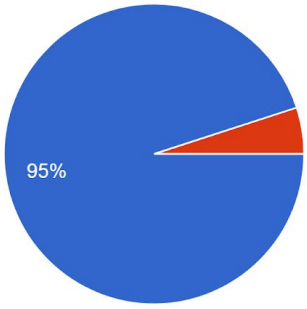
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Are you a resident of the Town of Cottage Grove

20 responses





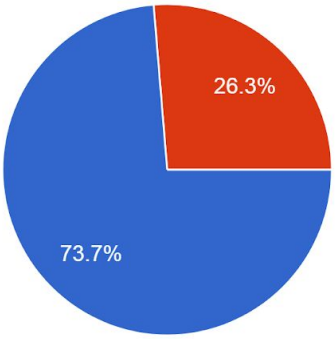
Please type the name of the municipality you reside in.

1 response

cottage grove

Is there a park in your neighborhood?

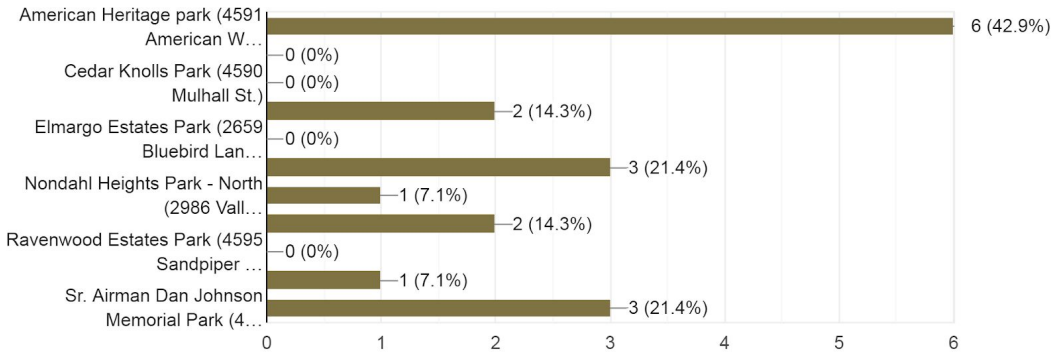
19 responses





Which park(s) are in your neighborhood?

14 responses



What do you like most about your neighborhood park(s)?

14 responses

1. The path through the wooded area
2. Open space for the kids to play
3. seem well kept, available to most of town folk
4. The valuable open space for outdoor experiences, children's play, wildlife, and nature
5. Everything! A gem of a park surrounded by beautiful wooded area and a horse pasture. Nice basketball court, swings, the well kept sand.
6. It is near our house.
7. Proximity
8. Close
9. Beautiful green space. Playground for kids. Wonderful addition to neighborhood.
10. Location
11. seeing neighbors there
12. Local
13. walking distance from our home
14. It's nice that there are are couple of parks in the neighborhood; and that they include some "playground" areas for little kids, and soccer fields, a basketball hoop, and a couple of benches & picnic tables. It's nice that they are within the neighborhood as you can walk too them and they break up the monotony of houses.

What do you like least about your neighborhood park(s)?

11 responses

1. People dump yard waste in the wooded area
2. Old playground equipment
3. NOTHING! Parks are invaluable resources to create, maintain and protect. They are the future of urban resiliency as sprawl continues and as the Village and Town of Cottage Grove mature in the masterplanning of development
4. Nothing
5. It is very boring for older kids.
6. Want a dog park
7. We lost a BIG tree a few years back. Needs a couple more trees to shade equipment area.
8. Not very private, grounds maintenance isn't very well kept
9. Upkeep, more activities.
10. neighbors whose property borders the park that do not accompany their dogs to park to clean up their dog's poop and supervise their dogs while park is being used by children
11. There is no "draw" to attract one to the individual parks and no sense of community within the Town across the parks. (I didn't even know that most of these parks existed or what they might offer...most appear to be a patch of and with a bit of similar pieces of equipment...No hiking trails or walking paths, scenic vistas, know natural or created features to engage the senses or imagination.

