tennis courts at Locust. Any tennis players involved in a match on the court adjacent to pickle ball courts will be very distracted by and unhappy with the noise levels.

With that said, I did want to add my name to the list of those who are opposed to reducing the Locust tennis courts from 6 to 4.

I am not sure how many emails/letters from Wilmette tennis players that the Park Board has received. However, I can report that I have not talked to any Wilmette tennis players who believe that the current Locust Park tennis court/pickle ball court conversion plan is a good idea.

Ps: Although I am not intimately acquainted with the details; I am told that there was an original plan which would build several pickle ball courts at Locust Park while at the same time preserving 6 tennis courts. In my opinion, that plan would be far superior to the current one.

In closing, I'd like to wish you and the board luck with this difficult decision.

With respect,

Kathy Shelgren  
952-239-8081

**From:** [Steve Wilson](#)  
**To:** [Michelle Parson](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [External] RE: Community Playfield's Pickleball Courts.  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 25, 2023 10:21:28 AM

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Steve Wilson  
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----- Original message -----

From: "shelly computerssoftwaresystem.com" <[shelly@computerssoftwaresystem.com](mailto:shelly@computerssoftwaresystem.com)>  
Date: 4/25/23 10:14 AM (GMT-06:00)  
To: Mike Murdock <[mmurdock@wilpark.org](mailto:mmurdock@wilpark.org)>, Allison Frazier <[afrazier@wilpark.org](mailto:afrazier@wilpark.org)>, Kara Kosloskus <[kkosloskus@wilpark.org](mailto:kkosloskus@wilpark.org)>, landerson@wilparg.org, Cecilia Clarke <[cclarke@wilpark.org](mailto:cclarke@wilpark.org)>, Patrick Duffy <[pduffy@wilpark.org](mailto:pduffy@wilpark.org)>, Julia Goebel <[jgoebel@wilpark.org](mailto:jgoebel@wilpark.org)>  
Cc: Steve Wilson <[swilson@wilpark.org](mailto:swilson@wilpark.org)>  
Subject: [External] RE: Community Playfield's Pickleball Courts.

Thank you for the opportunity of making a presentation to you last night. Following is a copy of what I had to say. It is an update of the email that I sent to all of you last Friday.

I am here this evening to oppose the Wilmette Park District's plan to convert 2 tennis courts at Community Playfield (better known as Locust) into 4 pickleball courts for the following reasons:

- There aren't enough tennis courts available now to support the demand for outdoor tennis, especially during summer prime time. If we want permanent reserved courts, we have to pay a fee, just like we do for indoor permanent court time.
- The courts at Locust are busy from morning to night with drills, camps, team matches, social tennis, and family tennis. All this activity calls for all 6 courts to be preserved. Taking away 2 courts will put added pressure on the park district staff, who need to schedule courts for adult classes and camps.

- The current plan leaves 1 court (of the 3-court bank) for tennis, which would cause problems with pickleballs rolling on to the tennis court and vice versa. Pickleball is a more social game with players standing closer to each other. This instills more conversation, etc., which will disturb other players. Along with the noise of the pickleball hitting the paddle, makes playing next to pickleball very annoying.
- The 2 tennis courts at the rec center already have markings for 2 pickleball courts. People have already been playing pickleball there. Those markings make it difficult for tennis players to play there because the multiple lines make it confusing for players trying to keep the ball in play. So, in essence, we have already lost 2 tennis courts.
- For many years Wilmette tennis players have been loyal park district customers by supporting tennis programs with membership, court time, classes, and attire purchases.  
They shouldn't be made to sacrifice their tennis availability for another type of recreation. Losing revenue-generating courts would affect the Park District's bottom line. And we'll all have to pay for that!

There is plenty of park district space available to accommodate both:

- Community Playfield has plenty of green space to add new pickleball courts next to the existing tennis courts.
- You could convert the 2 tennis courts behind the rec center to 4 dedicated pickleball courts. Noise mitigation can be implemented by adding plantings or fencing.
- Consider the parking area in the southwest corner next to the ice rink at Centennial. There's plenty of room there without affecting any green space.

The unique configuration of 6 courts at Community Playfield should be preserved for all the above reasons.

My family and I have been Wilmette residents for over 40 years. We have enjoyed the many spaces made available in our park system for tennis, soccer, baseball, swimming, nature, etc. There is plenty of space available to add a few pickleball courts without reducing the number of existing tennis courts.

I am in an active group of tennis enthusiasts, who despite our older ages, are still playing tennis. I play at least twice a week, all year long at several of the park district outdoor courts and at Centennial Tennis Center. Don't infringe on our pleasure of playing tennis by converting some of our tennis courts to pickleball courts and making it more difficult for us to find available tennis courts. There is plenty of space to add new pickleball courts without jeopardizing our green space.

The park district should be able to find a way to accommodate players of both sports, without asking one to make a sacrifice for the other.

Thank you for your service to our community.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [Mike Murdock](#)  
**To:** [Michelle Parson](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: [External] Langdon Park  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 25, 2023 12:16:07 PM

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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** rjr807@comcast.net  
**Date:** April 25, 2023 at 11:18:17 AM CDT  
**To:** Mike Murdock <mmurdock@wilpark.org>  
**Subject:** [External] Langdon Park

Mike,

I attended the meeting at Mallinckrodt last night along with many of my neighbors.

Understandably, there were many items on the agenda and there wasn't time to permit questions after the Smithgroup presentation.

I'm writing to you with some comments that hopefully, you'll share with the other board members.

I think the planning for Langdon is moving in the right direction, and has come a long way from the initial proposal. Plan before has the path to the south end of the beach, which is less obtrusive than the original concept. The addition of stairs allows access further to the north.

My comments and questions are:

1. Temporary path -I saw the rock samples from afar – Smithgroup should be sure they make the path easy enough to walk on for beachgoers without the rocks being too large
2. The permanent path and stairs - hopefully, there is an alternative to metal stairs. The stairs and railings need to keep an aesthetic appropriate for the area
3. On page 7 of the presentation, it would appear that the landing will be raised over an area called "native prairie planting" and the stairs will traverse what I assume to be the revetment and boulders to come down where there is the initial part of the beach. Is this correct? I understand that the stairs will continue under the sand in case the level of the sand changes. This clearly seems to work, as long as the stairs and railings aren't "industrial"

Thank you to the board for your thoughtful consideration of this matter and allowing community input.

Bob Reichner  
807 Chestnut Avenue

**From:** [Kara Kosloskus](#)  
**To:** [Steve Wilson](#); [Michelle Parson](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: [External] Fwd: WE CAN | No Loyola Lights | Friends of West Park  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 25, 2023 3:03:07 PM

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Requested for inclusion in the next packet

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** West of Edens CAN <[westofedenscan@gmail.com](mailto:westofedenscan@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** April 25, 2023 at 8:00:53 AM CDT  
**To:** [dwilson@berrydunn.com](mailto:dwilson@berrydunn.com)  
**Cc:** Steve Wilson <[swilson@wilpark.org](mailto:swilson@wilpark.org)>, Michelle Parson <[mparson@wilpark.org](mailto:mparson@wilpark.org)>, Kara Kosloskus <[kkosloskus@wilpark.org](mailto:kkosloskus@wilpark.org)>  
**Subject:** [External] Fwd: WE CAN | No Loyola Lights | Friends of West Park

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----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** West of Edens CAN <[westofedenscan@gmail.com](mailto:westofedenscan@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 18, 2023 at 10:10 AM  
**Subject:** WE CAN | No Loyola Lights | Friends of West Park  
**To:** <[mmurdock@wilpark.org](mailto:mmurdock@wilpark.org)>, <[kkosloskus@wilpark.org](mailto:kkosloskus@wilpark.org)>, <[cclarke@wilpark.org](mailto:cclarke@wilpark.org)>, <[pduffy@wilpark.org](mailto:pduffy@wilpark.org)>, <[afrazier@wilpark.org](mailto:afrazier@wilpark.org)>, <[jgoebel@wilpark.org](mailto:jgoebel@wilpark.org)>, <[mparson@wilpark.org](mailto:mparson@wilpark.org)>, <[swilson@wilpark.org](mailto:swilson@wilpark.org)>, <[swilson@wilpark.org](mailto:swilson@wilpark.org)>

Today we announce the formation of WE CAN, the [West of Edens Community Action Network](#), as well as the launch of [No Loyola Lights](#) and continuation of [Friends of West Park](#) as WE CAN initiatives.

For too long, residents of the diverse and geographically isolated West of Edens Community have received local government treatment never experienced in other parts of Wilmette.

The small unprogrammed neighborhood park area in West Park has been decimated by the Park District with Village approval over the last decade in order to build and expand a lighted recreational and party club used primarily by paying members from other areas, day and night, all year. That facility is the cause of disturbance conditions for the park's neighbors and other users not experienced in other parts of Wilmette. The most recent expansion was approved by the Village Board last year despite overwhelming neighborhood opposition and a unanimous negative Zoning Board recommendation.

The Village treats the Park District as immune from both receiving a "hard no" to zoning applications and from complying with Village ordinances--at least as regards West Park--even when requirements and deadlines are explicitly set by

the Village Board as protections for residents. Currently, a Zoning Board hearing is scheduled for next month after the Village invited a new Park District application earlier this year with an explicit endorsement of an operational expansion--something the Village has never done before, and which it did after acknowledging the Park District's ordinance compliance failures but again failing to take enforcement action.

Many residents in the West of Edens Community also experience the increasing burdens of living close to Loyola Academy's rapidly evolving campus. We now face an imminent battle to stop Loyola from obtaining Village approval to regularly hold evening sports and other events at its stadium with thousands of spectators. Loyola has already filed an incomplete application for permanent 80 foot light towers and more, and may proceed to a Zoning Board hearing within the next two months.

This follows a half decade of expansion approvals obtained by Loyola from the Village with no mention of these plans for permanent stadium lights despite submission of master plan documents supposedly extending to 2025. There is even talk of a possible deal between Loyola and the Park District to help facilitate Village approval, an alarming prospect given how the Village and Park District already collaborate in their mistreatment of the West of Edens Community. With or without such a deal, we fear Loyola's application for lights will be another situation in which the Village does not consider "hard no" to be an option from the outset.

The combination of the Edens Expressway, the Platform Tennis Club in West Park, and Loyola Academy already constitute burdens and disturbances to a level not experienced anywhere else in Wilmette. The West of Edens Community recognizes that it must organize and take action or the situation will worsen. These are issues of community development and preservation, zoning, human relations, legal enforcement, mismanagement, conflict of interest, retaliation and bias, and more. We will work to protect our rights, our homes and our lives.

Together WE CAN.

West of Edens Community Action Network

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**From:** [Kara Kosloskus](#)  
**To:** [Steve Wilson](#); [Michelle Parson](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: [External] Fw: Wilmette Parks and Census Tract Correlations  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 25, 2023 3:01:59 PM  
**Attachments:** [wilmette parks \(as submitted to HRC on 1-31-23\).pdf](#)  
[Wilmette Census Tracts.pdf](#)

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Requested to be included in the next packet. Thanks.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Patrick O'Gara <ogarap@yahoo.com>  
**Date:** April 25, 2023 at 7:58:10 AM CDT  
**To:** Kara Kosloskus <kkosloskus@wilpark.org>  
**Subject:** [External] Fw: Wilmette Parks and Census Tract Correlations

Hi Kara,

Could you please help me by ensuring that this message and the WE CAN message are in the very next meeting packet? Thank you and I'm looking forward to our conversation.

Patrick

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Patrick O'Gara <ogarap@yahoo.com>  
To: Wilson Danielle (BerryDunn) <dwilson@berrydunn.com>  
Cc: Steve Wilson <swilson@wilpark.org>; Michelle Parson <mparson@wilpark.org>; Public Comment <publiccomment@wilmette.com>; Kara Kosloskus <kkosloskus@wilpark.org>  
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 07:55:59 AM CDT  
Subject: Wilmette Parks and Census Tract Correlations

Hi Danielle,

Thank you for your presentation about the status of Project Parks and Play at last evening's Wilmette Park District Committee of the Whole Meeting.

I respectfully submit that, as part of BerryDunn's work and with respect to demographics and related considerations that have already been part of your analysis, review should be given to the disparities in park land between different parts of Wilmette and the connections between such disparities, diversity, and

recreational development. Connections can also be drawn with the response rates to your survey.

For example, as the attached chart demonstrates, West Park is located in the most diverse Wilmette census tract that also has the least amount of park land of Wilmette census tracts. West Park has seen the greatest reduction in natural grass and tree space and the greatest loss of unprogrammed neighborhood park space to recreational development (specifically the membership-oriented Platform Tennis Club) of any Wilmette park, as well as the greatest increase in disturbances related to recreational development (specifically the noise, light and traffic resulting from construction and expansion of the Platform Tennis Club). All of this happened in the last decade, and the severity is increasing as I type this morning with construction work underway on the current expansion of the Platform Tennis Club.

My efforts to promote public attention to these disparities by the Wilmette Park District over the past year have so far been unsuccessful. There has been zero acknowledgement. None.

I remain hopeful that such significant issues will be acknowledged as it reflects very poorly on the District that there is not even open dialogue to these blatant and well-established disparities.

Finally, and related, you will also receive a forwarded email from a new group called West of Edens Community Action Network that was sent to the Park District last week. As my public comment at last night's Committee Meeting reflected, that email did not make it into the meeting packet. I am hopeful that the copied staff members will help out by ensuring that the email makes its way into the NEXT Park District meeting packet which I believe will be for a Board meeting on May 8. I hope that staff will contact me if there is any reason that request cannot be carried out.

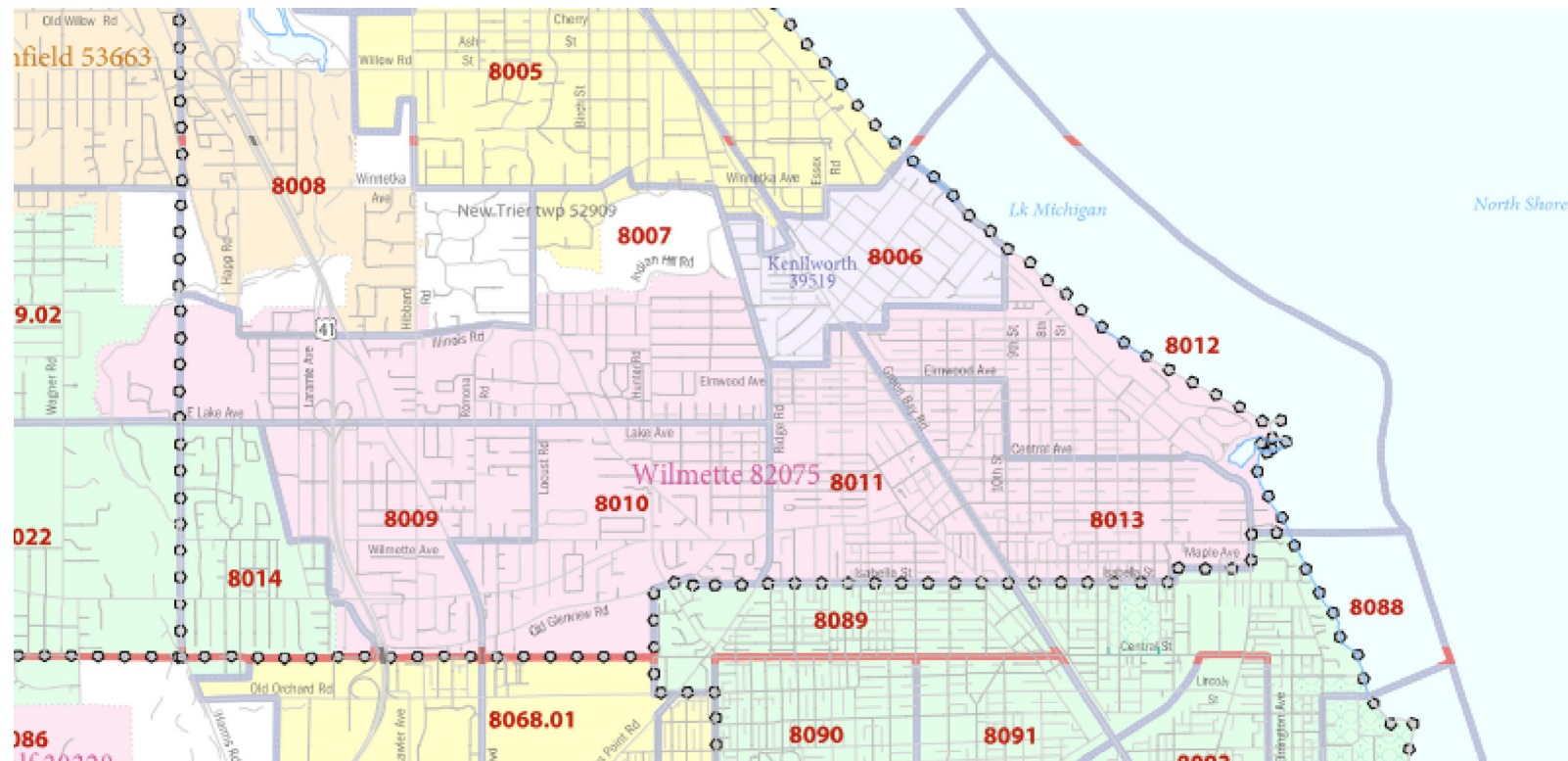
I'm available for any comments or questions you and BerryDunn in general may have about this message and the WE CAN message.

Thank you.

Patrick

Census Tract	Median Family Income	Tract Population	Percentage of Population	Tract Minority Population	Tract Minority Percentage	Overall Minority Percentage	Parks In Census Tracts (% Remaining Green Space)	Total Park Acreage	Remaining Green Space	Acreage Per Person	Remaining Green Space Per Person(Acres)	Square Ft Per Person
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8009	\$134,561.00	4,633	17.06%	2,034	43.90%	7.49%	Lockerbie Park, 100% West Park 30% CRC/Hibbard Park 47%	7.3	6.231	0.0016	0.0013	58.58
8010	\$171,761.00	4,754	17.50%	1,123	23.62%	4.13%	Centennial Park 48% Community Playfields 94%	63.8	44.58	0.0134	0.0094	408.48
8011	\$193,632.00	4,700	17.30%	551	11.72%	2.03%	Earlywine 91% Vattman 87% Howard 91% Forest Park 72% Wheeler Park 63%	14.3	12.481	0.0030	0.0027	115.67
8012	\$245,796.00	3,400	12.52%	394	11.59%	1.45%	Gilson Beach Park 78% Bateman Park 99% Langdon Park 93% Shorewood Park 93%	65	51.6	0.0191	0.0152	661.09
8013	\$230,737.00	4,628	17.04%	638	13.79%	2.35%	Gilson Beach Park 78%	61.3	46.176	0.0132	0.0100	434.62

3 out of every 8 minorites in Wilmette live in the census tract most affected by changes to West Park





**From:** [Kara Kosloskus](#)  
**To:** [Michelle Parson](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: [External] COW meeting  
**Date:** Friday, April 28, 2023 7:18:59 AM

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901 Chestnut Ave, Wilmette

**Amanda Hanley**  
cell: [847.477.3734](tel:847.477.3734)

**From:** [Steve Wilson](#)  
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**Subject:** FW: [External] Open Langdon Beach this summer  
**Date:** Friday, April 28, 2023 11:25:51 AM

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Steve Wilson  
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**From:** [Steve Wilson](#)  
**To:** [Michelle Parson](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [External] Langdon Beach  
**Date:** Friday, April 28, 2023 11:26:29 AM

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Cc: Pamela Walton <[plwalton15@gmail.com](mailto:plwalton15@gmail.com)>  
Subject: [External] Langdon Beach

Dear WPD Board Members: We write in support of opening the temporary path at the Langdon Beach. We love the Wilmette beaches and can't wait to take advantage of them this summer. Thank you very much.

Jonathan & Pam Walton  
1746 Washington Ave, Wilmette, IL 60091

**From:** [Steve Wilson](#)  
**To:** [Michelle Parson](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [External] Langdon Beach!  
**Date:** Friday, April 28, 2023 2:53:48 PM

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From: tastesgoodtome@aol.com  
Date: 4/28/23 2:11 PM (GMT-06:00)  
To: Steve Wilson <[swilson@wilpark.org](mailto:swilson@wilpark.org)>  
Subject: [External] Langdon Beach!

**From a concerned and interested WILMETIAN ...**

**WE WANT THE TEMPORARY PATH OPEN BY MEMORIAL DAY !**

**Is there anything I can do to help move this forward?? Happy to!**

Donna Goodman (Waitz)  
Donna Goodman Events

847.644.6555

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**To:** [Michelle Parson](#); [Steve Wilson](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: [External] COW meeting  
**Date:** Friday, April 28, 2023 3:27:03 PM

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Doesn't SG have the zoning report handy (which they needed to do at the start of the project) which would show no ADA requirements are applicable since Gilson is fully ADA compliant with all amenities. Also, if it were to be ADA compliant would it not also need bathrooms and parking?

Thank you Steve,  
Elissa

Elissa Morgante, AIA  
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2834 Central St, Evanston  
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Elissa,

The ADA requirements were put back on the table by Village staff at a meeting on Friday. We are not in agreement with them and continue to work to understand if what they have requested is in fact

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Thank you.

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One more timeline comment:

On slide/point 4. It shows C.A. going from Fall 2023-spring 2024 but in slide 5. It shows CA being completed in October of 2023, so the whole construction process is condensed into three months...but slide 4. Implies if you keep the beach open through August the CA will take until the following spring to complete. This is mis-leading information. If the CA is a three month project there is no construction evidence/history to suggest work can't proceed into Nov 2023 and be completed in the same three month time frame as slide 5.

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**From:** [Allison Frazier](#)  
**To:** [Michelle Parson](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: [External] Langdon beach  
**Date:** Saturday, April 29, 2023 8:22:14 AM

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To include in the packet

Alli Frazier  
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**Subject:** [External] Langdon beach

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Sincerely,  
Lisa Rosenberg  
731 Chestnut Avenue

**From:** [Patrick Duffy](#)  
**To:** [Steve Wilson](#); [Michelle Parson](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: [External] COW meeting  
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- Patrick  
Sent from my iPhone

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**To:** [Michelle Parson](#); [Steve Wilson](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: [External] Langdon Beach  
**Date:** Monday, May 1, 2023 12:51:16 AM

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Pls include in the next packet

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**To:** Kara Kosloskus <[kkosloskus@wilpark.org](mailto:kkosloskus@wilpark.org)>  
**Subject:** [External] Langdon Beach

PLEASE CONSIDER OPENING LANGDON BEACH THIS SUMMER. It's been closed for too long. Thanks, Linda Schael, 806 Chestnut Avenue

Sent from my iPad



**From:** [Kara Kosloskus](#)  
**To:** [Michelle Parson](#); [Steve Wilson](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: [External] Open Langdon Beach this summer  
**Date:** Monday, May 1, 2023 12:54:39 AM

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Correspondence for the packet. Thx.

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**To:** [info@wilmetteparkfriends.org](mailto:info@wilmetteparkfriends.org)  
**Cc:** [Kristi Solberg](#); [Michelle Parson](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [External] Beach Accessibility  
**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 1:51:45 PM

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Walter,

Thank you for the info. I think you are correct about the freezing of Lake Michigan and that is why a system such as this would not be ideal for us. The ice float would for sure damage such a built structure, and to avoid that, the annual deconstruction/rebuild process would be quite onerous.

You may know, but in the off chance you don't, we have a wheelchair at Gillson to help get individuals with disabilities into the water. Based on my quick look at the product you sent over, I think this is still the better solution for our beaches at this time.

Thanks again for sharing.

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**Subject:** [External] Beach Accessibility

**TO: Wilmette Park Commissioners**

Dear #First#,

I just saw this article in the [Washington Post](#) about beaches in Greece assisting people with mobility issues. It is pretty interesting and innovative.

The developer/operator is Seatrac, a Greek company ([www.seatrac.gr](http://www.seatrac.gr)). Here is a [link](#) to a demo video on YouTube.

I don't know what similar options might exist for people here in the U.S., or whether our beach lends itself to such a device. It seems that in Greece the water drops off fairly close to the shore making it easier for the user to actually enter the water and swim. Also I doubt that Greece's beaches freeze over in winter.

On the other hand it might be worth looking into for an option/version suitable for Lake Michigan.

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## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### *May 2023*

#### **MAY BOARD MEETINGS**

Due to the recent election, along with the Annual Meeting, there will be three meetings back-to-back-to-back on Monday evening. The first meeting will be the final meeting of the current board. At that meeting, the board will vote on items related to the month of March such as minutes and Vouchers. In addition, there is a resolution to commemorate the service of outgoing board member, Lindsay Anderson. The board will then adjourn sine die (pronounced sin-a dee-a) which is a procedural term that draws to a close the meetings of the board as currently constituted, making way for the next board to begin meeting.

The second meeting of the night is the Annual Board Meeting as called for in the Organization and Operations Manual of the Board of Park Commissioners. At this meeting, we will begin by administering the Oath of Office to the four individuals who were elected in the April 4, 2023 election. After the oath is complete, the next item will be the board's selection of officers, President and Vice President. As the Secretary of the Board, I will facilitate the process for nominating and voting for the office of President. The President will then facilitate the process of nominating and voting for the office of Vice President. After the officers are selected, there are various appointments remaining on the agenda, followed by adjournment of the Annual Meeting.

The third meeting of the night will be the first Regular board meeting of the new board.

#### **COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS PRESENTATION**

At the start of the Regular Board Meeting, Jeff Andreason of aQity Research and Insights, will make a presentation that summarizes the results of the survey conducted as a part of the Project Parks and Play initiative. In addition to the presentation, attached to this report you will find an approximately 250 page document that has a full analysis of the survey results along with all the comments made by those who completed the survey.

During the meeting, the consultant will make their presentation in full. At the conclusion of the presentation, the Board will allow for public comment and questions regarding the survey presentation and report. Once the public comment and questions are heard, the consultants will then come back before the board and answer the questions from the public. I will help outline this process at the start of the presentation so everyone attending the meeting is aware of how the meeting will progress.

As a reminder, we were very successful in garnering a high level of participation from the community by receiving 1,201 surveys from the approximately 10,000 households in

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Wilmette. This response rate is much higher than similar surveys in other communities, and because of that, I want to thank the community for taking time to give the District their input. As outlined at the last Committee of the Whole, BerryDunn who is the lead consultant for Project Parks and Play, indicated that the next steps are to complete their analysis of the District, combine it with the survey results, and begin drafting initial Comprehensive and Strategic plans. Once those plans are ready, more public input and feedback will be sought, which will help refine the plans into a final product the Board will be able to consider for adoption.

### **PICKLEBALL**

Work has continued on developing pickleball plans at Community Playfields as outlined by the board. As a part of that, some financial savings have been identified since the prior board meeting. Attached you will find the updated estimate that shows the overall cost to be less than \$700,000. Please note that this is merely an estimate, but as the plan details are established, the pricing estimate can become more accurate. Ultimately, the results of a public bid process will determine the price of the project if approved by the board. As staff continues to finalize the plans and estimates, we will continue to provide the board updates. Ultimately, once the plans are finalized, bid documents will be made available, a bid will be conducted, and the board will consider the bid results for approval. If all steps proceed as anticipated, contracts will be in place to begin doing the construction in the early fall to complete the work prior to winter.

In addition to Community Playfields, Superintendent Solberg is working on adding lines to the courts at Hibbard Park and Maple Park that will work with the pickleball rollaway nets. We hope to have those courts in place in the coming months.

### **WALLACE BOWL RESTORATION**

Since the last board meeting, the Ouilmette Foundation has met and is working towards a fundraising plan to support the project. Once this plan is fully developed, I will be able to provide it to the Board of Park Commissioners as requested at the last board meeting.

### **VILLAGE LEAF BLOWER ORDINANCE**

The Village of Wilmette passed an updated ordinance in regard to leaf blowers last month. In this ordinance, the District is exempt from compliance, which I want to offer some insight into why. The District staff and Village staff have discussed the use of gas powered leaf blowers, along with other handheld landscape equipment, and the District has expressed its commitment to migrate to electric as equipment is replaced, as we saw in the Parks and Planning Department report last month. The reason for this approach is that it is neither environmentally friendly, nor fiscally prudent, to scrap functioning equipment. I plan to continue to work with the Village staff as they continue to consider their ordinances related to this equipment, and look forward to migrating as much of the District's equipment to environmentally friendly options when the time is right.

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### **LANGDON BEACH ACCESS**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has indicated it will provide us their initial response to our request for a Letter of No Opinion on May 9<sup>th</sup>, along with a timeframe of when they plan to have a final response.

In addition, last month for the Committee of the Whole meeting, I indicated that the Village of Wilmette requested we contact the Illinois Capital Development Board to determine if the access the District is currently contemplating needs to be compliant with the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA). This week, we heard from the Capital Development Board that indeed, the access provided at Langdon must be ADA compliant. In response to this information, staff have worked with our consultants to ask follow-up questions about whether or not the planned initial access would need to be ADA compliant along with questions regarding long-term solutions. At the time of this memo, we have not heard back from the Capital Development Board. If we receive a response prior to the meeting on Monday night, I will detail the information at the meeting.

### **SURPLUS ORDINANCES UNDER NEW BUSINESS**

Under New Business you will see two ordinances for your consideration. Both are for surplus property, which is a legal requirement when disposing of capital assets of the District.

### **Attachments**

- 1) Community Survey Presentation Slides
- 2) Community Survey Final Report
- 3) Pickleball Layout at Community Playfields
- 4) Pickleball Estimate of Proposed Cost for Community Playfields
- 5) Surplus Property Ordinance 2023-O-4
- 6) Surplus Property Ordinance 2023-O-5
- 7) Parks and Planning Department Report
- 8) Recreation/Facilities Department Reports
- 9) General Administration Operations Report



# COMMUNITY SURVEY FOR THE WILMETTE PARK DISTRICT

MAY 2023

***aQity Research & Insights***

*Evanston, IL*



## Research Methods

- Findings are based on responses from n=1,201 Wilmette Park District (WPD) residents (exceeding initial goal of 1,000).
- Data collection dates: February 3 to March 16, 2023.
- Invitation postcards to the online survey or printed mail questionnaires (with prepaid return envelope) were sent to all 10,000+ WPD households. Reminder postcards were sent to all non-respondents in early March.
  - The 12% response rate in this survey is much higher than “typical” 5% to 8% response rates for park district surveys.
- Households requesting additional surveys for other adults at their residence were accommodated; the n=1,201 respondents represent 1,190 unique households.
- All residents were given three options to respond:
  - n=770 completed the survey online
  - n=431 completed a printed survey (sent and returned by USPS)
  - No one opted for a phone survey/interview.





## Research Methods (cont'd)

- The random sample of  $n=1,201$  was weighted to match US Census data for Wilmette by region, age, gender, race and ethnicity, homeowner vs. renter status, and percentage of households with children.
- Assuming no sample bias, the margin of error is  $\pm 3.1\%$  (at the 95% confidence level)\*.
- Throughout the report, statistically meaningful differences (at the 95% confidence level) are identified. If responses from a demographic group are not reported, this means that the response from that segment was generally in line with the overall result.

\* In addition to sampling error, question wording, respondent error, and practical difficulties in conducting surveys may introduce error or bias in any opinion poll.



## Respondent Sample Demographics (self-reported)

Gender*	
Male	47%
Female	52%
Prefer to self-describe	1%

Age*	
Under 35	9%
35-44	17%
45-54	24%
55-64	21%
65+	29%
<i>Mean (average): 55.8 years old</i>	

Children in Household*	
Yes	43%
No	57%

Homeowner / Renter Status*	
Renter	10%
Homeowner	90%

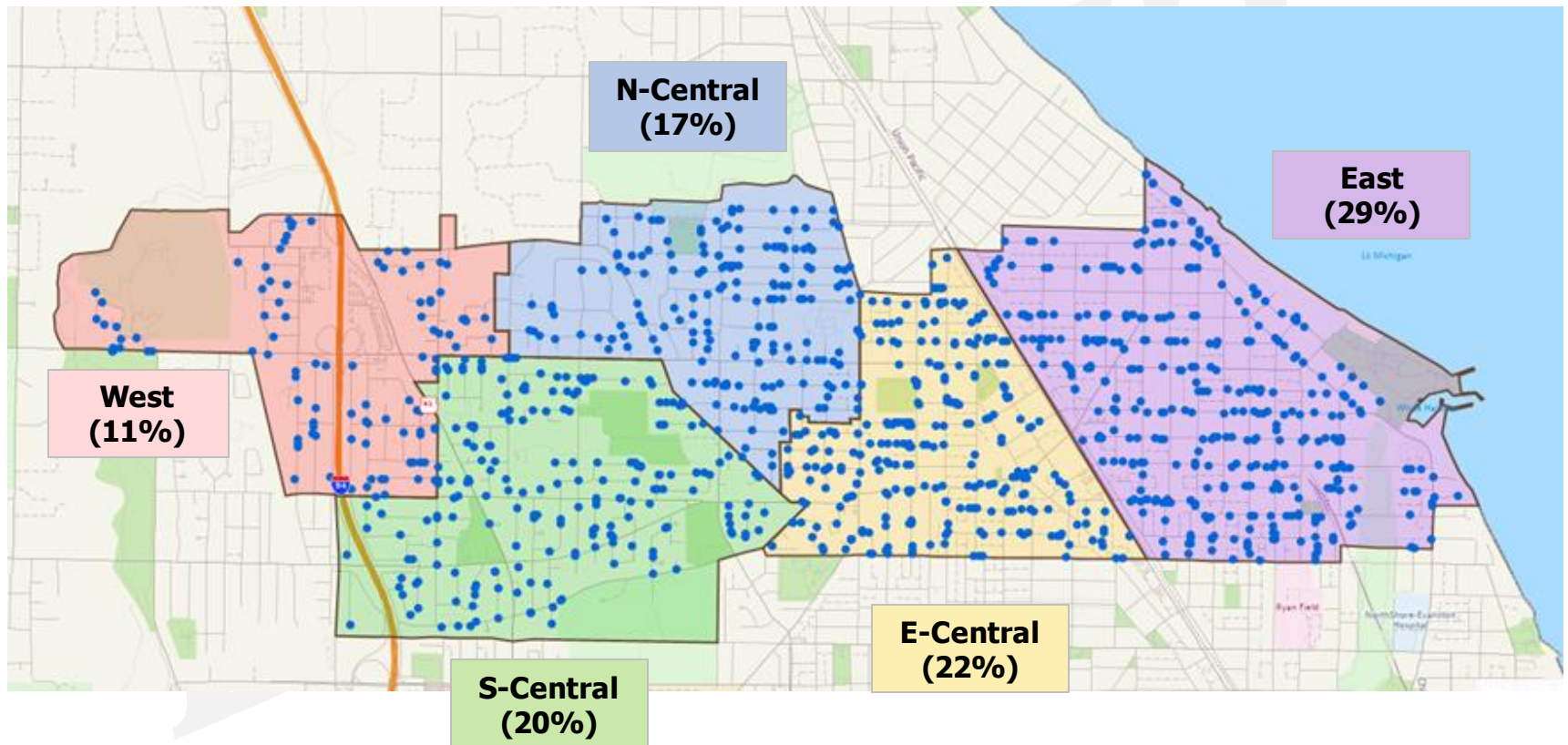
Length of Residence in Wilmette Park District	
Less than 5 years	21%
5-9 years	14%
10-19 years	18%
20-29 years	25%
30-39 years	22%
40+ yrs.	21%
<i>Mean (average): 20.4 years</i>	

Race* (multiple responses)	
White/Caucasian	85%
Asian	13%
Black/African American	<1%
American Indian or Alaska Native	<1%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	<1%
Other	1%

Ethnicity*	
Hispanic/Latino	5%
Not Hispanic/Latino	95%

\*Weighted to 2020 and 2021 Census data.

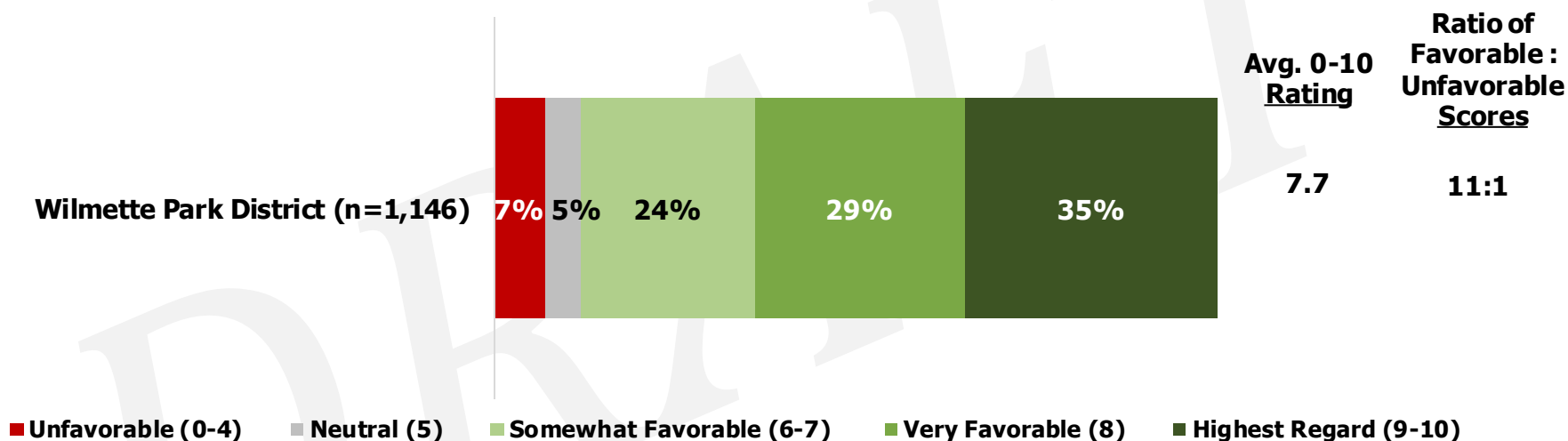
## Regional Distribution of Respondents\*





Residents hold the WPD in favorable regard overall, with 88% giving favorable ratings (6+ on a 0-10 esteem scale). Over a third (35%) hold the District in the highest regard (scores of 9+), vs. 7% who have negative opinions (scores of 4 or lower).

**Overall Esteem for Wilmette Park District  
(0-10 scale)**

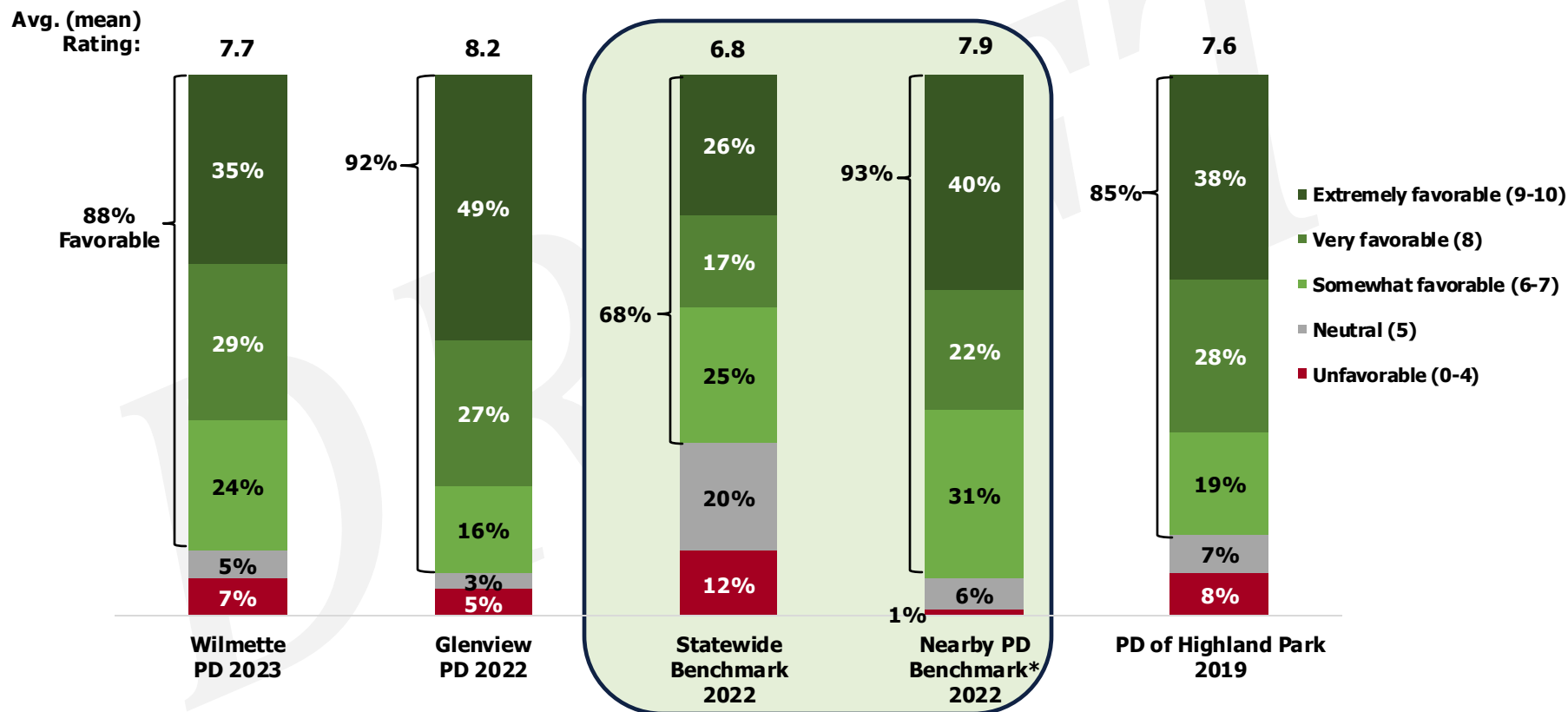


Q2. Please rate your overall opinion of the Wilmette Park District on a scale from 0 (completely dislike) through 10 (hold it in the highest regard), with 5 a neutral score. If you are unfamiliar with the District, please select "Unfamiliar".



The WPD's esteem ratings far exceed the statewide average scores and are relatively in line with neighboring park districts.

### Benchmark Comparisons: Overall Esteem Ratings



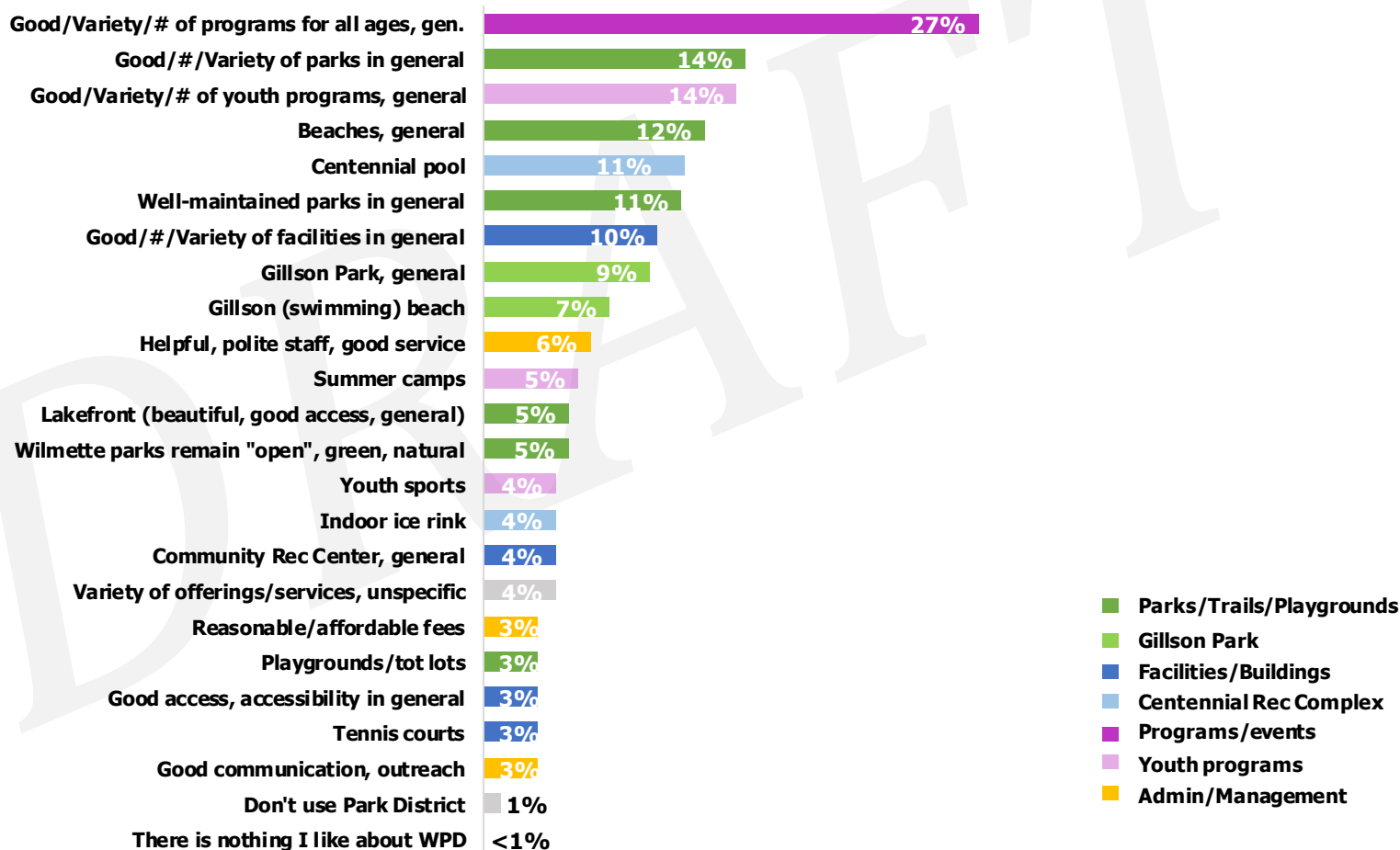
Q4. Please rate your overall opinion of the Wilmette Park District. (0=completely dislike, 5=neutral, 10=highest regard).

\* 2022 benchmark comparisons with neighboring park district agencies include Glencoe, Winnetka, Kenilworth, Northfield, Northbrook, Skokie and Glenview.



When asked (in an open-ended format) what they like best about the WPD or its strengths, residents most often appreciate the number/variety of programs (especially for youth) and parks (especially beaches/lakefront), and well-maintained properties.

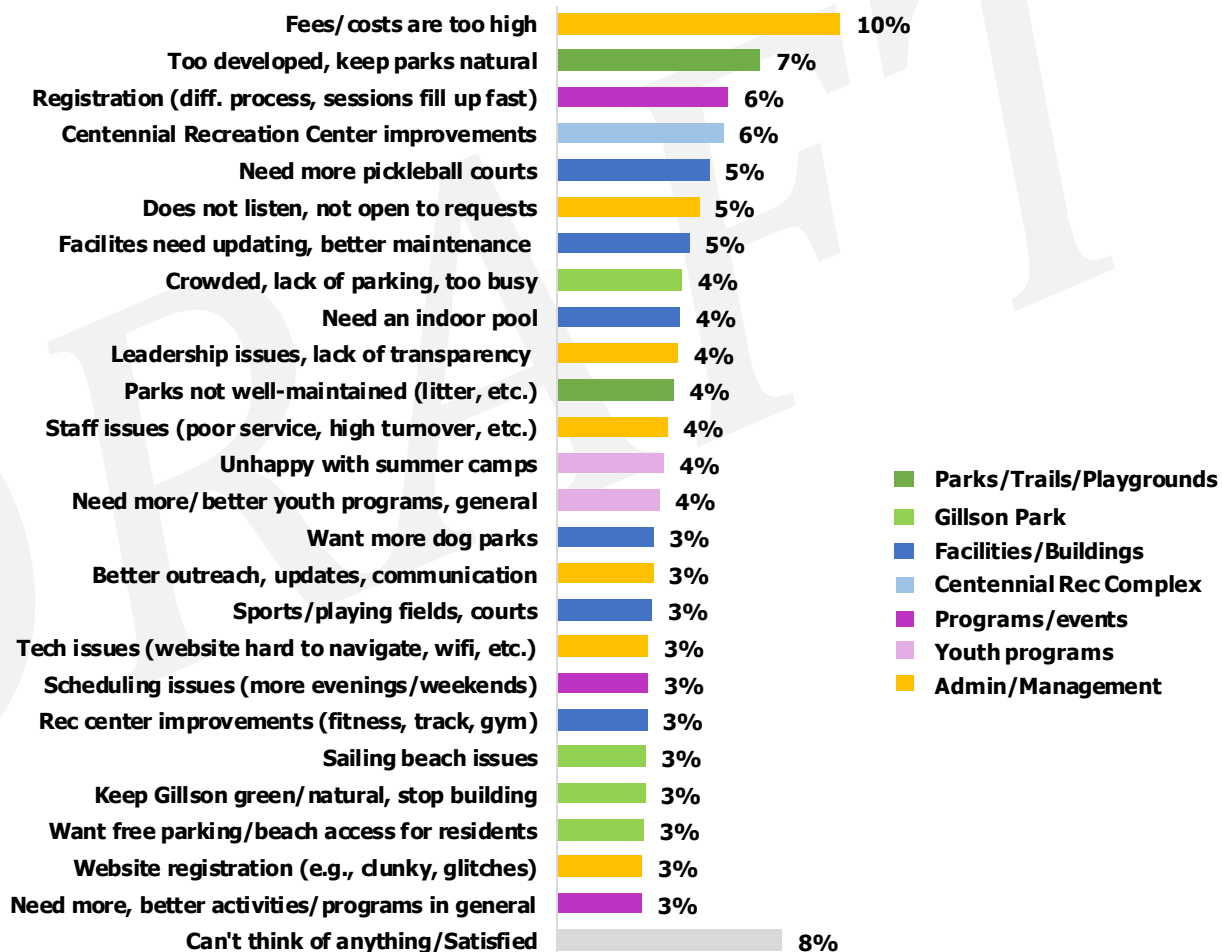
### WPD Strengths (multiple open-ended responses)





When asked what they dislike most/improvements sought from the WPD, responses are more scattered (less consensus). The most frequent – fees and costs – is cited by 10% overall; all other suggestions register 7% or less response.

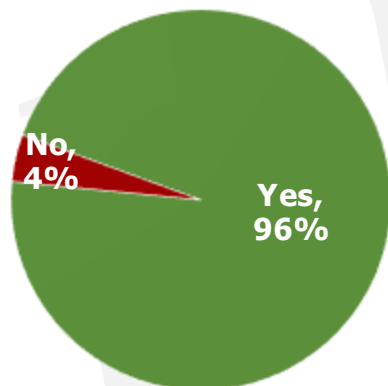
### WPD Weaknesses/Improvements Sought (multiple open-ended responses)





**Nearly every respondent reports that someone in their household has been to a WPD park, playground, or nature area in the past year, with nearly everyone visiting Gillson Park. Two thirds went to Centennial Park, and half (52%) used the Green Bay Trail.**

### Visited WPD Park/Playground/ Nature Area in Past 12 Months?



n=1,158

Wilmette PD Parks/ Playgrounds/ Nature Areas	% Reporting (n=1,158)	All Respondents (n=1,201)
Gillson Park	94%	90%
Centennial Park	66%	64%
Green Bay Bike Trail	54%	52%
Mallinckrodt Park	47%	46%
Community Playfield	46%	44%
Vattmann Park	32%	31%
Thornwood Park	28%	27%
Langdon Park	26%	25%
Maple Park	25%	24%
West Park	24%	24%
Key Nature Center	23%	22%
Hibbard Park	22%	21%
Howard Park	21%	20%
Earlywine Park	9%	9%
Forest Park	9%	9%
Shorewood Park	6%	5%
Wheeler Park	5%	5%
Bateman Park	4%	4%
Lockerbie Park	2%	2%





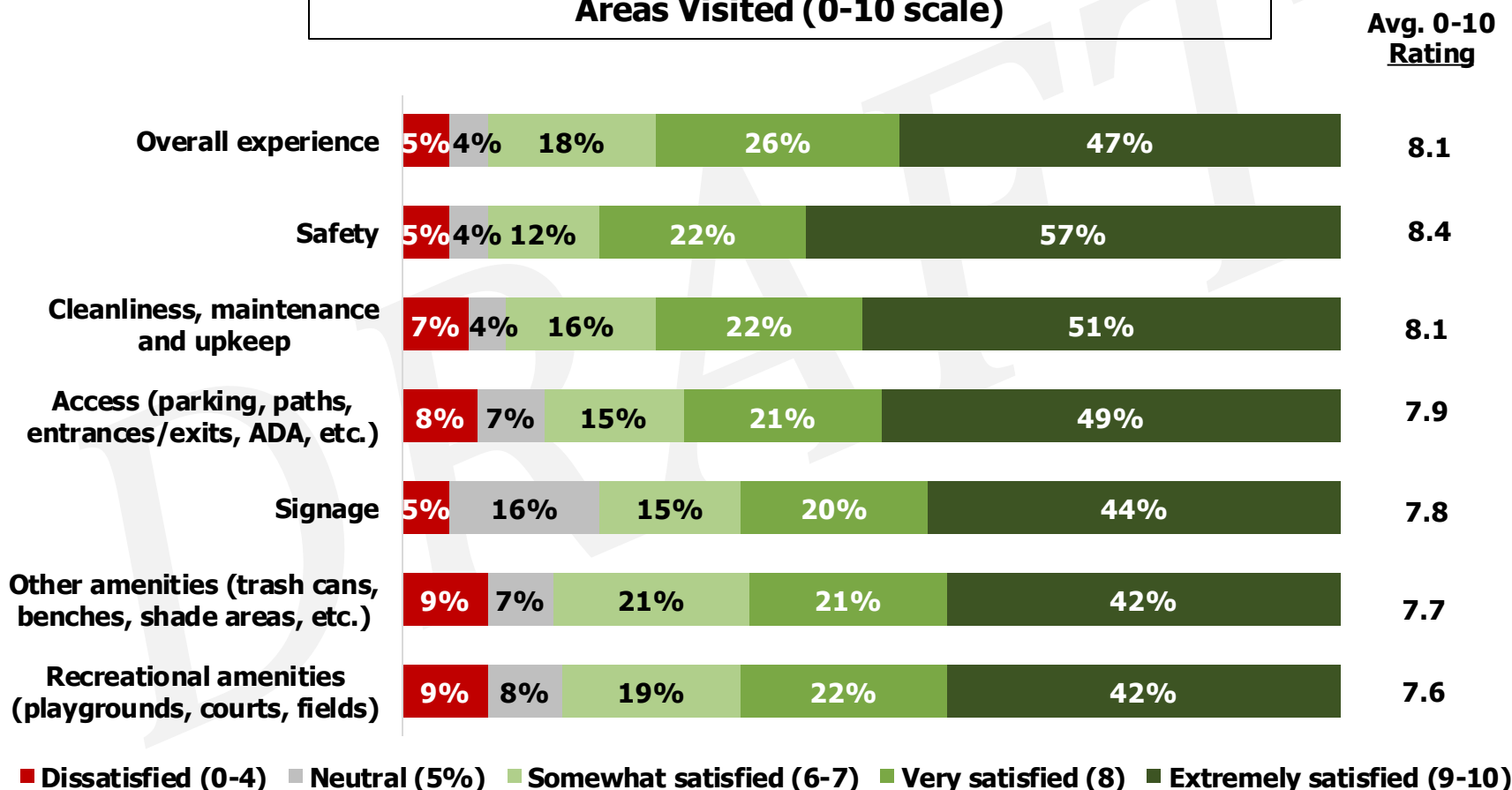
**Comparing self-reported usage by region, WPD locations draw largely from their immediate areas. For example, most who report using Langdon and Maple Parks live in the East; nearly half (42%) of Thornwood Park users live in the N-Central area.**

<u>Wilmette Parks</u>	<i>n</i>	Region				
		West	S Central	N Central	E Central	East
<b>Overall (row) % of Respondents</b>	<b>1,201</b>	11%	20%	17%	22%	29%
Gillson Park	1087	10%	19%	16%	23%	32%
Centennial Park	765	9%	23%	19%	25%	25%
Green Bay Bike Trail	605	5%	11%	19%	27%	38%
Mallinckrodt Park	593	6%	15%	29%	29%	21%
Community Playfield	510	8%	30%	20%	21%	21%
Vattmann Park	423	3%	7%	18%	45%	27%
Thornwood Park	324	7%	17%	42%	16%	18%
Langdon Park	329	5%	8%	9%	21%	56%
Maple Park	338	4%	12%	8%	16%	60%
West Park	254	21%	20%	15%	23%	22%
Key Nature Center	263	18%	40%	13%	15%	13%
Hibbard Park	225	16%	41%	18%	15%	10%
Howard Park	238	5%	13%	14%	48%	20%
Earlywine Park	120	2%	2%	6%	73%	17%
Forest Park	120	7%	3%	33%	42%	15%
Shorewood Park	81	4%	10%	15%	24%	46%
Wheeler Park	66	0%	10%	8%	61%	21%
Bateman Park	45	19%	13%	7%	26%	35%
Lockerbie Park	17	11%	53%	13%	21%	2%
None of the above	43	33%	22%	10%	16%	19%



The vast majority of these recent visitors are satisfied with their overall experience, with significant numbers (42%+) saying they are extremely satisfied (scores of 9+). By comparison, fewer than one in ten visitors are dissatisfied.

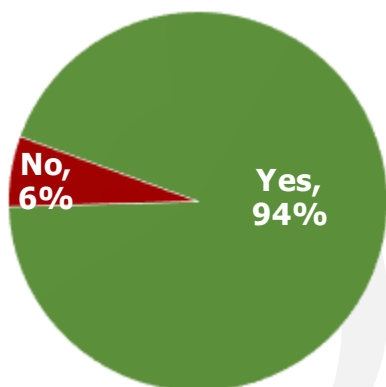
## Satisfaction with WPD Parks/Playgrounds/Natural Areas Visited (0-10 scale)





In terms of specific WPD facilities, most residents report going to the swimming beach and/or beach house at Gillson Park in the past year. At least one in five have also been to the Wallace Bowl, dog beach, sailing beach, or Lakeview Center at this site.

### Visited a WPD Facility in Past 12 Months?



n=1,139

Wilmette PD Facilities	% Reporting (n=1,139)	All Respondents (n=1,201)
<b>GILLSON PARK</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>87%</b>
Swimming beach	74%	69%
Concession/beach house	65%	61%
Wallace Bowl	42%	39%
Dog beach	28%	27%
Sailing beach	26%	24%
Lakeview Center	23%	22%
Other	23%	21%
<b>CENTENNIAL RECREATION COMPLEX</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>59%</b>
Outdoor aquatic center	44%	41%
Indoor ice rink	26%	24%
Indoor tennis courts	19%	18%
Other	9%	9%
<b>COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>45%</b>
Fitness center	24%	22%
Gymnastics gym	16%	15%
Sports gym	13%	10%
Early childhood center	11%	6%
Other	7%	13%
<b>WILMETTE GOLF CLUB</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>35%</b>
Restaurant	27%	25%
Driving range	21%	20%
Golf course	20%	19%
<b>MALLINCKRODT CENTER</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>23%</b>
<b>WILMETTE PADDLE TENNIS CLUB</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>13%</b>

**As with WPD parks and open spaces, many facilities tend to attract usage from more proximate areas, although the swimming beach and the beach house at Gillson, as well as the Golf Club and Paddle Tennis Club, draw from throughout the community.**

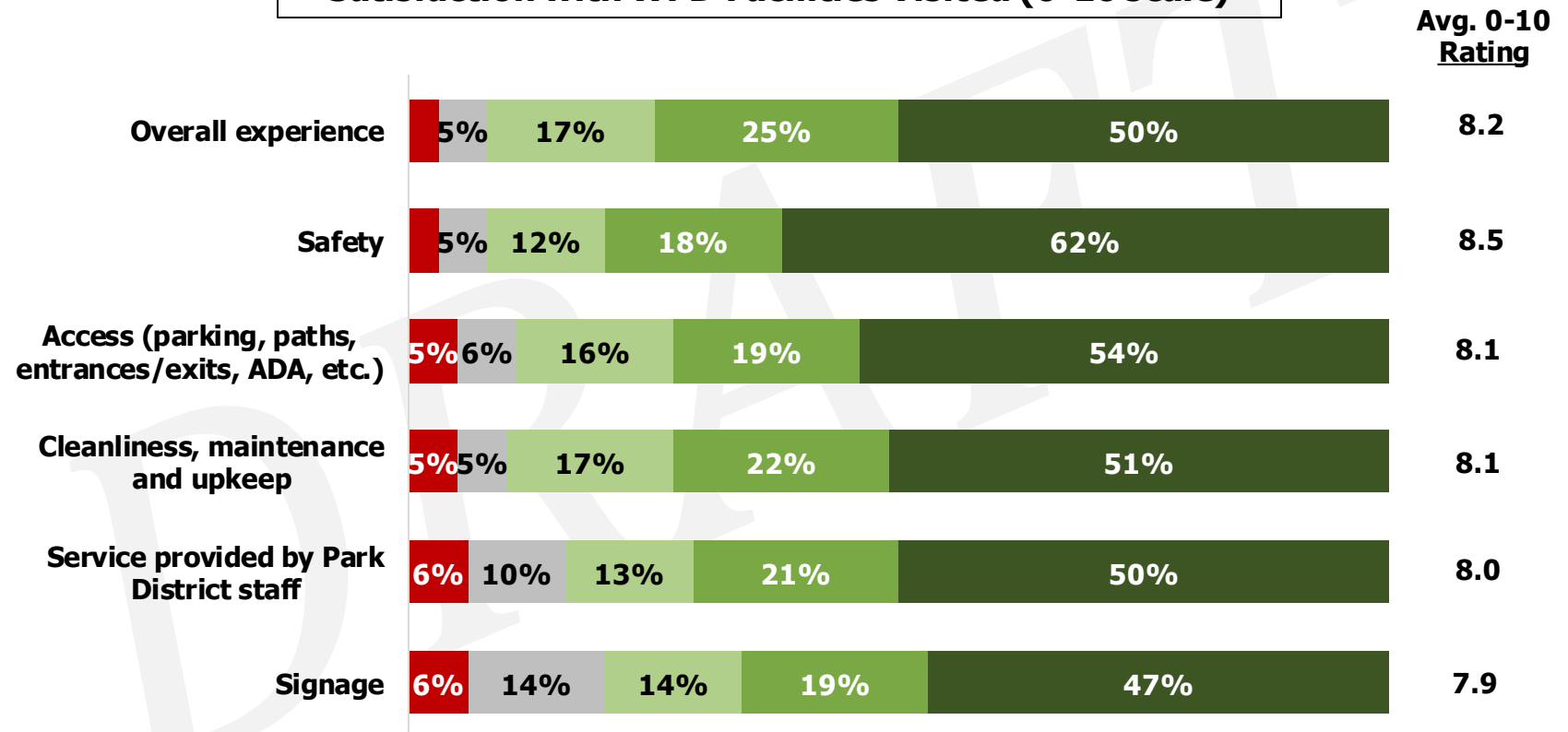
Wilmette Facilities	n	Region				
		West	S Central	N Central	E Central	East
<b>Overall (row) % of Respondents</b>	<b>1,201</b>	11%	20%	17%	22%	29%
<b>GILLSON PARK</b>	<b>1,058</b>	10%	19%	17%	23%	31%
Swimming beach	812	10%	20%	17%	22%	30%
Concession/beach house	728	9%	19%	18%	23%	32%
Wallace Bowl	495	8%	17%	11%	26%	38%
Dog beach	321	7%	19%	12%	24%	38%
Sailing beach	295	4%	7%	17%	25%	46%
Lakeview Center	276	6%	14%	13%	25%	42%
Other (e.g., park, trails, playground, bird area)	293	7%	18%	15%	19%	41%
<b>CENTENNIAL RECREATION COMPLEX</b>	<b>699</b>	7%	23%	18%	23%	28%
Outdoor aquatic center	475	7%	26%	19%	22%	27%
Indoor ice rink	285	11%	23%	17%	21%	28%
Indoor tennis courts	219	7%	18%	20%	20%	36%
Other (e.g., gardens, polling place, sledding)	103	10%	21%	21%	29%	19%
<b>COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER</b>	<b>549</b>	10%	25%	19%	23%	22%
Fitness center	263	9%	30%	20%	23%	17%
Gymnastics gym	188	8%	22%	23%	28%	19%
Sports gym	145	4%	26%	22%	25%	23%
Early childhood center	79	10%	36%	11%	21%	22%
Other (e.g., track, theater, community room)	141	12%	28%	17%	19%	24%
<b>WILMETTE GOLF CLUB</b>	<b>439</b>	10%	17%	20%	24%	30%
Restaurant	305	11%	18%	21%	22%	28%
Driving range	229	10%	16%	19%	24%	30%
Golf course	228	6%	19%	19%	26%	30%
<b>MALLINCKRODT CENTER</b>	<b>305</b>	3%	15%	32%	32%	19%
<b>WILMETTE PADDLE TENNIS CLUB</b>	<b>149</b>	10%	9%	20%	29%	32%
None of the above	62	30%	19%	7%	22%	22%

 Higher than average draw from region (statistically meaningful at 95% level)



Similar to high satisfaction with WPD parks/playgrounds/natural areas, WPD facilities receive comparably strong scores. At least half of recent users are “extremely satisfied” with each attribute (with the exception of “signage”, slightly lower at 47%).

### Satisfaction with WPD Facilities Visited (0-10 scale)



■ Dissatisfied (0-4) ■ Neutral (5) ■ Somewhat satisfied (6-7) ■ Very satisfied (8) ■ Extremely satisfied (9-10)

Among the relatively few non-WPD visitors/users in the past year, most cite not having children as the reason. This suggests that the District is perceived as primarily for children or young families and is less relevant to those without children.

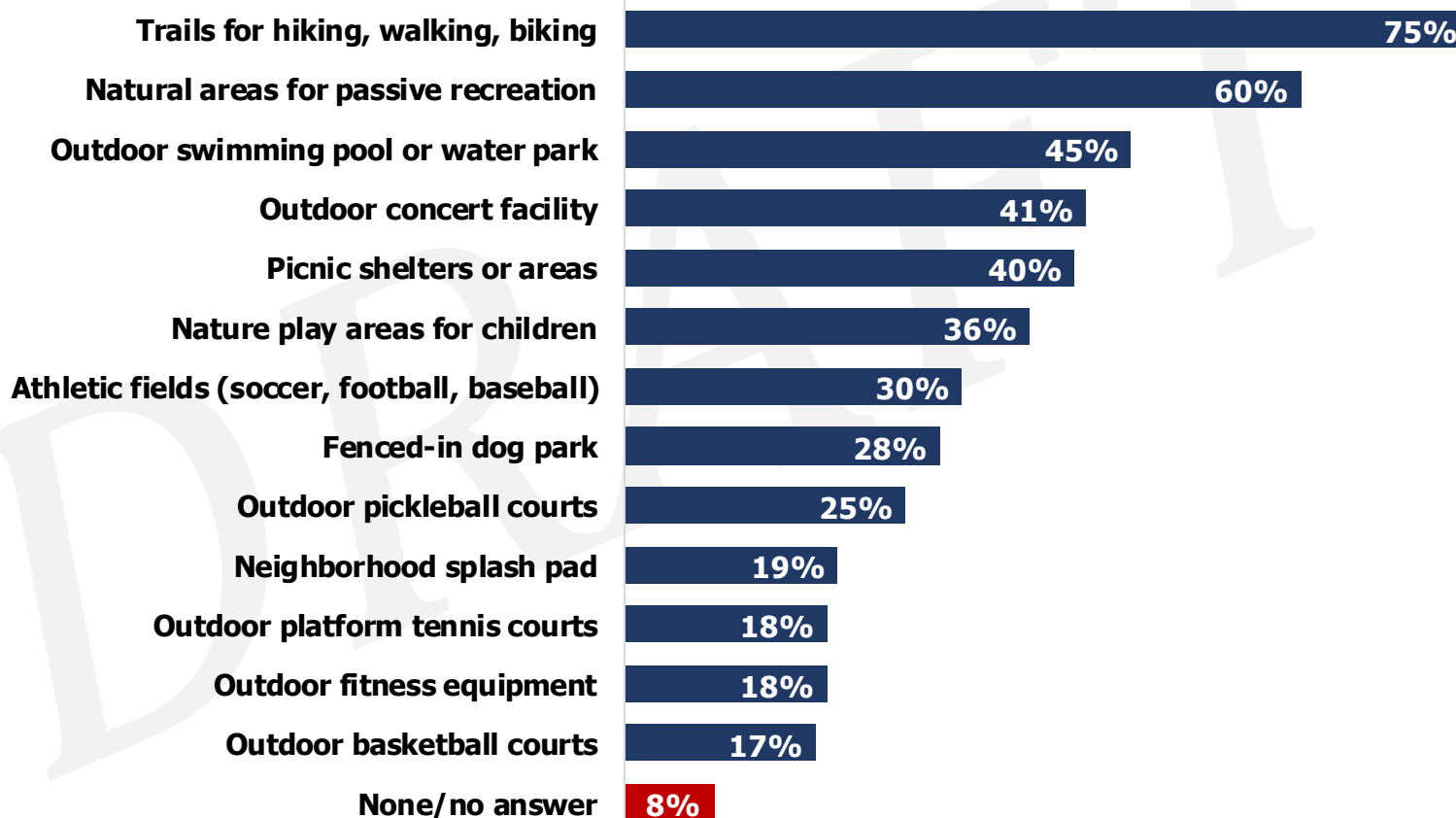
## Reasons for Non-WPD Park, Playground/Nature Area/Facility Usage (multiple n of responses, n=50 non-visitors)





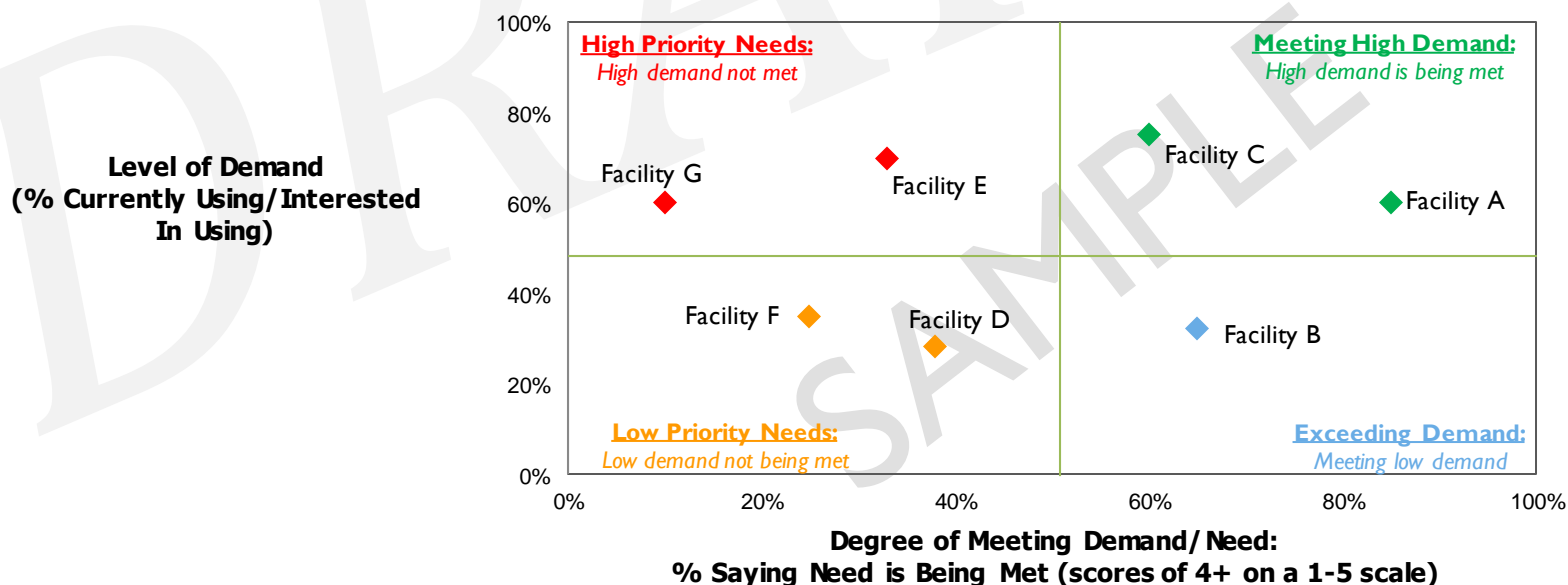
From a list of outdoor facilities, a majority of residents express interest in trails and/or natural areas for more passive activities. Nearly half express a need or interest in an outdoor pool, followed by a concert/event venue, and picnic facilities.

### Outdoor Facilities of Interest/Need Among Residents (% "Yes")



## Quadrant Analysis: Determining if Demand for Facilities is Being Met

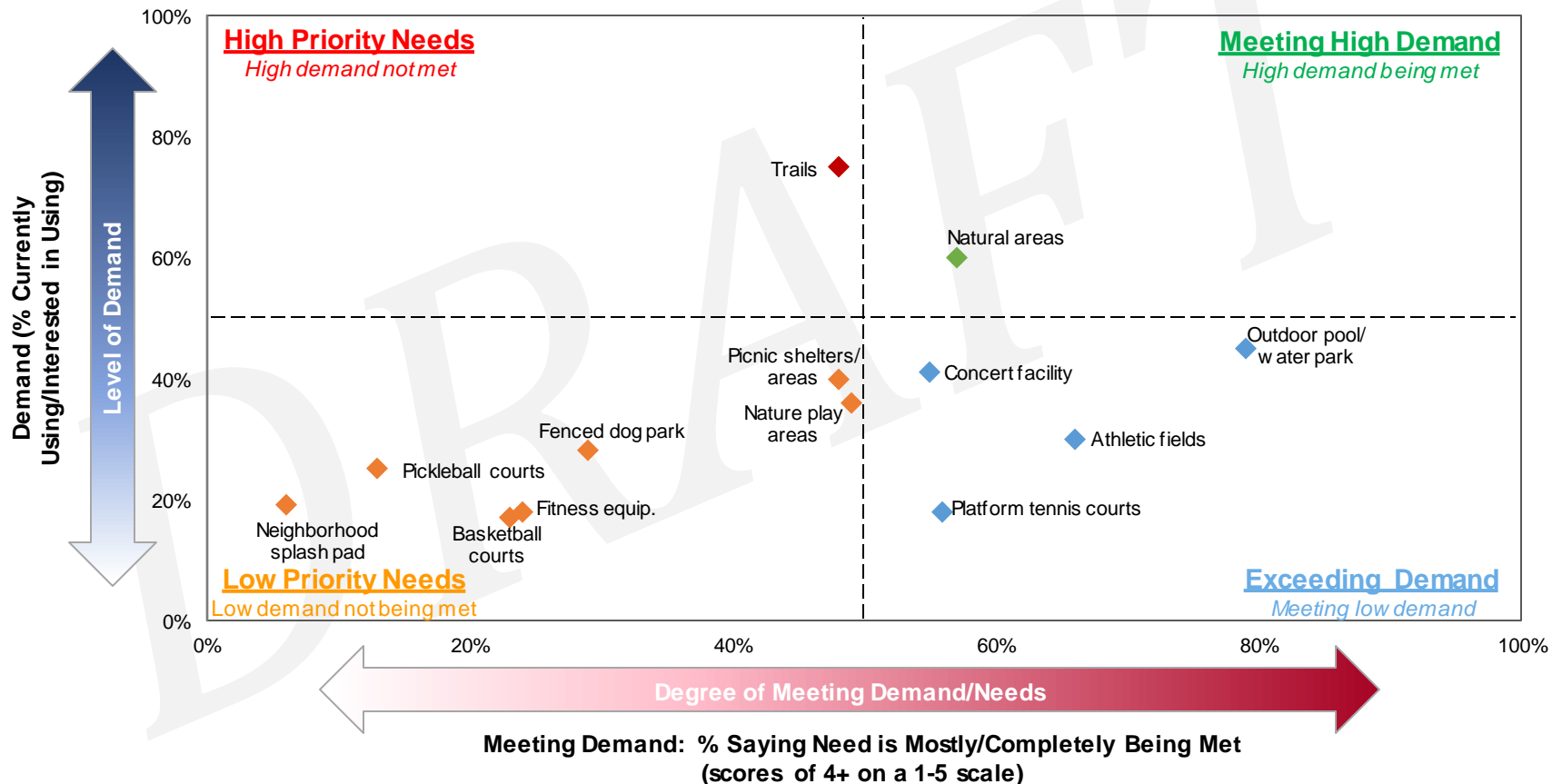
- Respondents who report use or interest in each type of facility were also asked how well each need is currently being met on a 1-5 scale.
  - A score of "4" means their needs are mostly met, and a "5" means they are completely met.
- The results are reported on the following pages using a scatter plot that shows both:
  - Overall demand for each facility (vertical axis) based on the % who indicate need, usage or interest
  - And the % giving scores of "4" or "5" (on a 1 to 5 scale) who report that this "need" is currently being mostly/ completely met.
- In the example below, facilities A and C in the upper right quadrant are in high demand and sufficient supply, while facilities E and G (upper left) represent opportunity (high demand not currently being met).
  - Facilities to the bottom (B, D, and F) are in lower demand.







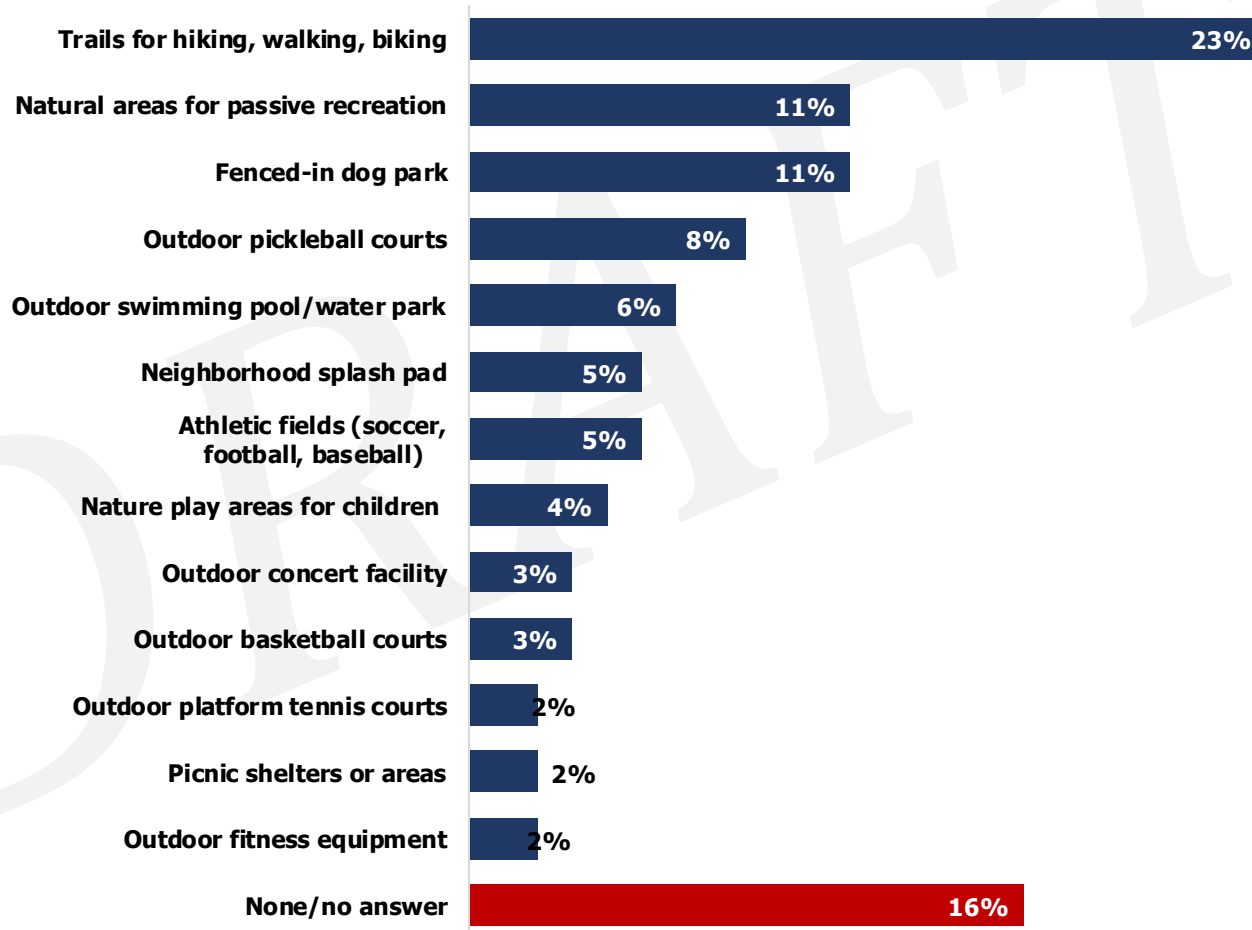
Those interested in natural areas generally feel that this need is being addressed currently, but trails still represent a “gap” (highest demand, less than half feeling this need is being met).





When asked which one outdoor facility represents the top priority for the WPD, trails remains the #1 response. A fenced-in dog park moves up in the ranking, tied for second with natural areas for passive recreation, with 16% saying none are priorities.

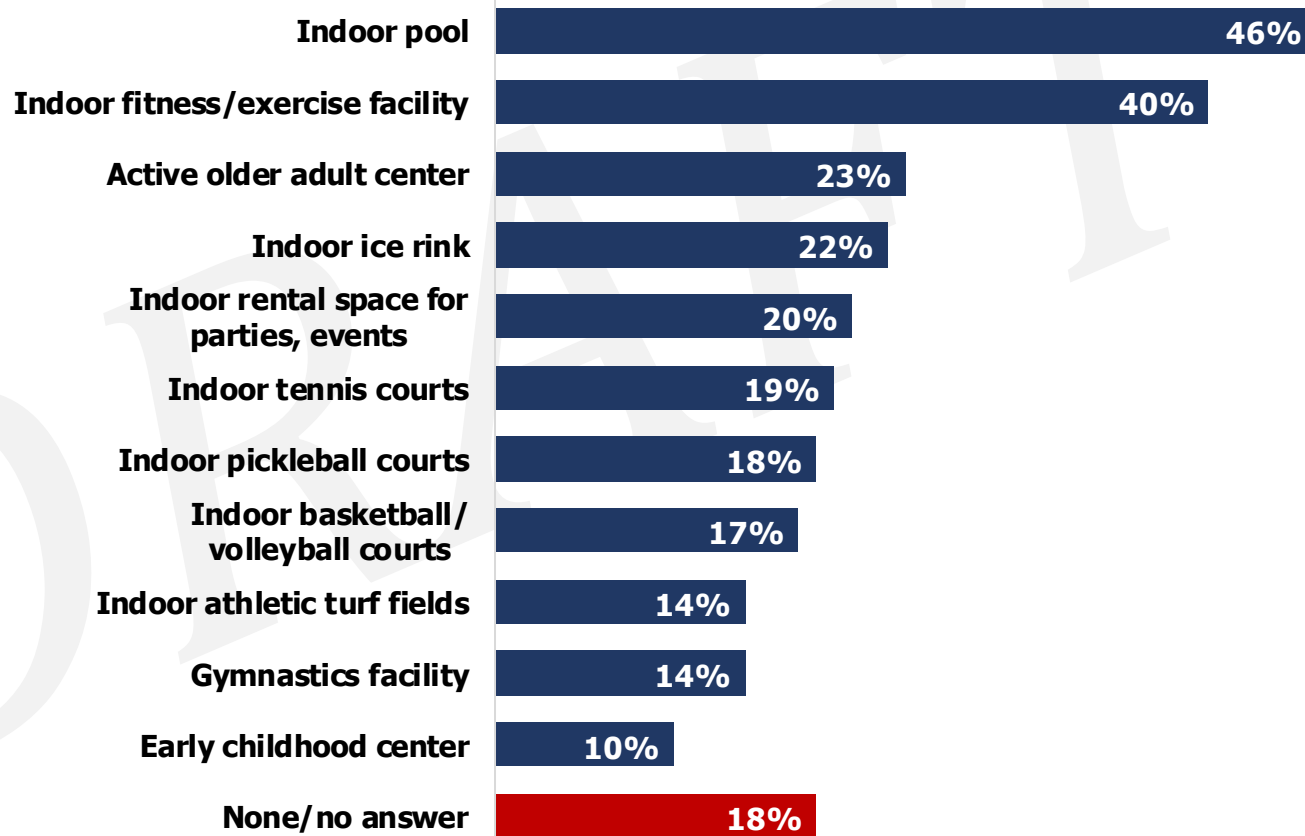
### Top Priority for WPD: Outdoor Facilities





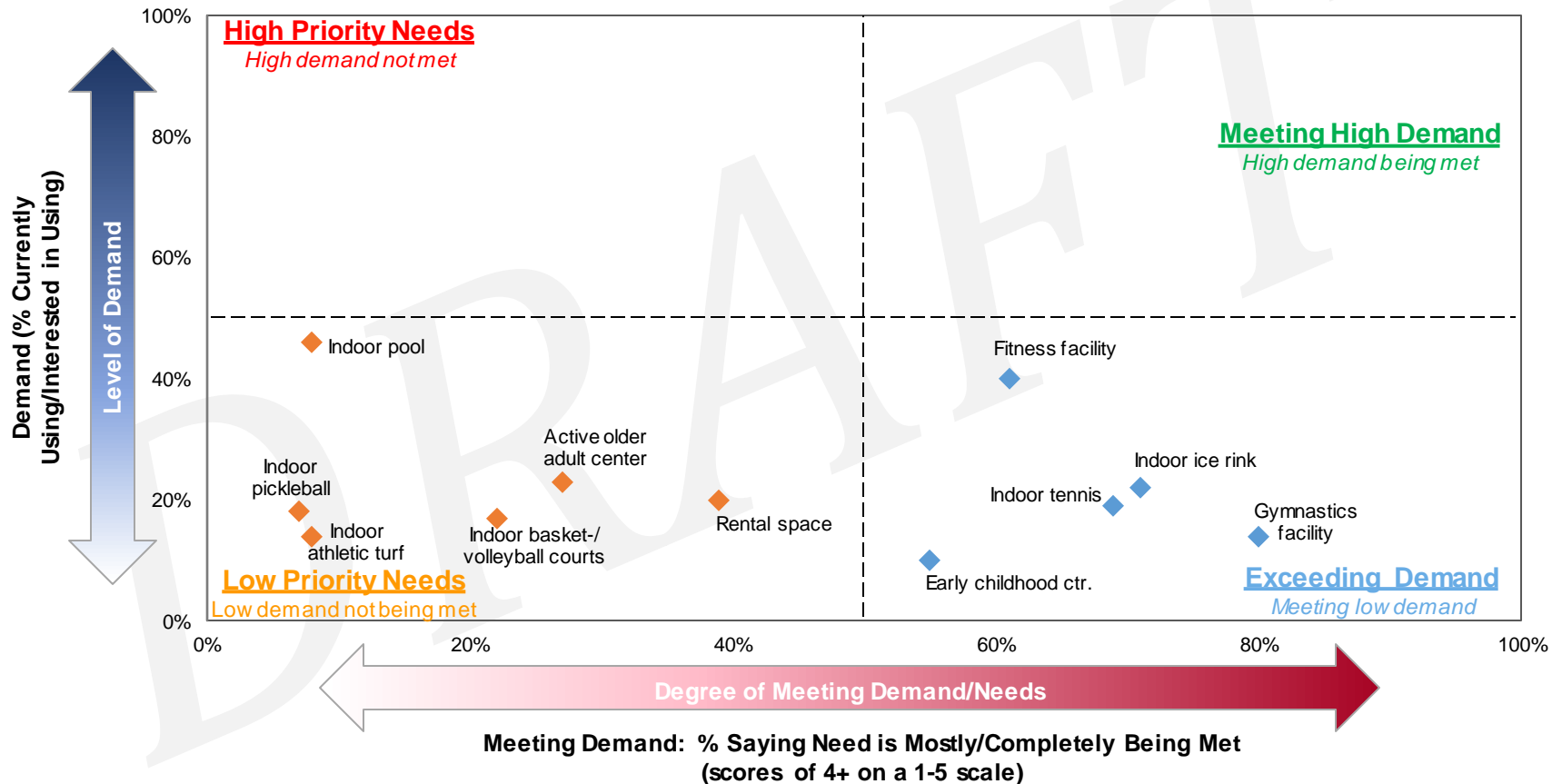
Among the indoor facilities tested, nearly half express interest in or a need for an indoor pool (46%) and/or fitness facility (40%). The rest are of interest to about one in five adults (or fewer), with 18% interested in none of these.

