

Date: October 10, 2023
To: Greendale Park & Rec Ad Hoc Committee
From: Meredith Perks, Vandewalle & Associates
Re: Recreation Study and CORP Public Input Responses

At the September 21st meeting of the Greendale Park & Rec Ad Hoc Committee included discussion of the public input responses from the July 12th Public Engagement Session and Public Survey, which was open from July 17 – August 7.

Public Input Key Take Aways:

Community Engagement Session:

- Overall impressions of the Greendale Parks system are favorable – variety of facilities and programs that serve the community.
- Desire to see more variety in programming and expanded options, particularly for teens and tweens.
- There are scheduling challenges with the number of viable facilities and the number of groups looking to use them.
- The quality, maintenance, and condition of outdoor facilities, particularly for softball, baseball, and soccer, are a concern.
- 84th & Ramsey, Greendale High School, and College Park were among the facilities with the most dots indicating needs for new facilities or improved facilities.
- Common future improvements included:
 - Bathrooms at more/all facilities
 - Dog Park
 - Fieldhouse – indoor sports facilities
- The highest priority School District facility improvements were a new fieldhouse, improved quality of outdoor facilities, and improved gymnasiums.
- The highest priority Village facility improvements were indoor sports facilities, softball/baseball facilities, and restrooms.

Public Survey:

- 92% of the 637 respondents were Village residents
- 50% of respondents have a Greendale School District student in their household
- Residents indicate strong approval of the quality and variety of Greendale Parks and Recreation program offerings (over 75% indicated excellent and good ratings)
- Highest demand for more programs for:
 - Middle school aged children (11 – 14)
 - Teenagers (14 – 18)
- Top regular park activities reported by respondents included:
 - Jogging/walking (72%)
 - Hiking/Trail walking (61%)

- Biking (48%)
- Dog Walking (45%)
- Playground Equipment Use (41%)
- Most frequented Park Facilities:
 - Community Center Park (43%)
 - Daffodil Park (36%)
 - Gazebo Park (32%)
 - Greendale High School Fields (32%)
- Least frequented Park Facilities:
 - Sherwood Park (2%)
 - Edgerton Park (3%)
 - Lions Park (12%)
- Top 3 Amenities Requested at Each Village Outdoor Park & Recreation Facility:
 - College Park
 - Signage, bike racks, trails
 - Community Center Park
 - Public grills, trails, fitness equipment
 - Daffodil Park
 - Playground equipment, picnic tables, signage
 - Edgerton Park
 - Signage, trails, playground equipment
 - Gazebo Park
 - Restrooms, picnic tables, bike racks
 - Lions Park
 - Signage, trails, restrooms
 - 43rd & Ramsey
 - Trails, signage, playground equipment
- Top 3 Amenities Requested at Each School District Outdoor Park & Recreation Facility:
 - Canterbury Elementary
 - Satisfied with conditions, ADA accessible facilities, drinking fountains
 - Canterbury Woods
 - Trails, satisfied with conditions, Signage
 - College Park Elementary
 - ADA accessible facilities, basketball courts, drinking fountains
 - Greendale High School
 - Fitness equipment, ADA accessible facilities, basketball courts
 - Canterbury Elementary
 - Satisfied with conditions, ADA accessible facilities, drinking fountains
 - Canterbury Woods
 - Trails, satisfied with conditions, Signage

- College Park Elementary
 - ADA accessible facilities, basketball courts, drinking fountains
- Greendale High School
 - Fitness equipment, ADA accessible facilities, basketball courts

PUBLIC INPUT RESPONSES

Community Engagement Session

On July 12th, 2023, School District staff, Village staff, and planning consultants held a Community Engagement Session at Greendale High School to obtain upfront public input in the planning process. An informational presentation on the goals, objectives, and project schedule for the creation of the CORP was provided by consultants, and participants were given the opportunity to ask questions and engage with staff, consultants, and one another while participating in several activities, including a mapping exercise featuring all of the indoor and outdoor Village and School District facilities, feedback form, park plan prioritization voting activity, and several discussion board question answering events. In total, over 70 members of the public attended the event. Comments and feedback results from the meeting are inventoried below.