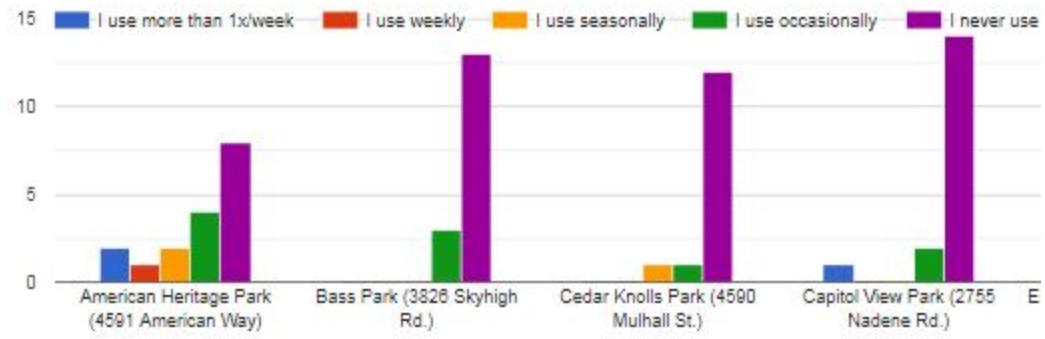
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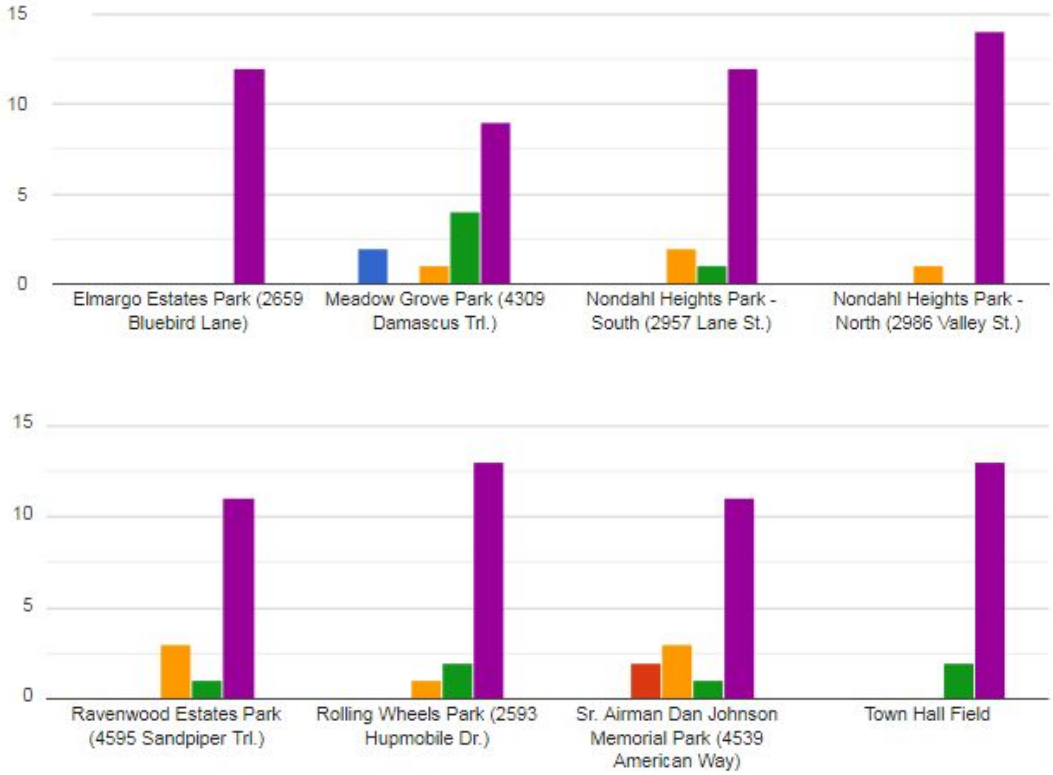
What improvements would you like to see to your neighborhood park(s)?

11 responses

1. Brush and leaf collection so people do not dump it in the park
2. New playground equipment, a shelter with picnic tables, a dog run area that is fenced in.
3. Keep and grow more parks. More events at parks to bring community together
4. I have been impressed with everything. Newer swings, perhaps.
5. Would be nice to have a second basketball hoop put up on the court so you could play an actual game.
6. A dog park
7. Trees. New VB net. Upkeep on VB sand.
8. More trees /shrubs for privacy and shade during hot days. Replace sand and maintain it - the current sand is gross looking and has thistles and weeds growing. Or an alternative to sand would also be a good option. Grounds maintenance would help overall appeal and look of park
9. another table
10. wood chips instead of sand for playground surface
11. Throughout the town, would like to see: scenic/natural/conservation areas, hiking trails (and snow shoeing & cross country skiing), dog parks, prairie walks (create learning opportunities for plant & bird ID, natural history, local history & culture), natural water features (bridges, fishing spot?), overlooks/vistas/observatory for stargazing, labyrinth for walking and meditation, visually appealing flowers/flowering shrubs, memorial/remembrance garden. Also, in terms of "developed park features" would like Pickleball courts, volleyball courts, disc golf, obstacle courses, climbing structures, children's maze, art/sculptures, games areas, perhaps some structures for gathering (potentially Town organized concerts, yoga, tai chi, Farmers Market, adult/family/children's programs, etc.). Most improvements wouldn't need to be costly but would take some imagination & follow-through.