### Indoor Facilities of Interest/Need Among Residents (% "Yes")





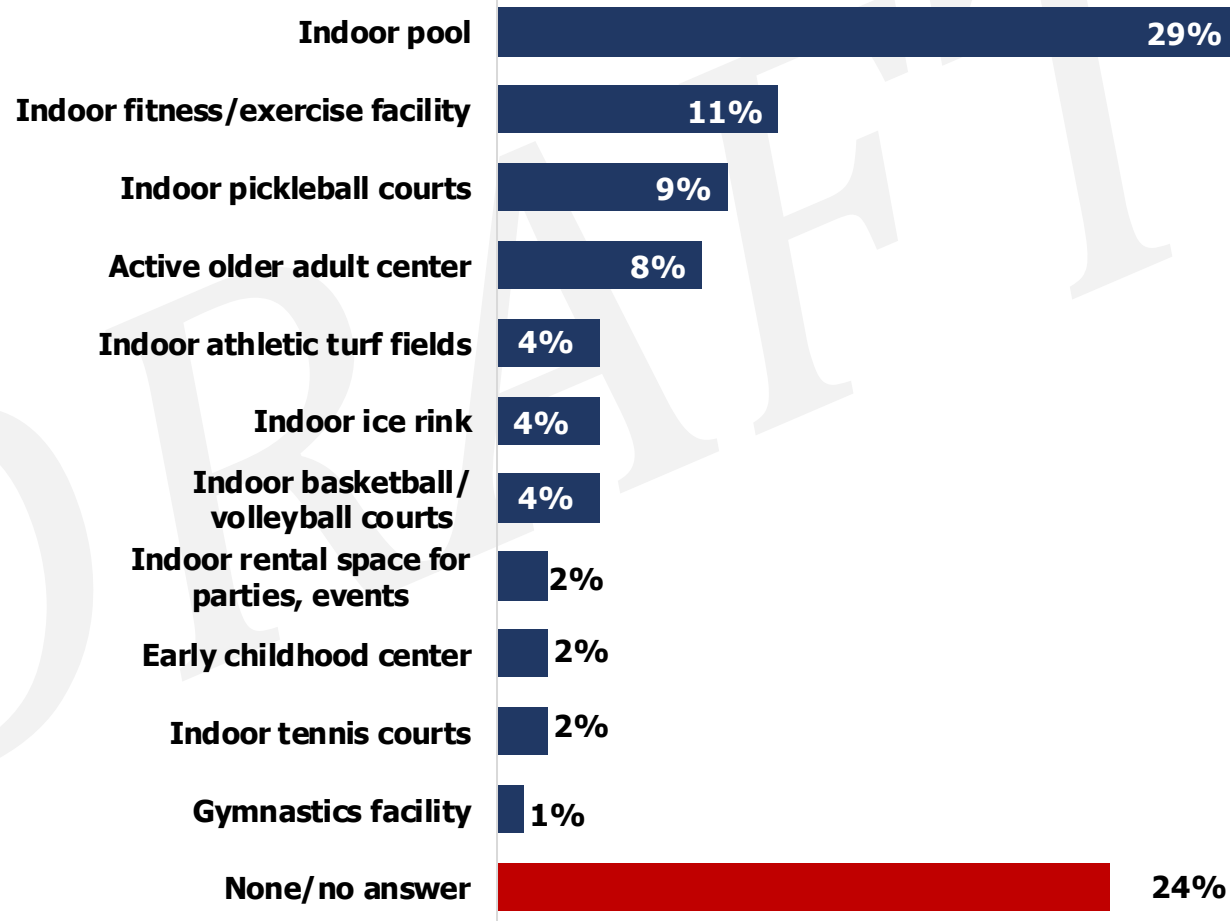
Many of the indoor amenities tested are already available currently (whether by the WPD or other providers). However, interest in an indoor pool nearly crosses the threshold as a high-priority need (strongest demand and among the least readily-available facilities).





In terms of the top priority for an indoor facility, most respondents divide between an indoor pool (29%) and “none” (24%). About one in ten feel the top priority should be a fitness facility, indoor pickleball courts, or a facility for active older adults/programs.

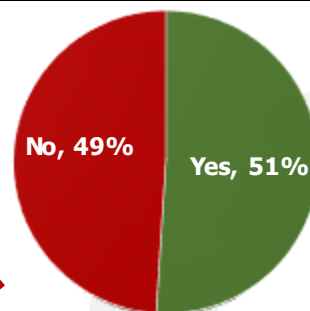
### Top Priority for WPD: Indoor Facilities



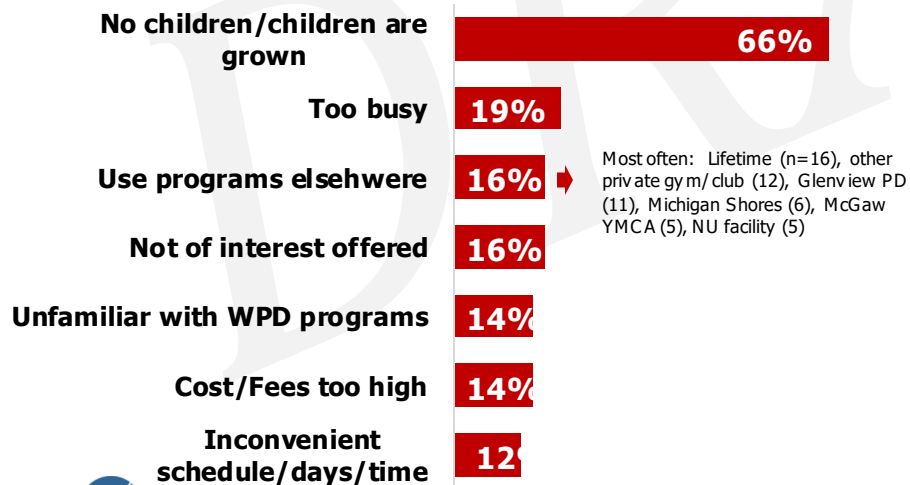


Half report recent WPD program participation (mostly younger, newer residents with children), while those ages 55+ and long-term residents are least likely to participate (usually due to no children at home, or busy schedules).

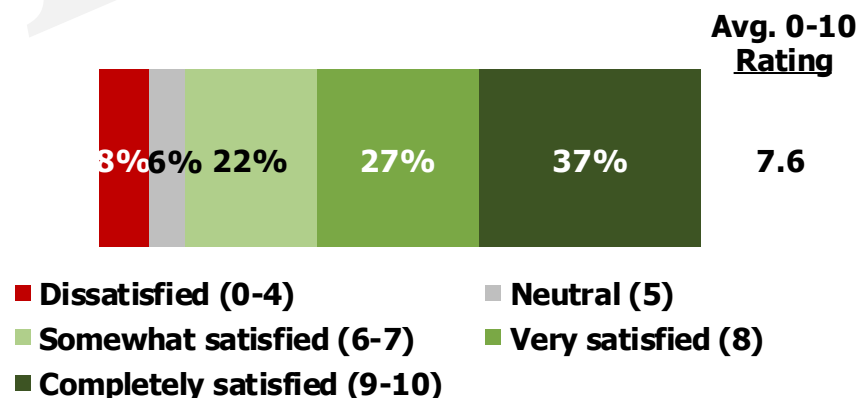
### Any HH Member Participated in WPD Programs in Past 12 months?



### Top Reasons for Non-Participation (n=541)



### Satisfaction (0-10) with WPD Programs (n=603)



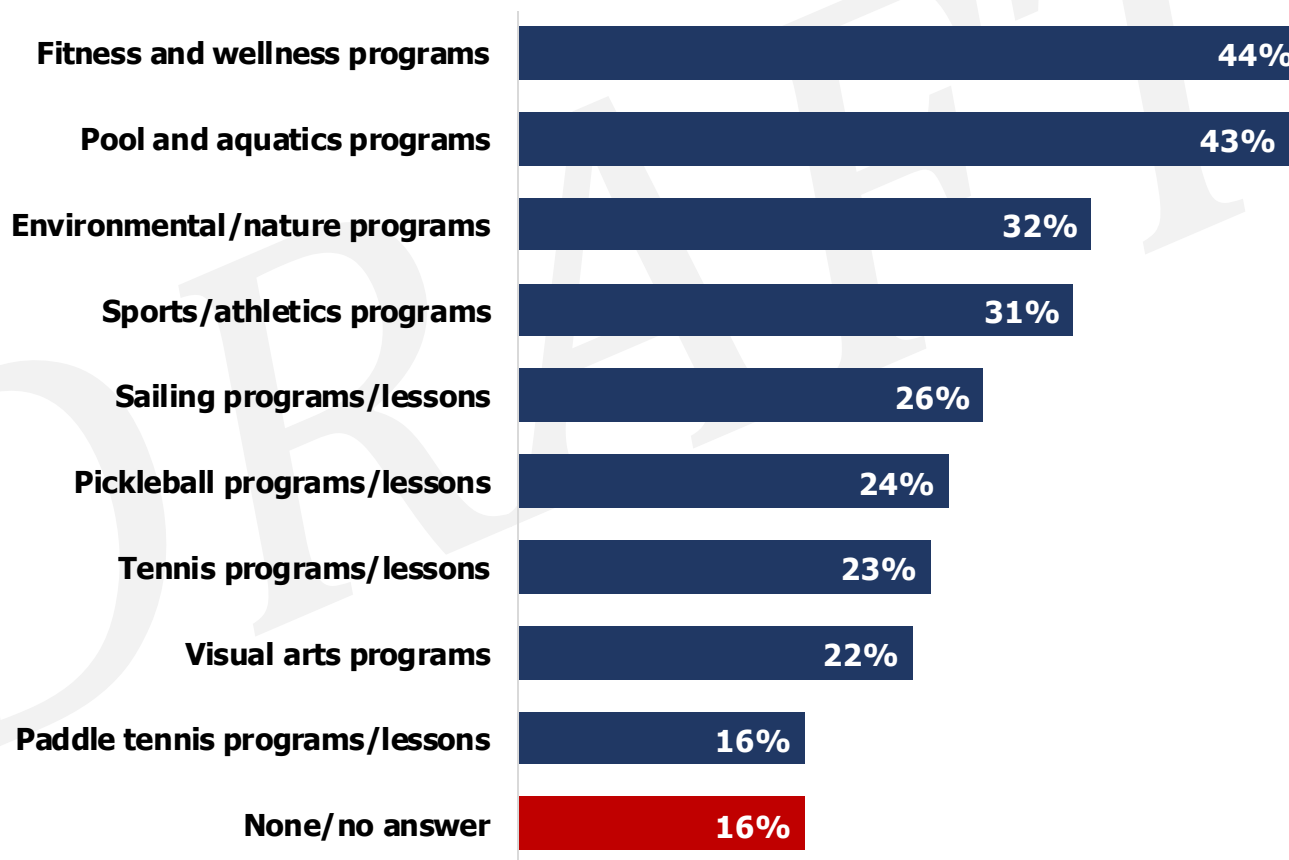
Q18. Please rate your overall satisfaction with the Wilmette Park District recreation programs on a zero through ten scale (0=completely dissatisfied, 5=neutral, 10=completely satisfied).

Q17. Why haven't you participated in a WPD recreation program recently? (top responses shown; all others cited by 5% or fewer)



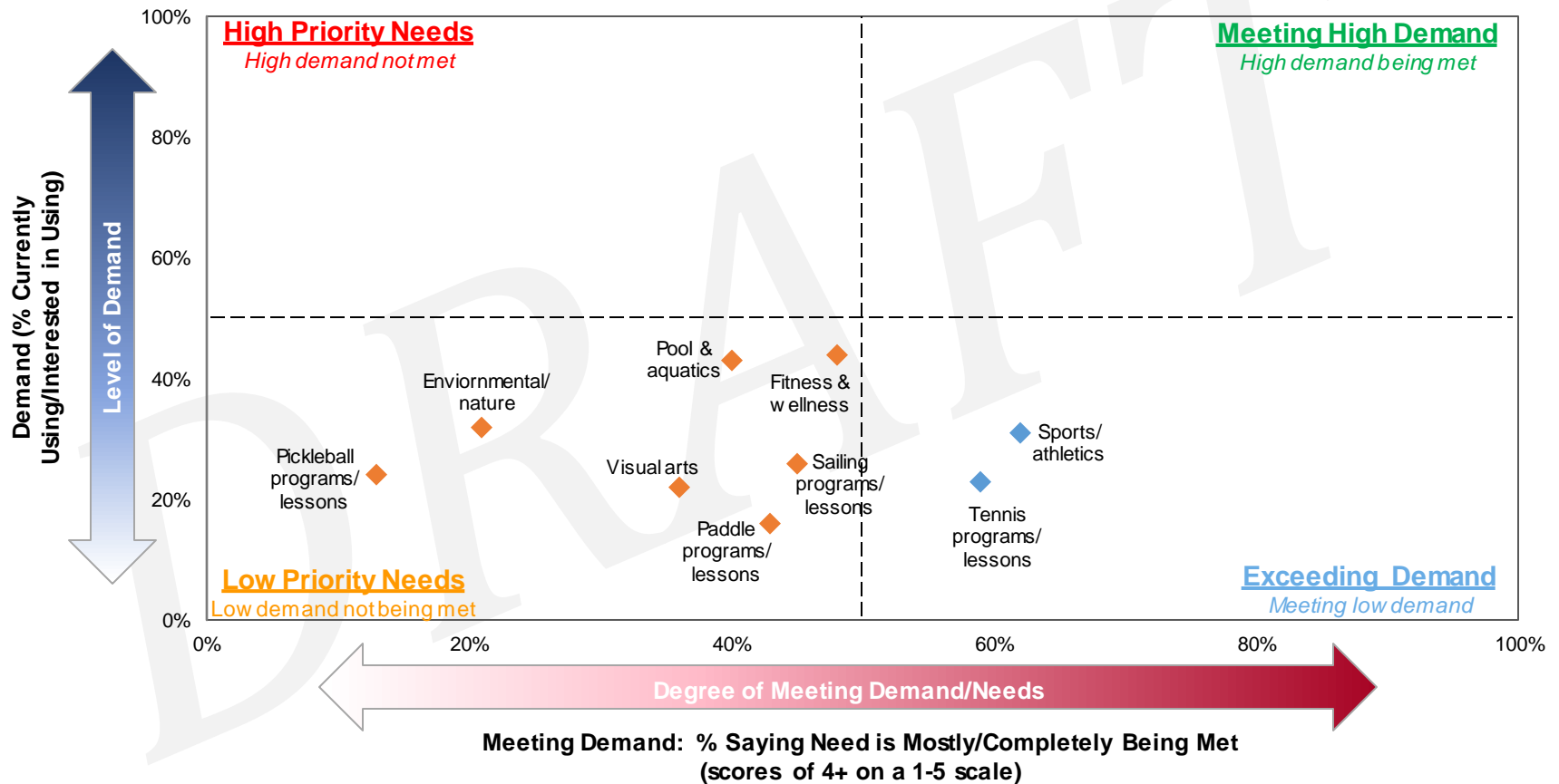
**In terms of programs, residents express the strongest interest or demand for fitness and wellness activities, followed by pool and aquatics programs. Nearly a third are also interested in environmental and nature education, and sports/athletics in general.**

**Programs of Interest/Need Among Residents (% "Yes")**





Those interested in sports and athletics, and tennis programs specifically, tend to report that these activities are currently available for the most part. Fitness and wellness programs, sailing programs/lessons, and paddle tennis are not far behind.

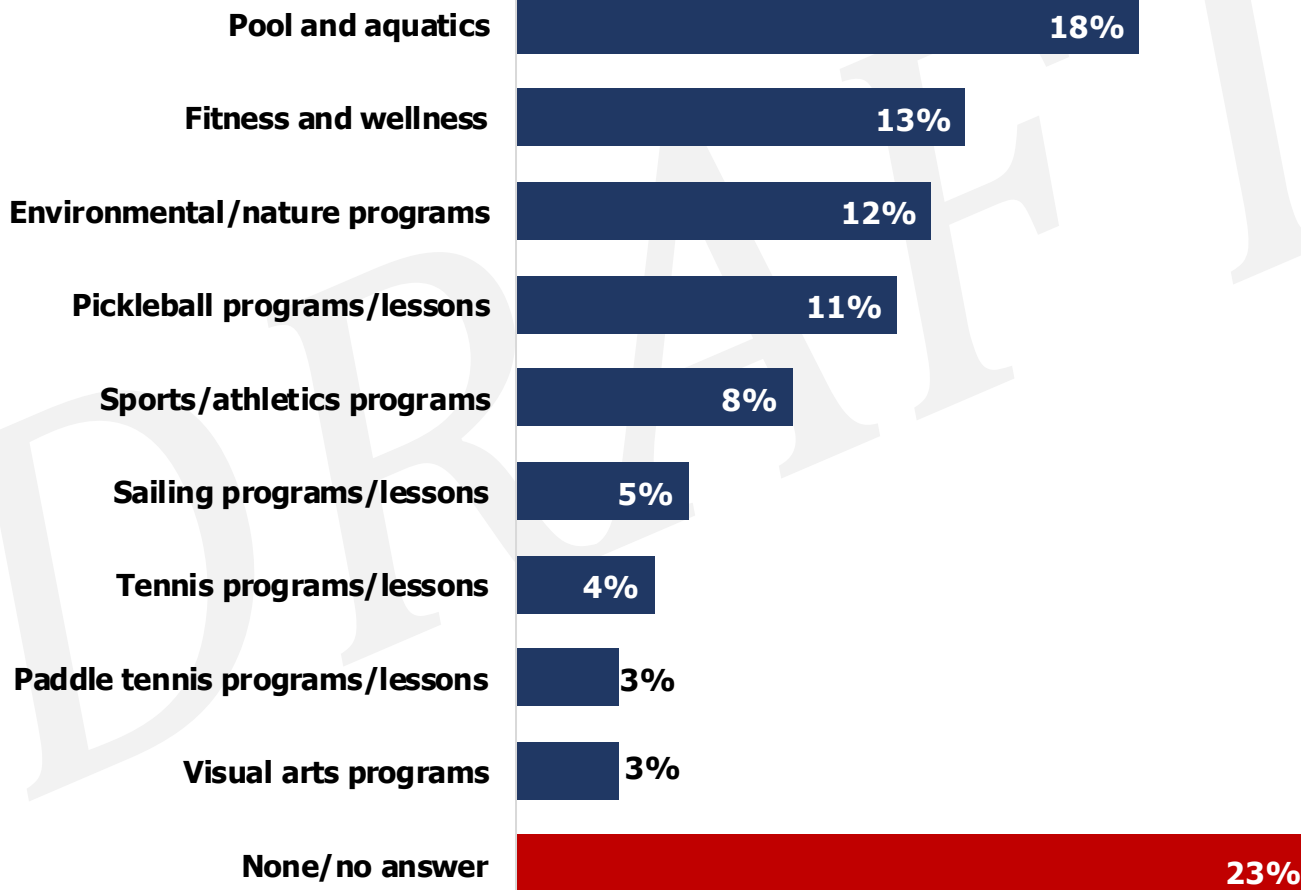






Nearly one in four (23%) feel none of the programs tested represent a priority. For the rest, program priorities align closely with priority rankings for indoor facilities, with pool/aquatic programs topping the list, followed by fitness and wellness.

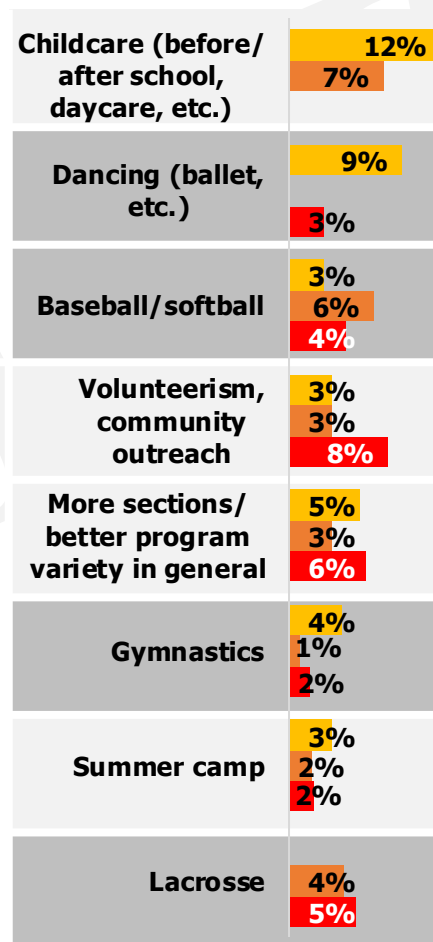
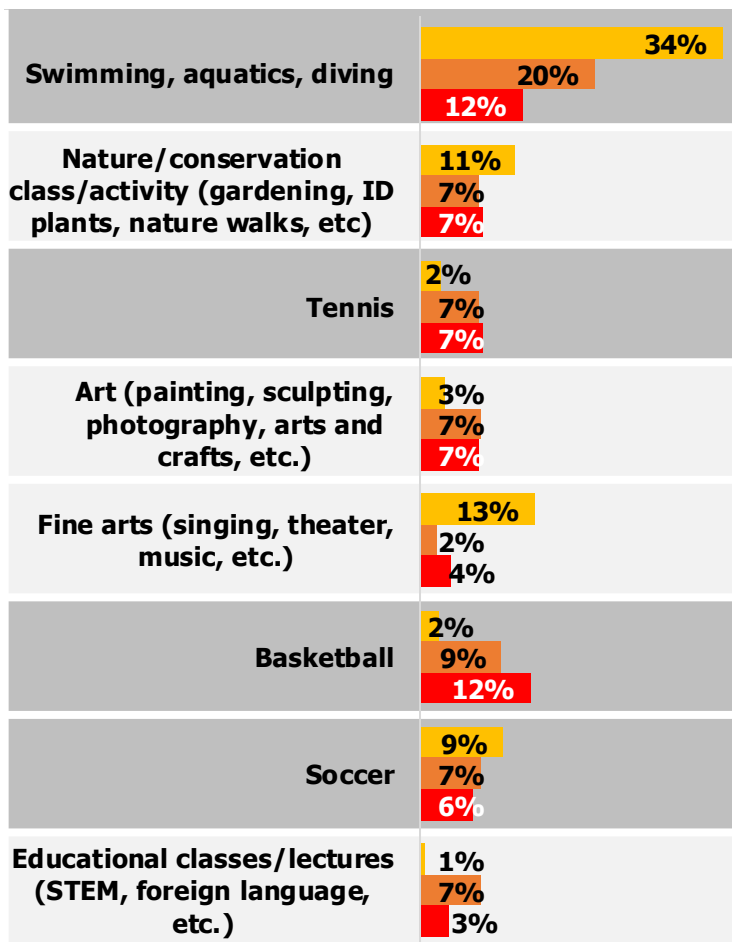
### Top Priority for WPD: Programs





When asked (open-ended) what programs the WPD should provide, youth activities tend to center on year-round swimming lessons (especially for younger children). In fact, more suggestions are made for preschoolers than for older children or teens.

### Youth Programs Needed, by Age Groups (multiple open-ended responses)



- Pre-school (ages 5 and younger)
- Children (ages 6-12)
- Teens (ages 13-17)

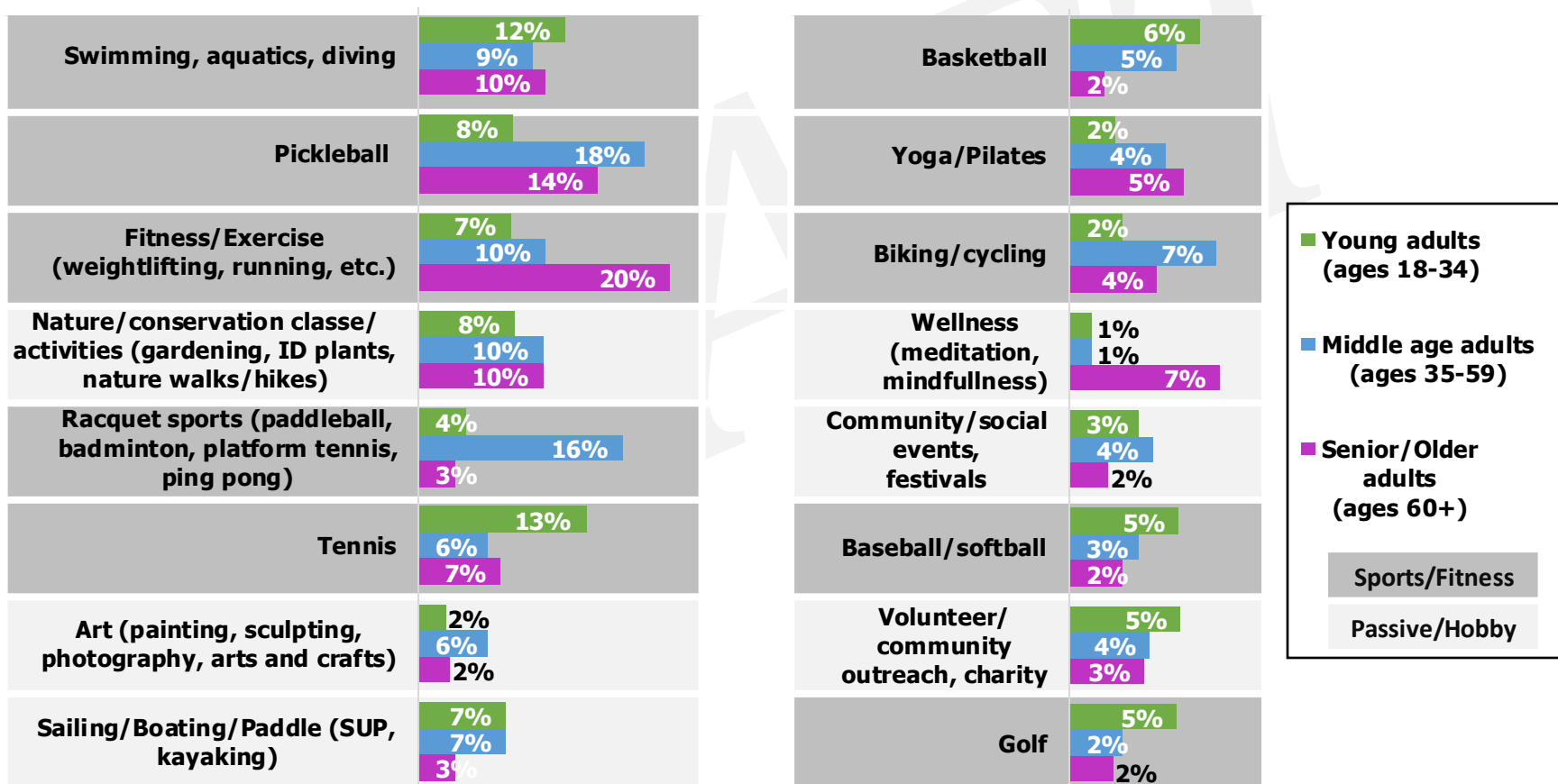
Sports/Fitness

Passive/Hobby



Open-ended requests for adult programs focus on active options, like pickleball (middle-aged and older adults), other racquet sports (middle-aged), and tennis (youngest adults). The oldest adults also tend to seek fitness and wellness programs.

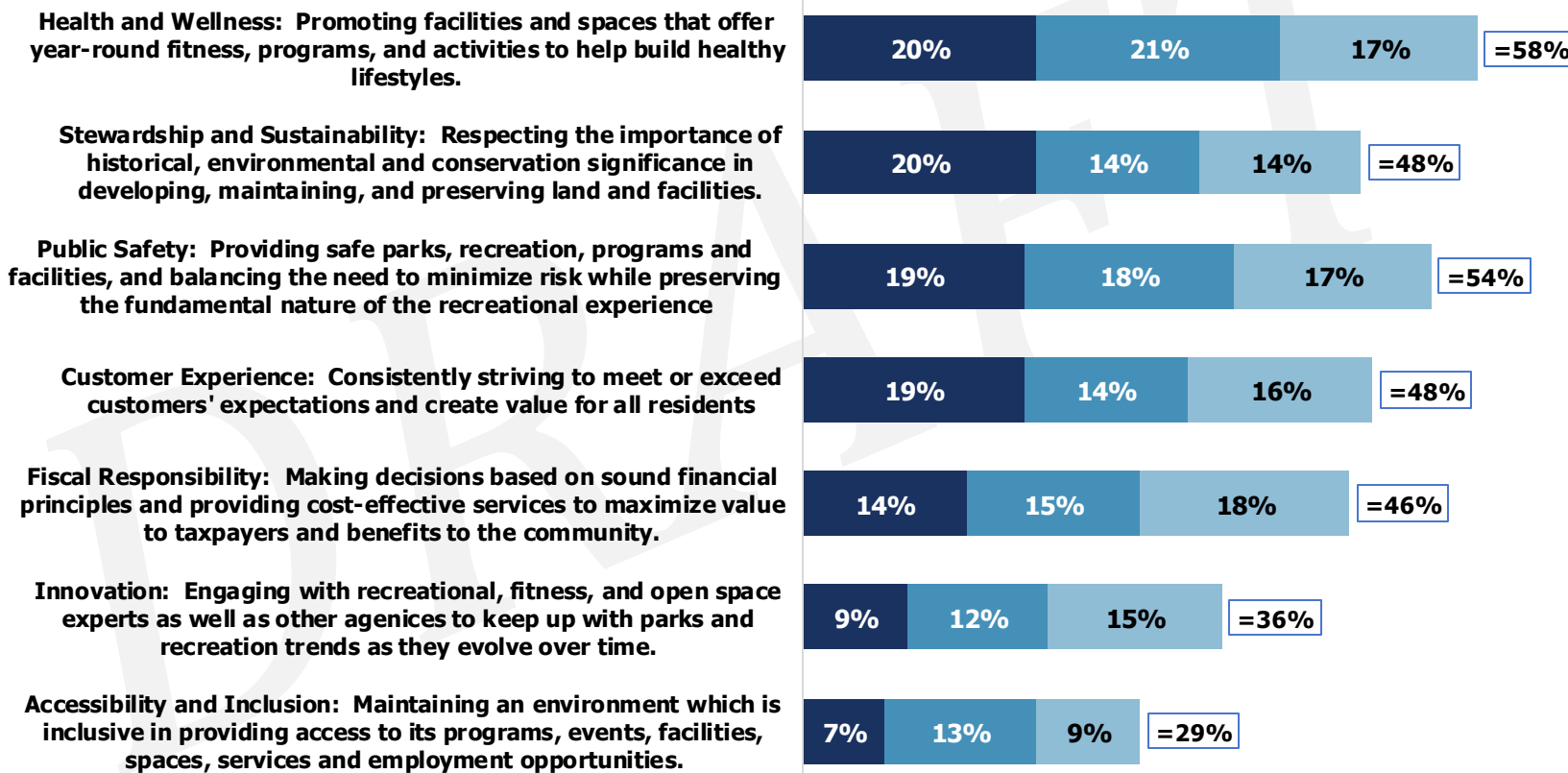
### Adult Programs Needed, by Age Groups (multiple open-ended responses)





When asked to rank order core values for the Park District, roughly half include "Health and Wellness", "Stewardship and Sustainability", "Public Safety", "Customer Experience" and "Fiscal Responsibility" in the top tier (most #1 responses).

### Perceived Importance: WPD Core Values



■ #1 / Most Important

■ 2nd Most Important

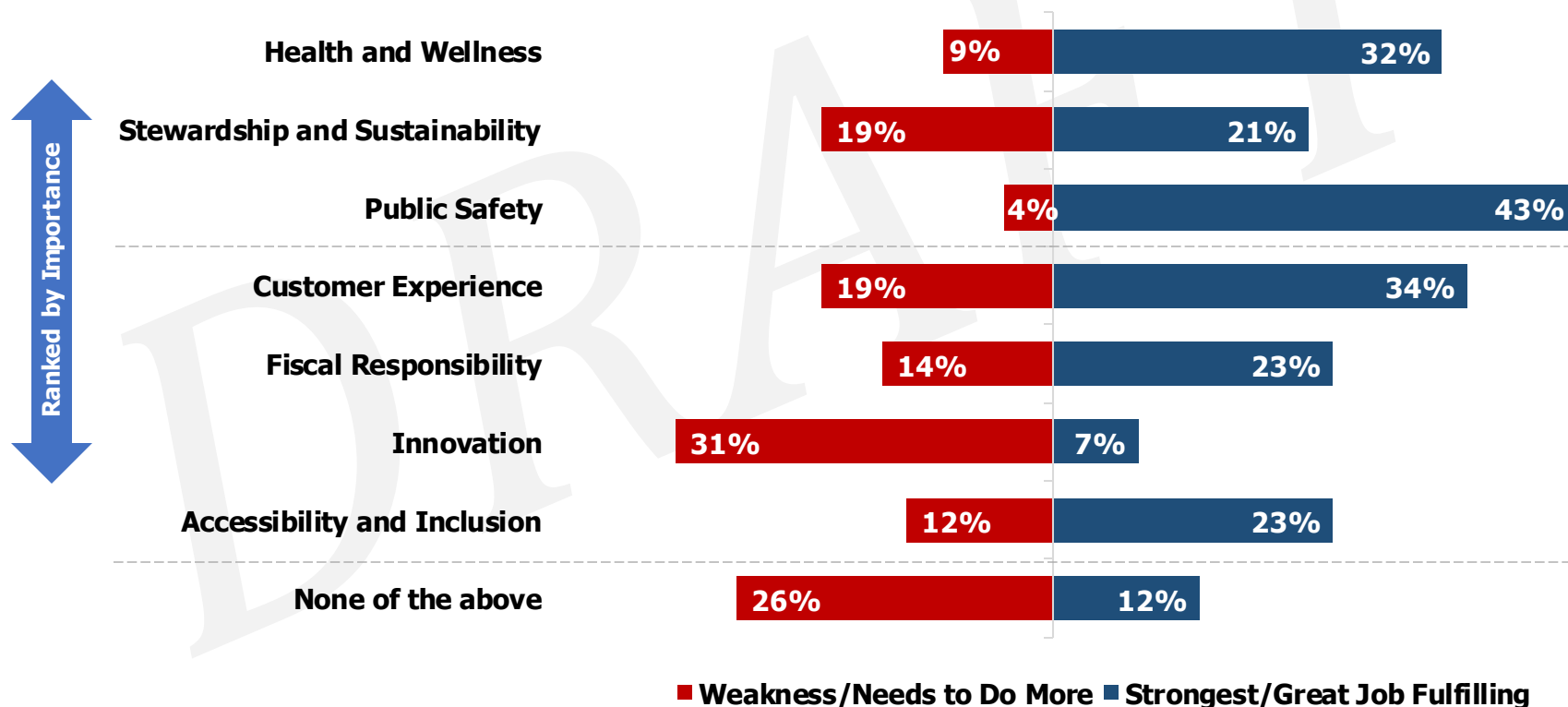
■ 3rd Most Important

■ Top 3 Total



When asked which core values represent strengths vs. needed improvements for the WPD, residents feel it is especially strong on providing “Public Safety” (reflecting high satisfaction scores reported earlier for safety in its parks and facilities).

**Assessment of WPD’s Performance on Core Values:  
% “Weakest/Needs to Do More” vs. % “Strongest/Great Job Fulfilling”**

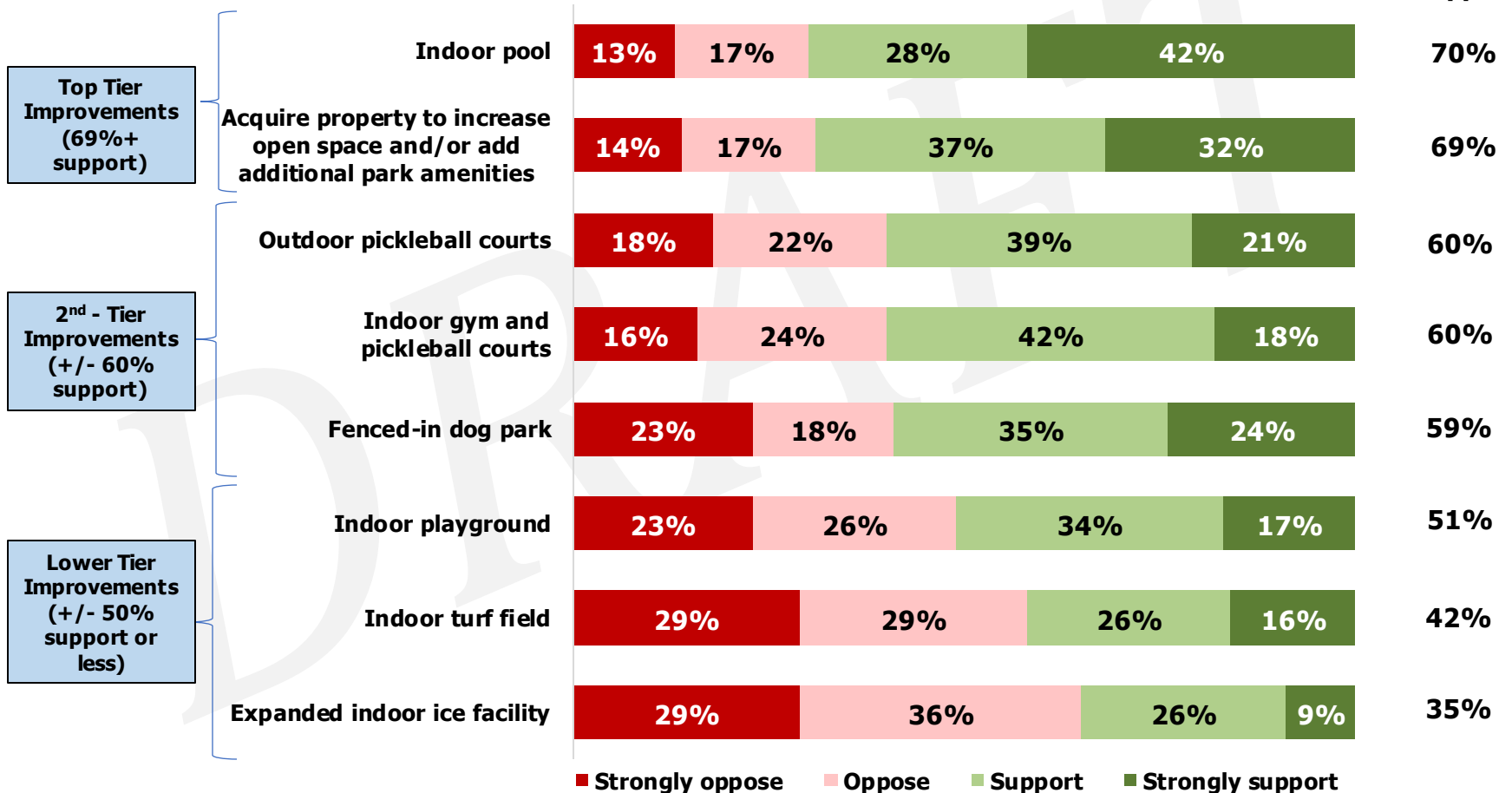




**When asked about possible WPD improvements (which could mean higher property taxes/fees), clear majorities support an indoor pool, more open space and/or amenities, a fenced-in dog park, outdoor pickleball courts, and an indoor gym (with indoor pickleball).**

### Potential WPD Improvements: % Oppose vs. Support

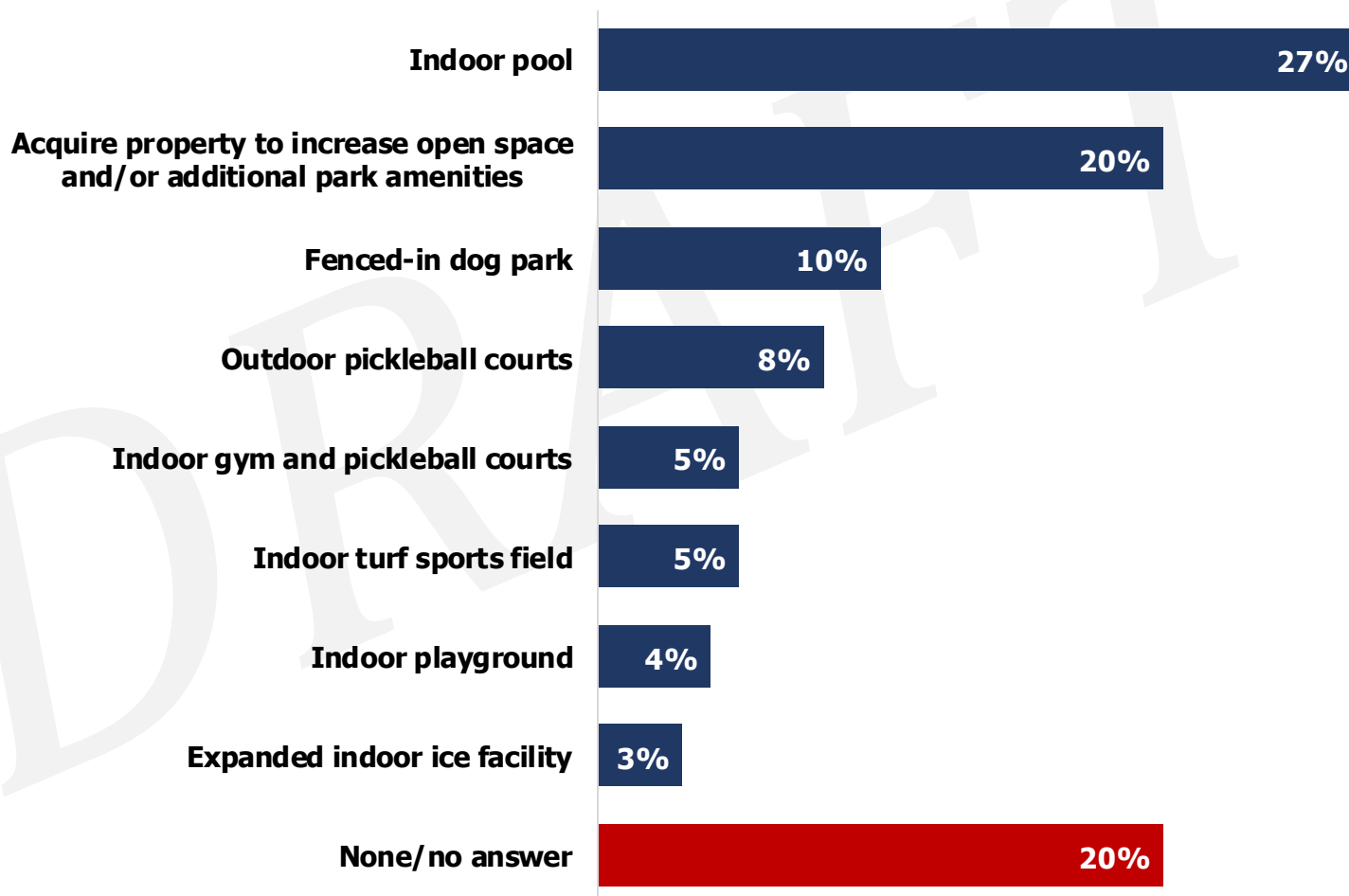
**Total %  
Support**





When asked which one improvement represents a top priority for the WPD, an indoor pool tops the list (27%). Acquiring more open space with amenities ranked second (20%), tied with those who feel none of these are priorities.

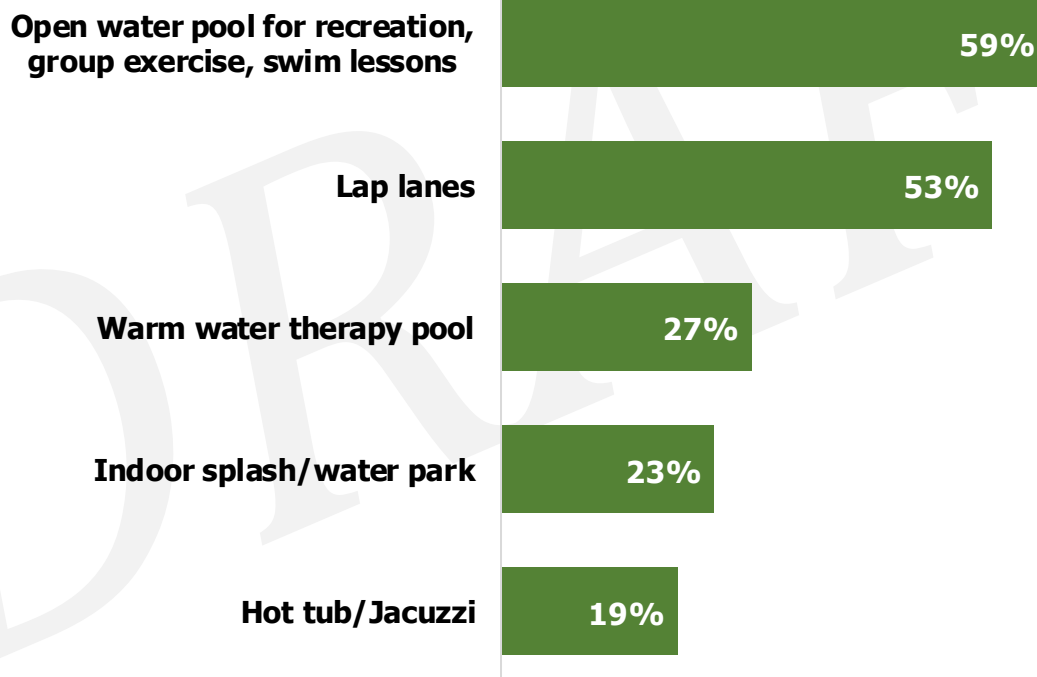
### Strongest Willingness-to-Pay by Possible WPD Improvement





Among residents who initially express a willingness to pay for an indoor pool, most would like to see this to include an open recreational pool (especially younger adults, those with children, women) with lanes for lap swimming (slightly older residents).

**Most Requested Indoor Pool Features**  
(multiple responses among n=867 supporting an indoor pool)

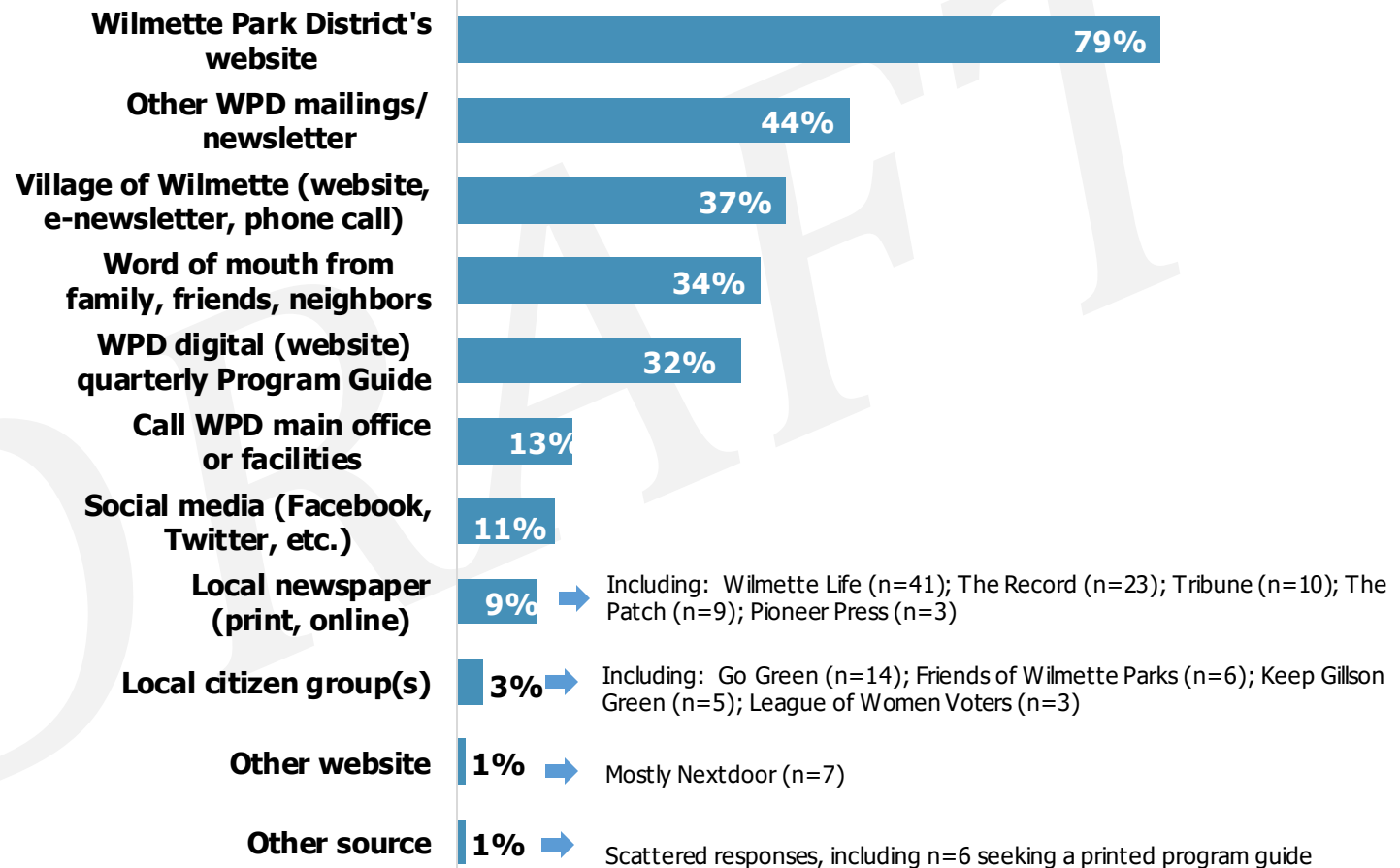






**When seeking information about the Park District, most residents go to multiple sources. The WPD website is by far the primary source, followed by other outreach from the District, Village sources, along with word-of-mouth.**

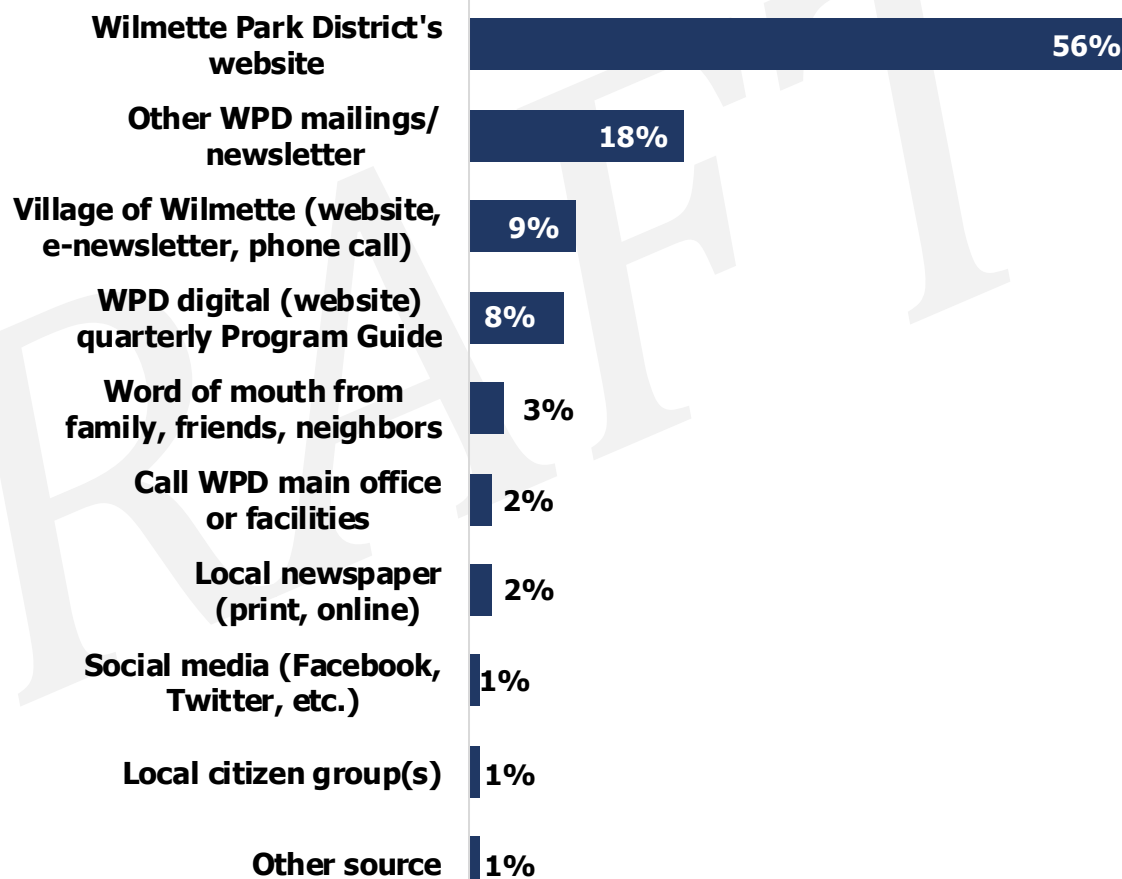
### WPD Information Sources





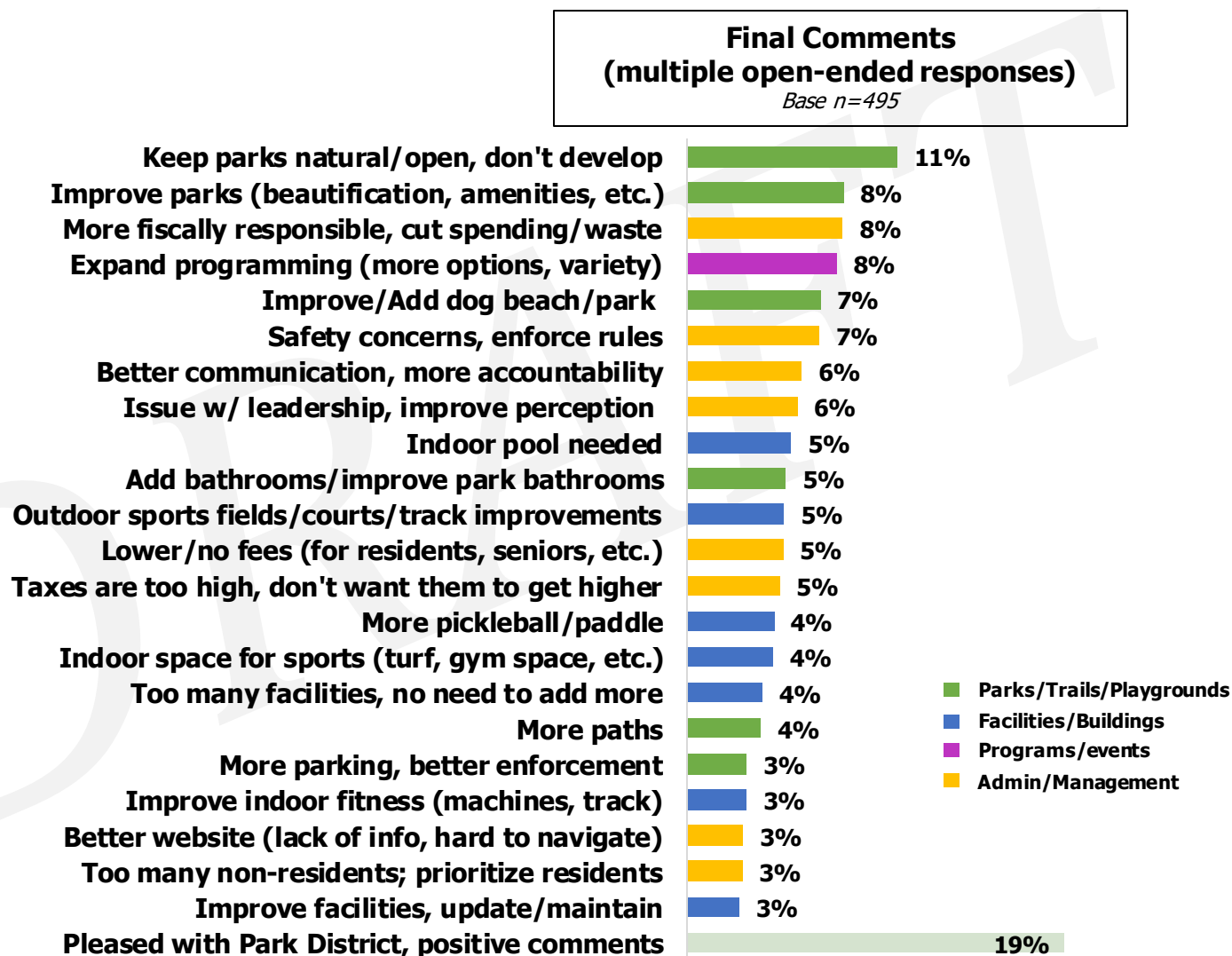
When asked which is their preferred source for District information, the vast majority go directly to the WPD, usually the website (56%) followed by other District outreach (newsletters, digital Program Guide).

### Preferred Source for WPD Information





In a final open-ended question asking how the WPD can better serve residents, 11% echo earlier calls to maintain natural areas/open space. Roughly equal numbers also seek more park amenities (benches, trails, landscaping, trash cans, etc.), less spending, and more programs.





# Questions?

**Please send follow-up questions to:**

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## Research Methods

- These findings are based on responses from n=1,201 residents within the Wilmette Park District (WPD). This sample size surpasses the initial goal of n=1,000 respondents.
- Data collection took place between February 3 and March 16, 2023.
- An invitation postcard to the online survey or a printed mail questionnaire (with prepaid return envelope) were sent to all 10,000+ WPD households. Reminder postcards were sent to all non-respondents in early March.
  - The 12% response rate in this survey is much higher than “typical” 5% to 8% response rates for park district surveys.
- Households requesting additional surveys for other adults at their residence were accommodated. The n=1,201 respondents represent 1,190 unique households.
- All residents were given three options to respond:
  - n=770 completed the survey online
  - n=431 completed a printed survey (sent and returned by USPS)
  - No one opted for a phone survey/interview.
- The random sample of n=1,201 was weighted to match US Census data for Wilmette by region, age, gender, race and ethnicity, homeowner vs. renter status, and percentage of households with children. Assuming no sample bias, the margin of error is +/- 3.1% (at the 95% confidence level)\*.
- Throughout the report, statistically meaningful differences (at the 95% confidence level) are identified. If responses from a demographic group are not reported, this means that the response from that segment was generally in line with the overall result.



## Respondent Sample Demographics (self-reported)

Gender*	
Male	47%
Female	52%
Prefer to self-describe	1%

Age*	
Under 35	9%
35-44	17%
45-54	24%
55-64	21%
65+	29%
<i>Mean (average): 55.8 years old</i>	

Children in Household*	
Yes	43%
No	57%

Homeowner/Renter Status*	
Renter	10%
Homeowner	90%

Length of Residence in Wilmette Park District	
Less than 5 years	21%
5-9 years	14%
10-19 years	18%
20-29 years	25%
30-39 years	22%
40+ yrs.	21%
<i>Mean (average): 20.4 years</i>	

Race* (multiple responses)	
White/Caucasian	85%
Asian	13%
Black/African American	<1%
American Indian or Alaska Native	<1%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	<1%
Other	1%

Ethnicity*	
Hispanic/Latino	5%
Not Hispanic/Latino	95%

\*Weighted to 2020 and 2021 Census data.







# Executive Summary



## Overall Opinions of Wilmette Park District (WPD): Esteem, Strengths, Weaknesses

### Residents Hold the Wilmette Park District in Very High Esteem Overall

- Nearly nine out of ten respondents (88%) have a favorable opinion of the WPD (giving it scores of 6 or higher on a 0-10 scale).
  - This includes over a third (35%) who hold it in the highest regard (scores of 9+)
  - By comparison, only 7% have a negative opinion of the District, and the remaining 5% are neutral (no strong feelings either way).
  - The WPD's ratio of favorable to unfavorable scores is over 11:1.
- The WPD's overall ratings are generally in line with neighboring park agencies. The average WPD rating (7.7 on a 0-10 scale) is significantly higher than the statewide average (6.8).
- Those most favorable tend to be residents ages 65+. Lower than average (though still positive ratings tend to come from the youngest heads of households (under 35) and Hispanic/Latino adults.

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### The Range and Scope of WPD Offerings is Highly Appreciated

- Open-ended feedback clearly identify the number and wide variety of parks, facilities, programs, and activities as the biggest strengths and positives about the WPD.
  - Beyond the wide range of programs cited, youth activities (e.g., summer camps, children's programming in general) also register as top specific responses (more so than adult programming).
  - Other more specific top responses indicate that many most appreciate Centennial Pool, how well WPD parks and facilities are maintained, Gillson Park (the swimming and other beaches especially), and the helpful WPD staff at these locations.

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## Overall Opinions of Wilmette Park District (WPD): Esteem, Strengths, Weaknesses (cont'd)

### There is Less Consensus on Dislikes or Improvements Sought from the District

- Similarly, open-ended feedback about the WPD was collected, with a wide range of responses offered – none of which register more than 10% of responses.
- The top concern is the costs and fees, with many citing fees for seniors and older adult activities, families, and Gillson Park access (10% overall).
- The second most frequent response was “none/nothing I dislike” at 8%.
- The remaining top issues include:
  - Too much development at parks and open spaces (7% overall, 3% at Gillson)
  - Frustration/Difficulties registering for WPD programs (6% — e.g., complicated/fills up too quickly, 3% citing issues with the website registration portal)
  - Improvements sought at Centennial Rec Complex (6% — e.g., better upkeep, longer pool hours, expanded facility)
  - More pickleball courts (5%)
  - WPD leadership more receptive to community input (5%)
  - Facilities in general need updating or better maintenance (5%).
- All other dislikes are cited by fewer than 5% each, scattered across several topics (e.g., parks vs. facilities vs. admin/staff vs. Gillson Park issues/features).

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## WPD Park and Facility Usage, and Overall Satisfaction

### WPD Parks and Nature Areas Are Widely Used and Appreciated by Residents

- Virtually all respondents (90%) report that someone in their household has been to Gillson Park in the past year, and nearly two-thirds (64%) likewise have been to Centennial Park. *pg. 27*
  - About half have used or visited the Green Bay Trail in Wilmette (52%), Mallinckrodt Park (46%), and/or the Community Playfield (44%).
  - Several other parks have been visited by at least one in five residents as well (Vattmann, Thornwood, Langdon, Maple, West, Hibbard, Howard Parks, and the Keay Nature Center).
- Overall, WPD park/playground/nature area users are very positive about their experiences across District locations, averaging satisfaction scores of 7.6 or higher on a 0-10 scale. *pg. 33*
  - Park/playground/nature area users are most satisfied with the sense of safety, cleanliness and upkeep, and their overall experience.



## WPD Park and Facility Usage, and Overall Satisfaction (cont'd)

Likewise, WPD Facilities  
are Widely Used and  
Highly Valued

- Overall, 69% report a household member going to the swimming beach at Gillson Park in the past year; nearly as many (61%) visited the concession/beach house.
  - The Wallace Bowl was used by 39%, and about one in four have each been to the dog beach, sailing beach, and/or Lakeview Center.
- Regarding the Centennial Recreation Complex (used by 59% in the past year), the aquatic center is the most-used facility (cited by 41% overall), followed by the indoor ice rink (24%).
- Just under half (45%) report using the Community Recreation Center, usually the fitness facility (22%), with at least 10% also citing the sports and/or gymnastics gyms.
- Just over a third (35%) have been to the Wilmette Golf Club, with about equal usage of the restaurant (25%), the driving range (20%), and/or the golf course (19%).
- The remaining facilities tested include the Mallinckrodt Center (used by 23% of residents in the past year) and the Wilmette Paddle Tennis Club (13%).
- User satisfaction with WPD facilities overall is even stronger than the very positive ratings given to the WPD parks and natural areas.
  - Those using District facilities on average give satisfaction scores of 7.9 or higher, especially for personal safety (8.5), the overall experience (8.2), cleanliness and upkeep (8.1), accessibility (8.1), and service provided by the WPD staff at these locations (8.0).

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## Reasons for Non-Usage

### Non-Visitors/Users Tend to Be Residents Without Children

- Among the relatively few non-WPD park or facility users in the past year, nearly half attribute their non-usage to not having any children under age 18 in their household (suggesting that they feel the District is mostly focused on youth programs and activities, and/or young families).
- Otherwise, the remaining barriers to WPD park and facility usage cited most often include:
  - Personal or lifestyle choices, e.g., too busy/don't have the time (n=9) or nothing of interest offered (n=7)
  - Usage of recreational options elsewhere (n=8, usually neighboring park district facilities, and/or private health clubs)
  - Health or mobility issues (n=8)
  - Lack of awareness of what the WPD offers (n=6)
  - High fees or costs (n=6)

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## Outdoor Facilities: Demand and Opportunities

Among the Outdoor Facilities Tested, Demand is Strongest for Trails and Natural Areas

- A majority of respondents report an interest, need, or current usage of outdoor trails (75%), followed by natural areas for passive recreation (60%). *pg. 46*
  - At least a third are also interested in an outdoor pool/water park, concert facility, picnic shelters and areas, and nature play areas for children.
  - About one in four (25% to 30%) express interested in outdoor sports fields, fenced-in dog parks, and/or outdoor pickleball courts.
  - The remaining outdoor features are each cited by 19% or fewer respondents.
- Those who are interested in the outdoor facilities tested feel that many are readily available -- either by the WPD or other local sources/providers (e.g., natural areas, outdoor pool, concert facility, sports fields, platform tennis courts). None of these represent an unmet need currently. *pg. 50*
  - In addition, nearly a majority of those interested in nature play areas and/or picnic areas feel their needs are mostly being met.
- Just under half of those interested in trails (the #1 outdoor facility tested) feel that this need is currently being met -- meaning a majority see trails as a "gap".
- The remaining outdoor facilities tested are all seen as secondary priorities (lower demand, none of which are being "mostly/completely met" currently)
  - Of these, the biggest opportunities to consider are a fenced-in dog park, outdoor pickleball courts, and/or a neighborhood splash pad.
- When asked which outdoor option represents the biggest priority for the WPD, trails remains the top answer (23%). A fenced-in dog park is tied for second (along with natural areas), followed by outdoor pickleball courts (all at 8% to 11% each). *pg. 51*





## Indoor Facilities: Demand and Priorities

Many Indoor Facilities  
Generate Strong  
Interest, With a Few  
Unmet Needs

- When gauging demand for specific facilities, nearly half of WPD residents express interest in, need for, or current usage of an indoor pool (46%) and a fitness/exercise facility (40%). *pg. 55*
- The remaining facilities tested garnered lower levels of need/interest/usage, most often an active older adult center (23%), indoor ice rink (22%), rental space for parties and events (20%), indoor tennis courts (19%), indoor pickleball courts (18%), and basketball/volleyball courts (17%). *pg. 58*
- Several of these are seen as already available (fitness facility, indoor ice, indoor tennis, gymnastics facility, early childhood center), meaning that most of the demand is being met.
- None of the indoor facilities tested register as high priority unmet needs or gaps (given their levels of demand or interest), though an indoor pool comes close. Among the 46% (nearly half) who express an interest or need for a year-round pool, only 8% feel this is mostly/ completely being met currently.
  - In other words, 92% of those interested in an indoor pool report it as a gap.
- The remaining indoor facilities tested are secondary unmet need, with the biggest improvement opportunities including an active older adult center, and indoor pickleball courts. *pg. 59*
- In terms of the single top priority for the WPD to provide/add/improve, an indoor pool is cited most often (29%). The remaining facilities tested rank far lower, most often an indoor fitness facility (11%), pickleball courts (9%), and an active older adult center (8%). Twenty four percent feel none of the indoor facilities tested are a priority (mostly older and long-term residents, non-WPD participants, and those in the East region).



## WPD Program Participation and Satisfaction

Half of the Respondents  
Report Recent WPD  
Program Participation,  
with Strong Satisfaction

- Overall, 51% of households report that someone in their household participated in a District program in the past year (including 77% of those with children).
- Satisfaction with these experiences is very strong (7.6 average score on a 0-10 scale). This includes 37% who are completely satisfied (scores of 9+), and only 8% who were dissatisfied (scores of 0-4).
  - Sources of lower satisfaction tend to focus more on facility issues or gaps (n=36 responses, e.g., echoing interest in an indoor pool, better facility upkeep, lack of indoor pickleball courts, etc.)
  - Program-related issues tend to focus on issues with program leaders or instructors (n=27, e.g., better training, more attentive, more engaged).
- The remaining suggestions are more scattered (e.g., n=12 fees being too high, n=11 registration issues/challenges, general improvements for both adult (n=7) and youth (n=6) sports programs, etc.).

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## Programs and Activities: Demand and Priorities

### Several Program Opportunities Emerge for the WPD

- From a list of nine program activities/areas, demand is strongest for fitness and wellness programs (44%) and pool/aquatics activities (43%).
  - About a third are interested or express a need for nature and environmental programs (32%) and sports/athletics (31%).
  - At least one in five is also interested in sailing lessons and programs (26%), pickleball programs and lessons (24%), tennis (23%), and visual arts (22%). Paddle tennis rounded out this list at 16%.
- Currently, demand/interest in sports programs and tennis in particular are mostly being met, followed closely by fitness and wellness programs, and sailing lessons/programs.
- The biggest unmet needs are for pool and aquatics programs, environmental and nature-based options, and/or pickleball programs/lessons.
- In terms of a top priority for the WPD to provide, add or improve, the top four program priorities are pool and aquatics programs, fitness and wellness, environmental and nature education, and pickleball lessons/programs.
- About one in four also feel none of these program options are priorities (mostly current non-program participants, older residents, and households without children).

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## WPD Core Values: Importance and Performance

Most of the Core Values Tested for the District Are Deemed Important, and Many Are Currently Being Well-Addressed

- Among the seven values tested, roughly half include the following among their top three (in terms of importance) *pg. 77*
  - Promoting Health and Wellness (20% most important, 58% in the Top 3)
  - Stewardship and Sustainability (20% most, 48% Top 3)
  - Public Safety (19% most, 54% Top 3)
  - Customer Experience (19% most, 48% Top 3)
  - Fiscal Responsibility (14% most, 46% Top 3)
- The two remaining values tested are deemed less important:
  - Innovation (9% most, 36% Top 3)
  - Accessibility and Inclusion (7% most, 29% Top 3)
- When asked to assess the WPDs performance across the values, a plurality feel many represent strengths for the District, including: *pg. 80*
  - Promoting Health and Wellness (32% strength, vs. 9% needs further improvement)
  - Public Safety (43% strength, vs. 4% improvement)
  - Customer Experience (34% strength, vs 19% improvement)
  - Fiscal Responsibility (23% strength, vs. 14% improvement)
  - Accessibility/Inclusion (23% strength, 12% improvement)
- Residents are more evenly divided on District efforts in the area of Stewardship and Sustainability (21% strength -- especially older and 40+ year residents in Wilmette, vs. 19% needs improvement – most often 30- to 39-year residents and those without children). *pg. 81*



## WPD Core Values: Importance and Performance (cont'd)

Most of the Core Values Tested for the District Are Deemed Important, and Many Are Currently Being Well-Addressed (cont'd)

- Residents tend to rate Innovation as a weakness or opportunity for further improvement (31% - especially those with children and program participants, vs. only 7% overall saying it is currently a strength). *pg. 81*
- In addition, one in four residents (26%) feel that none of the core values or goals tested represent a weakness for the District (indicating support for current WPD efforts in each). By comparison, fewer than half as many respondents (12%) feel that none represent a strength for the District.
  - Note that the longest-term residents tend to be most divided in this response, with 35% saying none of the core values are weaknesses (vs. 26% overall), and 19% saying none are strengths (vs. 12% overall).



## Willingness to Pay for Possible WPD Improvements

Residents Express the Strongest Interest/Willingness To Pay for an Indoor Pool and/or Acquisition of Open Space/Park Amenities

- Knowing that the improvements tested could mean higher property taxes and/or user fees, more than two thirds voice support for the WPD providing: *pg. 83*
  - An indoor pool (70% support)
  - Acquiring property to increase open space and/or added park amenities (69%)
- A clear majority are also interested in:
  - Outdoor pickleball courts (60%)
  - Indoor gym and pickleball courts (60%)
  - A fenced-in dog park (59%)
- By comparison, the remaining improvements tested received divided or lower levels of support:
  - Indoor playground (51%)
  - Indoor turf field (42%)
  - Expanded indoor ice facility (35%)*pp. 84 - 90*
- Consistently, residents under age 55, those with children, and WPD park users and program participants tend to be in favor of most of the improvements tested (listed above).
- Opposition tends to come from older and long-term Wilmette residents, and non-participants.
- The exception is a fenced-in dog park, where there are no meaningful differences in support or opposition by age. However, women tend to be more in favor of a dog park than men.



## Willingness to Pay for Possible WPD Improvements (cont'd)

Residents Cite an Indoor Pool as the #1 Priority/Improvement, Followed by More Open Space, and "None of the Above"

- When asked which single improvement should be a #1 priority for the District, the top responses are: *pp. 91 - 92*
  - An indoor pool (27%, especially from young and newer Wilmette residents, those with children, women)
  - Acquiring open space and added park amenities (20%, especially among non-participants in WPD programs)
  - Ten percent feel the District should most focus on a fenced-in dog park, and 8% on outdoor pickleball courts.
  - None are a priority (20%, especially among the oldest and most long-term residents, those without children, non-participants)
- Residents who express a willingness to pay for an indoor pool are especially interested in open recreation pool (59%) and lap lanes (53%). Lower priorities include: *pg. 93*
  - A warm water therapy pool (27%, mostly from women and older/long-term Wilmette residents)
  - An indoor splash or water park (23%, especially those with children, newer residents, the West region, and current program participants)
  - A hot tub or Jacuzzi (19%, especially ages 35 to 44).



## Sources of WPD Information

The District Website is  
By Far the Top Source  
for WPD information

- Overall, 79% include the WPD website among their sources when seeking information about local parks, programs, facilities, etc. *pg. 95*
- Over a third also look to other WPD mailings and newsletters (44%), information from the Village (37%), word of mouth from neighbors and friends (34%), and the District's digital program guide on the website (32%).
- Far fewer go to other sources, such as calling the District, social media, local newspapers, and/or local citizens' groups (13% or less for each).
- The WPD website is also clearly the single preferred source for information (56%), followed by other WPD mailings and notices (18%). None of the other sources register more than 9%. *pg. 97*
  - In several open-ended questions, respondents offer suggestions to improve the WPD's online presence/the website (e.g., more complete/updated information, difficulties registering) and the digital program guide (hard to navigate, confusing).

Those Offering Final  
Suggestions Usually  
Repeat Early Input

- The top follow-up suggestions focus on keeping parks and natural areas open with limited development (11%), followed by 8% seeking various amenities or improvements to the parks (e.g., more/better landscaping, benches, trash cans, etc.). *pg. 99*
- Another 8% want the District to control spending (to keep fees and taxes low), and 8% are seeking more programming options across a wide range of ideas (no consensus).
- 7% want a larger dog beach and/or added dog park, and 7% also want the District to enforce safety measures/rules more (e.g., dog beach, litter, cleaner facilities).
- Nearly one in five (18%) had nothing to add or offer for final suggestions.



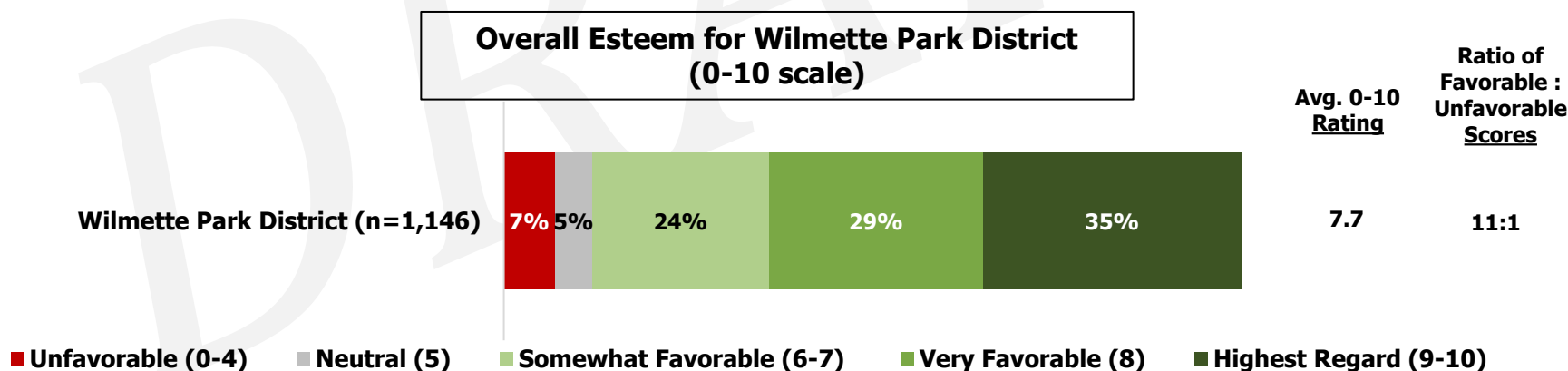


# I. Overall Opinions of the Wilmette Park District



**Residents hold the WPD in favorable regard overall, with nearly nine out of ten (88%) giving favorable ratings (6 or higher on a 0-10 esteem scale). Over a third (35%) hold the District in the highest regard (scores of 9+), vs. 7% who have negative opinions (scores of 4 or lower).**

- Overall, the District averages a 7.7 esteem rating (considered somewhat-to-very favorable). For every resident with a negative opinion, there are eleven giving favorable scores.
  - The remaining 5% are neutral toward the District (no strong opinions either way).
  - Virtually all respondents (97%) are familiar enough to offer a rating. The remaining 3% who are unfamiliar are not represented in the esteem ratings.
- The WPD receives its highest ratings from residents ages 65+ (8.1 average).
- Groups giving the District lower than average ratings are for the most part still favorable.
  - Hispanic/Latino respondents (n=28) give slightly favorable ratings (5.8 average).
  - The youngest residents (under age 35) offer below-average but still positive opinions (6.7 average).
  - All other groups give the WPD average ratings of 7.1 or higher.

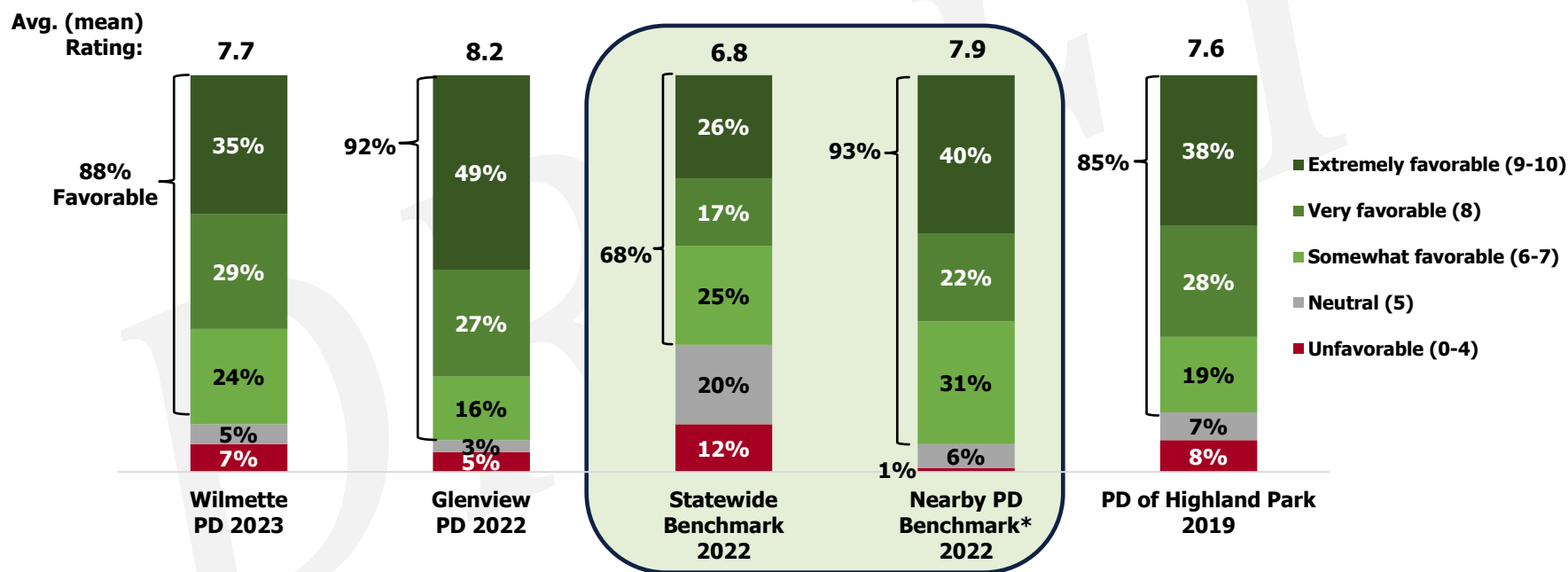


Q2. Please rate your overall opinion of the Wilmette Park District on a scale from 0 (completely dislike) through 10 (hold it in the highest regard), with 5 a neutral score. If you are unfamiliar with the District, please select "Unfamiliar".



The WPD's esteem ratings far exceed the statewide average scores, and are relatively in line with neighboring park districts.

### Benchmark Comparisons: Overall Esteem Ratings



Q4. Please rate your overall opinion of the Wilmette Park District. (0=completely dislike, 5=neutral, 10=highest regard).

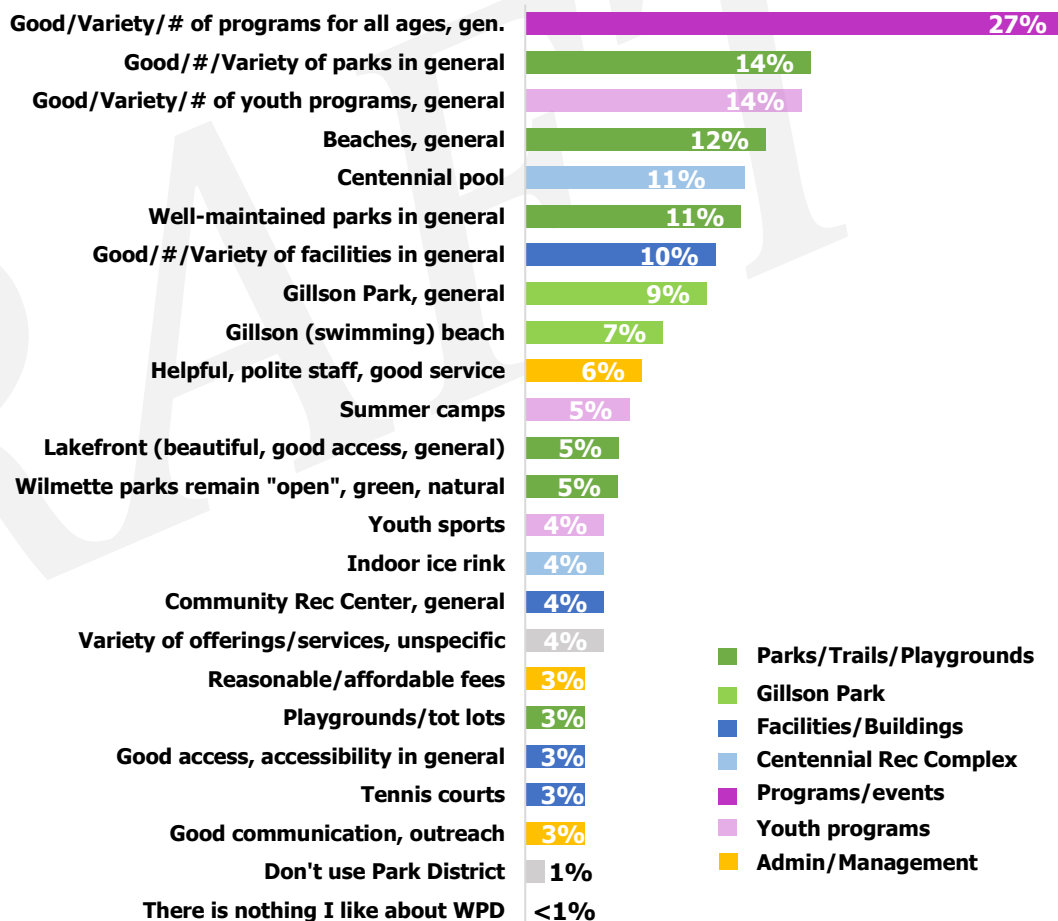
\* 2022 benchmark comparisons with neighboring park district agencies include Glencoe, Winnetka, Kenilworth, Northfield, Northbrook, Skokie and Glenview.



**When asked (in an open-ended format) what they like best about the WPD or its strengths, residents clearly appreciate the number/wide variety of programs (especially for youth) and parks (especially the beaches/lakefront), and well-maintained properties in general.**

- About one in ten specifically cite Gillson Park and/or the swimming beach as something they like most about the District.
- The variety of facilities in general also garners response from one in ten, with about as many specifically citing Centennial Pool.
- Among the specific youth programs cited are District summer camps and sports options.
- Adult programming is recalled relatively less often as a WPD strength (2%).
- Virtually everyone (99%+) is able to identify a strength or something they like.