Park and Recreation System Mapping Exercise and General Comment Form Summary

43rd and Ramsey Field – West Ramsey & 43rd Street

- The baseball field was identified with 4 red dots (new facilities desired), 5 green dots (facilities that are important to you), and 2 blue dot (improvements required at existing facilities).
- General comments:
 - Needs improvement and field maintenance – useless at its current state.
 - Lots of potential here to improve and create usable baseball and softball field.
 - Toilets/bathrooms needed – would allow another field to nest games.
 - Parking is lacking
 - Field appears to be neglected
 - Never see teams using this field
 - Underutilized! I drive this road all the time and never knew this existed.
 - This field could use updating, very old, seems forgotten.
 - Could use restrooms
 - Field improvement needed
 - Enjoy trees that line the fence = shade near dugouts
 - Do we really need the baseball diamond considering it is mediocre and we have many others? Soccer field could be a better use.
 - Since lack of parking somewhat limits this to just a practice field (can't host games with spectators/families easily, etc.) might be better used in another way.

84th and Grange Park

- The park/baseball field was identified with 13 red dots (new facilities desired), 0 green dots (facilities that are important to you), and 12 blue dot (improvements required at existing facilities).
- General comments:
 - Do not put a parking lot off of Garden Way. If necessary, put it off of Grange, parking on-street.
 - Four baseball diamonds in this space with home plates almost touching – add parking
 - Bathrooms needed
 - Needs to be maintained
 - Baseball field improvements
 - Parking is a huge issue here / parking off street
 - No parking lot off residential area please.
 - Needs parking like new lot at Beer Garden in Whitnall
 - Deferred maintenance needs attention.
 - Reconfigure for baseball fields
 - Add some shade trees
 - Baseball field needs to be redone
 - Bathrooms would be great
 - This park is busy, restrooms would make sense
 - Huge safety issue with having to park on the street at Gardenway – lots of traffic when exiting the cars (kids)
 - Horrible parking situation – no bathrooms.

Edgerton Park

- The park was identified with 3 red dots (new facilities desired), 0 green dots (facilities that are important to you), and 4 blue dot (improvements required at existing facilities).
- General comments:
 - Need playground equipment
 - Tree removal to see the green space available
 - Good place for dog park
 - Underutilized – have never been here
 - Make actual soccer field
 - Cleanup – design soccer fields – need bathroom option

Lions Park

- The baseball field was identified with 2 red dots (new facilities desired), 3 green dots (facilities that are important to you), and 5 blue dot (improvements required at existing facilities).
- General comments:
 - Need restrooms
 - Rearrange (two fields instead of 1)
 - It has a sandlot feel – the place where all little kids play
 - Great starter park for our youth – maintenance is inconsistent, like most of the parks in Greendale
 - How often is this field used anymore? If used frequently, added restrooms would be nice.
 - Need restrooms – lots of little kids play baseball here.
 - Ice skating rink in winter – this space was a tennis court and ice skating rink in winter – don't need tennis court but ice rink would be fun!

Sherwood Park

- The park was identified with 0 red dots (new facilities desired), 2 green dots (facilities that are important to you), and 0 blue dot (improvements required at existing facilities).
- General comments:
 - Leave as is – no need to add infrastructure on new trails. The only exception would be to add trail signs if incorporated to opening of trail or something like that.
 - Good for haunted walks
 - Keep up pathways
 - Manage dead trees – public safety hazard
 - Update all trails – wider for bikes and people

Pioneer Park

- This park was identified with 0 red dots (new facilities desired), 1 green dots (facilities that are important to you), and 0 blue dot (improvements required at existing facilities).
- General comments:
 - Seems like a neighborhood / isolated park, no recommendations from me, unless there is a desire to integrate it with some other aspect of the Village (Broad St) – such as by making it a part of a walking trail for visitors. Perhaps by adding something unique to look at/visit.
 - Love the garbage can!

Greendale Community Center

- The Restrooms were identified with 7 red dots (new facilities desired), 0 green dots (facilities that are important to you), and 1 blue dot (improvements required at existing facilities).
- The Tennis Courts were identified with 5 green dots (facilities that are important to you) and 1 blue dot (improvements required at existing facilities)
- The Covered Area with Seating & Concessions was identified with 1 blue dot (improvements required at existing facilities).
- General comments:
 - Have been challenged by restrooms locked at times
 - Improve restroom conditions
 - Pickleball courts needed
 - Use for Greendale baseball and softball tourneys – local use vs. bar leagues
 - The Recreation Department is difficult to work with for Tourneys.
 - Underutilized facility
 - Restrooms are perfectly horrible and inconsistently available
 - Entire facility is underutilized and deserves its own comprehensive analysis
 - Could use some actual “community events” here and there
 - Does concession stand ever get used?
 - The lights are out usually – maintain!