How often do you use these Town parks?





If you do not use a Town Park, why not?

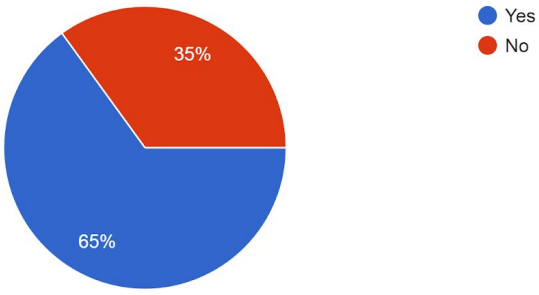
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1. I use it in the spring, summer and fall when my grandkids are in town. Since there is no dog area and I spend a lot of my time in the neighborhood walking my dog I have no reason to use the park without my grandkids.
2. i have no children that need activities there
3. Not aware of park or equipment. We are new to area.
4. I am able to walk near my home, do fitness elsewhere and have no need of these parks.
5. Would need to drive to any other park besides Meadow Grove. If we are going to do that, there are other parks (village) that have more/nicer amenities.
6. Don’t use much currently because kids are grown. Waiting for grandkids.
7. Kids are 1 & 2 so just starting to use parks more
8. No longer have children at home. Use parks when family comes to town. Like the Dream Park
9. no bathroom, no shade, didn't know some of these existed, not a big variety of equipment compared to other parks that have bathrooms and/or shade
10. I don't live in a subdivision. I use village parks i.e. Fireman's park, Dublin Park and Huston Park.
11. Didn't know most of them even existed! What's the Town Hall Field? I've been searching online for local hiking/exploration opportunities (something more interesting than the Glacial Drumlin Trail; more on the lines of McCarthy Youth Conservation Park or Token Creek). I found lots of information about parks to explore in surrounding communities (Waunakee, Westport, Sun Prairie) with maps and plans and information about features/amenities. I also learned about a lot of Village of Cottage Grove parks (even though there weren't many opportunities for hiking, I now

plan to visit many of those parks) but I couldn't find much information about our Town of Cottage Grove parks and what they might offer (particularly for adult recreation). I was surprised to see 12 "parks" listed here...

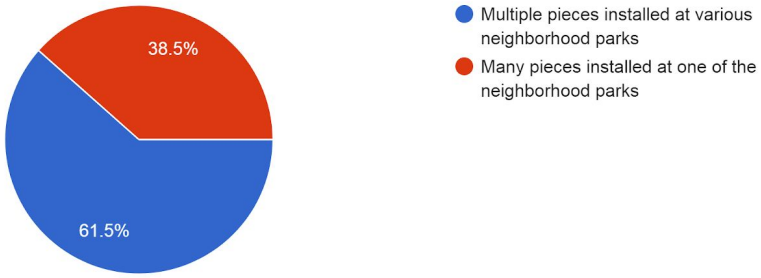
Would you be likely to use adult fitness equipment if it were installed at some of the town parks? (for example, parcourse stations)