### WPD Strengths (multiple open-ended responses)

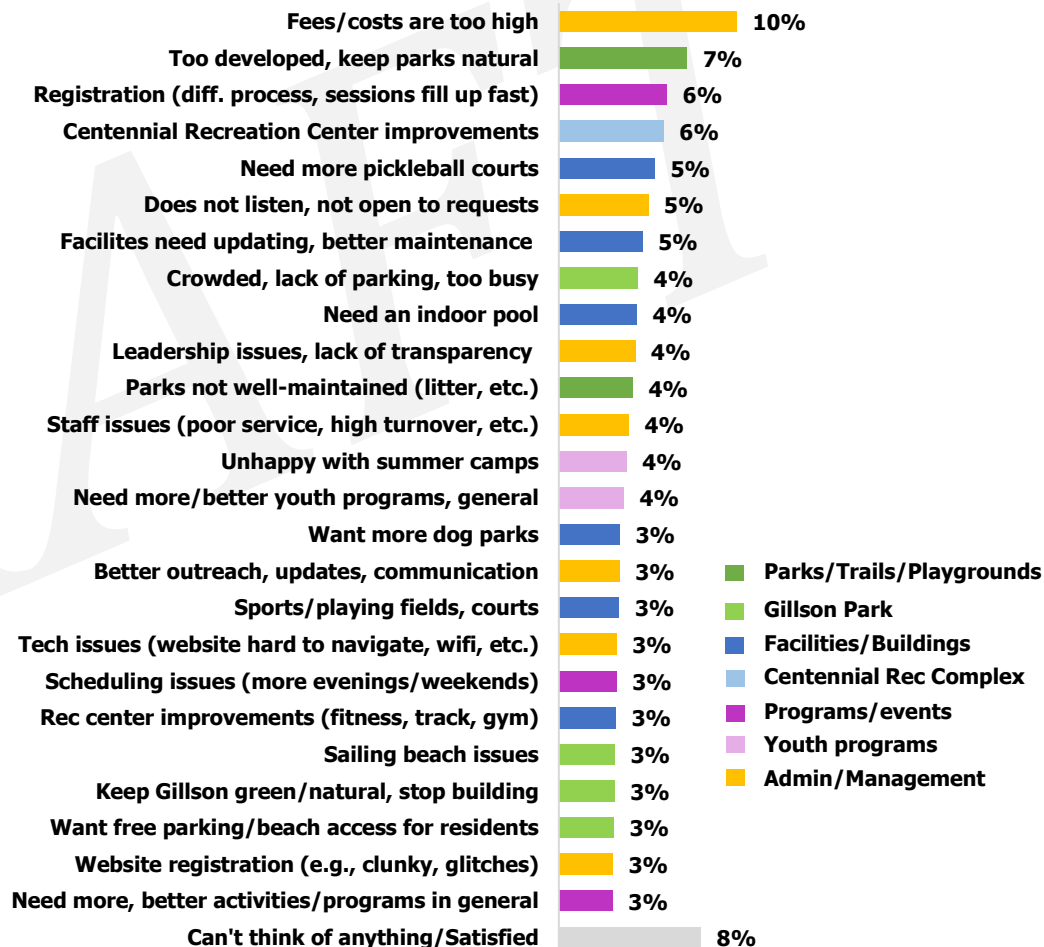




**When asked what they dislike most or improvements they seek from the WPD, respondents give a wide range of relatively scattered responses (little consensus). The most frequent – fees and costs – was cited by one in ten overall. All other suggestions register 7% or less response.**

- Cost-related comments (10%) come from residents who seek lower fees for seniors, family events/activities, programs, and facilities (e.g., indoor track, pool, beach access, etc.).
- Nearly as many (7%) are concerned about development and added features/facilities in the parks (overall) and want more emphasis on natural settings and open space.
  - In addition to this 7% feeling this way in general, another 3% cited this concern for Gillson Park specifically.
- Challenges with program registration ranks third (e.g., activities fill up too quickly), and another 3% specifically cite registration via the website.
- Most comments about Centennial Rec Complex (6% overall) reference the pool (longer hours/season, too crowded, etc.).
- Other residents seek expanded/added facilities, most often pickleball (5%), an indoor pool (4%), and a dog park (3%).
- Other suggestions were varied, with 8% unable to think of anything negative to say about the Park district.

## WPD Weaknesses/Improvements Sought (multiple open-ended responses)





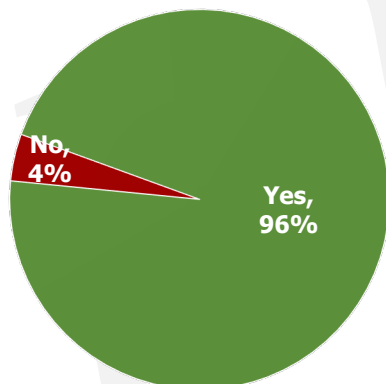
## II. Recent Usage/Satisfaction with WPD Parks and Facilities



**Nearly every respondent reports that someone in their household has been to a WPD park, playground, or nature area in the past year, with nearly everyone visiting Gillson Park. Nearly two thirds went to Centennial Park, and half (52%) used the Green Bay Trail.**

- Nearly half also report going to Mallinckrodt Park and/or the Community Playfield, and about a third used Vattmann Park.
- The wide range of multi-park usage is evident, as at least one in five respondents report household usage of thirteen different parks and open areas.

### Visited WPD Park/Playground/ Nature Area in Past 12 Months?



n=1,158

Wilmette PD Parks/ Playgrounds/Nature Areas	% Reporting (n=1,158)	All Respondents (n=1,201)
Gillson Park	94%	90%
Centennial Park	66%	64%
Green Bay Bike Trail	54%	52%
Mallinckrodt Park	47%	46%
Community Playfield	46%	44%
Vattmann Park	32%	31%
Thornwood Park	28%	27%
Langdon Park	26%	25%
Maple Park	25%	24%
West Park	24%	24%
Keay Nature Center	23%	22%
Hibbard Park	22%	21%
Howard Park	21%	20%
Earlywine Park	9%	9%
Forest Park	9%	9%
Shorewood Park	6%	5%
Wheeler Park	5%	5%
Bateman Park	4%	4%
Lockerbie Park	2%	2%



**Comparing self-reported usage by region, outdoor WPD locations draw largely from their immediate areas. For example, most of those who report using Langdon and Maple Parks live in the East region; nearly half (42%) of Thornwood Park users live in the N-Central area.**

- Gillson and Centennial Parks come closest to drawing widespread usage across all regions (closely aligning with the distribution of the overall Wilmette population).

<u>Wilmette Parks</u>	<i>n</i>	Region				
		West	S Central	N Central	E Central	East
<b>Overall (row) % of Respondents</b>	<b>1,201</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>29%</b>
Gillson Park	1087	10%	19%	16%	23%	32%
Centennial Park	765	9%	23%	19%	25%	25%
Green Bay Bike Trail	605	5%	11%	19%	27%	38%
Mallinckrodt Park	593	6%	15%	29%	29%	21%
Community Playfield	510	8%	30%	20%	21%	21%
Vattmann Park	423	3%	7%	18%	45%	27%
Thornwood Park	324	7%	17%	42%	16%	18%
Langdon Park	329	5%	8%	9%	21%	56%
Maple Park	338	4%	12%	8%	16%	60%
West Park	254	21%	20%	15%	23%	22%
Keay Nature Center	263	18%	40%	13%	15%	13%
Hibbard Park	225	16%	41%	18%	15%	10%
Howard Park	238	5%	13%	14%	48%	20%
Earlywine Park	120	2%	2%	6%	73%	17%
Forest Park	120	7%	3%	33%	42%	15%
Shorewood Park	81	4%	10%	15%	24%	46%
Wheeler Park	66	0%	10%	8%	61%	21%
Bateman Park	45	19%	13%	7%	26%	35%
Lockerbie Park	17	11%	53%	13%	21%	2%
None of the above	43	33%	22%	10%	16%	19%

 Higher than average draw from region (statistically meaningful at 95% level)

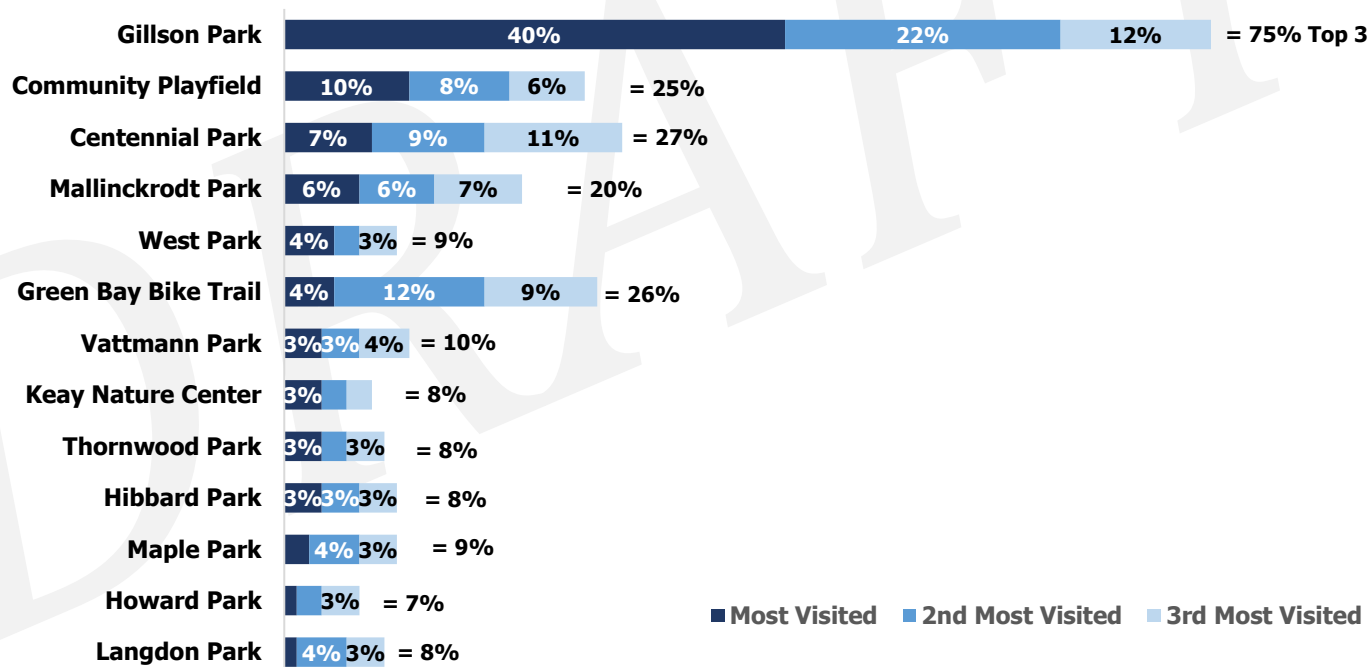




In terms of usage frequency, Gillson Park tops the list by far as the most visited WPD park, playground, or open space. About one in four also include the Community Playfield, Centennial Park, and the Green Bay Trail among their top three WPD destinations.

- Profiles of the most frequent users/visitors are provided on the next few pages.

### Top 3 WPD Parks/Playgrounds/Nature Areas Visited in Past Year



## Significant Differences: Most Frequently Used WPD Parks/Playgrounds/Nature Areas

	#1 Most Frequently Visited/Used	Top 3 Most Visited/Used
<b>Gillson Park</b>	<u><b>40% Overall</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 65+ (47%)</li> <li>- White adults (43%)</li> <li>- East region (64%)</li> <li>- Households without children (47%, vs. 29% of those with children)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 40+ yrs. (53%)</li> <li>- Non-WPD program participants (49%)</li> </ul>	<u><b>75% Overall</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- East region (87%)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 40+ yrs. (82%)</li> </ul>
<b>Community Playfield</b>	<u><b>10% Overall</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (18%)</li> <li>- Men (13%, vs. 8% of women)</li> <li>- Homeowners (11%, vs. 1% of renters)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (13%, vs. 7% of non-participants)</li> <li>- S-Central region (29%)</li> </ul>	<u><b>25% Overall</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- S-Central region (53%)</li> <li>- Ages 35-44 (42%), 45-54 (33%)</li> <li>- Households with children (38%, vs. 17% of those without children)</li> <li>- Homeowners (27%, vs. 11% of renters)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 5-9 yrs. (43%)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (34%, vs. 16% of non-participants)</li> </ul>
<b>Centennial Park</b>	<u><b>7% Overall</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 45-54 (13%)</li> <li>- S-Central region (17%)</li> <li>- Households with children (10%, vs. 5% of those without children)</li> </ul>	<u><b>27% Overall</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- S-Central region (41%)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (33%, vs. 22% non-participants)</li> <li>- Ages 45 to 54 (35%)</li> </ul>
<b>Mallinckrodt Park</b>	<u><b>6% Overall</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 40+ yrs. (11%)</li> <li>- N-Central region (23%)</li> </ul>	<u><b>20% Overall</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 65+ (26%)</li> <li>- Households without children (25%, vs. 11% of those with children)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 40+ yrs. (33%)</li> <li>- E-Central (30%) and N-Central regions (47%)</li> <li>- Women (23%, vs. 15% of men)</li> </ul>



## Significant Differences: Most Frequently Used WPD Parks/Playgrounds/Nature Areas (cont'd)

	#1 Most Frequently Visited/Used	Top 3 Most Visited/Used
<b>West Park</b>	<p><b><u>4% Overall</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 45-54 (9%)</li> <li>- Men (6% vs. 2% of women)</li> <li>- Households with children (8%, vs. 1% of those without children)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (6%, vs. 3% of non-participants)</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>9% Overall</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 45-54 (18%)</li> <li>- Asian adults (24%)</li> <li>- Households with children (17%, vs. 5% of those without children)</li> <li>- West region (33%)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (12%, vs. 8% of non-participants)</li> </ul>
<b>Green Bay Bike Trail</b>	<p><b><u>4% Overall</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 55-64 (9%)</li> <li>- Men (6%, vs. 2% of women)</li> <li>- Households without children (7%, vs. 1% of those with children)</li> <li>- Non-WPD program participants (6%, vs. 1% of participants)</li> <li>- E-Central region (8%)</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>26% Overall</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 55-64 (39%)</li> <li>- Households without children (33%, vs. 18% of those with children)</li> <li>- Non-WPD program participants (32%, vs. 20% of participants)</li> <li>- East region (41%)</li> </ul>
<b>Vattmann Park</b>	<p><b><u>3% Overall</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (8%)</li> <li>- Households with children (6%, vs. 2% of those without children)</li> <li>- E-Central region (14%)</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>10% Overall</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (20%)</li> <li>- Households with children (14%, vs. 8% of those without children)</li> <li>- E-Central region (31%)</li> </ul>
<b>Keay Nature Center</b>	<p><b><u>3% Overall</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 55-64 (6%)</li> <li>- West region (15%)</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>8% Overall</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- West region (30%)</li> <li>- Women (10%, vs. men 6%)</li> </ul>
<b>Thornwood Park</b>	<p><b><u>3% Overall</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- N-Central region (17%)</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>8% Overall</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (17%)</li> <li>- Households with children (13%, vs. 5% of those without children)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (12%, vs. 5% of non-participants)</li> <li>- N-Central region (38%)</li> </ul>



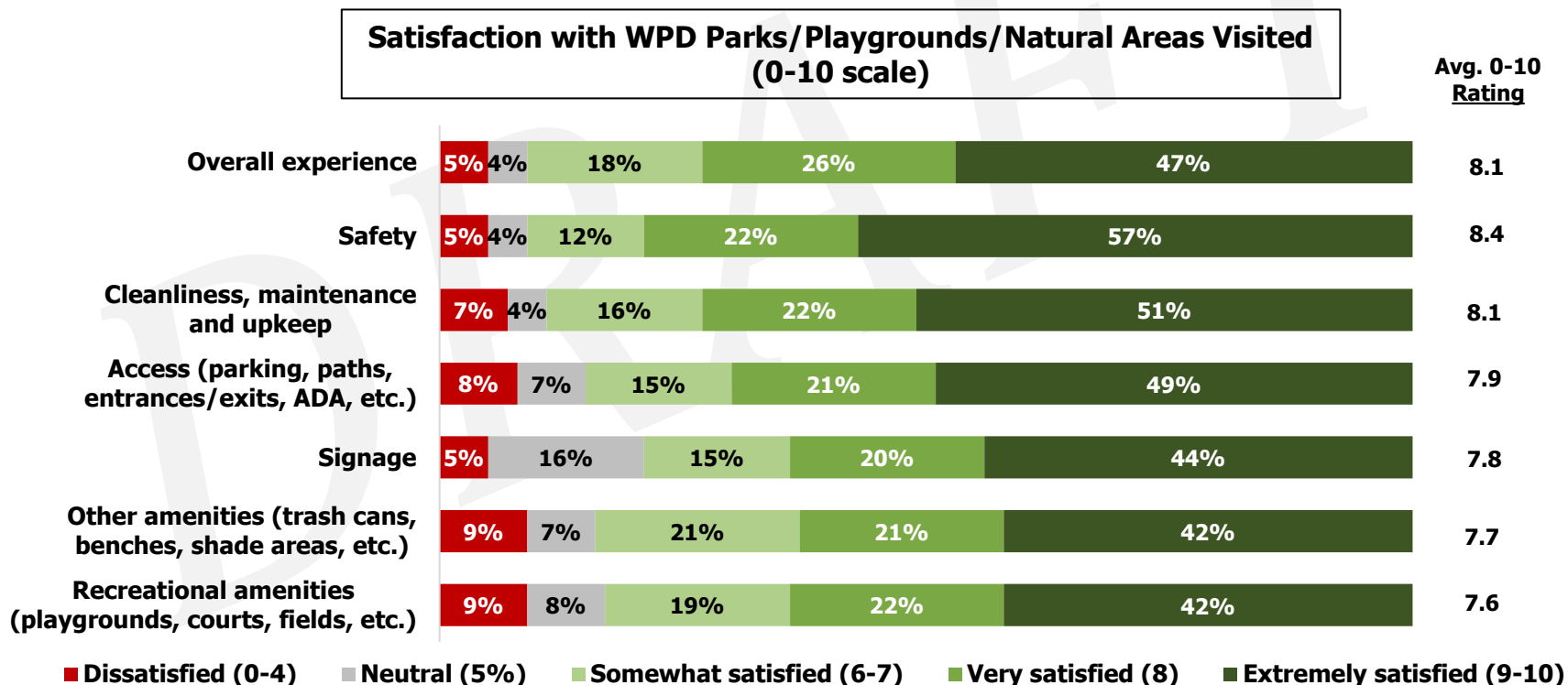
## Significant Differences: Most Frequently Used WPD Parks/Playgrounds/Nature Areas (cont'd)

	#1 Most Frequently Visited/Used	Top 3 Most Visited/Used
<b>Hibbard Park</b>	<u><b>3% Overall</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lived in Wilmette &lt;5 yrs. (7%)</li> <li>- Asian adults (12%)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (5%, vs. 1% of non-participants)</li> <li>- S-Central region (11%)</li> </ul>	<u><b>8% Overall</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-54 (13%)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette &lt;5 yrs. (14%)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (10%, vs. 6% of non-participants)</li> <li>- S-Central (22%) and West regions (24%)</li> </ul>
<b>Maple Park</b>	<u><b>2% Overall</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Households with children (5%, vs. 1% of those without children)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (4%, vs. 1% of non-participants)</li> <li>- East region (7%)</li> </ul>	<u><b>9% Overall</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- East region (28%)</li> </ul>
<b>Howard Park</b>	<u><b>1% Overall</b></u> <p>&lt; no statistically meaningful differences &gt;</p>	<u><b>7% Overall</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 45-54 (13%)</li> <li>- E-Central region (17%)</li> </ul>
<b>Langdon Park</b>	<u><b>1% Overall</b></u> <p>&lt; no statistically meaningful differences &gt;</p>	<u><b>8% Overall</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 55-64 (14%)</li> <li>- White adults (9%)</li> <li>- Households without children (11%, vs. 5% of those with children)</li> <li>- East region (20%)</li> </ul>



**The vast majority of recent visitors to WPD parks/playgrounds/natural areas are satisfied with their overall experience, with significant numbers (42%+) saying they are extremely satisfied (scores of 9+). By comparison, fewer than one in ten visitors are dissatisfied.**

- Residents are especially happy with safety at the parks, and the overall upkeep and maintenance. The highest satisfaction scores across all attributes tend to come from visitors ages 35-44 and older adults (ages 55+), along with the E-Central and N-Central regions (see next page).
- Less satisfied users tend to be the youngest adults (under age 35) and S-Central residents (and households with children tend to be less satisfied with the park amenities). Still, no group is dissatisfied – all give average ratings of 6.8 or higher (at least somewhat satisfied).





## Significant Differences: Satisfaction with WPD Parks/Playgrounds/Natural Areas

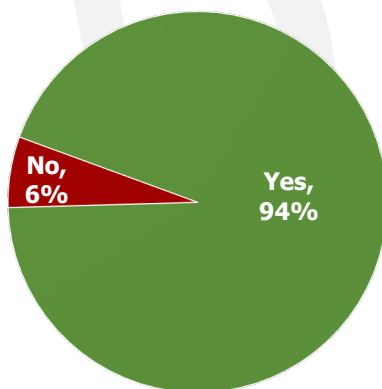
	Lower than Avg. Ratings	Higher than Avg. Ratings
<b>Overall experience (avg. rating = 8.1)</b>	- Under age 35 (7.3)	- Ages 65+ (8.4) - E-Central region (8.4)
<b>Safety (8.4)</b>	- S-Central region (8.0)	- Ages 35-44 (8.7), 55-64 (8.6) - N-Central (8.7), E-Central regions (8.7)
<b>Cleanliness, maintenance and upkeep (8.1)</b>	- S-Central region (7.7) - Hispanic/Latino adults (6.8, n=27)	< no statistically significant differences >
<b>Access – parking, paths, entrances/exits, ADA (7.9)</b>	- Under age 35 (6.8)	- Ages 35-44 (8.4) - N-Central region (8.5)
<b>Signage (7.8)</b>	- S-Central region (7.3)	< no statistically significant differences >
<b>Other amenities (trash cans, benches, shade areas, etc. – 7.7)</b>	- Ages 45-54 (7.3) - Households with children (7.4) - WPD program participants (7.4)	- Ages 55+ (8.0) - Households without children (7.9) - Non-WPD program participants (7.9)
<b>Recreational amenities (playgrounds, courts, fields, etc. – 7.6)</b>	- Households with children (7.4) - S-Central region (7.2) - Lived in Wilmette 5-9 yrs. (7.1) - WPD program participant (7.4) - Hispanic (5.9)	- Households without children (7.8) - E-Central region (8.0) - Lived in Wilmette 40+ yrs. (8.0)



**In terms of specific WPD facilities, most residents report going to the swimming beach and/or beach house at Gillson Park in the past year. At least one in five have also been to the Wallace Bowl, dog beach, sailing beach, or Lakeview Center at this site.**

- A majority likewise report using the Centennial Rec Complex (most often the pool and/or ice rink), and nearly half have been to the Community Rec Center (using the fitness facility and gyms most often).
- Just over a third (35%) report going to the Wilmette Golf Club, with about equal usage of the restaurant, driving range, and golf course.
- The Mallinckrodt Center and Paddle Tennis Club round out the top facilities tested.

### Visited a WPD Facility in Past 12 Months?



n=1,139

Wilmette PD Facilities	% Reporting (n=1,139)	All Respondents (n=1,201)
<b>GILLSON PARK</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>87%</b>
Swimming beach	74%	69%
Concession/beach house	65%	61%
Wallace Bowl	42%	39%
Dog beach	28%	27%
Sailing beach	26%	24%
Lakeview Center	23%	22%
Other	23%	21%
<b>CENTENNIAL RECREATION COMPLEX</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>59%</b>
Outdoor aquatic center	44%	41%
Indoor ice rink	26%	24%
Indoor tennis courts	19%	18%
Other	9%	9%
<b>COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>45%</b>
Fitness center	24%	22%
Gymnastics gym	16%	15%
Sports gym	13%	10%
Early childhood center	11%	6%
Other	7%	13%
<b>WILMETTE GOLF CLUB</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>35%</b>
Restaurant	27%	25%
Driving range	21%	20%
Golf course	20%	19%
<b>MALLINCKRODT CENTER</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>23%</b>
<b>WILMETTE PADDLE TENNIS CLUB</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>13%</b>



As with WPD parks and open spaces, many of its facilities tend to attract usage from more proximate areas, although the swimming beach and the beach house at Gillson, as well as the Golf Club and Paddle Tennis Club, draw from throughout the community.

Wilmette Facilities	n	Region				
		West	S Central	N Central	E Central	East
<b>Overall (row) % of Respondents</b>	<b>1,201</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>29%</b>
<b>GILLSON PARK</b>	<b>1,058</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>31%</b>
Swimming beach	812	10%	20%	17%	22%	30%
Concession/beach house	728	9%	19%	18%	23%	32%
Wallace Bowl	495	8%	17%	11%	26%	38%
Dog beach	321	7%	19%	12%	24%	38%
Sailing beach	295	4%	7%	17%	25%	46%
Lakeview Center	276	6%	14%	13%	25%	42%
Other (e.g., park, trails, playground, bird area)	293	7%	18%	15%	19%	41%
<b>CENTENNIAL RECREATION COMPLEX</b>	<b>699</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>28%</b>
Outdoor aquatic center	475	7%	26%	19%	22%	27%
Indoor ice rink	285	11%	23%	17%	21%	28%
Indoor tennis courts	219	7%	18%	20%	20%	36%
Other (e.g., gardens, polling place, sledding)	103	10%	21%	21%	29%	19%
<b>COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>22%</b>
Fitness center	263	9%	30%	20%	23%	17%
Gymnastics gym	188	8%	22%	23%	28%	19%
Sports gym	145	4%	26%	22%	25%	23%
Early childhood center	79	10%	36%	11%	21%	22%
Other (e.g., track, theater, community room)	141	12%	28%	17%	19%	24%
<b>WILMETTE GOLF CLUB</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>30%</b>
Restaurant	305	11%	18%	21%	22%	28%
Driving range	229	10%	16%	19%	24%	30%
Golf course	228	6%	19%	19%	26%	30%
<b>MALLINCKRODT CENTER</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>WILMETTE PADDLE TENNIS CLUB</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>32%</b>
None of the above	62	30%	19%	7%	22%	22%

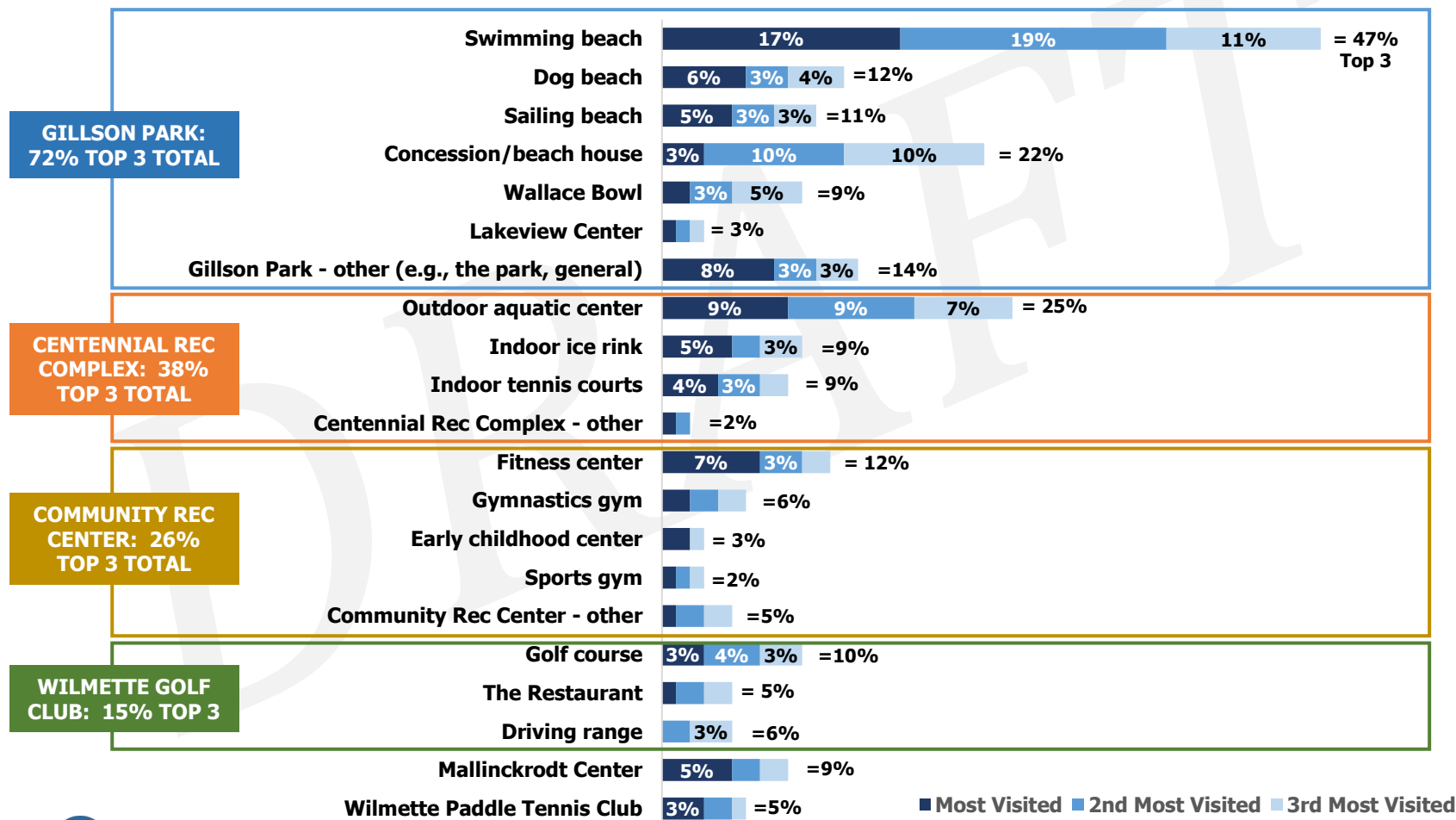
 Higher than average draw from region (statistically meaningful at 95% level)





The most frequently utilized facilities at Gillson Park are clearly the swimming beach and the beach house/concession facility. Centennial Rec Complex users are nearly three times as likely to say they use the pool most often as other facilities at that location.

### Top 3 WPD Facilities Visited in Past Year





## Significant Differences: Most Frequently Used Gillson Park Facilities

	#1 Most Frequently Visited/Used	Top 3 Most Visited/Used
<b>Swimming Beach</b>	<u><b>17% Overall</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (28%)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette &lt;10 yrs. (27%)</li> <li>- Households with children (21%, vs. 14% of those without children)</li> <li>- East region (23%)</li> </ul>	<u><b>47% Overall</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (71%), 45-54 (58%)</li> <li>- Households with children (66%, vs. 36% of those without)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette &lt;5 yrs. (60%), 5-9 yrs. (74%)</li> <li>- Homeowners (49%, vs. 35% of renters)</li> <li>- East region (55%)</li> </ul>
<b>Concession/ Beach House</b>	<u><b>3% Overall</b></u> <p>&lt; no statistically meaningful differences &gt;</p>	<u><b>22% Overall</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-54 (31%)</li> <li>- Households with children (27%, vs. 21% of those without)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette &lt;5 yrs. (36%)</li> <li>- Homeowners (23%, vs. 12% of renters)</li> <li>- East region (29%)</li> </ul>
<b>Dog Beach</b>	<u><b>6% Overall</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 45-54 (15%)</li> <li>- Asian adults (14%)</li> <li>- Non-WPD program participants (8%, vs. 4% of participants)</li> </ul>	<u><b>12% Overall</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 45-54 (21%)</li> <li>- Homeowners (14%, vs. 3% of renters)</li> </ul>
<b>Sailing Beach</b>	<u><b>5% Overall</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 55-64 (14%)</li> <li>- Households without children (7%, vs. 3% of those with children)</li> <li>- Homeowners (6%, vs. 0% of renters)</li> <li>- Non-WPD program participants (8%, vs. 3% of participants)</li> <li>- East region (8%)</li> </ul>	<u><b>11% Overall</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 55-64 (23%)</li> <li>- White adults (12%)</li> <li>- East region (19%)</li> </ul>
<b>Wallace Bowl</b>	<u><b>2% Overall</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 55+ (3%, vs. 0% of other ages)</li> <li>- Other/Multi-race adults (9%)</li> </ul>	<u><b>9% Overall</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- East region (13%)</li> </ul>
<b>Lakeview Center</b>	<u><b>1% Overall</b></u> <p>&lt; no statistically meaningful differences &gt;</p>	<u><b>3% Overall</b></u> <p>&lt; no statistically meaningful differences &gt;</p>

## Significant Differences: Most Frequently Used Centennial Rec Complex Facilities

	#1 Most Frequently Visited/Used	Top 3 Most Visited/Used
<b>Outdoor aquatic center</b>	<p><b><u>9% Overall</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Under age 35 (28%)</li> <li>- Households with children (17%, vs. 4% of those without children)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 5-9 yrs. (16%)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (13%, vs. 5% of non-participants)</li> <li>- S-Central region (21%)</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>25% Overall</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Under age 35 (46%), 35-44 (42%), 45-54 (37%)</li> <li>- Households with children (46%, vs. 12% of those without children)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette &lt;5 yrs. (36%), 5-9 yrs. (46%)</li> <li>- Homeowners (26%, vs. 13% of renters)</li> <li>- S-Central region (39%)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (37%, vs. 13% of non-participants)</li> </ul>
<b>Indoor ice rink</b>	<p><b><u>5% Overall</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-54 (9%)</li> <li>- Households with children (10%, vs. 1% of those without children)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette &lt;5 yrs. (8%)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (9%, vs. 1% of non-participants)</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>9% Overall</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-54 (19%)</li> <li>- Men (12% vs. 8% of women)</li> <li>- Households with children (20%, vs. 2% of those without children)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 5-9 yrs. (23%)</li> <li>- Asian adults (21%)</li> </ul>
<b>Indoor tennis courts</b>	<p><b><u>4% Overall</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- WPD program participants (6%, vs. 2% of non-participants)</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>9% Overall</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (15%)</li> <li>- Households with children (13%, vs. 6% of those without children)</li> </ul>



## Significant Differences: Most Frequently Used Community Rec Center Facilities

	#1 Most Frequently Visited/Used	Top 3 Most Visited/Used
<b>Fitness center</b>	<u><b>7% Overall</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 65+ (10%)</li> <li>- Households without children (9%, vs. 4% of those with children)</li> </ul>	<u><b>12% Overall</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Households without children (14%, vs. 9% of those with children)</li> </ul>
<b>Gymnastics gym</b>	<u><b>2% Overall</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (10%)</li> <li>- Households with children (6%, vs. &lt;1% of those without children)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette &lt;5 yrs. (7%)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (5%, vs. &lt;1% of non-participants)</li> </ul>	<u><b>6% Overall</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (25%)</li> <li>- Households with children (15%, vs. 1% of those without children)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette &lt;5 yrs. (16%)</li> </ul>
<b>Early childhood center</b>	<u><b>2% Overall</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (10%)</li> <li>- Households with children (5%, vs. &lt;1% of those without children)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (4%, vs. &lt;1% of non-participants)</li> </ul>	<u><b>3% Overall</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (12%)</li> <li>- Households with children (7%, vs. &lt;1% of those without children)</li> </ul>
<b>Sports gym</b>	<u><b>1% Overall</b></u> <p>&lt; no statistically meaningful differences &gt;</p>	<u><b>2% Overall</b></u> <p>&lt; no statistically meaningful differences &gt;</p>



## Significant Differences: Most Frequently Used WPD Golf Club and Other Facilities

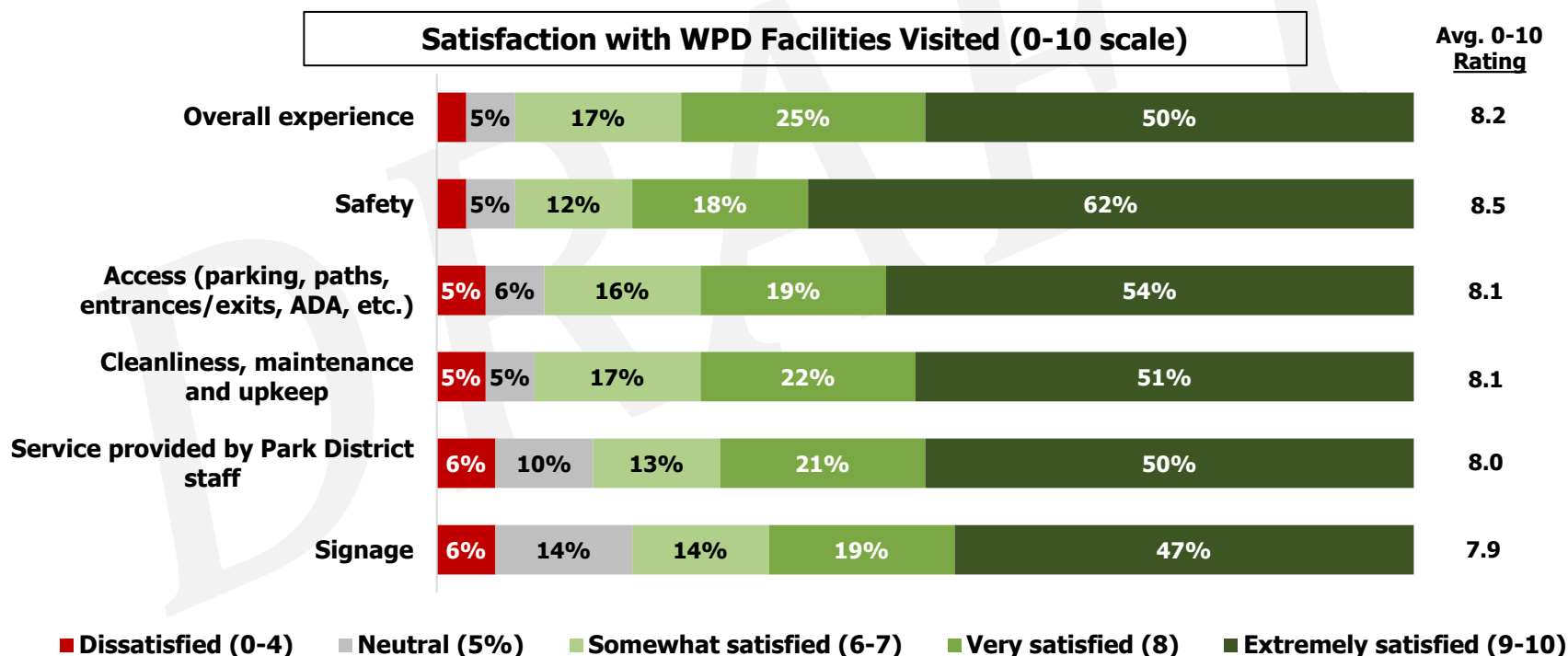
	#1 Most Frequently Visited/Used	Top 3 Most Visited/Used
<b>Golf course</b>	<u><b>3% Overall</b></u> <i>&lt; no statistically meaningful differences &gt;</i>	<u><b>10% Overall</b></u> - Men (14%, vs. 6% of women)
<b>Driving range</b>	<u><b>0% Overall</b></u> <i>&lt; no statistically meaningful differences &gt;</i>	<u><b>6% Overall</b></u> - Men (9%, vs. 3% of women)
<b>The restaurant</b>	<u><b>1% Overall</b></u> - Under age 35 (8%) - Hispanic/Latino adults (14%)	<u><b>5% Overall</b></u> - West region (14%) - Hispanic/Latino adults (18%)

	#1 Most Frequently Visited/Used	Top 3 Most Visited/Used
<b>Mallinckrodt Center</b>	<u><b>5% Overall</b></u> - Ages 65+ (9%) - Households without children (6%, vs. 2% of those with children) - Lived in Wilmette 40+ yrs. (9%) - N-Central region (17%)	<u><b>9% Overall</b></u> - Ages 65+ (15%) - No children in household (12%, vs. 3% of those with children) - Lived in Wilmette 40+ yrs. (17%) - N-Central region (24%)
<b>Wilmette Paddle Tennis Club</b>	<u><b>3% Overall</b></u> - Ages 35-44 (7%) - N-Central region (7%)	<u><b>5% Overall</b></u> - Ages 35-44 (14%) - Households with children (10%, vs. 3% of those without children) - Lived in Wilmette 5-9 yrs. (12%) - Homeowners (6%, vs. 0% of renters) - N-Central region (10%) - WPD program participants (10%, vs. 1% of non-participants)



**Similar to the high satisfaction with WPD parks/playgrounds/natural areas, District facilities receive comparably strong satisfaction scores. At least half of facility users are “extremely satisfied” with each attribute (with the exception of “signage”, slightly lower at 47%).**

- Relatively few recent visitors (6% or less) are dissatisfied with District facilities.
- As with the satisfaction ratings for District parks, the highest ratings for its facilities tend to come from residents aged 35 to 44 and 55+. Those in the N-Central area are also most happy with the upkeep and signage at these sites.
- Lower than average ratings (though still very positive – 7.3 or higher) tend to come from the youngest adults (under age 35) and those in the S-Central region.



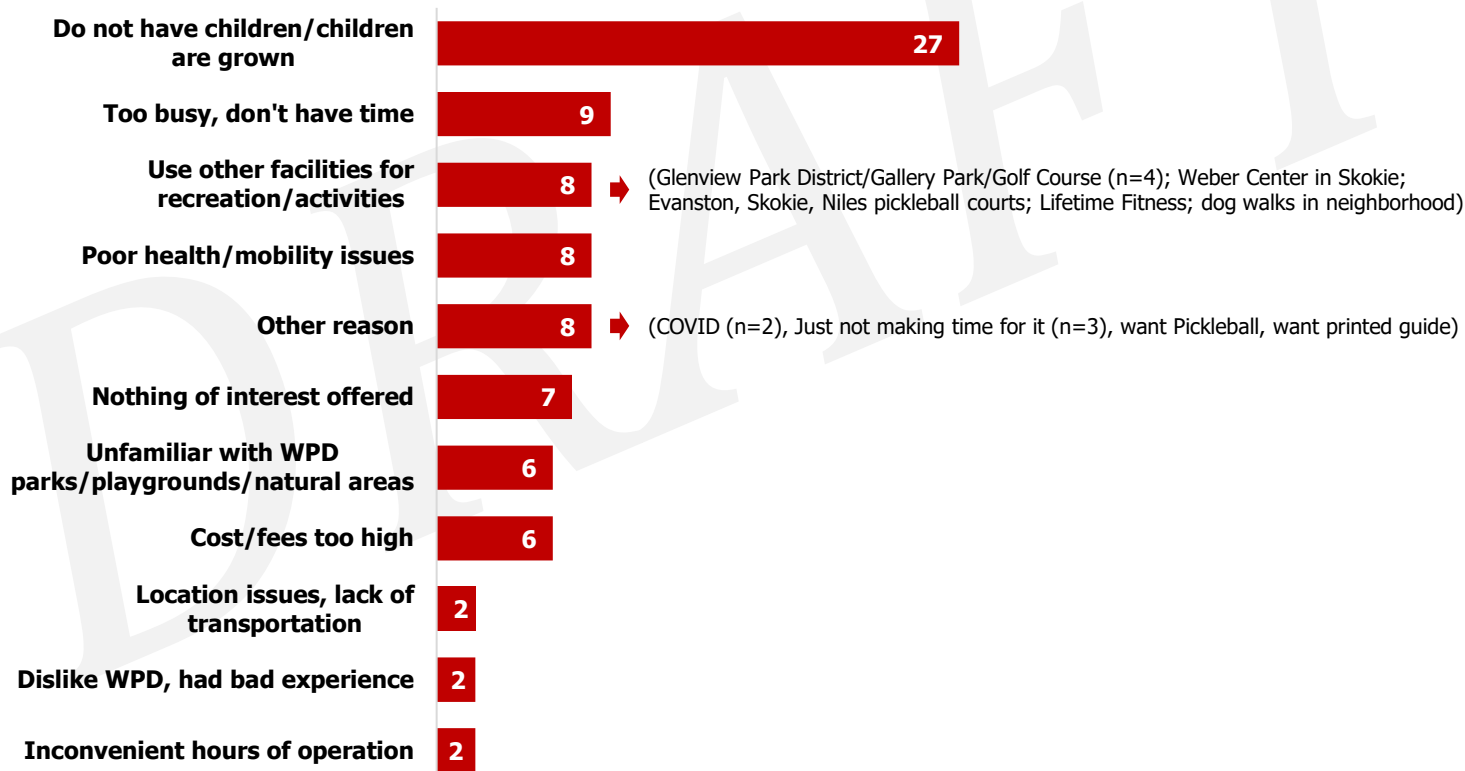
## Significant Differences: Satisfaction with WPD Facilities

	Lower than Avg. Ratings	Higher than Avg. Ratings
<b>Overall experience (avg. rating = 8.2)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 5-9 yrs. (8.1)</li> <li>- S-Central region (7.7)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 55+ (8.5)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 40+ yrs. (8.5)</li> <li>- Renters (8.8)</li> </ul>
<b>Safety (8.5)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Under age 35 (8.1)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (8.8), 55-64 (8.7)</li> </ul>
<b>Access – parking, paths, entrances/exits, ADA (8.1)</b>	< no statistically significant differences >	
<b>Cleanliness, maintenance and upkeep (8.1)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 45-54 (7.8)</li> <li>- S-Central region (7.7)</li> <li>- Homeowners (8.1)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 55+ (8.4)</li> <li>- N-Central region (8.4)</li> <li>- Renters (8.8)</li> </ul>
<b>Service provided by Park District staff (8.0)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Under age 35 (7.8), 45-54 (7.7)</li> <li>- Homeowners (7.9)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 55-64 (8.3)</li> <li>- Renters (8.7)</li> </ul>
<b>Signage (7.9)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Under age 35 (7.4)</li> <li>- S-Central region (7.3)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 65+ (8.1)</li> <li>- N-Central region (8.2)</li> </ul>

**Among the relatively few non-WPD visitors or users in the past year, most cite not having children in the household as the reason. This suggests that the District is perceived as primarily for children or young families and is less relevant to those without children.**

- The other top reasons are scattered, reflecting personal lifestyle or choices for non-usage (too busy, no interest), patronage of other facilities (nearby park districts/facilities, private clubs), health issues, lack of awareness of WPD locations or programs, and/or fees.

## Reasons for Non-WPD Park, Playground/Nature Area/Facility Usage (multiple responses, n=50 non-visitors)







### III. Needs Assessment: Outdoor Facilities

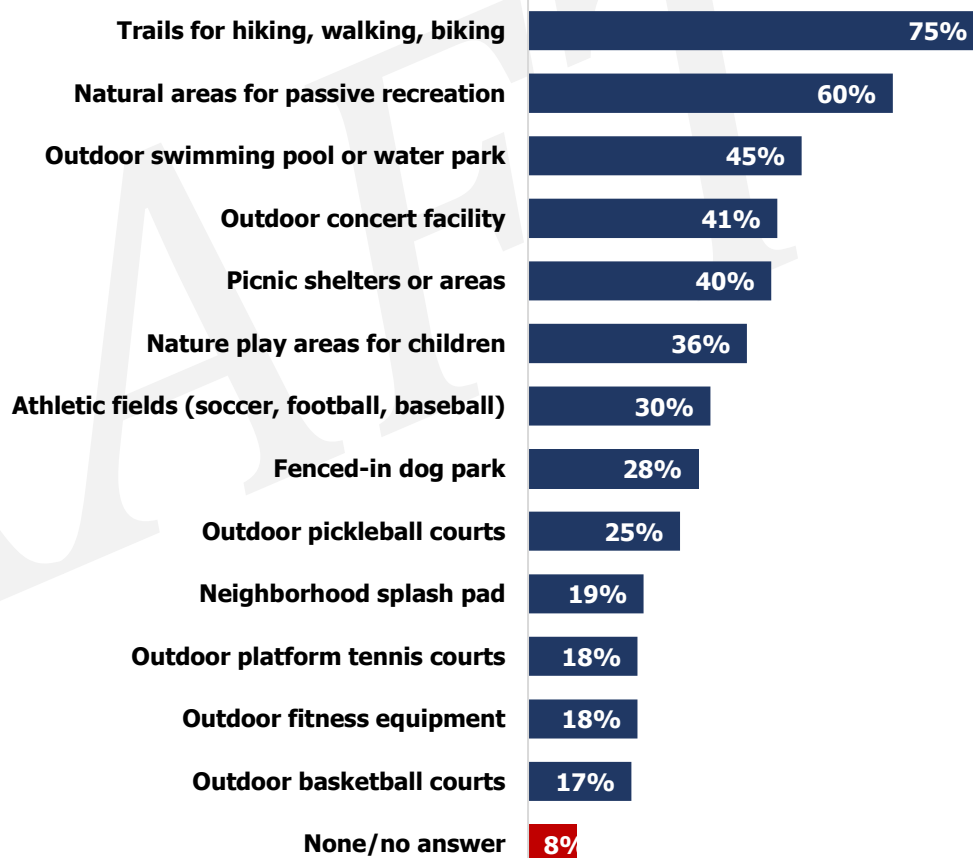


**From a list of outdoor facilities, a majority of residents express interest in trails and/or natural areas for more passive activities. Nearly half express a need or interest in an outdoor pool, followed by a concert/event venue, and picnic facilities.**

➤ As shown on the following pages, stronger than average interest for many of these outdoor facilities tends to come from women, younger (under age 45) to middle-aged adults (45 to 54), and households with children. The exceptions include:

- Natural areas for passive recreation (stronger interest among ages 55 to 64, longer-term Wilmette residents, no children in the household)
- Outdoor pickleball courts (ages 55 to 64, homeowners)
- Those expressing interest in "none" of the facilities tested (men, ages 65+, the longest-term Wilmette residents, no children).

### Outdoor Facilities of Interest/Need Among Residents (% "Yes")





## Significant Differences: Interest/Demand in Outdoor Park Amenities/Facilities

	Overall	Most Likely to Express Interest/Need/Use
<b>Trails for hiking, walking, biking</b>	<b>75%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Women (80%, vs. 71% of men)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 5-9 yrs. (86%)</li> </ul>
<b>Natural areas for passive recreation</b>	<b>60%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 55-64 (68%)</li> <li>- Women (63%, vs. 55% of men)</li> <li>- No children in household (63%, vs. 55% of those with children)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 30-39 yrs. (72%)</li> </ul>
<b>Outdoor swimming pool or water park</b>	<b>45%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Under age 35 (74%), 35-44 (71%), 45-54 (56%)</li> <li>- Households with children (69%, vs. 29% of those without children)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette &lt;5 yrs. (66%), 5-9 yrs. (62%)</li> </ul>
<b>Outdoor concert facility</b>	<b>41%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Women (47%, vs. 35% of men)</li> </ul>
<b>Picnic shelters or areas</b>	<b>40%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (49%)</li> <li>- Women (46%, vs. 33% of men)</li> <li>- Asian adults (56%)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette &lt;5 yrs. (53%)</li> <li>- Households with children (46%, vs. 36% of those without children)</li> </ul>
<b>Nature play areas for children</b>	<b>36%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Under age 35 (70%), 35-44 (69%)</li> <li>- Women (41%, vs. 31% of men)</li> <li>- S-Central region (45%)</li> <li>- Hispanic/Latino adults (61% of n=29)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette &lt;5 yrs. (57%)</li> <li>- Households with children (55%, vs. 24% of those without children)</li> </ul>
<b>Athletic fields (soccer, football, baseball)</b>	<b>30%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (59%), 45-54 (44%)</li> <li>- Men (35%, vs. 26% of women)</li> <li>- Households with children (54%, vs. 13% of those without children)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette &lt;5 yrs. (44%), 5-9 yrs. (49%), 10-19 yrs. (39%)</li> <li>- Homeowners (32%, vs. 11% of renters)</li> </ul>
<b>Fenced-in dog park</b>	<b>28%</b>	< no statistically significant differences >
<b>Outdoor pickleball courts</b>	<b>25%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 55-64 (35%)</li> <li>- Homeowners (27%, vs. 7% of renters)</li> </ul>



## Significant Differences: Interest/Demand in Outdoor Park Amenities/Facilities (cont'd)

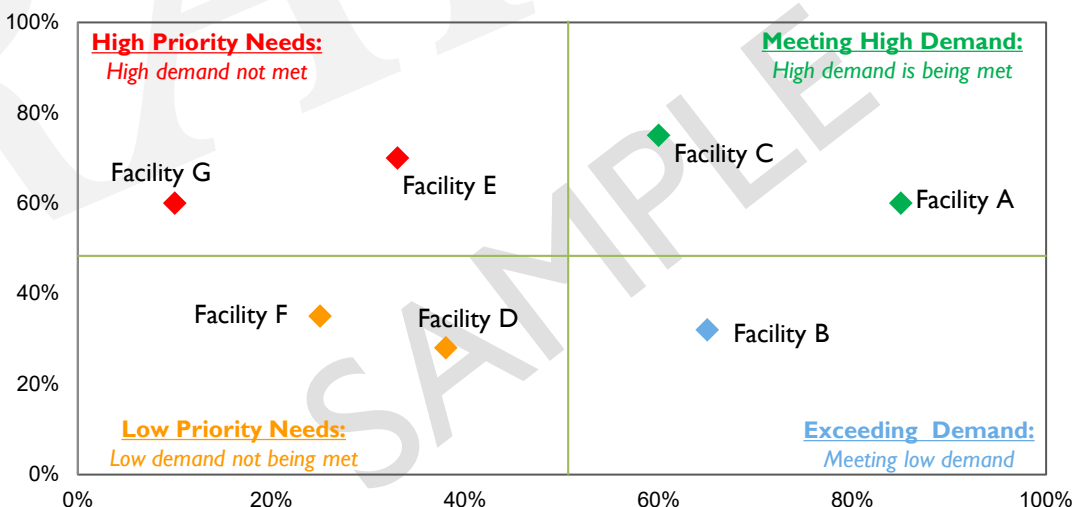
	Overall	Most Likely to Express Interest/Need/Use
<b>Neighborhood splash pad</b>	<b>19%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Under age 35 (55%), 35-44 (48%)</li> <li>- Women (22%, vs. 15% of men)</li> <li>- Households with children (37%, vs. 7% of those without children)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette &lt;5 yrs. (44%)</li> </ul>
<b>Outdoor platform tennis courts</b>	<b>18%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (36%), 45-54 (26%)</li> <li>- Households with children (27%, vs. 13% of those without children)</li> <li>- Homeowners (19%, vs. 7% of renters)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 5-9 yrs. (34%)</li> </ul>
<b>Outdoor fitness equipment</b>	<b>18%</b>	<i>&lt; no statistically significant differences &gt;</i>
<b>Outdoor basketball courts</b>	<b>17%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (35%), 45-54 (27%)</li> <li>- Households with children (33%, vs. 6% of those without children)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette &lt;5 yrs. (25%), 5-9 yrs. (31%)</li> </ul>
<b>None/no answer</b>	<b>8%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 65+ (16%)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 40+ yrs. (14%)</li> <li>- Men (10%, vs. 5% of women)</li> <li>- Households without children (10%, vs. 3% of those with children)</li> </ul>



## Quadrant Analysis: Determining if Demand for Facilities is Being Met

- Respondents who report use or interest in each type of facility were also asked how well each need is currently being met on a 1-5 scale.
  - A score of "4" means their needs are mostly met, and a "5" means they are completely met.
- The results are reported on the following pages using a scatter plot that shows both:
  - Overall demand for each facility (vertical axis) based on the % who indicate need, usage or interest
  - And the % giving scores of "4" or "5" (on a 1 to 5 scale) who report that this "need" is currently being mostly/ completely met.
- In the example below, facilities A and C in the upper right quadrant are in high demand and sufficient supply, while facilities E and G (upper left) represent opportunity (high demand not currently being met).
  - Facilities to the bottom (B, D, and F) are in lower demand.

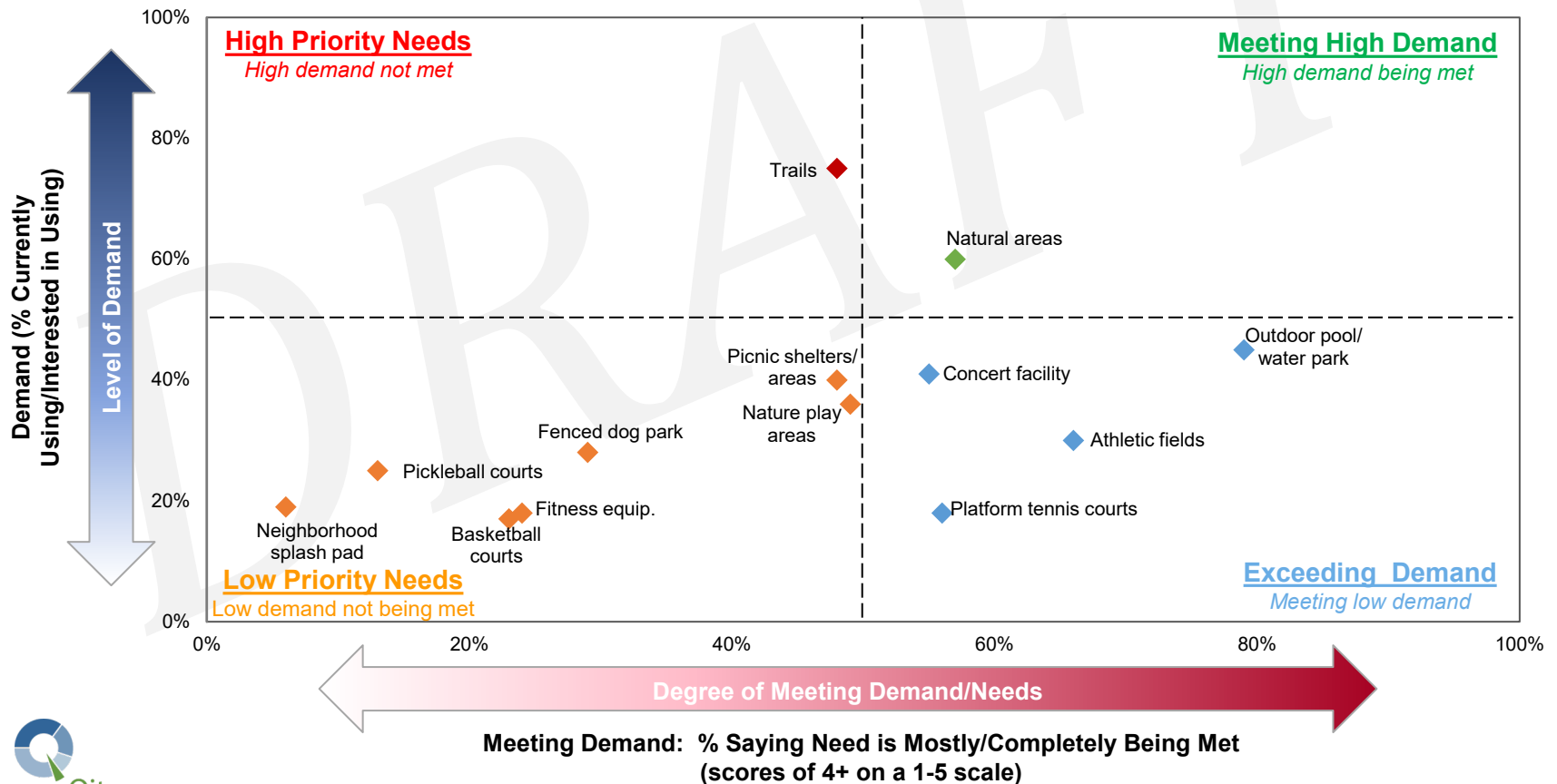
**Level of Demand**  
(% Currently Using/Interested  
In Using)



**Degree of Meeting Demand/Need:**  
% Saying Need is Being Met (scores of 4+ on a 1-5 scale)

**Those interested in natural areas generally feel that this need is being addressed currently, but trails still represent a “gap” (highest demand, less than half feeling this need is being met).**

- A number of outdoor facilities are deemed readily available currently (outdoor pool/water park, concert venue, athletic fields, platform tennis).
- The rest represent lower priority unmet needs or “gaps” (lower demand). Some are nearly seen as mostly available (picnic areas, nature play areas) but bigger opportunities remain with a fenced-in dog park, pickleball courts, and/or local splash pads.

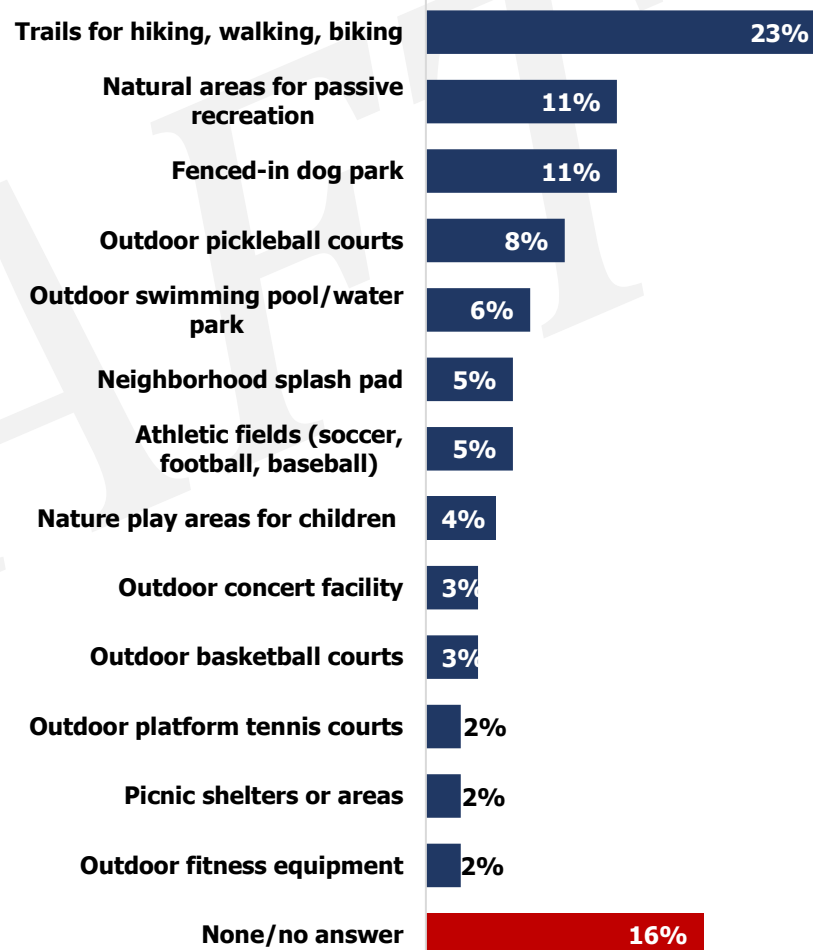




**When asked which one of those outdoor facilities represent the top priority for the WPD, trails remains the #1 response. A fenced-in dog park moves up in the ranking, tied for second with natural areas for passive recreation (11% each). Also, 16% feel none are priorities.**

- Trails are generally the #1 priority for all subgroups, especially women, residents aged 55 to 64, and those in the East region (see next two pages).
- Somewhat long-term residents (30 to 39 years in Wilmette) are most likely to cite natural areas as the top priority for the District.
- A fenced-in dog park is most important to both the youngest and slightly older adults (under 35 and 45-54), and residents in the S-Central region.
- Outdoor pickleball courts are the priority for residents aged 55 to 64, and homeowners.
- Among those reporting that none of these are a priority, these responses tend to come from the most long-term and oldest residents, as well as renters.

### Top Priority for WPD: Outdoor Facilities





## Significant Differences: #1 Outdoor Facility Priority for WPD

	Overall	Most Likely to Rank #1
<b>Trails</b>	<b>23%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 55-64 (31%)</li> <li>- Women (27%, vs. 19% of men)</li> <li>- East region (29%)</li> <li>- Household without children (24%, vs. 19% of those with children)</li> </ul>
<b>Natural areas</b>	<b>11%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 30-39 yrs. (18%)</li> <li>- Households without children (14%, vs 7% of those with children)</li> </ul>
<b>Fenced-in dog park</b>	<b>11%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Under age 35 (29%), 45-54 (17%)</li> <li>- Hispanic/Latino adults (34% of n=29)</li> <li>- S-Central (17%)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 10-19 yrs. (17%)</li> </ul>
<b>Outdoor pickleball courts</b>	<b>8%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 55-64 (14%)</li> <li>- Homeowners (9%, vs. 0% of renters)</li> </ul>
<b>Outdoor swimming pool or water park</b>	<b>6%</b>	< no statistically meaningful differences >
<b>Neighborhood splash pad</b>	<b>5%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (19%)</li> <li>- Households with children (12%, vs. 0% of those without children)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette &lt;5 yrs. (14%)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (8%, vs. 2% of non-participants)</li> </ul>
<b>Athletic fields</b>	<b>5%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 45-54 (13%)</li> <li>- Men (7%, vs. 3% of women)</li> <li>- Households with children (11%, vs. 0% of those without children)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 10-19 yrs. (10%)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (9%, vs. 1% of non-participants)</li> </ul>
<b>Nature play areas for children</b>	<b>4%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (14%)</li> <li>- Households with children (8%, vs. 1% of those without children)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette &lt;5 yrs. (11%)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (7%, vs. 2% of non-participants)</li> </ul>





## Significant Differences: #1 Outdoor Facility Priority for WPD (cont'd)

	Overall	Most Likely to Rank #1
<b>Outdoor concert facility</b>	<b>3%</b>	- Other/multi-race residents (11%)
<b>Outdoor basketball courts</b>	<b>3%</b>	- Ages 35-44 (9%) - Households with children (6%, vs. 0% of those without children) - WPD program participants (4%, vs. 1% of non-participants)
<b>Outdoor platform tennis courts</b>	<b>2%</b>	- Ages 35-44 (6%) - Households with children (4%, vs. 1% of those without children) - N-Central (5%) - WPD program participants (5%, vs. 0% of non-participants)
<b>Picnic shelters/areas</b>	<b>2%</b>	< no statistically meaningful differences >
<b>Outdoor fitness equipment</b>	<b>2%</b>	- West region (7%)
<b>None/no answer</b>	<b>16%</b>	- Age 65+ (36%) - Households without children (21%, vs. 3% of those with children) - Lived in Wilmette 40+ yrs. (33%) - Renters (36% of n=43) - Non-WPD program participants (19%, vs. 9% of participants)



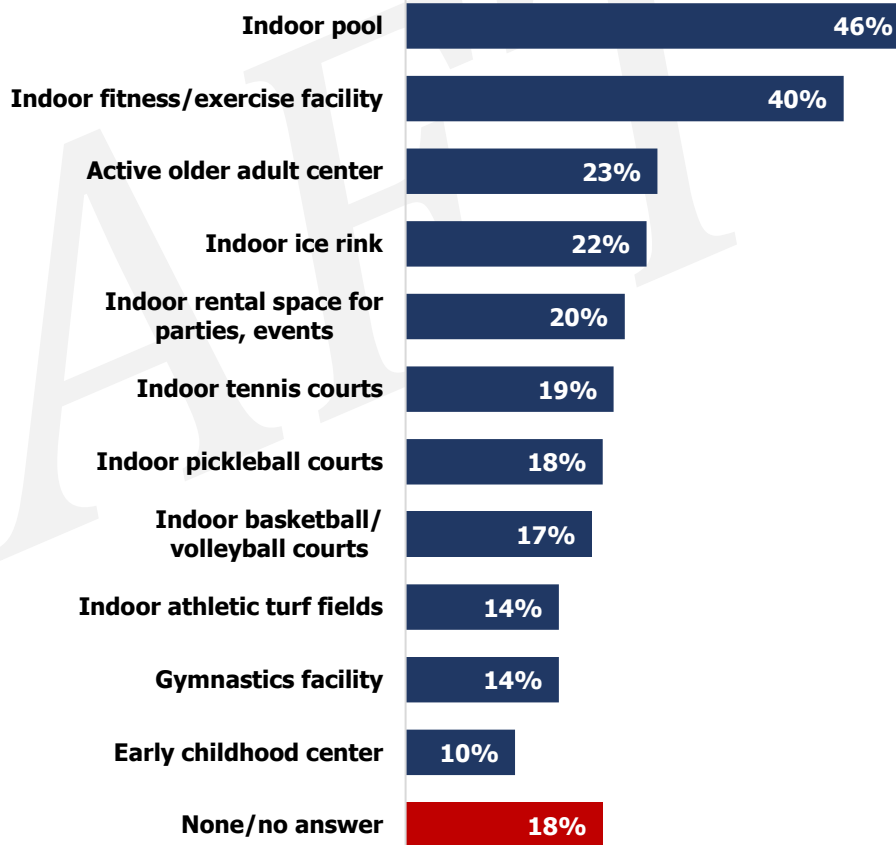
## IV. Needs Assessment: Indoor Facilities



**Among the indoor facilities tested, nearly half of WPD residents express interest in or a need for an indoor pool (46%) and/or a fitness facility (40%). The rest are of interest to about one in five adults (or fewer). Nearly one in five (18%) are likewise interested in none of these.**

- An indoor pool is of greatest interest to younger adults under age 45 – nearly two-thirds of whom feel one is needed/wanted (see next page).
  - Likewise, newer Wilmette residents (within the past 10 years), households with children, and the S-Central region are most interested in an indoor pool.
- By comparison, a fitness facility garners the most interest from older residents (ages 55 to 64), longer-term residents, and households without children.
- Most of the remaining facilities tend to register higher responses from ages 35 to 54, households with children.
  - The exception is indoor pickleball courts, which draw disproportionate support from ages 55 to 64, and residents of 20 to 29 years.
- As with the outdoor facilities tested, the oldest WPD residents (ages 65+) and households without children feel none of these are needed (along with those in the East region).

### Indoor Facilities of Interest/Need Among Residents (% "Yes")





## Significant Differences: Interest/Demand in Indoor Amenities/Facilities

	Overall	Most Likely to Express Interest/Need/Use
<b>Indoor pool</b>	<b>46%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Under age 35 (65%), 35-44 (68%)</li> <li>- Women (50%, vs. 43% of men)</li> <li>- Households with children (60%, vs. 39% of those without children)</li> <li>- S-Central region (57%)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette &lt;5 yrs. (61%), 5-9 yrs. (65%)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (59%, vs. 45% of non-participants)</li> </ul>
<b>Indoor fitness/exercise facility</b>	<b>40%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 55-64 (50%)</li> <li>- Households without children (44%, vs. 35% of those with children)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 30-39 yrs. (50%)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (45%, vs. 36% of non-participants)</li> </ul>
<b>Active older adults center</b>	<b>23%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 65+ (42%)</li> <li>- Women (29%, vs. 16% of men)</li> <li>- Households without children (30%, vs. 9% of those with children)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 30-39 yrs. (37%), 40+ yrs. (41%)</li> </ul>
<b>Indoor ice rink</b>	<b>22%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (41%)</li> <li>- Households with children (38%, vs. 11% of those without children)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette &lt;10% (33%)</li> <li>- Hispanic/Latino adults (47%)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (34%, vs. 9% of non-participants)</li> </ul>
<b>Indoor rental space for parties, events</b>	<b>20%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (43%)</li> <li>- Women (25%, vs. 15% of men)</li> <li>- Households with children (30%, vs. 13% of those without children)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (28%, vs. 12% of non-participants)</li> </ul>
<b>Indoor tennis courts</b>	<b>19%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (34%), 45-54 (27%)</li> <li>- Households with children (30%, vs. 12% of those without children)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 5-9 yrs. (29%)</li> <li>- Homeowners (20%, vs. 9% of renters)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (27%, vs. 11% of non-participants)</li> </ul>

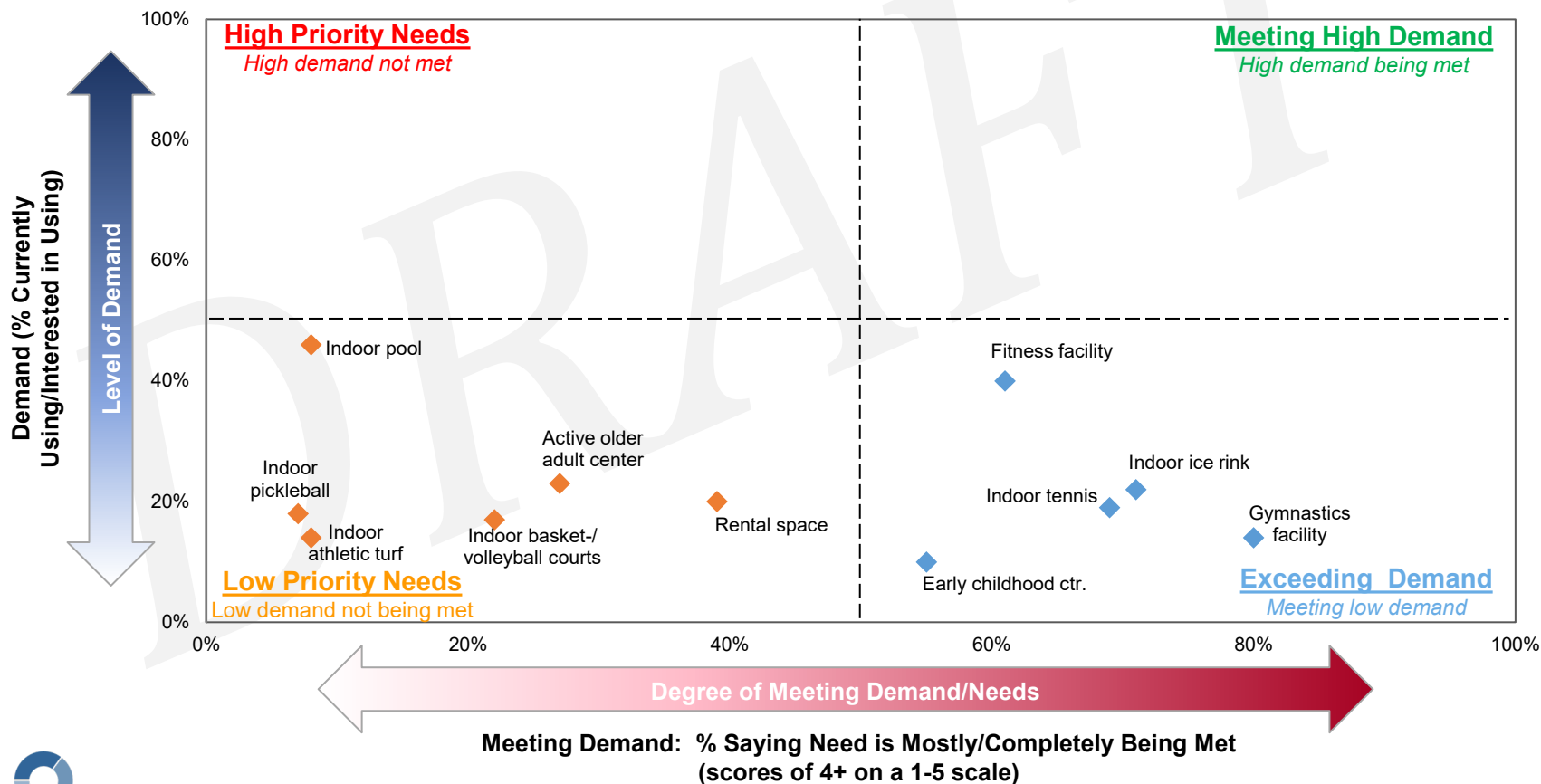


## Significant Differences: Interest/Demand in Indoor Amenities/Facilities (cont'd)

	Overall	Most Likely to Express Interest/Need/Use
<b>Indoor pickleball courts</b>	<b>18%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 55-64 (29%)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 20-29 yrs. (26%)</li> <li>- Homeowners (20%, vs. 3% of renters)</li> </ul>
<b>Indoor basketball/volleyball courts</b>	<b>17%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (39%), 45-54 (27%)</li> <li>- Households with children (33%, vs. 7% of those without children)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 5-9 yrs. (32%)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (26%, vs. 8% of non-participants)</li> </ul>
<b>Indoor athletic turf fields</b>	<b>14%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (37%), 45-54 (26%)</li> <li>- Men (17%, vs. 12% of women)</li> <li>- Households with children (30%, vs. 4% of those without children)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette &lt;5 yrs. (22%), 5-9 yrs. (32%)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (23%, vs. 5% of non-participants)</li> </ul>
<b>Gymnastics facility</b>	<b>14%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Under age 35 (34%), 35-44 (38%)</li> <li>- Women (16%, vs. 11% of men)</li> <li>- Households with children (28%, vs. 3% of those without children)</li> <li>- S-Central region (20%)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette &lt;5 yrs. (30%)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (24%, vs. 4% of non-participants)</li> </ul>
<b>Early childhood center</b>	<b>10%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Under age 35 (33%), 35-44 (27%)</li> <li>- Households with children (19%, vs. 4% of those without children)</li> <li>- S-Central region (21%)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette &lt;5 yrs. (23%)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (16%, vs. 4% of non-participants)</li> </ul>
<b>None/no answer</b>	<b>18%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 65+ (24%)</li> <li>- Households without children (23%, vs. 8% of those with children)</li> <li>- East region (23%)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 20-29 yrs. (27%)</li> <li>- Non-WPD program participants (30%, vs. 5% of participants)</li> </ul>

**Many of the indoor amenities tested are already available currently (whether by the WPD or other providers). However, interest in an indoor pool nearly crosses the threshold as a high-priority need (strongest demand and among the least readily-available facilities).**

- By comparison, the remaining indoor facilities all register as lower-priority needs. Some of the gaps worth exploring (based on demand and supply perceptions) are a facility for active older adults, indoor pickleball courts, and/or an indoor athletic turf facility.

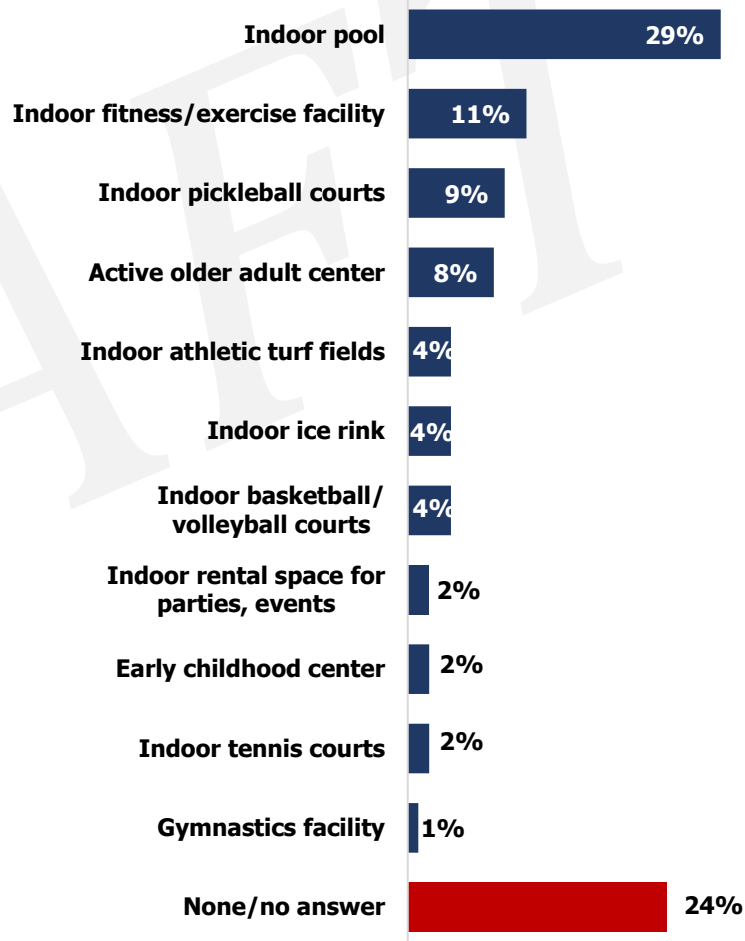




**In terms of top priorities for an indoor facility, most respondents divide between an indoor pool (29%) and “none” (24%). About one in ten feel the top priority should be a fitness facility, indoor pickleball courts, or a facility for active older adults/programs.**

- The remaining indoor options tested are each selected by 4% or fewer respondents.
- Nearly half (43%) of residents aged 35-44 feel an indoor pool should be the #1 goal. Others who tend to feel this way have children, live in the S-Central area, and moved to Wilmette in the past 5 years (seen next page)
- Indoor fitness and pickleball courts tend to be top priorities for the 55 to 64 age group. All of those ranking pickleball courts as #1 are homeowners (none are renters).
- As with the outdoor facilities tested, residents most likely to say that none of the indoor options are a priority (24% overall) tend to be the oldest and most long-term residents, live in the East region, and do not participate in Park District programs.

### Top Priority for WPD: Indoor Facilities



**Significant Differences: #1 Indoor Facility Priority for WPD**

	Overall	Most Likely to Rank #1
<b>Indoor pool</b>	<b>29%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (43%)</li> <li>- Households with children (39%, vs. 24% of those without children)</li> <li>- Women (36%, vs. 22% of men)</li> <li>- S-Central region (39%)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette &lt;5 yrs. (38%)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (37%, vs. 22% of non-participants)</li> </ul>
<b>Indoor fitness/exercise facility</b>	<b>11%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 55-64 (19%)</li> <li>- Households without children (15%, vs. 5% of those with children)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 20-29 yrs. (18%)</li> </ul>
<b>Indoor pickleball courts</b>	<b>9%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 55-64 (16%)</li> <li>- Households without children (11%, vs. 7% of those with children)</li> <li>- Homeowners (10%, vs. 0% of renters)</li> </ul>
<b>Active older adult center</b>	<b>8%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 65+ (16%)</li> <li>- Households without children (11%, vs. 1% of those with children)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 30+ yrs. (16%)</li> <li>- Non-WPD program participants (11%, vs. 4% of participants)</li> </ul>
<b>Indoor athletic turf fields</b>	<b>4%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-54 (10%)</li> <li>- Households with children (9%, vs. 1% of those without children)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 10-19 yrs. (9%)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (7%, vs. 1% of non-participants)</li> </ul>
<b>Indoor ice rink</b>	<b>4%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 45-54 (9%)</li> <li>- Men (6%, vs. 2% of women)</li> <li>- Households with children (8%, vs. 1% of those without children)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (7%, vs. 1% of non-participants)</li> </ul>
<b>Indoor basketball/volleyball courts</b>	<b>4%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (11%)</li> <li>- Households with children (8%, vs. 1% of those without children)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 5-9 yrs. (10%)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (6%, vs. 2% of non-participants)</li> </ul>





## Significant Differences: #1 Indoor Facility Priority for WPD (cont'd)

	Overall	Most Likely to Rank #1
<b>Indoor rental space</b>	<b>2%</b>	- Ages 45-54 (6%)
<b>Early childhood center</b>	<b>2%</b>	- Households with children (4%, vs. 1% of those without children) - Lived in Wilmette <5 yrs. (8%)
<b>Indoor tennis courts</b>	<b>2%</b>	< no statistically meaningful differences >
<b>Gymnastics facility</b>	<b>1%</b>	- Ages 35-44 (4%) - Households with children (3%, vs. 0% of those without children) - Lived in Wilmette <5 yrs. (5%) - WPD program participants (3%, vs. 0% of non-participants)
<b>None/no answer</b>	<b>24%</b>	- Ages 65+ (38%) - East region (29%) - Households without children (32%, vs. 9% of those with children) - Lived in Wilmette 40+ yrs. (38%) - Renters (45% of n=43) - Non-WPD program participants (36%, vs. 10% of participants)



## V. Recent Program Participation and Satisfaction

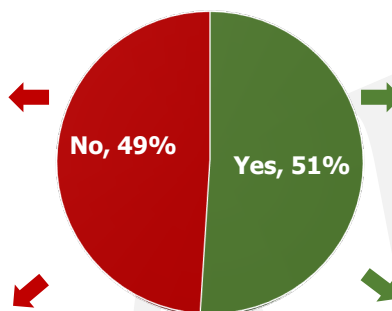


**Half report recent WPD program participation (mostly younger, newer residents with children), while those ages 55+ and long-term residents are least likely to participate (usually due to no children at home, or busy schedules). Recent participants are satisfied overall.**

### Any HH Member Participate in WPD Programs in Past 12 months?

Especially:

- Ages 55+ (66%)
- HH without children (68%)
- Lived in Wilmette 20-39 yrs. (64%), 40+ yrs. (61%)
- West (65%) and East regions (57%)



Especially:

- Ages 35-44 (87%), 45-54 (63%)
- HH with children (77%)
- Lived in Wilmette <5 yrs. (65%), 5-9 yrs. (69%)

### Top Reasons for Non-Participation (n=541)

No children/children are grown

66%

Too busy

19%

Use programs elsewhere

16%

Not of interest offered

16%

Unfamiliar with WPD programs

14%

Cost/Fees too high

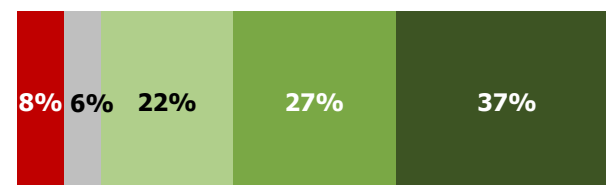
14%

Inconvenient schedule/days/time

12%

Most often: Lifetime (n=16), other private gym/ club (12), Glenview PD (11), Michigan Shores (6), McGaw YMCA (5), NU facility (5)

### Satisfaction (0-10) with WPD Programs (n=603)



Avg. 0-10 Rating

7.6

■ Dissatisfied (0-4)

■ Neutral (5)

■ Somewhat satisfied (6-7)

■ Very satisfied (8)

■ Completely satisfied (9-10)

Q17. Why haven't you participated in a WPD recreation program recently? (top responses shown; all others cited by 5% or fewer)

Q18. Please rate your overall satisfaction with the Wilmette Park District recreation programs on a zero through ten scale (0=completely dissatisfied, 5=neutral, 10=completely satisfied).



**About 18% who report recent program participation offer reasons for lower satisfaction ratings ("6" or lower). Many focused their comments more on WPD facilities than programs specifically, though others cite issues with program leaders and the registration process.**

	# of comments	Sample Verbatims
<b>More facility-focused, less about programs (e.g., crowded, limited availability, outdated, want indoor pool, pickleball courts, maintenance, etc.)</b>	<i>n</i> =36	<p>"West Park is wasted space except for soccer and paddleball. Dog maintenance is awful."</p> <p>"There's only one basketball court."</p> <p>"Restricted time of the fitness center."</p> <p>"The Rec Center is dirty, and participants are allowed to be rude."</p> <p>"The equipment in the gymnastics facility is very old and not in good condition."</p> <p>"The paddle tennis program is booming and our facility is not keeping up with the demand."</p>
<b>Issues with program leaders, instructors (mostly for youth programs)</b>	<i>n</i> =27	<p>"Gymnastics program is fine but not great. Some of the instructors seem like they are just processing kids and are checked out. There is no communication with parents, no new student orientation/welcome. Also have heard that there needs to be better training for camp staff as well."</p> <p>"Fitness Center trainers talk too much; should focus on form of participants."</p> <p>"Summer programming could be revamped. Counselors need better training; they are on their phone a lot and don't always do a good job engaging with kids."</p> <p>"I wouldn't call the 'music class' a music class; the instructor isn't musically trained, nor play an instrument. Instead, they play songs from their iPhone which doesn't engage the kids."</p> <p>"Often, classes are lame. Skills are not well-taught – i.e., gymnastics is extremely repetitive with unenthusiastic teachers."</p> <p>"Outdoor swimming lessons were terrible. My child did not learn anything."</p> <p>"Tennis classes provide no instruction. The kids just 'OK' each other and the instructor gives no feedback on technique. Summer camps are run by disengaged teens, many of whom are ill-equipped for the role."</p> <p>"Indoor pickleball class progressed too slow. Not so much instruction as free-form play."</p> <p>"The level of competence of pickleball instructors varied greatly."</p>
<b>Registration Issues (either programs fill up too quickly, or cancelled due to low numbers)</b>	<i>n</i> =11	<p>"Indoor tennis classes – my wife often can't get in. They are often sold out."</p> <p>"Increase the ease of access/signup, the number of spaces to elementary school early care. This is stressful and much needed for families with two working parents."</p> <p>"It's hard to get into the kid tennis class."</p> <p>"It would be nice to have more sailing lessons. I've had to go to Evanston because Wilmette's sells out so fast."</p> <p>"Signed up for a dance class that was cancelled due to lack of enrollment. Had to enroll in a dance studio instead."</p> <p>"I signed up for a program and I was the only one. It turned out to be too costly, and I was told to try to find others who would participate."</p>

The remaining comments mostly focus on the cost for these programs, and residents seeking more or improved options for both adult and youth programming. [NOTE: The full digital dataset includes all verbatim responses beyond these examples.]