Gazebo Park

- This park was identified with 1 red dots (new facilities desired), 1 green dots (facilities that are important to you), and 4 blue dot (improvements required at existing facilities).
- General comments:
 - Reconfigure to use lawn to the south for concerts (green dot)
 - Organize more concerts geared towards younger age groups (blue dot)
 - Public restrooms (2 blue dots)
 - Lots of potential, great location. Add ice skating rink in winter
 - Redo gazebo and electrical – add bathroom building (1 red dot and 1 blue dot)
 - Purchase from county – add restrooms and concert area

Jaycee Park

- This park was identified with 0 red dots (new facilities desired), 1 green dot (facilities that are important to you), and 4 blue dot (improvements required at existing facilities).
- General comments:
 - Would be great to have flush toilets here (2 blue dot)
 - Addition of bathroom! (1 blue dot)
 - More benches or picnic tables. At least one additional garbage can (1 green dot)
 - BBQ grill and more picnic tables.
 - Should be crown jewel of parks, considering prominence and ability to integrate with Veterans Memorial – for instance, bathrooms that could be used by people visiting both.

Veterans Memorial

- This park was identified with 0 red dots (new facilities desired), 2 green dot (facilities that are important to you), and 0 blue dots (improvements required at existing facilities).
- General comments:
 - More maintenance preferably by volunteers
 - Well done

Canterbury Elementary School

- The gymnasium was identified with 3 red dots (new facilities desired), 2 green dots (facilities that are important to you), and 1 blue dot (improvements required at existing facilities).
- The cafeteria/multipurpose room was identified with 3 green dots
- The collaboration room was identified with 1 green dot
- General comments:
 - Gym – size is inappropriate for proper use by the community!
 - Gym – height is too low for basketball, not appropriate court size.
 - Gym – safety issues when practicing because of equipment (nets, etc.) being stored in the corners of the gym.
 - Too small
 - No water fountain

College Park Elementary School

- This gymnasium was identified with 1 red dot (new facilities desired), 0 green dots (facilities that are important to you), and 2 blue dots (improvements required at existing facilities).
- General comments:
 - Side basketball hoops are less than 10' – makes practice very difficult
 - Reinstate tennis/pickleball courts at previous location! (1 red dot)
 - School basketball hoops are poor
 - Baseball benches are broken on southside
 - No outdoor bathrooms for sports – soccer or softball
 - ADA playground options would be nice.

Highland Elementary School

- This school was identified with 0 red dots (new facilities desired), 5 green dots (facilities that are important to you), and 14 blue dots (improvements required at existing facilities).
- General comments:
 - Improve baseball field! Perfect for all t-ball games. Safe parking for kids to get to the field.
 - Field improvement was a missed opportunity for this field.
 - How is this field maximized? It was built with poor infield products and should be used more by our athletes, but the infield needs work (2 green dots and 1 blue dot)
 - Fields are dirt basically – reseed and flatten out (soccer). Baseball field is weeds!
 - Softball field needs to be maintained
 - Great location to build a multi-field place where Greendale would be able to hold tournaments
 - Soccer fields need to be maintained
 - We need bathrooms at soccer fields
 - How often is baseball field used these days?