20 responses

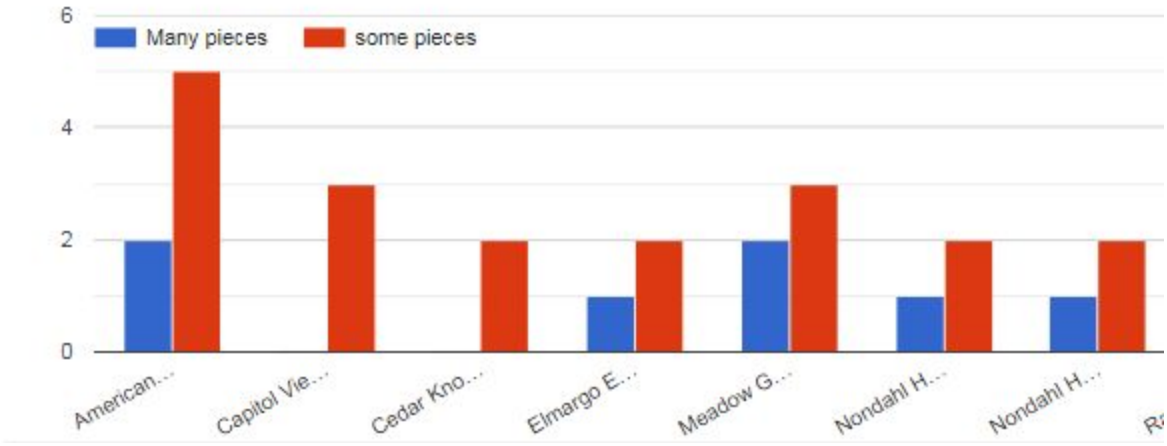


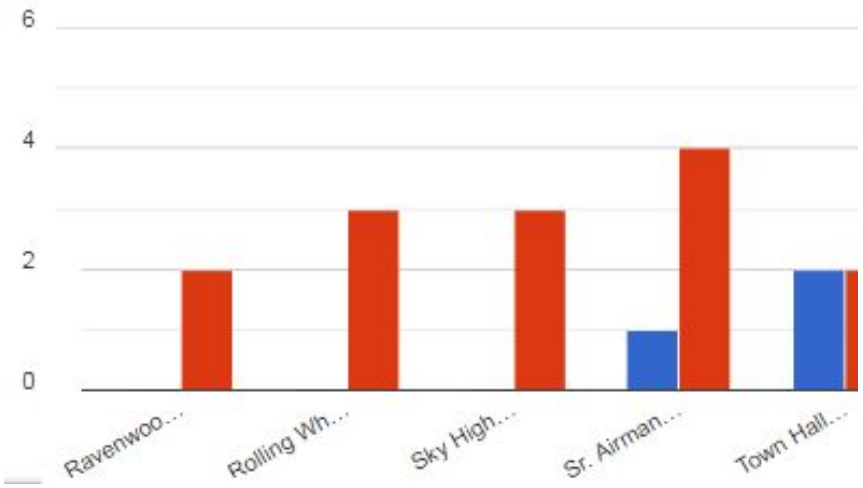
Regarding adult fitness equipment, would you prefer:

13 responses



Which park(s) would you like to have adult fitness equipment?





What other features would you be interested in seeing in town parks? (for example, kids play equipment, a shelter, picnic tables, plantings, trails, etc.)

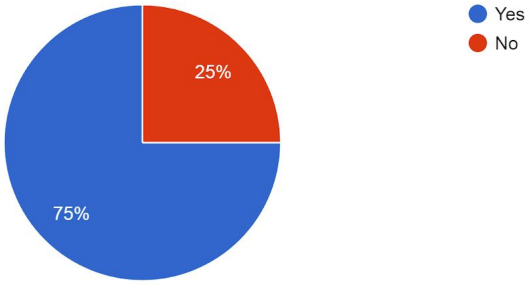
17 responses

1. kids play equipment, bathrooms
2. garbage can, better trail
3. shelter, updated play equipment, picnic tables, a dog run area or a walking trail for dogs
4. kids play equipment, benches
5. Native landscaping, Rain Gardens, Bioswales, interpretive signage to teach community members on the plantings and natural systems that the parks have. Benches at a minimum to linger. Shelters only where there is an existing draw. Or host community events at the parks first to gauge the level of interest for shelter(s) and the best locations.
6. Trails, restoration plantings. Ridding our park boundary of garlic mustard!! Very important.
7. Yes, all of the above!
8. shelter, water, bathroom
9. A dog park
10. Shelter!!
11. A shelter would be nice, but picnic tables would be more important. Nondahl south has no seating. Trees for shade and shrubs for curb appeal
12. splash park, picnic tables
13. Shelter
14. kids play equipment, shade, wheelchair accessible port-a-potty for non-winter months as a cheaper alternative to building bathrooms
15. Depends on the park
16. See info listed in previous responses however would like to see more amenities/features for adults/quiet sports as it seems like all existing parks have things for kids. Also we need a dog park!
17. More tables and shelter

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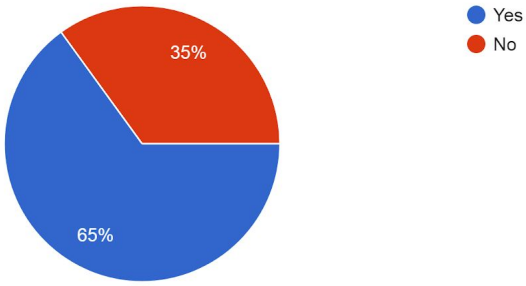
Would you be willing to show your support for new features by attending a Town Meeting?