	# of comments	Sample Verbatims
Reduced fees in general (n=8) or for seniors specifically (n=4)	n=12	<p>"Indoor drop-in pickleball at Centennial – the cost is much higher than surrounding communities."</p> <p>"There should be free access to an indoor walking track for residents."</p> <p>"Higher cost than neighboring Skokie and Evanston."</p> <p>"Prices are too high for retired people."</p> <p>"The beach and parking cost a lot."</p> <p>"Older adult programs are not too appealing and way too expensive to join."</p>
More/Improved adult sports programs	n=7	<p>"We've been playing co-ed beach volleyball for over 20 years. The number of recreational non-competitive teams has dwindled lately, so it would be great if WPD could promote this league more."</p> <p>"Timing for platform tennis for women seems to favor times during work hours. Many women in the community work outside the home."</p> <p>"Pickleball classes are very limited. Need more time options, i.e., evenings and weekends, and for drop-in or group play."</p> <p>"Men's softball league was shortened."</p> <p>"Complete disdain for pickleball."</p>
More/Improved youth sports programs	n=6	<p>"WPD basketball is not very well run. I have a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader (and) the refs are not great for that age group. They scheduled games over a holiday weekend and most had to be forfeited due to lack of plays, and there was no flexibility to make up the cam on an alternative Sunday."</p> <p>"We have teens, and it would be great if there were more programs, especially non-competitive drop-in sports for them."</p> <p>"We did fall baseball and it was a mess. It was held on a grass field and there was no structure. The kids that ran it were very sweet, but it was not an organized sports program and way too expensive for what it is. We are doing baseball in Glenview moving forward."</p> <p>"The basketball programs is not up to the quality as other park districts."</p>
More/Improved youth non-sports programs	n=6	<p>"Parent-tot gymnastics is the same format every week with little variety. Also, the equipment in the gymnastics facility is very old and not in good condition."</p> <p>"My kids are now enrolled in summer camp at the Winnetka Park District due to the poor camp experiences the past summer (in Wilmette)."</p> <p>"There aren't many options for junior high and high school age kids."</p> <p>"The summer camp for older kids (ages 10+) needs <u>longer</u> camp options. So many of the camps this year were only 2-3 hours; more camps running 9AM to 3PM are needed."</p>



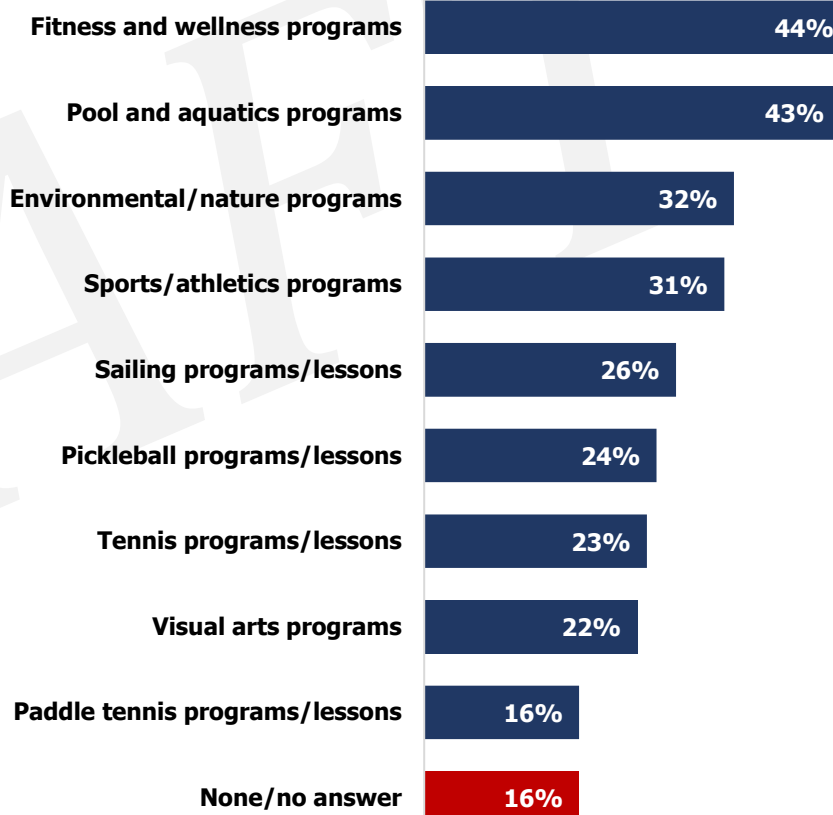
## VI. Needs Assessment: Programs



**In terms of programs, residents express the strongest interest or demand for fitness and wellness activities, followed by pool and aquatics programs. Nearly a third are also interested in environmental and nature education, and sports/athletics in general.**

- About one in four are interested in the remaining program areas tested, with the exception of paddle tennis (of interest to 16% overall).
- Another 16% are not interested in any of the program offerings tested.
- Fitness and wellness offerings garner the strongest interest/demand from ages 65+ and E-Central residents (see next page).
- Pool and aquatics programs are of greatest interest to those under age 45, women, households with children, newer Wilmette residents (past 10 years), and S-Central adults.
- Women tend to also be more interested in environmental and nature programs.
- Younger adults, residents within the past 10 years, and those with children are more interested in the remaining programs, with one exception:
  - Over a third of those aged 55 to 64, Wilmette residents of 20-29 years, and homeowners are interested in pickleball programs/lessons.
- The oldest and most long-term residents tend to express no interest or need for these programs.

**Programs of Interest/Need Among Residents  
(% "Yes")**





## Significant Differences: Interest/Demand in Programs

	Overall	Most Likely to Express Interest/Need/Use
<b>Fitness and wellness programs</b>	<b>44%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 65+ (51%)</li> <li>- E-Central region (50%)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 30+ yrs. (52%)</li> </ul>
<b>Pool and aquatics programs</b>	<b>43%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Under age 35 (67%), 35-44 (64%)</li> <li>- Women (47%, vs. 39% of men)</li> <li>- Households with children (64%, vs. 30% of those without children)</li> <li>- S-Central region (55%)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette &lt;5 yrs. (65%), 5-9 yrs. (54%)</li> </ul>
<b>Environmental/nature programs</b>	<b>32%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Women (40%, vs. 24% of men)</li> </ul>
<b>Sports/athletics programs</b>	<b>31%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Under age 35 (53%), 35-44 (64%), 45-54 (43%)</li> <li>- Households with children (59%, vs. 12% of those without children)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette &lt;10 yrs. (50%)</li> </ul>
<b>Sailing programs/lessons</b>	<b>26%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (37%), 45-54 (39%)</li> <li>- Households with children (38%, vs. 19% of those without children)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette &lt;5 yrs. (33%), 5-9 yrs. (43%)</li> </ul>
<b>Pickleball programs/lessons</b>	<b>24%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 55-64 (38%)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 20-29 yrs. (37%)</li> <li>- Homeowners (27%, vs. 3% of renters)</li> </ul>
<b>Tennis programs/lessons</b>	<b>23%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (43%), 45-54 (37%)</li> <li>- Households with children (40%, vs. 13% of those without children)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette &lt;5 yrs. (32%), 5-9 yrs. (35%)</li> <li>- Homeowners (25%, vs. 10% of renters)</li> </ul>
<b>Visual arts programs</b>	<b>22%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (32%)</li> <li>- Women (28%, vs. 15% of men)</li> <li>- Households with children (27%, vs. 17% of those without children)</li> </ul>



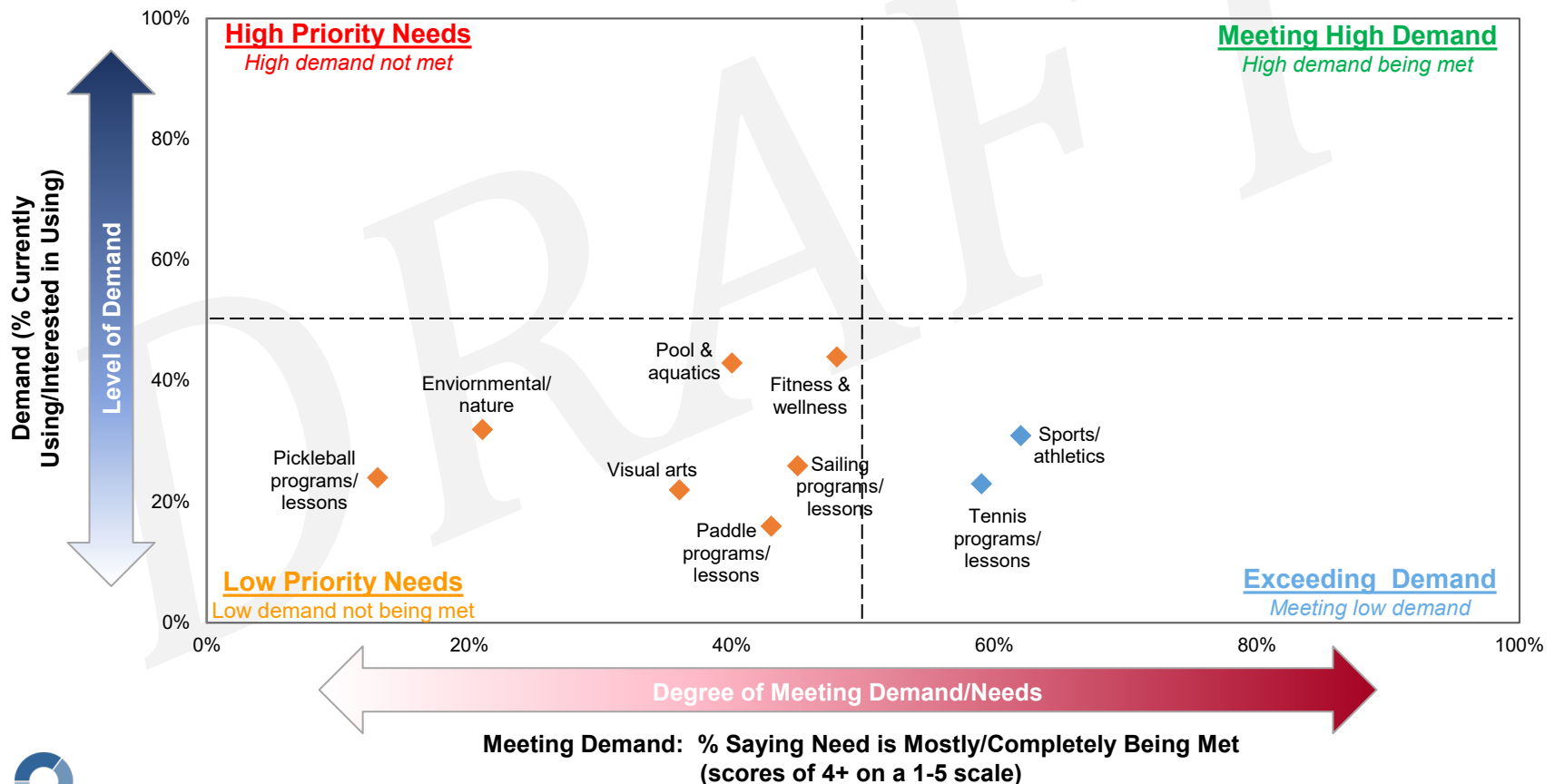
**Significant Differences: Interest/Demand in Programs (cont'd)**

	Overall	Most Likely to Express Interest/Need/Use
<b>Paddle tennis programs/lessons</b>	<b>16%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ages 35-54 (28%)</li><li>- Households with children (27%, vs. 10% of those without children)</li><li>- Lived in Wilmette 5-9 yrs. (38%)</li><li>- Homeowners (18%, vs. 3% of renters)</li></ul>
<b>None/no answer</b>	<b>16%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ages 65+ (29%)</li><li>- Households without children (21%, vs. 8% of those with children)</li><li>- Lived in Wilmette 40+ yrs. (23%)</li></ul>



Those interested in sports and athletics, and tennis programs specifically, tend to report that these activities are currently available for the most part. Fitness and wellness programs, sailing programs/lessons, and paddle tennis are not far behind.

- The potential program gaps are pool and aquatic activities (due to higher demand), environmental and nature programs, and pickleball programs and lessons.

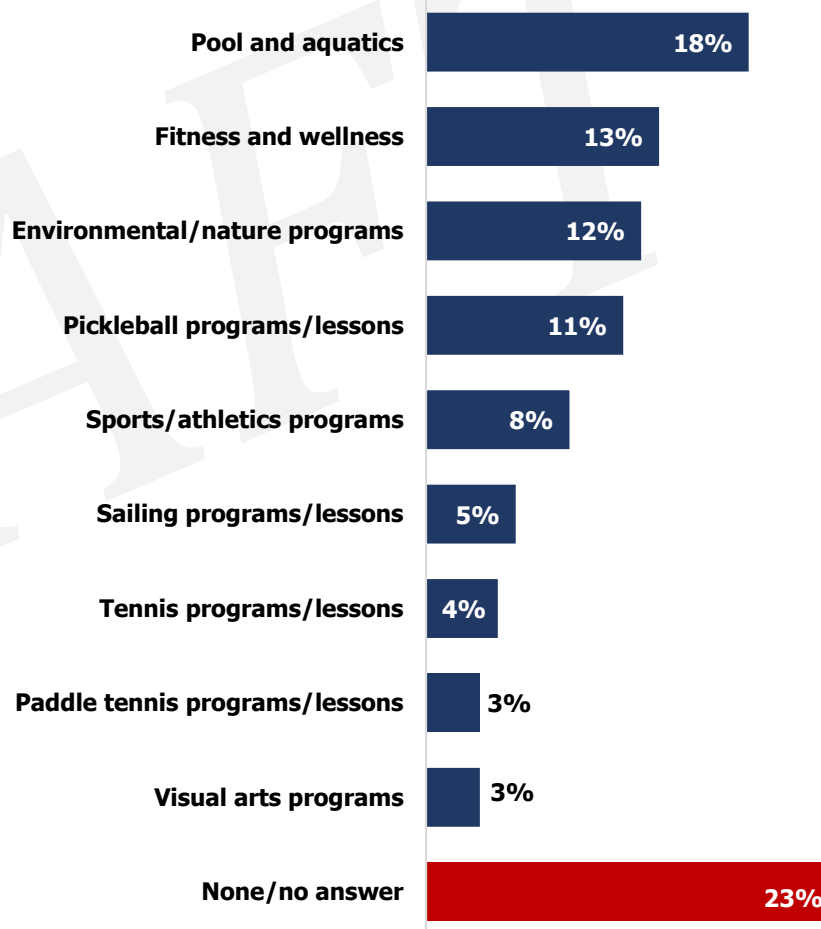




**Nearly one in four (23%) feel none of the programs tested represent a priority. Among the remaining responses, program priorities align closely with the top rankings for indoor facility priorities, with pool/aquatic programs topping the list, followed by fitness and wellness.**

- At least one in ten also give priority to environmental programs and pickleball activities.
- The profiles of those who are most interested in each are summarized on the following pages.
- As with other priority questions, younger adults, those with children, newer residents, and recent WPD program participants tend to prioritize programs for more active options (pool and aquatics, sports/athletics, tennis, etc.).
- Older and the most long-term residents tend to feel either none are priorities or are most interested in fitness and wellness programs.
- Environmental and nature activities are of slightly greater interest to those without children, and non-WPD participants.
- Consistent with earlier findings, residents most interested in pickleball are ages 55-64 and homeowners.

#### Top Priority for WPD: Programs





## Significant Differences: #1 Program Priority for WPD

	Overall	Most Likely to Rank #1
<b>Pool and aquatics programs</b>	<b>18%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (27%)</li> <li>- Women (24%, vs. 11% of men)</li> <li>- Households with children (26%, vs. 12% of those without children)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette &lt;5 yrs. (28%)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (23%, vs. 13% of non-participants)</li> </ul>
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<b>Environmental/nature programs</b>	<b>12%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Households without children (15%, vs. 8% of those with children)</li> <li>- Non-WPD program participants (16%, vs. 9% of non-participants)</li> </ul>
<b>Pickleball programs/lessons</b>	<b>11%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 55-64 (22%)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 20-29 yrs. (21%)</li> <li>- Homeowners (13%, vs. 2% of renters)</li> </ul>
<b>Sports/Athletics programs</b>	<b>8%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (18%), 45-54 (15%)</li> <li>- Men (12%, vs. 5% of women)</li> <li>- Households with children (17%, vs. 2% of those without children)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette &lt;5 yrs. (14%), 5-9 yrs. (19%)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (13%, vs. 3% of non-participants)</li> </ul>
<b>Sailing programs/lessons</b>	<b>5%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Men (7%, vs. 4% of women)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 10-19 yrs. (11%)</li> </ul>
<b>Tennis programs/lessons</b>	<b>4%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Households with children (7%, vs. 2% of those without children)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette &lt;5 yrs. (8%)</li> </ul>

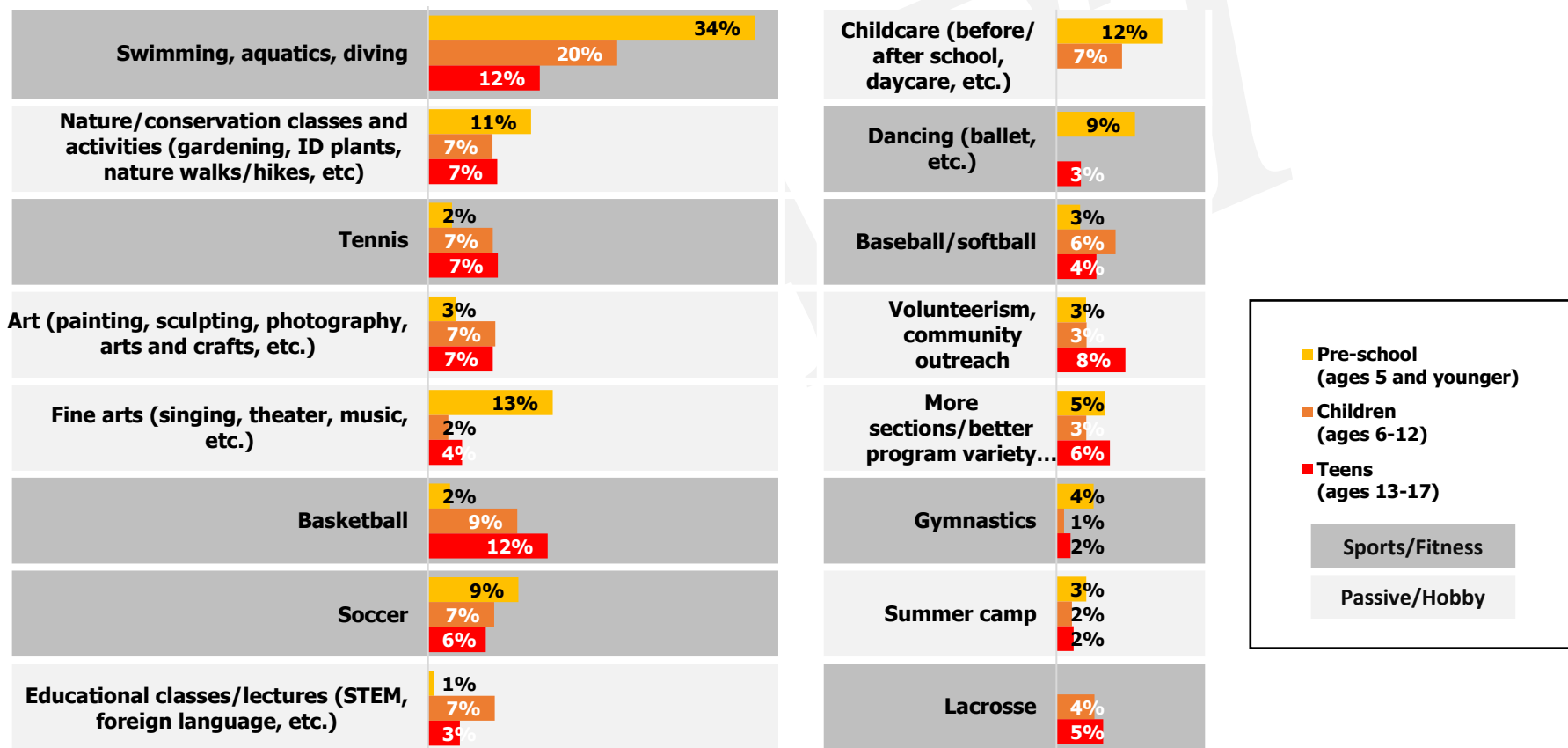
**Significant Differences: #1 Program Priority for WPD (cont'd)**

	Overall	Most Likely to Rank #1
<b>Paddle tennis programs/lessons</b>	<b>3%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ages 35-44 (9%)</li><li>- Households with children (6%, vs. 2% of those without children)</li><li>- Lived in Wilmette 5-9 yrs. (9%)</li><li>- WPD program participants (5%, vs. 1% of non-participants)</li></ul>
<b>Visual Arts programs</b>	<b>3%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ages 35-44 (6%)</li><li>- Other/multi-race adults (9%)</li><li>- Lived in Wilmette &lt;5 yrs. (7%)</li></ul>
<b>None/no answer</b>	<b>23%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ages 65+ (42%)</li><li>- Households without children (29%, vs. 10% of those with children)</li><li>- Non-WPD program participants (31%, vs. 11% of participants)</li></ul>

**When asked (in an open-ended format) what programs the WPD should provide, youth activities tended to center on year-round swimming lessons, especially for younger children. In fact, far more suggestions were made for preschoolers than for older children or teens.**

- Basketball programs ranks second among programs for those older youth groups (after aquatics). Note that many seek bigger or more available facilities for these requests (e.g., indoor pool, more gyms/availability, longer hours).

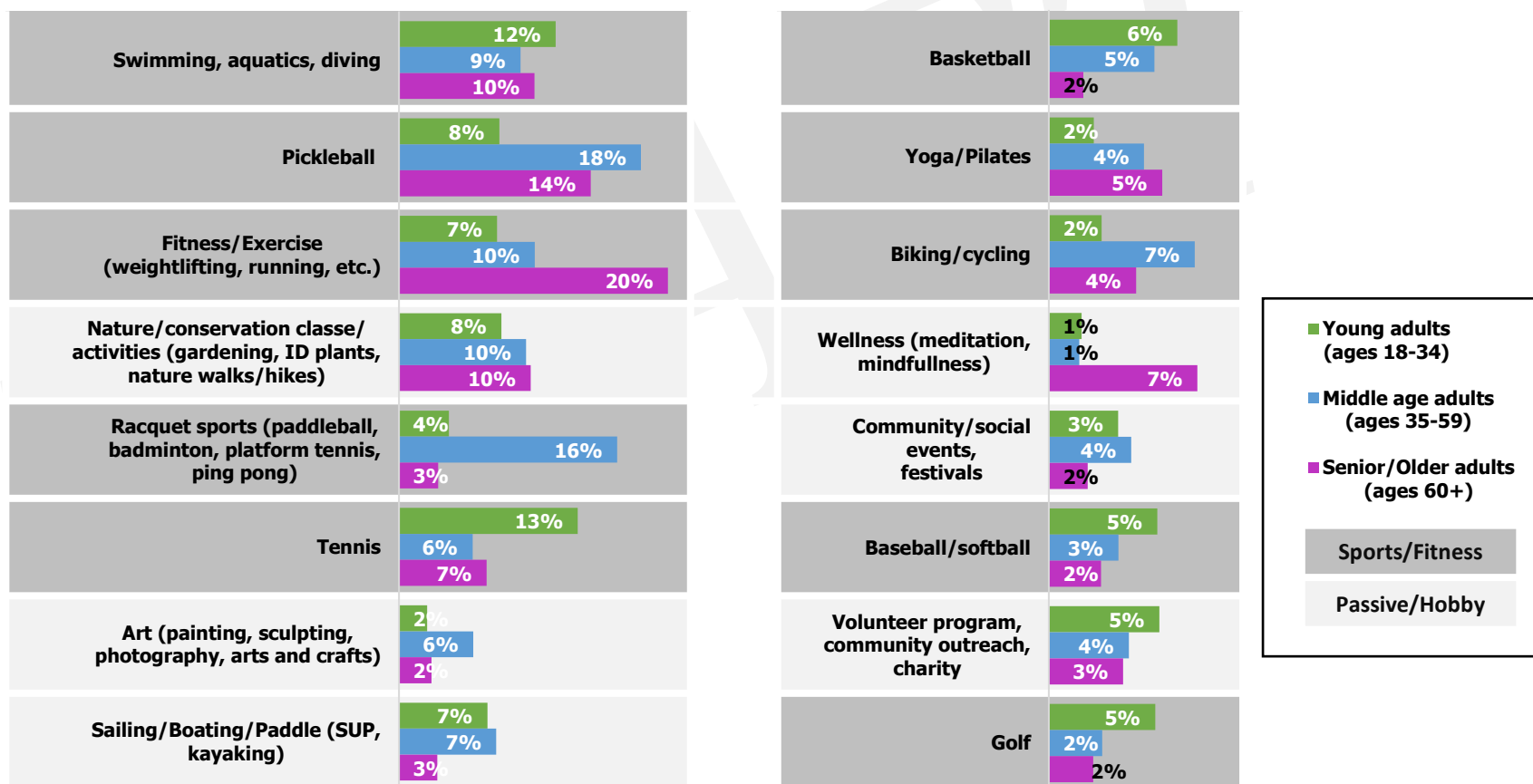
## Youth Programs Needed, by Age Groups (multiple open-ended responses)



**Open-ended requests for adult programming are focused more on active activities, like pickleball (middle-aged and older adults), other racquet sports (middle-aged), and tennis (youngest adults). The oldest adults seek fitness and wellness programs more than others.**

- Again, many cite facility issues needed to accommodate these program requests, e.g., indoor pool or longer pool hours, pickleball courts, outdoor sports amenities (track, lighting, maintenance), and/or access to drop-in activities.

## Adult Programs Needed, by Age Groups (multiple open-ended responses)





## VII. WPD Core Values and Priorities

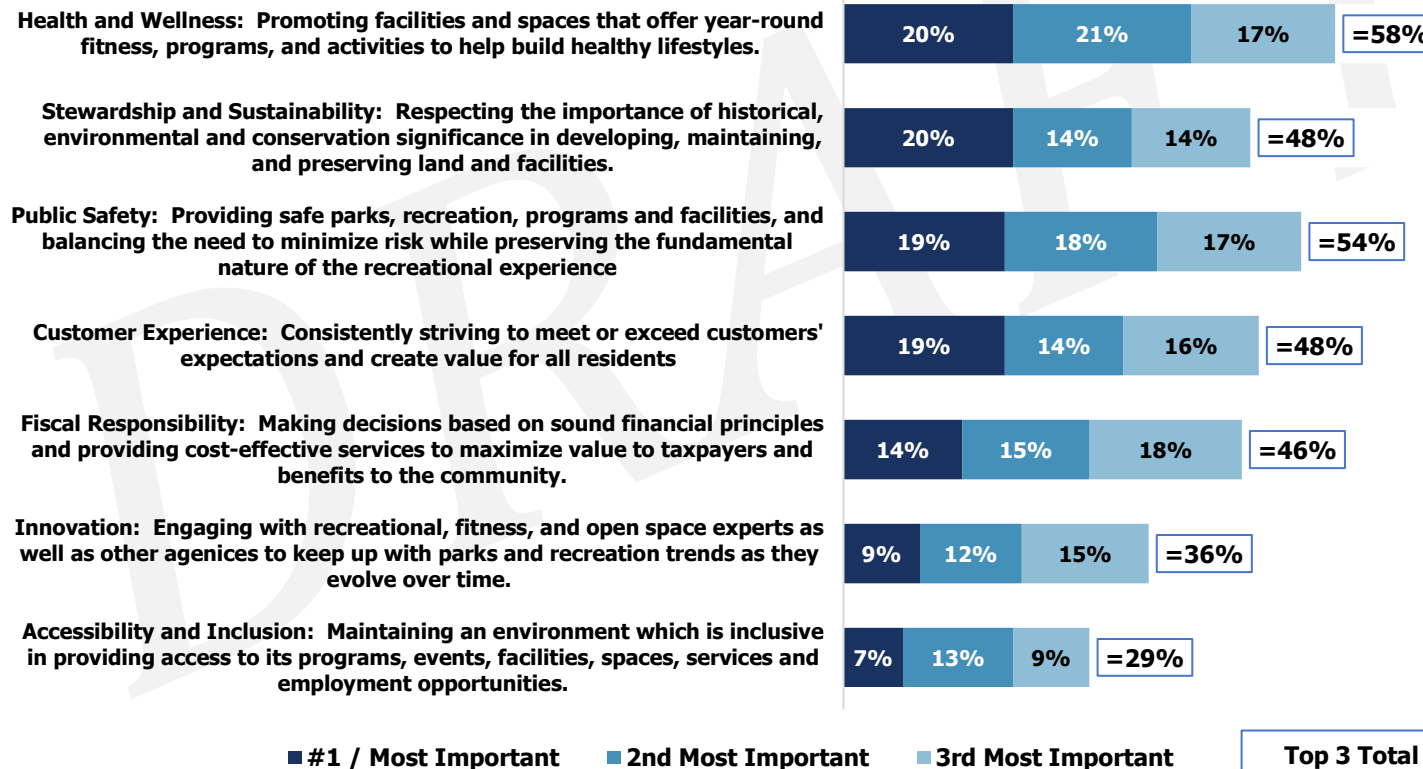




**When asked to rank order core values for the Park District, roughly half include “Health and Wellness”, “Stewardship and Sustainability”, “Public Safety”, “Customer Experience” and “Fiscal Responsibility” in the top tier (most #1 responses).**

- “Innovation” and “Accessibility/Inclusion” are deemed less critical compared to the others (but still important to many).

### Perceived Importance: WPD Core Values





**Among the core values receiving the highest importance scores, WPD program participants tend to rate “Health and Wellness” and “Customer Experience” more important than average.**

- The oldest adults, non-participants, and those in the East region deem “Stewardship/Sustainability” more important.
- “Public safety” appears to be very important to all groups (ranked third overall, with virtually no meaningful differences).

	#1 Most Important	Top 3 Most Important
<b>Health and Wellness</b>	<u><b>20% Overall</b></u> <i>&lt; no statistically significant differences &gt;</i>	<u><b>58% Overall</b></u> - WPD program participants (62%, vs. 52% of non-participants)
<b>Stewardship and Sustainability</b>	<u><b>20% Overall</b></u> - Ages 65+ (27%) - White adults (22%) - No children in household (25%, vs. 12% of those with children) - Non-program participants (25%, vs. 16% of participants)	<u><b>48% Overall</b></u> - Ages 55+ (58%) - White adults (50%, vs. 29% of Asian adults) - No children in household (56%, vs. 36% of those with children) - East region (56%) - Lived in Wilmette 30-39 yrs. (62%) - Non-WPD program participants (56%, vs. 41% of participants)
<b>Public Safety</b>	<u><b>19% Overall</b></u> <i>&lt; no statistically significant differences &gt;</i>	<u><b>54% Overall</b></u> - Non-WPD program participants (58%, vs. 49% of participants)
<b>Customer Experience</b>	<u><b>19% Overall</b></u> <i>&lt; no statistically significant differences &gt;</i>	<u><b>48% Overall</b></u> - Ages 35-54 (58%) - Men (55%, vs. 43% of women) - Households with children (58%, vs. 42% of those without children) - WPD program participants (53%, vs. 43% of non-participants)

**“Fiscal Responsibility” tends to be especially important to residents aged 55 to 64, households without children, and non-WPD participants.**

- Men and residents between 35 and 54 years old are most likely to include “Innovation” among their top priorities for the District, along with households with children, and recent program participants.
- Women tend to be more focused on “Accessibility and Inclusion”, as are the youngest residents under age 35.

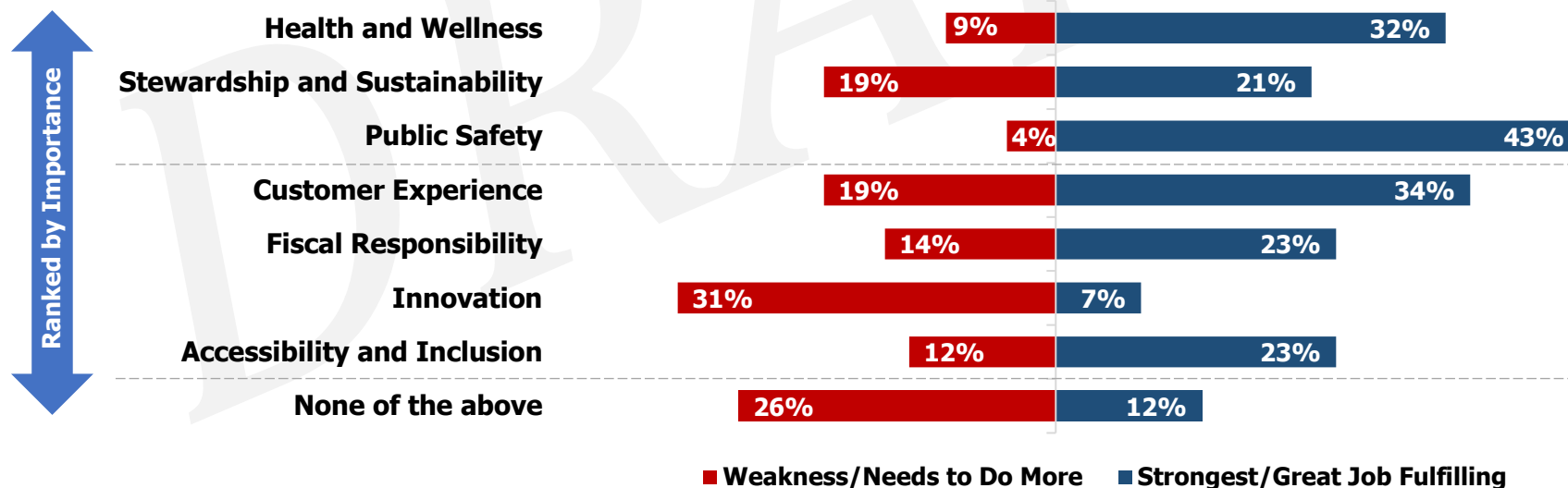
	#1 Most Important	Top 3 Most Important
<b>Fiscal Responsibility</b>	<u><b>14% Overall</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Homeowners (14%, vs. 4% of renters)</li> </ul>	<u><b>47% Overall</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 55-64 (55%)</li> <li>- Households without children (53%, vs. 39% of those with children)</li> <li>- Non-WPD program participants (53%, vs. 40% of participants)</li> </ul>
<b>Innovation</b>	<u><b>9% Overall</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Households with children (14%, vs. 5% of those without children)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 5-9 yrs. (16%, vs. 4% of those living here 30+ yrs.)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (12%, vs. 6% of non-participants)</li> </ul>	<u><b>36% Overall</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (57%), 45-54 (48%)</li> <li>- Men (41%, vs. 32% of women)</li> <li>- Households with children (51%, vs. 24% of those without children)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 5-9 yrs. (47%)</li> <li>- Homeowners (38%, vs. 18% of renters)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (45%, vs. 25% of non-participants)</li> </ul>
<b>Accessibility and Inclusion</b>	<u><b>7% Overall</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Women (10%, vs. 5% of men)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 30-39 yrs. (14%)</li> </ul>	<u><b>29% Overall</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Under age 35 (50%)</li> <li>- Women (37%, vs. 21% of men)</li> <li>- West region (46%)</li> </ul>



**When asked which of these core values represent strengths vs. weaknesses/improvement opportunities for the WPD, residents feel it is especially strong on providing “Public Safety” (reflecting high satisfaction scores reported earlier for safety in its parks and facilities).**

- Other strengths for the District include “Health and Wellness” and “Customer Experience” (at least 2:1 pluralities over “weakness/more needs to be done”). In addition, twice as many residents feel that the District is not “weak” in any area (26%), vs. 12% who recognize no strengths for the District.
- Residents are more divided on the District’s efforts in “Stewardship and Sustainability” (the #2 most important goal), “Fiscal Responsibility”, and “Accessibility and Inclusion” (though the latter has a nearly 2:1 plurality as a strength).
- Respondents feel the biggest weakness/area for improvement is “Innovation” (by a 4:1 margin over “strength”).

**Assessment of WPD’s Performance on Core Values:  
% “Weakest/Needs to Do More” vs. % “Strongest/Great Job Fulfilling”**





## Significant Differences: WDP Core Values Being “Fulfilled” vs. “More Effort Needed”

	Weakness/Needs to Do More		Strongest/Great Job Fulfilling	
	Overall	Most Likely to Respond	Overall	Most Likely to Respond
Health and Wellness	9%	< no meaningful differences >	32%	- N-Central region (40%)
Stewardship and Sustainability	19%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No children in household (23%, vs. 14% of those with children)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 30-39 yrs. (34%)</li> <li>- Hispanic/Latino adults (40% of n=28)</li> </ul>	21%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 65+ (31%)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 40+ yrs. (28%)</li> </ul>
Public Safety	4%	< no meaningful differences >	43%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (52%)</li> <li>- N-Central region (54%)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (47%, vs. 39% of non-participants)</li> </ul>
Customer Experience	19%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Households with children (26%, vs. 15% of those without children)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (23%, vs. 15% of non-participants)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 5-9 yrs. (33%)</li> </ul>	34%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Men (43%, vs. 27% of women)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (38%, vs. 29% of non-participants)</li> </ul>
Fiscal Responsibility	14%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 55-64 (21%)</li> <li>- No children in household (19%, vs. 6% of those with children)</li> <li>- Non-WPD program participants (17%, vs. 11% of participants)</li> </ul>	23%	- WPD program participants (28%, vs. 17% of non-participants)
Innovation	31%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (58%)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette &lt;5 yrs. (49%)</li> <li>- Households with children (44%, vs. 23% of those without children)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (40%, vs. 22% of non-participants)</li> </ul>	7%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 65+ (12%)</li> <li>- White adults (8%, vs. 0% of Asian adults)</li> </ul>
Accessibility and Inclusion	12%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 65+ (16%)</li> <li>- Women (15%, vs. 9% of men)</li> </ul>	23%	- WPD program participants (29%, vs. 18% of non-participants)
None of the above	26%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 65+ (36%)</li> <li>- No children in household (31%, vs. 19% of those with children)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 40+ yrs. (35%)</li> </ul>	12%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 40+ yrs. (19%)</li> <li>- Non-WPD program participants (16%, vs. 8% of participants)</li> <li>- Other/Multi-race adults (30%)</li> </ul>

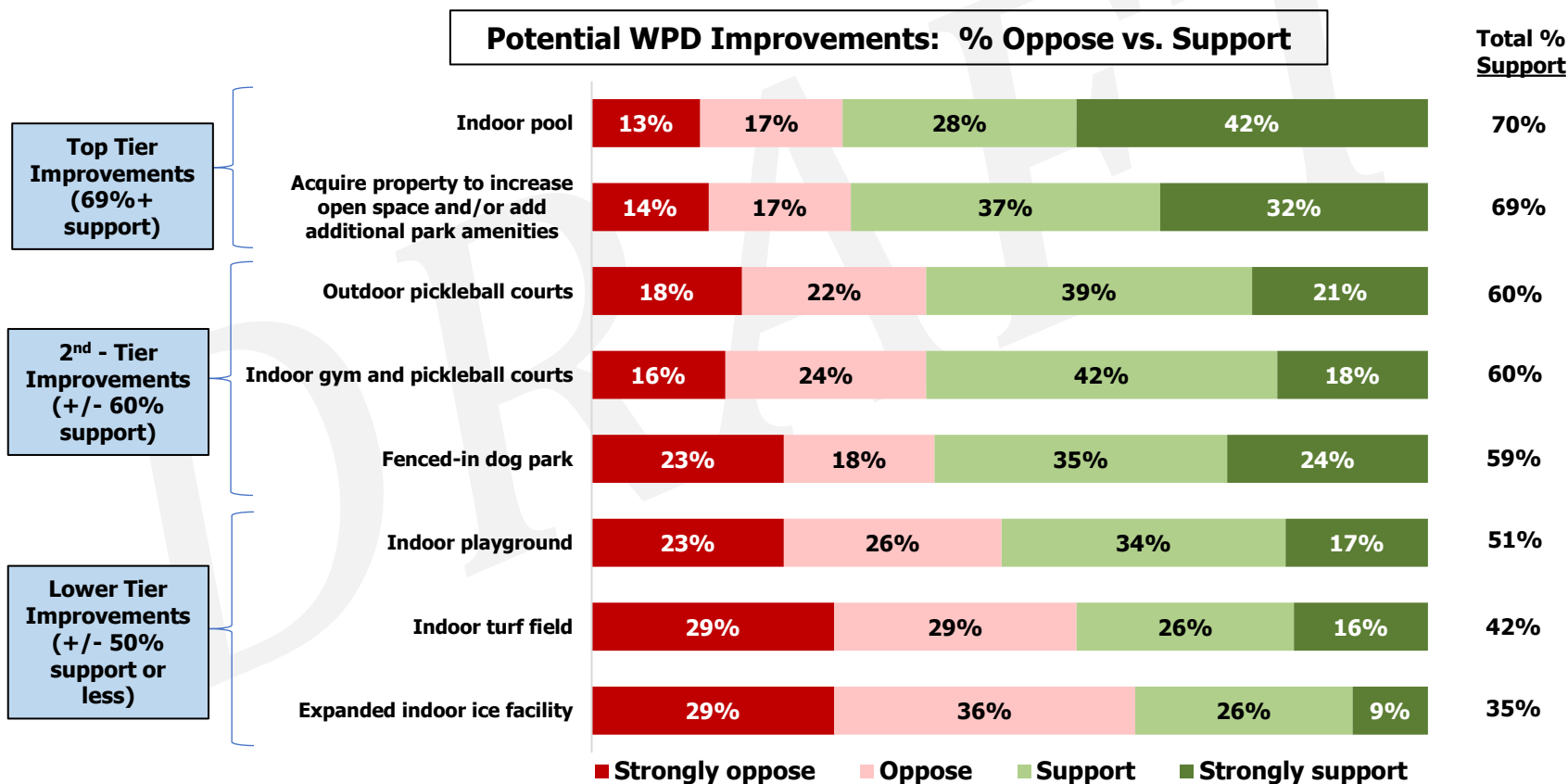


## VIII. Potential WPD Initiatives and Willingness-to-Pay



**When asked about possible WPD improvements (which could mean higher property taxes/fees), clear majorities voice support for an indoor pool, acquiring more open space and/or amenities, a fenced-in dog park, outdoor pickleball courts, and an indoor gym (including indoor pickleball).**

- Note significant numbers “strongly” supporting an indoor pool (42%) and more open space with amenities (32%) – much higher than levels of “strong” opposition. Support for the other top improvements (dog park, outdoor pickleball, indoor gym/pickleball) tends to be “not strong”. Residents are divided on the need for an indoor playground, and a majority oppose an indoor turf field or expanded ice facility.





**Support for an indoor pool is especially strong among those under age 45, residents with children, newer Wilmette residents, and those in the West and S-Central regions.**

- Note that no more than 41% of any subgroup is opposed overall (meaning that 59%+ of all segments express support for an indoor pool).

	Most Likely to Oppose		Most Likely to Support	
Indoor Pool	<b><u>Overall Opposed (30%)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 55-64 (37%)</li> <li>- Households without children (36%)</li> <li>- East region (37%)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 20-39 yrs. (41%)</li> <li>- Non-WPD program participants (36%)</li> </ul>		<b><u>Overall Support (70%)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Under age 35 (93%), 35-44 (85%)</li> <li>- Households with children (80%)</li> <li>- West region (84%)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette &lt;5 yrs. (87%)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (76%)</li> </ul>	
	<b><u>Strongly Oppose (13%)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Other/multi-race adults (31%)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 30-39 yrs. (24%)</li> <li>- Non-WPD program participants (17%)</li> </ul>	<b><u>Somewhat Oppose (17%)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Households without children (21%)</li> <li>- East region (22%)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 20-29 yrs. (25%)</li> </ul>	<b><u>Somewhat Support (28%)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 65+ (34%)</li> <li>- Men (34%)</li> <li>- West region (46%)</li> <li>- Non-WPD program participants (35%)</li> </ul>	<b><u>Strongly Support (42%)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (62%)</li> <li>- Women (46%)</li> <li>- Households with children (53%)</li> <li>- S-Central region (54%)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette &lt;5 yrs. (53%)</li> <li>- Renters (60%)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (53%)</li> </ul>





**Supporters for more open space and park amenities likewise tend to be households with children and newer local residents, but are slightly older (ages 35-54) than pool supporters.**

- No more than 40% of any group is opposed (meaning 60%+ are supportive). The strongest opponents tend to be the oldest and most long-term residents, and non-WPD program participants.

	Most Likely to Oppose		Most Likely to Support	
<b>Acquire Property to Increase Open Space, Add Amenities</b>	<b><u>Overall Opposed (31%)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 65+ (38%)</li> <li>- Households without children (34%)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 40+ yrs. (40%)</li> <li>- Non-participants (38%)</li> </ul>		<b><u>Overall Support (69%)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (81%), 45-54 (76%)</li> <li>- Households with children (74%)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette &lt;10 yrs. (78%)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (75%)</li> </ul>	
	<b><u>Strongly Oppose (14%)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 65+ (20%)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 40+ yrs. (21%)</li> <li>- Non-WPD program participants (18%)</li> </ul>	<b><u>Somewhat Oppose (17%)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Non-WPD program participants (21%)</li> </ul>	<b><u>Somewhat Support (37%)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- WPD program participants (43%)</li> </ul>	<b><u>Strongly Support (32%)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (41%)</li> </ul>



**Options for pickleball (outdoor, and indoor with gym space) garner stronger than average support from residents aged 45 to 54. Homeowners are especially supportive of outdoor pickleball courts.**

- Roughly half of the oldest adults, 40+ year Wilmette residents, and non-WPD participants are opposed (and tend to be strongly opposed at that).

	Most Likely to Oppose		Most Likely to Support	
Outdoor Pickleball Courts	<b><u>Overall Opposed (40%)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Other/Multi-race adults (61%)</li> <li>- Renters (57%)</li> </ul>		<b><u>Overall Support (60%)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 45-54 (67%)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 20-29 yrs. (70%)</li> <li>- Homeowners (62%)</li> </ul>	
	<b><u>Strongly Oppose (18%)</u></b>	<b><u>Somewhat Oppose (22%)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lived in Wilmette &lt;5 yrs. (32%)</li> <li>- Renters (38%)</li> </ul>	<b><u>Somewhat Support (39%)</u></b>	<b><u>Strongly Support (21%)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 20-29 yrs. (29%)</li> <li>- Homeowners (22%)</li> </ul>

	Most Likely to Oppose		Most Likely to Support	
Indoor Gym and Pickleball Courts	<b><u>Overall Opposed (40%)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 65+ (48%)</li> <li>- Households without children (44%)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 40+ yrs. (51%)</li> <li>- Non-WPD program participants (46%)</li> </ul>		<b><u>Overall Support (60%)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 45-54 (69%)</li> <li>- Households with children (67%)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 5-9 yrs. (71%)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (66%)</li> </ul>	
	<b><u>Strongly Oppose (16%)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 65+ (22%)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 40+ yrs. (25%)</li> <li>- Other/Multi-race adults (33%)</li> <li>- Non-WPD program participants (20%)</li> </ul>	<b><u>Somewhat Oppose (24%)</u></b>	<b><u>Somewhat Support (42%)</u></b>	<b><u>Strongly Support (18%)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- WPD Program participants (22%)</li> </ul>

**Women tend to be most in favor of a fenced-in dog park, with somewhat long-term residents (30-39 years in Wilmette) expressing not strong support more than average.**

➤ Men tend to be opposed (44%, with 56% in favor), and West region residents are more likely to be opposed not strongly.

	Most Likely to Oppose		Most Likely to Support	
Fenced-In Dog Park	<b><u>Overall Opposed (41%)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Men (44%)</li> <li>- Other/Multi-race adults (60%)</li> </ul>		<b><u>Overall Support (59%)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Women (62%)</li> <li>- White adults (61%)</li> <li>- Households without children (63%)</li> </ul>	
	<b><u>Strongly Oppose (23%)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Other/multi-race adults (47%)</li> <li>- Households with children (27%)</li> </ul>	<b><u>Somewhat Oppose (18%)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- West region (35%)</li> </ul>	<b><u>Somewhat Support (35%)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- White adults (37%)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 30-39 yrs. (47%)</li> </ul>	<b><u>Strongly Support (24%)</u></b>



**Not surprisingly, younger adults and households with children tend to support (and strongly support) an indoor playground. These supporters also tend to be newer to the community.**

- Most of the older residents, those without children, in the East region, and non-program participants are opposed to having an indoor playground.

	Most Likely to Oppose		Most Likely to Support	
Indoor Playground	<b><u>Overall Opposed (49%)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 55-64 (59%)</li> <li>- Households without children (56%)</li> <li>- East region (57%)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 20-29 yrs. (58%)</li> <li>- Non-WPD participants (57%)</li> </ul>		<b><u>Overall Support (51%)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Under age 45 (69%)</li> <li>- Households with children (61%)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette &lt;5 yrs. (66%)</li> <li>- WPD program participant (58%)</li> </ul>	
	<b><u>Strongly Oppose (23%)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Households without children (28%)</li> <li>- Asian adults (38%), other/multi-race adults (41%)</li> <li>- Non-WPD program participants (29%)</li> </ul>	<b><u>Somewhat Oppose (26%)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- East region (32%)</li> </ul>	<b><u>Somewhat Support (34%)</u></b>	<b><u>Strongly Support (17%)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Under age 45 (37%)</li> <li>- Households with children (28%)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette &lt;5 yrs. (31%)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (24%)</li> </ul>



**By comparison to an indoor playground, slightly older residents (ages 35 to 54) are most supportive of an indoor turf facility. These supporters also tend to have children and are newer to Wilmette.**

➤ Opposition is strongest among older, long-term local residents, and households without children.

	Most Likely to Oppose		Most Likely to Support	
Indoor Turf Field	<b><u>Overall Opposed (58%)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 55-64 (68%), 65+ (77%)</li> <li>- Households without children (71%)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 20-29 yrs. (66%), 30-39 yrs. (81%), 40+ yrs. (72%)</li> <li>- Non-WPD program participants (71%)</li> </ul>		<b><u>Overall Support (42%)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (70%), 45-54 (57%)</li> <li>- Households with children (62%)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette &lt;10 yrs. (57%)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (54%)</li> </ul>	
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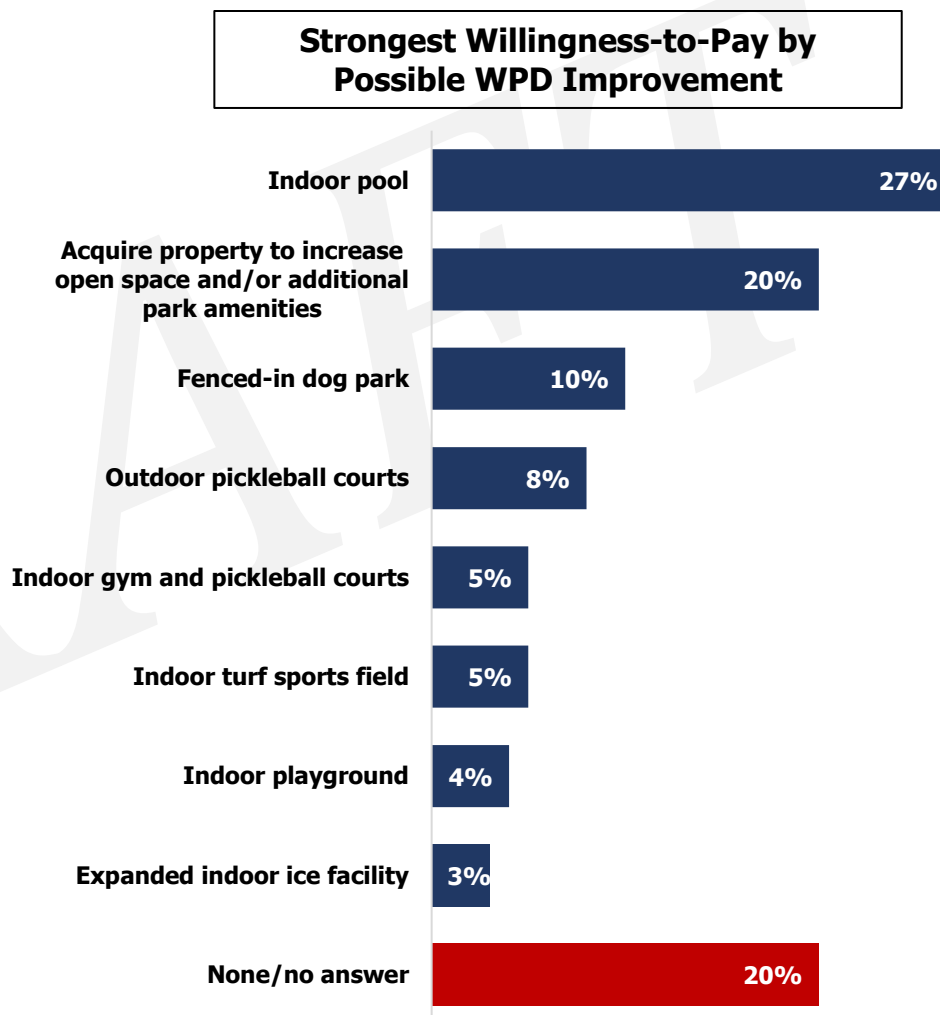
Expanding the ice facility registered the lowest level of support (35%). All subgroups are opposed (56% or more), though nearly half of the newest WPD residents (44%) support this improvement.

	Most Likely to Oppose		Most Likely to Support	
Expanded Indoor Ice Facility	<b><u>Overall Opposed (65%)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Non-WPD program participants (72%)</li></ul>		<b><u>Overall Support (35%)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Households with children (40%)</li><li>- Lived in Wilmette &lt;5 yrs. (44%)</li><li>- WPD program participants (41%)</li></ul>	
	<b><u>Strongly Oppose (29%)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Households without children (33%)</li><li>- Lived in Wilmette 30-39 yrs. (40%)</li><li>- Non-WPD program participants (35%)</li></ul>	<b><u>Somewhat Oppose (36%)</u></b>	<b><u>Somewhat Support (26%)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Under age 35 (48%)</li><li>- Hispanic/Latino adults (54% of n=28)</li></ul>	<b><u>Strongly Support (9%)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ages 35-54 (15%)</li><li>- Households with children (15%)</li><li>- Lived in Wilmette 5-9 yrs. (18%)</li><li>- WPD program participants (14%)</li></ul>



**When asked which one improvement represents a top priority for the WPD, an indoor pool tops the list (27%). Acquiring more open space with amenities ranked second (20%), tied with those who feel none of these are priorities.**

- An indoor pool tends to be the choice among women, ages 35 to 44, the newest local residents, and households with children (see next page).
- Non-WPD participants tend to be most in favor of expanding open space and park features in the community.
- At least a third of the oldest adults, long-term residents, and households without children tend to cite “none” of these as a priority for the District.
- Differences among the remaining potential initiatives are on the next page.



Q27. Please indicate the one initiative that you support the most, even if it means higher fees or taxes.



## Significant Differences: Top Facility Improvement/Priority for WPD

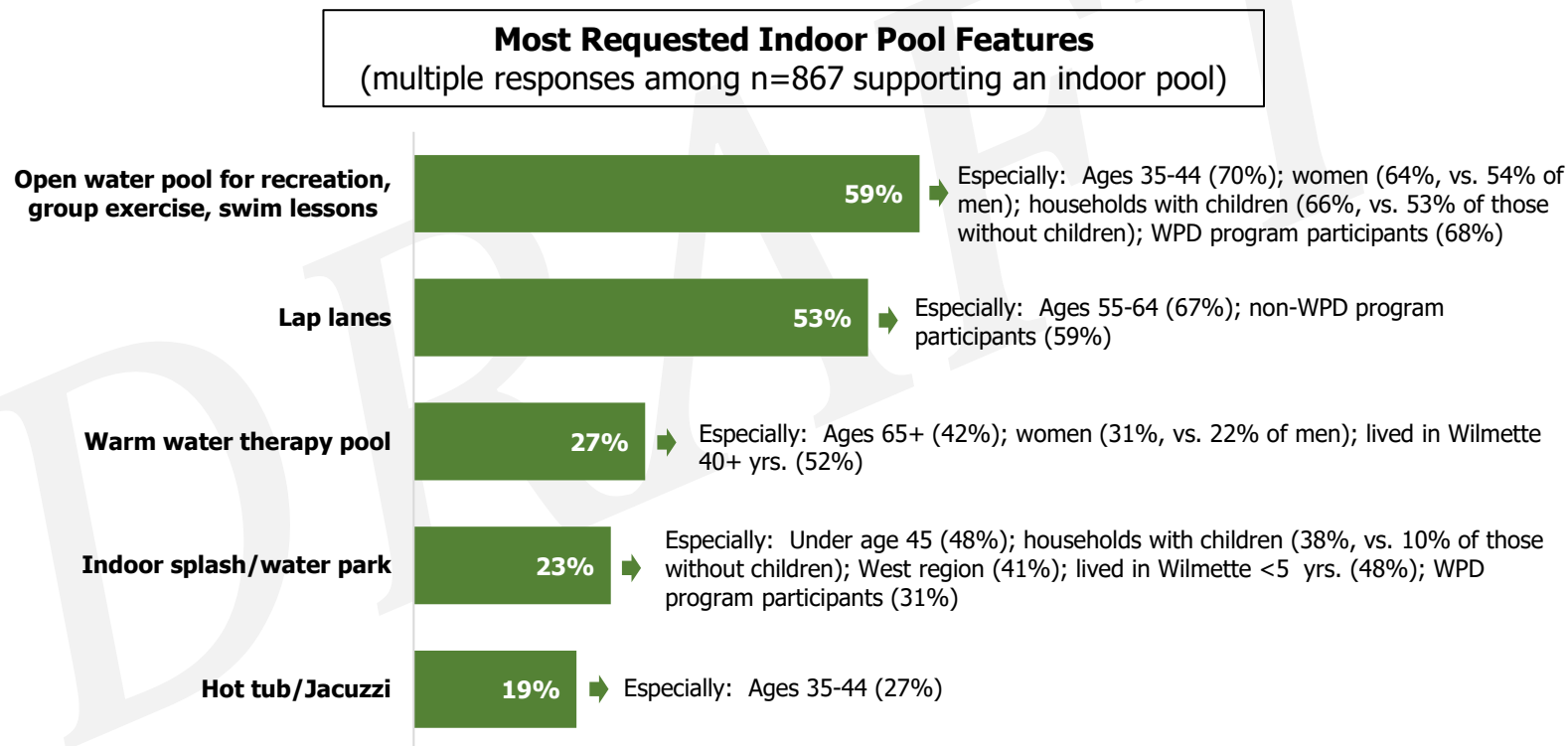
	Overall	Most Likely to Be #1 Priority
<b>Indoor pool</b>	<b>27%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (41%)</li> <li>- Women (32%, vs. 23% of men)</li> <li>- Households with children (36%, vs. 22% of those without children)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette &lt;5 yrs. (36%)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (33%)</li> </ul>
<b>Acquire property to increase open space and/or add additional park amenities</b>	<b>20%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Non-WPD program participants (24%)</li> </ul>
<b>Fenced-in dog parks</b>	<b>10%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Households without children (12%, vs. 8% of those with children)</li> </ul>
<b>Outdoor pickleball courts</b>	<b>8%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 20-29 yrs. (14%)</li> </ul>
<b>Indoor gym and pickleball courts</b>	<b>5%</b>	< no statistically significant differences >
<b>Indoor turf sports field</b>	<b>5%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (15%), 45-54 (9%)</li> <li>- Men (8%, vs. 2% of women)</li> <li>- Households with children (11%, vs. 0% of those without children)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 5-19 yrs. (10%)</li> </ul>
<b>Indoor playground</b>	<b>4%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- E-Central region (7%)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette &lt;5 yrs. (10%)</li> </ul>
<b>Expanded indoor ice facility</b>	<b>3%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 45-54 (7%)</li> <li>- Households with children (6%, vs. 1% of those without children)</li> </ul>
<b>None/No answer</b>	<b>20%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 65+ (35%)</li> <li>- Other/multi-race adults (42%)</li> <li>- Households without children (25%)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 40+ yrs. (38%)</li> <li>- Non-WPD program participants (25%)</li> </ul>





**Among residents who initially expressed a willingness to pay for an indoor pool, most would like to see this type of facility include an open recreational pool (younger adults, those with children, women) with lanes for lap swimming (especially for slightly older residents).**

- About one in four indoor pool supporters would like to have a warm water therapy pool included (especially older adults and women), while the youngest adults and those with children tend to favor including an indoor splash or water park facility (23% overall).



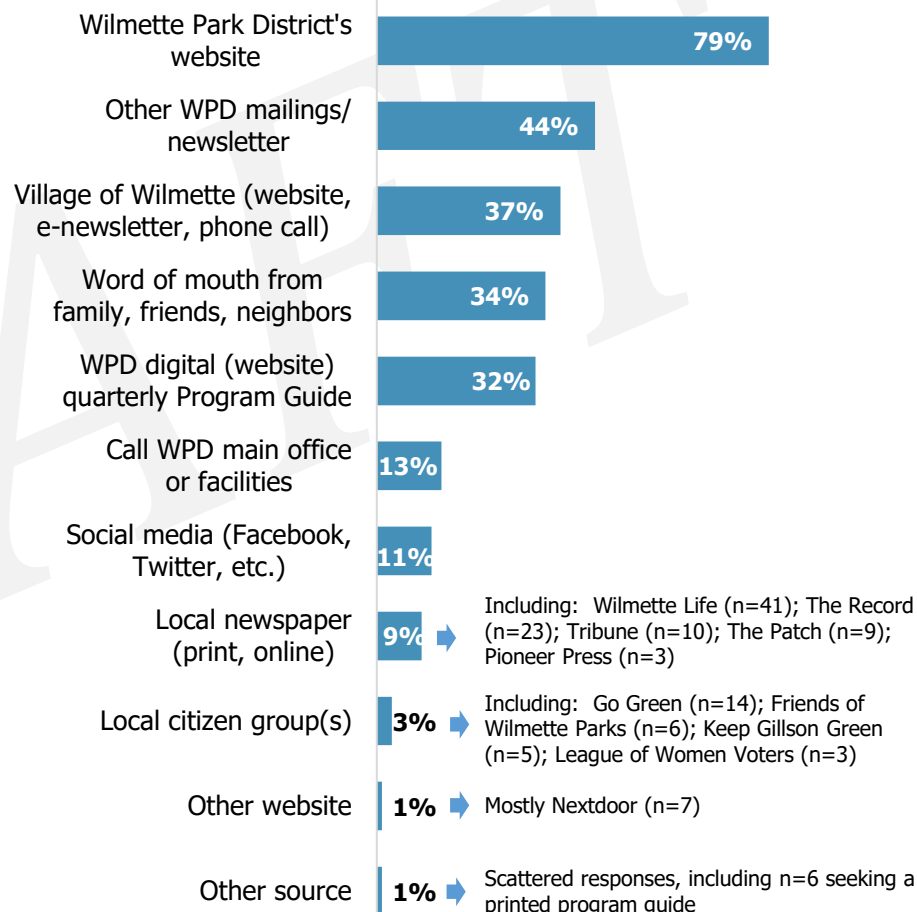


## IX. Sources of WPD Information

**When seeking information about the Park District, most residents go to multiple sources. The WPD website is by far the primary source, followed by other outreach from the District, Village sources, along with word-of-mouth.**

- A plurality of all segments (38%+) report using the WPD website for information about the parks, facilities, and programs. Those most likely to do so are residents with children, recent program participants, and relatively newer local residents.
  - Not surprisingly, this same profile tends to seek out the digital Program Guide, as well as social media.
- Older residents (ages 65+, no children currently at home) tend to look to WPD mailings and newsletters.
  - This age group also tends to report going to local newspapers or calling the WPD when seeking information.
- It is interesting to note that WPD program participants are more likely to get information by word-of-mouth from other residents (41%, vs. 34% overall – see next page)

## WPD Information Sources





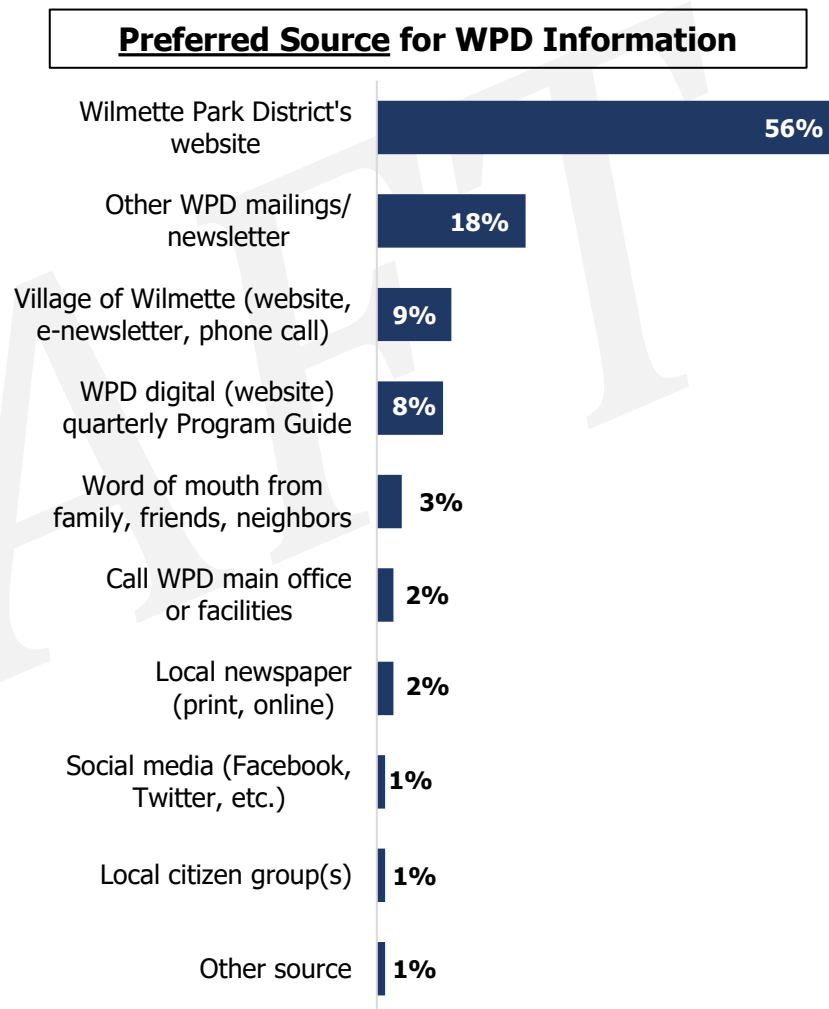
## Significant Differences: Sources of WPD Information

Sources of Information	Cited Most Often By
<b>WPD Website (79%)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (90%)</li> <li>- Households with children (88%, vs. 74% of those without children)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 5-9 yrs. (87%)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (87%, vs. 70% of non-participants)</li> </ul>
<b>Other WPD mailings/newsletter (44%)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 65+ (49%)</li> <li>- White adults (46%)</li> <li>- Households without children (47%, vs. 38% of those with children)</li> </ul>
<b>Village of Wilmette communications (37%)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Households without children (42%, vs. 30% of those with children)</li> </ul>
<b>Word of mouth (34%)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- WPD program participants (41%, vs. 27% of non-participants)</li> </ul>
<b>WPD digital quarterly Program Guide (32%)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (42%)</li> <li>- Women (37%, vs. 27% of men)</li> <li>- Households with children (41%, vs. 27% of those without children)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (42%, vs. 23% of non-participants)</li> </ul>
<b>Call WPD main office or facilities (13%)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 65+ (21%)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 40+ yrs. (22%)</li> </ul>
<b>Social media (11%)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 35-44 (25%)</li> <li>- Households with children (21%, vs. 5% of those without children)</li> <li>- E-Central region (17%)</li> <li>- WPD program participants (17%, vs. 6% of non-participants)</li> </ul>
<b>Local newspaper (9%)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ages 65+ (19%)</li> <li>- Lived in Wilmette 40+ yrs. (19%)</li> </ul>
<b>Local citizen group(s) (3%)</b>	< no statistically meaningful differences >



**When asked which is their preferred source for District information, the vast majority go directly to the WPD, usually the website (56%) followed by other District outreach (newsletters, digital Program Guide).**

- Those relying the most on the WPD website (more than average) are:
  - Ages 35-44 (69%) and 45-54 (64%)
  - Moved to Wilmette 5-9 years ago (69%)
  - Asian adults (73%)
  - Households with children (67%, vs. 50% of those without children)
  - Program participants (61%, vs. 50% of non-participants)
- District mailings and newsletters tend to be preferred by 40+ year residents (26%) and non-WPD program participants (22%).
- Likewise, non-program participants are more likely to cite the Village as their source for WPD information (14%, vs. 9% overall).
- Note that while a third (34%) previously reported relying on word-of-mouth for their Park District information, only 3% say it is their preferred source (a big drop in response, likewise for social media).



Q30. Please indicate your most preferred source when seeking information about the Park District.



## X. Final Comments



**In a final open-ended question asking how the WPD can better serve residents, 11% echo earlier calls to maintain natural areas/open space. Roughly equal numbers also seek more park amenities (benches, trails, landscaping, trash cans, etc.), less spending, and more programs.**

- In fact, most of the top suggestions concern parks and outdoor amenities, and/or District management and administrative requests/comments (e.g., cut spending, enforce rules, more/better communication, and strained perceptions/relationship with WPD leadership).
  - The 6% citing the latter usually report feeling left out of the decision-making process, or seek more openness to community input, etc.).
- One in five respondents offered positive comments about the Park District and see it as an asset to the community.
- Most facility-related feedback is mentioned between 3% and 5% across varied requests cited in early feedback (e.g., an indoor pool, pickleball courts, gym space) – vs. 4% who feel the district has enough indoor facilities and does not need more.

### Final Comments (multiple open-ended responses)

Base n=495





# Appendix 1: Topline Report





## 2023 COMMUNITY SURVEY TOPLINE RESULTS

Data collected February 3<sup>rd</sup> through March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
N=1,201 total responses

### 1. How many years have you lived in Wilmette?

Less than 5 years	21%
5-9 years	14%
10-19 years	18%
20-34 years	25%
35+ years	22%
Mean	20.4 years
Median	18 years

### 2. Please give your overall opinion of the Wilmette Park District, using a 0 to 10 scale.

	2023
Highest regard (9-10)	35%
Great opinion (8)	29%
Good opinion (6-7)	24%
Neutral (5)	5%
Dislike (0-4)	7%
Unfamiliar	3%

### 3. What do you like most about the Wilmette Park District, or what does it do particularly well?

Open-end coding in progress; results will be included in the final analysis.

### 4. What do you (or any other household member) dislike most about the Wilmette Park District, or what do you think it could do better or improve most?

Open-end coding in progress; results will be included in the final analysis.

### 5. Please indicate the Park District parks, playgrounds, and nature areas you or household members visited in the last 12 months/past year.

Gillson Park	90%
Centennial Park	64%
Green Bay Bike Trail	52%
Mallinckrodt Park	46%
Community Playfield	44%
Vatmann Park	31%
Thornwood Park	27%
Langdon Park	25%
Maple Park	25%
West Park	24%
Keay Nature Center	22%
Hibbard Park	21%
Howard Park	20%
Earlywine Park	9%
Forest Park	9%
Shorewood Park	5%
Wheeler Park	5%
Bateman Park	4%
Lockerbie Park	2%
Have not been to any of these in the past year	3%

### 6. Which three parks, playgrounds, or nature areas do you use most often?

	#1 Most Visited	Top 3
Gillson Park	40%	75%
Community Playfield	10%	25%
Centennial Park	7%	27%
Mallinckrodt Park	6%	20%
West Park	4%	9%
Green Bay Bike Trail	4%	26%
Vatmann Park	3%	10%
Keay Nature Center	3%	8%
Thornwood Park	3%	8%
Hibbard Park	3%	8%
Maple Park	2%	9%
Howard Park	1%	7%
Langdon Park	1%	8%
Wheeler Park	1%	2%
Earlywine Park	1%	2%
Forest Park	1%	2%
Shorewood Park	<1%	2%
Bateman Park	<1%	1%



7. Please rate your overall satisfaction with the Wilmette Park District parks, playgrounds, or nature areas that you recently visited.

A. Overall experience	
Completely satisfied (9-10)	47%
Very satisfied (8)	26%
Somewhat satisfied (6-7)	18%
Neutral (5)	4%
Dissatisfied (0-4)	5%
B. Cleanliness, maintenance, and upkeep	
Completely satisfied (9-10)	51%
Very satisfied (8)	22%
Somewhat satisfied (6-7)	16%
Neutral (5)	4%
Dissatisfied (0-4)	7%
C. Access (parking, paths, entrances/exits, ADA, etc.)	
Completely satisfied (9-10)	49%
Very satisfied (8)	21%
Somewhat satisfied (6-7)	15%
Neutral (5)	7%
Dissatisfied (0-4)	8%
D. Safety	
Completely satisfied (9-10)	57%
Very satisfied (8)	22%
Somewhat satisfied (6-7)	12%
Neutral (5)	4%
Dissatisfied (0-4)	5%
E. Recreational amenities (playgrounds, courts, fields, etc.)	
Completely satisfied (9-10)	42%
Very satisfied (8)	22%
Somewhat satisfied (6-7)	19%
Neutral (5)	8%
Dissatisfied (0-4)	9%

## (CONTINUED)

7. Please rate your overall satisfaction with the Wilmette Park District parks, playgrounds, or nature areas that you recently visited.

F. Other amenities (trash cans, benches, shade areas, etc.)	
Completely satisfied (9-10)	42%
Very satisfied (8)	21%
Somewhat satisfied (6-7)	21%
Neutral (5)	7%
Dissatisfied (0-4)	9%
G. Signage	
Completely satisfied (9-10)	44%
Very satisfied (8)	20%
Somewhat satisfied (6-7)	15%
Neutral (5)	16%
Dissatisfied (0-4)	5%

8. Please indicate which Wilmette Park District outdoor and/or indoor facilities you or any household member have visited in the last 12 months/past year.

GILLSON PARK		87%
Swimming beach		70%
Concession/beach house		60%
Wallace Bowl		40%
Dog beach		27%
Sailing beach		25%
Lakeview Center		22%
Other		22%
CENTENNIAL RECREATION COMPLEX		59%
Outdoor aquatic center		41%
Indoor ice rink		24%
Indoor tennis courts		18%
Other		9%
COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER		45%
Fitness center		22%
Gymnastics gym		15%
Sports gym		10%
Early childhood center		6%
Other		13%
WILMETTE GOLF CLUB		35%
The Lawn restaurant		25%
Driving range		20%
Golf course		19%
Mallinckrodt Center		23%
Wilmette Paddle Tennis Club		13%
None of the above		6%



## 9. Which three outdoor and/or indoor facilities do you use most?

	#1 Most Visited	Top 3
<b>GILLSON PARK</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>72%</b>
Swimming beach	17%	47%
Concession/beach house	3%	22%
Dog beach	6%	12%
Sailing beach	5%	11%
Wallace Bowl	2%	9%
Lakeview Center	1%	3%
Other	8%	14%
<b>CENTENNIAL RECREATION COMPLEX</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>38%</b>
Outdoor aquatic center	9%	25%
Indoor ice rink	5%	9%
Indoor tennis courts	4%	9%
Other	1%	2%
<b>COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>26%</b>
Fitness center	7%	12%
Gymnastics gym	2%	6%
Other	1%	5%
Early childhood center	2%	3%
Sports gym	1%	2%
<b>WILMETTE GOLF CLUB</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>16%</b>
Golf course	3%	10%
Driving range	0%	6%
The Lawn restaurant	1%	5%
<b>Mallinckrodt Center</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>9%</b>
Wilmette Paddle Tennis Club	3%	5%

## 10. Please rate your overall satisfaction with the Wilmette Park District facilities that you have recently visited.

<b>A. Overall experience</b>		
Completely satisfied (9-10)		50%
Very satisfied (8)		25%
Somewhat satisfied (6-7)		17%
Neutral (5)		5%
Dissatisfied (0-4)		3%
<b>B. Cleanliness, maintenance, and upkeep</b>		
Completely satisfied (9-10)		51%
Very satisfied (8)		22%
Somewhat satisfied (6-7)		17%
Neutral (5)		5%
Dissatisfied (0-4)		5%

## (CONTINUED)

## 10. Please rate your overall satisfaction with the Wilmette Park District facilities that you have recently visited.

<b>C. Access (parking, paths, entrances/exits, ADA, etc.)</b>		
Completely satisfied (9-10)		54%
Very satisfied (8)		19%
Somewhat satisfied (6-7)		16%
Neutral (5)		6%
Dissatisfied (0-4)		5%
<b>D. Safety</b>		
Completely satisfied (9-10)		62%
Very satisfied (8)		18%
Somewhat satisfied (6-7)		12%
Neutral (5)		5%
Dissatisfied (0-4)		3%
<b>E. Service provided by Park District staff</b>		
Completely satisfied (9-10)		50%
Very satisfied (8)		21%
Somewhat satisfied (6-7)		13%
Neutral (5)		10%
Dissatisfied (0-4)		6%
<b>F. Signage</b>		
Completely satisfied (9-10)		47%
Very satisfied (8)		19%
Somewhat satisfied (6-7)		14%
Neutral (5)		14%
Dissatisfied (0-4)		6%

## 11. If you have not visited a Park District park, playground, nature area, or facility recently, why not?

Do not have children or children are grown	48%
Too busy/don't have time	29%
Use other facilities for recreation/activities	28%
Nothing of interest offered	21%
Unfamiliar with Park District parks/facilities	14%
Cost/Fees are too high	10%
Poor health or mobility issues	9%
Location issues, lack of transportation	2%
Dislike the Park District, had bad experience	1%
Inconvenient hours of operation	1%
Other reason	14%



**12A. Indicate if you or a household member uses or has a need or interest in these outdoor park amenities/facilities.**

Trails for hiking, walking, biking	75%
Natural areas for passive recreation	60%
Outdoor swimming pool or water park	45%
Outdoor concert facility	41%
Picnic shelters or areas	40%
Nature play areas for children	36%
Athletic fields (soccer, football, baseball)	30%
Fenced-in dog park	28%
Outdoor pickleball courts	25%
Neighborhood splash pad	19%
Outdoor platform tennis courts	18%
Outdoor fitness equipment	18%
Outdoor basketball courts	17%
None of the above	8%

**12B. How well are each of those outdoor park amenities/facilities needs or interests being met – whether they are provided by the Park District or any other source?**

(Top 2 Box scores of 4-5 on a 1-5 scale)

Outdoor swimming pool or water park	79%
Athletic fields (soccer, football, baseball)	66%
Natural areas for passive recreation	57%
Outdoor platform tennis courts	56%
Outdoor concert facility	55%
Nature play areas for children	49%
Trails for hiking, walking, biking	48%
Picnic shelters or areas	48%
Fenced-in dog park	29%
Outdoor fitness equipment	24%
Outdoor basketball courts	23%
Outdoor pickleball courts	13%
Neighborhood splash pad	6%

**13. Which one outdoor amenity should the Park District prioritize providing, adding, or improving?**

Trails for hiking, walking, biking	23%
Natural areas for passive recreation	11%
Fenced-in dog park	10%
Outdoor pickleball courts	8%
Outdoor swimming pool or water park	6%
Neighborhood splash pad	5%
Athletic fields (soccer, football, baseball)	5%
Nature play areas for children	4%
Outdoor concert facility	3%
Outdoor basketball courts	3%
Outdoor platform tennis courts	2%
Picnic shelters or areas	2%
Outdoor fitness equipment	2%
No answer	16%

**14A. Indicate below if you or any household member uses or has a need or interest in the following indoor amenities or facilities.**

Indoor pool	46%
Indoor fitness/exercise facility	40%
Active older adult center	23%
Indoor ice rink	22%
Indoor rental space for parties, events	20%
Indoor tennis courts	19%
Indoor pickleball courts	18%
Indoor basketball/volleyball courts	17%
Indoor athletic turf fields	14%
Gymnastics facility	14%
Early childhood center	10%
None of the above	18%

**14B. How well are each of those indoor amenities/facilities needs or interests being met – whether they are provided by the Park District or any other source?**

(Top 2 Box scores of 4-5 on a 1-5 scale)

Gymnastics facility	80%
Indoor ice rink	71%
Indoor tennis courts	69%
Indoor fitness/exercise facility	61%
Early childhood center	55%
Indoor rental space for parties, events	39%
Active older adult center	27%
Indoor basketball/volleyball courts	22%
Indoor pool	8%
Indoor athletic turf fields	8%
Indoor pickleball courts	7%

**15. Which one indoor option should the Park District prioritize providing, adding, or improving?**

Indoor pool	29%
Indoor fitness/exercise facility	11%
Indoor pickleball courts	9%
Active older adult center	8%
Indoor athletic turf fields	4%
Indoor ice rink	4%
Indoor basketball/volleyball courts	4%
Indoor rental space for parties, events	2%
Early childhood center	2%
Indoor tennis courts	2%
Gymnastics facility	1%
No answer	24%



16. In the past 12 months, have you or any household member participated in Wilmette Park District recreation programs?

Yes	51%
No	49%

17. Why haven't you participated in a Wilmette Park District recreation program recently?

Do not have children or children are grown	66%
Too busy/don't have time	19%
Use recreational programs elsewhere	16%
Nothing of interest offered	16%
Unfamiliar with Park District programs	14%
Cost/Fees are too high	14%
Inconvenient schedule/days/times	12%
Poor health or mobility issues	5%
Dislike the facility where program is held	3%
Registration too difficult	3%
Location issues, lack of transportation	3%
Dislike the programs, had a bad experience	1%
Dislike the instructors, trainers, leaders	1%
Other reason	15%

18. Please rate your overall satisfaction with the Wilmette Park District recreation programs.

Completely satisfied (9-10)	37%
Very satisfied (8)	27%
Somewhat satisfied (6-7)	22%
Neutral (5)	6%
Dissatisfied (0-4)	8%

19. If you are dissatisfied with any Park District program, please indicate which one(s) and why.

Open-end coding in progress; results will be included in the final analysis.

20A. Indicate if you or any household member uses or has a need or interest in the following programs.

Fitness and wellness programs	44%
Pool and aquatics programs	43%
Environmental/nature programs	32%
Sports/athletics programs	31%
Sailing programs/lessons	26%
Pickleball programs/lessons	24%
Tennis programs/lessons	23%
Visual arts programs	22%
Paddle tennis programs/lessons	16%
None of the above	16%

20B. How well are each of those program needs or interests being met – whether they are provided by the Park District or any other source?

(Top 2 Box scores of 4-5 on a 1-5 scale)

Fitness and wellness programs	48%
Sports/athletics programs	62%
Pool and aquatics programs	40%
Tennis programs/lessons	59%
Sailing programs/lessons	45%
Visual arts programs	36%
Paddle tennis programs/lessons	43%
Environmental/nature programs	21%
Pickleball programs/lessons	13%

21. Which one program area should the Park District prioritize providing, adding, or improving?

Pool and aquatics programs	18%
Fitness and wellness programs	13%
Environmental/nature programs	12%
Pickleball programs/lessons	11%
Sports/athletics programs	8%
Sailing programs/lessons	5%
Tennis programs/lessons	4%
Paddle tennis programs/lessons	3%
Visual arts programs	3%
No answer	23%

22. Below, please describe specific program(s) or event(s) that you or other household members would like the Wilmette Park District to offer for each group.

*Open-end coding in progress; results will be included in the final analysis.*

23. Please rank each of the following values for the Wilmette Park District in order of importance to you.

	TOP 1	TOP 3
Health and Wellness	20%	58%
Public Safety	19%	54%
Stewardship and Sustainability	20%	48%
Customer Experience	19%	48%
Fiscal Responsibility	14%	46%
Innovation	9%	36%
Accessibility and Inclusion	7%	29%

24. In which of those areas do you think the Park District is strongest or doing a great job fulfilling?

Public Safety	43%
Customer Experience	34%
Health and Wellness	32%
Accessibility and Inclusion	23%
Fiscal Responsibility	23%
Stewardship and Sustainability	21%
Innovation	7%
None of the above	12%

25. In which of those areas do you think the Park District is weakest or needs to do more?

Innovation	31%
Customer Experience	19%
Stewardship and Sustainability	19%
Fiscal Responsibility	14%
Accessibility and Inclusion	12%
Health and Wellness	9%
Public Safety	4%
None of the above	26%

26. Below are potential initiatives that the Wilmette Park District might consider. Knowing that these could mean higher user fees or property taxes, please indicate whether you oppose or support each.

	OPPOSE	SUPPORT
Acquire property to increase open space and/or add additional park amenities	31%	69%
Fenced-in dog park	41%	59%
Indoor gym and pickleball courts	40%	60%
Indoor turf sports field	58%	42%
Indoor pool	30%	70%
Outdoor pickleball courts	40%	60%
Indoor playground	49%	51%
Expanded indoor ice facility	65%	35%

27. Indicate the one initiative that you support most, even if it means higher fees or taxes.

Indoor pool	27%
Acquire property to increase open space and/or add additional park amenities	20%
Fenced-in dog park	10%
Outdoor pickleball courts	8%
Indoor gym and pickleball courts	5%
Indoor turf sports field	5%
Indoor playground	4%
Expanded indoor ice facility	3%
None of the above	20%

28. If you support an "indoor pool" in question 26, which feature(s) is/are most important to you?

Open water pool for recreation, group exercise, swim lessons	59%
Lap lanes	53%
Warm water therapy pool	27%
Indoor splash/water park	23%
Hot tub/Jacuzzi	19%



**29. In general, when you seek information about the Wilmette Park District and its programs, parks, facilities, or services, from what sources do you get that information?**

Wilmette Park District's website	79%
Other Wilmette Park District mailings/newsletter	44%
Village of Wilmette (e-newsletter, website, or phone call)	37%
Word of mouth from family, friends, or neighbors	34%
Wilmette Park District's digital (on website) quarterly Program Guide	32%
Call the Wilmette Park District main office or one of its facilities	13%
Social media, such as Facebook, Twitter, etc.	11%
Local newspaper (print or online)	9%
Local citizen group(s)	3%
Other website	1%
Other source	1%

**30. Indicate your most preferred source when seeking information about the Park District.**

Wilmette Park District's website	56%
Other Wilmette Park District mailings/newsletter	18%
Village of Wilmette (e-newsletter, website, or phone call)	9%
Wilmette Park District's digital (on website) quarterly Program Guide	8%
Word of mouth from family, friends, or neighbors	3%
Call the Wilmette Park District main office or one of its facilities	2%
Local newspaper (print or online)	2%
Social media, such as Facebook, Twitter, etc.	1%
Local citizen group(s)	1%
Other source	1%
Other website	<1%

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

**31. In what year were you born? (Age shown below)**

Under 35	9%
35-44	17%
45-54	24%
55-64	21%
Over 65	29%

**32. Please indicate your gender.**

Male	47%
Female	52%
Prefer to self-describe	1%

**Including yourself how many people...**

**33. ... live in your household?**

Live alone	11%
Two	36%
3 to 4	39%
5+	14%

**34. ... are under age 18?**

None	57%
One	13%
Two	19%
3+	11%

**35. ... are age 60 or older?**

None	50%
One	18%
Two or more	32%

**36. Do you own or rent your current residence?**

Rent	90%
Own	10%

**37. Which of the following identifies your ethnicity?**

White/Caucasian	85%
Asian	13%
Black/African American	<1%
American Indian or Alaska Native	<1%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0%
Other	1%

**38. Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish heritage?**

Yes	5%
No	95%

**39. If you or other household members have any final or additional feedback, please include it below.**

*Open-end coding in progress; results will be included in the final analysis.*





## Appendix 2: Verbatim Open-Ended Responses – WPD Strengths/"Likes"



The variety of class offerings is broad.