Highland Elementary School (indoor facilities)

- This gymnasium was identified with 3 red dots (new facilities desired), 2 green dots (facilities that are important to you), and 0 blue dots (improvements required at existing facilities).
- General comments:
 - Bigger gym with new basketball hoops (three votes)
 - Outdoor bathroom option for sports on weekends

Greendale Middle School

- The gymnasium was identified with 2 red dots (new facilities desired), 2 green dots (facilities that are important to you), and 1 blue dot (improvements required at existing facilities).
- The second floor multi-purpose room was identified with 1 red dot
- The cafeteria was identified with 2 blue dots (improvements required at existing facilities).
- General comments:
 - New floor in gymnasium (seconded)
 - Access to kitchen – need concessions available to host tournaments – last bball tournament we had crockpots lining the stage.
 - Repaint correctly
 - Update front office space to function better for staff and be more welcoming to families
 - Restrooms (2 blue dots, 1 green dot)

Greendale High School

- The school was identified with 28 red dots (new facilities desired), 9 green dots (facilities that are important to you), and 27 blue dots (improvements required at existing facilities).
- Upper gymnasium (3 red dots, 2 green dots, 5 blue dots)
- Lower gymnasium (10 red dots, 3 green dots, and 6 blue dot)
- Pool (10 red dots, 7 blue dots)
- Fit/Dance/Cheer (at bleachers) (3 red dots, 1 green dot, 2 blue dots)
- Girls and boys locker room (7 blue dots, 2 red dots)
- Auditorium (1 green dot)
- General comments:
 - Pool area needs an overhaul! Pool is dirty, gross, etc. and people refrain from using it.
 - Locker rooms need improvement
 - I think the cafeteria and auditorium are more than adequate (1 green dot)
 - The pool is outdated and there is no diving well. Needs to be updated (1 green dot)
 - We need to update/upgrade the pool
 - Upgrade locker room
 - Excellent theater!
 - Could use more gym facilities
 - There are about 80 GHS/GMS athletes that use the cheer gym and are often impeded with use when the bleachers are needed/pulled out.
 - Update – expand if possible, athletic facilities and pool
 - New floor in upper gym
 - New lower bleachers (wood is not an option)
 - Upgrade upper gym floor
 - Gym is not nearly adequate for the needs of the community
 - Floor is littered with dead spots
 - No bathroom! Need multiple
 - No water fountains! Need multiple
 - We spent lots of money for band enhancements – but the gym isn't big enough for decent pep band at basketball games

Mapping Park & Recreation System Opportunities – Group Comments

Greendale Middle School / Canterbury Elementary School

- The two schools were identified with 4 red dots (new facilities desired), 2 green dots (facilities that are important to you), and 9 blue dots (improvements required at existing facilities).
- Greendale District Forest (1 red dot)
- Canterbury Elementary basketball courts (1 green dot, 2 blue dots)
- Greendale Middle School baseball field (3 red dots, 5 blue dots)
- Greendale Middle School back parking lot (2 blue dots)
- Canterbury Elementary General comments:
 - Add and improve on basketball hoops.
 - Repaint better recess playground lines and activities
 - Gate needed on back access road for safety during school day
 - Need restrooms
 - Sad that a relatively new basketball court was made not level
 - Basketball backboards and nets need attention
- Middle School General comments:
 - Poor field conditions
 - Need restrooms for field use
 - Playground basketball court is a joke
 - Improve on or remove natural playground
 - Playground needs attention for safety – loos equipment
 - Summer parking
 - Ice skating
 - Exterior of middle school in need of attention – loos and missing mortar everywhere
 - Need more seating or change game time for winter basketball at Middle School

Jaycee Park / Veterans Memorial / Greendale High School

- Jaycee Park was identified with 3 green dots (facilities that are important to you)
- Greendale High School was identified with 1 green dot (facilities that are important to you) and 5 blue dots (improvements required at existing facilities)
- Jaycee Park General comments:
 - More benches and/or picnic tables. Lights at night to avoid vandalism
 - Great place for possible dog park
 - Renovate park – make ground flat and usable. Turf field and expand so high school can play at Jaycee Park
 - Field house here – remove park (5 comments)
 - Jaycee Park could use a grill and more picnic tables
 - Picnic tables, seating needed
 - Take care of flower bed
- Veterans Memorial General comments:
 - I would like to see the Veterans Committee members or volunteers weed and help maintain. DPW can't do it often enough
 - Regular weeding and landscape maintenance
- High School General comments:
 - Parking lot needs to be redone
 - Address fence issues
 - Covers for the dugouts
 - Leveling/regrating of the outfield
 - Field house here (4 comments)
 - Field house down south of baseball field – share new bathrooms with track/football field
 - No field house here due to football for youth and varsity practicing when contests go on in Gavinski stadium
 - High school softball field should match the quality of the baseball diamond!
 - Restroom needs attention