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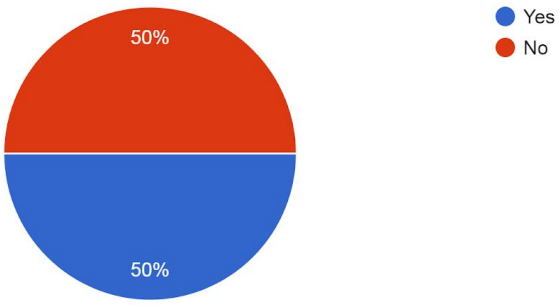
Would your family be willing to donate time and effort to install new features?

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Would you be willing to help raise funds for new features?

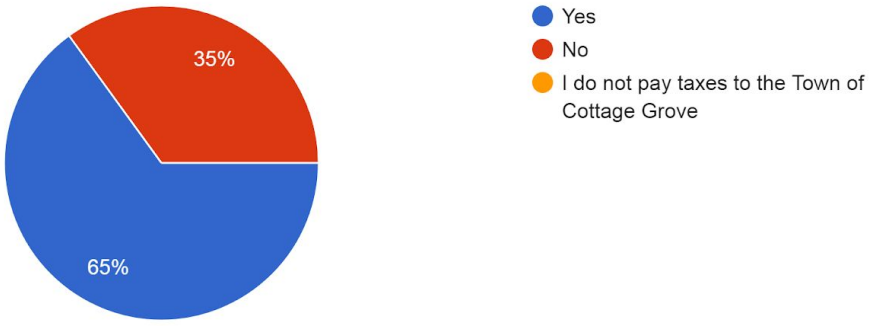
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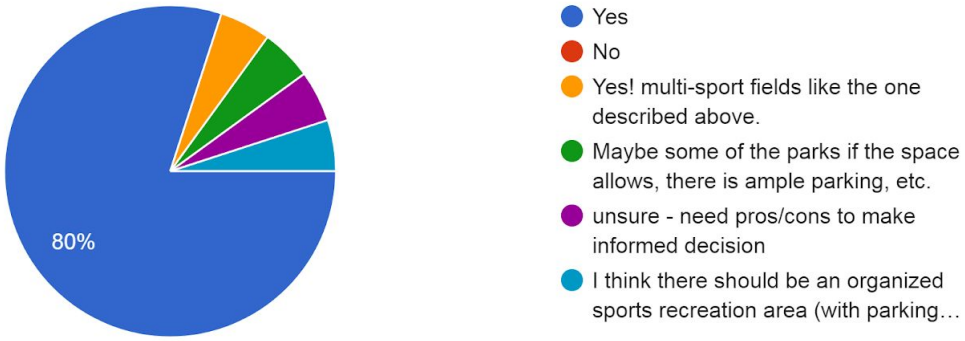
Are you willing to pay more taxes to support the addition of new features to Town Parks?

20 responses



Should organized sports be allowed in neighborhood parks? (soccer, t-ball, flag football, etc.?)

20 responses



Other comments, feedback or questions?

9 responses

1. if you're going to spray the parks, why not spray the rest of the town
2. Include bike lanes and bike safety in all road/park improvements
3. I do not support the use of pesticides in any way.
4. Spraying if safe . More soccer fields are likely needed and t ball areas. Perhaps those groups wishing too use them should do the work to help maintain them. That would keep the fees for using lower. They should also be allowed to use without red tape.
5. Think about creating a dog park as well.
6. Only if organic spray
7. We need to utilize our parks to encourage physical activity by ALL! However we can best accomplish this, I support. We also need a public outdoor swimming pool for all the children and whomever wants to swim in the summer. We could utilize this for all in the community in a variety of ways. I can’t believe we don’t have one yet. Imagine the jobs and fun we’d create!
8. Please do not use chemicals on the park lawns where children play. Please instead use the money from that fund to address the standing water in the ditches in our neighborhood that leads to more mosquitoes in the first place and/or spend that money on improving playgrounds in non-chemical ways.
9. Re: increased tax to pay for new park features - 1st, would like to see builders of subdivisions fund the parks (they are making money off the development, then walk away but should be required to adequately build & provide some funds to maintain parks); 2nd, would like to see if Summit Credit Union, Johnson Health Tech (other large businesses in the community) would provide some support for our town parks; 3rd, a number of natural features (trails/labyrinth/mazes, memorial gardens, etc.) could be done as community service/volunteer projects at lower cost and could be prioritized over more costly engineered/artificial features; 4th, I currently pay a lot in taxes for benefits I don't personally receive so while I'd rather those existing funds be redirected for something I more likely would use I would be willing to pay to maintain something I would use and would like to see others enjoy. Final comment: Thanks for doing the survey & letting us know about it/providing the opportunity to give input!