Clean facilities, broad array of activities for families

The beach (and the Fat Shallot) The pool- both the kids play areas and the 50m lap pool Wilmette Golf Club Ice skating lessons Gymnastics center

Park District programming for kids, classes and activities. Park district public events for holidays. We have our kids involved in the sports each session, the coaches and other support staff are great. The times and number of classes are great. We love the pool and lifeguards, we have a young child so the little kids pool that is fenced and protected is great. Our son loves getting ice cream at the pool stand and is taking swimming lessons so he can ride the waterslide.

Programs are great. Facilities still have not returned to normal hours since CoVid. Many families with working parents and young children unfortunately can't use these facilities because of that.

WPD is a beautifully run organization. Course offerings, communications, and facilities are all first-rate. I especially enjoy the Fourth of July festivities at Gilson Park.

Rec center programming is excellent

fantastic instructors & exercise classes @ Fitness Center -- Gillson Park is a treasure

The amount, and the variety, of facilities and programs

High quality camps

I like the fitness center which I use regularly. My granddaughter, age 2, attends gymnastics lessons.

programs

Great array of classes and activities. Love the open park lands.

Taking care of our resources, communicating with us, great variety of programs, customer service, and we love the Centre Club and pools.

nice facilities, both outdoor and indoor

I think the Park District does a good job of maintaining public parks and of offering a variety of experiences for residents to participate in.

golf course -- beach improvements

Maintains its assets to an acceptable standard which upholds the character of the village

Children's soccer; the Wilmette Golf Club

Beach, variety of programs

Flexible with refunds, large selection of programs, reasonable pricing

The most important part of Wilmette is the lakefront, and the park district does a fine job of maintaining Gillson.



Staff are nice.

-great swimming facilities -excellent theater program -good special events for young families such as Halloween Happenings and Touch a Truck -camps for younger children are great -gymnastics, skating and tennis also have a great reputation -the parks are well maintained -beautiful beach - glad you added a food option -kind staff

Wide variety of programs, good facilities overall, good staff at each program (great theater staff, amazing paddle club staff)

When my children were small, I used a lot of the classes to expose my kids to different sports and activities. Currently I use the pool and beach and they are well maintained.

Staff is usually very responsive to community input and address concerns.

Great lifeguards at pool and beach.

The variety and quality of activities it offers for different age groups and interests. The activities are reasonably and affordably priced. The cancellation policy which allows unused portions of classes to be refunded is also very much appreciated as it allows the kid to explore activities without fear of wasting money if he doesn't like it.

I enjoy walking along the lake in Gillson Park. In the past my children have participated in soccer and a few camps. I did take a knitting class for some time it was very worthwhile but have not participated since the beginning of Covid.

The Fitness Center and the Tennis Club are well managed and offer good classes. I also like the availability of numerous outdoor tennis courts.

Gillson Park! & lots of park / open space for size of village

summer concerts parks lakefront

pool -- tennis -- clean parks

I love the expansive landscaping at Gilson. My children benefited from the many summer camp programs. I love our beach the most

Wide variety of programming. Excellent beach facilities, specifically fat shallot, newness of buildings, and beach maintenance. Pools themselves are great as is locker room - food options could use improvement. Gymnastics is great - the gym and rest of the rec center is very dated. Appreciate the use of indoor rooms for a fee for birthday parties and for the party options. Love tennis - we all utilize classes and indoor and outdoor courts. Outdoor courts are in some disrepair and need to be repaired (e.g., cracks, etc.) Ice skating rinks are great but would like a wider range of open skate times.

Seems to offer a lot of various and interesting activities; provides a meeting place for a quilting group

variety of activities

Love the lakefront accessibility to everyone at no charge As a teacher, easy accessibility for permits to picnic at Gillson Playground for grandkids 4th thanks f july Before Covid Concerts at all parks— malls Croft, gilson

Environment

variety of programs & sites



golf course privileges

Well maintained parks and lakefront.

Beach, pool, ceramics classes, beautiful parks

Variety of numerous course offerings, lakefront and parks

Lots of kids options, pool, and the beach.

I think they have good youth programs and work well with the community.

brings community together -- Wallace Bowl events -- Keay Nature Center

offers wide range of activities

Great open lands, beach, pool, facilities and programs available to all members of the community.

Local Parks are well-kept. Many offerings for families.

Numerous options and good communication

Fun 4th of July events at Gillson. Beautiful new beach bathhouse. Lots of small neighborhood parks.

#1Paddle courts! kids classes and camps. Pool and beach it's all amazing

It has a lot of different offerings for families

Variety of services.

1. Centennial pool- lap swimming for adults 2. Gilson park- beautiful atmosphere

Good camp for kids Good water facilities Good skating facilities

Wide variety of well-managed programs and activities for users of all ages

diverse and variety of programs -- good mix of exercise (group) classes

Accommodating to changes (no questions asked on unenrollment and refunds). Excellent programs, including early childhood.

The number of parks we enjoy is extraordinary. Generally they are well-maintained and offer a wide range of activities to residents.

Many programs but seems mostly aimed at kids

We love all the activities and our three kids and myself have participated throughout all the different ages/phases of life - from preschool until still today (tae kwon do). We also enjoy the summer options - beach and pool and live entertainment.

1. Preserving green space 2. Providing recreational opportunities



It does have a lot of programming to accommodate different interests for kids. Staff is usually friendly and provide useful information.

Offers a wide variety of programming for children, including after school and summer camp programming.

children's community center programs & our parks & playgrounds.

Has a lot of programs for children. My kids swam, ice skated and did a bit of golf.

Activities and facilities. Many of activities for toddlers are not conducive to afternoon preschool schedule which has been disappointing.

The programs are varied, generally available and priced fairly. The quality of the offerings is very good.

The WPD is good at marketing -- witness its exponential growth in a stable community.

WPD trims the trees, cuts the grass.

The beach is amazing, particularly with the new beach house and landscape design. Gillson Park is beautiful and the Rec Center is a fantastic amenity.

Great programs.

I like the activities for my young children, especially the after school clubs at Harper.

Not much.

Variety in the classes/camps offered. Resident prices are fairly reasonable.

Offers expansive programs for all ages. Offers childcare and camps.

The gym, the pool, the beach, Gillson Park, art classes, camps, summer music and theatre events.

I especially love the natural outdoor spaces. The lakefront is incredible and I am grateful for the balance between dedicated-use of the terrain (e.g. sailing & swimming beach & public beach & haborside walkway) baseball parks, playgrounds and open, natural spaces. I applaud the native plant gardens and encourage more native plants on all school, and municipal property. My family has enjoyed the broad array of outdoor and indoor activities offered and applauded neighbors and friends who have been involved in other areas such as dance, theater. I also applaud the fact that Wilmette facilities can be used for non-WPD programs such as classes, religious services, group meetings, etc.

Variety of summer camps and sports classes offered.

Mallinckrodt & Senior Center -- great programs.

Great Gillson lakefront - love the re-design with its updated bathrooms, tables to eat. Haven't tried the food yet, but maybe promotions would help get the word out, say a free cookie day on a day during the week.

I love all the green spaces, especially Gillson Park. I appreciate the Rec center and the after-school programs when my kids were little, as well as the summer camps.

Parks are on the lake which gives you good views and coolness.

Centennial pool and the extended hours in the fall.



Wilmette Golf Course is exceptional. The facilities and Course are well run and in excellent condition. Programs for kids is very good. The improvement in the course over the last 3-5 years makes Wilmette one of the best public courses in the Chicagoland area. The staff and crew are welcoming and helpful. They truly are happy you are there. The Lawn was a nice addition and their service is a major improvement over the previous restaurant.

Wilmette has beautiful parks and recreational areas.

I like the pool, beach, Rec center, and summer programming for school aged children.

recreational facilities (tennis, golf, beach, pool)

4th of July celebrations at Gillson Park are great!

Great parks! Variety of classes and activities for littles.

Nothing!

Great Gillson was a wonderful summer camp when my son was young.

Good park areas especially by the lake.

I received communications about the fitness center although I haven't checked it out yet.

Many well run options and facilities. A comprehensive year round program.

Convenience, well rounded programs, good care of public parks, beach, Gilson park, Wallace Bowl

It does a really great job introducing sports/activities to the kids and does not expect any prior knowledge or excessive equipment purchases

beach -- beautifully remodeled facility for a terrific experience each time

Summer programs are excellent; after school activities are also well done.

Parks are very well maintained

Centennial pool use and the fact that you are keeping it open through September,

maintains the parks well -- parks distributed over the village -- great swim & hockey venues

I haven't come across a park that I don't like

the camps, activities, employment, sports. coordination with schools for after care. lakefront most of all

Programs for seniors offered @ Mallinkrodt

Community Recreation Center

Accessibility. Centennial pool is run very well and information is easy to access

The beach, beachfront, and sailing beach areas given the ages of our family members.



Gilson park sailing beach. Fantastic facility.

I like the offerings of classes for children and the quality of parks

Great variety of classes. Staff is very friendly and flexible with class changes.

Variety of offerings for adults and kids

WPD offers a lot of great classes and they usually have good instructors / teachers.

Gillson Park Community Recreation Center Mallinckrodt Center

I am 92 years old -- handicap -- can't do survey because never used park district

Beach, Fitness Center

A lot of offerings of different activities

summer camps for kids -- fitness center -- places to sit along beach at Gillson Park

Variety of activities Pool and beach

I like the way the tennis courts are organized inside in winter and outside during summer months.

keep existing facilities up to date

As my children are grown, I have not used the park district a lot. The class I took with my grand niece was very well done. People are friendly and helpful. I would like to use it more.

Great offer of programs

Seems to offer about the right amount of facilities and programming for the size and needs of the community. Not too big, not too small.

Maintains the parks well

programs at Mallinckrodt; shower facilities and hot water at Gillson Beach building; dog beach

The gymnastic programs for children as well as the early childhood program.

Lots of parks within walking distance.

We have used the tennis courts frequently in the past. We like the open spaces. Our children took classes.

I enjoy the lakefront + Gillson Park and the lakeshore.

Good amount of programming. Friendly and helpful staff. Continued investment in parks.

Good selection of activities, keep property in good condition. Easy to register for activities

responsive to calls; offers good programs for kids



The offerings of classes is plentiful for kids. The gymnastics center is top notch.

There are a lot of different class and camp offerings

Parks are in good shape.

Workout facility is excellent. Youth sports is great. Beach is expensive. Gillson is well cared for and beautiful. Bike trail I use frequently.

Gilson beach and sailing beach is wonderful. Park district classes quality and quantity have dropped drastically since Covid. Facilities are dated and not enough to meet needs. Need to be invest in more basket ball courts and indoor swim facility for families to free swim in winter.

The starlite theater, the new beach design, the fire works, all the activities that you have for the parks..

Variety of classes/activities, affordable cost, Gilson beach, new concessions, adding bathrooms to playfields, special events, 4th July fireworks,

Great communications, stakeholder engagement, facilities

Handles July 4 celebrations with good arrangements for transportation, popular foods, a safe place to enjoy fire works.

We like going to the lake. We enjoyed the fireworks.

Variety of programs. Family orientated.

the golf course is well managhed

Enjoy the lake view at Gilsonite and it's natural setting, plus walking paths in various other parks

Outdoor parks and lakefront. Good activities for children

The variety of services & facilities available for all age groups.

Gillson -- Centennial

when children visit a lot for them to do

Venues -- lakefront beach -- pool -- fitness center -- bike paths

Course offerings for kids (classes, camps, activities) and ease of registration.

Like the upgrades to the parks. They look updated and well maintained. Gilson is a gem that is well maintained. Like the new beach house facilities are excellent

The Beach is well maintained.

Majority of green areas are kept in good condition with the exception of Gilson park.

Nothing

The parks are clean, plenty of parking, great walking paths, bike racks, picnic tables available. Tennis court.





The volume. I like the fact that the parks and park district takes the responsibility of building and maintaining green space

Gilson park and beach are the best area for family and leisure time in all North suburbs.

There are a variety of classes that are offered.

Registration for classes is relatively easy on the website

I love the outdoor, summer concerts.

Summer programs existing facilities - please don't change Trees

wide variety of classes & facilities

Gilson and the tennis courts

swimming, hockey playing, parks

I think it communicates well with the population. All the properties are well maintained.

We like the way the Park doesn't really feel like a 'Park' but a natural reserve with few man made structures

access to Lake Michigan

Kindergarten Enrichment program, after school program, all the sports facilities and classes for youth. Community based playgrounds and fields in supporting youth sports activities.

Offer a variety of programming for all ages. The programming stays current and up to date.

Wilmette Pool -- last summer had good lap swimming -- tennis

I love Gilsonite Beach, that there are so many tot playgrounds, the pool and ice rinks and tennis courts. Also all the activities for children and the health club

Love the beach, parks and Centennial Pool

Excellent variety of events and offerings at affordable prices

I love walking in Gillson near the lake

Clean and updated facilities Easy to register for classes; good selection

The parks around the village; variety of programming at the community center for kids, partnership with NSSRA, school day off programs (more of these please!!)

Golf Course, youth programs, sailing beach.

facilities generally well run

Available options for children recreation starting at a very young age.



variety of programs

well maintained

LOVE the Gilson beach improvements.

Wide range of activities and offerings

health & mobility issues limit participation

Gilson Park, clean

Communication through home mailings is very good. When we had kids, (1990-2010) there were a lot of offerings that we took advantage of for many years.

provides a wide range of activities to residents of the village at affordable prices. We are active users of the Fitness Center, golf course and paddle courts.

Accessible, clean, efficient / friendly customer service, programming is varied.

+maintains Pool & play areas well

Like that WPD areas are clean and well maintained. Like the dog beach and fitness center.

Services are convenient, there is a host of options, and all are close by.

The parks and programming are good.

Beautiful parks. Beach facilities. Workout room

I like that we have a gymnastics facility and a pool.

Great facilities for kids and year round programs.

The parks are really nice. We don't do a lot of the classes or programs but we spend a lot of time in the parks. We like to ride our bikes to check out different parks around Wilmette.

Not too sure, I have been pretty disappointed over the last number of years.

Senior programs

New maple park was well/done

the parks

The rec center programming is incredible. so well done and such an asset for the community. Also the lakefront in the past two years has really been very well managed. Professional and the new building is amazing.

There are a variety of programs for most ages.



Tennis programming and youth soccer programming historically (our sons were in the programming in the years 2001-2011)

I most use beaches so have been disappointed that Langdon has been closed for so long.

Offering a wide variety of programs for the community.

Lofts of activities and seems generally well run.

I appreciate their children's programming and their flexibility with scheduling and canceling of classes. Also, I appreciate the well maintained and diverse playgrounds.

I enjoy the Rec Center classes

Programming range for young families

I used to enjoy the exercise classes for myself and the classes for children. And we love Gilson Park. The beach is beautiful.

Just the park in general with its natural beauty and the incredible beach. Gillson Park is such a treasure.

accessibility -- family friendly

After school care, parks, kids camps, gilson beach, 4th July celebrations, Keays

Wilmette dog beach It's run well and always clean

Parks are clean

The beach and lakefront is amazing.

The native landscaping in parks, maintenance of parks. Programs for children. Gillson Park. Wallace Bowl music and theater.

Summer camps are excellent Aquatics camp is very engaging for kids and counselors. The parks and play areas are in excellent condition

Gillson Park and all it offers -- beach, Wallace, harbor, tennis courts, picnic areas, gardens, Community Center, facilities & pools

Prior to pandemic I was a regular member of group fitness classes 5x's a week. My children enjoyed dance & sports classes at all ages. My husband still swims regularly at Centennial & the lake.

Facilities, parks, lakefront access, dog beach

I love the parks which is a big reason we moved here.

Pool, beach, dog beach

Gilson Park and Beach

We love Gilson Park, centennial pool and all the playgrounds l.

Manages the beach well. Lots of parks. Plenty of activities for kids & employment activities for teenagers. In general, pool and skating rink is nice.



Diversity

I use the walking track often & the people in charge are really wonderful.

variety of offerings and varying times

Well maintained

Number of parks, locations

The communications are clear, the processes are organized and the activities are affordable.

There is a wide variety of things offered and enough slots to participate. Flexible policies, and central, close facilities.

Many options and programs to choose from; great variety; beautiful lakefront and beaches; and great golf course

Gillson Park and Beach, Centennial Pool, programs and camps for kids.

-Maintenance of Gillson Beach and Centennial Pool -licensing third party food vendor at Gillson -k-8 gymnastics program -availability of multiple outdoor skating rinks -k-8 soccer and basketball programs have been well organized with good communication

Good job

The Park District works very hard to maintain and improve the appearance of the parks. Park District communications have improved.

Gillson Park -- Gillson Beach -- passive park area for picnics, walks, cross-country ski

some nice classes for younger kids

Broad variety of activities for all age levels. Facilities are up to date.

Good programs for all ages. Well maintained facilities. Favorite things are Gillson beach, centennial pool, platform tennis club and golf course.

Centennial Tennis Complex. Also, the Village of Wilmette's Eagle Sent [sic] Nature Trail on the north bank of Kenilworth Avenue across from Thornwood Park. The new signs are great! The Trail is safe & well marked.

There is such a great variety of programs.

The very many offerings - i.e. classes, tennis, and wonderful parks

Activities, upkeep of the parks and fields, golf course

Gillson Park

Activities for youth

I really liked when you guys started having special events/dinners at the beach. I like the summer events at the Wallace Bowl. I think there is a wide variety of classes for children and they are reasonably priced. I love the nature look of Wheeler Park. It's very whimsical.

I like all the parks, playfields, and lakefront improvements



LIKE THE GREENSPACE AND GILLSON PARK'S PROXIMITY TO THE LAKE. LOTS OF AVAILABLE ACTIVITY FOR CHILDREN THE FACT THAT THE PARKS ARE OPEN FOR USE WITHOUT SPECIAL PERMIT.

Good offering of classes Good pool & beach Good fitness

programming

They develop a program to meet all ages.

open space kept clean and all vegetation and trees well maintained -- lots of space to walk

The equipment, the camps and options are vast and very fun

parks

I think the children's programs have been great.

Upkeep of all facilities

Outdoor running track adjacent to Highcrest and Wilmette Jr. High; Wilmette Rec Center; various sports fields and tennis courts.

Youth programs are organized and plentiful

Variety of programs. Amazing

Gilson maintenance

Easy access to programming, affordable prices. Dog beach and Gillson park/beach are our favorite places.

The District does a good job balancing needs with wants. The parks are nicely improved and well maintained. Facilities are flexible enough so that as new activities come and go they can be accommodated.

We feel fortunate to have such great park resources such as Centennial Pool, Gillson Park, and various neighborhood parks.

maintains the golf course property, cart paths, food service, driving range. -- Centennial pool is very nice -- the golf course is very well maintained/run

The staff at Gillson are polite and provide good service.

Special events like the Gilson Beach pig roast and their utilization of the golf course property with a beautiful restaurant renovation and calendar of public events. Their young children's programming is also very nice and well liked by the community.

offer good programs

i loved moms/tots pots and mom/me gymnastics. I always loved the dog beach, the pool and the beach when I had younger children. I also enjoyed girls softball with my daughter. I love walking thru Keay nature center.

Outdoor parks, especially Gillson. Activities for all ages. Fitness room and indoor walking path. All is well-kept and available.

parks, beaches, green space, program offerings, staff, everything



Gillson Park and the Wilmette Harbor. We had a sailboat in the Harbor for over 35 years and love both the Harbor and Gillson Park. Now that we live in Wilmette, we visit Gillson Park regularly for a picnic lunch and/or a walk

The staff has always been amazing! Jim created special gymnastics classes for my special needs child & siblings, everyone has worked hard to make activities like birthday parties special and my children attended classes, camps, kindergarten enrichment, special events and programs their whole years growing up. We love the beach!

Great parks and multiple facilities

well maintained

general cleanliness.

Pools, Park and Beach - keep these going and keep them open in their basic form.

Wonderful lakefront area. Kayak slots. Community gardening plots. Even though we don't use them anymore, kid's recreation opportunities and programs are extensive.

Does a good job of maintaining high quality parks and facilities

Excellent classes for children!

Children activities

Access to Lake Michigan -- beach & walks. Greenery, pine trees, grassy areas. In short, contact with NATURE! It's good for getting 'away' from urban stress.

summer concerts

The Wilmette Park District is fantastic but I believe funds should be spent more carefully. Our beach should be a money-maker, not free!

-love the variety of programs offered for all ages sports, arts, music, etc. -understanding if someone needs to pull out of a course and kindly offers refunds (thank you!)

Nice to have play fields, tennis courts and dog park/beach kept up and available.

I feel they offer an array of programs for all age groups, all types of activities with excellent personnel for the most part.

I like all the options for kids

Like Keay. Interested in the new improvements. Use Gillson for walking the beach and birdwatching on beach and at harbor. Enjoy the native plantings. Rec-center walk on track.

the amount of activities for kids

Quite, safety

GOOD COMMUNICATION Fair options at the Sailing Beach and Pool



Variety of programs for children and tennis for me.

Gillson is a lovely area; the beach, woods & esp. native plants. Also, Mallinckrodt!

The variety of activities, cleanliness, and appearance of facilities.

Centennial Ice Skating program is absolutely wonderful! My daughter skated seriously for years and it was such a fun, positive, supportive experience in every way. Lots of camp options (fun for littles, employment for teens!).

Facilities and options for children's activities

Breadth of classes, refund policy

Parks are clean, they are numerous and cater to many activities.

The gymnastics stadium, the registration for classes, the housing of classes in the community center, registration and options for camps.

Nice parks and facilities, good programming

I like the variety of programming for all ages.

I love all the Wilmette Park District programs. From a young age for our kids with soccer, baseball, softball, swim lessons, boating lessons, great summer camps, tennis lessons, to our adult sports. Tennis, Pickleball...

The WPD does a good job of offering a range of recreational programs and activities for residents of all ages.

open space -- trees -- community facilities

What we already have is superb. Good programming for ALL ages. Incredible range of facilities (including a great beach!!). Nice distribution of parks. Increasing emphasis on sustainability and preserving nature.

Camps for young kids are good. Beach access & pool is good.

The beach! Paddle program Sailing Sport leagues

The beach- We think the new 'beach house' was very well done.

There are a lot of playgrounds. But the playgrounds are old and don't have new equipment

Beach, the pool, the after school programming options, the summer camps, the community center programming for kids. Piano lessons.

PD seems to be current & up to date w/activities that are currently popular. My most experience has to do w/physical workout for adults & art classes.

I enjoy the beach and the open land such as Elmwood Dunes.

Programming Options for Kids

activities for children

Gilson park beach and the paths and trees I also like that Gilson is near the harbor.



So clean, services fairly easy to use

Lovely parks. The Community Recreation Center with its classes and fitness center and Mallinckrodt.

Gillson Park & beach access

The beautiful Gillson beach is a pleasure to walk at all times of the year.

The most liked aspects of the Wilmette Park District include: the comprehensive lists of programs offered to & for children and adults (in and out of the districts confines); the year round accessibility to all park facilities both indoor and outdoor locations; the excellent, friendly and approachable folks / employees of the indoor & outdoor facility from maintenance workers to landscape personnel and most administrative personnel and especially the appreciative part time / seasonal staff and all facilities and locations. Playground accessibility is also great. Dual purpose use of parkland and environmental remediation (for lack of a better word) specifically the storm water retention (is that the right word for the work?) programs at Thornwood Park and others is a great way to work inter departmentally (it's a real pain to live through but will be great when it's finished). The Elmwood Dunes beach access is great, small but big in scope, but will need year-to-year monitoring and ongoing habitat rehabilitation to maintain the awesome work started before too much time elapses ... Administratively, I think the Park District is managed exceptionally. Yet, without growing revenues we may fall from exceptional to less than satisfactory status in a very short amount of time. The Centennial Complex is fantastic - everything about it!!

well maintained -- convenient -- variety of facilities

I very much like all the offerings the WPD has - great selection of activities, events, camps, etc.

Great programs for all ages. Affordable prices. The sailing beach is the best.

Like Gilson park and beach, Hibbard park. Classes offered: dog training, beach yoga

Offers many classes, sports and options for children and adults. Events in town are great.

Nice parks

the lakefront parks & beach

FRIENDLY STAFF AND THEY TAKE GREAT CARE OF ALL PROPERTIES

I like the workout center. I have not been there in a while. The pool.

Children Programs & athletic activities

Enjoyed the Center Fitness club for many years when I was a member (and hope to join again soon.) Have always enjoyed the pool. The gymnastics programs have been fun for my kids - cool facilities.

Gillson Park is the heart of the WPD. Until now the District has been mature enough to not mess up a great thing. (The new crop of Commissioners and staff pose a threat to Gillson with their selfish proposals.)

Gillson Park -- Rec Center

I love the variety of classes and programming throughout the year, especially season things like Gingerbread Houses and Independence Day festivities





Beach is great

I think you did an amazing job with the Wilmette Anniversary Street Festival. The beach [??] was already cleared???

We like the various sports activities throughout the year.

Gillson Park undisturbed; Center Fitness Club; pocket parks for children

The pool is awesome.

Gillson park. The beach house and landscaping are amazing. Centennial Pool is a gem. Maple Park. Everyone loves the zip line.

The kids programming is fantastic. Lots of options or a myriad of interests. I also appreciate the employment opportunities for young kids.

the classes adult and kids offered

Fantastic, varied offerings. Inclusive, diverse, something for everyone. A lifesaver for when I had young kids. I have 3 boys, 9-12 years old. We utilized every park district program plus the kindergarten program for my youngest. Quality care, great staff, offer amazing programs for all ages.

Good programming for a broad range of age groups.

We like the beautiful clean parks. We particularly enjoy going to Gillson and enjoying the park and beach.

Management of a world-class swim beach and sail beach. Upkeep of facilities.

They haven't ruined too much yet. The new beach house is fabulous. The master plan roll out was good, however what's happened?

Management of park facilities, like the swimming beach, ice rink, pool.

Center Fitness center is nice.

Lots of programming, good communication

Wide variety of activities. Wilmette Golf Club.

programs

a good living environment

The lakefront is the best of the district. Nothing is ever perfect, but the WPD does a pretty good job.

Everything! Currently using Mallinckrodt Center; staff, environment and overall accommodations excellent

Easy access to beach. Dog park. Beautiful but simple new lakefront buildings. Good food and alcohol to enjoy with friends. Summer jobs for kids who like the outdoors. Most of all the lake!

The variety of programming for children, particularly toddlers. The maintenance of the community center and its facilities for activities is great.

After school Care, Gilson Park, Maple Park



Good programs for all ages. Parks and beaches

You can reach a person, and they are generally really resident-focused. I've always felt they are good with people and eager to help.

having tennis courts and have employees who sponsor game

I like the range of activities for kids and most classes and camps are affordable. That being said, tennis instruction was an exception. We went to Skokie park district for tennis lessons for the kids because Wilmette was too expensive and indoor availability was limited. Parks are well maintained and plenty.

meets the needs of residents -- programs for ALL ages: pre-school classes to walking track for seniors

Rec Center is a great facility. We currently use Centennial Ice Rink, but we have also had great classes (like dog training) at the Rec Center. It also provided after-school care for our daughter when she was little.

The classes were great when our kids were young We spent a lot of time at the park district for camps, pre school activities and after school activities  
the beauty of the parks

Communication is excellent Camps and Center Fitness are very good

Children's programming.

The Park District continually updates programs for every age group.

Parks, Sports Facilities

dog beach -- the new beach house at Wilmette Beach is simple + tastefully done -- Wilwork Program -- we found an excellent snowshoveler / young man through this program

communication

Lake parks, tennis courts

Dedicated employees

Variety of programs for all ages

Excellent gymnastic classes, ice skating, great beach

Gilson Park activities, the pool and the ice rink.

Park & Recreation facilities are tailored to all age groups needs

Good quality facilities. Great lakefront. Beautiful parks.

Classes and Facilities.

It has everything kid's needs

less each year, facilities are not as nice as neighbors



good leagues for young people soccer, baseball, basketball, well run in that regard.

well run -- changing things for the better

Young kids programs

Lots of offerings and programs for every age; lots of children's summer camps, great number and variety of parks.

Wilmette resident free parking lakeside at Gillson Park

I like all the parks we have , the pool, the tennis , the golf, the beaches , and the programs

Very professionally run. Great programs for kids, well-maintained facilities.

I think Gilson, both the beach and the park, are beautiful. I feel lucky to have it so nearby.

Activities offered at a reasonable price

Programming of almost every possible activity desired.

Convenient

- Options for camps, classes - Variety of amenities (Pool, Beach, HRC, Parks)

Children's programs are wonderful, Gilson Beach is top notch after the improvements. Looking forward to the Keay Nature Center improvements!

tennis courts mostly well kept

It keeps its parks up -- the lake is the best asset we have

Many offerings for all ages

Enjoy the range of outdoor play spaces. We have a dog and two kids (4/2 years old). We LOVE the beaches, dog park, playgrounds, nature walks, and ponds. We love the pool! It is always well maintained and staffed with lifeguards. We appreciate the beach and how there is a café close along with clean bathrooms.

Holiday events are always a hit, as well as special events like the Royal Ball. They are very family friendly and well run. Also, the PD has been very accommodating with schedule changes and needing to drop classes.

Wilmette Beach - Gillson Park - Elmwood Dunes - Attention to landscaping and nature planting

It is inclusive and has a wide variety of offerings for families/children.

variety of programs

Range of class times offered.

activities -- superb upkeep of parks, etc.

Park District provides so many programs and does it so well. Registration is easy, quality is high, cost is reasonable



variety of programs parks throughout the village

Parks are clean and safe.

Inclusive, wide variety of sports and activities. My kids have done camps, soccer, baseball. I keep a kayak at the beach. We use the pool. Now I swim laps. We have used the skating rink.

Range of programs

Gillson Park and Community Recreation Center

I think the pool is great. Would like as long a season and as late of hours as possible.

Access, Parks are well maintained.

Extracurricular activities for young children; the parks; the beach

The programs offered to children, like team sports, especially soccer, and the summer camps

Safe and peaceful environment

I do like the parks. Love Gillson Park and beach. Am member of the Wilmette Gym (Centennial Recreation -- Community Recreation)

The breadth of activities has been great. There's been something for everyone in my family at different ages. Right now I love the paddle tennis and the beach.

I like the lakefront

tai chi lessons @ Lakeview Center -- in past years!! Unbelievable experience in that setting.

I'm sorry, but I can't think of any way the WPD serves me or others at my age and stage.

it provides many services. the parks are clean and well cared for.

I appreciate that the Park Board solicits input from residents, whether for existing or possible new programs. They genuinely listen and consider residents concerns and opinions. It's not about pushing their agendas through, but taking seriously the input from residents. I also greatly appreciate that we have community gardens! Very important to continue this program and keep it going--especially at Centennial Park.

Variety of offerings from the beach to ice skating & tennis

I appreciate all of the different classes/sports offered for my 3 kids. There is truly something for everyone.

All the activities and facilities

We use the lake front in the summer months. We like that there is a guard at both entrances checking for window parking stickers. It is a popular destination, understandably. It is very beautiful. However it gets very crowded and is hard to park. It would be very difficult if there were not parking guards. Thank you for keeping (mostly) control.

Great tennis facilities, the pool is great, Gillson



Well maintained lakeshore, pleasing structures, paths and events by the water. The family events both in town and near the lake, on 4th and through summer. The camps and sign up classes for both kids and adults at park building.

The children's programs and the community center

Excellent facilities and activities

offers a variety of classes for adults.

children's activities, sports programs -- I'd give a 10 but occasionally maintenance isn't 100% great. The clean-up after the new Playfield path was poor. Netting everywhere in the grass.

Beautiful, well maintained parks. Fav is Mallen rodt. Love the ice skating in the park too. Great classes for kids all year round. Summer camps are good. Soccer leagues for kids had been great for our family.

# of facilities, parks, diverse opportunities

Great activities for young children, great youth sports programs

Pre-school programs, pre-school, after school programs for k-8, exercise classes

It is thoughtful for all age groups living in the community.

That there a quite a few parks. That there is ample lake-side park area. Well maintained. Nice walking trails. Proximity.

Gilson Park and the recreation programs

Great activities and variety of programming. Facilities are excellent. User feedback is sought.

Beach and Pool Programs

open access to so many public parks and events. Great management of public areas - cleanliness, trash receptacles, 'porta-potties'

I loved the programs when our kids were younger. The parks are amazing

Beaches Parks and programs

Summer swimming

Their summer camps are great. They have events throughout the year that are fun an engaging.

Classes for kids, great publication (when it was in print) - my kids have aged out, but I wouldn't go scouring online for it, maintaining nice parks and beach (though the past 3-4 years have been a bit off)

Provides strong athletic opportunities for youth, has done a nice job with the new beach house at Gillian beach

Lots of parks, properties mostly well maintained and beautified, lots of programming

the many programs you have for this kids



after school program

Great class variety, times, activities, etc.

The facilities we used to use and currently use are well managed & cost of using reasonable. We used to play golf & tennis but no longer engage in those activities.

A wide range of programming for all ages, great facilities, great outdoor spaces

The variety of facilities and programming is great.

It provides access to the lakefront and neighborhood parks throughout the village

Gillson is wonderful - beautiful place to walk/run year round, love the beach and dunes. Parks are safe and well maintained. Children's class offerings are diverse. Centennial is great.

Gillson has a natural setting. Design of newish beach house is fantastic.

I don't take full advantage of the Wilmette Park District but we really enjoy the pool and beach offerings.

Variety of offerings, facilities

Classes for kids, facilities

Facilities are overall good

The programs for our children when they were younger were great.

Programming - variety and execution. Summer, after school, community based, etc.

Programming is very good and the facilities are well designed and maintained. I am a big fan of the fitness center.

Variety of offerings - facilities, classes Prices for camps and classes are kept affordable

Clean park, great playgrounds and classes for kids

Beautiful beachfront - does a great job maintaining it, good children's sports, great pool

New beach is great.

Great employees overall and nice facilities.

There are a lot of options of activities for my kids (ages 8 & 11).

They try to do a good job maintaining the parks

Beautiful and accessible public parks, beach, pool, diverse programming

Before the pandemic I very much enjoyed the Community Center facilities & appreciated the staff & sense of community.



People are helpful. Lots to do when my kids were little.

Lots of great Park programs

WPD has helped me easily and wantingly. Had prob. during covid

I think they do a good job of maintaining the parks and facilities.

A wide variety of classes and facilities -- pool, beach, gym, etc.

Park facilities are well maintain; Staff/associates are knowledgeable & friendly

That services are available to Wilmette residents. I appreciate that other people may come and use Wilmette's parks and services, but residents should be prioritized. I also like to paddle tennis and future expansion plans.

parks, beach

When our son was a child, we took advantage of programs at the Rec Center and thought the programming was very good. He took karate and chess. We love the lakefront.

Our most typical usage of the park district is Gilson. We love having access to a very fun dog beach and love being able to take a morning or evening walk on the beach

maintains clean facility, port o potties, response time to calls and emails are quick. offers a variety of events/activities based on holidays.

overall nice facilities / parks

I like the summer camps. I like the tennis center. I like the plays that are put on.

Variety of programs for kids

THE PARKS ARE WELL MAINTAINED. MY CHILDREN ENJOYED THE TEAM PROGRAMS

Gymnastics! Art classes! The beach and centennial are amazing. Also the playgrounds. It is also welcoming and encourages community building.

Variety of offerings, relaxed refund policy.

Maintains parks well

I am currently enjoying the Rec Center for my 1st time. Excellent help w/staff and great classes.

Am answering based on the Parks, not the people who run the Park District: Parks are great; well run; open; accessible

My daughter loves the gymnastics program. It's great to have a local gymnastic facility with reasonably priced classes.

Have appreciated Theater programs for children and adults. Wallace Bowl Summer performances are a gem! Lakefront, Tennis, fields, and numerous athletic, performing arts and educational programs. Living in west Wilmette, nearby Community Center has been a huge hub for activities for our family. 4th of July celebration, always impressive.



We frequently use Maple and Gilson Parks. Also swim in the pool. Used summer camp programs when kids were little. Like native plant and wildlife areas.

When I had young children, i loved the beach, pool, and park district programs. Im an empty nester now, but still enjoy the parks and support it.

I like the variety of activities and the affordable pricing. I like that for my kids (especially when they were younger) it was a one-stop shop. The staff is friendly and helpful. All good things!

offers a nice variety of programs

Variety of programs for the kids. Clean and extremely well taken care of facilities. Overall great staff across the diverse programs. Recreation center for adults is a nice size and has some variety of group classes. There are plenty of parks within walking distance of each neighborhood.

good breadth of programs especially for kids

Range of programming is great. Used mostly when kids were young

parks -- Gillson -- theater programs for kids

The variety of programming is great The pricing for most classes (tennis is the exception here)

Many programs are offered, the sailing beach is a great resource

It offers a lot of different programs. The preschool is great too.

Tons of activities, very family friendly and offers accessible options for sports besides travel. Great facilities

The Fitness Club classes are accessible to all levels and they are fun! I love the beach! My place of peace.

No longer utilizing the classes and programs offered at the rec center and pool or even the neighborhood park (Maple Park.) Now enjoy walking to and through Gilson Park often. Commend the WPD on the new beachhouse and parking lot. SO enjoy seeing the birders and open water swimmers using the long bench and the beachfront. Do not swim anymore, but extensive beachfront is wonderful. We are so fortunate to have the extensive park and beachfront on Lake Michigan.

Mostly we used the various facilities as our kids were growing -- they loved Gillson Camp, sailing, beach, pool & tennis courts -- we still love the green spaces and walking on the beach & Gillson Park

Great locations, especially the outdoor partks.

The staff. I love the people that work there.

Offers a wide variety of activities

Many and varied programs and activities.

beach maintenance & management -- park cleanliness

I love that the park district is constantly trying to improve our recreational opportunities at the parks.





facilities generally good; golf course, fitness club, beach, Gillson Park

Variety of programs for kids throughout all seasons.

Parks are well maintained and the center is always clean and well staffed

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Open to all

the parks and facilities are well maintained

Clean and open without too much buildup and alterations over the years. Activities and opportunities for all residents.

Great facilities and programs.

The programming we've tried has been a hit with my kids. Everyone has been extremely friendly and helpful when I've called with questions. I love the fun and creative ideas they have for engaging on social media and in the parks.

I appreciate the time and plans the park district does.

offers wide variety of activities

recreational programming - best in the region beautiful, well maintained parks low taxes with high quality services and programs

I like most of the programming offered.

great playgrounds, programs for both kids & adults

Great facilities - Community Center, Gilson and parks are big parts of our lives

Centennial Fitness Center

The beach looks great! We used to use the rec center more when the kids were little and it was great then.

Gillson park and beach, dog beach,

When my children were younger we enjoyed the dance classes, youth theater, youth tennis classes, skating lessons (and ice show), and summer camps, particularly Great Gilson. We also loved going to the beach and watching fireworks on July 3. I am grateful for the range of athletic activities available, even those we didn't or don't currently take advantage of. Now I enjoy the pool for lap swimming, paddle ball, and pickleball.

The playgrounds, especially Vattman park, are pretty good. We like when Vattman has a story-walk. The beaches are wonderful, we like that Elmwood Dunes is free.

Offering programs for children. Commitment to installing solar panels on district property Working with Go Green Wilmette on the annual native plant sale and habitat restoration at Gillson and Mallinckrodt.

Parks and Beaches



Gillson beachfront and beach house are gorgeous and well maintained. The number of parks and playgrounds are near enough for nearly anyone to walk to and the variety of programming for all ages is fantastic.

Programming for all ages Maintenance of parks Thoughtful evaluation of all facilities, their best uses, etc.

children's programming

Year-round programming designed to help two-parent or single parent working households makes WPD the best park district on the North Shore!

The breadth of offerings in terms of kids activities are great.

Gillson

Children's programming is varied, convenient and fun. Pool is great. Playgrounds and parks are nice and well maintained. Summer programming is varied and fun.

We appreciate when green space is enhanced and maintained, as well as beach facilities

Good programs for children

Green space Beach Neighborhood playgrounds Community pool (open lap swim)

Variety of classes, Dog Beach, People Beach, Sailing beach, Employment, Parks, Kiln,

Open spaces such as Gillson Park, the Community Playfield, and Keay Nature Center are wonderful. Great park district classes promote a sense of community.

Responsive to suggestions.

fitness center

Variety of amenities, quality of amenities are both superb! Usually pleasant staff. Tennis classes are good. Golf course is good and new cart path is great! The improvements at the park on Hibbard are fantastic! Pavilion behind WJHS is smart. Love the beach. Wish the pool had a lazy river, but nothings perfect.

I think they do a great job with summer camps, hockey, and tennis.

offers a very wide range of activities for all age levels

1. The lakefront has been reasonably well maintained as a natural environment for quiet and recreation without over building. 2. The Park District offers a wide variety of activities for both children and adults.

the beaches are clean, no trash -- beaches are well maintained, no seaweed or other debris remains on beach, like the occasional driftwood

Too many things to list. Over the years, we raised two boys here availing ourselves of virtually ever facility and and a majority of programs. Summer camps, classes at the rec center, youth soccer, ice skating, 4 of July, etc.

Extensive programs, Gilson Beach, teen employment,



Parks, some of the classes at the Center Fitness Club, the instructors at the Center Fitness Club, outdoor spin classes were fun, soccer

Very well pu[??]

staff is knowledgeable and polite

It has been pretty good at providing different opportunities for being in nature & outdoor activities.

Great programming, especially for children Very responsive staff. It is awesome to call and talk to a human being who can answer your questions. Or get a prompt email reply.

Variety of programming. Gillson Beach and Centennial are wonderful facilities and make Wilmette unique

The beach

All the parks, ice rink, swimming pool, Gillson Park, concerts, golf course, activities for all.

The variety of activities for all ages.

Variety of classes and times offered for all ages

Pools, Centennial and Beach, Centre fitness club, variety of classes.

I like the offerings for both adults and children. We love the parks around Wilmette.

Tries to make everyone happy provide services to all

Great beach and pool activities. Lots of variety offered everywhere

The early education program at the rec center! We really like all of the teachers and especially appreciate Catherine Meeth.

Programs and services are affordable and accessible to Wilmette residents. There is a fairly broad range of activities.

Built a running/jogging track in Community Playfield and a Bathroom

I like the variety of recreational activities that are available for kids. I like that there usually are enough spots available to enroll my kids. I like the 'little extras' like the books in the park, decorating the parks, etc. It makes it feel welcoming and fun for the kids. I also really appreciate the flexibility with dropping classes or switching classes if it doesn't work out.

Offers multitude of activities and resources for all ages.

My children have used the Centennial Pool and my daughter has taken ice skating lessons. We like that facility and (at least before it was torn up) enjoyed Thornwood Park on an almost daily basis.

Broad range of activities. Great pool complex, tennis complex and ice arena.

The parks around the village are beautiful! When our daughter was young, she enjoyed the summer camps. We love the doggy beach. And I'm so glad there's a free option to enjoy the beach at Gillson Park.



The grass always looks great! Nice variety of trees  
the beach -- Gillson Park walks -- tennis -- Wallace Bowl performances -- the 4th of July celebrations  
Like the parks, beach access, programs, facilities, improvements at beach  
Programs (kids sports, etc), amenities (lake, pool, courts, centennial, community center, etc)  
Good sports programming for kids, good summer camps  
Pool, beach  
There are so many facilities & programs offered.  
I think the parks are really well kept  
Conditions of fields (baseball and soccer) and grounds in general are in excellent condition. They also do a great job at the golf course.  
programming is good  
beach, open space  
Plenty of various activities for all ages & types of people. Also liked the health club when I went pre-covid and the track at the Community Playfield & the pool!  
Gillson is an amazing park; strong tennis facilities and program; popular camps  
Kids activities  
I like the new beach front facility  
The parks offer a wide range of activities including playgrounds, community gardens, sports facilities and beaches. My spouse and I visit Gillson Park regularly. I am an avid gardener and use the community garden.  
Great Gillson Park, the beach & the people -- Hibbard Park for walking when weather is fair I  
live near West Park & love what it's become.  
They hold regular meetings and permit resident input.  
Childcare offerings and camps.  
The fact that you sent this survey! Public involvement is great! The activities for kids are great the beach and the pool  
THE BEACH, GILLSON PARK, CENTENNIAL  
Programs and activities for young children (e.g, preschool, classes, events). Also like the after school care program which provides bus service from elementary school to rec center



Handling of Gillson Park

I like the fireworks and some community gatherings

Lots of offerings. Good things for young kids and seniors. I recently joined the fitness center and it's decent.

The Park District offer many programs for people of all ages. They take very good care of the pool, Gillson and the other parks. I rarely if ever see graffiti anywhere on the properties and they are one of the largest employers of Wilmette teens.

i feel like we have wonderful programs and facilities, especially the new walking path at the community playfields

We have the lakefront a natural gem

The programming is good.

spends money like crazy

There's a good number of programs hosted by WPD for youth and adults alike.

I like that it offers a wide range of activities for many ages. I love the birthday parties it offers. It has great community events.

I think summer camps (not the sign-up!) are great and we are very lucky to have those for our kids. Gillson beach is also great.

Lake front amenities, various free events and the golf course

Variety of programs for adults and kids. Holiday events are also great.

Responds to village residents -- gets back to villagers when we ask about issues or projects.

Great communication. Lots of options

I like the variety of services they offer, and employees are always helpful and friendly whenever I've needed them.

Programming for kids and families. Great to have all the youth sports leagues. I enjoy the adult tennis program.

Upkeeps areas well. Provides numerous needed services for all age groups.

The arts. The plays and summer schedule At Gillson.

Entertainment.

Range of activities offered in well-maintained facilities

Nice beaches, parks, signage, facilities

Great offering of classes & programs to join from season to season

Summer camps for kids Innovative redo of children's parks

The beach, the class offerings for kids, the Center Fitness Club



We really enjoy the offerings.

Love a majority of the programing that goes on at the Park district. Would love to see the park district take over youth flag football and improve baseball and lacrosse to house leagues.

I like the summer programs for kids, the outdoor concerts, and of course, the beach.

nature areas, and spaces for wildlife

Walkways open space trees

Gymnastics, paddle, ice skating

Nice variety of activities, especially for younger kids.

I'm 94 and live at Mallinckrodt -- got a beautiful view of the park & great upkeep -- Thanks

I like the many programs that the park district offers.

Great tree management; good fields for children and adults; great beach

I think Gilson Park Tennis courts are beautiful. So glad they have been resurfaced.

No Comment

Gillson beach access. Kids programming - especially gymnastics classes (and variety of times available). Wilmette Paddle Club.

Centennial tennis -- Gillson beach -- love the beach house

parks looks good

Activities for young children, the pool, and the beach

Like the number of Parks.

I enjoy the indoor running track at the rec ctr.

The amenities, programs and services. The best thing the WPD offers is the lake front.

Breadth of activities available. Parks have a variety. Many are walkable. Story walks Other tours of parks

summer camps

Great facilities!

There are many playgrounds

Youth and adult programs, common utilities



The programming and facilities are fantastic. However the landscape and parks are neglected. The parks, trees and open land is a valuable asset for our community and one of the most important things that sets us apart from most other communities. We need to allocate more resources to maintain and protect this important asset.

My husband and I had a membership & exercised 3 or more times per week. Then came covid. Then he became ill. When covid was over we went a few times. Membership expired. He died and I never renewed.

It is friendly and listens to its patrons' suggestions

Classes, lakefront

Follows through on promises

Variety of activities and facilities

- Summer camp programs for kids - diversity of activities available for kids - relatively high number of park spaces - park spaces that enable visitors to reconnect with nature (i.e., de-stress)

Variety of activities, but should not focus on beach.

I think the park district does a great job offering activities for all ages. The youth sports and activities are a great option for families and an important part of the community.

The beauty is top notch. Keeping things clean is also evident, even during busy summer months.

Understands the needs of all income level families

Extensive options of activities

Everyone works with members to give us the best place to work out.

The various activity options, instructors, and facilities are very good.

Convenient, number of activities, pool

it was good while the kids were growing up. A lot has changed since then.

Children's programmes, number of parks, maintenance. Walking track at Community Playfields. Beach

A lot of lovely parks, particularly Gillson

Pro: Lots of lovely parks Cons: 1. Park District does not maintain driveway/walkway at Gillson 2. Park District does not maintain trees. 3. Park District seems to ignore the will of residents

Love the range of activities: art, dance, music, sports, recreation, etc. and range of ages: senior to infant. Love the facilities - Gilson, Centennial pool, Centennial ice rinks, indoor tennis, etc. Love the focus on community and families.

We enjoy the beach, dog beach and camp when our child was younger.



Everything! We love the Centennial pool/tennis/skating complex. The Rec Center with the gymnastics center and so many other programs is a super resource. The outdoor tennis courts and accompanying kids' tennis programs are wonderful and so convenient to so many residents. The instructors are always professional and so very nice. I can't say enough good things about the Park District.

Variety of programs - so many sport and fitness activities, the beautiful lakefront, classes & activities like the Gingerbread house building & art classes, and programming that ranges in age from small children to the oldsters.

excellent beach house & surrounding area

Sports, tennis, paddle

natural preservation of Gillson beach

We enjoy kids' playgrounds and beach facilities.

Lots of offering across many different ages and interests at a great price.

Gilson Park. Ability to walk along the lake and enjoy the large grassy area which highlights it.

The community feel at the rec center.

Great fitness center. Lots of fun programs -- lovely beach & pool & parks

Maintains wonderful facilities and parks. Offers a diverse selection of events

The beach The pool

The golf course is beautiful. Hoping the new restaurant is as good as it seems.

During the winter, the snow and ice is quickly removed. The parks are well kept.

Nice staff

the open air and easy accessibility

There's a very large variety of classes offered to kids. My kids spend a lot of time at the rec center and get escorted to classes (either from full-day preschool or after-care).

1. Gillson Park A great place to walk in the park and on the beach 2. Wilmette Golf Course. It is a very good place to play and I am happy with the women's welcome and Leagues

The parks are clean, and well maintained

Broad range of activities offered. Well run

Outdoor parks and waterfront

care and maintenance of outdoor parks and indoor facilities





Many options for sports and activities of all ages from gymnastics to tennis to basketball to dance to ceramics. We love the beach!! Having school day off programs at the rec center for working parents

I love Gilson and the recent updates. There are good outdoor playground spaces scattered throughout the community.

Variety of activities; properties generally well-maintained

The beach is beautiful and it has been designed excellently well

I like Gillson Park & the lakefront. Pre-covid I used the Centennial pool and took a class at Mallinckrodt.

Maintains our beautiful lakefront and offers good community programs.

They do a great job with everything they do.

Wide range of activities at reasonable prices.

When our kids were little, we used all of the programming. It provides a wonderful environment for families. It also provides good places for adults to congregate. It provides the activities that, in many other communities, are limited to those who can afford private club membership.

sports programs for kids (eg soccer) -- playgrounds

open spaces.

We like the rec programs, camps and parks and play opportunities

well maintained parks -- like beachfront

Very good community outreach with major capital projects.

A broad range of activities. Great facilities. Have employed my kids.

I used child care for years. Now I like access to the fitness center and classes at the rec center.

The 'grounds' look nice & are well taken care of. The park district is good at communicating.

Maintains parks well, lots of variety, great playgrounds, swimming beach rebuild is beautiful, enhancements to playfield park (new trail) just right

Children's classes and summer camps

Many options for programs and activities

Camp/

The variety of activities offered

the beach, great classes, golf course

It was great when my kids were young. Lots of good programming



Facilities. Also, they do their best to keep things open like Gilson park. Noticed yesterday tennis courts were open in Feb - since no snow and residents were using. They flood soccer field in winter so residents can skate. They keep sailing beach open after Labor Day so residents who have boats can continue to sail. Also, staff for all facilities are friendly and easy to work with.

very well maintained

The lakefront area is our crown jewel.

Affordable

The beach is great. I wish the fitness center prices offered more classes at night.

FINALLY a bathroom in the community playfield! Thank you. Day camps were great when our children went there. We love the dog beach!

Wide variety of programming options and accommodating staff

Gilson Park Beach is great. We used to use Centennial Rink for our son's hockey program.

The activities available and the beautiful spaces throughout the village, especially the Gilson Beach.

After school activities, playgrounds

Gillson Park

It purchased a snow grooming plow for cross country skiing at the Wilmette golf club

Always improving facilities and lakefront while being respectful of the residents opinions and concerns. They get things done.

We use it for very many activities, soccer league, indoor sports, family art night, taekwondo, camp programs, birthday parties, gymnastics.

Excellent facilities. Polite Staff Enforcement of safety rules Options for activities Willingness to listen to public feedback

parks,beach,pool and ice rink

The parks, especially the lakefront. And the variety of recreational programs

Pool for the kids in the summer Gillson Park Beach

All

Programs for children are wonderful - we used them when our children were young. The volume of options are increased dramatically - great.

Exercise facility Childcare and children's activities

Camps used to be excellent and they have gone downhill with the counselors not being expected to follow through or handle situations well. Tennis is a great program and use of our door tennis courts is good.

like Centennial tennis, like system of booking tennis courts in advance Like going to the Gilson beach, like having permit to park on the beach parking lot liked Canzonetta orchestra when it was available



All of the amazing programming for children, from the excellent preschool to the absolutely essential summer camps. Also the community Rec facilities, the beautiful beachfront, the ice rink, the pools. The park district is one of the best parts of our move to Wilmette. Everything (except camp and new class registration) is excellent.

Gilson Beach - wonderful beach, great concessions and well staffed

Mallinckrodt Senior Center Center Fitness Club

The parks are in general good repair. There is a good variety of places, programs, and events to satisfy the community, and people of all ages.

The Wilmette Park District is very respectful and responsive to the community -- and to my family -- in both big and small ways. I have always been impressed by its leadership. For example, every time I have seen the executive director speak in a public forum, he has been extremely respectful and impressively patient - taking very different points of view under consideration. The small ways are too many to count. Here is simple example of great customer services: There was a little mix up in my payment and cancellation of a sailboat rental fee. Someone got immediately back to me - even though - he couldn't take care of it - just to let me know it would be taken care of. Not much longer, someone got back to me to resolve the matter. That sounds simple but Park District employees consistently has a customer service mindset that I really appreciate.

I like that there is a walkway to jog/walk/or run. I like that in the summer there in fat shack for the kids.

Community

variety

Very good communication community wide.

programs for children -- 4th of July activities

We like the pool and my kids really enjoyed the swim lessons last summer at centennial. I've really enjoyed their theater productions in the past even though my children have not participated in them.

Lots of facilities. Run well. Gets opinions from residents

I really enjoy the activities and the opportunities the park district offers!

bicycle trails & access

When my kids were growing up they attended many classes and activities as well as ice skating lwaaona. So many things offered!

Those facilities that offer walking paths.

Gillson Park is a gem.

The staff at the paddle courts

The park district offers programming for all ages in the village, and effectively reassess the offerings on a regular basis.

Info & beautiful graphics on brochures, website. -- parks that allow dogs -- dog beach -- new beach house -- wildflower garden



Lots of offerings for events, lots of park areas in the village, well maintained parks.

I like Gillson Park for its openness, greenery, lack of too-much concrete, overall feel. Programming has been helpful.

Lots of park district programming

The parks are clean and accessible.

My husband enjoys playing tennis at the facilities indoor and outdoor year round. I like visiting Gillson Park and the beach, specifically enjoying the guided birdwalks in May. I also visit Keay Nature Center with my family. The wild naturey places are what we value most from the park district.

We appreciate the lenient cancellation policy and the easy registration policy. We also like the variety of programming and events.

keeps the parks in good condition

Generally nice facilities and programs for kids.

Childcare support around school.

Paddle tennis. The people. The teachers. The coaches who run it. Erie Moran. Use to make sailing beach patrons feel special. Like the ice rink.

Programs for younger kids to elementary school, like after school care and summer programs and general recreation. We like that there are many parks.

Offers a diverse array of programs and activities for children and adults

Many kids activities.

Parks and facilities are great. Variety of classes is good.

variety of activities reasonably priced and striving to provide more.

The parks, very user friendly and pleasant. Gillson great for picnics and walks along beach.

Very accommodating, quick response time, inclusive, everyone who works for PD is kind and professional. Early childhood center is run well and very community based/family friendly.

A good variety of classes; safe and well-maintained parks, facilities, beach, and playgrounds

The pool.

My kids took a lot of lessons there

Overall good facilities - Sailing & swim beach, tennis/ice/pool and paddle. Outdoor tennis courts in good condition.

variety of activities

soccer, paddle ball, west park

Park maintenance is overall good.



I like the variety and quantity of park district programs offered to the community. I also like the health club. The number of parks is impressive. so many options! Throughout the year and also summer camps

We have enjoyed the kids programs at the Rec center for many years, also enjoy the native plant gardens that have been planted. For the amount of tax money the Park District gets, they could do much more with native gardens

My almost 6yo loves sports programs offered by WPD, particularly gymnastics, ice skating, tennis. Facilities are in great shape. We love Centennial aquatic center as well as Gillson beach. There is a nice variety of programs for older kids.

LOVE the outdoor pool and availability for lap swimmers. The offerings for children and youth are incredible, including summer camps and sports leagues.

The parks and facilities are lovely, especially the beach front. There is variety and something for everyone regardless of age

Gillson Park is awesome; would like to see Langdon Beach reopened in some way

I think you try very hard to provide programming for everyone.

Pool, beach

It communicates well. Good emails and newsletter to let my wife and I know what's going on. I

like centennial pool. The park district's classes for young's kids are also good.

programs for children

Wilmette Golf Club

some of programs for kids are great. some other programs are hard to get a spot. It would be nice to have more community gatherings at Park district.

Programs for kids

offers a variety of classes for all ages

Youth sports (baseball, soccer, hockey, figure skating) Collaborative events with Wilmette Green

Offers a wide range of facilities and activities (indoor and outdoor) for differing ages.

really outstanding tennis program

We like that we have a big park district and many public parks.

Abundance of parks, family oriented activities

I really liked the summer camps when my kids were small. They included my disabled daughter with support.

variety of offerings

Gillson Beach/Surrounding park. The current beach is very accessible and well maintained. I would not change the current dunes and look of the beach very much. Minor improvements at best



Good programs at affordable costs.NA

Love to be able to park at south beach any time of the year and get out for a minute and stand on the beach-my wife has difficulty walking so the parking being so close to the beach is invaluable and a reason we live here. Love sailing beach

beach -- sailing -- children's programs

There are a variety of activities for all age groups.

Great beach and pool. Lot's of kids activities. The afterschool program is great.

I like Gillson beach and the easy cancellation policies.

Summer camps.

I love Mallinckrodt Park! However, it does need better gardening and weed pulling.

Access to playgrounds and beach

Not much.

The WPD has a long history of conducting great programs for children.

I appreciate that the Park District had so many creative and rich offerings for my children who grew up here; I also appreciate all of the programs offered to all ages and all types of community members. The PD has enriched our lives and I feel it has been good stewards of our tax monies.

The lake

Center fitness club

Gillson Park 3rd of July

golf course

Maintenance of beautiful green spaces, wonderful programming

Parks and beach are well-maintained

Supervisors that answer email with concerns. Parks in good condition. Music at Wilmette Bowl and Mallinckrodt.

Offers families numerous activities

Children's programing. Stopping the use of pesticides in the parks. It was good the black aluminum fencing was removed from Gillson.

Changes in gym. Adding of restrooms in park. There should be various restrooms (porta potty 's ) in all parks as was done during COVID-19. They need to be open all year round.

Things seem to run smoothly.

Rec Center classes (e.g. yoga)



great amenities, beach, pool, tennis, paddle, fitness classes, children's programs

the beach is the BEST!

Landscaping maintenance in parks is done well and kept up. However, the village and Go Green have warned the community about invasive lesser celandine but I see it is taking over Gillson Park.

variety of classes

open land -- Gillson Park

Great youth sports programs. Books with listings of upcoming classes or activities are always sent to homes so that everyone can see all of the offerings. Our experience with the sailing beach with the paddleboard has been very good (although the wait was extremely long...6+ years). The staff are friendly and knowledgeable.

The parks are beautiful and available to the public. The programs for children are impressive.

Park District served our family well when our children were young. Today, use it less but enjoy the space and cleanliness.

Variety of classes for all members of the family Great pool and beaches

Diversity of programs. Beach, golf parks

Facilities, access.

great facilities - pool, beach, tennis courts, ice rink, paddle. Lots of programs options for kids and adults

The fact we have a pool when other lakeshore villages do not. Pretty responsive staff. Decent variety of programs.

We like the different offerings of activities.

The pool and beach access is our favorite aspect of the WPD The WPD has a ton of programming for all ages which is great

Needs better Rec Center indoor pool -- Glenview's makes us look bad. Like golf course, like classes. Need better outreach for seniors to be included. Need free fenced dog run area.

Maple is well built for young people -- Langdon could have more welcoming picnic area -- Glenview's Flick is my all-time favorite

We like the outdoor swimming pool and varied classes/camps for children. Particularly like community Rec center facility and have hosted birthday parties there.

offer variety of classes -- good theater program

transparent policy decisions -- good steward of tax dollars

I like the art classes taught by Fran Vail and Tom James.

Gillson and children's activities



Provides a wide variety of services including tennis complex, parks for both active and passive recreation, day camps and after school programs.

Lots of fun options. I've enjoyed signing up for the one-time activities like holiday themed crafts, gingerbread houses. My daughter has consistently enjoyed the gymnastics programs.

Great variety of programming for children at convenient times and locations

I like the play lots for children. I love Gilson park

Kids sports program (soccer), pool, beach

Centennial facilities are good Management better in 5 years ago than now

Very diverse, a lot of fun activities to all ages.

The programs for our kid have largely been great, and thoroughly enjoyed.

communication

kids programs year round, like gymnastics

Nice paddle tennis facility.

The selection and vast offerings available to participate in. The early childhood program was wonderful for my children, the soccer program and gymnastics programs have been great. The park district is the pillar of our community.

They offer a wide variety of programs for children. Their facilities are nice and well maintained. Upgrades to some of the parks seems to be going well.

There is a good mix of resources. Something for everyone. Things are typically done tastefully.

Activities for kids, beach and pool access are great, makes it easy.

the amount of green space they provide

Children's programming, camps, theatre etc. Malinckrodt programs. Parks and green spaces.

You handle the pool and beach quite well but I wish it was cheaper for seniors.

Gillson Park. -- breadth of programs

The open areas, areas devoted to birds, native species of plants & trees, beach access.

beach remodeling = natural - tips -- enjoy natural beauty

I love our outdoor spaces, our natural gardens, and the WPD's commitment to maintaining them. I love that their priority is to help us feel good and have fun.

Nice, clean, efficiently operated facilities. Reasonably priced recreation for kids.

The open green fields, new 1 mile walking path, indoor & outdoor tennis courts/lessons, Gilson Beach. Classes for all ages-





I have been happy with all the WPD programs my children, and now my grandchildren, have been involved in over 47 years living in Wilmette. We have used the beach and pool, summer camps, ice skating programs and many other programs at the recreation center and parks.

Centennial Family Aquatic Center is the best part of the Park District. The 50-meter outdoor pool is truly a special and unique space and a fantastic amenity of the village. They should keep the pool open for a longer season (April through November). Gilson Beach is also nice.

Summer program is great in variety (not enough availability though, but we really like it) and execution. Parks are clean. Prices for the activities are reasonable. Infrastructure at the beach is great. Website, information, and communication (email, mail) are great. Centennial complex is great, especially the pool.

Amount of programming for kids, indoors and outdoors. Great communications, teachers, coaches, facilities, etc.

Offers good range of activities. Good communication

I like that there are facilities and parks scattered throughout the village, rather than being all located in one neighborhood.

Many parks. Lots of options.

great programs for children

I like that the PD is committed to maintaining and enhancing our parks and looks for creative ways to add features the community wants.

Beaches and lakefront.

Lots of offerings for children and adults

Broad and diverse offerings

Lakefront, summer camps for school age children, platform tennis

The best thing about the sailing beach is the great kids that are hired every summer. They are awesome!

Fitness Center -- affordable, good equipment, great classes, needs better management

We don't use the park district.

Great parks and great programs. We love the rec center and the classes too!

We enjoy walking around Gillson Park in nice weather. The District keeps it in good shape. We've also attended programs in the past at Mallinckrodt Center, which we've enjoyed. I don't think there have been any since COVID took over. I appreciate the catalogues and other information the District sends. And there's a small park close to us, which we walk through occasionally.

Variety of activities and facilities.

It provides many program available to children and its auditorium has housed many concerts of my child. I

love the beach and outdoor pool

Excellent programs, extra curricular activities for children



options for membership and beach offerings

I like that the WPD offers great classes for all ages, as well as jobs for high school kids. The Rec center is really nice, the beaches are beautiful. I use the sailing beach regularly. I enjoy the natural beauty of Gillson Park. It is a treasure.

Lots of activities for kids

fitness center -- clean, well managed and convenient

The fountain is very dirty at Skokie&Hibbard park. Disgusting when I walk every day in that park.

Gillson Beach is well-run.

There is nothing that I like about the Wilmette Park District. It has shown itself over the entire time I have lived here, to be an inept body that cares nothing and knows nothing about how to manage parkland, natural areas, historic park buildings or trees. It shows total ignorance of issues relating to climate change and environmental issues. It is financially irresponsible and only knows how to build/erect plan for things that are not necessary. It is also a very disrespectful and arrogant body that does not listen to its citizens. I have attended many park district meetings over the years and this body is a total disgrace. They show a complete disregard for reason and intelligent thinking and/or planning. They are again, A TOTAL DISGRACE.

I love most of them. Trees, playgrounds, the lakefront, Keay Nature Center. My children are grown but I support anything for the community children!

The sailing beach, the parks, the programs.

That there are so many options for my family from classes, sports and summer camp!

Gilson Park, Playgrounds, New track around playfields, fitness center

The variety of kids classes.

Attractive park and beach, particularly the lakefront park — good for walking. When my children were younger, very good drama and recreational activities, including at ice rink.

I like the beach, pool, park district classes for school aged children, day off programming for kids, parks, 3rd of July festivities, fitness equipment and programming, sailing beach, dog beach, guest passes, ice skating open skate...

Good communication

Beach, wide array of offerings, sportsfields, loved kid sports teams

the parks

We have enjoyed the parks, the beach, various types of classes and holiday parties (like Halloween parties at Gillson) during our time living in Wilmette. The kid's art and dance classes were really fun when my family participated in them; our children especially loved 'Pots & Tots' and the gingerbread house decorating classes. We still enjoy the pottery made at the park district and we continue to decorate our home each season with items made in the classes. Also, we recently participated in a tai chi class in the park thru the senior center which we enjoyed. Gillson Park is a favorite of ours as is Mallinckrodt Park.



Gilson beach is nice

It does not operate like a financially driven organization but treats residents respectfully.

The flexibility in terms of registration for kids activities. The ability to get a prorated refund if want to cancel registration for a kids activity ja very valuable.

Has a nice beach and nice parks

We are lucky to have such beautiful parks and beaches.

The parks are clean and there are many of them

Variety of activities; liberal return policy

Do well? Not much Exercise facilities and skating rink but we do not use anymore

Amount of programming is good as well as some of the facilities and parks.

Amazing pool and beach facilities.

Paddle Beach Outdoor pool

Gymnastics classes, sports leagues for elementary, adult tennis, adult paddle leagues, swimming pool

maintenance of the park and beach and handling of Village Fair are all well done!

Variety of programs and outdoor parks; maintaining parks along the beach

Grounds and facilities are well maintained. There's something available for every age group.

Love the beachfront accessibility, the sailing beach and our dog beach. Love the beer option at the Gilson swimming beach. The Wallace Bowl performances are great, have more ! Appreciate all the classes, camps and options for adults and children alike via our park district. We like that all of our parks are well maintained and clean for the most part.

Gillson Park and beach

The extra help!

Lots of parks, tennis, swim options, programming

Parks are well maintained. Activities well thought out and executed.

We like the Sailing Beach and have found support staff warm and friendly. Megan White specifically is wonderful.

Offer a wide range of activities that appeal to families/individuals of all ages

Wide range of activities offered for a range of ages, and excellent parks and facilities.

Lots of free space to play around in within walking distance.



The variety of the parks and services

Rec Center Fitness, Gilson Park, and the other parks around time,

Gillson Park & beach -- picnic areas -- fitness classes

beach -- ice rink

The park district offers an incredible variety of activities for our kids. We are enrolled in gymnastics, art, archery, ballet, and chess and our kids love it. We also enjoy going to Halloween events and plays, as well as the beach. Plus we go to Hibbard Park (our neighborhood park) all the time.

Very happy with the pool and beach available.

dog park

available parks -- children's programs

We like that there are so many outdoor tennis courts and a pretty good indoor tennis facility (although it could be better, including better lighting).

The parks are well kept and maintained.

I like the flexibility when it comes to booking park district classes and getting a refund if you decide you don't want to participate anymore.

I like the way we employ older kids to teach/care for younger kids

I love that programming is refundable if canceled. I love the cleanliness of the parks. The sports programs really provide an opportunity for the community to come together and I love that there is something available to everyone.

People Beach and Dog Beach

uncluttered parks -- uncluttered beach -- Centennial facility -- good staff

Gillson Park, Vattman Park, Mallinckrodt Park

Great parks, beaches - well-maintained Wide range of programs for children - seem well-organized Nice facilities - great pool!

We like the open spaces, lake access and the natural aspects of the parks. WPD does well with programming for young residents (i.e. summer programs, soccer, gymnastics), fitness center and partnering for special events.

Operation of sailing and swimming beach

Good and diverse programs. Dedicated staff. Variety of parks.

Love the 4th of July Fireworks. Beaches are clean and safe. Parks are well maintained. They have resisted the Park Districts Boards urge to over develop Gilson. They offer a variety of classes and programs for all ages. Love the creative programming ie: Touch a Truck.

Great quality and number of programs.

Landscaping, beauty, wildlife. Limited noise level.



Gillson Park, golf course, Mallinckrodt

facilities

Parks and open space. Beach particular great.

Maintains great parks.

I love the parks availability of the pool. We are beach people so we love Gilson. Leave it like it is.

The park district has built a strong foundation of programming and some key supporting facilities. The beach, beach hut, pool, paddle & tennis courts, ice rink, and gymnastics area.

The variety of parks - beachfront, wooded trails, courts, playgrounds

beach -- pool

Parks are clean

Variety of different programs

Parks are clean and neat my home We enjoy the pool & beach in summer

Activities they offer for both adults and children

Summer concert series at Gillson Park and Mallinckrodt Park. Too few in 2022; hoping for a return to more frequent events in 2023--including the July 4th concert with the Palatine orchestra.

Offer many options from programming and facilities. Good communication on upcoming programs and events.

Lakefront activities are my favorite. There is something for everyone as far as activities and classes.

The people that work for the park District respond quickly and politely

Great services provided at a relatively low cost. How the beach is run is amazing. We love the variety of classes available for children along with after care and camp options. The pool is lovely. I'm also very happy to see more natives being incorporated into plantings around district facilities. Staff bends over backwards to accommodate the public, even when public demands are somewhat unreasonable.

Gillson Park; swimming pool complex

Open spaces. Summer camps. Youth programs. playgrounds. 3rd of July festivities. Wallace Bowl events. Places to enjoy nature.

We love the program for kids. After school activities and summer camps are great. We like how well everything is organized.

I like the wide variety of activities and parks. Great gymnastics program.

Variety of programs for all ages.

Children's programs, camps, 3rd of July festivities



Love our pool, tennis courts and dog beach!

Enjoy walking dogs in Wilmette parks with sidewalks.

Parks are well maintained and within walking distance from my house.

I like that Wilmette has a park district that offers a lot.

Park maintenance and festivals. Green Bay trail is great should go S. to Evanston

I enjoy walking along Wilmette Beach and Gillson Park. I have not visited Centennial Park in 40+ years.

The fourth of July events . The inclusiveness of the programs.

Group classes - tennis specifically

They keep the parks clean and offer a variety of things for younger people

The public pool is really nice.

I love our parks in Wilmette. They are so important and highly utilized. I love the Wilmette camps and classes, they are such an integral part of our community and so important for our families. I also love the pool and beach, an important part of Wilmette life.

lots of options- special things like nutcracker are special. However consistency of people leading classes would be helpful.

Great array of classes and activities for adults and kids, beach and pool

Maintaining natural spaces and public amenities

The early childhood development center is wonderful.

Variety of facilities and programs including Centennial Ice Arena, Centennial Pool (50M outdoor lap pool) and Community Center.

Gilson park!

activities at Rec Center baseball pool youth and adult basketball

options

Gillson Park / Lakefront

They do an excellent job on care and maintenance of our parks.

The lakefront, sailing and dog beaches

Good communication. Nice facilities

clean and well maintained -- beautiful trees are inviting



I especially love Gillson park. However I love the fact that we have so many parks in Wilmette and that they are well-maintained. I have enjoyed the emphasis in recent years on native plants in our park system. I also am grateful for the relationship the Park District has with 'Go Green Wilmette.'

beach -- pool -- classes

Overall park district facilities. Priced fairly for Wilmette residents.

offers lower rates for membership to lower income residents; has many programs I

really enjoy the events and programs offered for our children.

Kids' programmes and outdoor swimming pool

Generally well maintained parks throughout the community to accommodate a variety of sports and interests. Very good range of programming available every season especially for children/youth.

variety -- peaceful and NOT overcrowded and noisy!

Large variety of activities and programs available for children and adults, nice facilities, friendly staff, ease and flexibility with registration.

The number and cleanliness of parks

The parks and beachfront are very well maintained.

Maintains great beaches and has a huge variety of options for kids (camps, sport leagues, facilities)

Free access to Gillson Park including free shore area.

tennis facilities -- low key feel to parks

The parks and playgrounds are nice.

The number of programs for kids -- the walking track

Although I haven't utilized the facilities yet, I am told the gym is well appointed and reasonably priced. I also think the Mallinckrodt Center is a true asset for the community!

Beautiful and numerous paths (esp. Gillson), lots of different programs

Maintains several programs and facilities. Lots of kids programs.

Facilities are beautiful. Well maintained and up to date. There are a variety of classes offered.

The classes for children were great when my children were young.

open spaces

Gillson Park.



Love Gillson Park -- beach is better than the beach at Amelia Island Plantation in Florida that I had access to. Every time I go to Gillson I tell myself I'd never had gone to Florida if I had seen Gillson.

provides a wide range of facilities and activities for all ages

Inclusive, open, offerings spanning all age groups and most needs. Wilmette is fortunate in the summer, in particular, to have a great pool and the amazing Gilson/lakefront area.

Gymnastics, pool

Partner with NTX to offer art classes

I like the facilities - love the beach. Overall I think the park district does a good job of executing services. The employees are for the most part helpful and the facilities are clean.

Good array of children's activities. Pool and beach amenities are functional and adequate. Local parks are well maintained.

Many parks for kids to play in. Clean and well maintained. Some programs for kids at the community center.

There is a good variety of activities for my family. The availability of the pool and beach are great. Pricing is a bit high, but not exorbitant. The facilities themselves are in good shape regardless of age, generally well maintained and clean.

Great programs when my kids were young

Gillson is a treasure - best beach in Chicagoland WPD kids' programs are excellent (daughter went through skating and loved it) Provides great summer work opportunities to our teens

Fitness classes

Great list of programs, activities, and special events for all ages. All of the above are well organized and enjoyable.

Variety of programs

Community child care programs

Cleanliness, maintenance, no pesticides on lawn areas, activities

Balance budget Seeks input from residents and takes in all information before making the best decision.

many programs

The offerings through this park district are so robust and exciting! We have always been grateful for the many programs, beautiful parks and beaches - the parks department is an important part of what makes this such a special place to raise a family.

Wide variety of sports and activities for kids.

access to a variety of parks, including some on the lake. great facilities and activities are offered to the family





Easy access for residents. Good variety of programs and activities. Well maintained. Improvements over the years have all been positive. We have a beautiful lakefront.

The Wilmette park district has fantastic assets in Gilson Park, The Ice Center and a number of community parks which support microneighborhoods. These assets must be preserved and not commercialized.

Trees, open space

Variety of activities for all ages, all the playgrounds and parks, beach front (especially the new renovation), all the resources from ice skating to pool to gymnastics

The lakefront-it's management of the different aspects of usage



## Appendix 3: Verbatim Responses – WPD “Dislikes”/Improvements Sought



We feel the price for certain things is too much. Most classes are very reasonable no issues. However the paddle board 'permit' is outrageous. A resident should be able to walk into the water and not be hounded by staff asking for said permit which is cost prohibitive. We only go out a few times a year and essentially equals more than \$50 a launch (3 boards personally owned) which is unjustified in my opinion for a public lake that should belong to the residents launching from the non beach area. We also feel the tickets to the theatre shows at \$12 each is a lot for a 30 min show. The longer show put on by the older kids is maybe more justified as its over an hour, but there should be a price for kids vs adults and be varied by age ( \$3 for kids and \$5 for adults) something like that. I'd like to support those shows but can take an entire family to college and high school sporting events and even movies locally for much less. I think the internal paint could probably be updated as well. I do miss the printed version of classes that was sent in the mail as I'd be more likely to stumble upon something vs on my phone and my kids would be able to look at it too.

Would like to see aquatic areas & exercise equipment aimed at seniors and not just families, e.g., dedicated walking lanes & water exercise lanes at Centennial pool; an 'arm bike' at the fitness center for aerobic workouts for those of us recovering from knee or hip injuries that cannot use what are the solely 'lower body' bike-type equipment at the fitness center (which I've already noted to the fitness center). I believe there is an urgent need for Wilmette to have an indoor pool facility including a warm water pool.

Limited gym space/hours to play basketball The Fitness Center closes too early The tennis club could be updated The green spaces could be prettier, better maintained/landscaped/less weeds and mud

the id cards, would love if park district would go digital, i hate having to remember my park district Id card, i should be able to have it on my Apple Wallet and show a barcode or tap it to scan in or use facilities.

I wish there were pickle ball courts!

Playgrounds and facilities are dated. Need more new playground equipment.

indoor pool!

Park District facility improvements get stuck in protracted community and village battles, and we all suffer because progress is so slow. The failure at West Park is a very good example. Also, delays in Gillson updates.

not enough space in camps or they fill up so quickly you can't even participate

the towels in the workout center are too small for shower

Not familiar enough to answer.

should have more equipments on playgrounds for toddlers

Some activities are overscheduled. Online registration process can be hectic.

We're very careful about avoiding COVID and would love some additional outside options for exercise (we let our Centre Club membership lapse in 2020 but would love to come back)

could have a bit more lake parking without downgrading the area

I think bureaucracy is the biggest hindrance to improvement and it's unavoidable, unfortunately. It's hard to manage civic engagement and dispel mis/disinformation, as well.



We do not actively use enough of the assets to judge

Delays in paddle court construction. Too many accommodations made for immediate neighbors of paddle courts (eg early lights out). Occasionally not enough slots in programs.

Repetitive programming year to year in summer camps.

Most of the kids programming simply funnels kids through and does little to nothing to enhance skills. Too many kids/session and too few (or uninterested) instructors in our experience with kids gymnastics, tennis, paddle. Fortunately, this is not uniformly true as the ice skating program has some outstanding and dedicated instructors who foster kids' skills and love of the sport.

There needs to be more of a selection of classes and more time slots to take more children.

-Difficult to get into certain programs such as tennis -the website is lacking and registration is sometimes difficult -pool open more hours for free swim

CRC could use upgrade. Winnetka community center is much nicer. Fitness facility at skokie also much nicer - locker rooms, etc. Registration remains difficult - need to get on immediately so classes don't fill up - need a more rational system for popular classes.

It's expensive to use the services compared to other cities (Chicago has \$10 youth classes, Glenview had a free walking track, etc.) Is it staffed correctly (Do you need a tennis pro teaching 5 year old tennis?) It doesn't seem to be nimble or able to follow trends easily....I am trying to find a 'pickle' class and I could only find 1 offered and there was a waiting list.

Website is often not very user-friendly;i.e, difficult to navigate and find information. It seems you often need to set up new accounts for different activities (e.g. tennis, swimming)

The blaring TV in the first floor vending machine area in the rec center on Glenview. Is that necessary? Gosh it's loud and it gives me a headache. The swimming pool, can it offer more free swim periods? Sometimes it's hard to get a swim in.

I think the district thinks the community has unlimited funds to make improvements.

Nothing that I can think of.

I'd like to see the PD offer more activities for HEALTH

no indoor pool no dog park besides the lake area

Prefer lower fee for pool & beach when I bring my young grandchildren who live in another state. I

do not want the Gilson Park expansion project at all

We should have a wider range of indoor activity options considering how terrible the weather is here. Would love an indoor climbing wall, as well as indoor pool and indoor open gym & basketball courts. Would be awesome to have better food options (good coffee, salads, sandwiches, etc.) and a place for cooking classes, cocktail mixology classes, etc. Would love more adult art classes.

Don't know enough to dislike anything, so far

nothing



Taking away access to lakefront. Please leave the open areas at the beach

High car title fee

Lacking of key and critical activities. Slow to adapt to new trends in recreation - paddle, pickleball, etc. Other park districts found ways to quickly offer these classes and build facilities. I have been forced to go to other park districts for the programming that I want.

Would love a climbing wall, improve the lighting in the gym-it has so much potential it is such a sad place to work out in

Go back to printed brochures, or even the option to request a printed version showing course offerings. The online navigation and toggling is difficult for many people, especially us senior citizens!

No indoor swim options.

The cost of using the Pool & Beach are a bit steep, and if we have our adult children over to visit we can't take them to the beach with us without paying the day fee.

Keay Nature Center maintenance / upkeep

it does not support the growth of sailing by offering CONVENIENT lessons & rentals (and convenient + reasonably priced)

Nothing

The Lakefront is often challenging to access in the summer due to parking issues. Gilson Park should be for Wilmette residents, not half of the City of Chicago.

The perception is that board members do not work well together

The garden areas, especially at Mallinckrodt, seem to be poorly maintained (e.g., lots of weeds)

The discontinuation of catalog for registration. But adding the online is good too. Still like the paper copy as many parents do as well.

More daycare options for infants - we have to wait until age 2 to take advantage of the park district daycare. Also, the new Maple Park is poorly designed. It used to allow for more ages to play, now it is scary. The zip line is a disaster waiting to happen. Such a shame.

The high volume of cars/traffic in Gillson

No fenced in dog park

Get with current trends and offer more pickleball facilities and programs

Lack of trust in Board and its operations, spending on wants, not needs. Insufficient data and analysis in decision-making. Over-reliance on and hiding behind consultants in decision-making. Not attuned to resident views of parks as parks. Board fails to see the importance of parks as parks and passive use of parks. Parks do not need to generate revenue. Much more focus is needed on sustainability and efforts to stem climate change. A strong commitment to more trees, green spaces, and native species. Board must address long-standing trust issues with community due to its constant need to 'change' or build in parks, a view that is contrary to what residents across the Village want for each and every park. Board has engendered discord and upset in almost every park. Fails to accurately read and follow public sentiment and opinion that favors parks as parks and no changes are necessary.



Board could also moderate fee and tax levy increases and concentrate on needs spending instead of having so much money that spending becomes wants of the Board, not residents. Board is testy with residents, hindering speaking at meetings. Board often substitutes its judgment for that of residents.

senior programs very limited -- Fitness Center does not have sitting areas to decompress

More summer programming options with flexible days of the week (e.g. part-time parents don't need M-F; when my wife worked Mon & Tues only, our options were very limited; would be excellent to be able to pick days ala cart).

Nothing. Lots of programming for all ages enhances the physical parks we have.

Fees are \$\$\$; sailing beach lottery not run well; s/b more assistance/reduced fees for seniors

We are all happy.

A tendency to 'develop' (ungreen) our green spaces

Need more parks on the east side.

Inclusion programs for special needs kids is typically in name only. The park district needs to improve on that aspect of their programs. My child had special needs and despite a trained aide, I would be called constantly to pick the child up. I heard some children have been banned from the park district programs. That doesn't sound like any kind of inclusion program I know

Would love to see more programming for teens, as well as adults

More hours at the pool. Especially during the day. Stopping lap swimming at centennial in the morning because of the crowds

Lack of pool hours in the morning

Some of the more popular items are difficult to take advantage of. It would be nice if supply was more equal to the consistent demand. Some examples of this are paddle tennis court availability, certain popular summer day camps (like aquatics).

The Park District could focus on being a public service for Wilmette residents instead of a big business serving the larger metropolitan communities of Chicagoland. I am not a CUSTOMER, I am a resident. [comment at Q26: Wilmette residents already pay twice: taxes & user fees] [comment at Q27: The size and initiatives of the park district currently outweigh the need of the residents. The size of the WPD is disproportionate to the population]

The roads through Gillson Park are in terrible repair. WPD ignores special interests of Gillson Park neighbors. Often, topics, like Illinois Landmarks application is not brought up for COW discussion. Why is this survey the 4th survey for Gillson Park.? Neighbors wonder. Neighbors are suspicious.!!!

Pickleball courts would be nice.

Wish they would manage the harbor better, not let grandfathered moorings continue, no one else can have boat except for residents that have lived generationally. Really really unfair.



I miss the summer tennis camp for toddlers and wish they would reinstate it.

It used to be an excellent group, but has fallen way off in the last 5 or so years. Let go some of your best staff. Not responsive to residents.

How fast camps/classes fill up.

Website search portal is not very intuitive. Always clunky to get to where you want to go

I like a catalogue mailed to my home, not an on line catalogue.

I think tree care and maintenance could be improved, for example the mulch around the trees is still incorrect in many places - look up 'volcano mulch problem.' I hope that the use of herbicides around shrubs and bushes can be stopped - those areas are of value to small creatures and dogs.

This is quite a small issue but when you want to view the current calendar of your classes, I wish there was a way to do that on the website instead of the only option being to have it emailed as a PDF

The walking track is. WAY too expensive.

Great Gillson lakefront - So many people swim in the area south of the Lakefront Pass fenced area. It's dangerous and a loss of revenue for the park district. Plus, the lifeguards patrol there, but many people go back to being in the water. If this beach pass area can never be expanded, at least let the residents know the reasons why this cannot be done, possibly via local newspapers or direct mail. Lots of Wilmette residents talk about this.

I do not like all the drama going on right now, nor do I like the apparent push towards monetizing our green spaces.

Plastic benches are slippery to sit on. Wood benches are not slippery.