College Park / College Park Elementary School

- College Park was identified with 6 red dots (new facilities desired), 2 green dots (facilities that are important to you), and 3 blue dots (improvements required at existing facilities)
- College Park Elementary School was identified with 2 red dots, 1 green dot, and 1 blue dot
- College Park General comments:
 - Address bridge to get to the field (4 comments)
 - Restroom / port-a-potties by both ball fields (3 comments)
 - Parking
 - Dog park (3 comments)
 - Field could be reimagined – soccer fields, baseball fields – just poorly laid out
 - This field is difficult to get to. Space would be better utilized in another park-like way
 - Baseball/softball field is not able to be used because of soccer field (2 comments)
 - Great place for a skate park (2 comments)
 - Dog park on old court space (2 comments)
- College Park Elementary School General comments:
 - Nothing out here – could be used for something
 - There is a huge drainage issue where the parking lot meets the field entrance – becomes a small lake when it rains
 - Soccer field
 - Better laid out soccer fields – better drainage
- General comments:
 - Could use an extended sidewalk down 51st between Sycamore and R section with crosswalk in order to access downtown (biking/walking)
 - Parking would help
 - Can't see fields from College Avenue
 - Redesign fields for softball/baseball
 - Separate soccer fields
 - Improve layout to accommodate tournaments
 - Bathroom option
 - Dog park
 - Reinstate pickleball/tennis courts
 - Zip line across Scout Lake

Greendale High School

- High School was identified with 16 red dots (new facilities desired), 1 green dot (facilities that are important to you), and 23 blue dots (improvements required at existing facilities)
- All blue dots were concentrated at the baseball field
- Majority of red dots were placed at the football stadium/bleachers
- General comments:
 - More parking
 - Fix parking lot
 - We need some sort of indoor improved sports facilities. In greenfield workout room is open to all community members
 - New press box, new lighting, new concession stand, new ticket booth, new storage shed
 - Regrade field next to school
 - Facilities for girls' sports need to be the same condition as the boys
 - Need netting – foul balls are literally crushing cars in lot!
 - Actual dugouts for both fields
 - Fields should be turf to minimize rain delays/cancellations
 - Outfield fences to the ground (balls roll under) (3 comments)
 - Brinkman softball field (2 comments)
 - Softball field is being used by more than just softball. Field is poorly maintained. Dugouts, bleachers, and overall needs much improvement (3 comments)
 - Concessions should be on softball/baseball end of football field so can be used by other sports
 - Brinkman softball field needs to be first priority for high school softball (2 comments)
 - New stadium with dual sided bleachers. New lights, concession/ticket booth. Move pits and storage, upgrade electricity and parking
 - Field house for high school
 - Football practice areas (including goal posts) for youth football and high school football needed for when Gavinski field is in use by other groups (soccer, etc.)
 - At baseball /softball diamond – improve bathroom facility and offer a place for concessions
 - Additional stands
 - Put field house west of football field – share bathrooms with track/football field
 - Need a multi-use field house (2comments)
 - Maintain bike trail
 - Walking path along creek connect to Root River Parkway

Daffodil Park / Gazebo Park

- Daffodil Park was identified with 1 red dot (new facilities desired), 4 green dot (facilities that are important to you), and 1 blue dot (improvements required at existing facilities)
- Gazebo Park was identified with 1 green dot
- General comments:
 - Improve Village trail network and install signs for directions and lighting
 - Splash pad!
 - Daffodil Park would be a fantastic area for a splash pad
 - Dog park at Daffodil Park – Could charge permit fee for use (phob entry)
 - Intergenerational / senior citizen playground – grandparents and youth can play together (3 comments)
 - Maps and signs of trail system
 - Rotate Gazebo to better utilize grassy field space. Reduce possibility of accidents on Broad Street
 - This is the best park in Greendale! Great location / atmosphere. Add more playground equipment, grills, tables.
 - Zip line across Scout Lake
 - Improve lighting to encourage night use. Path is very dark.
 - Daffodil Park dog park
 - More picnic tables please
 - Great dog park and splash pad location – near Children's garden!