I wish we had a public indoor pool for wintertime.

The Ice Rink is poorly operated and has little to no interest in customer satisfaction. To management and staff, the customers are an evil they despise and when any suggestions are offered, they retaliate against you or the group. It is as though paying a premium (Wilmette is one of the most expensive per hour rinks on the Northshore) the staff would rather not have you there at all. The Zamboni typically is poorly utilized and the ice is subpar and inconsistent. There are a couple guys who work there that are good, but the rest are at best poor representatives of the Park District. They also could get a pro shop concession vending machine with the top items like tape, etc.. Winnetka has one. The studio rink has doors boarded up. The upstairs locker rooms benches are too high and there is no way to know when the Zamboni is off the ice and the ice is ready.

Prices to participate are high for seniors.

An indoor lap pool would be incredible

The desire to build out open park space such as Gillson Park.

I'm in a club that uses a room at the Rec Center and the cost of renting the space is a lot for our club. Prices were raised within the last few years I think.

We live by Maple Park and are upset that there is nothing for little kids (2 year old) to do. Plus the zip line is in the middle of the park. I wish they put it on the grass away from the sandbox. My little one is always so close to getting hit.

Everything!



Lack of inclusion for children with disabilities in recreational and early childhood classes at the recreation center. Some issues when my son was young. Recently have heard of discrimination instances and lack of aides.

unfriendly staff - in most cases not helpful at all. Usually they do not treat customers with courtesy and respect.

Not the most efficiently run government organization, considering the taxes paid and the fees charged. Wish WPD was more detailed/transparent in its financial reporting, namely more specific costs and income and/or deficits incurred for program categories like golf course, pool, beach, fitness center, after school programs, summer programs, etc.

Health club is a little over priced compared to other municipalities

The public pool. The hours for the public to access the pool are terrible. We are frustrated that the main and activity pool do not open to the public until 1pm on the weekends. We find the swim lessons are not great and get annoyed that the pool is being utilized more for swim lessons that allowing the public to actually use the pool. It seems excessive that swim lessons are offered 7 days a week and we believe reducing the swim lessons and allowing the public and camps to use the pool prior to 1pm.

me: everything is fine -- my husband: condition of grass at golf course 'for many, many years'

Management of parks and remodeling of parks not always executed with constituents' needs in mind; not well researched. Gillson needs a revamp, but worry about how the Park District will handle that.

Paid beach permits make the area seem exclusive and tone deaf

has a nanny approach to swimming in the lake -- beach closed for surf that would be normal on all coasts

\*Please\* make Gilson beach free

decisions are made by people with influence and access. the people who say 'the noise of parking won't be too bad' are never the people impacted by the same

Advertize dining facilities at the Golf course open to the public,

I feel that parking passes for the beach should be transferable between family vehicles to reduce congestion and cost

Park board is not very responsive to residents. They also think the path forward for everything is to build. Not good at preservation of green space. They seem to have an agenda of their own regardless of what the residents think.

There aren't many class options for children under 3, especially on the weekends. I also wish the nature center had a playground built into it

The fee for stand up paddle boards. It is insanely high for residents who want to use the lake and already pay property taxes. It costs more to register a paddle board than a car and it promotes healthy lifestyle and doesn't do any environmental damage. I have heard many residents express real frustration. Please lower these so we can enjoy this family friendly activity on the lake we have already paid for through our taxes and housing prices.

Inconsistency - classes offered to children sometimes do not have great instruction, or instructors do not show up and there is no communication





The WPD has lots of funds, therefore, need to maintain parks much better. Gillson is very much in need of new roads & trees -- please keep it GREEN!

The incompetence of the Park District Board and not being efficient with financial resources and not being able to manage consultants.

No dislikes.

Not enough neighborhood parks

The gym at the Community Rec Center when not in use for programs should remain open to the public for people to shoot basketballs (unorganized)

No longer having a paper program guide. Looking online is difficult and I've given up on it

appearing to expand or renovate for less than compelling reasons

A little too much focus on Gillson, and outdoor spaces (parks with legitimate forests/trees/nature) are fairly limited in general, especially on west side.

Don't like the apparent extremes with some improvement plans

buoys taken in Lake Michigan taken in too early after Labor Day

The registration website is confusing and hard to navigate. It's hard to filter out current classes from upcoming classes. I miss receiving the mailed copy of the activity brochure especially since the website is difficult to navigate. The visitor wifi strength in the park district building is awful. The lounge area needs a facelift. The upholstered chairs are dirty and the chair arms are sticky. I'd like a more inviting and kid-friendly space to hang with my younger one while my older one is in class.

West Park needs more activities and a better dog park on west side of town. Exterior maintenance and esthetics is not very good.

We were against the skating at Thornwood Park and don't like the constant proposals to pave things over.

All courses offered are too expensive.

The level of instruction in the programs offered needs to come up. In doing so I would assume the cost would go also go up. Need better indoor options for field sports like soccer, lacrosse, football... Currently limited to the basketball court and not idea for play based on size and wood surface.

underfunded -- tennis facility is ancient and needs a rebuild -- the health club has no place for socialization and doesn't care -- way behind the curve in pickleball [comment at Q7: (signage) not adequate for pedestrian safety because of bikes]

You don't offer adult sports leagues that are open to newcomers to Wilmette. When I first moved here in 2019, I wanted to play on a volleyball league, but I couldn't because you had to sign up as a team. Well, I didn't know anyone here so I couldn't. Allow individual sign ups so all individuals can be placed on a team together. Other park districts also do a much better job of offering open play for volleyball and pickleball. Glenview has open play volleyball 2X a week and Northbrook offers both volleyball and multiple options for pickleball (evening and weekend options). There's money for Wilmette to make with open play that you are leaving on the table. I'm spending money in these other neighborhoods because they provide the offerings I'm most interested in. Northbrook TPAC on a Friday night has 4 pickleball courts. About 32 people show up for that one night. Your pickleball offerings are lackluster. The beginner class wasn't very good (little instruction) last summer and you don't offer lessons beyond beginner. I had to go to Northbrook again for more advanced lessons, which can be challenging as I'm a non-resident.



The times for a lot of the classes are at inconvenient times (e.g. during the work day) and the class sizes for the most popular times are very small making it hard to get into a class. Also, the facilities (rec center and many of the actual parks around Wilmette) are outdated and not as nice as those in the towns nearby.

Slow reaction to getting things done.

Class options ability to do activities through the park district starts to end when children are in the 1st grade. Travel teams are needed to be able to practice and play at the level wanted. Did Park District basketball for 1st grade this year. Team did not get any gym time to practice. Could only play games. Kids need to have a practice and play. Hoops for Health in Winnetka and Trevians Travel is much better. Wilmette tennis facility times are not good and coaches are not engaged with the kids. Switched kids to Northshore Raquet Club. Go to Glenview to swim indoors in the winter and play basketball too. Long term the surrounding parks districts are investing faster than we are. The facilities that were invested in years ago are now dated and surrounding communities are beating us. Very disappointing. Need to start investing in facilities for families. Playground investments have been underwhelming. Just redid Maple and it's pretty sad. Should have left the old park. Duke Park and Clarkson Park are incredible in Glencoe and Northfield. We need to be building parks like these to continue attracting families to the area. But my park days are coming to a close so not as important as basketball courts, baseball fields, soccer fields that don't flood. We barely played last spring due to all the flooding. Super sad. We need better infrastructure for sports otherwise kids are going to shift to other programs and drive to where the facilities are located. Staff is just as key as facilities and seriously lacking. Art classes are paper vs. pre-covid kids did amazing creations of clay, paint, and all sorts of mediums.

not allowing Wilmette residents to park at the beach parking, without additional fee.

Stress over camp/Activity signups - sells out quickly, limited pool hours (not worth season pass), don't know practice day/time for kid sports upon sign up, quality of activity instructors not consistent

Consider an indoor pool for year round swim lessons and recreation. Beautification and better maintenance of the nature center. The paths have deteriorated and the plants are unkept. Consider adding fence in case dogs or children wander off; it is a major safety issue being so close to a high traffic street.

We need a swimming pool for adults that's open during the winter and where we could participate in water aerobics classes. Centennial's pool in summer is taken over by kids.

Illegal parking at Gillson beach. There should be signs where cars that don't have a Wilmette sticker should be towed. Lakeview Center should be updated.

The failure to listen to all residents on item. Seem to just listen to the most vocal. Not being proactive with sports such as pickleball.

More park benches. Continue improving natural habitats like bird sanctuary. More trees and vegetation

Many dogs are off leash on the community playfields, especially in late afternoon early evening. I

wish we had an INDOOR swimming pool.

management at the Rec Center -- not accepting of Wilmette Arts Guild

Some facilities could use updating



The leadership of the Park District board, it concerns me. In my opinion, a disrespectful bully to many people, and in particular to women.

We have not participated that much in the recent years because of covid and other issues, but really have no real dislikes

just keep up the upkeep

The renovation to maple park left the area lacking play options for young toddlers. The playground needs some equipment that is lower to ground and more baby swings. The bridge is also a safety hazard and should never have been restored. We participated in the planning for the project but our concerns were overlooked.

overcrowded beach and beach parking that gradually leads to the distraction of Gilson park

Too much money

We would hope the have open gym for basketball or create a section outdoors for play basketball. Or a basketball dome during winter breaks. With a free or small fee for residents of Wilmette & Glenview only.

No real problems, just maintenance of trails and paths could always be better but that's just so this spot isn't blank

I did not notice any dislike about the Wilmette Park District.

As a resident of 44+ years & if I am paying for grandchildren who live in Winnetka to come to the pool & take classes, I think I should pay the resident fee. I know there are people who lie & do this, but if I am paying I should be able to pay the resident fees. I think the pool should stay open longer into August and September and have longer hours during the season. I think broken playground equipment should be fixed more promptly and the zipline at Maple Park is in a dangerous location. My 2 year old grandchild got injured because it is too close to the small child play area. The zipline should be moved to a less busy area of the park so more people don't get injured. I also think in the colder months, if no one is using the gym at the CRC, kids and parents or babysitters should be able to use the gym to practice basketball.

Needs more variety in programming to fit current interests, and to serve the diverse needs of the community. What are you doing for underserved groups and to accommodate a broad base (ie, those with disabilities, elderly, frail) ? More innovation in programming reflecting , new ideas and thinking. The park district is stuck in a rut of offering the same things, 'customers' are bored. The summer camps are run by unmotivated, immature, low energy teens who are on their phones all day. Boring for the kids. A huge waste of money.

I've never felt like I really belong.

The Park Board and their reckless pursuit of change - specifically as it relates to Gillson Park. They dont listen, just continue to survey over and over - ridiculous. Need an adult water aerobics program in summer not enough pickleball courts - inside and outside Poor management of dog beach. Guards are too young and inexperienced and lack ability to stand up to pushy adults- especially as it relates to non-residents. Gillson picnic areas are not managed well

should be indoor pool -- indoor & outdoor pickleball courts -- wider range of instruction (e.g., higher level pickleball classes)

The park district doesn't enforce any rules when it pertains to gilson(esp. on the weekends) People come from all over and use the grills and beaches for no charge and leave it a mess!!!!!!

parking sometimes hard to find



can't think of anything

parking at Gillson Park

After the construction, the grass fields at the community playground are quite bumpy. It can be quite risky for kids playing soccer. It would be nice to install the lighting at the West Park so the nice turf fields can be better utilized. Missing shelter space in the open grass fields in the event of rain storm and thunders.

Don't love that all the playgrounds are starting to all look, feel and experience the same. They are all designed to tell the child how to play and not open-ended enough encouraging kids to seek inappropriate risky play. Research shows kids need to experience risky play to grow, improve, and learn critical thinking. But our playgrounds are stifling that.

One issue that is a problem is the use of lights, which can bother the neighbors

bike lanes on the roads

Registration system glitches

Too expensive for me when there are fees

The signup windows for registration do not meet the demand of the residents; more adult programming (ie. golf, swim, fitness)

Needs: Lake Michigan fishing access ie restore the pier, Wilmette has great lakefront amenities but since it is so crowded it limits availability if this resource for taxpayers. PD need to find a way to increase availability for Wilmette taxpayers. Increase beach events specifically for Wilmette residents. PD needs to increase the amount of open space by adding parkland.

not enough attention to preservation of natural resources

Facilities like the main activity center, ice rink, and indoor tennis could be updated.

general lack of transparency & regular communications info about ongoing projects -- lack of action to expand Maple Park with uncovered CTA parking

Moved from Glenview. The facilities were much better. Every park had a fieldhouse with bathrooms, not port-a-potty's, the facilities had all been updated, even the older pools. Snackbars were present at many of the sports like the baseball and soccer fields.

Sometimes not enough capacity in classes or camps -- e.g., sailing camps which filled within 10 minutes of registration opening. Limited ice rink / open hockey availability. Need an outdoor / refrigerated ice rink (like Winnetka and Glencoe)

need larger leash-free space for dogs, reopen langdon park beach for swimming

Gilson Beach is not as good as it used to be. There had been a feeling of neighborhood at the beach, but now it seems patrons from outside Wilmette are primary users of it. Also, it seems wealthy homeowners along the lake have far too much say in issues that impact the beach at a high cost to the rest of Wilmette.



WPD has been slow to create pickle ball courts, which has a growing demand given the growth of the sport. Surprised that there are no actual pickle ball courts in Wilmette today. I know there was an attempt to build some at the paddle courts and it was rejected. Nonetheless, the absence of pickle ball courts surprises me given the strength of the WPD.

The website for registration could be easier to understand especially how to register for classes, how to find where to book a spot at the park for example. I've never found it an easy website to use.

- Engages in business beyond its ability Ie. Bought Mallinkrodt - Makes projects bigger than needed ie. lakefront improvement - Langdon

Would like if big dogs had separate entrance and fenced play area at dog beach.

EXPENSIVE :( I LIVE here and have always enjoyed Gillson beach - free - as a resident. Now I have to pay? Give me a break. What took you so long for this money grab? Guess what? I don't go anymore. Happy now?

The board seems highly dysfunctional

Extra fees for paddle boards. Expense and limited ability to store boards at park. Shouldn't need another permit. That is greedy given how tough economy is. And really in general given fees we pay for park already and parking at the beach.

It is extremely expensive. I just think in general the cost of classes, camps, paddle, etc. is too expensive. Also, our tennis program is not approachable and it is so hard for kids to find a program that isn't already full. I don't like how difficult it is to communicate with employees (such a hard time planning a bday party recently- the communication was terrible).

Id like to see a higher priority in keeping the parks/village green. I've seen many old large trees cut down and there's less focus on creative approaches with parks. Grass is boring and has no biodiversity. Id also love to see more creative play areas for kids. Think sensory playground (logs, etc) and a hilly park for summer play/winter sledding like Botanical Garden Children's area.

It seems like the park district is more concerned with building facilities than maintaining and improving the park spaces. Lots of trees have been removed and not replaced. My wife called about this and was told a plan was being developed, but it has been years and nothing has been planted - even as more and more trees are removed.

I have been pretty disappointed in the WPD over the last few years. The WPD is neglecting the green spaces they control. I am shocked at the number of trees removed and not replanted. They do a great job fulfilling the recreation part of their mission, but drop the ball on the parks part. Previously camps at the WPD have been awesome, but last summer was chaotic - including a camper who made threats of violence to other campers and when I asked what was being done the staff could not identify who ran that camp or who staffed it.

It does seem like there's not a lot of listening to the community.

not updated, not friendly

Nothing. All good

Registration for programs is challenging based on the time of day, the number of slots for programs, and the fact that the website does not work on Work Computers. The inclusivity of people with special needs is lacking. Children are not able to attend programs with peers due to current rules and regulations. Programs do not change much throughout the years. Many camps have been around since I was a child and I am 42 years old.



Lack of effective communications other than through generic brochures. Lack of effective use of resources for adults outside of tennis and golf.

NA

Roof over the Gillson beach new beach house.

During certain issues, I feel like the park district tries to please everyone and not follow through with larger initiatives that would please more people in favor of vocal opponents even if it would serve/be beneficial for the majority.

Children tend to age out of programming in the early double-digits. Explore offerings for these residents. Childcare is at a premium in Wilmette, and WPD has an opportunity to offer more options and expand programming to new locations.

I don't like too many sports courts and buildings in the parks. It is taking too long to get a safe walking path from Sheridan to the beach in Gilson. The website for signing up for classes is very hard to use.

Not charging more for outside residents to use our beach that we pay such outrageous taxes for.

would love more community gardening spots

Not enough pickle ball courts

Would like a park-like dog park, preferably closer to west Wilmette

Could manage the beach activities at night better. Lots of people partying and kids smoking dope at the beach and parking areas at night. Also the steps at Elmwood Dunes are incredibly dangerous and in need of serious attention.

I dislike the website and postcards sent for programs each quarter. It's hard to find classes using the website and would be nice to have a paper reference point

We dislike the tensions between Park District board and residents regarding proposals for improvements, especially at Gillson and Langdon. There seems to be a disconnect between invited feedback and actual listened response to residents. Superficial or pretend listening rather than actual response in action or negotiation.

The tennis center is poorly staffed and the children's tennis program comes nowhere near the quality of neighbor facilities. My family only plays at Winnetka. Which has drop ins and drills. Gillson beach is an unpolished gem and needs renovation - shore protection.

maybe a more senior friendly athletic center

The developers of the lake front property is taking away the natural beauty of the lake. The Gillson facility is too much concrete. Don't let Langdon become so artificial.

Prices are too high for Wilmette residents and far too low for non residents. Beach is over crowded with non residents that leave trash and ruin the beach and Gilson and centennial

We are more than disappointed with the Board members ignoring the will of the residents they are supposed to represent. It is obvious that they are putting their own personal agendas ahead of their constituents and are looking for ways to spend/waste our tax dollars.



Many of the after school classes are a bit lame. The kids are not always taught their activity well. Also, the park district likes to spend just because they can (renovation of Lakeview Center)

Maintenance at Gilson should be much better.

We have out of town guests over the summer and it is very expensive to bring them to the pool and beach. Making guest passes more affordable would be helpful.

Extremely unhappy with the near destruction of the Community Playfield grove of trees, initial placement of playfield pump without forethought requiring relocation. Unhappy that beach area is closed to resident cars in the evening who would like to walk along the beach. Concern about private property build out into the water between the Wilmette beaches when there is supposed to be public access at the water line.

nothing

I have made 2 suggestions regarding the coat rack at the walking track. Never heard from anyone!

difficultly with registration process

Its too expensive

Better Maintenance of Gillson Park (Keep Gillson Green!) Park hours Fees for beach parking for residents

I think the rec center could use updates, the soccer program is fantastic but chaotic at time, the pool hours should be longer in the summer (opening at 2pm is too late for families with small kids)

Need consistent staff/management! Better organization. Improve and update facilities. Centennial ice rink needs face lift eg paint, carpet Park District building needs to be overhauled or new building to better accommodate the community. As examples the Aquatic Center and Gilson Beach are great!

I think staff should focus on ways to work with other govt bodies to save on costs- this is not a dislike- just a suggestion

Does not offer a fenced in dog park. Cost of trail in passes is too high.

-quality of summer programming and summer staff training could be improved, ensure summer programmatic components are strong instead of just childcare -for younger grades(k-3), consider implementing a yearlong all sports league with one sign up

1) Need dedicated pickleball courts 2) All pool lights on late at night. Please use low kelvin bulbs and other dark sky practices at night.

I would support plans to improve the park district to make it more competitive with neighboring communities.

The initial plans for improving Gillson Park were extreme overreach. Way too costly and potentially destructive to the Park's natural beauty. Glad to see some of that was rolled back. Programs seem heavily skewed toward youth, so consider building out adult programs.

I see a lot room for improvement with regard to preserving and caring for our public parks including its landscape and trees, esp. Gillson. The PD should listen to what the residents of Wilmette want and how they want to use their parks.

There is almost too much offered. It sometimes seems excessive.





We'd love to have pickleball courts. Longer public swim hours (family & lap pool). The pool should open before 11am on weekends and 1pm on weekdays. Platform tennis available until 11pm-as it has been.

The perennial plants have suffered from neglect since Kerry Blass retired. We know that Thornwood Park is under repair now ...but hope that the invasion of goldenrod will be replaced, etc.

Underutilize one of our greatest unique assets -- Wallace Bowl

I wish some programs were available later in the day.

Nothing!

senior rate for fitness center membership

Nothing comes to mind

Need more activities for mid age and seniors

I have heard from neighbors with children with disabilities that the park district has not been supportive and basically is not willing to support their child's unique needs. I was really disappointed with the renovations at Maple Park. There is nothing safe to do for my 2 year old. I wish the park district would model new park construction after Cunliff Park. It is incredible how they packed so much in one park for all ages.

Need more dog parks! Many residents have dogs, but 1 dog park. Help!

I FEEL THAT THE BEACH FEES ARE EXCESSIVE FOR RESIDENTS. BEACH SHOULD BE OPEN FOR RESIDENTS JUST AS THE PARKS ARE. CONCERNED THAT THERE IS EXCESSIVE BUILDING AND RENOVATION AT GILSON PARK THAT WILL DECREASE PARK SPACE AND ENCOURAGE MORE COMMERCIAL USE OF THE PARK. WE DON'T NEED MORE CONCRETE. NOT ENOUGH ATTENTION TO THE CARE OF THE TREES IN THE PARKS, ESPECIALLY IN GILSON PARK.

Dog park !!!!! We need an enclosed dog park. Yes we have the beach which is great but in the winter it is dangerous for the dogs. An idea would be to put a removable fence between the water and the sand during the winter months. But we still do need an enclosed dog park, not everyone wants to deal with the sand in their house. It is not normal that I pay my taxes in Wilmette and I have to go to Skokie or Highland Park to let my dog run. If I go to a local park, I get a fine. We also need way more pickle ball courts. I understand the noise is a problem so why not have some indoor courts? I recently visited Switzerland where most Pickleball courts are indoor due to noise. Indoor dog park could also be an option as it seems some neighbors are against barking !!!!

transparency communication regarding decision-making

Many older adults are not computer savvy.

The beach is extremely over-policed with oppressive rules and strange pricing.

fiscal responsibility

Nothing specific

Need more programming after school choices for Harper Elementary.





I wish the Rec Center track was longer.

on line booking for indoor tennis courts at centennial. The service is available for outdoor courts but unclear why technology is not available for indoor. Even with a tennis membership - makes it difficult to coordinate a group to play.

Poor policing of parking at Gilson

The management of trees in Gillson park. They don't seem to be getting the care they need and are therefore being torn down. Also, the dog beach needs to be more strictly monitored for dogs without a dog beach pass. Dogs that are dangerous are coming into the beach and there is no way to track them down when there is an incident. Please make the dog beach entrance sign say 'Permit Required' in large, clear font. Please also add a sign on the water side of the fence for people to enter and leave at the gate to help discourage other dogs from running out of the beach. Please also stop trying to change Gillson with more paving and unnecessary upgrades. Fix the sewers and roads and make a walking path along the drive and then take care of the natural resources already at the park.

Nothing

I'm disappointed in how the Wilmette Park District Board has handled the West Park expansion and hasn't been responsive to neighborhood concerns such as late night noise.

beutification of Park District property -- more flowers / creative landscaping, sculptuary

I would like to see a complete ban of single use plastic at all beach/park areas.

The park district fails to identify the needs of the community and engage with residents on its own master plan. It also doesn't work nearly hard enough to extend resident prices and premier experiences to residents and seems to cater to the desires and whims of the greater NORTSHORE community. This is doubly frustrating for residents who see most of their Park district facilities, are crowded and expensive while also being chock full of activities that don't reflect the desires of locals. Contentious West Park paddle tennis and pickle ball renovation plans being most upsetting.

There is so much \$ spent on the paddleball courts! I play pickleball and go to the courts in Skokie or Evanston.

We don't use the facilities as much now as when we had children. There seemed to be a lot for younger children, but nothing for teenagers.

Please do not change Gillson Park--leave it as it, except for essential infrastructure improvements

I dislike the attitude of certain park district staff when they react to challenges to their pre determinations of what they believe is best for the community without adequate public input. They know when NIMBY issues will controversial yet they still make little effort to direct real mutual communication (ie direct e mails to those to be effected) with residents.

The staff is treated like garbage. Firing people because they are too expensive, treating teachers disrespectfully- especially the necessary part-timers, and not paying teachers a decent salary & benefits. The entire preschool staff quit! Disgraceful.

some staff are not friendly to the public

1. Website is getting too busy 2. Changing rules about swim times, pools schedule, letting local political issues drive your services - its all about parks, recreation, fun, health, water, teams etc. 3. Trying to change the beach and what it is - is not good - keep it pure, open, accessible and clean and



beautiful. No more enhancements needed. It is a special place and I believe the key aspect is that it is a Open space that remains beautiful - no need to keep building. We should keep it 'open' space.

More courts for playing pickleball, both indoor and outside. Other close by communities have so many more courts and programs, without having to pay a large fee to use. In previous years, registration for our kayak has been disorganized and confusing. Would also like to see kayak season extended. Fees for simply using the walking track at the Rec Center are excessively high.

No Pickleball courts.

Install pickle courts and offer various lessons and leagues

I dislike efforts to put more concrete, sporting areas and 'toys' into the naturally green, grassy areas or areas adjacent to lake.

I believe the park district must have way too much money when I see that the beaches are free to all. People enter the free beach south of Gillson & 'Elmwood Dunes Preserve' & walk onto the paid, guarded beach with no problem.

-make Wilmette beach private to residents and their guests only. sadly, we do not go on the weekends due to crowds and the influx of people from surrounding areas and the city. -add more slips for residents to store paddle boards. the wait list is daunting and as a taxpayer we'd love to have access. -form youth teams based on schools and take friend requests. some kids are very shy and having a buddy or someone they know will motivate them join in the fun -add more afternoon (not just morning and evening) workout classes for adults

Too few areas usable as dog parks, and too many constraints in the limited areas available used as dog parks

Should give residents first sign-up with a good difference in price. The price tag of items in PD has become pricey for young families.

When you sign up for camp, I find the camp completely on equipped to handle any kind of weather variance. Counters are on their phones, kids are asking to come home, there is no plan for what's a very regular occurrence in weather.

Keay when new path gets wet the small stones get stuck in soles of shoes. Would like boot brush or scraper so we don't leave with so much of the path on our shoes!

Few social activities for new residents, signals (to improve), costs for beach entrance and parking for resident

Expensive, even for residents to participate

the signup process for camps and activities is incontinent and requires stressful preplanning to keep friend groups together. you could do a whole study just on this topic.

The beach should be free. It's crazy to me that we charge people to go to a beach. People who grew up here think it's normal, but the north shore is the only place I know that charges for a natural place like that! Up and down the east and west coast, no town charges for beaches. If you want to charge for parking at the beach, charge whatever you want, I have no issue with that. But the beach itself should be free. It's especially frustrating that kids in other towns who go to New Trier but aren't from Wilmette would have to pay to go to our beach. They attend the same local public school!

The pool complex is an amazing facility, but the scheduling/closures made it extremely frustrating to use. This may have changed, we haven't had a pool membership for about 4 or 5 years, but the pool schedules were horribly inconvenient. It took YEARS before they stopped shutting down the big pool to the general public from 5:00-7:00 every single weeknight. I'm glad they finally made the change, but it didn't come early enough in my kids' childhood.



Especially towards the end of the summer, but honestly at other points too, they close pools with no notice, no posting, etc., based on attendance at that moment. This makes it impossible to plan a trip to the pool if you are trying to go to a certain pool (like the water slides, or the baby pool); if you are trying to have friends come with you (paying \$14 per person!), you can't even know if a certain pool will be open. I wouldn't blame them if it was something unexpected (like a fecal incident) or weather, but if they can't pay enough to get enough staff to cover all the pools, at the very least they should schedule when the different pools are open or closed.

Website and registering

Within a course that's offered -- for example, women's paddle lessons -- have more offerings of that course

Nothing.

The parks and playgrounds. Many have been updated from what we can see but there are some that could use some TLC.

Certain programs fill up quickly - need more spots

I would like to see more parks and open spaces on the west side of town. Wilmette also should have a dog park.

I would love to see more Pickleball courts.

The WPD does not take its role as a steward of the parks seriously. It is a 'Recreation' District, not a 'Park' District. It also does not actively and sincerely seek broad resident input and buy-in for projects and merely pays lip service to community input. Staff want to run the WPD as a 'business' rather than in a 'business-like manner', maximizing revenue and the creation of more 'recreational' activities over maintenance and preservation of its natural assets. Commissioners seem to think they are elected to 'make decisions' on their own, rather than 'representing' the residents and seeking consensus solutions. The Board should 'slow down' and be sure projects are 'ready for prime time' before pushing ahead. Staff needs to do a better job of providing useful pros and cons for each project, not just pros.

building -- concrete -- vtree removal -- loss of open space

The high cost of the 'public' beach is a huge turn off, unlike most Lake Michigan beaches and completely unnecessary.

The golf course has been degraded by the 'renovation'. It is unplayable for beginners, players of modest ability and SENIORS. I played the course for 45 years and won't ever play it again.

An indoor pool would make a lot of sense. We have the beach for swimming in the summer. The pool is a nice addition, but there is nowhere to swim September-May. If there aren't dedicated bike paths to get to Gilson, there should be. I haven't tried to bike down there recently, so I honestly don't know. DivvyBike at Gilson would also be cool. Would also like to see reusable mesh trash bags available at Gilson Beach, for visitors to voluntarily use to pick up debris that has washed up. The non-swimming area at Gilson should have signage that is understandable to non-English speakers. Either visually based or in multiple languages. Similar signage should exist in winter warning people away from walking out on the ice. We've been disappointed at how often the Wilmette Park District has made plans to build, build without input from the community. The fencing at the lakefront, the proposed structure at Langdon beach, the additional pickleball courts, the revamping of Gilson Park. I really think the process should be community input first, then announce plans. Not the other way around. In general, Wilmette is a very well-off community and our Park District facilities and events are already exceptional. In an era of rapid climate change and species die-off, cutting down trees and paving over CO2 sequestering soil should not be in the ethos of a Park District. Especially one so focused on the needs of Wilmette's children, who will inherit the ecological impacts of our actions.



Additionally, anything you build has to be maintained. Building and maintaining cost money and property taxes in Wilmette are already steep. I'd prefer the Park District use its funds to meticulously maintain the infrastructure it already has, so it doesn't deteriorate to the point of needing full replacement. Although I like the new facility at Gilson Beach, the old facility should never have become a rusty wreck via Park District neglect of maintenance. Lastly, I was disheartened to read recently a claim that the Park District is being unfair and unwelcoming to those with disabilities. I reserved judgment, since I didn't know both sides of the story, but if true, that's very disappointing and not in keeping with the kindness and tolerance that is such a hallmark of Wilmette. If true, I'd like our Park District to find ways to be more accommodating to children and adults who already face numerous struggles and discrimination from society in their daily lives. All this said, thank you for asking these questions.

Nothing comes to mind

The stress of registration sign up especially for camp and tennis

The dog beach. At the dog beach our dog was bitten by another dog who had a beach tag. We were told by other dog parents there that this dog had attacked other dogs at the beach. We had to go to the vet for treatment- stitches. Sadly we do not go to dog beach anymore- our dog LOVED the beach and the dog beach is a wonderful idea for our furry friends.

Fails to keep neighbors informed of plans, disregards concerns of neighbors, particularly West Park

The playgrounds are old and the platform pickle ball should be free as well as Free access to the bathrooms

The stress of registering for camps and programs is insane. If you do not sign up at 9:03 for some things, you are out of luck. It is a fair process, mostly, but additional sessions should be offered when things fill up, ie there is clearly a high demand. School day off camps released one day in fall, and I missed the deadline and now I have 20 days this year where I need to work from home to watch the kids. There are lots of 2 income young families that rely on these options, and this should be expanded. This other big issue is the training and guidelines for the counselors for both after school programming and summer camp counselors. Having done other programs in other villages and other similar camps, wilmette offers great options at affordable prices, but the counselors are really more baby-sitters and the amount that they engage with the kids seems limited. In nearly every after school and summer program, I consistently see counselors on their phones, essentially ignoring the kids. This is not a one-off observation, it appears to be the status quo across the board. I see this when I pick my kids up. My kids have told me that the their counselors are on their phones most of the time. Very few jobs permit folks to be on their phones for more than a few moments outside of breaks, it seems like this should be the rule when it comes to watching children, both for safety reasons, but also because it sets a bad example.

The art classes led by Tom James are very high quality. (I'm sorry, I didn't remember that the Adult Art Classes I was referring to were not PD per se). Even still there is so much activity in art, there seem to be something for everyone. The main complaint I have about the adult activities classes was before covid, they were crowded!

I only use the beach front and since it has been re done I am satisfied with it,

Communication on changes to programming. I was surprised to realize that after school clubs will no longer be offered today when I went to register for them. Not sending the registration book anymore makes it harder to understand changes.

[comment at Q7-signage: need more signs that pet owners need to ask other owners for their pets to play & have better control of dogs off leash]

More parks that have access to all of Wilmette and making the Gilson Park experience even more special by having a restaurant in the beach (like The Fat Shallot in the beach house but on the sand)



Hard to get paddle courts

WE NEED AN INDOOR POOL PLEASE.

Gas-powered leaf blowers and service vehicles noise and fumes. Enforce dog restrictions!

I am unhappy that Langdon Park beach is not accessible. Lake Michigan water has been down for over a year. Take down the fences and allow walkers access to the beach.

The most disliked attributes of the Wilmette Park District are few but include: some (very few) members of the lakefront seasonal (especially lakefront) staff who are all too eager to yell/ berate visitors and quick to write citations instead of engaging visitors and explaining in decent dialogue before issuing a citation (not talking about Wilmette Police folk); additional waste and recycle receptacles at the new lakefront concessions and surrounding areas &/or additional pick-up of waste during the open beach season; expanded swimming beach and additional life guard chairs south of existing beach (yes - it has expanded but, it seems like it could expand to allow more beach goers access to the water); it sure would be great to renovate and open beach access from Chestnut Park, it was once a great place to transit along the lakefront; I realize Chestnut Park beach access is complicated but I hope we find a better solution than boulders and cyclone fencing; another aspect of the Park District is the possible interpretation of 'green washing' the parks, especially the Gilson Park long range planning - it just looks like less green space in favor of building expansions or even that expansions are not built to incorporate green energy (vs 'energy savings) technologies to compensate for lost green space ... the green space footprint is finite, whereas the districts ambitions to expand facilities is growth oriented (we aren't, as a village, growing in the amount of green space, we have what we have and I as a resident am very grateful for what we have in our common spaces) by the way Mallinckrodt was a great community effort by all who brought that into the fold!!.

Wondering when/if the Park District/Village/ & Energy Companies will cooperate and install solar panels on the roofs of our facilities and contribute to a different energy generation for the community and region; Like most communities, we are bound by the transportation infrastructure or the lack thereof, to move more accessibly between Park District facilities and our homes, especially during the 6 months of the year where riding a bicycle or walking becomes hard for younger, older or even middle aged residents without the ease or comfort of a personal vehicle. I think PACE does offer some excellent routes in and through our community, but wonder how far our society must travel (in time) before neighboring communities, regional transit managers & governments commit to additional routes and expanded time tables ... but I digress ... sorry. It's hard to search for dislikes, when the majority of what our community park districts executes on a daily basis is really just great work, 365-7.

sometimes very crowded -- expensive -- poorly maintained when they were responsible for Little leaguer fields (Thornwood, Hibbard, Elam fields)

I do not like the online enrollment process - something always seems to go wrong.

The lack of evening and weekend tennis classes. Used to be a thing. I work!

Some of the teachers are mediocre at best for children and some are quite good. The art class has been so poor for children. They are done in 10-15 min and there is nothing to do. They don't explore materials and media. Teachers in some of the classes need a workshop on how to appropriately talk to parents and children. More on going training. Preschool teachers need to attend workshops for best practices in preschool. A great resource is the Winnetka Alliance right here in our community, with ongoing free speakers and workshops on Early Childhood Education.

Needs an INDOOR pool

upgrade the Wallace Bowl -- grass tees at Driving Range -- indoor pool

THE WEBSITE IS CHALLENGING- HARD TO SIGN UP FOR MULTIPLE EVENTS



The inability to obtain one day beach passes at certain times. I do not use the beach that often.

skateboard area

A greater variety of beginner hockey and skating classes would be great. Lights for at LEAST one baseball field at community playfields along with better development of the Pony field apparatus - perhaps another cage, a bathroom (I know there's one going up near Elam - that's an improvement) and making it a suitable location for practices and games for the local baseball programs. Elam and the pony field are actually IDEAL candidates for lights. They can be off by a certain time each night and really shouldn't affect nearby residents at all. It would help the baseball program immensely in so many ways.

Leave well enough alone. Don't try to force trends on Wilmette residents (pickle ball, for-profit events).

I struggle to find programming for my kindergartener. Nearly 100% of kindergarteners at our school (McKenzie) are enrolled in KEEP39, meaning that they are in school until 3:15. I find that most gymnastics and ballet classes for that age, however, are still during the traditional school day.

Parks are poorly designed especially Maple park. The renovation took forever and is way worse than pre renovation. Before It was a great park for ALL ages now it is horrible and nothing for under 3. It is terrible

More walking paths and things for seniors. It seems more of the enhancements, playgrounds et al, are geared towards children. We have a vibrant senior community here.

I miss things because of 'time of day'

Website is not user friendly.

Gillson false starts; overdeveloping the Community Park by the Junior High

Bad planning for Gillson. It takes forever and still there is no plan for a protected bike and pedestrian path or trail. We're living in the 2020's, not the 1960's!

New tallest slide at maple park too scary.

Gillson Park - WPD should plant many more trees and institute a historical landscape plan.

don't have a boat launch in Wilmette. Park district doesn't control harbor

Overall a well run program. Can get a bit crowded at times, especially during summer with beach/pool programming. Would like to limit non-resident access to aquatic areas due to the high amount residents pay for these amenities, plus taxes. Support lifeguard/beachfront staff/crowd control/raise prices for non-residents to deter crowding at Gilson/Centennial. A lot of these jobs are for teens just getting their footing in the employment world and they shouldn't have to police people. Make clear rules. Don't offer day passes/day parking. Residents only or a hefty \$50 beach access fee per person plus \$50 parking. Glencoe/Lake Forest/Lake Bluff does similar measures and sees way less crowd issues. Resident only swimming hours at Centennial for certain hours. Don't allow every local swim team to use our only pool in blazing hot summer months-earlier access to the public pool-before 1 pm! Have ETHS open their pool during summer months for swim lessons-utilize local indoor swim establishments for youth swim lessons. Make pool hours more accessible. Limit Gilson parking and access to residents.

Lack of fiscal responsibility and a tendency to assume unlimited tax revenue.



outdoor pool only

Too many non-residents at Gillson and taking up parking

Modernize their online system, and potentially have an app to be more engaging and provide push notifications to programs that specific constituents may have an interest in based on past activities. Though that's in order to make it perfect, I did give a 9 so already in the Promoter side of NPS :)

What happened to the master plan at Gillson? It seems the park district board wants to over develop some areas. Will Gillson ever consider preserving the beach grass?

Nothing specific but as a board-run entity serving many diverse community interests, it seems like it gets pulled in many directions and the compromises made diminish the outcomes of its plans and strategy.

Miss the paper catalogs!!

No pickleball

unfinished work at Gillson

I wish there was a dog park other than the beach. The dog beach is ... imperfect, at best. The Skokie/Evanston dog park is a good park, if you'd like an example of a good one.

We found administrator at the Rec Fitness Center not welcoming to seniors,

Dog walkers bringing 6 poorly behaved dogs to the dog beach at a time and not cleaning up after them

The wifi available in facilities is not useable and there is poor cellular coverage making it hard to work and communicate when kids are participating in activities. The software used for activity sign ups makes it a frustrating experience. Having sign ups during the day is very inconvenient for caregivers.

Lack of Winter indoor swimming

Bike paths, dog beach could be safer, outdoor courts specifically for Pickleball.

The Pool. It's too small and crowded for a town this size. And the hours are restrictive too. Seems like - last time I frequented it - the times that an adult might want to swim (without family, before or after work) it was block booked for a school). Also, it's too seasonal... we need a year-round pool.

High taxes. Not enforcing beach rules for non-residents. Not differentiating between residents and non-residents for fees. Analysis of the golf course and consider lease it out to save money.

We would love a fenced dog park in Wilmette. The dog park at the beach is not preferred. Better parking options at 4th of July celebration. We had a couple of poor experiences with a dance teacher at the Rec center who taught many different styles of dance there, so we moved to an outside dance studio to find another teacher. The way we families were pushed off the beach in the evenings last year was a dramatic turn from Wilmette in the past. Seriously off putting. It was disappointing. As a result we don't feel welcome on our own community beach. It felt like a police stare down there. I read most of the Village communications and did not see much discussion or communication about what felt like brutish behavior on the part of park district employees.

no ideas





The Gilson Park renovation does not look very pretty. I suggest straw cover (the kind they use over parking structures to create shade, in Italy) across the roof beams during the summer months.

There is no fenced in dog park! I don't understand how we can have so many parks but can't find a place for a safe place for dogs. The dog beach is fine (could use a spigot to clean off your dogs paws) but that's only usable part of the year. Would also love a pickle ball court.

more availability/activities for citizens with mobility issues

Residents should get free parking at the Gillson Beach lot without having to pay for a pass. The Gillson beach should allow residents to bring their own food and beverages. The idea that you are forced to pay for the expensive food is ridiculous. And not allowing coolers is also ridiculous. This is why we never go to the pay beach. We go to the free area or we go to Glencoe beach. Someone needs to be hired to keep people from idling in their cars at the front door of the Community Rec Center. Despite the sign prohibiting this, people do it constantly and it blocks traffic coming into the lot and is also a danger to pedestrians (often parents with small children) trying to walk into the center.

Improved communication about deadlines and sign up protocols

I think that many seniors are unaware of the programs. They are not computer savvy and a paper catalogue of senior events and classes my increase participation.

changing the green open space for family recreationj (corner of Michigan Ave & Lake Street) to polliinator (?) garden -- Gillson Park: we MUCH prefer the green, flat, open spaqce.

classes close quickly -- more for seniors

PD raised fees for classes and memberships at Fitness Center DRAMATICALLY NO indoor pickleball courts and no leagues

Scheduling youth programs on Sunday morning.

Have more access to pickleball

I was very turned off when an Assistant Manager of the Fitness Center role was eliminated. He was the ONLY person of color on the staff, did a great job, was very personable with clients. I never understood the decision. He was experienced, held two Master's in his area of expertise -- he should have been given an opportunity to prove himself in the Manager role. Instead they hired a less qualified person as the Manager and eliminated Mark's job. I was very offended and have not been back to the Fitness Center since. Nor will I return.

Fee's. Maybe the property tax can be increased to absorb some of the extra costs that go toward fee's Also, Senior Citizens discounts seem small. I've lived in areas where if you were a property owner and a senior citizen, beach fee's were waived for Senior citizens.

Longer beach season. More shows at the Wallace Bowl. Adding a dog park.

N/A

Expensive than other park districts





there's very little availability for after school, before school, and days off childcare as my needs change. skating and tennis are expensive no indoor pool

Too enthusiastic to develop land for sidewalks in Gilson and pickle ball in West Park, develop Langdon beach etc, to the detriment of neighborhood and loss of greenspace. A la carte fees for almost everything, when you're already collecting taxes.

Once kids get older (8+) instructors put very little effort into classes/activities. Classes get cancelled, teachers show up late and generally do not look like put they any effort into preparation.

Langdon Park - would love to have access to the lake there again. Perhaps safer bike trails and paths in addition to the existing one.

attempts to monetize the Lakeside Center and decrease green space in Gillson Park

I wish we had pickle ball . And I'm not overly impressed with the board. They seem to not have clear vision of things (pickle and paddle facility) , Gilson, etc

I dislike the frequent proposals to ruin the lakefront by overdeveloping Gillson park and the beach area. Please do NOT do that! And ditto for unnecessary upgrades to neighborhood parks, such as Maple Park, which replaced a perfectly good play area with too tall of a structure that frankly is dangerous.

The swimming beach at Gilson is too restricted and too shallow. People who pay to use it should be able to swim freely, with or without lifeguards. I also feel like the rec center could use some updates. Finally, I do think there should be more league or individual classes and activities for adults, not just kids.

Need to pay for everything. Ex dog passes for dog beach

Not treating the parks as such. Put the 'Parks' back into Wilmette PARK District. For instance, replant the 100s of trees lost over the last 50 years in Gillson Park. Transparency of the BOD and fiscal responsibility!

Not many programs for teens.

updated park equipment that better serves specific younger age groups

Unbelievably long wait list for the Sailing Beach permit. Expensive Kayak Trail-In pass, and being relegated to the South Beach area to launch. It's difficult for me to drag a kayak through the sand, even with wheels. A ramp would be nice.

presence of pickleball lines on some tennis courts

Need for more inside tracts

Some of the play ground equipment is outdated and not very robust. Would love to see more adventure nature based playscapes (e.g. hedge mazes, sandboxes, log pathways). We have only taken advantage of one of the park district sports programs and we were underwhelmed. The teacher was not inclusive of my daughter (Who is shy and we were just coming from Covid). Pool hours are limiting in the summer. Would love to have access to the large pool in the am. Currently we can use the baby pool- but my kids are about to age out.

The rec center facility desperately needs an upgrade. There's no clean place for my children to change for gymnastics - they have to use the hallway or the bathroom, where the floor is always wet/dirty. Additionally, there is a gap in class offerings for a 3 year old. Plenty of parent tot and 4+, but not much for 3.



The fitness center is too expensive for residents. It is not a good value.

would like ping pong

Doesn't appear easy to pick up and play a game of sports like pickleball or paddle tennis on a casual basis. Not sure if there's an option to rent kayaks and paddleboards at the beach.

For at least a decade, WPD has been promising to install a fence around the dog area in West Park. It's a small deal to most people, but for us Westies it feels like our requests are being ignored.

not sure

The Maple Park renovation was terrible. The market research was very poorly done (asking a bunch of people who don't really know anything about playground design what they liked) and the result showed. It went from a creative space for a range of ages to a space only usable to kids older than 7, only in the summer, and only if they are tall enough. Even the sand area and spinners can't be used independently. The gymnastics facility is great, but feels like a factory. It has been impersonal and hard for our kids to warm up (no personal information surveys, no attempt to get to know them) and no instructor interaction with parents at all. So much programming seems to happen in West Wilmette, it is hard for families who work and who live on the east side to access the services. Registration is also terrible. The system is antiquated and it is hard to get two kids registered for anything popular. If you are a working person it is extremely hard to log on in the 2 minute window needed to register. It privileges wealthy families with stay at home parents with only one child.

Wish the dog park was fenced in. But still keep it free. The biggest concern is that people drive way too fast on West Park Drive. Some arriving late for paddle. And the village maintenance vehicles drive too fast on that road too.

Not enough spots for people who want to register. Paddle facility too many members for space available

Would like to see less focus on recreational facilities and more emphasis on natural park space

I cannot state a fault.

higher than normal costs

New Trier Aquatics doesn't have enough access to Centennial Pool in the summer

I wish there was more pickleball.

I dislike allowing non residents to use the lakefront parking and Gilson park facilities and the beach without paying their fair share. I also dislike that sailing beach members cannot store their paddle boards in their kayak rack space and cannot get a paddle board space and cannot launch these at the sailing beach without it being stored there.

Moving tai chi classes to Centennial Park / with step dancing -- right above a class using mindfulness and meditation.



The WPD might very well meet the needs of families with young children. However, the offerings that I see currently, or in the past, for adults are very mediocre. One of the specific shortcomings has always been the lack of an indoor swimming pool. I have for the last 47 years had to utilize the facilities from Evanston to Northbrook and Glenview while paying taxes to Wilmette. We have a giant natural garden (I.e. weed patch) north of Centennial pool in the name of political correctness where a pool and expanded rec center would work beautifully and serve the interests of the greater Wilmette population rather than the whims of the few. It seems that it would make sense for Wilmette, Kenilworth, Winnetka and perhaps Northfield to pool their resources for the benefit of our combined populations. I feel similarly about our fitness center. Wilmette residents can access the Glenview fitness center, including their indoor pool, for a fraction of the cost of Wilmette's fitness center without a pool.

i stopped playing tennis because out of town guests were gouged. And nobody wanted to play from out of town.

There's nothing overtly that we dislike. As the Board turns over with new members, please continue to communicate effectively with residents and familiarize yourselves with all the different programs throughout the Village, not just those that you are chairing a committee. The Committee-of-the-Whole meetings are a great idea. If members are voting on all the park district programs, they need to understand the basic importance and significance of all these programs to residents, not just their areas of interest or assignment.

Sailing beach to maximize the sup storage and allow 2 boards in 1 slot.

The sign up process is always incredibly stressful and as dual working household, it is stressful on how quickly classes fill up. The sign up time of 8 was difficult, but 10am is also difficult for working parents.

High taxes

1. The rates of increasing prices at the Gilson Sailing Beach. 2. Software system for managing a family account is antiquated and lacks functionality.

Sometimes the a.m. town events are poorly attended in the summer. However the pm music in town, when you close the central, /Wilmette intersection to pedestrian only was magical. MURALS ALL OVER for photo ops ,and good PR

Nothing in particular

Not enough concern for preserving the natural environment, especially in the parks along the lake front.

Participants are not been informed about the class cancellation timely.

Would love for the pool have more open hours in the summer. My husband says there should be a coffee/pastry truck in parking lot by mallencrodt in the summer. Park district should do something with the treasure island space on ridge and lake, a youth hangout space or arts studio or anything really.

I think the board has spent and tried to spend too much money on expansion. We need a more conservative fiscal approach.

Better upkeep of community playfields. Splashpad would be great, as well as community games similar to what's available at Dwyer Park in Winnetka

I have to mention this. I remember Mallinckrodt the way it used to be. I was so disappointed by the changes that I couldn't even drive past it. I have since reconciled myself to the changes and I enjoy walking through it.

lack of an indoor pool



I gave a 9, so not much could be improved. Truly, the citizen surveys are important; that doesn't happen in larger cities, to my knowledge. The new walks paths are nice and well done. My nitpicky issue is bathrooms and water fountains...but that is improving!

update website to be more user friendly

Elmwood Dunes

Closed beach at Langdon Park/ no indoor pool

No winter swimming

The WPD higher ups do not listen to residents. They claim they do but as we saw with West Park, those community members felt and were treated like 2nd class citizens. It seems very for profit instead of for the community sometimes.

Gillson plans have been unfortunate, and staffing at the lakefront has been hit/miss. The lakefront has become a bit of a mess in recent years, and when it's up to young kids to enforce rules that doesn't always work.

The lack of access at Langdon Beach - especially last year. Please create even a temporary solution to allow walkers to re-gain access this spring. Generally could improve operations at Gillson- the fencing, and access impedes usage.

Some maintenance seems to have fallen back a bit

There are no Pickleball courts in Wilmette, wither indoor or outdoor

we pay for nonresidents trashing our facilities. Park/pool, especially the lakefront, should be limited as in Winnetka & Glencoe. Many of us do not use Gillson on weekends due to crowding

Difficult to get into kids classes such as gymnastics. Not impressed with the kids tennis instruction, and would prefer it was longer than 30 minutes.

I wish there were an indoor pool(I still swim) but realize that would entail significant operational cost & thus 'cost of using' might not be so reasonable.

Wish there were more options for small children on evenings & weekends (for working parents)

Increase access. It's always a rush to try to find spots in targeted classes (e.g., weekend gymnastics), as well as find a spot for after-school care. In addition, while we love Centennial, the hours of operation and the limited number of weeks it's open could be improved.

I have used the fitness center for many years and you finally have a great manager! Others before her have not been great. I have a problem with Gillson Beach parking in the summer. I see cars with no parking passes in the lot and are never ticketed. You are taking parking spots from people who buy the parking stickers or pay a daily fee. Also you are missing revenue for the village.

It could pick up the pace on decision making

Would like more activities for children and adults in east Wilmette. Park district should rent/purchase a space in downtown Wilmette and offer classes. And offer classes for kids and adults at the Lakeview Center. Also would like to see better bike options from east Wilmette to Community Center and Centennial. Would like to see a splash pad in downtown Wilmette. More bike lanes throughout Village. Better shoveling/salting in and around Gillson.



The cost of a seasonal paddle board pass - too expensive!

I haven't been that involved with the park district to say there is anything I dislike at this time

Outdated facilities, need more paddle courts with nicer facility and pickle courts

Costs and paperwork to deliver basic things (ie Beach passes, swim passes) are expensive and complicated.

Gilson beach is beautiful but because the fees for out of town residents is so low, it's way too crowded and has garbage everywhere. The fees for non residents should be significantly higher so that the people who live here can enjoy it.

'Asset utilization' - I support redevelopment of Gilson, creating more usable fields across the village (including lights in certain places) and some niche ideas - like a frisbee golf by centennial.

The website could use a lot of improvements with searches. Park District events need to be 'greener' with fewer disposables and less waste.

Maintenance of park fields at Wilmette parks and at Wilmette schools. Summer camps counselors have little experience - basically feel like babysitters. Can upgrade some of the existing facilities,

More bike lanes at Gillson beach (safer for children biking to/from), more walking paths ", more up to date structures at community playfields (Howard, West Park, Community playfields is in progress) to get out of rain/bad weather and/or use a restroom(!), another (non beach) dog park so dogs can run/play without coming home filthy, more space in summer camps (ridiculous that sign ups close 5 minutes after they open with the amount of taxes we pay!!), better after school programming (ideally at ALL elementary schools to accommodate dual working families no matter where they live...).

More outdoor workout facilities. More modern thinking of outdoor spaces and parks, like beach renovations

Very slow to react to the activities people want. For example, we should have had devoted pickle courts and the two extra paddle courts already.

The tennis facility is a little drab and doesn't offer as much competitive play as he would like (adult advanced level). Suggested options would b couples nights/mixed doubles events, drop in evening play, and more competitive rigorous classes.

They should poll the community to get feedback and then, enlist consultants unless there are some w/in the community. Too much money is spent on outside consults. Also, they try to do too much in the parks. Simple is key.

None

Some of the adult classes (pickle ball) are not taught by rackets professionals and are subpar as a result. Do not like drones overhead when relaxing on the beach & sailing beach. Wish fitness center costed less.

Trying to make changes to Gilson Park which are completely unnecessary. Need tennis practice backboard's on tennis courts

The stress of registering kids at the exact correct time or they won't get in the class.

That resources are directed to non-residents.

Parking at the beach is very restrictive for the occasional visitor.

It would be nice to have a double door access to the dog beach



staggering start and end times for activities to avoid congestion in faculties. would like to see costs for classes reduced based on family income.

too many activities -- would prefer less activities with better instruction -- classes are very hit or miss

I wish there were tennis classes for 15-18 year old kids. Living in New Trier means many kids don't bother trying out or their schedules don't allow playing sports but my kid likes tennis and it's a lot of work for me to try to get a drill organized for her.

Not enough support for families with dogs

DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAMS AS CHILDREN ARE GROWN AND GONE.

We like it all. No indoor swimming pool is all we're missing.

Listen to voters -- vstop acting like real estate developers -- stop spending \$ on consultant & surveys

Would be great to have foreign language offerings and longer open swim times (morning hours) during the summer. Modernization of facilities - pool/tennis/ice skating complex and rec center would make the environment more enjoyable.

Why have snow fences when it barely snows and the fences have no real effect anyway.

We are beach patrons every day since we've lived here. In summer it would be great if staff would consistently clean the tables & straighten up on patios. It would help fly & bees problem.

nothing to dislike

The facility feels old and dated. I would like to see more programming for babies. A music class with an instructor that plays an instrument and sings. Similar to the wiggle worm class offered at Old Town School of Folk Music.

Not sure paddle ball courts are in demand. Make the space multi-functional and appealing for rental for parties and events.

Would play basketball in Maple Park if court was functional.

I belong to Lifetime Fitness for the indoor pool and aqua classes. Wilmette does not offer an indoor pool, so i have not joined.

I wish there was a better way to manage the registrations, especially summer camp. As a household where both parents work, whether or not we get the activities we need has a huge impact on childcare. I would also like to see us invest more in improving Centennial Ice Rink.

Should ensure the people using sailing beach boat, kayak, windsurf, etc slips still live in Wilmette

There needs to be more available Kids classes based on the insane 10AM Tuesday sign-up demand. Some fill within minutes! Need also more times at the recreation center for working parents (lunch time programs). Need to offer more family outings around the holidays.

No indoor aquatic center

Nothing disliked

General: -Generally, with the exception of certain Board Commissioners, I don't get a sense that the WPD district listens to the residents. -Lack of phone support for the main number -Uninformed staff - impossible to get the correct information & get to the right person -Difficult to figure out who



does what, and who to contact for specific issues -Lack of a digital brochure with proper class descriptions -Outdated facilities -Need for more pocket parks in residential areas Activity-related: -the number of classes available for young kids (3-5); -the number of spots available for young kids and low grade students (K, 1st); -the number of spots available in the winter; -the number of spots available outside of working hours (after 5pm during weekdays, weekends). After-care: -Campus clubs activities could be highly improved, and much more structured. We were very disappointed that the tennis activity for example, didn't actually include a coach in the pricing.

Better course conditions at the golf course. The greens are excellent, but the fairways need help

It does not have an indoor pool.

Somewhat disorganized at times, registration is stressful

make rec center more affordable for seniors

The schedule at the Fitness Club does need improving. In the past, there were more yoga classes and now not really. The 9am slot used to have a lot of variety, and not so much anymore. This is probably due to Covid and people just starting to come back, but it could be better. I dislike when people smoke, play loud music, and eat on the beach. It really disrupts the peace, people litter, and cause pollution with smoking and vaping.

No current dislikes.

The entry fee for the beach is too low for non-residents. There are too many people in the summer months making it very difficult to enjoy the beach & green space at Gillson.

Old, dated facilities, often with cranky staff

Wish there were more options of classes. Sign up day is a nightmare. Lot of pressure and system runs slow and times out also once your credit card is in there it should not take this long to do and repeatedly enter it in each time for reg. Parents should be able to split up registration for multiple kids as an option as well.

It could use more facilities for more access for all, particularly gym space, paddle, pickleball and tennis courts

Hard to access some locations at busy times, lakefront especially, because of crowds.

the roads in Gillson Park

I would love for the park district to pay more attention to what the park users have to say and less attention to the negativity of the people who don't use the facilities and just don't want others to use them either.

spends too much taxpayer \$ on too many unimportant projects

signup website navigation is clunky. for basketball leagues, when there are multiple grades blended due to volume of participants, consider distributing older kids evenly v. aligning purely by school.

Nothing

There is a tendency of the Park Board to be overly ambitious in planning facilities. The Board does not appear to be able to keep it simple.





Adding facilities and man-made structures while removing natural elements. Focus on sports primarily instead of outdoor nature experience.

There is a lot of disorganization in general. We experienced poor organization of the pre-K or even the daycare programs in the past. More recently, we pulled our son out of the aftercare program at Centennial due to issues with one staff that wasn't actually a Park District employee. We have had several incidences of dysfunction across the organization from the basketball program, aftercare, camps (more recently) and at this moment trying to plan a birthday party. Too much staff turnover and not great follow up or follow through. Poor communication. But turnover was the greatest issue at the Recreation Center preschool level.

The website and overall program search is tough and of course the crash for any registration period is frustrating. Not as much on offer for younger kids.

Project moves too slowly through the process and one of two loud voices that don't represent the community can derail progress. I also think you could do more programming for seniors

It would be nice if you offered a few more end of summer camp options for the last two weeks of August for full day. You should have a Wilmette only beach!

I'd love some Pickleball courts!

I don't think it is appropriate to use so many lanes in the pool for swim teams and other organized groups. Also, outdoor pickleball courts would be nice.

We live in Kenilworth Gardens, and I Wish there was a playground closer to our home (at Malinkrodt park maybe?) where kids wouldn't need to cross Ridge to get to it. Malinkrodt is the park closest to us, and doesn't have a whole lot to offer other than walking paths. A nature play area for kids would be great, a free library, and/or an adult outdoor workout track. Something to add something for families where this is our closest park. Even a simple swing-set or tire swing, or big sandbox for kids would bring some life to the park, or a splash park for summertime! :) Sandboxes at more of the parks would be wonderful too. Wish Gilson was free to residents.

Popular programs such as women's golf instruction sell out too quickly - please offer more classes that sell out. Increase native habitat and trees in all parks where possible.

Registration process for camps/child care, and in demand classes like tennis. Stressful and fills too quickly. Should provide more availability for the most in demand options.

Previous plan to build a building on the park next to Sheridan Road. Thank goodness that did not happen but makes me want to be alert to proposed changes.

We NEED an indoor sports complex! There seems to be a huge drop-off in programming for 9-18y. The quality of programming starts to fall at higher ages so that families send their kids to travel programs instead of staying in the rec leagues. Our fields are constantly flooding or bone dry causing sporting events to be terribly uneven and hard to play on. Our camp information needs to come out sooner and be staffed with more adults to monitor the teen counselors on phones. The camps have started to feel like babysitting versus activity based fun. The CRC is SO outdated and the group fitness classrooms are completely uninspiring with their weird orientations - more mirrors, better lighting and different orientation, please!

Things seem to take a long time.

golf course: behaves like a country club -- pool: raise fees for outsiders but keep resident fee low -- beach facilities: need to be updated; raise fees for outsiders but keep resident fee low





Staff turnover in the past few years has been very high leading to some disruptions in knowledge and service

Gillson Beach is too crowded in the peak summery. WPD needs to limit season and day passes to non-residents to keep beach less crowded. The website for registering and signing up for classing is not that user friendly. As an example the payment system frequently forgets our payment info. Certain class sizes are too small and get filled up too fast. Those classes should run on a lottery system so it isn't first sign-in, first allocated - which can be hard for households with two working parents. The tennis system desperately needs to have an online court sign up system.

It sometimes seems that the board disregards the wishes of residents. This could be a misperception, but people want their opinions taken very seriously.

We are deeply troubled when greenspace is reduced and noise and debris increase through PD actions. We are deeply saddened over those on the PD board who have chosen to go ahead with the built up event facilities at Gilson. It is not only costly in funds, but will be far more costly in local noise in evenings, debris, and liability cost and concerns with alcohol, loud music and even more traffic. This was no better thought out than the attempt to build up the Elmwood beach area that would have been under water almost as soon as it was constructed at taxpayer expense.

Board keeps pushing for changes to Gillson Park, year after year, instead of properly maintaining what is there and is slowly degrading

Add pickleball courts

Workout classes and the facility are too pricy for me.

I am worried that the Park District is not doing enough to preserve our parks, and valuable things within our parks, such as stone work in Gillson Park or trees in any park. Please DO NOT add any more parking! There is so little open space in Wilmette - we need to keep all the open space we have.

The prices at the new golf course restaurant are nuts. Too much emphasis on 'gourmet' and no league discounts. It's nicer, but the elevated costs aren't worth it. My husband doesn't stay and eat there anymore after golf. But mostly, this district does a great job!

I can not think of anything negative to say. I have noticed the past year that there has been more trash left behind around the parking area and fields following sporting events at Howard Park. Players and parents should be mindful of cleaning up after themselves more thoroughly.

tennis programs can use better management, would love to see an online court scheduling system. Beach Capacity (Beach gets overly crowded on summer days), no paddle boarding access to the water,

Would prefer the Park District seriously address trying to restore more natural habitat at lakefront sites, such as Gilson. Not every Park District site has to have recreational equipment and distractions.

parking is a challenge not only on holidays -- at Gillson

I support the mov to more pickleball courts throughout the town.

The Center Fitness Club could be better. Too many teenagers sitting on equipment looking at their phones rather than using the equipment A monthly 'e-blast' of upcoming events would be nice

Right now -- we definitely need to utilize our parks to provide local, organic food gardens (including golf course) as our food supply & supply chains have been sabotaged by globalist & Eugenics & genocidal interests. We have new tech to use & we should raise our own chickens & supply of eggs, as well.



need better upkeep of community playfields and other fields. they are often too wet too play even when the weather is nice and most lawns are dry. would also be nice to have bathrooms and shelter at the fields like at West Park, Howard Park. Also, for summer camps, should coordinate more with D39. They release their summer enrichment offerings at a different time than PD camps sign ups. timing should be coordinated and would be nice to have more camps that integrate with the summer enrichment

Signing up for programming- especially summer camp and after care is a nightmare. There must be something that can be done. We also lack a lot of community events—summer concerts, picnics/food trucks in the parks, etc. There's also a lack of play spaces, especially new and updated equipment, and especially on the west side of town.

The Park District does not listen to what the community members want.

The supervision of lakefront parks and the lack of toilets.

Supply isn't enough for demand of many classes. Making the registration process very stressful. Not pleased with the summer camp offerings for 6 year olds this summer.

I think that the condition of playing fields are among the worst of all the park districts on the north shore. The grass in particular at Howard Park and Community play fields are in worse shape than any other place we play (soccer). I am not sure if we can invest in improving the grass and in maintaining it better. In addition it would be nice if there were shelters similar to the one under construction at community at Howard and West Park.

I want more offerings for young children (toddlers) on the weekend. Working parents can't participate with their kids in anything during the week. The online platform is a bit challenging to maneuver. When signing up for things, it is also very stressful.

More pickle and dog parks real bathrooms at sailing Beach and Gilson For the love of God fix the lakefront center already!

Senior access to beach should be free, like Winnetka

Nothing yet, but have only lived here 10 months.

We do not trust Mike Murdoch. It seems the park district t could do more with its resources.

Little Enforcement on Community Garden with respect to renter's commitment and responsibility. Lack of transparency in waitlist. Suspect some gardeners rent plots and 'sublet' them to friends and acquaintances.

I think many of the playgrounds are outdated, specifically Thornwood park.

Continue to be transparent & open to residents' needs and opinions

I realize the stormwater containment work isn't entirely complete at Thornwood Park, but I'm hoping there's a lot of effort put into making that park look good again. North of the park's tennis courts is a mess right now with damage from the heavy equipment parked and stored there. Overall, conditions are shabby at that park.

Could use some update facilities for basketball, the tennis complex is a bit dated. I feel the fitness center is expensive.

The paid side of Gillson Park is very expensive so I'm very grateful for the free side, where we can walk our dog and have a picnic. I live in west Wilmette and am very concerned about the proposed development of West Park. Please listen to the concerns of the neighbors.



Tennis courts at Locust (Park) need to be rebuilt.

Better oversight of the beach at Gillson Park in the summer.

pool pricing, lack of bathrooms, tennis court lighting, amount of space for sailing beach

I wish the elected board would step back from plans to spend money overdeveloping our parks. I'm also tired of constantly revisiting this discussion. The community has expressed its views many times over the years, but it keeps coming back. The parks are great as they are. Update where necessary, but otherwise, keep it green and as is ...

Not enough programming at times when kids are available. Wilmette moved to full day kindergarten and the park district needs to adjust programming to occur after school hours. Spends money redo-ing playgrounds not in need of repair. For example, maple park was great prior to the remodel.

Lack of friend requests in youth sports, lack of tween programs, pool hours, few outdoor basketball courts

Always feel they have to change something & spend money.

How fast some activities fill up during registration. It seems like the same ones fill up so they should open more sections of that activity.

The charge to go to the beach is excessive.

improvements to the parks take a long time, e.g., the roads at Gillson are terrible.

high cost of food at beach

The lights on the pool during winter is wasted electricity!!!

We have observed Gillson Park staff directing drop off in an overly angry way; we wish the board would seek feedback from neighborhoods affected by park projects early in the planning phase; we'd like to see more sustainable plantings and design in park district spaces; we wish the maintenance of parks was done in a way that is more sensitive to its environmental impact.

NA

Need more pickle ball courts. Wish access to the sailing beach was mor accessible

Not much to dislike. However, dog owners at Gillson could be encouraged to keep pets on leashes until inside the dog beach fence and not running free on beaches and park and also do a better job of cleaning up their dog's poop. A dedicated walking path from the south entrance of Gillson to the lakefront is sorely needed.

none

Although they accept resident input, they often proceed with projects over the objections of residents. They are not always transparent about their plans. Their agenda seems heavily focused on construction rather than preservation.

I dislike the fact that Michael Murdock remains a Commissioner, and more astonishingly Board President, after his private bid for management of the harbor in 2012. I find it difficult, to say the least, that Murdock is not only allowed on the WPD Board, but continues to get elected as Board President. As a result, it is difficult to take the WPD or its Board seriously. I dislike that the WPD Board meetings are not available remotely (via Zoom, Teams,



etc.) for resident interaction/comment. Why not provide more access to residents? see them as nearly as important as the issues raised above.

There are needed improvements to the WPD facilities, but I don't

#### NEED BETTER FOODSERVICE AT THE BEACH

Wish there were more class offerings, camps, events, and activities for teens

More activities for seniors

Tone deaf and appears to disregard community input that is not in line with its agenda

I don't like what it is doing to open spaces such as Gillson Park. People need places to go to find nature in our communities because too much of it is being built up today. We are lucky to be along the migration route of birds along the lakefront. We need places to go where we can muse at those birds above and in the trees, watch the wind blow through their leaves, and sit under their canopies to read a book, take a nap or picnic with friends and family.

Add rooms and classes at the fitness center. Build indoor pool

The Park District needs more Paddle courts and specifically designated Pickleball courts. I would like to see longer hours at Gillson (maybe 10:00) in the summer if that's possible.

it seems like a lot of the programming is repetitive and i think they could use some fresh ideas. i would think they could find a place for a 'winter' dog park....put up temporary fencing someplace in space that isn't being used for winter. i would like to see pickleball but understand its a challenge for neighbors

Take ownership of the lakefront and not say part is village land and part is the sanitary district. Build a consensus and fix the overcrowding and parking issues... especially in gilson and the free beach area

Their duplicity, their contempt for input, their disregard for resident opinion and their attempts to circumvent referendum results.

cost lack of safety considered in improvements senior access

I dislike their current approach to sustainability and the environment, seeming to ignore what the public wants and/or trying to 'fix' problems that do not exist. They are also very hard to contact, not particularly forthcoming when you do get ahold of people, and don't follow up on what constituents ask for.

I dislike the sign up system and the website. I find the website hard to navigate and hard to find certain activities. I dislike Maple park's renovation. It has nothing for little kids (ages1-age4) and not enough climbing structures

How do we only have 1 gym!?!? In a community this big, with giant taxes, it's insane to me that our facility doesn't have 2 gyms. (side note- we have all these school gyms that don't offer open gym hours). When it's cold/rainy on a weekend, shouldn't we have open gym basketball available/offered?

Hours at the pool could be longer for public swim. Pool cost is outrageous. Paddle tennis is impossible to book.

Nothing

The squeakiest wheels -- villagers -- have most say even if they are smallest group -- ie -- Laramie Street residents with West Park pickleball court and renovation. Dog park proposal at Howard Park.



Paddle is the ONLY outdoor recreation opportunity for residents in Wilmette that is sponsored by WPD (except XC skiing which is weather dependent). This needs to be expanded to increase options and access for all residents.

It is pretty expensive. Also some of the Signups can be pretty crazy and competitive.

Keep up with the latest sport: pickleball

Prioritizes golfers over other sports/activities. Tries to get rid of green space in favor of sports/activities.

Share instructor BIO(s) w/ credentials and more details class curriculum.

Little to no maintenance done on trees/bushes. Absolutely absurd use of money with the whole bathroom debacle on the Community Playfield. Charge too much for residents for pool Charge to use the walking track at Rec Center

Centennial Pool hours/crowds

I find the online process for registering unwieldy. I miss the printed catalogue of offerings. The playground on Forest needs updating.

I think the summer camps could be better and have heard stories of counselors being inappropriate, that can't happen.

I wish that the beach was patrolled for non-paying people. It used to be much less crowded and a community gathering space. It should be more expensive to come on as a non-resident.

Gilson need a footpath or Multi use path to keep pedestrians and cars/bikes separate at the Michigan entrance

Not enough paddle courts

Major sports like soccer and basketball have been unorganized lately. Fields and facilities should be better.

I don't really have anything I dislike.

How cranky neighbors hassle you.

Management at the Centennial Tennis facility.

No Comment

Adult tennis (and also kids tennis). The person running the program has really let it go downhill since it is very disorganized, there is a lot of pent up demand and people are just being forced to join country clubs or go to Winnetka's park district which is way more organized. It feels very unprofessional. Also - communication about Langdon beach. It feels like that project (among others) has momentum, and then it just gets delayed and delayed and delayed. Communication and sense of urgency feels lacking. Langdon park could also use a major overhaul. Also - the afterschool programming at Central fills up in less than a minute of registration. If there is that kind of demand, please add more after-school programs so everyone has a shot at partaking. Also please add morning hours to centennial pool! Please! even just the bucket pool and not the laps

Unnecessary improvements

The 10:00 on a Tuesday morning sign up time for enrollment is difficult for working parents. Also, we'd love more activity options for little children under the age of 6, particularly at a variety of locations throughout Wilmette.



They don't maintain parks well. They don't listen to residents well. They spend just because money is available instead of wisely.

Langdon Park shoreline is closed.

Lack of fiscal responsibility.

Parks are more focused on children and are plastic and rubber and all look the same. Parks can be made with natural materials and include activities for all ages. Helping to maintain strength, flexibility, balance and interaction between young and old members of the community. The beach is too focused on making money and not enough on being good stewards of the natural resource that is our Great Lake. Concessions at the various locations are full of over processed incredibly unhealthy food for our community. Most of which is packaged in plastic and other non-compostable products. The dog beach is bad for the environment and should be stopped. Dog parks are great but keep the waste out of the water.

Do not like the equipment installed at Maple Park. Still has the large dangerous boulders.

Some things (ie Gillsen Park) fine as is- no need to turn it into event rental property. Don't like overselling of beach parking.

Many park district programs should be free to residents

It would be great if the tennis courts at Locust could install lights for entertainment at night.

The WPD does not allocate enough of their budget to landscape maintenance, pruning transplanting and investment in new planting.

It is very competitive to get into programs.

Fees for non-residents to visit and park at the beach. It's not our private beach, we should be sharing it equally with the community.

Parents sometimes park illegally or block driveways during games, not park district per say but should coordinate with police to enforce rules

Need to add pickleball courts

- not enough native trees and plants. - over-emphasis on hosting of sports; under-emphasis on nature - playgrounds made largely of plastic (we'd prefer natural materials) - leash laws for dogs aren't enforced

Focus too narrow. Should include bowling and outdoor walking at Mallinkrodt.

Facilities could be upgraded

The lack of an actual swimming area at Gilson Beach is a major downfall.

Lack of spending in old and new buildings, parks, and recreational facilities compared to neighboring villages

Restrictive rules for the paddle facility that were implemented last Fall

Thjere are times the online reserving classes is difficult.

Great workout center . Very devoted teachers

It would be nice to have more family hockey stick and puck times.



Limited availability- groups fill up quickly

Mike Murdock has his own agenda and not the Park district or residents at heart.

I live on Mallinckrodt Park and I would like it all of the paths instead of obly some could be plowed when it snows. Also, more Mallinckrodt festivals would be great.

See previous reply

Quality of instruction Quality of staff Timeliness of sign ups

We really dislike the tennis courts at Thornwood. We really dislike the pool hours. It's unfair to have to wait till half the day is over to go to the pool. We also dislike the staffing at the pool. If I am going to pay for a pool pass, EVERYTHING the pool offers should be open and available. It's discouraging when the slides and diving boards are closed due to short staff. Unacceptable!

I cannot think of anything that I dislike about the Park District,

Some activities are difficult to get into. The drop in fitness classes were better than having to go online and sign up each day in order to go to a class at Center Fitness Center. Not a fan of getting up at 6am to sign up for tennis classes and still not getting in! Wish there was a way to automatically enroll in a tennis class if you are continuing in the exact same level and same class (i.e., Wednesday Level II at 9am). Wish the tennis classes were 90 minutes instead of 60 minutes. Wish there were more Pickleball options, both indoor and outdoor. With the Chicago weather being what it is, indoor especially would be welcome. Pickleball classes or drill sessions - at the tennis center on real courts - would be nice. Second choice would be at the gym at CRC. Wish there was a secure fenced in dog park with Turf instead of grass - the beach is great don't get me wrong but going to the dog beach means the dog needs a bath and that takes time. Also some dog owners are inconsiderate and let their dogs run free throughout Gillson Park and on the regular beach which is either annoying or terrifying depending on the behavior of the loose dog.

improve small beach at plaza area (no building, just beach)

Playgrounds are not targeted for a range of ages. Afterschool care could be of higher quality, providing more involved teachers. The park district does little to control owners with dogs walking without a leash.

1) fitness options appear that they could be better 2) would love an indoor pool option like neighboring communities (Glenview pool) 3) would love indoor park options or a park children's museum that was part of the park for winter fun (think Skokie exploratorium)

Increased construction impinging on the grassy areas. Increased rock formations of lake front property owners which block access to some sandy areas, and cut short the walk from the dog park to Chestnut Street

Pool hours are strange. Fitness Center is a bit pricey.

Facilities at the Sailing Beach! The sailing beach could use a bathroom - just one, would be great. We also need a 100% fenced in dog park, with an area for small dogs and a separate area for large dogs. Also, there could be more garbage cans in the parks

I'd like the entry at Langdon park open again

I am sorry that it is not affiliated with Silver Sneakers.



Simplify registering for classes at the Wilmette Center.

Not enough of a selection of classes for all ages and limited slots.

none

The website registration portal is difficult to navigate when searching for available classes at specific times or days. The sign-up days are also very stressful knowing that if I have any technical issues when registration opens, classes/camps/after-care options will fill up before I have a chance to call. There should be more space available for before and after-care school options as working parents rely on these programs. When they fill up within 5-10 minutes, that leaves a lot of community members with difficult decisions to make about childcare and work.

Yes I am very upset and others are also because of no attention to Langdon Beach. A park with wonderful views of the lake with no way to enter either from the beach or from the beach. When will it improve and be a wonderful addition to the neighborhood and not an ugly eyesore.

I wish there were mommy and me gatherings for local residents with young children.

N/A

Limit non residents access to facilities. Enforce let leash laws or disallow pets in parks

Over-emphasis on improvements that don't seem to have great value -- including research cost on such improvements. Need to enforce 'dogs on leash rule' in some of the parks.

Signups are so stressful and often full of glitches which could be fixed by having someone review the website. More engaging programming for after school care past 4:45 The community rec center has no sidewalk or safe way to walk from Glenview road north to the west end of early childhood to pick kids up if walking through neighborhood

The indoor facilities are lacking by comparison to nearby communities. We could use indoor gyms and athletic facilities especially. Would love to see Gilson parking lot as an ice skating rink with skate rental and concessions on weekends.

Not a regular user

n/a

I would return to the pool if there was a time for adults only to enjoy the pool -- maybe during rest breaks. Most of the time it's so full of children and huge inflatables that it's not really suitable for an older adult.

Need better lights at Howard park field. The old lights were better than the new ones installed a few years back.

Would like the beach to be free for seniors and more senior discounts and possibly more senior programs or engagement

I can't think of anything.

Scheduling and communication of schedules at facilities (like a field availability schedule, Winnetka does provide a field availability schedule).

lack of info sent prior to project being considered. Much better many years ago. Nicer people. BOC don't care.

can't think of anything.





better fitness center -- Lo[??] + more equipment

Centered on providing services to narrow slice of the community, kids. Other cohorts such as families with dogs, seniors, family without kids, are not serviced well, if at all.

dog beach too expensive -- Langdon in disrepair -- not enough year-round restroom facilities -- why aren't beach restrooms open all year? -- year-round porta-potties

Sail Beach has been degraded by deferred maintenance for many years. New wood racks were installed only after iron angle racks became a danger to users, not when they needed replacement. Two dollies are fifty year-old steel square tube home-made contraptions that are heavier than the boats they carry, have skid boards which by design are total failures and allow carriage bolts to damage boat hulls and have square handles. The new dollies are only for Sunfish, NOT for larger mono-hull boats. Recommendation: Buy one dolly that is correctly sized for the larger mono-hulls. The increase in rack rental cost over the past few years is abominable considering the facilities and lack of service. Maintain adequate staff in September. The PD assumes sailors can depend upon the kindness of strangers late in the season to lift boats unto the old dollies.

Occasional difficulty signing up due to demand

I dislike the changes that make LESS green space in the parks. I dislike the plan to commercialize the Lake house at Gillson park. I dislike landscaping that does not use native plants.

It should be more accommodating to seniors & handicap residents.

Past consideration of putting a fence up by Gillson Beach made me wonder if PD was insane. Fitness club wouldn't let me use the basketball court for exercise so I quit (it's 'fitness' right?).

Spots for programs can go very fast. Often waitlisted when I go right at resident sign up time

Be more cooperative with Canal Shores efforts to renovate an open green space without using any taxpayer dollars

(use to have plays at Glen Rd. loc) adult plays at theater -- Glenview Rd. -- also plays back at Gillson

Signup for camp can be stressful and dreadful.

Registration is stressful because there aren't enough spaces available. Summer camp registration is a complete nightmare.

Mallinckrodt senior center, high fees, very limited programs + limited hours, don't understand why fees at all

As I age, I am not familiar with programs that apply to me anymore.

Need open Langdon park walkway to beach again so residents can walk the full beach. Free beach portion crowded and sometimes has visitors who don't respect the environment. Tennis at Centennial is expensive.

At times, there are plans to be too aggressive with change -- like more parking at Gillson at risk to cutting down trees.

It would be nice to have more quiet places to just sit and enjoy the water. The new beach house is beautiful but you can't see the water from the chairs and tables that are provided at Gillson. Maybe add benches and tables on the overlook area that is above the main parking lot.



Why are the facilities so old and outdated, especially when compared to nearby villages like Glenview? Why don't we have an indoor pool?

The bathroom in the playfield is still not open. Months delayed. Please return the porta-potties until that bathroom opens!

Poorly appointed facilities / dated amenities, dated playgrounds, too many portable toilets

- The staff at Gilson Park Beach could be more customer oriented. The staff do not seem to be happy working there. Most are not particularly friendly to people who use the park. - It was complicated to sign up for lap swim in 2023. Hopefully 2023 season will be easier. The facility looks very nice. Once you are a member, should be able to go to adult open swim when you wish - There seems to be a lot of sailboats, stand up paddle board, etc. for rental. Wish there are more programs and lessons for them

Too much proposed spending on expensive new projects by the village Park Board.

Some employees feel entitled and do not always have the client's interest as their top priority. There has been a tendency for the administration to spend too much, more than what the average citizen wants given that it increases their taxes.

The road in Gillson Park from Sheridan, along the harbor to the lake needs pedestrian sidewalk I

have no dislikes

REALLY wish there was an indoor pool.

Please provide more staff or police patrol at Gillson Park/Beach on weekend afternoons and evenings. Please limit the number of non-paying beach/park non residents at Gillson on weekends. Overly crowded and too much mess with picnics, parties, etc. Large numbers of people come here from other towns.

lack of care at the nature center on Hibbard and Skokie Blvd

The politics that keep the board from making decisions that would improve services and infrastructure--especially at the lakefront

Lack of updated facilities especially indoor

I am concerned about Langdon Beach renovation and prefer that the renovation be minimal - so as to preserve its 'natural' look.

See prior comment about camps and counselors being very disappointing from prior years. No one holds the counselors accountable because they seem to just be happy they can staff the camps. You should incentivize the counselors and the work product will be better. This starts with leadership and we have seen no serious investment at the park district for recreation from the leaders in more recent years. It is slowly getting better in the basketball program.

- dislike Gilson beach improvements, old way was better - all aquatics programs changed for worse! (sailing, kayaking, aquatics). Kids are not allowed to go anywhere in sailing and in kayaking, before they would venture on some distant trips. Skokie lagoons day in kayak and SUP last year was a joke - parents have not been informed in advance, involved a lot of driving back and forth till it was canceled. Basically we lost half day of camp and parents had to do extra driving. Banana rides were canceled in aquatics camp while it was the main reason we signed up. - don't like that there is no aquatics



programs for high school kids. Wish there were such programs with more advanced stuff - dislike that there is no survey after summer camp program - it would be nice to reflect so that the program could improve in the future

The online registration for new classes and most importantly for summer camp is still wonky and stressful. I can only register on my phone bc the credit card fields on my computer browser don't allow me to fill in numbers. Even in 2 years the online process has improved but there is still work to be done. More spaces in programs would be amazing. Childcare for under 2 seems like it's also a great place for expansion with so many dual income parents moving here. I would have sent my youngest to the park district if there was infant and toddler care when I sent my older child.

Lower costs to use beaches as a resident and free parking for residents.

No dislikes

The communications could be better. The website is often out of date. The system used to bill and make payment is not user friendly. The park board also seems to be too quick to try to push new things through without thought to change management. People don't like change, generally.

I appreciate the Park District has to make decisions based on a lot of input and that gathering input takes time - but I think there are some basic improvements that most people agree with - that can be moved on more swiftly without waiting for a full plan to be determined.

I think as the beach needs to be much cleaner. We are paying each summer and the public and private beach sections are very dirty and not well kept. I also don't like how I can't bring my pets to the paid beach in Wilmette when there is obvious small toddlers peeing and eating and throwing things all over far worst than a dog would. I think the park district needs better cleaning and maintenance of the park and to consider pets on the private beach.

Not inclusive enough

more pickleball courts

More tot-lot playgrounds west of Ridge Rd.

I feel they could offer a more robust sports schedule for all levels of athletes. I have also found since the pandemic the level of instructors in some of the classes is sub par. They need to be high energy and make the kids excited about what they are teaching, not just getting through the class.

We need pickleball courts

Not applicable

access & parking for cars (the less, the better)

not sure

Unleashed dogs running freely -- even though not permitted; limited handicap accessibility

The board of the park district is ineffective. Mike Murdock has questionable ethics and should be removed from the board. Gilson park needs year round, all seasons toilet facilities.

There should be entrance or user fees for non-residents to use Gillson Park during warmer months.

renewed seating at dog beach & possibly a water fountain or washing station for dogs & people -- better care of lifesaver rings & security of these



More free community indoor places, like a community track (see Robert Crown Community Center). Wallace Bowl not so expensive to rent out

Lack of communication and per[???] openness. Is Gillson Park eligible to be placed on the National Register. No comment heard about it from the Park District.

Not enough space in the park district programs - especially camps and early care

I would like to see fitness equipment in parks and trails.

I dislike the manner in which the Park District has handled Gillson and Langdon plans. I have too much detail to go into for this survey.

little to engage a child's imagination at the 'new' Maple St. Park

Some of the decisions. Really dislike what was done to the beach facility. Talk of pickleball courts at Centennial are also ridiculous.

Some classes aren't great for middle schoolers, more oriented to elementary schoolers.

Keep swimming pool cleaner. As an adult, don't like to swim in it that much. Need indoor year-round pool. The beach house is the worst. Too much money spent for not much in return. Cutting down the big trees. There was a crime. Planting cactuses that died in our weather was a total waste.

Not many programs as kids get older. Not many options for Junior high and high school kids. Also, there is too much emphasis on competitive level sports (e.g. gymnastics) vs just trying things out for fun and exercise. Finally, too much focus on building things for organized sports and not enough interest in replenishing trees and keeping natural green spaces.

I fear it's too late for the Wilmette Park District to canvass the community with regard to Keay Nature Park, as tentative plans to make changes seem to have been laid out already (before public signs/questionnaires were posted and/or delivered to residents). I'm very saddened to learn of the potential scope of changes currently under consideration for this park. I've been visiting this slice of heaven for about 18 years; primarily for solace and slow paced exercise, mindfulness, dog walking, nature photography, reading, sitting, chatting with others - all while holding a deep appreciation for our collective, valuable, natural environment. This park is special; it's tucked away from the congestion of Edens Plaza yet close enough to stop by for a short and tranquil visit. It's a unique place within our Village to simply 'be' without 'being led.' I believe our children (and seniors, and everyone in between!) have a need to wander in this space and in their thoughts; with few distractions other than the sounds of birds chirping, squirrels climbing, breezes blowing the leaves, children tossing stones into the water etc.). The idea of adding another playground-type structure in Keay's environment seems excessive as our Village currently has several parks with play structures. This nature park is very unique in that there is no prescribed action, structure to play on, or signs to read (other than beautiful memorial plaques on trees/benches/bushes and educational material covering the landscape architect who lovingly designed and donated? the property). Keay park offers community in a different way. For years, I've appreciated meeting others of all ages (oftentimes with their beloved pets) and observed how much they, too, appreciate the peace and tranquility of the park. I have enjoyed observing parents/grandparents/guardians/caregivers/couples etc. strolling with/without children, having thoughtful, meaningful conversations during their exploration - or catching up about their day. Keay Nature Park, as it currently exists, is a true gem. Please consider making only subtle changes to it in order to enhance its beauty and sustain the original vision for the park. Thank you for reading my long-winded comments!!

Difficult to get things done online, like beach passes

Quality of classes and staff is very hit or miss. Inclusivity is severely lacking. I have a child with a couple of small extra needs—it's shocking how some classes, and virtually all camps and childcare are not equipped to handle a student with a very simple and basic 504. I no longer use the park district for



camps or childcare after numerous issues—including—being given the wrong child at pick up, denying her use of therapeutic fidgets, not knowing where my child is on multiple occasions, staff sharing sensitive private information in front of other students and staff, my child being left out of activities and not having her birthday celebrated when other kids in the camp did (and I had emailed the camp regarding the birthday prior). Childcare and camps are a huge disappointment which is a shame as there are so few affordable options and it should be a draw of living here.

Not sure about dislike, but maybe continue to keep communication open.

Parking at Gillson. Cost to park in summer.

Price increase of preschool for next year. \$200 increase is a lot and there wasn't any communication about why the increase is occurring. In comparison to other centers in the area park district will come in around the same now and there are more days off so doesn't seem right

Sign ups!!!

Better communication about programs.

They spend too much tax money on projects the residence do not want

You have ruined Gillson Park with the dog park. It is now Dogsh\*t Park.

Tennis courts hard to reserve due to WPD lessons in mornings. Also need to clean/blow-off more often. Cost of a windsurfer space at the beach is high. No pickle ball courts.

more green, focus on keeping and planting more trees

More sidewalks and bicycle trails in Wilmette.

I hate the politics of the park district board and how the board seems to have their own agenda. I hate how the board dismisses public opinions and comments and pushes forward on their plans. I don't like how the board constantly tries to develop our pastoral parks for commercial purposes.

CRAZY how people have to set their alarms to register their children for summer camps!

Gillson Park is horrendous in the summer months, its the park I truly love because its on the lake but I can't go in the summer months, its overcrowded, people do not follow the rules, they litter, and park in the residents parking places. They should raise the fine to \$100.00 and post signs, like they do in HP. I'm disgusted by the condition of Gillson and the changes that have occurred over the years, its really unfortunate since Gillson was the main reason I bought a home in Wilmette, we now wish we would have bought in Winnetka. My family and I go to the other NS beaches now and stay away from Gillson

1. No light at playgrounds in the evening is a problem. Not an issue in the summer, but in late fall through early spring it gets dark very early and it's impossible to go to a playground (e.g. Community playfields one is pitch black after 4:30pm in December and it's the nearest one to us). Some sort of sensor would work with timed shut off say at 7pm not to create light pollution for nearby houses if that's a concern. 2. We would love to see some updates to Centennial aquatic center. 3. It would be great if there was an option for longer tennis lessons (30 mins is a bit too short). 4. We do not particularly like that there are virtually no programs for older toddlers that happen at 4-5pm. It's hard to get to 3pm class when many kids nap 1-3pm, especially in winter when there is no light at the playgrounds, so we spend mornings outside and there is no class to go to in the late afternoon. 5. It would be great to find more coaches to do weekend classes, as those seem to fill up in a couple minutes during sign up (e.g. gymnastics specifically).



6. Diving lessons - why do they start at 8yo? my almost 6yo is in gymnastics since 4yo and loves diving off the high board at Centennial but won't be able to get into a class for 2 more years. 7. Maybe a very long stretch - but it would be so nice to have an all year round indoor pool with splash pad like they do in Glenview, Des Plaines.

Would LOVE to see the Centennial pool turned into a year round facility:)

The Wallace bowl would do better with more events and happenings through the summer. The beachfront is not being regulated as well as it used to be and there are more people swimming and drinking in the no swimming areas. Animals are leashless. It would be good to have an indoor pool for year round use.

Would like to see more year round use at Gillson Park including open restrooms and perhaps a coffee shop in the park building

I really wish you would LEAVE GILSON AS IT IS. It is a PARK and doesn't need any more paved surfaces than those that already exist. The new beach house is wonderful.

Limited skating periods, no year round swim facilities

I believe the Park District could have fought harder several years ago to convince residents that a bond issue and a few dollars more per resident to improve the physical structure of the parks (eg. road, sewer, sidewalk work in Gillson Park). Glad it's being addressed now.

More classes for young kids < 5 would be great. An indoor pool would also be such a welcomed addition!

Not enough concern about trees & plants. Too much money into sports. Keep parks simple & more natural.

NO pickleball courts

crossing guard next to park district for kids who walk home after their program would be a great idea.

Improve Gillson with unpaved paths for strolling/walking/jogging

starting to get expensive

Accessibility to Lakefront for residents, beach costs for seniors Programs for older adults education Bicycle riding programs for all ages Competitive cycling for youth

Waitlist for Wilmette Harbor mooring is too long!

Increased bathroom facilities at sports playfields; increased organization for sports

I wish there were more programs for adults

It does not have a great reputation. It seems to be autocratic & operates without community input/approval. The development of parks/buildings/upgrades needs to be very transparent.

a number of the youth sports have only been 'ok' - not particularly well run. Website difficult to navigate. Should have more weekend youth classes

About 15 years ago, the park district decided not to enclose the Centennial pools for year-round use because a small number of residents wanted them open for summer only.



need to plan ahead to keep facilities updated e.g. Keay Nature Center

The length of time to make decisions.

NA

Early closing of beachfront in the summer- we like to walk on beach after dinner, around 8, but now it's closed too early. Also too many activities on main beach- let this be the beautiful natural resource it is- not a boardwalk-keep simple-natural, accessible

programs could be more expansive to other options -- nature program for example; pickleball

There are some activities that are cost prohibitive for some families. There are some activities that more tricky for users. For example, using the SUP or kayaks for trail in users is hard for those with children, because it is challenging to watch children and carry SUP or Kayak without a safe place to 'rest.' A frustrating element of the beach is that the 'Free' beach doesn't seem to have to follow the 'rules' as the paid beach. Is there a way to have the dog beach open during the day time hours? Why can't the camps use the north side of the rock pier so that the dog beach can be open all day?

The sign up system is a bit of a pain. Some facilities are getting dated and tired.

I am disappointed with the programming, particularly the summer camps. I have enrolled my kids in the Winnetka Park District camps this summer due to very poor camp experiences last year. I also wish there were more open gym times available & better basketball courts.

Keep voting to do things that surveys of residents show the residents don't want.

I wish the senior center was open more days and consistent times. Many of the activities before the pandemic have never been reinstated. Most activities are in the a.m. and very few are after 1:00pm.

Not enough play spaces for toddlers vs bigger kids. Access to clean bathroom facilities.

The Board does not listen to residents and has a mindless focus on building things that are not needed.

Unfortunately, the WPD has become obsessed with building more and more recreational facilities which gobble up park land and free play areas.

There is nothing that I specifically dislike about the Park District or its offerings.

Giving in to ridiculous green initiatives

No indoor swimming pool. Need more yoga rooms in the fitness center.

Pedestrians sharing road with cars and bikes at Gillson. Not shoveling or salting pathways/stairs within parks and sidewalks adjoining parks. Other property owners have to shovel the sidewalks adjoining their properties. Why not the Park District? Wish the Park District engaged better with the public on individual projects. Don't cede the narrative to NIMBY crowds. Don't expect people to parse through multiple pages on your website. When you don't continuously and cohesively present the facts through all stages of a project, someone else will step in to provide facts, often inaccurately. Park Board meetings Could be more productive if the Park District engaged more effectively with the public. People care about their parks! Wish Maple Park were still a tot park! The Park District should always start big picture when redoing a park (there—keep it as a tot park), and make sure the pieces are consistent with the big picture. It seems as though that park accidentally became a big kid park. Bad planning!

n/a





Limited drop-in activities, especially for tweens and teens

Supervisors that do not answer email with concerns. Specifically, Gillson beach and the nearby boat rental. The non-functioning water fountains, which were stopped for no good reason in the last three years. Bathrooms are not open on nice out-of-season days at Gillson. They are also of too small capacity.

Offer >> Youth open gym at rec center. Youth open hockey / stick & puck at rink. An outdoor inline skating pad similar to Swanson Park in Glenview.

There seems to be a move to build build build. Lakeview center expansion is not necessary. More paving at Gillson is not necessary. These are things we do not need. No more Astro Turf. Pollinator gardening is a great step.

restrooms in park. There should be various restrooms (porta potty 's ) in all parks as was done during COVID-19. They need to be open all year round.

limited adult tennis offerings

The hours for fitness swim have severely been cut back. Bring back at least 3 lanes at all times. Not a fan of the 'free' beach. There seem to be continual problems there. Just shut it down. The poor kids who have to lifeguard there bear the brunt of the bad behavior.

that I have to pay to access the beach

Because we live near Gillson, we use that park most often. My husband's and my concern would be that the Park District talks about rebuild existing facilities, but there seems to be little maintaining what we already have. Example, Gillson Park simply needs to have existing roads repaved. For such a beautiful location, it's a bit of an embarrassment.

BRING BACK THE course catalogs!!! Even if it's for a fee! Ever since they eliminated the catalog, it's less enjoyable browsing the course offerings & I sign up for far less because it's a dreadful experience

Wish the gym was more like Glenview -- not fond of Wilmette's gym

The wait for paddleboard space was very long. Very glad to have it now but before we got a slot it was not easy to bring it for the day. The daily paddleboard rate at the public beach seemed to disappear and the logistics of using it there did not make it reasonable to pay the high annual rate.

The Board and especially the parks' paid staff leadership seem to have disdain for the public, the residents (taxpayers) of the village. An honest effort to listen to and value public concerns would be a start.

None come mind

Fees, overhead, community engagement until recently

the fact that it is separate from Village of Wilmette and has many redundant functions.

Special programs need to be executed better with a lower price. The specific example I remember was the Halloween trunk treat at Mallikrodt in I believe 2021. It was overpriced and overly complicated. Simpler is better sometimes.

The website to sign up for activities can be slow and freeze and cause you to miss certain popular class sign ups.





Expand hours for the pool Expand swimming lessons Expand options for teens: activities/events at beach and pool, teen classes at the Fitness Center; more teen camp options; winter teen events

Beach area upkeep needs improvement.

bathrooms are not always easily accessible or clean -- basically, they are mainly port-a-potties (ugly & stinky)

Finding that enrolling in early care for Romona will be difficult and we will be stressed approaching this need next year. First visit to ice rink for children's class wasn't welcoming.

Wilmette made a huge mistake in taking away the beach playground. New playground offers nothing.

The need to 'improve' where, in some cases, there is no improvement needed.

Activity signup website

Better maintain outdoor tennis courts. Especially removing accumulated leaves and debris.

Would love it if there were after school enrichment options for the spring. I didn't like the idea of the kids going to the beach in the dog park area and changing in port-o-potties in the Wiggleworms camp.

Surprisingly expensive! Without fail, the WPD entries on our credit card statement surprise me, for just one or two weekend activities per session.

I love the natural beauty of Gilson Park. I hope it stays the way it is. I dislike plans to change it

lack of indoor pool

Nothing

Sometimes the staff by the reception don't pay attention to whom is entering the center. Some of them don't know how to help.

The competition to get signed up for summer programs. Trying to navigate the website on an iPad Assumption for Women's classes that all interested participants are SAHMs. Working moms want to take beginning golf and paddle too!

Residents of Avoca District 37 should not have to wait until kindergarten registration to be given resident rates & sign-up times. This waiting is hard on families with more than 1 child to register.

Old and outdated facilities and parks. Not enough adult-oriented sports leagues. Difficulty of getting a tee time on the golf course (there should be a much larger price difference for non-residents). Requirement to use park district tennis instructors on courts.

Please bring back the printed booklets or make them available upon pick up. Some people like the online format but our family loved going through the booklet. We would plan our lives around it! Bring back Friday Night Skater for the teens Also can we have an indoor pool or bubble the current facility to provided year round use.

I can't think of anything I dislike about the Park District.

Improve awareness of programs. Target programs for different age groups.



Lack of weekend programming for young kids

more walking / hiking trails would be nice

Do not remove any more trees from the parks.

have a class in Line Dancing for adults

No DOG PARK

The steps at the north part of Gillson, from the beach to Michigan Av are not well maintained, leaves, clutter, snow et. The sidewalks on the west of Gillson are not free of ice or snow all winter. There are many pedestrians who have to walk in the street for safety!

no information current

The Board of Commissioners has embedded dysfunctions that are hurting our parks and our community.

More space for popular activities. Eg, Abe's soccer, gymnastics. These are super competitive to get into.

News has been traveling around about pickleball courts. We are extremely opposed to building new pickleball courts in northwest corner of The Community Playfield. We understand the sport has continued to grow and support that. However community green spaces are precious as are peaceful areas for families to gather, walk and the wonderful outdoor summer camp area in this location should be maintained. Any additional courts (north) would pose a noise problem for area residents. Tennis courts in the Community Playfields are not monitored. Players arrive as early as 6 am and voices of players travel. The Tennis dept posts different hours (online) than the park board. Confusing- two sets of times for opening and closing of courts! A disadvantage for residents who live nearby.

I do not have specific suggestions. I appreciate the WPD trying to preserve green areas, trees and other plantings and improving parking for many sports.

Keep Centennial's 50-meter Pool open for a longer season (April through November). People will come if they heat it!!

Limited availability for the programs - not enough spots and everything is super hard to get registration on your preferences (summer camp, tennis, etc). Quality of the grass for soccer training is very poor at Howard Park and Community playfield - compared to those in other neighborhoods nearby (Glencoe, Glenview). Infrastructure at the parks (water, bathroom, shelter) are limited - all parks should have the infrastructure that is being built at the community playfield.

The Park District seems to prioritize revenue generating investments and installations, with limited regard for preservation of open spaces, nature, quiet, etc.

The handling of the west park situation.

I like the nature center and I wish there were more 'wild' areas with trails, like Emily Oaks Nature Center in Skokie.

Senior programming in cramped quarters. Needs larger spaces for exercise classes.

improve programs for older residents



The PD could do a better job communicating with Wilmette residents. Too often a vocal minority creates the impression that they represent the entire community simply because they are the loudest group. Often these residents live directly next to a park and are trying to ensure that it remains underused.

Waitlist for SUP/kayak storage space at sailing beach is too long.

Nothing

None

We need pickleball courts!

The administration is arrogant. Over the years they have wasted money on projects ex: Langdon Beach, which was voted down. Where are the new proposals to open that beach? The new racks for kayaks and small boats are terrible. You can't put your vessel in and then flip it as the space is not high enough. Beach parking can also be an issue.

There are no obvious notices about events. The yearly brochure is focused on young people. No idea there is a nature center.

Nothing

We're wondering if the programs at Mallinckrodt and Gillson can be revived. And please don't pave over any part of Gillson Park. No more concrete! If the Park District thinks that would be an improvement, we disagree.

I've coached my daughters basketball team and we haven't been able to practice in 2 weeks because the gym wasn't available and there was apparently no other place to play or to share. Our games are on a small court at Highcrest where the scorer's table comes 1 foot out onto the court and a kid could easily run into it. That could be handled much better.

The programs are pretty expensive and there are not many special needs programming.

Parking at the beach is expensive. Going to the beach has become astronomical! I have been going to the beach since being a child. I am almost to the point that it is unaffordable. Also to join the gym and the cost of classes. It should not cost so much if you are a resident.

Could have better use of premises and facilities by creating programs that attract all demographics including the elderly and people who do not have children

It seems like the Park district competes with local businesses as opposed to working with them and promoting all Wilmette which would make the Park district stronger

I am in favor of keeping Gillson Park more natural and undeveloped. Parking and traffic is an issue in the summer, so would like the WPD to keep this in mind as they decide on future plans. Ex: weddings at Lakeview Center. Focus on sewers, roads and landscaping.

The water in (pool). what you call it -- I call it garbage sink.

No public indoor pool or swim lessons. Popular kids programs (ice skating classes, tennis) fill up ridiculously quickly (also events like brunch with santa, easter bunny, etc.). Front desk staff at the CRC don't always know where classes are being held within the building at the beginning of the session.



Please see above. The entire park board of Wilmette needs to be replaced by sensible, intelligent, educated, thoughtful and environmentally knowledgeable people. None of the park district members have these qualities.

The renovation of the Fitness Club: Peloton machines that are not as adjustable as the previous equipment. It is very MALE-oriented now. I wish I had not renewed.

Extravagant - we need to maintain our very good existing facilities - not add more

Wish there were more classes for siblings of different ages. Ex: more classes together for ages 4-6 and 5-7

Generally satisfied . . . Although it would be nice to have sidewalks to walk around the full perimeters of the larger parks.

The lines to check in guests at the beach can be long. I wish there were more times for open ice skating.

Woul like to see more basketball and pickleball courts

Second artificial turf field, can't think of anything else!

the condition of Gillson roads

Pricing We think the indoor track at the fitness center should be FREE to walk or jog on for Wilmette residents. We use the SKOKIE PARK DIST track because it is only \$20 per year for non residents to walk the track. (It is free to Skokie residents.) An indoor track is an important amenity for walkers who want to avoid being in the rain, snow and ice but who want to keep up with fitness goals. Likewise, membership at the fitness center is pricey. I think Wilmette residents should be able to rent facilities for a much reduce rate than currently offered. Similarly, classes seem to be priced too high and the resident rate should be lower. Parking Additionally, parking at the beach can be difficult in the resident parking area and it seems many non residents park there with no repercussions.

Please open the Gilson beach house restrooms in April May Sept and Oct

Constant attempts in recent years to monetize public open spaces. Also the way legacy trees were planted in the past was far superior than the new system.

Lack of transparency related to girls gymnastics. We were interested in joining the park district team after we moved here; it was impossible to get information on tryouts and required skills to get on the team, or to be allowed to progress beyond basic beginner classes which were too easy. We ended up quitting.

Not sure

We dislike that rules are not enforced at Gilson- people let dogs run unleashed, lot of littering- from non residents on public beaches. Highland park beaches are so much better managed and you will not see dogs jumping on people there.

I've read that current leadership has made it harder for disabled kids to participate in park district programs. This could be seen as discriminating & illegal.

Don't always reach out to community for input prior to decisions.

Not a fan at all when it comes to Langdon and Gilson Parks. And Maple Not listening to citizens comments. Not flexible with neighbors desires Upkeep of parks is bad and takes too long to address Over budget on lake view center and not transparent enough with community



Some of the facilities, such as Centennial are in dire need for an overhaul. The WPD also needs to keep up with emerging trends such as paddle and pickle growth.

The registration process is clunky at best on a laptop, impossible on mobile. And it's near impossible to get a spot for activities. Feels like a ridiculously competitive process for public classes. Additionally, the classes descriptors for swimming lessons could be greatly improved. Both my kids were misplaced because it wasn't clear.

Lack of youth swim team Lack of indoor pool High fees for youth sports

Better hours at the swimming pool, swim team for kids, better camps options, more day off school programming

Lack of designated dog park area. Many dog owners in the area and a designated dog park would really improve satisfaction and bring much needed play area for 4 legged family members. In particular the area is needed in west wilmette area

The current Board has a reputation for being acrimonious towards each other.

I'd appreciate a little more lakefront landscape maintenance. If there's a path, stairs or a walkway then maintain it, don't allow sand, weeds etc cover that up. The benches and memorial rocks too, they need better care. Yes, our lake and weather can be fierce but we can do better down there. Also, can we get rid of the UGLY plastic fences at the dog beach?! Again, Wilmette can do better. The ones in the back around the trees have been there forever and seem to serve no purpose except taking away from the natural beauty of the place.

Park Board politics

More places to store paddles. Takes years to get a spot. Plus, for those with disability issues lift & carry long distances. Limits times to use paddleboard. Having assess [sic] to boat beach limits the disits [sic] to load / unload.

Difficult to navigate the online program guide. No outdoor pickleball courts, few painted tennis court lines for PB. Don't charge enough for out of town residents for everything.

Repave the access road.

The Board and President. Promises of involving the actual residents (who are specifically impacted by decisions the board makes) are laughable. The new policies on how and when the public is allowed to speak up or input anything are ridiculously restrictive. We have been shut up on more than one occasion. Unlike the Village of Wilmette (which truly values and relies on the residents' input) the Parks Department doesn't seem to embrace the fact that they work for us.

Would to see more morning pool hours for residents only

Wish it offered swimming lessons and that quality of instruction was improved for many of the activities (we have not felt like we've gotten our money's worth on multiple occasions).

Some parks/playgrounds need better upkeep and cleanliness.

More info on events

Too much building on green space. Need to protect what we have. Need to plant more trees. Protect remaining green space at West Park



lack of attention to trees

My only issue is how the park district handled the storm water retention project. They made every effort to preserve trees and the parks at Community Playfields and Thornwood, but zero effort at Hibbard. When the village then gave the park district \$2 million (saving the trees at Hibbard would only of cost \$1 million), the park district earmarked all that money for Community Playfields and Thornwood. They have completely neglected the needs of people in West Wilmette who use Hibbard Park, which is the only park with natural grass west of Skokie.

We were recently at Thornwood Park and the snow was not removed and sidewalks were not cleared.

restrictions on swimming at the beach

Start this survey with something more positive instead of starting from the negative!

no indoor pool

Outdoor facilities need better maintenance. And Gillson is beautiful but again needs better maintenance. Also, the cost of many programs seems high, for a public park district. And we wish there were more 'pocket parks,' like Evanston has. This would be good for families.

The parks need to be expanded responsibly. Paddle courts should be expanded and pickle ball courts should be installed by either painting tennis courts for pickle ball use or by building new pickle courts. Parks should not be used for new buildings unless it conforms with the neighborhood. For instance, Gillson, Thornwood, Vattman, and other similar parks should not have any new construction on its open areas, Current park district operational facilities like Laramie should be reviewed to determine if they can be modified to operate with recreational uses.

We need better fields for soccer/baseball/lacrosse. Every time it rains games get canceled yet we can go play those same games in winnetka and glenview without an issue. Also would like to see another hockey rink close by. Wish the public pool had earlier hours in the summer. It doesn't open until the afternoon on Saturday/Sundays

Nothing

The registration process is a little difficult. I wish there were more ways to access the lake/sailing beach without a long waitlist.

Expanded dining area at Gillson Park

start PRINTING & MAILING program schedule again -- too much emphasis on 'improvements' and spending so much money on equipment at parks

Too many structures, not enough trees, too much cement. The park district needs to preserve the open land and trees we have in our parks.

Sometimes difficult to get in to highly-desired programs

Too much focus on activities and not enough work keeping the parks as natural settings to be enjoyed by just walking thru or sitting. WPD should engage with the Village of Wilmette in acting on the Village's Sustainability Plan, plant more trees, naturalize areas to limit the use of lawn grasses, promote biking and walking in lieu of driving to WPD facilities.

Langdon Park has been poorly developed and managed

Complete the updates and modernization of Gillson and protect this treasured property so it can flourish.



The constant pursuit of a Gilson development plan. Leave well enough alone.

Absence of lower fees for seniors for some programs

Less commercialization and overbuilding. Dedicating certain parks for athletic team sports so that others can remain tranquil & peaceful. More collection of garbage & recyclables. More patrolling of the park by authorized park personnel to enforce rules.

Lack of transparency -- insensitive

Lack of access during peak periods. Parking beach and surrounding area dominated by non residents - lack of realistic outlook on what makes Wilmette parks special. Feel like residents subsidize non residents. Residents' cost differential is not sufficient to recognize the taxes paid to support the programs.

Nothing

I dislike that, in general, they do what they want, not what the people want.

The facilities and staff presence at the key facilities are lacking in comparison to other north suburban towns (Glenview, Winnetka). The pool needs more food options. Paddle hut needs longer hours and expansion. Neighborhood parks need more fenced in dog parks.

I want to see all tennis courts made dual-use for Pickleball

better fitness center equipment & classes

High cost of park district activities that have parent volunteers

Cost of programs can be high

Not enough variety of activities to choose

Taxes from Wilmette residents support the Park District. Parking, including beach parking, should be restricted to cars with Village stickers. Residents should have easier access to Gillson Park.

Registration process and payment process is cumbersome. Need upgraded online registration process and also for booking paddle courts and golf tee times.

Online sign up procedures for classes. I've logged on at 10 am on a sign up day and classes are filled. Software at sailing beach is horrific. They need to update the process so you know what you are signing up for. Fee sheets for boats are nowhere to be found. Daily sign ins at the sailing beach with park district ID cards rarely work.

Restricted hours at Center Fitness Club

I would like more public pool time hours

The fitness center is very dated and needs expanded programming.

Would like to see expansion of outdoor public pickleball courts that are available without joining a facility--like what Northfield has at Willow Park

Dislike tendency to overdevelop. Prefer facilities maintenance without more building.



We don't like that not in every park there is a portable toilet. We think that it is essential to have a toilet next every playground. Wilmette parks should improve this aspect.

I would like more attention paid to the aesthetics of the golf course. The annual flowers should not be omitted especially around the clubhouse and first and tenth tee. Lilac bushes that have died should be replaced. There are a lot of ragged edges that are unsightly.

At times the cost of classes seems high, especially for seniors and households with several children.

Listening to public feedback and desires, management of gillson park (need to enforce parking zones, beach building remodel was not practical, need sidewalks and clear pedestrian usage)

It's so hard for residents to park at the dog beach area on the weekends. I think residents should have priority. Cars are ticketed but it's frustrating for residents who live here! Folks may not pay their tickets so I don't think that's effective. The parking is a real problem! The pool fees should be higher for non residents.

Sisters of Christian Charity grounds on Elmwood have coyote dens. Wilmette has zero animal control and refuses to address this problem. Malinckrodt neighbors have reported the screams of animals being killed. So far, the coyotes have observed me walking my dogs but have not charged yet - What happens when hunger takes over their fear of a middle aged woman. The police dept recommended carrying a horn, sad. I cannot fight off a coyote and they will come after my small dogs. New arborist could do a better job trimming trees, mulching and weeding Malinckrodt.

Beach pass and parking are expensive.

Employees could be more cordial & forthcoming

Lockers at the swim beach would be nice

I would like to see portable toilets in the parks on a year around basis. For example, they remove the portable toilets in Maple Park sometime in the fall.

It'd be great to have more variety of summer classes for adults (I.e tennis) in the evening

The idea of expanding the lakefront.

Minimal adult sports opportunities. Very strict rules around beach and lake use. Lack of capacity for watercraft storage.

I think the parks need shelters in case of storms / inclement weather for kids there playing or doing sports, such as Howard Park or West Park. This was also a previously huge issue at Community Play Fields until they installed bathrooms and a covered space. Bathrooms and covered shelter space should also be completed at Howard and West Park given how well utilized these parks are by children and sports. Many instances when kids are there in storms waiting for parents to pick up. Bathrooms, covered space and lighting make a huge difference for kids safety and comfort. To be specific: Investing in higher quality grass fields and facilities for kids outdoor sports activities throughout the park system with a more robust maintenance plan. Creating some type of gazebo or shelter at every park to provide safe spaces in times of storms and inclement weather. A similar structure to what is being built at Community Playfield would be helpful at West Park, Howard Park, etc...

The parks (bathrooms would be helpful) and the pool. the summer time is a joke for residence to be able to use the pools.

Staff turnover. Competitive signup for popular classes and camps is stressful.





Website needs major improvement overall. It's very hard to navigate and find events. Overall, there are not that many events for families (noon years eve, father/daughter or mother/son dance, etc.)

Most of the staff at each of the aforementioned facilities are not pleasant. Swim clubs have displaced lap swimmers during posted lap swim times in the summer. It would be easy for staff to post this information but for some reason, staff can't be bothered or simply choose not to. Questions or requests for assistance to attendants at the ice rink are often met with eye rolls.

No specific pickle-ball courts

Prices and personnel at Gilson during the summer

web site

Paid events are too expensive

Activities (that are subsidized by us as taxpayers) not being available to us by virtue of caps on participation. A business model that relies on volunteer coaches for youth teams so that if a coach does a poor job, or favors his/her child over other teammates, there is no recourse for the other families.

Increasing user fees at a rate greater than the CPI

Too many non-residents at Gilson Park in the summer. It is getting too crowded and as a resident I am enjoying it less and less

create a dog park

Dislike is a strong word. I give high marks to the park district. I do think that dog owners should have their dogs on a leash, unless they are at the dog beach. I also would love to have access to the restrooms at Gillson at dawn (or at least earlier than when the offices open.)

increased prices of classes. you stopped combining pool & beach passes. stopped shows at Wallace Bowl

Increase prices for Non-Wilmette residents. I pay taxes and fees for my use of Wilmette park districts facilities/locations and do not like non-wilmette residents using our resources which makes them more crowded. Perhaps gate off the dog park somehow to allow spaces to be separated by size and weight of dogs. I have seen this in other places

conflicting responses to questions from various staff members; confusion over who to contact...lack of centralized authority; lack of complete info re picnic reservations in Gillson Park; surprised me and my guests that each out of town family paid high price to park and at great distance from my reserved picnic site

Having taekwondo on a dirty carpet( people on it with outdoor shoes) with our kids having to be barefoot during the classes.

Trying to create facilities at the expense of nature. Almost competing against private sports clubs

1. July 3 Fireworks show -- really needs a coordinated musical accompaniment. Glenview has an incredible show! If the budget does not work, why not create a separate committee to raise funds or ask your existing parks foundation to supplement the budget through fundraising/sponsorship. 2. Maple Park needs equipment suitable for under 5 years old -- all the new items are for MUCH older kids. 3. Safer pathways along roads in Gillson Park OR please actually enforce the 5 mph speed limit -- so dangerous with pedestrians, bikes and vehicles using the same roads! On this same topic -- PLEASE FIX THE POTHOLEs -- they are dangerous and likely represent a significant liability for injuries due to falls. 4. Better maintenance of trees -- why not



jointly work with the Village of Wilmette arborists who have an extraordinary DB of all trees in the Village. It's a shame that PD has not made conservation of its trees a priority. 5. Joint curriculum with SD39 for students focusing on health of Lake Michigan and all of the Great Lakes using Gillson as its focus. This is an extraordinary gap for a community that is actually ON THE LAKE -- we are losing a HUGE OPPORTUNITY to teach the next generation about the critical importance of our fresh water supply.

Any suggestion which suggests higher taxes and noise!

Add LiveBarn at Centennial Ice Rink, no open gym at Community Recreation Center

Paying to have to use the beach

It is almost impossible to get a spot in popular park district summer camps. The beach and pool are also overcrowded.

The communication and management of the kids sports leagues is seriously lacking. I don't get the impression that the managers understand kids and what they want out of these leagues. Also, prices are very, very high.

Indoor walking track is not free

Let it be natural when possible. We don't need 'perfect' parks

The in-house sports programs are not good. It was better when Hot Shots Sports ran the basketball programs in particular. Also, what happened to the girls Storm program? Rumor has it that the staff doesn't like the new superintendent of recreation, and all of the changes that have been negative have happened in her tenure. We are a big sports family, and I am looking at other park districts just to avoid Wilmette and the disorganization that has happened in the recent years.

Cost of fitness programs for residents.

I wish the Park District would create at least one dog park in the community. I was shocked when I moved to Wilmette 3 months ago and discovered there isn't one.

I think WPD does a great job. Lots of great offerings. Focus Gillson renovation on maintenance, not new ideas. The few WPD meetings I have attended were combative. Be more forthcoming!!

The beach is too crowded on the weekends. Every summer weekend I want to go to the beach and it's just overrun with people and not fun. It's Nice that we open it up to non residents but those of us who pay taxes should get some priority. Like resident mornings or hours. It's very disappointing.

The staff that runs the children's sports classes are teenagers with no management experience. Many of the classes we sign up for get canceled because of low enrollment. My son is 5 but not yet in kindergarten and there aren't many classes offered at the 8-12 time before he attends afternoon preschool. The gymnastics for tots is not really a class but more open gym. I wish there was some more teacher involvement or theme/lesson with the activities. The summer camp program for 3 year olds was a mess. Teenagers who had a hard time managing kids. The classrooms were packed up from the school year and felt unwelcoming and had limited supplies. I find myself going to Hi-5 sports and Highwood Rec Center and Glenview Park district for better ran programs with actual COACHES. The golf program could also start before the age of 5. There is a real market for it.

indoor swimming pool / less expensive trail-in permit!

I have seen big and expensive changes to local parks' infrastructure while little investment in trees and landscaping.



Choice of an expensive restaurant @ the golf course. Efforts to spend tons of money on plans for Langdon beach a total waste on such a small area that is left!

Grand plans for Gillson Park are often presented against the wishes of the residents. FIX what's broken and leave it alone.

I am worried on occasion about the people I see in the water at the beach between the dog beach and the beach with life guards. The Park staff try to be so patient with folks but as soon as the staff leaves a people are right back in the water.

Contracting with suppliers who aren't qualified for the job. Not paying enough the first time to get the job done right, then having to pay more down the road to amend the shortcomings.

There is nothing I dislike.

Can be competitive to get spots

nothing I can think of

I use the beach the most. I think some of the costs to use the beach are out of line. The usage fees at the beach have increased and without much change in services. In particular the cost and system to get a SUP board spot has not been transparent for years. I believe there is a new system in place that the staff can not manipulate to help some residents jump the line. I would be happy to pay a fee for a trail pass - but the current fee is ridiculous. Especially for a resident that is already paying for the beach in our tax base.

A fully fenced dog beach and dog park would be excellent additions. Current offerings are inadequate.

The price of many park district sports programs is more expensive than neighboring communities (Skokie for example) and the instruction is not as good as it could be in those other communities. I feel like the community could offer better quality for less. Or balance it out somehow. Also, not enough after school programs for working parents. Most of the current programs swimming, etc. cater to stay at home parents or rich parents with Nannies. Help us working parents out!

I find the ice rink management to be inconsistent and somewhat arbitrary. My children play hockey in Wilmette, but often are treated as second class in the building. There appears to be little to NO cohesion between the park district people and hockey community. I feel there is almost open hostility to it. This needs to be run as a partnership. The hockey programs greatly benefit the community and while a private organization, the staff and operations of the rink need to work better with the hockey community as a whole.

I am 67 and there are not many classes that interest me. Used your fitness classes when I moved here but it is cheaper to go to Lifetime

Gillson is not the 'best kept secret' it was when we moved here. We need to charge more for non-residents to use the beach and enforce parking permits better

Why isn't there an indoor swimming pool? Or a place for people who just want a track to run/walk on? Glenview Park District offers this. Why doesn't Wilmette?

Sometimes it is difficult to get into some popular classes.

Park board needs to function and receive resident feedback more effectively. Feels like the Board has gone off the rails the past few years.



Special events availability and variation

more solar panels on rec center roofs which get full sun

The grass fields at Community Playfield that are used for soccer are not very well maintained relative to other soccer fields/venues.

coat hangers in Fitness Center

I don't have much to share- but if I reflect on this I would ask you to consider: - After school clubs (individual, curated options like chess club etc.) should be offered to all elementary schools- it's not right to draw a distinction between our community in this way and have removed this beloved option from McKenzie and Romona. -The parks department web site needed to search programming is very difficult to navigate. Summer camp registration is always so fraught- I imagine this could be improved in terms of both process and experience. - I have received a lot of information recently calling for necessary staffing and policy changes within the parks department to provide more inclusive programming for members of our community with disabilities. I turned to your web site in order to understand more about this issue and I did see that the parks department has a relationship with the NSSRA, which is apparently intended to provide some elements of this support. I am interested in learning more but it seems clear that the existing partnership leaves room for growth in this area. Inclusivity is a benefit to all of our families and children so I would encourage further examination of how the parks department is best serving every family in our district, particularly our community members with disabilities.

No complaints or concerns at this time.

Sports (for example soccer) sometimes feels disorganized, last minute and lacking communication, lost some of the events / activities from pre-covid (for example separate mom/son party, father/daughter), age limits when registering - we have kids that age out of classes that are designed for their grade during school year, it makes it difficult to register for things with their classmates that may be a year younger (for example - JK kids want to play Tball together but it is just for 3-4 year olds, however there are JK kids that turn 5 and still are at that level and not ready for the coach pitch/ Kindergarten level, same applies for gymnastics or other sports, a kid may become a year older but would like to finish off in the winter and/or spring the same class / activity they took with their friends in the fall)

The current administration wants to commercialize the Wilmette Community Playfields to support activities beyond the use of the neighbors. The current park board is aggressively promoting increased use and density of facilities in the neighborhood without regard for the input from neighbors and without consideration of DISTRICT 39 use of the tennis courts, parking and or cross county trails.

Wilmette Park District does not compare favorably to Glenview or surrounding neighborhoods. Facilities are not maintained and litter is an issue creating nuisances. Wilmette Park district board does not care about neighbors or the desire of the local community users

Wilmette Park District took out the fitness stations which I used and then recently put in a walking trail which was unnecessary. People could have walked around the park without a trail. Now you have people walking the trail all hours of the day and into the dark. The walking trail parallels the sidewalk which 'urbanizes' the feel of a green open space. Then a restroom was put in which was UN-necessary and duplicative of other facilities adjacent to the location it was built. Over the 18 years I have lived here I have never used the port o potty or the school, both of which are available. I understand there are games at the park, the port o potty's were sufficient for those seasonal games. SOLUTION- STOP IMPROVING THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT OF THE PARK AND FOCUS ON GREEN OPEN SPACE FOR THE COMMUNITY TO ENJOY. The park district irrigates the field with clean drinking water which costs the Village to provide. Using clean drinking water also means we pay a city sewer fee which is unnecessary. This water comes from the Great Lakes which are for the most part, a nonrenewable resource. They are composed of numerous aquifers (groundwater) that have filled with water over the centuries. Although the total volume in the lakes is vast, on average less than 1 percent of the waters of the Great Lakes is renewed annually by precipitation,



surface water runoff, and inflow from groundwater sources. Why is Wilmette Park Board using this precious resource on playfields? STOP USING LAKE WATER TO IRRIGATE THE PLAY FIELDS Sprinklers are used even on wet or rainy days. Why wasn't storm water run off water considered for this use. There is no need for a picnic shelter and to place it as close to the school makes it look like a cluttered landscape with one sidewalk behind the facility and the trail in front of the facility, it looks like an urban maze of walking spaces. STOP BUILDING BRICK AND CONCRETE walks, paths and buildings A community park should be for the immediate community. It feels like the park district is trying to make the Community Play Fields into a event complex for the north shore. The park should be for Wilmette Residents yet we have users from Highland Park, Glenview and Evanston at our park regularly.

SOLUTION- RESPECT THE LOCAL RESIDENTS The school kids should be putting names on their lunchboxes so that they can be identified to collect their property which is strewn all over the park and school grounds. We find a lunchbox nearly daily along the sidewalks and there are half eaten sandwiches, food wrappers, masks, gloves, clothes and other trash all over the place. This brings rodents to the park, which bring skunks, possum and they in turn bring the coyotes. This trash is a nuance and has increased as you have increased the park users. SOLUTION - LITTER CREATES DISEASE AND RODENTS, THIS SHOULD BE A GOOD TOPIC FOR THE SCHOOL TO FOCUS ON. MAKE SURE ALL LEAGUES AND SPORTS PICK UP AFTER THEMSELVES The Park Board and the Wilmette Forester should share jurisdictions and they don't. There are three trees in the Community Playfield which have orange paint on them. The Forester says the park is not his jurisdiction. The Park Board will not confirm if the orange paint means they are cutting down the trees or not. I have looked at the village website and the staff is not that large, I would have imagined one department could talk to the other especially about the trees and their health. SOLUTION -Internal collaboration? The Park Board has ignored the dog community in spite of the Covid Pet explosion. West Park, designated for pets is not fenced and is a dangerous place to let pets exercise. SOLUTION TREAT THE DOG COMMUNITY WITH THE SAME RESPECT AS OTHER RECREATIONAL INTERESTS

Offering more options in their programs ie: more available times to learn pickle ball



## Appendix 4: Verbatim Open-ended Responses – Final Comments



We have two young children and would love an indoor pool for the winter months. We typically leave the Willamette area for indoor splash pads and pools. Having a place to workout and swim as an adult in the winter would be great and we would use it. I would also be a big supporter of an indoor turf field to support athletic programs in the winter. If we had turf fields for the kids to practice and play in sports leagues that would be great.

Would love it if there were indoor pickleball courts available. Outdoor tennis courts with painted lines for pickleball is adequate.

indoor pool!

We love our Park District! And we are completely perplexed why the heart of the district, the Community Recreation Center is SO outdated! Even just a few coats of paint - in more contemporary hues- would work wonders. Also we're very disappointed that the vocal minority has had so much power in steering your efforts to improve things. It's held up the roadway work at Gillson, and only having two new courts for Paddle at West Park, and no pickle, is so frustrating.

Please retain the West Park and not move the equipments near the area where there is danger to the children like building structure to accommodate adult activities i.e. pickleball, football, baseball. It is safe where it is now for the toddlers or children can use the equipment i.e. swings, slides, etc. There are a lot of homes sold to families with young children or expecting children since these houses were sold by seniors who are downsizing or moving to retirement facilities and young couples purchasing the homes and renovating. Please keep the West Park for children.

- Have lived in Wilmette my whole life. It's crazy that the park district keeps building/renovating outdoor facilities while not building the one thing that could benefit ALL age groups: an indoor pool. A pool would be great for everyone from toddlers to seniors. Ideally, with dedicated lap swim times. WPD built that stupid (and stupidly expensive) skateboard park that hardly gets any use when it could have put a pool right there. - Every single park should have at least one basketball hoop. It's an easy and fun way for kids to congregate and hang out. - Pickle/paddle are really popular and that's great - we play sometimes - but we don't feel it should be getting all of WPD's attention right now. - Finally, please don't overbuild West Park. Our kids play Wilmette Wings soccer there and it gets difficult when busy. Paddle players drive crazy down the parking lot and put kids at risk. Thank you.

Thanks for all you do!

Paddle court delays have been frustrating. Also the court dryers have been barely working for years - given all the revenue paddle brings, updating and maintaining the facilities should be prioritized. But overall believe the park district does a good job.

This survey was overly tedious, redundant, and limiting. It's bad enough that you're not allowed to backpage in order to change an answer but, in at least one case, I couldn't even change an answer while I was still on the page.

I would pay extra taxes to have an indoor warm water therapy pool.

We all feel strongly that it is time to UPGRADE / REPLACE / REPAIR -- as needed -- [????] roadways, paths & sidewalks. The NEW area is in EXCELLENT condition. The OLD area / POOL parking area is dangerously decaying.

While improving our PD facilities will likely come with tax increases, this is a fundamentally wealthy community relative to many others and I believe a big part of what makes it attractive to new home buyers is a wide range of fun activities for young families moving in, driving up home values. Young families are looking to be active and remain social, even when they move from city to suburbs, and PD can really help drive a sense of community and active social opportunities across generations.



I've asked Steve to stop by for a conference PS -- I am also PLEASED with the new restaurant at the golf course [comment at Q15 & at Q19: seating at the golf course]

Additional thing that we'd appreciate but are probably unrealistic: tween or teenage hang out place at community center

Pay more attention to serving the sailing beach users

Working with other govt districts on programs is important ie library and village.

Looking forward to the new paddle courts. And would like to see rowing clubs and erg workouts. Need events and festivals in the parks on a regular basis that include LIVE music, food trucks and other entertainment or carnivals.

The availability to use Centennial pool for lap swimming starting in mid May and extending through to October is VERY MUCH appreciated. Closing lap lanes from 12:45 to 2 during the regular season creates log jam. 3 lanes were always kept open for this purpose. Offering lap swimming on holidays should be a priority as well.

Please consider citizen advisory groups to help the Board make better, well-informed decisions.

More recreational options/programs for seniors w/reduced fees.

Thank you for caring about our opinions. Appreciate all the work you do to make Wilmette a great place to raise a family!

Please consider acquiring the land on the northeast corner of Oakwood and Poplar and developing a park. There are limited playgrounds on the east side and this is an ideal location with parking along the railroad tracks.

Make it more affordable for non residence children to join their grandparents (in residence) to join them in the pool

I think one of the most important things to consider with park programs is that we try to match supply with demand. Flexible multipurpose facilities can help enable that over time.

The staff and Board behave in an adversarial manner toward residents. They are unresponsive. This is a longstanding situation within the culture of the Park District. Because they answer to no one they throw their weight around because they can. The last aQity survey was ignored because the results were not what the WPD wanted. Thank you! [comments at Q25: Public Safety-refusal to consider alternative PATH proposal by residents for Gillson -- Innovation: Paddle expansion, pickleball FORCED on WEST PARK -- Use of the word CUSTOMER says it all. The WPD, not satisfied with its enormous revenues, seeks to monetize every activity it can.]

it is very important that WPD understands, and recognizes the historical and landscape significance and the PROFESSIONAL work that has gone into the landmarking Gillson Park with Illinois Landmark Status!!!!!! For too long and with not completely legal processes the WPD has subverted this IL Landmark status. WPD never answers the question: Why?

This survey was way too long and annoying

Please get a new president if the Park Board. I have No confidence in who is in the position now.

Please no more slippery plastic benches. You used to offer logs, but no more; would like





Just reiterating my support for an indoor pool.

I strongly oppose using the Gillson center for expanded social events and additional parking.

None

There are no 'Next' or 'Submit' in this survey, just arrows.

We would like the locker rooms at the hockey rink to have better venting. AND we would like more time for the public to access the public pool and remove some of the swim lessons

Continue fine work of park district fiduciaries! We're in our 3rd Wilmette home (since 1998) having first moved here in 1977 -- we love the village & the public service -- esp. Park District! We're happy to pay taxes for the parks! (Thanks for the postcard reminder!)

Re Safety at Centennial. Have written to Park District about slippery floor in women's locker room. It remains hazardous despite simple solutions like non-skid paint that could be applied. Does someone have to die for you to listen?

Don't sacrifice open space for parking space

having access to our park district's ice taken away from girls hockey teams is so very disappointing. the unwillingness to help the local girls club, which has many Wilmette girls, secure ice at centennial is so disappointing and made by a private club rather than the park district our taxes help support love love the lakefront. thank you for taking good care of it and the path at the community playfields are wonderful. the north side of the path is lovely and quiet. please be thoughtful about adding more activity there.

Please, please, please lower the stand up paddle board fees so we can enjoy as a family and not have to pay hundreds of dollars for a short season. It is time for the WPD to STOP increasing taxes & fees and maintain facilities within their means. Lakeview Centwer was an issue & it was passed by Board members to spend over 1 million renovate while Gillson Park needs roads & trees replaced. They need to stop taxing and raising fees on residents.

Please resurface the roads, install new lighting and build a sidewalk along the road at the Sheridan Road entrance of Gillson Park! Why is this taking so long to do something so simple? Oh, I forgot, we are dealing with the Wilmette Park District Board.

Would love a neighborhood park especially with outdoor basketball between Lake, Hibbard, Lawler, Wilmette Rd but I understand there is no space. I'm not sure why the area was built without a park.

We oppose expansion of buildings at Gillson Park. Gillson Park should be allowed to have nature dominate what happens.

Exterior maintenance of facilities is lacking at many facilities.

No pickleball courts at Thornwood Park! Keep Gillson Park green! Stop paving everything.

[This questionnaire includes many comments and a written insert. Many of these are 'family history' comments that imply past, but not current, usage of the PD. Others have questionable relevancy to the survey. It seemed best to enter only the direct responses and leave the voluminous -- and possibly extraneous -- material for review, rather than trying to jam it all into the open-ended questions.]



The park district website search function could be better

[comments: Q10: often very noisy on walking track from below; on track, sign says no cell phones but allows loud conversations -- Q19: no Bridge offered -- few senior classes offered]

The time has come to prioritize creating a Pickleball infrastructure in Wilmette. Making free outdoor courts available, making indoor courts available at Centennial and at the local schools. If you do the math you'll see there's no reason to add fees or taxes as Pickleball has the potential to raise double the money of tennis at Centennial. The Tennis hierarchy needs to fully appreciate this. Pickleball is growing and is a rare low cost family game. Tennis is not be able to keep up with the growth of Pickleball. Look around our surrounding communities are way ahead of Wilmette in its adaption of Pickleball.

Outdoor swim pool times are horrible for families with little kids. Need to be open earlier in the morning. Pay kids more if it's a staffing issue. Should not have to wait until the afternoon to get to use the pool. A summer swim team should also be looked at vs lap time for older residents. Families are the life blood of this community and new families continuing to come here is what keeps our property values up. Need to address outdoor pool hours.

Thank you for taking the time to solicit our opinion!

We need a sidewalk for walkers and cyclists between Wilmette & Winnetka on Locust in Winnetka for safety.

good questionnaire!

The Park District should prioritize preserving trees and a natural environment. You know -- a park. The District has only one goal -- Stewardship and Sustainability -- that aligns with this priority and five other goals that are development biased. This is a framework for bad decisions.

indoor pool strongly suggested because winters soooo long and it's healthiest & longest lasting form of exercise

too many repetitive questions!

Add better walking access to Gilson so am not sharing path with vehicles and add equipment for younger kids at maple park.

Stop spending money

I have 7 grandchildren under the age of 7 and I spend a lot of time with them in Wilmette. That is the reason I care so much about programs and facilities for them.

LEAVE GILLSON ALONE!!! STOP SPENDING MONEY!

We've enjoyed park district facilities, but Wilmette's lagging behind other suburbs in some areas.

Gillson Park must limit entrance to other residents not living in Wilmette

Need to better coordinate with the village on environmental & sustainability issues

When putting in ADA compliant swings at the playground do so in addition of enough swings for multiple children to use at the same time. And there should ALWAYS be at least two infant swings at each playground. That's the first spot new parents meet other new parents and learn about what great WPD amenities our community has to offer.

better fees for indoor walking track for seniors



The new beach building is aesthetically pleasing but roof doesn't stop rain. Any new projects need attention to detail. The color boards look great in meetings but someone needs to really look at what WPD is getting for their money.

preserve natural resources -- don't need to use all park space for activities -- very concerned no pickleball noise

The ice rink facility needs to be upgraded to keep up with places like Glenview and Evanston.

would like a walking pool

I'm pretty disappointed with how poorly the grass was redone after the storm water project at the Playfields. It's all weeds and rather embarrassing for residents.

The camp signup process is one of the most stressful processes of the year. For a dual earning household looking to have fun activities for our children, it's essential to be able to coordinate these activities with friends groups as often there is a need for carpooling and childcare coordination. While it is great that there are so many options, it's nearly impossible to align schedules with other families, causing unnecessary stress and forcing parents to alter their work schedules to accommodate the camp programs. I'd love to see more capacity added to popular camps. We were unable to align schedules with others despite all of us singing up the moment camps opened.

PLEASE keep Langdon as natural as possible. There is no need to reinvent the wheel; just mimic what was done at Elmwood.

Please create play area at dog beach separate from big dogs. Just divide space in half with lengthwise fencing.

Please eliminate paddle board expenses. Way too high

We really need to improve the quality of fields for soccer and other sports. Our children need more local areas to play sports. We need to expand our acreage for fields and improve the ones we have. It is frustrating that we don't have enough field space for children to practice and play.

The cost of programs is also relatively high. Last summer my daughter participated in a camp in Skokie in which we were obviously not residents and the price was less expensive than resident Wilmette Camps. It was also a camp that was not available in Wilmette (cooking camp for kids) and the hours were longer than Wilmette. There should be better programming for childcare for before/after school programs. The Early Bird program at the elementary school is expensive, fills up quickly, and doesn't offer a drop in option which the school offered previously. Prior to the Park District running this program, it was more reasonably priced and easier to access. In addition, the after school program is expensive and fills up so quickly. It is challenging for parents to access.

can you please stop trying to destroy the nature preserve? It has become less a nature preserve and more a walking path or bicycle path or dog park than what it was meant to be. The idiots who don't live in the neighborhood are completely "effing" it up. Tell them to stay the "eff" away.. Who are the nutcases in the park district who are destroying the nature preserve? They need to be fired. Like yesterday.

Please re-open Lanfdon as soon as possible.

Keep up the good work!

Additional paddle courts need to be added to keep up with the growing demand and lights should stay on until 11 pm everyday. Also, please add additional signage at Shorewood Park for bikers to slow down while biking past the park for safety. There seemed to be fewer camp options this year for



shorter durations which was frustrating. Finally, the pool hours should be adjusted as a season pass is hardly worth it to be able to swim only after 3 pm on weekdays for a family. Thank you!

We badly need a safe walkway from Gillson's main entrance on Sheridan Rd to the beach. We have to walk in the street, and it is dangerous. We love the beach and want to keep it open to all, safe, and clean. I like the fact that people from other parts of Chicagoland can use Gillson also.

The dog beach is a disaster area. Aggressive dogs and poor handlers. Dogs get out and run onto the swimming beach. Would be nice if there were more dog play areas around Wilmette including open spaces where dogs could avoid aggressive dogs in crowded areas.

We'd love to see a walking path that circles the centennial facility. It would also be great to see more walking paths at other parks, like Gillson

Please don't make the time (and Village taxes) I and others have spent taking this survey wasted by not really listening.

Langdon beach should look like Lloyd beach in Winnetka!

Please don't destroy Gillson Park. Think hard about how to include changing needs without destroying beauty of the existing.

Malinckrodt is on swamping ground. Perfect for native plants. Please bring them back like they were 12 yrs ago

Too many non residents are using our facilities at the cost of residents. Non residents need to be charged more and residents less. We should not be subsidizing non residents. Non residents are destroying the beach, Gilson park, and the dog beach.

Represent your constituents and not yourselves.

I really don't support the park district's wasteful spending, even if taxes aren't increased. ie Lakeview Center renovation

Do not over develop Gilson. Keep as is except repair, improve, maintain infrastructure. Very important.

We are interested in pickleball courts but not at the expense of open space or tax increase. We think adding pickleball boundaries to existing tennis courts makes the most sense. The pickleball players can deal with the net being slightly higher. Very unhappy with artificial turf at West Park - not environmentally friendly! We think residents should be able to park cars at beach in the evening for a stroll. When is landscape plan coming to Community Playfield?

The coat rack at the indoor walking area is awful! I have made suggestions but no one has made an effort to reach me.

The west end of town is treated like crap.

KEEP GILLSON GREEN!

The central Glenview park district building and grounds are a great model for what Wilmette should strive for. Indoor pool, gym, track, classrooms, and common area with community events.

1- It would be helpful if the website showed what equipment is at each park- eg I take my granddaughter to a park and want to find a particular swing, slide etc It would be nice to know that 2- the golf course should have an outdoor stretch cage that golfers could use to stretch and warm up and help me lower my score big time!



I didn't think about this earlier, but it would be helpful to have golf lessons for adults/women that go beyond 4 weeks and are available during the summer. It would be nice to have a 9 hole, par 3 golf course for kids and newer golfers.

Thank you!

Please get some dedicated pickleball courts!

I use the garden regularly in summer and love having a plot in the community gardens

Please do not do anything to significantly increase property taxes!

Gillson Park is a gem in our community. The PD should preserve it and be proud of its historic significance! Non-Wilmette residents should only be asked for program input, but not for infrastructure and strategic decisions because those are paid for by taxes from Wilmette residents.

Please don't overdevelop our village. We have an embarrassment of riches in programs already. Some serene, passive places are what we need more of.

Also, The Lawn restaurant's decor & meals are fantastic!! My husband and I were thrilled that the Wilmette Golf Course created a Cross Country Trail with a machine. We went as often as possible and we thank the park district employees who did this. It was easy to. park, get in skis & ski with little effort. Too bad the season was SO short! Cross country skiing is a great exercise...and no other country clubs did groom a trail this year! Way to go!!

more hiking areas -- more attention to Keay's -- use Wallace Bowl; great asset!! -- concerts (jazz - pop - classical & theater w/orchestra)

We used to play tennis - indoor and outdoor, used the pool, but at our age, we walk in the lovely parks. When our children were young, we took advantage of the rink too. Wilmette is fortunate to have such a wonderful park district. We have used the Health Club, but have not returned since Covid.

Your website needs to improve to hold current information and times on events.

WE WANT GILLSON PARK TO REMAIN AN OPEN SPACE RATHER THAN MORE ROADS, BUILDINGS AND COMMERCIAL USAGE.

I think you do a great job. [comment at Q15: safety for older adults]

Overall, I am satisfied with the preograms and facilities and believe the Park District is doing a good job.

Some of my answers relate to my granddaughters who also live in Wilmette

Please provide safe ways for pedestrians and bicyclists to access Gillson Park. Currently it's unsafe for us to walk and bike on the same road as the cars.

Opening the golf course for Xcountry skiing was a great idea -- restaurant could serve hot chocolate, musical entertainment, outdoor ice rink, summer concerts -- golf course needs improved landscaping -- more flowers!

Would like to see a review of the sailing beach access/membership. I believe there could be ways to expand capacity and also have a active use requirement that would prevent the inactive member from taking a space.



It is most disappointing the park district doesn't extend VIP or premier access and pricing to the residents of the facilities, and less so for non residents. It's almost as bad it seems there aren't enough methods to engage with the park district on matters that are important to the residents through surveys like this or public hearings to engage with residents on matters they are actually concerned with. Today's survey happens to be a welcome surprise.

Wonderful parks and programs. Just concerned about rising taxes...

Thank you for the opportunity to complete the survey, thank you for making Wilmette a wonderful place to live.

Please fix roads in Gillson Park

Please keep the focus on the basic amenities - I know people demand more and more facilities but you have an obligation to maintain the open space, the pools, parks and beach so they can be used for many purposes. You have done a wonderful job and I believe the challenge is for you to continue to preserve what we have and not focus on adding buildings or structures. The area has those amenities provided by health clubs, studios etc. If you focus on preserving the core services and programs that will keep you busy. I do not look for the park district's goal is to be 'innovative' like a high tech firm but to be innovative in keeping the services open, available and at a reasonable cost. I know residents ask for everything and you want to be responsive and thoughtful - but it does detract from what I see as your core responsibility of just maintaining the parks, beach, playfields and pool at a high level. I am a big recreational user of many services. What good is all these parks etc if you cannot maintain them and service them.

Trade out some tennis courts indoors and outdoors for Pickleball courts.

Organize programs for older persons to meet each other and interact. We live in a stressful society where, often, older people become isolated. This is IMPORTANT! Focus on FACE-TO-FACE, NOT technology. [comment at Q19: They are for kids, youth, not older adults] [comment at Q27: you must NOT raise taxes]

Centennial tennis courts were replaced when they seemed to be in perfect shape, but nets & curtains remained, even when torn.

-would love to see an indoor pool! -would love to receive hard copies of all the recreational offerings once again. It's very hard to navigate on the website. When you have kids it's nice to be able to mark up the book and prepare for signing the kids up rather than toggling through an online book.

MORE DOG PARKS AND RUNS NEEDED ASAP

Property taxes are too high. Instead of increasing taxes, please it would be appreciated to use better public money.

finer for littering, esp. the beach

Thanks for asking.

Our taxes have been stolen and usurped by globalists. We need to use whatever money we have to build survival facilities to sustain our local population (young and old). Not customers...just all citizens of the universe. We need good food and good water to good air to survive, and that is ALL that we need to work on. That will give us daily exercise and entertainment.

We have only been living in Wilmette for 7 months and over all have loved everything including the park district. We have mostly had good experiences. I would say the innovation is where the most help could be. I'm excited to see and be a part of the changes!

Please consider bringing back the printed program guide. Perhaps consider charging a small fee for those who want one. I rarely go to any website just to browse, but would often pick up the old program guide just to browse, which led to the discovery of many great offerings.



Outdoor Pickleball Courts would be awesome!

I would like to see the WPD continually be conscious that they are stewards of the parks for future generations, not just today's avid recreational users and that they need to temper current desires/wants with long term preservation of our environmental inheritance.

The park district has more facilities per resident than any other north shore park district. It does not need any more.

The survey phrasing of 'Acquire property to increase open space and/or add additional park amenities' is vague and should have been two separate line items. I do not support acquiring property to build additional park amenities. In general, I wish the Park District would focus on doing the best it can with the facilities it already has. It sometimes feels like the commission has a pile of money and they think they won't have done their job unless they use it to build something. We have enough. In fact, more than enough compared to so many other communities. Use the money to maintain, not build. Use the money to come up with ideas for programs that don't involve building new facilities, but that prepare the community with health and skill building for the 21st Century. Thanks for sending out this survey. Send more whenever you want to know what to do with the pile of money.

Indoor kids sports turf or gym more time available.

I think the Wilmette Park District mostly does an excellent job. Thank you. Please don't spend more money on Gilson Park- it is perfect as it is.

One of the best customer service things the PD does is the ease in which you can cancel classes. It is an incredibly easy no questions asked process, which happens from time to time with kids changing their mind ect. Please NEVER change this.

Indoor facilities with multiple uses are needed on each side of Wilmette besides Gillson. Theater, arts spaces are needed on east side of Wilmette also. The Women's Cub of Wilmette at 930 Greenbay Road is a unique large space adaptable to many uses, parties, indoor rec theater space, art space. [comment at Q10-Service...: upkeep of wildflower preserve is GREATLY deteriorated]

I like the paper quarterly catalog of classes. Please continue that.

Please more benches for seniors to sit & enjoy.

I think the Wilmette Park District is doing a great job. One thing -- make the locations of the parks known. I had to look same up on the internet, and not all were listed. Perhaps communicate in a newsletter with [????] map showing locations.

Please improve / add walking paths apart from vehicle roadways. Enforce restrictions on dog access for beach & park areas! Improve signage: one-way, speed limit!

try to grad small park (lake/skokie in wilmette) so disabled people can use a walker like other people

Thanks for asking to contribute - especially multiple times, because we are very busy citizens, workers and people in our community. And, thanks for being an awesome bedrock government entity to & of our village and community!

We love so much of what the park district offers and does! We are fortunate to live in such a lovely community. Thanks for all that you do! Only complaint is some of the teachers working with young children (both in preschool and recreational activities) need training both in curriculum content and interactions with children and adults.





Need to improve the website to function more like a purchase portal - ease of access and sign up for multiple programs

Forgot to mention earlier - my 5 yr old is currently in preschool at the early childhood center and that experience has been AWESOME in every way, from registration to the people who run it to the excellent and kind teachers. My older kids did it years ago and the experience has VASTLY improved. Well done to everyone involved on that front. Lights at a baseball field PLEASE. Indoor turf space would be amazing! Thanks!

Change for the sake of change is unnecessary.

too many dumb questions

Maple park needs to go back to an all inclusive park. It is a neighborhood park that is a huge disappointment to the neighbors with small children and the zip line is dangerous to children walking into its path.

Please keep seniors in mind when enhancing or creating programs. The Rec Center walking track is small and some runners get annoyed at the walkers.

transportation opportunities i.e. bus maps to venues [Q18=4; Q19: cost too high -- free where I come from. Assisted/low income Discounts or free based on income. Gates Manor resident]

need more basketball courts -- focus on park development in west Wilmette and more & cleaner bathroom facilities

Please add protected bike/walk paths/trails especially to Gillson. In case of accidents cars will always win.

I consider myself extremely fortunate that I live in a community that offers both Gillson Park & Centennial Pool. And I so appreciate the extension of the swimming season for Lap swimmers.

Please take care of our natural, green spaces

Each Board member has his/her personalized agenda. Many do not listen to citizens' opinions or preferences. For example, Gillson Park Lakeview Center. There is a desire to change things for the sake of change and to show they are doing something.

Build an app to better promote programs and/or information/updates via push notifications based on user's past activities and interests. You have a great overall program/facilities, you should promote them in a more modern way with a more immersive, enabling digital user experience.

I'd appreciate full-sized towels at CFC again, along with restored evening hours.

Would love to see some updates at the Thornwood park playground! And more nature/outdoor programming for kids (in all seasons!)

Help us stay active in the cold months. Help us stay social, despite the increasing trend towards isolation. And not just 'family fun' (GMAFB). Help guys hangout with guys, women with women, and not have everything through our kids. Help us have block parties (how about an expensive 'block party in a box' where you can borrow picnic tables and chairs, and have a roster of bands who can play). Better still, have roving block parties, where you have a band on the back of a truck, and they attend 3 block parties a day.





First priority should be to maintain existing assets. Then have a good analysis of the cost per use and per capita. Then consider fees for different programs/assets and residents/non-residents. Keep taxes low. If the golf course is a money pit, lease it out or sell it or turn it to a nature center.

I would like the park district to include in their definition of 'safety' the way the Park District personnel treated white and brown long time residents and families when kicking us off the beach last summer. I felt less safe after those interactions. Not well handled at the time or communicated to the larger community. I have black and brown Junior high and high school kids who I am afraid will be targeted down at the beach.

Keep up the good work, Wilmette Park District!

Overall, you guys are doing a great job. We love it here, no small thanks to the Park District.

We would really love a fenced dog park.

The benches at Gilson need attention.

[comments on pages 6 & 7: NO MORE CONSTRUCTION / BUILDINGS AT WILMETTE BEACH -- NO COMMERCIAL FACILITIES - Restaurants, etc. -- KEEP IT SIMPLE & NATURAL]

Maple Park destroyed!! -- bring back something for 6 and under -- the train is greatly missed -- we go out of town for better toddler and under 6 parks!!

Park District website and program materials often not user friendly [comment at Q25: too many expensive capital projects]

We moved to Wilmette from an East Coast High Tax (property) location, and were surprised at the nuisance fee's for Senior Citizens who are property owners. We pay them, but why even offer a senior citizen discount off the fee.... it's not much of a discount.. for example, there was no beach or parking fee for those over 62 (resident property owners)

We like pickleball but do not support you acquiring more land or building on existing park land for it because it would never be enough and it is an imposition on nearby property owners. Would prefer to find outlets for our interest in already established areas or be patient with what is there. Thank you.

Why are all the sporting fields (mainly the community playfields) always so poorly managed? It can't be that hard to get a plan together to grow grass. Every other community has proper athletic fields. The Community Playfields is such a wasted space, just manage it better.

Please do NOT take away the outdoor basketball court at Maple park, which is used much more by kids than any proposed pickle ball courts.

I wish we either had an indoor or outdoor running track in Wilmette. Everything else is really pretty good!

The questions in this survey seem to assume expansion of park district programming, including the building of new facilities. Why?! The big business that is the WPD is at the expense of our parks, which don't produce revenue.

Thank you

We appreciate this survey and look forward to improvements to our Village!



Please be mindful of age groups that will use the facilities that you invest in. Maple Park was a huge disappointment, because the equipment is too big for the young children in the area (and older children don't use the space). Please also try to create open-ended spaces that offer multiple use cases - lets get the biggest bang for our buck. Thank you for taking time to get the community's input!

We have 2 grandchildren in Wilmette as well. I am looking forward to them having a good experience growing up in Wilmette as my 4 daughters have.

There were no questions about actual tennis courts. Please do not take those away for pickle ball and please put up signs at the courts that people need to use the online registration system.

I forgot to mention I LOVE that the golf course grooms for cross country skiing. That has been so so great!!!

I think Wilmette already has so many wonderful things to offer -- parks, beach, lake

It is very difficult for residents to find parking at Gillson Park because non-residents are taking up all the parking. Specifically, Gillson Park and the village should charge non-residents to park during Summer peak weekends/holidays & beach hours within the park including lover's lane & the road from the coast guard station to the lakeview center and on Michigan Avenue. Non-paying non-residents, should park on West of Sheridan Road.

Stay within your lane. You are a park district. Social engineering is something you are not good at, and should not do. The makeup of wilmette, what ever that is, is what you should support. it may change and you should change with it.

I feel strongly about preserving the Centennial Community Garden. I would not support expanding the Centennial Recreation Complex, adding a dog park or pickleball courts to Centennial Park if the Community Garden would be removed or minimized. Relocation of the gardens would not be easy due to healthy organic soil composition and sunlight needs. (The current location is the site of the last working farm in Willmette--an asparagus farm that was taken over in the 1960's. The soil is special and incredible.) Adding activities to the Park that would require more traffic/parking needs and crowds might also have a negative impact on the garden's ecosystem and natural atmosphere. While the Community Garden is a very small program, it is a vital and important one to have in our Village.

My grandchildren are sometimes here with me. Some of my answers reflect that.

More shade structures along the beach And in Gillson park !! Sailing beach is BRUTAL (if your fair and skin cancer survivor)on that beach especially .Umbrellas don't often work with the wind....RENTAL OPPORTUNITY! to set up small sun/wind tents for fee. Rentals perhaps? Or a few wood structures with tarp overhead.

keep expenses tight -- property taxes are almost forcing us to move

WPD does a great job. Facilities are excellent. Missing facilities like indoor pool are accessible at Northwestern and Glenview. It's not necessary that we have every major amenity within Village borders. I strongly support the planned improvements at Gilson open space areas.

WPD needs to fix West Park playground to make it just as beautiful and nature based as the other playgrounds in Wilmette. The neighborhood deserves it just as much as the others. They need to redo the playground equipment survey and actually listen to residents. The original plan was horrible. These kids deserve a beautiful place to play. Also, it needs to be done now. The equipment is outdated and falling apart. They said it was ready to be replaced yet we are still waiting.

In theory all of the ideas you presented are lovely, but not at the expense of raising our taxes. All I want from the park district is to maintain and improve the amazing parks we already have. Gillson has been a big of a hot mess in the last 4 years, with a lot of people (likely from out of town) breaking the



rules and wrecking the experience for residents. All we need at Gillson, construction wise) is a better sidewalk system to the lakefront so pedestrians don't have to share with the road. All of the other crazy plans from the Lakota group we're overblown and not community first.

cleaner facilities at Fitness CENTER -- WEARING MASKS

Please provide access to Langdon Beach- even if a temporary solution only- for this spring/summer season.

In addition to outdoor Pickleball courts we would like to see 2 courts at the tennis facility converted to Pickleball. And, have expanded hours. I believe you will find the courts will be constantly booked and the park district would make additional money, instead of courts being left un-used.

stop raising taxes & wasting money

Finish the changes to Gilson

Need more amenities in east Wilmette. Need better bike lanes throughout Wilmette, including a way to access the bike trail west of the expressway and Harms Woods

Wilmette Park Board is not sensitive to neighborhood wishes, wants and desires and does not understand that the park should be a neighborhood asset with use shaped by the neighbors. Park board members have no training in public planning. When questions are sent to the park board they are not answered.

The Community Playfield should NOT BE A NORTHSORE EVENT CENTER bringing in all sorts of users beyond our community. Open space should be preserved, high intensity use should be outsourced to franchises or for profit firms who will provide safe, clean, state of the art amenities, services and features users will pay for.

DONT CUT DOWN TREES. TAKE CARE of the assets we have and STOP using drinking water to irrigate playfields. This is a precious asset. WHY can't we use the drinking fountain by the tennis courts which have been out of service for two years? Yet the park board is pumping fresh water on the playfields even in the rain. The playfields have a drainage problem yet the park does not address this. The Parks are an asset that I use daily and the Wilmette Park District only wants to do large projects and IGNORE maintenance. I don't understand why the board pushes surveys to complete projects before the Master Plan is completed. A master plan needs to be completed first, the plan is meant to identify projects, Identify user needs and wants and then prioritize the projects. Once projects are prioritized they are then funded. This board bends to special interests and seems only interested in undertaking vanity projects without going thru the planning process. What was the criteria to determine pickleball locations between three park settings? Survey demand? More people showed up for public comment against Community Playfields location yet the board prioritized the decision for Pickleball despite neighborhood objection. No one cared about budget, no one cared about safety or parking or other project limiting criteria. How was the Park Plan focus group determined? Who is on the focus group? What are their qualifications? Who appointed the focus group for the Master Plan? Why doesn't Wilmette Park Board or City Staff answer letters or emails asking for data and information about park planning questions?

I would love to see more features at the beach like Glencoe has with the BBQ huts. More open green space for outdoor events and concerts. Would love to see a nice restaurant on the water which would attract people from other communities.

A turf field with lights is a must have for a community like ours. I know we have space, property value and residents that don't want it close to them - but what Evanston did with Robert Crown is amazing for their community and we should be able to make something like that work in Wilmette

Please keep basketball courts at Maple Park. But the basketball courts need some improvements. Please partner with D39 schools to better keep up the fields at each school. (In particular, baseball field at Central School is in disrepair).

Outdoor gym like Gillson, more bike paths, hiking / trails,



Thank you for doing this. We look forward to the WPD adding facilities and programs for active adults.

We all thought, including our 4 year old grandchild, who loves the zipline that Maple Park was badly designed. Gillson Playground has 3 different levels of slides, etc., while Maple is aimed at jr. high kids. Can we please bring the train back? It's Maple Park, where the trains run!

Please do not spend our hard earned tax dollars just to spend. Be fiscally responsible.

why does the park district remove the portable bathroom facilities in the winter. People still use the parks during the winter.

Two things: (1) I really, really dislike that you no longer have a printed program for summer camps. If you aren't going to mail out a printed copy, at least have some that can be picked up at the rec center or make it easily printable at home. The online magazine the last few years has been horrible. (2) The indoor fitness center needs to be opened later at night, and people should be able to buy a pass just for walking the track.

do NOT build a restaurant/other commercial building at Gilson. It's one of the few nature areas to walk vs there are plenty of restaurants and shops in Wilmette.

it would be nice to have bike repair/air centers at the playgrounds like in Winnetka. are there plans to repair maple park's basketball court? if so, would be great to offer 8' and 10' hoops like they have in Evanston's Mary mcollough park. thanks!

There used to be a lot of one and two week camps. That was really helpful to mix and match different experiences. My kids have almost aged out of camps but that was an incredible offer and I encourage you to bring that back.

less expensive courses for Wilmette seniors -- more opportunities for seniors to volunteer

We love Wilmette Park District, especially the many programs, gymnastics, art and the teachers who are all amazing! Also the beach is the BEST and so is Centennial Pool. We are so fortunate. Thanks for all you do!

We pay non-resident fees to go to Prairie Wolf Dog Park in Lake County. Would love a place to take our dog (not the beach) to exercise and socialize. This is my highest priority for how I will vote for Park Board members.

Stop! No more \$ for Lakeview -- Why can't you figure out a sidewalk for Gillson? -- Shocked by commissioner comment at public meeting that it was 'only 1 million' for Lakeview -- Real estate development mentality is the opposite of stewardship in the public interest.

Like the water management solutions to prevent backup water and flooding!! Keahy Nature Preserve is highly enjoyed and appreciated by west Wilmette residents! Hard to answer some questions due to unknown usage or availability.

Investing in facilities that could bring money into the community is of interest... i.e. sports tournaments (hockey, soccer, etc). Overall we are very happy with WPD and appreciate the services they provide!

We need an indoor aquatic center to be able to exercise in the long winters. Indoor pool is really the only thing lacking to make Wilmette Park District the best

Park district is doing a great job. Already has terrific amenities. We do not need to increase fees to add even more!

My major complaint with the Wilmette Park District is that it does not participate in senior health programs such as Silver Sneakers. I primarily use the Skokie Weber Center because I receive a free membership (65/+).



The highest needs in my opinion are an indoor pool and a much better fitness facility. In terms of operations, WPD needs to re-focus their attention on the customer and the community, and listen to what we are asking for.

My wife would enjoy an indoor lap pool, and we'd both like pickleball courts and well-maintained fairways on the golf course.

Our taxes are high enough & we will not support any projects that will raise taxes -- more can / should be collected from those who use the facilities but do not pay property taxes.

Nice survey. Love wilmette. Let's continue to build.

Please please please get more paddle courts at west park. We have a difficult time getting courts to play on. My husband and I love paddle and would like to play even more.

Stop spending taxpayer \$, reduce park district budgets, stop expanding facilities

We love Gilson! Please do not ruin it! Do not build anymore

Thanks for creating this survey!

I think Northfield is doing some very cool and innovative things with their playgrounds, summer concert series (that spans more time to include younger kids) and camps - even having some that you pay by the day or pay for add ons like field trips or special enrichment activities. Having adult classes at times that are easier for working parents to make as well. I think the WPD does a great job generally and I'm so grateful for it as a resource - truly everyone is so kind and resourceful - but I have been a little surprised we need to leave the town to find some additional amenities. Thanks for asking our opinion!

Please bring back the printed quarterly guide! The digital version is not the same WPD needs to build four more paddle courts and deck- it is too crowded without enough capacity and no one can get a court reservation. And bring back the old rules - the facility closes too early so we don't do events there anymore which is what the jerks around the park want. Why listen to 5 people instead of the 500 paddle players? We need an indoor and an outdoor pickle facility-residents shouldn't be forced to drive to other communities to play The Park District should have an indoor 50 meter pool at Centennial WPD should have more than one gym of its own- you need to add more basketball and volleyball courts It would be great if Wilmette had an indoor turf facility for soccer and lacrosse

You describe many of the activities available at my residence. My residence is the Mather Place on Old Glenview Road in Wilmette.

Thank you SO much for doing this. The fact that you guys care, and are asking residents what they want is absolutely fantastic, and very commendable. I really appreciate it and am so excited to see what happens next!

[comment at Q7: Langdon -- no beach access]

Thank you for soliciting community feedback!

Please purchase space to build an indoor sports facility. We are constantly driving to other towns and spending dollars elsewhere to send our kids to sporting events.

Decrease cost to residents; increase fees for outsiders. If you will raise taxes for residents it doesn't make sense to have such high resident fees. So many outsiders use our facilities they should pay more. Too many outsiders using our outside facilities, especially tennis courts.



The renovation of Maple Park was underwhelming. For example the zip line is nice but ate up too much space and causes a safety issue as kids try to enter the rest of the park from the west side. Seems like a missed opportunity to put in a splash pad, increase slide, recreational, climbing equipment, redo basketball and tennis court on east side of park.

Plan for climate change adaptation. Indoor facilities may not be needed as much in future. Green space and tree canopy will provide cooling and flood mitigation

Please preserve the trees in all parks, and the beautiful old gnarled lilac bushes near the Washington Ave entrance to Gillson Park. Please do not pave over any park land to add parking or for any other reason. Please preserve all the stone work in Gillson Park (retaining wall next to stairs down to beach along Lake Ave, council rings near Lakeview Center, stone paths and stairs near harbor, stone stairs (currently covered by sand) down to beach near dog beach, Wallace Bowl). Please preserve the wildflower garden near the top of Wallace Bowl, and the bird sanctuary (native plantings near Michigan Ave). When there is snow, please plow pedestrian walkways and stairs in Gillson Park. People should be able to walk safely in Gillson Park all year round. Please keep the outdoor pool.

A walking path at Gillson without worrying about clashing with vehicles?

Keep up good opportunities for seniors

It's annoying that we have to pay to just walk around the indoor walking path at the fitness center, but I understand.

In making improvements to the parks, please keep things as natural and green as possible. Thank you!

There is too much emphasis on expanding 'Recreational Amenities' and not enough emphasis on restoring some Park areas to closer resemble a natural habitat - to be inclusive must address the needs of people who are more nature oriented and not just recreational equipment oriented.

I am VERY pleased with the Park District

Have been dissatisfied with the gymnastics program. There is no pathway from recreational gymnastics to a more advanced class. There should be a clear pathway that is communicated and transparent to families. There was really no instruction offered; just really supervision while the kids use the equipment. We quit gymnastics even though my kids really liked it because we were frustrated with this. Even after talking with the director, she would not allow my kids to progress beyond recreational gymnastics. On the other hand, we have been SO pleased with the ice skating program. Kudos to the instructors! My kids make visible progress in the lessons and there is a clear progression in levels that the kids move through. This model should be applied to the gymnastics offerings.

Sad to learn that like us, most of our friends and neighbors did not receive this survey. Hopefully the results provide an adequate representation of the community. We love living here and are pleased to see that many more young families are moving in. Please continue to adapt programming to dual-income families that need full-time, year round child care and are seeking opportunities to socialize and build community. So many of us have moved from the city and miss the block parties and summer concerts that made living in a neighborhood special and fun!

Thank you to the board and staff for doing a great job. It would be great if we could improve playing field maintenance and potentially have indoor turf fields.

You are great about seeking public opinion almost to a fault. Not enough is getting done while you try to get the town to agree. Pull the trigger! Chestnut beach is a prime example it has been inaccessible for too long. And the sailing beach must have real bathrooms we certainly pay enough!



We appreciate the park district trying so hard to get the community's input. In the past decisions appear to have been made less transparently by a small number of board members.

Would like to have free access for indoor track for residents. Would like to have portable bathroom open year round in larger park like community field and nature field

I utilize Gillson Beach (swim in summer) & walk year round. My kids & their families, too!

I think you would've had more responses if there was just a link to the survey shared in emails instead of requiring that citizens enter their unique special code.

I think there is a need for more staff members.

Open Langdon Beach - no need to spend a lot of money, just add some sand to plow a ramp walkway from the top of cliff to beach so accessible

Camp signup needs improvement, improve pool hours

We'd like to see walking path options in Gillson's redesign that are safer than what is available now. We'd like to see maintenance of parks, including contractors, that avoids heavy trucks driving under trees and compacting soil and harming tree roots.

[Q18 = 9] [comments at Q19: A. Lack of information on seniors' annual membership fees for walking track only; B. Wilmette Recreation Center Fitness does not accept the Silver Sneakers payment for seniors walking track uses]

Thank you!

Glad the WPD is soliciting resident feedback through this survey. Thank you.

Thank you for all you do! Wonderful park system!

THE BUILDING ADJACENT TO THE WALLACE BOWL COULD BE UPGRADED AND ENHANCED FOR SOCIAL EVENTS PARTY, AND COULD HAVE A BEAUTIFUL VIEW OF THE LAKE !!!

I have been greatly satisfied and impressed with the WPD in the 12 years we have lived here. My kids have participated in and fully enjoyed all the camps, classes and events. We are beyond grateful for the beautiful experiences the WPD has provided. Although my children are now older, I see many younger children creating wonderful memories through the WPD's programs. Also love the wonderful events for whole families. I am an avid user of the fitness center and love the variety of fitness classes as well as the sense of community created by the members and instructors. We are so lucky to have Gillson Beach which is enjoyed by people of all ages. The WPD is doing a fantastic job and I am certain I will be impressed with its new ideas in the future. The WPD makes Wilmette an extraordinary place to live and raise a family.

Keep Gillson Green please! No development just maintenance of trees and existing roads.

Please plant many more trees in all of our parks, especially Gillson Park, which has lost so very many since we arrived in Wilmette. The logo of the Wilmette Park District is in fact a tree! More built amenities described in this survey can actually take away from our well-being. The big book I used to receive was already so full of recreational activities.





'dog park' is meaningless as dogs allowed and go anywhere..there is zero enforcement. People deserve to walk the beach without unleashed dogs all over

Please leave Gillson alone and as is.

over taxed. the park district seems to have no accountability to general citizens. 'too big for their britches'. who's pocket is being filled or paid off. seems wonky

The Park District MUST prioritize sustainability in all future endeavors. It seems that as money continues to be put into (unnecessary) projects, especially at Gillson, the sustainability of those projects decreases. Trees must not be cut down; open green space must be prioritized, and smart architecture (i.e. LEED, bird-friendly) must be implemented.

i would love more nature, farming activities, camping activities for families and kids, fishing, frog hunting, canoeing etc. I would also like additional play items added to Maple park, a climbing structure for smaller toddlers, bring back the train etc.

When you look at western or northern suburbs, our facilities/offers come up WAY short. We are in an affluent area with the highest property taxes, yet our facilities wouldn't tell you that. Can we get some basketball courts - indoor and outdoor!

We support all efforts to expand programming. A great park district and upgraded facilities will continue to attract young families and raise property values for all. One improvement is like to see is better parking enforcement at Gillson. 50% of cars regularly are from outside Wilmette with no stickers taking up resident / permit parking.

The pool should be open all day. There are too many scheduling restrictions.

Playfields need better signage for field numbers. Overall park district is a huge asset to Wilmette.

Instead of expanding, we would like to see the park district maintain what they currently have.

Pickleball needs to be a year round priority. Just as much as Paddle has become the biggest thing in Wilmette, if you build it they will come. Best all family sport out there. Oh and a dog park would be amazing!!! Lastly the Thornwood park playground equipment needs a overhaul!

Please stop marketing our town to other towns and stop pushing for upgrades that no one wants like the rehab of the building at Gillson.

Wilmette is so kid-friendly and senior-friendly, it's almost to the exclusion of those of us middle-aged people without kids. Would like to see more things geared towards this age range too.

Expand paddle courts and huts. Enhance ice skating experiences. These should be the two priorities from the park district

Personally I feel the manager at Centennial Tennis is lacking in every aspect the role requires. The tennis pros are uninspired as a result. The program is dated and needs new life

Please finish the paddle court construction. again something that was talked about and delayed delayed delayed. And please let us use Langdon beach! Even if the full construction isn't done, please let us at least access the water since there is plenty of sand down there now and it is completely being underutilized - for such a prime piece of real estate. people will hop the fence either way so please make it safe and just allow access. And again please add more after school programming options for K-4 - selling out in 30 seconds isn't reasonable. Lego/robot programming would be a plus. And please help offer before care at all schools including Central because there are a lot of working mothers in Wilmette.





Please, please make safe walking trails in Gillson -- it is not safe to walk alongside cars by the harbor. Ideally there would be a trail looping through the park, with distance indicated, eg. 1 mile loop.

Keep Wilmette Green

Very interested in making Gillson safer when walking to the beach by eliminating the middle driving path/road where my son was almost hit by a car

I think the outdoor neighborhood parks need to close earlier and all bathroom facilities should be locked for safety reasons after hours. Dogs should not be running off leash and this should be enforced.

I'd like to see a shaded allee of trees bordering the sidewalk through Community Playfield. Both sides of the sidewalk, huge massive trees like silver maple Sycamore, tulip trees. Think Paris.

The website has become more complicated and difficult to navigate. When selecting programs and adding to cart you often have to go back to beginning and find activities to select additional activities. We did like to book that came to the house but recognize the lack of sustainability. The website could be more user friendly. Also in light of the COVID pandemic, how is the park district addressing the importance of cleaning indoor air and having high quality HVAC systems.

I use the beach and think the staff was inadequate last season. Also parking always an issue on weekends.