Greendale District Forest

- Greendale District Forest was identified with 1 red dot (new facilities desired), 2 green dot (facilities that are important to you), and 1 blue dot (improvements required at existing facilities)
- General comments:
 - Please keep the district forest. Great for walking. Love the mature trees.
 - Keep up pathways
 - It would be super cool to have a wooded dog park – most are fields
 - Better management and utilization
 - Keep forest but clean up trash
 - I did not even know this existed. I thought it was private property.
 - Many dead trees need removal. An eyesore and safety concern.
 - Clean up debris and overgrowth

Community Center Park

- Community Center Park was identified with 4 red dots (new facilities desired), 2 green dots (facilities that are important to you), and 5 blue dots (improvements required at existing facilities)
- General comments:
 - Splash pad location?
 - Designated pickleball courts
 - Update basketball courts. Cement is not great. Nets and rims are broken. Add lights.
 - Redesign to support four softball/baseball fields
 - Improve field conditions for youth baseball. TwiNite, high school, Greendale Junior Panthers
 - Upgrade field – maybe adding another field
 - Outdoor public pool (village club is private and only families with resources can attend)
 - Reconfigure diamonds/pavilion to provide a spot for baseball / softball tournaments (4 comments)
 - Baseball complex!
 - Poor baseball / softball field conditions (2 comments)
 - Community Center #1 outfield fence and mound
 - Skydiving classes and landing field
 - Needs baby/toddler swings
 - Could use updated playground equipment
 - Pavilion under utilized
 - Court north of tennis courts could be splash pad
 - Maintenance of facility has been deferred for many years. Needs immediate attention.
 - More benches, improve playground equipment.
 - Improve basketball area
 - Addition of skate park and splash pad
 - Need some type of sign-up system for courts. Some people wait for hours for a court.

Existing Facilities Map

- Site 1 (Community Center Park) was identified with 1 red dot (new facilities desired)
- Site 4 (Pioneer Park) was identified with 1 red dot (new facilities desired)
- Site 17 (Greendale High School) was identified with 1 red dot (new facilities desired)
- Site 21 (Dale Creek Parkway) was identified with 1 red dot (new facilities desired)
- General comments:
 - Pioneer Park – used to have a playground. Would like it back.
 - Better management and utilization of the forest
 - In the new Greenbelt Trail Plan you need to add this to outdoor recreation plan.