I feel Wilmette does an excellent job choosing vendors when improvements are made. The new beach house at Gillson is terrific. As are the plantings, parking lot, etc. The redo of Centennial Pool complex just wonderful. To basically make the space into a water park without any extra footage? Amazing. The fitness center is fully cleaned and updated yearly- so appreciated. I use the Your Courts app faithfully- wonderful to know the court is guaranteed. We used the after school and summer camp programs when our kids were young- great quality and great bargain. Well done!!

Please bring back the physical catalogs - the website is not the easiest to navigate. All summer programming needs to come out at the same time- camps and classes or like the Lego camp. This makes it very difficult to plan otherwise. I would love to see more amenities like a splash pad, indoor pool, and dog park. These are sorely lacking and I worry about the dogs off-leash at west park. Platform tennis captains should get a discounted rate on their league membership for all of the work they do. I would love to see more nature and garden programming and would be happy to assist. More programming like informational lectures or life skills for 30+ crowd. Finances, cooking, etc I

Please at least recreate the pdf version of the beautiful former catalog that made finding classes and learning about park district fun. The website still stinks, especially the antiquated Frankenstein registration. Also, please bring back Dodgeball!

My family and neighbors would prefer that the Community Playfields be viewed first and foremost as a park that enables visitors to reconnect with nature and alleviate stress. We are strongly opposed to it being viewed primarily as a sporting events venue or as a potential location for a dog park.

The park district needs to continue to expand its offerings while balancing the challenges of a land locked community. The park district provides critical social opportunities in addition to its recreational opportunities that should not be overlooked in terms of the importance to the community.

If an indoor pool or other indoor facility is built. To keep taxes down I would strongly suggest having a yearly membership fee or one day pass fee like Gilson Park to offset the financial responsibility for all. Many won't use these facilities.

Adding new facilities should NOT require higher property taxes. If that is the ONLY solution then there is an issue with village staff not being able to come up with alternative solutions.



The Village Board's decisions to implement new rules and regulations for the paddle facility that are based on total speculation and misinformation shows their lack of understanding of what our community wants and desires.

For the Wilmette Park District to strive for being better for the Wilmette community, please remove Mike Murdock and Steve Wilson as board members. They have their own 'agendas' which are not conducive for the future of Wilmette residents.

Please get rid of the horrible tennis courts at Thornwood and add a fenced in dog park or an outdoor splash park. The courts are a waste of space.

My daughter, age 19, has participated in Park District programs all her life. She was employed by the Park District last summer as a counselor for Pirate Tennis Camp. The Park District is one of the best things about Wilmette, bar none.

The Wilmette Park District is a wonderful resource for the community and we use one or more of its facilities just about every week of the year. There are always opportunities for additional activities and new programs. Thank you!

[Q19 (not displayed): only critical comment is poor maintenance of landscaping in Centennial. So disappointing.]

indoor and outdoor pickle We are the only community around with none.

Please stop constructing buildings on park lands. Keep the green spaces open.

Thanks, Park District, for all you do.

I should have added that the driving range needs a significant upgrade. The ball machine is confusing. The plastic tees are too high and just stupid. Lots of room for improvement!

Thank you for your efforts!

I think you do a great job -- especially since Wilmette is not that large & there are facilities that could be used in neighboring communities.

Overall, the park district programs are great. I wish there was more staff so there would be more spaces available in classes.

The two of us and others in our neighborhood here regret that Langdon Park has been left with no attention and unusable. There is definitely a need and desire to make it beautiful and not look like a trash heap.

Many of the questions asked are ambivalent -- so responses will likely be misinterpreted.

I forgot to add that open gym time for sports (like basketball etc) would be really nice, either at the rec center or one of the schools.

I love living in Wilmette and a major reason is the outstanding job and facilities the Wilmette Park District has provided.

Would love an indoor turf, such a great way to keep kids moving with so many sports during the colder months and such a shortage! Sad that not more outdoor turf was added at Mary Murphy or even Community Playfields.

Thank you for making Wilmette a community we love living in!

the Wilmette Park District appears to be highly focussed on providing services to family with children while ignoring all others in the community. Dogs parks are not built due to neighbors complaints of noise, dirt and waste, Kids play grounds/sporting areas offer create lots of noise, tremendous amount of



waste (abandoned water bottles, food wraps, etc) as well as the occasional dirty diaper. Many pet owners are much more responsible than parents with kids.

need additional toilet facilities in parks

need to continue to keep open spaces with native plantings and also indoor facilities for exercise classes and pickleball

It would be nice if the pool locker rooms were renovated.

Name a park for Terry Porter.

My family always loved the Wilmette Parks and the parks were always in perfect condition. [Comment at Q36: lived here over 50 years; this form is too long]

Please make summer camp signup less dreadful. Parents truly dread the current process.

The Wilmette PD facilities need serious renovation! I don't understand why such an affluent village hasn't updated them yet - especially compared to Glenview.

Please have porta-potties at playfield until bathroom opens!

As the process advances, stop letting the one percent absolutely derail progress for the entire community. It's time our facilities and park amenities meet the standards set in all other Northshore communities.

Love Gilson Park Beach. Would be great if the staff there is more friendly and customer oriented. Would be great if there is someone who enthusiastically leads/drives the sailing/SUP programs. The beach is incredible, should do more with it. The staff is not rude but would be nice if they have a more positive attitude.

A Sauna facility would be a great addition to the Fitness Center, since it would provide health benefits and make the Rec Center a more complete facility. I would pay a separate fee, if necessary, for access to a Sauna.

Wilmette does a disservice to hundreds of its residents by refusing to line its numerous tennis courts for pickleball. It's disgraceful.

Two children also would like an indoor pool and swim lessons

Gillson Park/Beach: maintain the natural areas and green space. This area is important for migratory birds and as a historical site. Please keep the mulberry bushes, crabapple, and Hawthorne trees, etc. as a food source for birds. Small mammals and birds need undergrowth for nesting and as protection from predators. Preserve the cottonwood trees along the shore. Instead of making this area a recreational park, keep it natural and preserve it for future generations. This is a rare tract of land. Allow people to see what a natural beach looks like. Avoid current landscaping trends; they remove 95% of trees and shrubs. Village of Winnetka did this at Lloyd and Tower Beaches. This has reduced the number of wildlife sightings and habitats in an area where homeowners are removing bluff/shoreline growth as well. Please put a limit on the Memorial Marker signs. Some of the parks are beginning to look like cemeteries and I believe this is a distraction from the beauty of the natural settings. Thank you for inviting feedback on your projects. Great job!

I think people in the community would use indoor gym and fitnesses classes if facilities were updated - so much potential We live in Wilmette but use Winnketa + Northfield facilities much more than our own, especially indoor basketball courts, etc The Park District is impt part of the community and



families are assessing their offerings when looking to move to the north shore. Instead of trying to offer everything to everyone and doing an ok job, may want to consider honing on less and making it an exceptional experience- drawing people from all over the community

I'm employed full-time and have adult children. Currently our household uses only limited Park District facilities (athletic center). Overall I wish the Park District would do a better job promoting and .advertising it's offerings

The woman park district website registration process is a complete disaster every single time we try and register for camps or classes, it's been years like this and shocking that nobody has figured it out. We are also very dismay that there are no outdoor basketball courts for the kids in our community or any indoor gym time allowed to them for teenagers, this is very sad for them, this age group in junior high and middle school is woefully underserved in the winter. You should consider opening gym time at the recreation center for these kids to play basketball or providing an outdoor nice court for them, it's absolutely upsetting to us that nobody thinks about this. Thank you.

offer optional exit surveys after the end of each program so that WPD can improve and reward stuff that did a good job

No additional feedback.

Overall, I think the park district does a fairly good job. It's very hard to please everyone!

The Wilmette Park District has been a wonderful resource for our family, helping us to raise healthy, well-rounded children. Our kids benefitted from the excellent afterschool programs, summer camps, and many sports activities. Even though our children are grown, I will support Park District programs that support growing families even if I do not directly benefit from them. For example, I listed an indoor playground as something I would support. That's because as a mother with young children, I would have really appreciated that resource. Although I am personally interested in pickleball, I don't think the district should focus on activities that may be trendy now for a certain demographic when it may take valuable dollars away from resources that could help the community as a whole. Also, I hope we are uniting our major government bodies -- the library, the village, and the park district -- to come up with ways to help our community to stay healthy, improve the environment, and build community. Inclusion was only mentioned once in this survey, and it is very important to building a healthy community. How can the Park District help our community be more welcoming and inclusive? We have all these amazing visitors come to Wilmette to join the beach and other recreational activities. How do we make them feel welcomed -- and what is the Park District's role in this? How do encourage them to engage with our community, attend other activities, shop, and eat nearby? Your survey doesn't mention much cycling because -- I assume -- the village, not the park district, focuses on bike trails. But interest in cycling in Wilmette is huge. So, why not focus on some park district-village--and even library-- efforts to support that need? (Here's an example of this approach: Have bike share stations at the library, village hall, and Lakeview Center with free rides on nights there are musicals at the Gillson to cut down on car traffic. Offer Park District classes on bike repair and have the library check out helmets and bike bags.) I am really impressed with Evanston's Robert Crown Center because it creates a hub of activity by including a library with an ice skating rink and daycare. There may be ways for us to create more hubs that bring together different activities and gathering places- rather than places for separate people with separate interests. Or perhaps, we could extend spaces for different purposes. For example, why not keep the paddle tennis indoor space open as a gathering space for the neighborhood - benefiting the people who had concerns about the expansion of the courts? Why not offer the remodeled Lakeview Center as a regular center for nature lovers (bird watchers, tree lovers, etc.) of Go Green members to congregate, meet, and learn? Finally, is there any way to take advantage of the Canal Golf course grounds? The grounds seem little used. How difficult would it be to purchase or use the land for other recreational activities? Thank you!

Allow pets on private /paid beach.



Inclusive programs include job opportunities, local community social opportunities and really look at programs being offered. Could you do better for the disabled population? Yes! Are you missing a great opportunity YES. Fenced in dog parks and indoor pool should be your priorities. Pickle ball already has paddle courts not a priority. Do what we don't have and need. Swimming year round is way more important.

Year after year when I'm walking on the sidewalk with out dog the young generation (kids + camp counselors) will run by or are on their bicycles ignoring their surroundings! Within 5 seconds (if I even hear them) they fly by. They mumble so entitled. This situation repeats frequently. I have addressed (called) the Wilmette camp leaders and schools. This is an accident waiting to happen. these bicyclists should unplug their ears. Bicycle in the street responsibly or grass (or get off their bicycle!) Both hands on handle bars. This situation continually creates much ANGST! [comments: Q8: CRC-why is there a fee to go on the walking path...if you are a Wilmette resident? -- Golf Course: very good!! -- Q28: Why don't you enclose the pool that is outside?]

Pickleball!!!!!!

We appreciate all the activities thus far. Would love to enjoy more!

convert Gillson Park middle drive to a path

My out-of-town grandchildren visit every summer and enjoy our wonderful facilities, especially the ice rink.

During beach summer season residents should be allowed to walk a dog along the beach prior to time it opens to the public. Dogs should be on leash. This access will reduce the number of people walking on the beaches of private residences.

Thanks for doing this!

We would like to see some nice subdued Christmas or holiday lights in Gillson. Also emergency phones at Gillson like NU has around campus in case of medical event, crime, assault, water rescue or coyote hazard or encounter.

Other than dog beach, we should have a fenced dog play area on west side.

My children have used the facilities (Pool & summer camp West Park). As a family we used outdoor park for many years. I'd like to see many programs for other families. Also I used walking track (Bell School) until covid.

I am not 'wild' about this questionnaire and its format. I think the park district is not as transparent and able to the public in a straightforward manner. Greater use of the village cable channel might be helpful.

Many other north shore communities do not charge as much for outdoor pool accessibility. This should be re-evaluated in Wilmette.

Thank you for offering this survey

We were very frustrated at Gillson Beach this summer because the workers at the entrance consistently let people in without scanning their cards or checking for wristbands. It happened all the time, especially on the weekends. Large groups of people would just sort of push their way onto the beach and the workers at the entrance did nothing about it. I'm sure it's intimidating for the teenage workers to approach large groups of adults and ask them to pay for access, so perhaps we need additional security or other system in place.



Really dislike the beach facility. It looks like a concentration camp. Did not look like that in the proposals that I looked at. Would prefer that they kept the old buildings.

Don't need to spend money on signage. Why? People who need to know, know. Paddle tennis is very well run now versus 5 years ago. Love the number of teacher/instructors. Seems like Park District should make transparent all spending of money. Bathrooms small. The Beach House building is awful. Too small. Has no shelter in emergency. I still feel the praises of the architect were misplaced. All vegetation ruined and planted cactus. All died. Wilmette resident money paid for that and large trees by Sailing beach cut down. An anchor for the sand. Sad. Like that people can bring foot on the beach finally. Doesn't the Park District already have a ton of money. Wilmette Residents should have priority and non-residents should pay more. Feels like residents are crowded out at Gillson Beach. Ask older residents to donate their property to Park District. I may have interest when retire in visual arts programs and fitness so can't say not interested now.

I would like projects to include trees and shady spaces in the parks from the start, instead of after public outcry. I would prefer if there were less emphasis on competitive and organized sports (and less emphasis on creating more and more fields with no shade to support these types of sports). I would prefer if dance programs didn't have performances as a goal, and were rather about having fun and getting exercise and learning routines. I would prefer more programs for non-sporty, introverted junior high and high school age kids who want to be active and have fun. I would prefer more programs for non-senior adults who don't work during weekdays. I would prefer more fun athletic opportunities for whole families to take together.

When I checked 'dissatisfied' regarding signage - the survey did not ask for more info. I feel there are now too many signs in some areas (some redundant) which add to 'visual busyness,' especially downtown.

Please work on inclusivity in programs. Facilities expanding is great—but I think it's more important to improve what the park district offers before trying to do more.

Please keep up the programs started recently like Centennial outdoor concerts and Gilson food trucks.

The camp sign ups need reform. It needs to be earlier and perhaps consider a ranked choice system. After school rec is also a pain point for working families.

Stop spending Taxpayer money on programs that most people do not want. leave most of the parks and facilities alone

The fishing at Gillson Park used to be great. It now sucks due to several factors, including allowing the yacht club to destroy the fish environment.

Please do not eliminate and convert any tennis courts to full time pickle ball courts. It's hard enough to find available tennis courts in the mornings. Lining off a few tennis courts for pickle (e.g. Maple) is OK temporarily but a long term outdoor solution is necessary. Gillson and Centennial would seem to be the ideal places due to available and underutilized space.

Need portable outhouse at every park! [comments at Q10: beach signage sometimes confusing -- beach staff occasionally unhelpful]

Please leave Gilson alone. Maintain, but don't pave any more of it. We have enough parking. The touch screen part of the survey did not work for me.

The answers in this survey were provided by my wife (b 1950) and myself (b 1950)

W. Park District isn't doing enough to save the environment. Need programs to help slow down climate change. Park District needs to be a leader in how we care for the earth. [from Q19 [not displayed]: Trees in parks not cared for. Too many trees cut down because of lack of care. Need more prairie plants and native plants.]



on website of Wilmette park district more description about each activity would be nice. description of activity, level description, years to complete, for example for taekwondo how is belt system?

Too much emphasis on sports. Would like to see more cultural offerings. No more construction. Keep it green.

NO pickleball. Please NO pickleball!

I would oppose making improvements on additional indoor sports venues financed with taxes. Funding should be provided from donor support if considered. Emphasis should be on outdoor sports, cycling, walking, nature, sustainability and improving older adult opportunities.

Maintain integrity of Mallinckrodt park as nature park. Increase dog bag access within the park. Winter ice rink at Mallinckrodt. Consider non-weather maintained outdoor ice rink like Watts Ice Center in Glencoe.

Please make taking care of the trees & green spaces a priority. When trees die, please replace them. Please keep the parks as parks . . . not adding new structures & amenities that most members of the community can afford to add to their own property.

maple park needs a toddler area!

I've always considered it wasteful that WPD spent millions of dollars building the Centennial pools and they're only used 10 weeks out of the year, if that!

none @ this time, thank you

People are not picking up their dog's poop. See cigarettes on grounds, not picking up. Why is Mallinckrodt only plowing east & west sidewalks?

None

Indoor pool would really be helpful.

Love the accessibility of parking at south beach year round- so helpful to me and so many others- Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the survey

We would love to see a dedicated bike & walking path through Gillson Park, specifically near the Sheridan Shores Sailing area on the north side. This area can be dangerous for families due to distracted drivers.

[Q19: We need more hours at the Mallinckrodt center and more marketing for programs. NOT everyone has a computer!]

The village of Wilmette is a long sliver that spans between the highway and the lake. We live closer to the lake and greenbay rd, but most recreational activities and facilities are located farther west which makes it challenging to visit. Would be great to offer more towards the east side of Wilmette.

Do not develop or change Gilson other than work on trees. It is a great part the way it is.

nice try, but TMI

We're tired of hearing about removing green space for paddle and pickle courts. There are plenty of local places to play those sports. An indoor turf field and indoor pool would serve a far wider swath of the community than paddle/pickle.

In the summer, it is hard to find parking at Gillson. Maybe the part where only Wilmette residents are allowed to park can be further protected. Fences at Gillson should have gates that stay open out of season.





Wilmette need to increase accessibility of all parks and outdoor facilities by having sufficient restrooms that are close and open all year around. You can see from Covid 19 period that these are being used. Portable potties should be in parks as during Covid 19 or restrooms built, which are open all year. For 30 percent of wilmette residents this is probably a high priority, and you somehow you failed to include this question in your survey. This worries me as wilmette park district still doesn't seem to be aware of it even after seeing in Covid 19 period that portable potties are being used by a lot of people. Please ensure has available & open restrooms in park , porta potties is fine.

The Park District website is my go-to to find information, however it is not always complete. For years we checked for a price to launch our kayaks at Gillson and not a word. Perhaps now that there are 'permit required' signs in the park we will find the cost online. We have received many surveys lately. It will be nice to see what decisions come from them all. I should have participated more in the Maple Park redesign forums as it has been a huge disappointment to our four grandchildren. Mainly because there is so little to do compared to the old park.

Please enforce dogs on leash in parks.

Access to the sailing beach. I never know how or when to apply, and it always seems the same people get the slots every year.

There are a lack of neighborhood (i.e walking distance) playgrounds / tot lots west of Vattman park.

Wilmette needs an indoor sports facility (turf/gym) for basketball, soccer and flag football, etc., so that residents don't have to travel to other communities for weekly sports.

Appreciate this survey. Would like to continue to see WPD evolve, but would methods that do NOT include an increase in property taxes. Either re-purpose the existing budget, or increase user fees. Property taxes already too high.

Thanks for asking -- it has to start somewhere

[comment at end of Q22: better bathrooms]

Please increase space in the elementary school early care programming and make it easier to sign up.

very much want indoor pool + outdoor splash pad

Thank you!

I have enjoyed my home in Wilmette. I go to the lake a lot!!! Take all the land you ca and make it natural, clean and safe. Decrease your budget so taxes can decrease. Keep Wilmette calm and beautiful in natural way. Keep parks safe. My kids never took in park district course. They kept busy in school activities, back yard with friends. Husband and son learned to sail our small sailboat. Don't make courses expensive, complicated. All of the schools have playgrounds. Don't overlap park district activity with school or library activity. You can do more with the lake. Offer nature! Environmental courses – get geographer to talk about the great resource the lake. This lake is the best thing in the state of Illinois. What a treasure to live near it!! At one time I biked to the lake!! Keep the budget low, keep property tax reasonable. Get some progress at Wallace Bowl. My husband was a fantastic musician. He should have performed at the Wallace Bowl but he was too busy performing all over the world and at Northwestern University. Thank you for listening, reading my feedback.

Please do not take away any outdoor tennis courts and convert them to pickle ball courts. I support pickle ball courts, but not at the expense of tennis.





A dog park would be amazing. The beach is lovely but it is not an ideal environment for all people and dogs. I drive to Skokie to go to Pooch Park regularly. Would be great to have more drop in options for kids where you don't have to commit to a full session of dates but can sign up for various drop in classes, whether it be art or sports.

Where possible, try to coordinate/complement the Village Engineering team's effort to make the village more bike-friendly; Park District property should be part of the solution.

Many people are priced out of your programs, especially if the family has multiple kids. In winter, getting a child into a popular program is like trying to get a ticket to see Beyoncé! Please open more sections.

Too many of the park district programs are focused toward children. There needs to be additional emphasis on programs, facilities, leagues, etc., for working adults.

The WPD is an absolute blessing to the community. We moved away for 2 years back to Atlanta and then returned. The one thing we missed the most was the community of the WPD and the services, class and learning opportunities for our kids. Three of my kids have gone through the Early Childhood programs until Kindergarten. All the art, dance, soccer and gymnastics that you can imagine. I think there is a great opportunity to keep the Teen age children connected to the park district as well either by school work programs or other programs tailored to them. As I mentioned previously, the Gymnastics facility and program is better than any other around us. The facility cleanliness and programs provided are great. Please consider opening up the opportunity for our teenage girls to continue to thrive there and represent our local community and High School.

Where is Bateman Park?

No pickleball courts in West Park. No increasing court material that lessens the amount of grass in parks and causes more run off.

Work better with the Village Board

Dog park is a must for Wilmette. It's embarrassing. Also need lights at athletic fields.

Limit access to Gillson by non-residents during the summer.

Appreciate the survey - strongly discourage additional land space used to build courts/ keep large open areas. Maintain what we have. Wilmette is a gem of a community.

Expanded outdoor lap pool season (April through November). This would be amazing!

Investment in indoor (turf facilities and pool) is an important investment for health, wellness and fitness of our neighborhood - we would use it for most of the year and it can benefit all age groups.

The park board is tone deaf and simply wants to spend money often exceeding their budget. They don't respect neighborhood interests. They don't care about passive use, diversity of use and or parking concerns. There are many dogs in the neighborhood now and no safe place to exercise them. There is no fence at West Park so it is dangerous for pets, there is no parking at Gilson beach. The Community Play Field is becoming a pig sty of trash, abandoned bikes, lunch boxes and clothes left behind. The picnic shelter will only increase this nuisance of trash. Parents picking up kids after school are speeding in and out of the school parking lot creating safety issues for small kids walking and riding bikes.



Thank you for doing this survey. I look forward to reading the results. I used to go to the Community Recreation Center multiple times per week prior to the pandemic. I haven't returned yet, because I continue to try and avoid spaces with other people. I am not sure when I will feel safe enough to return.

Don't cut down old growth trees in Gilson. Open Langdon, try to fix this before going on to other projects! Gilson free beach is a mess. Garbage all over the place, overflowing garbage cans, dogs running around and leaving their business and dirty diapers left on the sand, etc. This is my back yard so to speak, supported by my tax dollars. It's getting to look like a Chicago beach, not a small town, residential beach.

It would be nice to have a swing set at Shorewood Park. Also, a few more classes for seniors at the CRC.

A frisbee golf course would be a great add. The one by Watt Arena in the summer will routinely have 25+ people playing at any one time. I would think it's a pretty high ROI.

Please make exercise programs; yoga programs cheaper so that those who live in the district can take advantage & enjoy these classes. Same with the beach, it was affordable once and I know it's become difficult due to environmental issues & keeping the beach clean + keeping the beach safe. Still it should be much cheaper for people who are residents.

Wilmette park district, but needs to streamline and hyper-focus its activities by demographic segments it serves. Their quarterly guide shows the sprawl of activities they have which they need to prune and curate to serve specific segments. After school and summer programs for children are excellent, but shouldn't create additional tax burden in those who have out their children through the Wilmette/ new trier system and paid their dues already.

In conclusion I know I have indicated that I am very unhappy with the Wilmette Park District, in fact so unhappy that I often think of moving from Wilmette and going where the district works in sustainable and intelligent ways to manage the limited amount of public space that is present in the community. The last public meeting I attended with the Park District members regarding Gillson Park/Lakeview Center they completely ignored the wishes of the people who attended, were extremely arrogant and disrespectful to attendees, and voted on issues that only served themselves and not the community. Again they are a disgrace, and I only filled out this form hoping that others have sent in comments that may help to initiate some change. Finally 'surveys' do not really reflect the way people feel about things, checking off boxes is not always the way to get a feel for what is really going on.

1. I just rejoined the Fitness Club (after a break of 2 yrs) and I was very disappointed with all of the equipment that was replaced. There are Peloton machines now and all of the main area is for weight lifting which is male oriented. The older machines used to be adjustable - so they would accommodate everyone. Again the Fitness Club has become male-oriented. I can't lift the weights that people leave on the leg press to be able to use it. BIG MISTAKE TO RE-DO THE GYM HERE. IT DOES NOT WORK. 2. You need to give the same thought care + respect for project in West Wilmette as you give those in East Wilmette. 3. The village ripped out many trees in Hibbard Park for the sewer project. They put a 'berm' in which is an eyesore. The other park (more east in Wilmette) were spared ripping out of trees. West Wilmette gets (and always has) short shift from the Village. When are you going to re-plant the trees taken down in Hibbard Park? 4. In this same subject, there are rumors that the PD wants to put a pool in Hibbard Park near the Baseball diamond. I hope not. We already have a pool (Centennial), put a roof + walls around that one. Again, if this is true you are again saying Let West Wilmette deal with this.

We visit other north shore park district facilities because they have different options. We don't need to duplicate all these options.

Yes — it would be nice to have toilet access for all 12 months at the beach (where I regularly take walks). Thank you for conducting the survey. From my view, you have been doing a good job. :)



Please make the indoor walking track at the fitness center free of charge to all Wilmette residents, regardless of age, to walk or run on throughout the year. This would benefit parents waiting for kids who are in classes at the center as well as seniors who wish to use the track. We have many Wonderful parks and facilities in Wilmette and we really do not need to add more facilities. Adding more open spaces is a benefit to all but adding more facilities will take funding away from the facilities that we already need to maintain. No new facilities, please. Our taxes are sky high and tax increases are not appropriate at this time.

Please open beach restrooms when people are at the beach

Please don't change anything at Gilson park. It would be nice to have a fenced small dog park in a more inland park.

Wilmette park district has a huge surplus, use it to improve without raising our taxes!!!

Take care of maintenance issues and not redesign parks- specifically Gilson

Optimizing the website for mobile is necessary. And overhauling the 'store' for class registrations would be great. It's just too clunky to use.

continue to support accessibility for handicapped people

Dog park and indoor pool please

Keep Langdon Park simple Keep Gillson Park simple

Have MORE and accessible to have spot for paddleboards. Also storage for paddleboards during offseasons.

This survey does not cover any of the issues we thought that it would or should. My guess is that the Board doesn't care. What should be addressed: Their brand/style of governance. Their lack of true transparency. Their inability to work with specific groups that are impacted by proposed changes to the use of public space. Their inability to research impacts prior to engaging in planning exercises (at significant cost). This survey is actually a great example. Did anyone consider asking what we think of the board? What we think of the operations? I

Having an indoor pool would be incredible, it is the only thing that we really need that the park district doesn't currently have.

fix the road at Gillson Park

For the Wilmette Park District to continue the vision and hard work of former Park District boards and employees. There has been a lot of work and growth over the years. You never mentioned the Golf Course. That surprised me. It is a great part of the Park District.

This survey was very long! We love the parks, but, some simple maintenance would be really helpful. Minor things are broken, etc. and could be easily fixed.

The plan to improve Langdon should be tried again. Perhaps we can finally beat the misinformation campaign put out by the lakefront homeowner cabal.

DO NOT RUIN GILLSON PARK [comment at Q30: would PREFER a mailed program brochure]

Keeping open green space is a priority.

I am a 99-year old WWII veteran living alone. My needs fo outside recreation are very few. Please keep the American flags at all facilities up and waving.

Concentrate on Gillson area.



We don't need higher taxes just better management of already high taxes.

Spend the village money wisely, for the preservation of the land and benefit to the residents. Not to increase profits or impress or flaunt neighboring communities.

Don't see the relevance of # 37 & 38 [comment at Q19: Sports training programs (e.g. lacrosse, tennis) for smaller children -- too many kids/instructor - too much standing around time! kids get little benefit

Too much emphasis being placed on 'entertainment facilities' versus sports and recreation. Let other local clubs and venues provide those services. We should emphasize our commitment to outdoor and indoor facilities and services that are best provided by the collective wilmette community for the community. If we choose to provide other facilities and services they should be 100% covered by usage fees. Including overhead and staffing. Having the many subsidizing the few makes no sense. Our greatest asset is the open space and lakefront. Don't pave it or ruin it for the generations to come.

Registration and online billing software needs to be updated. Fee scheduled for the sailing beach should be published.

I feel uncomfortable using the beach on the weekends because it is chaotic with guests outside of Wilmette not adhering to the rules and listening to the lifeguards. I wait all year to use the beach and it does not feel safe on the weekends.

We are lucky to live in a town with such an amazing park district with so many programs available to residents of all ages and stages of life.

Park district catalogs would be improved by simplifying. The busy graphics distract from the offerings rather than enhancing them.

Indoor community pool would be the best investment. We hope this idea gets enough support and funding. Thank you for your great job! We love Wilmette Park District!

The 'Voting' site at Centennial Park is the ABSOLUTE WORST - please adjust going forward

I would appreciate more public restrooms or porta potties in parks, including restrooms that stay open in the winter. Very few restroom options in parks overall.

Due to noise issues we strongly oppose outdoor pickle ball courts at Centennial or the Community Play field

Would it be possible to have garden plots for residents of wilmette somewhere along the Green Bay Bike Trail - as they do in either Glencoe and/or Highland Park?

I appreciate you reaching out to see how the park district can improve. My main asks are: adult volleyball leagues (indoor and outdoor), indoor swimming pool, fenced in dog park (dog beach is nice but very difficult cleanup after), ability to launch small motorized watercraft from Gilson Beach or Sailing Beach.

Interested in improvement of the play fields, better upkeep. Better facilities around the play fields like the great work that has been done at Community Play fields...especially at Howard Park and West Park. Need a shelter kids could use during storms or inclement weather (currently is a major safety issue) when kids are playing there and no where to get out of storms quickly until parents pick up.... bathroom, lighting, upkeep of fields etc. Also would love to see an expansion of summer camps that fill up really quickly so that more kids can participate. The camps for middle school age kids such as Pirate Tennis, aquatics / golf / sailing / Great Gilson etc all fill up so quickly and there are long wait lists or even full wait lists, this should be considered in planning.



Please bring back the hard copy activity guide. Website is difficult to use and unwieldy.

A previous study led to construction of North Shore Ice Arena in lieu of renovations to Centennial. I understand that the decision was arrived at in partnership with Winnetka. Youth hockey and to a lesser extent figure skating remains in high demand. Robert Crown is a wonderful facility that managed to renovate on an existing parcel while checking lots of boxes for othe indoor and outdoor programs. Its also surprising that the only park district pool option in Wilmette is outdoor.

Please add dedicated pickle ball courts, indoor or outdoor. It's such a fast growing sport! If offering pickle ball leagues or programs, please have some options in the evening or on the weekend, so people who work can participate!

I would support cutting programs / facilities that are being underutilized and diverting those funds to expanding or enhancing popular items.

I think the Park District has done a reasonably good job over the years and wish to thank the current board for their efforts to improve.

Please create a dog park. Please.

I didn't have the time to enjoy our parks when I was working full-time and raising children. I feel blessed to have the time and the good health to make use of our parks now that I am older. The park district is doing a wonderful job. Thank you.

everyone wanted the booklet back

Safe, clean facilities and safety concerns

Thank you for the opportunity to give feedback.

Investing in higher quality grass fields and facilities throughout the park system with a more robust maintenance plan. Creating some type of gazebo or shelter at every park to provide safe spaces in times of storms and inclement weather. A similar structure to what is being built at Community Playfield would be helpful at West Park, Howard Park, etc...

Thank you for all of your support!

WPD board members should listen to residents' opinions more.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our views.

Keep up the great job! The more nature, the better! Peaceful, not noises [????] is preference!

Thanks to all the Wilmette Park District staff for providing great service and nice facilities for our community.

The town is full of young, active families. The lack of decent baseball and soccer/football/lacrosse fields is a big miss. The Community playfields are not well maintained or have good drainage. The beach is excellent and we use it all year round.

[comment at Q10: Centennial is not as well kept as it was]

The staff at the CRC is not as great as it used to be!

seeking adult softball leagues



Keep Gillson Park as is & stop spending so much money on things that are not wanted.

My first impression of the Wilmette Park District is very positive. As a new resident, I am looking forward to using more of the facilities and services it offers as I familiarize myself with the community.

Indoor playground would be amazing to having in the winter months.

Please consider making Wilmette a 'DARK SKY' city. Encourage low light porch lights, SHIELDS on street lights to direct lighting downward. PLEASE eliminate GAS LEAF BLOWERS year round. NOISE and CO2. Both of these requests are beneficial to insects and the environment in general. Thank you for this survey [Q18 (not displayed)=5 -- Q19 (not displayed): Indoor pool facility year-round -- Adults-Only areas-Fitness]

Think the Gillson Beach staff are terrific. I have seen them handle 'guests' in the area that has no life guards with respect and grace. Some of the male 'guests' are very disrespectful and confrontational and the staff has not reacted to some of the 'baiting' I think has gone on. Bravo to them!

Invest more in real WPD income earners: like the Wilmette Golf Club and Driving Range. A lot of money is generated here for the WPD by people who are not Wilmette residents and tax payers. Why? Because they like the course and come back often to play it. More importantly, a lot of additional WPD money is generated here by Wilmette tax-paying residents. We also like the course, escape to it often, and like those non-resident golfers, we eagerly spend money over the season paying for memberships, green fees, range balls, lockers, merchandise, food and drink. It's a real money-maker for the WPD, not a spender. Capitalize on that. The place has a lot of character and potential. Build on that. Make it better. And build an attractive, strong WPD revenue source.

Our kids are grown, so we really don't use the park district any more. We were big on the sailing beach and beach.

WPD should lower fees for residents and increase fees for non-residents. Non-residents use has increased since I moved to Wilmette as a child and as a home owner of 30 years. The volume of non-resident use should bring in more revenue. This revenue is necessary to cover the cost of the significant strain the non-resident usage puts on our facilities

Please add more kids after school programs for full time working parents. Also, Skokie has a free indoor track for residents and it's \$20 for nonresidents! Why should we be members of an expensive fitness club just to use the track? Also, more indoor facilities and activities for kids. What are parents supposed to do in the winter?

Not sure what is being planned re dog park, but the current one I don't use (go to Lake Forest) because it's too small and there too many ways for dogs to sneak out (the waterline and multiple gates that sometimes get left open.

please provide an indoor track for people to run/walk on WITHOUT having to pay for a fitness membership. Glenview offers this. Why doesn't Wilmette?

The activity sign up windows are too short, requiring enrollment for programs several times per year. Longer programs with less signups would be great, or some kind of automatic re-enrollment option. Having to keep track of sign-up days for programs is least pleasant

When rebuilding Langdon, insure north end of beach is impenetrable to prevent users from trespassing on adjacent properties to the north.

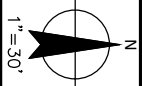
I mentioned this earlier but I think the pool should be open to the public much earlier in the morning- perhaps we need an additional swim facility to accommodate swim lessons and camps - but the morning is often when many people, especially with little ones, would like most to swim.



I think that having a dog park is a nice idea but in reality dog owners are very irresponsible and even at Gilson where is a dog park they let their dogs off leash. I have seen dog owner get together at Howard and let their dogs off leash while frightened children are forced to get off of the field because when they use the field dogs jump at them. Leash laws need to enforced before any new dog parks are built. Please consider everyone and not preferentially dog owners.

There was a sign with a playground photo on it at the Community Playfield identifying a survey. This looked like the survey was for playground equipment only. This survey should be reopened and you should add the community playfields to the section which asks about park usage. As a resident for 18 years it sickens me to see you commercializing the Community Play Fields. The SPORTS SEASON has continued to expand from a few months now to many and the number of people coming to park events is now exceeding the parking space on the streets many weekends. This high use of our neighborhood park by those who have to drive to it - indicated to me that they are not my immediate neighbor and I object to you opening our neighborhood park for people from outside Wilmette. This increases the traffic and the trash and Im tired of people speeding on locust coming out of the park trying to make the light on Lake. STOP COMMERCIALIZING our park and recognize the value in passive recreation in a shaded park area. STOP CUTTING DOWN OUR TREES on LOCUST and in the PARK. We were told the trees on Locust had to be cut with you did the storm sewers. Fortunately this tree cutting got stopped but the trees that are left didnt die, which means the Village stripped our tree lined street of shade trees for no reason.







## ENGINEER'S OPINION OF PROBABLE COST

CPF 2023 Tennis/Pickleball Maintenance

Project Name: Improvement Project

Location: 702 Locust Road, Wilmette, IL 60091

GHA Project #: 5676.103

Prepared By: John Bradley

Checked By: Peter C. Lind

Date: April 14, 2023



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## CPF 2023 TENNIS/PICKLEBALL MAINTENANCE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	COST
<b><u>Northern Courts (Tennis Courts)</u></b>					
1	Mobilization	LS	1	\$ 18,400.00	\$ 18,400.00
2	Earth Excavation, Complete	LS	1	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
3	Erosion Control Measures	LS	1	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
4	Removal of Tennis Net Foundations, Nets, and Anchors	EA	6	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,000.00
5	Remove Color Coat (Mill 1/8")	SY	2200	\$ 0.25	\$ 550.00
6	Remove and Reset Fence and Gates	LF	560	\$ 15.00	\$ 8,400.00
7	Underdrain, Perforated PVC, 4 Inch	LF	600	\$ 40.00	\$ 24,000.00
8	Cleanout Assembly, Complete, Special	LS	4	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
9	12" Ribbon Curb	LF	560	\$ 50.00	\$ 28,000.00
10	PCC Base Course, 7 Inch (Concrete Patch)	SY	160	\$ 60.00	\$ 9,600.00
11	Hot Mix Asphalt Surface Removal, 2.5"	SY	2200	\$ 5.00	\$ 11,000.00
12	Glaspave 25 Engineering Paving Mat, Special	SY	2200	\$ 3.50	\$ 7,700.00
13	Polymerized Hot Mix Asphalt Binder Course, IL-4.75, N50	TON	130	\$ 80.00	\$ 10,400.00
14	Hot Mix Asphalt Surface Course, IL-9.5, N30	TON	320	\$ 130.00	\$ 41,600.00
15	Sidewalk Removal and Replacement (Allowance)	SF	250	\$ 35.00	\$ 8,750.00
16	Tennis Court Net and Net Post Assembly, Special	EA	6	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 9,000.00
17	Court Color Coat, Special	SY	2100	\$ 15.00	\$ 31,500.00
18	Site Restoration	LS	1	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
				SUBTOTAL:	\$ 230,900.00
				20% Contingency	\$ 46,180.00
				<b>Construction Sub-total:</b>	<b>\$ 277,080.00</b>

### **Southern Courts (Tennis and Pickleball Courts)**

19	Mobilization	LS	1	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00
20	Earth Excavation, Complete	LS	1	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
21	Erosion Control Measures	LS	1	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
22	Removal of Tennis Net Foundations, Nets, and Anchors	EA	6	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,000.00
23	Remove Color Coat (Mill 1/8")	SY	2100	\$ 0.25	\$ 525.00
24	Remove and Reset Fence and Gates	LF	560	\$ 15.00	\$ 8,400.00
25	Underdrain, Perforated PVC, 4 Inch	LF	680	\$ 40.00	\$ 27,200.00
26	Cleanout Assembly, Complete, Special	EA	5	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
27	12" Ribbon Curb	LF	560	\$ 50.00	\$ 28,000.00
28	PCC Base Course, 7 Inch (Concrete Patch)	SY	190	\$ 60.00	\$ 11,400.00
29	Hot Mix Asphalt Surface Removal, 2.5"	SY	2100	\$ 5.00	\$ 10,500.00
30	Glaspave 25 Engineering Paving Mat, Special	SY	2100	\$ 3.50	\$ 7,350.00

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### CPF 2023 TENNIS/PICKLEBALL MAINTENANCE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

31	Polymerized Hot Mix Asphalt Binder Course, IL-4.75, N50	TON	120	\$	80.00	\$	9,600.00
32	Hot Mix Asphalt Surface Course, IL-9.5, N30	TON	300	\$	130.00	\$	39,000.00
33	Sidewalk Removal and Replacement (Allowance)	SF	250	\$	35.00	\$	8,750.00
34	Tennis Court Net and Net Post Assembly, Special	EA	14	\$	1,500.00	\$	21,000.00
35	Court Color Coat, Special	SF	2100	\$	15.00	\$	31,500.00
36	Acoustic Fencing	LF	180	\$	50.00	\$	9,000.00
37	Site Restoration	LS	1	\$	10,000.00	\$	10,000.00
38	Site Drainage Improvements	LS	1	\$	25,000.00	\$	25,000.00
SUBTOTAL:						\$	288,225.00
20% Contingency						\$	57,645.00
Construction Sub-total:						\$	345,870.00

**Construction Total:** \$ 622,950.00

Supplemental Topography \$ 7,200.00

Site Design: \$ 23,600.00

Permitting: \$ 3,000.00

Bidding/Negotiation Phase: \$ 4,700.00

Construction Observation: \$ 28,300.00

Reimbursables: \$ 1,000.00

**Soft Costs:** \$ 67,800.00

**Project Total:** \$ 690,750.00

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# Memorandum

Date: May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

To: Board Members

From: Kristi Solberg

cc: Steve Wilson

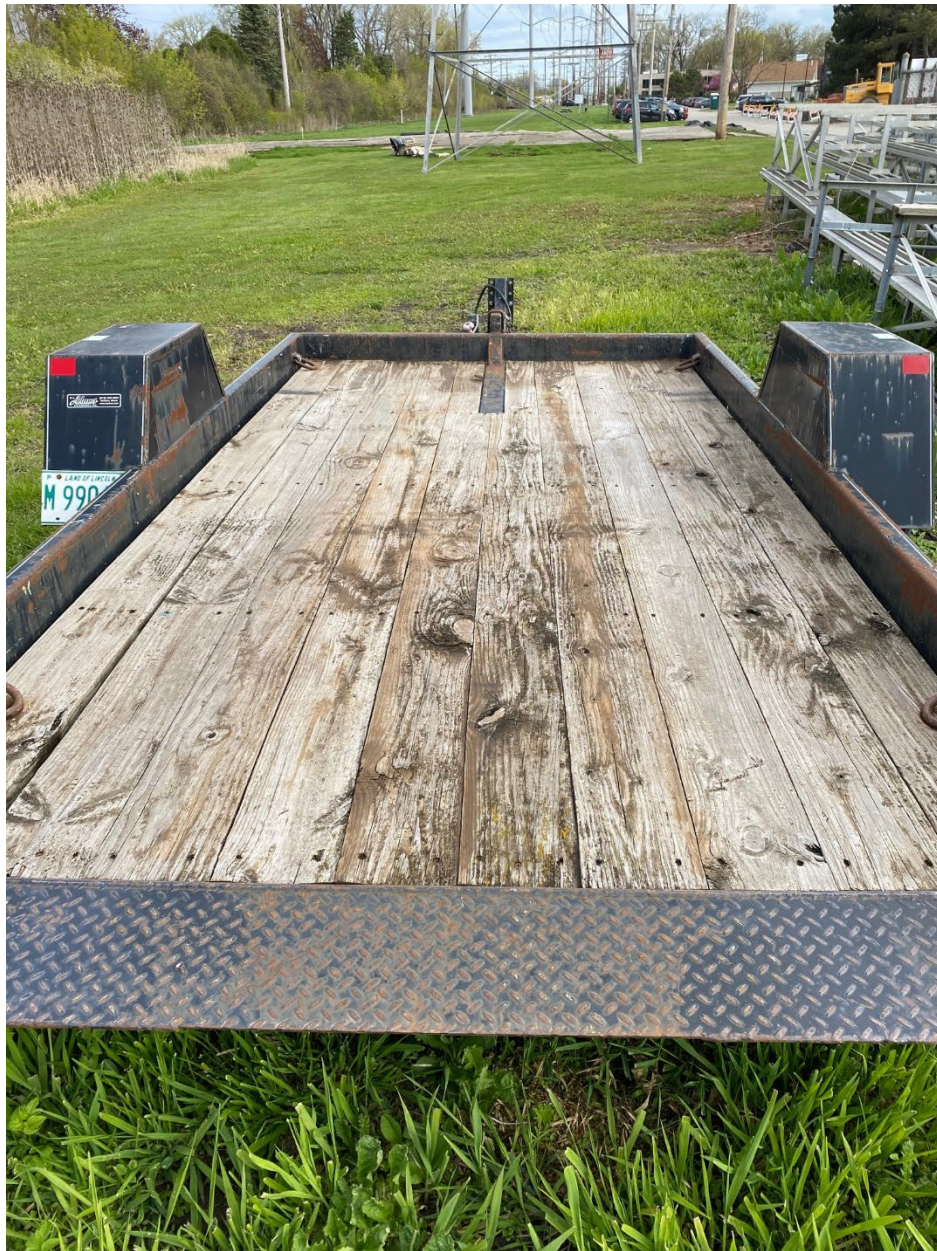
Re: Surplus Property Ordinance – Parks equipment

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The Parks and Planning Department is requesting to surplus property. The property is 1-1993 Landpride seeder and 1-2014 trailer. A seeder and trailer were purchased as scheduled in the 2023 Capital Improvement Plan.







Revised: 5/2/2023 9:08 AM

**WILMETTE PARK DISTRICT  
ORDINANCE 2023-O-4**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN SURPLUS PROPERTY  
OWNED BY THE WILMETTE PARK DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Wilmette Park District, Cook County, Illinois ("Park District") owns the following items of personal property ("Property"):

One (1) Landpride seeder  
And One (1) 2014 trailer;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 8-22 of the Park District Code (70 ILCS 1205/8-22), every park district is authorized to sell or convey any personal property that in the opinion of three-fifths of the members of the Board of Park Commissioners ("Park Board") then holding office is no longer necessary, useful to, or for the best interests of the park district.

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Section 4. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its adoption as provided by law.

Adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023, by the affirmative vote of three-fifths of the members of the Board of Park Commissioners.

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_

Nays: \_\_\_\_\_

Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
President, Board of Park Commissioners  
Wilmette Park District

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners  
Wilmette Park District

STATE OF ILLINOIS     )  
  )  
COUNTY OF COOK     )

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OWNED BY THE WILMETTE PARK DISTRICT**

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto affix my official signature and the seal of said Wilmette Park District at Wilmette, Illinois, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

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Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners  
Wilmette Park District

[SEAL]



# Memorandum

Date: May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

To: Board Members

From: Tim Johnson

cc: Steve Wilson

Re: Surplus Property Ordinance – Chairs

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The Recreation Department is requesting to surplus property. The property is 90 steel framed plastic chairs and 38 small art room chairs. All were previously used at the Community Recreation Center, and are no longer usable because they are broken or worn.







Revised: 5/5/2023 3:12 PM

**WILMETTE PARK DISTRICT  
ORDINANCE 2023-O-5**

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Wilmette Park District

[SEAL]





## Memorandum

Date: May 8th, 2023

To: Board of Commissioners

From: Kristi Solberg

Cc: Steve Wilson

Re: May Board Report

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### **Parks and Planning**

**West Park Platform project**-The sewer work was completed on Friday April 28<sup>th</sup>. On Monday May 1<sup>st</sup> watermain work began. Currently the hut is closed because there is no water or gas to the building. Staff are still waiting on the Building permit to be approved by the Village of Wilmette.



**Thornwood tennis courts**-Courts were color coated in April.





**Centennial Pool filter media-**The filter media change was completed the week of May 1<sup>st</sup>.



**Fleet-**Purchased a pull behind aerator, a trailer with a winch and a ride-on EV mower.



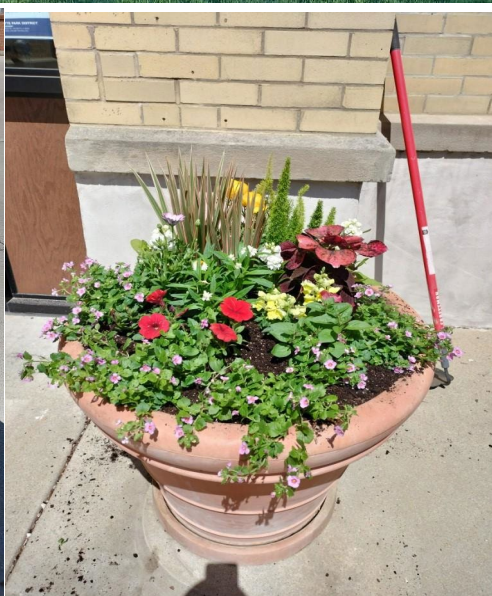






### **Parks staff**

The crews worked with a contractor to prune trees within Gillson Park, replaced the split rail fence at Lockerbie, planted around the irrigation box at Community Playfields, started mowing, planted flowers at Community Recreation Center and Mallinckrodt and turned on the water fountains within the Park at Community Playfields.

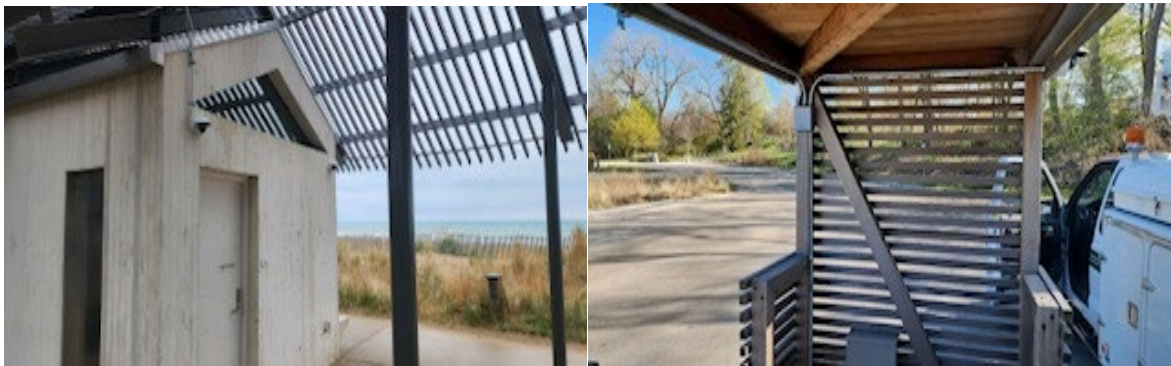






### **Building staff**

**Gillson Park**-installed security cameras, hooked up the internet with Lakeview Center, installed a banner holder for the beach, pressure washed the beach house, built SUP racks and a stand for the swimming beach.



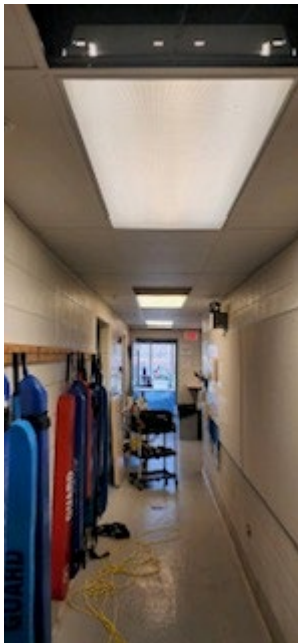








**Centennial Pool**-installed cameras, installed LED lights within the locker rooms and guard office, installed an AED cabinet, boiler and HVAC repairs, pressured washed pool/slides and set up new umbrellas, built storage shed and some concrete repairs on the activity pool.









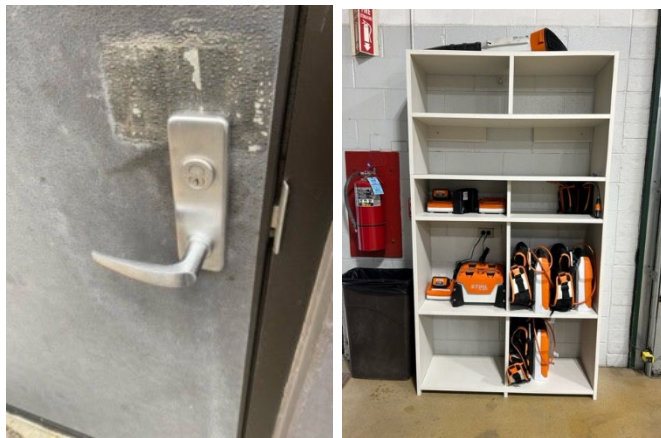




**Golf clubhouse**-replaced the drain line for the HVAC above the clubhouse, pressured washed the clubhouse and installed a new door on the maintenance barn.



**West Park**-Transitioned to the new door locking system and built a shelf for the battery equipment.



## Memorandum

Date: May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
To: Steve Wilson, Executive Director  
From: Department of Recreation  
Re: Recreation Department Board Report



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### **Community Recreation Center** ***Recreation Programs Division:***

#### **Summer Camp**

- Training for Camp Directors and Counselors will take place the weeks of May 29<sup>th</sup> and June 5<sup>th</sup>.
- The new Wilmette Camp App will debut at the end of May. The app will be a one stop location for parents to see photos of their campers, view upcoming events, and contact camp directors.

#### **Beyond the Bell, School Year 2022-2023**

- The final School Day Off took place on April 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Registration for School Days Off, Winter Break, and Spring Break Camps opened on April 18<sup>th</sup> for current families and May 2<sup>nd</sup> for new families.

#### **Early Childhood Center:**

- The field trip to Wagner Farm was a huge success! About 50 students went to the farm and participated in the “five senses” program. The remaining students experienced the farm at the CRC! Wagner Farms visited us, bringing with them a cow and a chicken!
- Teacher Appreciation week will be celebrated May 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. Teachers will be celebrated with daily treats provided in collaboration with the District and the ECC families.
- Graduation and the End of Year Celebration will be held at Wallace Bowl on Friday June 2<sup>nd</sup>.



#### **Athletics:**

- Youth Spring Soccer began on April 15. Current registration for Fall/Spring and Spring Soccer is at 1,203 participants. Teams practice once each week and play a 7 game season.
- Adult Softball will start on May 9<sup>th</sup> with 9 teams registered.
- Preparations have begun for the Adult Beach Volleyball league.

**Center for the Arts:**

- The WCT student-directed plays, Fairytale Lane, will take place May 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. The plays are directed and produced by alumni students who have been a part of our program.
- Preparations have begun for the Spring Dance Recital. It will take place in June with the theme of “Get Up, Get Out, and Dance!”
- The Dance Team performed at Mallinckrodt on Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup> with about 20 people in attendance.
- CFA recently hired an Art Coordinator, Joshua Hermann. In addition to administrative support, Joshua will teach adult art classes with a focus on metalsmithing and jewelry making.

**Special Events:**

- Earth Day at Keay will took place on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The event was attended by about 100 participants who enjoyed trail mix, a nature scavenger hunt, and a bird feeder craft.
- Touch a Truck special event will be taking place at Centennial Recreation Complex parking lot on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Newly added this year is a 20-minute noise-free segment for sensory-sensitive participants.
- The Recreation Department is collaborating on a new Camp Carnival event on June 10<sup>th</sup>, in effort to welcome all camp families and kick off the summer before camp programs begin!

**Gymnastics:**

- Gymnastics team season is culminating this weekend with XCEL Regionals in Ohio. The Developmental team had 6 State champions and 2 Regional Champions! The XCEL team had one state champion.
- The boys team had a successful in house competition this month and are looking forward to competing state wide next year.
- Spring recreational gymnastics enrollment is the highest so far this year, increasing 6% from the Winter session.

**Center Fitness Club:**

- Spring Break Pass
  - 12 sold
  - Revenue: \$480
- CFC Transformation Challenge – 10 week small group program
  - Starts in June, promoting now
- New fitness class – SpinYasa: 30 minutes of spin + 30 minutes of yoga added
- 100 Days for \$100 student promo starts in May
- 20% off personal training packages and group fitness packages promotion for month of May

	March 2023	April 2023
Monthly Visits	5,991	5,856
Total Active Memberships	1,702	1,672
Group Fitness Attendance	1,093	1,166
Personal Training Sessions	103	93



## **Centennial Recreation Complex**

### ***Ice***

- Ice show performances take place May 12-14.
  - More than 150 skaters performing.
- Work is underway on ice contracts with affiliate hockey organizations for the 2023/24 season.

### ***Tennis***

- Permanent court time renewal for the 2023/24 indoor season has begun. Permanent court time holders are being given first right of refusal to renew their times.
- Thornwood Park tennis courts are surfaced and reopened.

### ***Pool***

- Staff is planning to fill pools mid-May to facilitate guard trainings and some lap swim activity.
- Hiring for pool staff continues.
- Food vendor is arranged for the season. Shark Shack will return for this season of food service.
- Pool schedule is complete and posted on line. It is very similar to last summer with a slight reduction in rental time to New Trier Swim Club.

### ***Paddle***

- Construction in the West Park expansion project is underway.
  - The paddle hut is closed until the completion of the project.
  - Courts are in use with the exception of some days when there will not be electric.

## **Mallinckrodt Center**

<b>General Info:</b>	
Fitness Room Visits	101 Visits (April)
Group Fitness Class Participants	109 Enrolled in 13 different weekly classes
Rentals	7 (April)
Memberships	276
Walking Club Memberships	143

<b>Recent Programming:</b>	
Canasta and Mah Jong Lessons	10 Participants
Watercolors Class	10 Participants
Watercolors Artist Reception	40 attendees
Intro To Drawing Class	8 Participants
Movie Day	12 Participants
Egg Hunt and Bunny Brunch at Mallinckrodt and Park	April 1 and 7
WPD Dance Team Performance	45 Attendees

<b>Upcoming Socials:</b>	
Rentals	7 (May)
Canasta and Mah Jong Lessons	8 Enrolled
Soup and Sandwich Day	May 3
Movie Day	May 15

Day Trip-Denny Diamond at White Fence Farm	May 10
Day Trip-Lunch Club	May 24
Women of Note Performance	May 19

### **Lakeview Center / Gillson Park Operations**

- Lakefront Special Events are currently in the planning process
  - Polar Plunge: 300 Participants, over \$65 k raise for region 5, Wilmette Police was the highest police department fundraiser
  - Bunny Brunch: Due to popularity, a 2<sup>nd</sup> seating was added post egg hunt both sessions sold out
  - 2023/2024 Winter Fest at Gillson Park (Plans Continue)
  - Wow Swim, North Shore Tri, Beach Bash.
  - The Hero swim has decided to hold their event at Oak Street Beach in Chicago
  - Gillson Campout
- Gillson Camp Outs increased to 3 dates: June 10<sup>th</sup>, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, August 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Max participant counts moved from 100-200 patrons
  - Additional activities have been added to S'mores and camp fires during campout
  - Sunset and sunrise kayak tours (Additional sign up and fee required)
  - Record a hit Glow in the dark tattoos and Disc Glow Golf on the beach
  - Craft station
  - Working with F.S for food and drink options
- Lakefront Summer Camps option sent to patrons
- We have entered into an agreement with Seldin Security, out of Rosemont Illinois to provide Night Security in Gillson Park and Beach. Weekend only coverage began on Friday May 5<sup>th</sup> with 7 day a week coverage starting on 5/26. Security hours will be 7pm-1am nightly.
- Staff has met with IT and West Park to discuss pre-season projects to complete
  - Cameras at Swim Beach Car Gate ( 8 new cameras have been installed in these locations)
  - New rails/chains for Monohull Z row on sailing beach, framing to remain
  - Beach House Monitor
  - Painting of Sailing Shack and Shed ( Will be delayed into start of summer)
  - New staff hut for Swim Beach Entrance & Harbor Entrance
- Sailing Beach Preparation
  - All beach grading is complete
  - All winter boats and mast storage has been placed back in there summer spots
  - 5 new windsurfer spots have been added and rack installed
  - SUP racks have been re-installed for summer and have new numbers and paint.
  - AQ camp storage was built and installed to allow for more efficient staff set up and break down in SUP area.
  - Sailing Shed interior was re-designed for efficiency and safety.
- Lakeview Center renovation continues; weekly meetings take place with staff, Woodhouse Tinucci Architects, and Fredrick Quinn Construction.
  - Deck work continues and is 90% complete.
  - Interior framing 100% complete. Passed Ceiling inspection.

- Ceiling complete for entire building
- Staff Office Space Complete
- Plumbing rough in 100% complete. Passed rough inspection.
- Fire sprinkler rough in and hydrostatic test passed for entire building
- Rough Fire Alarm passed for entire building
- Building, deck, and beach house furniture is delivered and installed.
- A portion of Lakeview Center fall 2023 programming has begun promotion to the community with the introduction of a new Campus Club site, registration in January
- Staff working with Fitness Staff to offer summer morning fitness programming at Lakeview. Morning Yoga classes are added
- Additional Summer & Fall 2023 programming, workshops, and special events opportunities in the newly renovated spaces will be promoted in the upcoming Summer Explore Guide
- Learn to Kayak and SUP and Introduction to Sailing are added for mid-June.
- Sailing Beach registration began on January 15<sup>th</sup>. To date 100% of returning patrons have registered.

### **Camp and Programming Registration thru 2/20/23**

Lakeview Campus Clubs                      **20**                      **47% of capacity**

### **Great Gillson Camp Registration Thru 2/20/23**

Session 1	137
Session 2	113
Session 3	154
Session 4	151
Total Individual Campers	342

Great Gillson Camp now offers 8, 4, and 2 week sessions. During registration, enrollment maximums were increased to meet the demand of the 2-week sessions. Great Gillson will do weekly field trips, pool visits, sailing, beach time and Thursday Thrill days.

### **Aquatics Camp Registration thru 2/22/23**

<b>Session</b>	<b>Enrolment/Max</b>	<b>Percentage Full</b>	<b>Wait List</b>
1 (am &pm )	97/140	70%	0
2 (am &pm )	126/140	90%	0
3 (am &pm )	160/160	100%	20
4 (am &pm )	72/140	51%	0

Aquatics Camp has permanently moved to the north end of the swimming beach. Session 3 had a waitlist of 42. We are hiring 2 additional staff to increase the enrolment for that session to 160 (80 am-80 pm). During session 4 we will reduce staff size and may utilize that staff into operations as staff return early to school.

### Sailing Camp Registration thru 2/22/23

Beginning Sailing (am & pm) Session 1	32/32	100%	14
Beginning Sailing (am & pm) Session 2	32/32	100%	18
Beginning Sailing (am & pm) Session 3	32/32	100%	6
Beginning Sailing (am & pm) Session 4	32/32	100%	6
Intermediate Session 1	16/16	100%	0
Intermediate Session 2	11/16	69%	0
Intermediate Session 3	13/16	81%	0
Intermediate Session 4	12/16	75%	0

Sailing Camp operates 3 sessions per day, 2 Begging and 1 Intermediate. In previous years, enrollment was capped at 12 per session. Based on demand, and pre-season hiring, session caps are now 16 per session.

### Junior Lifeguard Camp

Session	Enrolment/Max	Percentage	Wait List
1	20/20	100%	0
2	20/20	100%	1
3	20/20	100%	2
4	13/20	65%	0

Parking Passes YTD Resident 1,336

**\$70,666 (\$181,000) 40% of Projected**

Parking Passes YTD Non-Resident 223

**\$75,698 (209,000) 37% of Projected**

### 2023 Sailing Beach Registrations thru 3/30/2023

Sailing Beach Lottery complete: Over 50 patrons participated

Vessel Type	Returned Rate	Total Passes
Catamaran Owner	100%	639
Catamaran Partner	98%	333
Momohull	98%	876
Momohull Partner	97%	70
Laser II	100%	60
Laser Partner	100%	22
S.U.P	99%	741
Windsurfer	100%	51
Option Vessel		113
Guest Book		68

**(Sailing Beach) Facility Rental GL20-43-142-4680 2023 Budget \$548,274 Activity \$526,529**

**96%** We anticipate reaching the remaining revenue goal once all vacated slots are filled, option vessel stickers, and winter storage contracts are complete.

Parking lot rental for Michigan Shores during their construction has generated \$8,000 in revenue over the winter and early spring.



To: Steve Wilson, Executive Director  
From: Sheila Foy, Superintendent of Finance  
Date: May 5, 2023  
Re: May, 2023 Finance Superintendent Report:  
1. District Revenue and Expense Statement through March, 2023 (Appendix 1)  
2. Capital Expense Summary through March, 2023 (Appendix 2)  
3. Finance, Customer Service and Technology Department Updates

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### **1. District Revenue and Expense Statement Results through March, 2023 (Appendix 1)**

The results of District operations through March totaled \$3.65m. 2023 results are behind the same period last year due to a delay in 2023 property tax receipts (\$2.4m) and bond proceeds (\$3.7) received in 2022. With respect to 2023 operations to budget, there are some permanent differences (\$192k in Miscellaneous Revenue) but the remainder of the differences are largely due to timing.

### **2. Capital Expense Results through March, 2023 (Appendix 2, Pages 1 - 3)**

2023 Capital spending is ahead of budget by about \$400k and is due to timing. Capital purchases continue to be accelerated for 2023 and at this time we anticipate spending the capital budget for 2023.

### **3. Finance, Customer Service and Technology Updates**

During the first half of April, Finance continued to answer questions and provide support to the Auditors for the 2022 audit. During the last week of April through next week, Finance will complete our review of the initial draft of the financials. We are targeting a completed final draft to distribute to the Board close to May 15<sup>th</sup>. There was a successful update applied to Incode (the general ledger) and the Finance department provided feedback for the new website.

April was a great month at the Wilmette Park District. We had great weather which is a big reminder for residents to register for summer programming and swimming and parking passes. The new Spring session began April 3<sup>rd</sup>. It's hard to believe that in a few short weeks it will be summer! While some of the weather wasn't always so great, as it did storm on the day we were to have our outdoor Doggie and Children's egg hunts, we pivoted and rescheduled for April 7<sup>th</sup> and had a great time. The local election resulted in one new board member, Patrick Leahy being added to our Board of Commissioners. He will begin his term May 8<sup>th</sup>. The Spring soccer season started on April 15<sup>th</sup>. The Community Playfields restroom structure opened just in time for families at their soccer event! The 22<sup>nd</sup> was our celebration of Earth Day at Keay Nature Center. It was free and part of our community appreciation offerings open to everyone. Arts and crafts with make your own trail mix were part of the event. The event was featured in the Chicago Tribune! The Parks Department has worked tirelessly for the last few months to make the nature center and the park a wonderful area to enjoy. Dip In Pickleball is available at the Community Recreation Center and Centennial Tennis centers for \$10. First come, first serve (literally)! Adult Co-Rec Beach Volleyball has opened up for registration and that's another reminder that Summer is definitely on the way!

Information Technology worked diligently in April with marketing and communications and the website vendor to redesign the park district website. The new website was launched this week. The remainder of the beach house cameras were mounted and configured. The phone system was updated from 7.8.2 to 7.9.5.2 and Incode was updated from 2022.4.15.6 to 2023.1.15.7. Finally, the iphone/ipad mobile device management's security certificates were renewed.

# Appendix 1



## Wilmette Park District Revenue and Expense Statement For the Month Ending March 31, 2023

Total District	Through March 31			YTD Variance		Total Year Budget 2023
	Actual 2022	Actual 2023	Budget 2023	Actual to Budget		
				\$	%	
Revenue						
Property Taxes	\$4,233,487	\$1,846,708	\$61,772	\$1,784,936	2889.6%	\$7,405,276
Daily Fees	95,810	135,430	90,137	45,293	50.2%	2,155,593
Fee Revenue	4,516,686	4,099,055	4,457,962	(358,907)	-8.1%	12,071,400
Membership Fees	643,864	789,017	583,001	206,016	35.3%	2,934,187
Rental Revenue	1,026,181	929,864	961,810	(31,946)	-3.3%	2,667,891
Retail Sales	23,119	24,709	34,982	(10,274)	-29.4%	228,577
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>61,752</u>	<u>254,294</u>	<u>60,227</u>	<u>194,067</u>	322.2%	<u>583,107</u>
Total Revenue	\$10,600,899	\$8,079,077	\$6,249,890	\$1,829,187	29.3%	\$28,046,031
Expenses						
Salaries & Wages	\$1,727,372	\$2,016,845	\$2,247,959	(231,114)	-10.3%	\$11,865,196
Employee Benefits	518,946	530,647	634,907	(104,260)	-16.4%	2,889,937
Contract Services	764,956	916,622	998,575	(81,953)	-8.2%	4,440,752
Utilities	152,366	116,002	219,385	(103,383)	-47.1%	1,055,416
Supplies	156,714	185,222	277,476	(92,254)	-33.2%	1,335,886
Equipment and Repairs	<u>58,399</u>	<u>54,916</u>	<u>119,397</u>	<u>(64,480)</u>	-54.0%	<u>389,461</u>
Operating Expenses	\$3,378,753	\$3,820,254	\$4,497,699	(\$677,444)	-15.1%	\$21,976,647
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	\$7,222,146	\$4,258,823	\$1,752,192	\$2,506,631	143.1%	\$6,069,384
Non-Operating Revenue						
Bond Proceeds	\$3,284,916	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0
Capital Reimbursement	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	N/A	<u>0</u>
Total Non-Operating Revenue	\$3,284,916	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0
Non-Operating Expenses						
Capital	320,574	608,017	209,237	398,780	190.6%	13,141,373
Capital - Special Recreation	79,797	729	25,002	(24,273)	-97.1%	107,000
Debt Service	0	0	0	0	N/A	1,469,352
Capital Transfer	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
Overhead Transfer	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
Total Non-Operating Expenses	\$400,371	\$608,746	\$234,239	\$374,507	159.9%	\$14,717,725
Net Non-Operating Surplus (Deficit)	\$2,884,545	(\$608,746)	(\$234,239)	(\$374,507)	159.9%	(\$14,717,725)
Total Expenses	<u>\$3,779,124</u>	<u>\$4,429,001</u>	<u>\$4,731,938</u>	<u>(\$302,937)</u>	-6.4%	<u>\$36,694,372</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$10,106,691	\$3,650,076	\$1,517,952	\$2,132,124	140.46%	(\$8,648,341)

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ADMINISTRATION OFFICE		Comprehensive Plan	Includes Facility Condition Assessment	200,000	-	23,618	176,382	Year Long	
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE		Computer Hardware	Computer hardware (Laptops, Desktops, Servers and etc.)	125,304	-	69,449	55,855	Year Long	
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE		Computer Software	Computer software (MS Office and etc.)	152,054	-	52,865	99,189	Year Long	
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE	Administration Vehicle	Ford Explorer	Budgeted for in 2022 - purchase completed in 2023	-	56,331	56,331	-	Q1	Complete
CENTENNIAL COMPLEX	Aquatics	Concession stand ice maker	Replacement of ice maker for concession stand	3,100	-	-	3,100	Q1	Ordered - April arrival
PARKS DEPARTMENT		Ford Maverick	Budgeted for in 2022 - purchase completed in 2023	-	30,619	30,619	-	Q1	Complete
PARKS DEPARTMENT		Paint Sprayer	Replacement for 2 paint sprayers	17,500	(343)	17,157	-	Q1	Complete
PARKS DEPARTMENT		Production Mower	Adding a production mower	115,000	(5,691)	109,309	-	Q1	Complete
WILMETTE GOLF CLUB		Cutting Units for Mowers	Replace of reels on fairway mowers	30,000	-	-	30,000	Q1	Ordered - awaiting arrival
WILMETTE GOLF CLUB		Electric Utility Vehicles	Heavy duty utility car replacement	45,000	-	-	45,000	Q1	Ordered - awaiting arrival
WILMETTE GOLF CLUB		Greens Aerifier	Equipment replacement schedule	38,000	-	-	38,000	Q1	Ordered - awaiting arrival
WILMETTE GOLF CLUB		Provonos Articulating Trailer	Dump trailer for landscape materials/projects	12,000	-	-	12,000	Q1	Received, waiting on invoice
WILMETTE GOLF CLUB		Range Netting Pole and Fence Maintenance	Net and Cable Maintenance / High lift work	10,000	-	-	10,000	Q1	Q1 spending n/n due to mild winter. May be spent in Q4
WILMETTE GOLF CLUB		Skid Loader John Deere 35G Mini Excavator	Replacement - 20-Year Old Machine	65,000	-	-	65,000	Q1	Changed out a skid loader for an excavator - received waiting on invoice
WILMETTE GOLF CLUB		Turf Roller	Greens Roller for Surface smoothness	24,000	-	-	24,000	Q1	Ordered
CENTENNIAL COMPLEX	Aquatics	Activity Pool Liner	Repair activity pool shell and install a PVC liner	150,000	-	-	150,000	Q2	Ordered - May installation
COMMUNITY REC CENTER	General Building	Drinking Fountains	Replace five drinking fountains in Gymnastics	10,500	-	-	10,500	Q2	Ordered - April arrival
COMMUNITY REC CENTER	Center Fitness Club	Fitness sconce lights	Replace sconce wall light with LED fixtures	8,000	-	-	8,000	Q2	Ordered - April arrival
COMMUNITY REC CENTER	General Building	Front Walkway Lights	Replacement of front walkway lights	12,000	-	9,681	2,319	Q2	Ordered, some have arrived targeting April installation
COMMUNITY REC CENTER	Center Fitness Club	Studio Equipment Replacement	Ongoing replacement of group exercise studio equipment	5,000	-	-	5,000	Q2	
GILLSON PARK	Beach House	Beach House Locks	Auto locks for bathrooms	30,000	-	-	30,000	Q2	Ordered week of 3/8, targeting May install
GILLSON PARK	Cargate	Cargate Security Cameras	Installation of security cameras in the cargate structure	5,200	-	3,217	1,983	Q2	3 Camera's ordered early March. West Park will install, targeting May completion
GILLSON PARK	Park	Water fountain and bottle filler	Bottle filler and drinking fountain near the Beach House	25,000	-	-	25,000	Q2	Ordered in March, targeting April install
KEAY NATURE CENTER	Park	Pave Pathways	Create (fixing) the accessible path at Keay Park - budgeted for in 2022 - completion in 2023	-	22,554	1,286	21,268	Q2	There are some contingency amounts that need to be paid targeting May completion
MALLINCKRODT CENTER		Irrigation System	Upgrading and repairs to current irrigation system	30,000	-	-	30,000	Q2	Reviewing pricing and more research
MALLINCKRODT CENTER		Replace Building Automation	Heating and cooling control system	18,000	-	-	18,000	Q2	Completed - Invoice paid in April
MAPLE PARK		Additional Amenities	Adding playhouses and features to appeal to younger children	30,000	-	-	30,000	Q2	Collecting information
PARKS DEPARTMENT		Enclosed Trailer		15,000	(3,292)	11,708	-	Q2	Complete
PARKS DEPARTMENT		Event Stage	Large Event Stage	150,000	-	-	150,000	Q2	
PARKS DEPARTMENT		Key System	A new keying system that allows us to make keys and locks in house. Cost for equipment and to do west park and golf	27,000	(18,687)	8,313	-	Q2	Complete
PARKS DEPARTMENT		LED Light Upgrades	For various facilities	20,000	-	3,545	16,455	Q2	Ongoing
PARKS DEPARTMENT		Portable stage	Portable Stage for events - elevated platform replacement	10,000	(254)	9,746	-	Q2	Complete
PARKS DEPARTMENT		Shop Tools	Tire Balancer	10,000	(785)	9,215	-	Q2	Complete
PARKS DEPARTMENT		Stand Up Mower	Adding a stand up mower	9,000	20,000	-	29,000	Q2	Quotes arrived - reviewing machinery requirements
PARKS DEPARTMENT		Tents (20x20)	Two 20x20 tents with logo and light kit to start replacing current aging ones	20,000	(1,839)	18,161	-	Q2	Complete
PARKS DEPARTMENT		West Park Improvement	Rework the office area to add more offices, replace bay doors, and replace failing infrastructure.	28,500	-	16,563	11,937	Q2	In progress
WILMETTE GOLF CLUB		Amenities on Course	New Tee Markers / Divot Boxes/ Directional stakes	30,000	-	11,198	18,802	Q2	some have arrived, remainder will finish in Q2
WILMETTE GOLF CLUB		Event Tent	Used for Golf Outings	15,000	-	-	15,000	Q2	
WILMETTE GOLF CLUB		Gate to Maintenance Road	Gate to restrict access to maintenance road	12,000	-	-	12,000	Q2	Bids are coming in higher and there is additional work being added to scope. This project may move to 2024

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WILMETTE GOLF CLUB		Golf Course Fountains or Water Features	Water aeration system/better water quality/course aesthetics	30,000	-	-	30,000	Q2	
WILMETTE GOLF CLUB		Ice Maker/Water Dispenser	replacement of countertop ice maker	7,800	-	-	7,800	Q2	Arrived - waiting on invoice
WILMETTE GOLF CLUB		Ice Makers	Replace large kitchen and large cart room ice makers	11,000	780	11,780	-	Q2	Complete
WILMETTE GOLF CLUB		Maintenance Building Paint	Painting of Maintenance Facility	30,000	-	10,438	19,563	Q2	Work has begun
WILMETTE GOLF CLUB		Nano Walls	Install Nano walls to the patio from restaurant	50,000	-	-	50,000	Q2	Waiting on bids
WILMETTE GOLF CLUB		Resurface Driveway (Maintenance Facility)	Scheduled maintenance on maintenance drive	25,000	-	-	25,000	Q2	Will bid out in the spring
WILMETTE GOLF CLUB		Security Cameras	Cameras to be installed for the parking lot and 5 additional cameras were added to scope for the maintenance shed	40,000	14,000	-	54,000	Q2	Scope increased to add cameras for both the parking lot and the Golf Maintenance building. Camera's were ordered early April and targeting installation for mid to late May.
WILMETTE GOLF CLUB		Under counter refrigerator replacement	Replacement of two perlick under counter refrigerators	16,000	(3,402)	12,598	-	Q2	Complete
CENTENNIAL COMPLEX	General Building	Emergency Light Generator	Replacement of current emergency light generator	20,000	-	-	20,000	Q3	Obtaining quotes
CENTENNIAL COMPLEX	General Building	Front Door	Replacement of Front Doors	50,000	(2,963)	-	47,037	Q3	Board approved bid @ 47,037 on 04/10/23
CENTENNIAL COMPLEX	Tennis	Replace back drop curtains	Replace curtains between courts	75,000	-	-	75,000	Q3	Curtains ordered targeting August install
CENTENNIAL COMPLEX	General Building	Replace Trane Unit #2	Last replaced 10/01/1997	175,000	-	-	175,000	Q3	Ordered, targeting August arrival
CENTENNIAL COMPLEX	General Building	Replace Trane Unit #3	Last replaced 10/01/1999	175,000	-	-	175,000	Q3	Ordered, targeting August arrival
COMMUNITY REC CENTER	General Building	Concrete Soffits	Repair the concrete soffits that are falling apart at the CRC. They are a safety hazard because of falling concrete around the building.	28,800	-	-	28,800	Q3	Currently under construction - targeting May completion
COMMUNITY REC CENTER	Gymnastics	Facility Improvements and Equipment Replacement	Ongoing replacement of equipment and updates	43,373	-	-	43,373	Q3	
COMMUNITY REC CENTER	Center Fitness Club	Facility Improvements and Equipment Replacement	Ongoing replacement of equipment and updates	30,000	-	-	30,000	Q3	
COMMUNITY REC CENTER	General Building	Main Entrance (south) Door Replacement	Replace whole store front main entrance and add scheduled locks	50,000	-	-	50,000	Q3	Ordered March, targeting June installation
COMMUNITY REC CENTER	General Building	Replace McQuay Unit #10	last replaced 10/01/1997 - parts are no longer available as of 01/01/2021	170,000	-	-	170,000	Q3	Ordered, targeting August arrival
COMMUNITY REC CENTER	General Building	Replace Trane Unit #3	last replaced 07/01/1995	155,000	-	-	155,000	Q3	Ordered, targeting August arrival
COMMUNITY REC CENTER	General Building	West Door Replacement	Replace west main ECC door with new closers	25,000	-	-	25,000	Q3	Ordered March, targeting June installation
GILLSON PARK	Sailing	Aquatics and Sailing Camp Equipment	Repairs and replacement of aquatics and sailing camp equipment	6,000	-	-	6,000	Q3	
GILLSON PARK	Beach House	Beach House Table/Chairs	Purchase commercial grade tables/chairs	41,942	-	-	41,942	Q3	Finalizing the order
GILLSON PARK	Lakeview	Lakeview Ice Maker	Replacement of ice maker	5,500	-	-	5,500	Q3	Will order after the Lakeview project is complete
GILLSON PARK	Sailing	Sailboats, Kayaks & Paddle Boards	Replacement of older vessels used on sailing beach	15,000	-	-	15,000	Q3	
MALLINCKRODT CENTER		Seal Coat Back Lot		5,000	(750)	-	4,250	Q2	Board approved combined seal coat/paving bids at 4/10 meeting. Part of 7 paving projects targeting Q2
CENTENNIAL COMPLEX	General Building	Seal Coat Community Parking Lot	Seal coat parking lot	60,000	(25,000)	-	35,000	Q3	
HOWARD PARK		Service Drive Repave	Repaving the service drive	95,000	(45,000)	-	50,000	Q3	



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HOWARD PARK		Parking Lot Pavement	Repaving the parking lot on 17th Street - budgeted for in 2022 completion in 2023	-	80,000	-	80,000	Q3	4/10 meeting. Part of 7 paving projects targeting Q2 and Q3 completion - total budget \$230k
KEAY NATURE CENTER		Parking Lot	Parking lot reconfiguration	45,000	(15,000)	-	30,000	Q3	
WILMETTE GOLF CLUB		Seal Coat Clubhouse Parking Lot	Seal Coating and restriping of parking lot	18,000	(2,000)	-	16,000	Q3	
WILMETTE GOLF CLUB		Replace Driveway (House) Sewer Repair	Driveway cracked and in need of repair - budgeted for in 2022 completion in 2023		12,000	-	12,000	Q3	
LANGDON PARK		Shoreline Protection - Langdon	Material and Installation	1,700,000	-	-	1,700,000	Q3	Requesting temporary access permit targeting Memorial Day completion - will move permanent access project to fall 2023 depending on the Army Corp of Engineers and EPA feedback
MALLINCKRODT CENTER		Tuck-pointing	Brick wall around the building	27,450	-	-	27,450	Q3	Completed - waiting on final invoice
PARKS DEPARTMENT		Additional Pickleball Courts	Pickleball courts (4 with no lights)	300,000	-	-	300,000	Q3	Still in planning phase
PARKS DEPARTMENT		Athletic Fields	Football posts, soccer goals and nets	30,000	-	-	30,000	Q3	Received some for Spring, will order more for Fall
PARKS DEPARTMENT		Electric Equipment	Leaf blowers, etc	15,000	(5,936)	9,064	-	Q3	Complete
PARKS DEPARTMENT		Landscape Work	Planting plant materials (trees, shrubs etc.) in various parks	25,000	-	-	25,000	Q3	Targeting fall completion
PARKS DEPARTMENT		Outdoor Ice Rink	Location TBD (IGA Funds \$135k - Thornwood)		-	-	-	Q3	On ice - so to speak
PLATFORM TENNIS		Addition to the Hut	Adding to Hut to connect the new courts (South Decking and site work)	1,350,000	-	-	1,350,000	Q3	Waiting on building permits
PLATFORM TENNIS		Build 2 additional courts	Build 2 additional courts and parking lot	425,000	-	-	425,000	Q3	Civil work began 04/10/23
PLATFORM TENNIS		Court Resurfacing	6 courts	50,000	-	-	50,000	Q3	Targeting July start
PLATFORM TENNIS		Furniture Replacement	Paddle hut furniture replacement	10,000	-	-	10,000	Q3	
PLATFORM TENNIS		Landscape Work	Including plantings and designs	50,000	-	-	50,000	Q3	Targeting fall completion
PLATFORM TENNIS		Northern Deck Extension		250,000	-	-	250,000	Q3	
CENTENNIAL COMPLEX	Ice	Cooling Tower Move	Move the cooling tower to the ground (engineering and permitting only - move estimate based on engineer finding)	50,000	80,000	-	130,000	Q4	Quote received, waiting on architect drawings
CENTENNIAL COMPLEX	Aquatics	Filter Media Change	Change Sand and laterals on pool filters	177,000	-	-	177,000	Q4	Installation is in process
CENTENNIAL COMPLEX	General Building	Roof Replacement (partial)	Partial replacement and repairs for the roof	120,000	-	-	120,000	Q4	waiting on cooling tower move
GILLSON PARK	Lakeview	Carrier Heater	last replaced 10/01/1987	15,000	-	-	15,000	Q4	
GILLSON PARK	Dog Beach	Dog Beach Fence	Refencing of the dog beach including gate replacement	100,000	-	-	100,000	Q4	
GILLSON PARK	Park	Lakefront Infrastructure Design Work	Comprehensive Plan Development	150,000	-	-	150,000	Q4	Survey is completed - sewer conditions under evaluation
GILLSON PARK	Park	Lakefront Infrastructure Implementation	Roads, sewers and sidewalks	3,000,000	-	-	3,000,000	Q4	Survey is completed - sewer conditions under evaluation
GILLSON PARK	Lakeview	Lakeview Center Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment and Installation	141,000	-	-	141,000	Q4	
GILLSON PARK	Lakeview	Lakeview Design Implementation	Implement Design Plan	1,745,000	-	63,033	1,681,967	Q4	
GILLSON PARK	Lakeview	Lakeview Design Planning	Full Building Design Plan	64,000	-	5,794	58,206	Q4	
GILLSON PARK	Lakeview	Lakeview Landscaping and Turf Restoration		16,000	-	-	16,000	Q4	
MALLINCKRODT CENTER		Lift Station	Replace nonfunctioning pumps and controls for the lift station	28,000	-	-	28,000	Q4	Survey is completed - sewer conditions under evaluation
PARKS DEPARTMENT		Aerator	2 added in 2022	35,000	-	-	35,000	Q4	Ordered 3/8
PARKS DEPARTMENT		Box Truck	replacing the current truck used to move sets and other items	55,000	3,870	-	58,870	Q4	Board approved increased spend 04/10/23

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PARKS DEPARTMENT		Combination Trash/Recycling Containers (Various Parks)	Ongoing standardization of trash/recycling containers	10,000	(270)	9,730	-	Q4	Complete
PARKS DEPARTMENT		Crew Cab Stake Bed Truck (#12)	Replacement of Parks truck 12	51,000	-	-	51,000	Q4	Reviewing models and options (demoing)
PARKS DEPARTMENT		Dog Park Fencing	Install dog park fencing on ComEd leased property	49,350	-	-	49,350	Q4	
PARKS DEPARTMENT		Roller	Roller for Soft Surface Paths	45,000	(21,401)	23,599	-	Q4	Complete
PARKS DEPARTMENT		Seeder Attachment	Replacement of tractor seeder attachment	15,000	-	-	15,000	Q4	Reviewing models and options (demoing)
WILMETTE GOLF CLUB		Drainage Improvements	Materials for subsurface golf course drainage installs	12,000	-	-	12,000	Q4	
WILMETTE GOLF CLUB		Finish Basement of Golf House	Updates to usable living space	25,000	-	-	25,000	Q4	Currently in planning phase - targeting a Q4 completion
TOTAL				13,141,373	167,542	608,017	12,700,898		

PARKS DEPARTMENT**		ADA Accessibility (5.8 Levy)	ADA improvements	100,000	-	729	99,271	Year Long	
GILLSON PARK	ADA	Beach Mat Replacement (5.8 Levy)	Replacement of worn and damaged beach mats	7,000	-	-	7,000	Q2	
TOTAL				107,000	-	729	106,271		

TOTALS	13,248,373	167,542	608,745	12,807,169
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