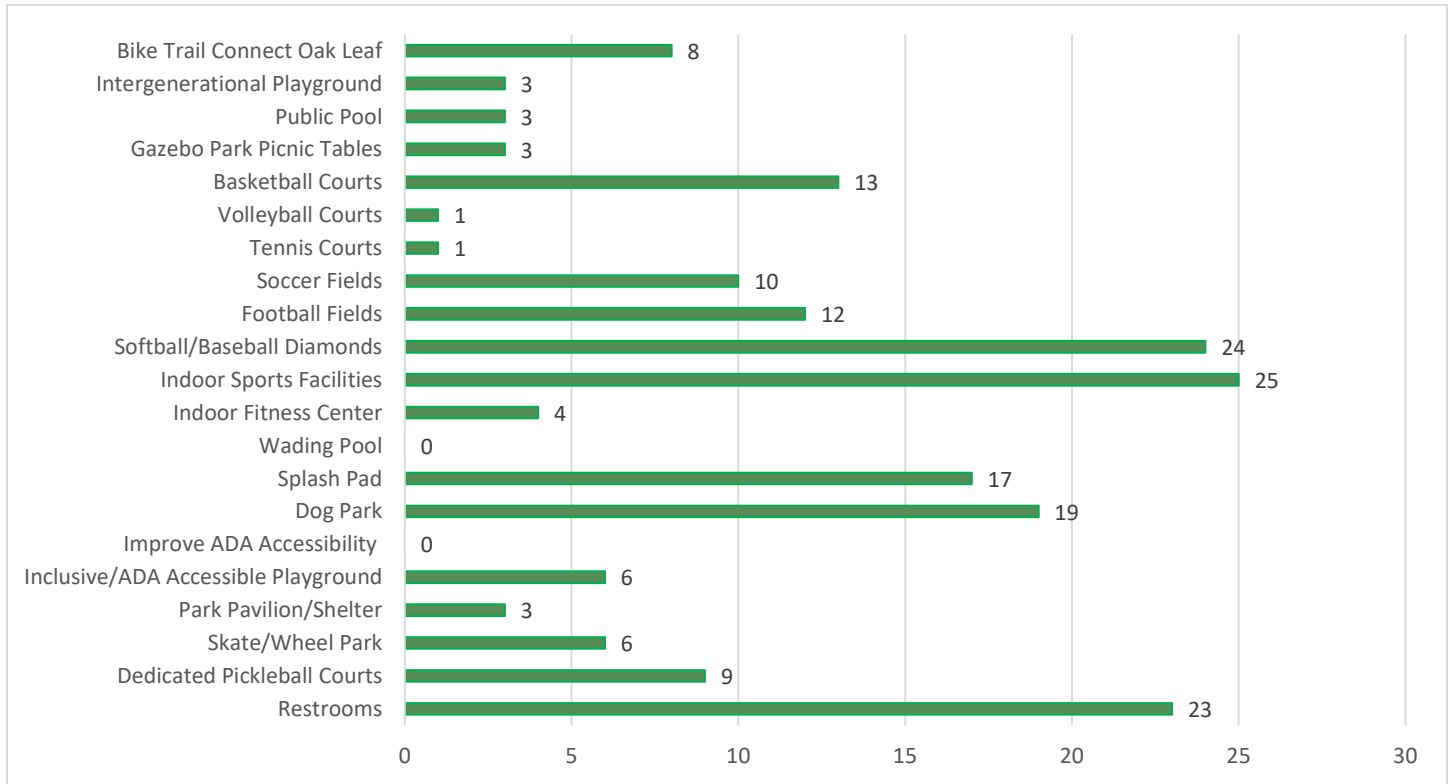
Additional Comments

26 Additional Written Comments Received

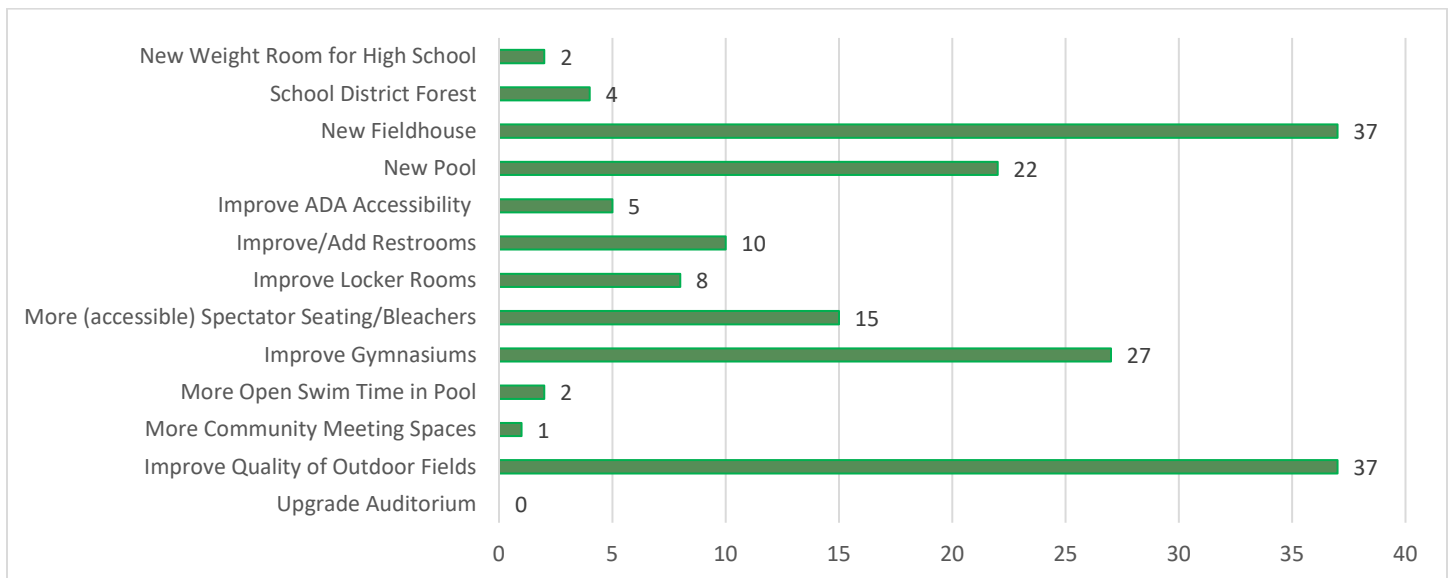
As a high school softball player, it feels disappointing and enraging looking over at the boys' baseball field and seeing better conditioned field. This is what I see that needs improvement: fencing – outfield; dugouts; the grass that's in the outfield (bumps, dry); dirt is poor, has rocks; dangerous hole in front of 1 st base (people have tripped many times). It's also very angering and unfair that the baseball teams have a hitting cage outside, but softball never has had a hitting cage specifically for softball girls. We were never able to use the cage during the softball season. It's also very unfair and discouraging seeing brinkman being used by BASEBALL but the high school baseball field doesn't get used for anything BUT baseball. Why doesn't softball get their own field.? Softball needs the resources baseball has. We shouldn't get less.
In the new greenbelt trail plan, you need to add this to Outdoor Recreation Plan.
Surveys should go to all homeowners – many people don't have or use internet. They only do hard copy but have to go the extra step to get survey. This will stop some, making the survey results not fully accurate. I know a cost is involved, but the survey results need to be accurate to move forward.
Need restrooms at Grange & 84 – people use woods at times. Lots of use at this site.
Facilities at High School are fine – no added costs to tax payers.
Parking lot needed at 84 & Grange – very dangerous now.
Maintain what we have: mow grass, smooth out fields, seed and fertilize grass (thicker), rake the baseball diamonds with fidelity.
Greendale cannot be everything to everyone with tax dollars. Lots of things would be wonderful, but we can't outprice and tax the community. Many young and old stretch to be here. We are nearby many facilities. Fundraising is welcome – grants and private.
How are you ensuring that all citizens have input into the survey? How are you making sure that all citizens understand the tax cost of each question on the survey? Property tax comparisons should be compared with other communities and made known to survey responders. Since the survey seems to be already developed – provide an addendum of info to help people answer the survey.
I would like to reiterate from my post-its and stickers that "Brinkman" field needs to be dedicated to girls softball to provide an equal opportunity to female athletes. As the baseball field is dedicated to only high school baseball players, so too should Brinkman become a dedicated and improved softball field. Female athletes have been placed at a lower priority with lower access to fields and equipment within Greendale. I would like to see equity among softball and baseball to create better opportunities for female athletes and our community. Please look over documentation of who uses all the baseball/softball fields among our community. Field reservations show who is using or has access to the fields and when.
Important to realize that usage of facilities is limited – although usage is stretched – not everyone can be accommodated. It is a "personal" problem for most youth is the foundation and yet to understand that some programs (adult volleyball – baseball) has had some time for over decades – there has to be some continuity to those who have supported programs.
There are multiple needs for additional indoor spaces: pool, volleyball, basketball courts, baseball training facilities, etc. It would benefit the community to consider how to leverage space at Southridge Mall and develop partnerships with private organizations to create a regional facility (multi-use) that would put these needs and take the burden off of taxpayers to develop and maintain perhaps engaging with an economic development manager is needed to consider this possibility and move forward with it.
Thank you very much for leading this much needed charge! Mary Grogan, School Board, 414-659-3782, marylaurel.grogan@greendaleschools.org
Pickleball dedicated courts – we have tennis courts that do not offer a real game experience. Also, the cost is very high for residents. My husband and I play in Franklin as non-residents for much lower cost. What about an indoor/outdoor facility in one of the empty shopping centers. Or add to the community center by converting or adding dedicated courts. How about community tournaments?
Library – wonderful facility and used more than once a week.
Pickleball is a well established and rapidly growing sport enjoyed by participants of all ages. It has overtaken the use and popularity of tennis courts. While Greendale currently recognizes the sport by offering sessions on modified tennis courts that does not offer appropriate net dimensions. It is time to cater to the Greendale citizens by installing dedicated pickleball facilities.
As a "G" section resident, we do not want to see a parking lot off of Gardenway. The current on-street parking is just fine.
Highland View Fields needs to be redone. During the recent renovation, grass was not properly seeded/put in. the result was fields with primarily weeds. Very soon after they are used by soccer teams, the weeds get trampled on leaving only dirt or mud. For the baseball/softball field, right field is uphill and left field drops off down a hill. Both of these parts of the field are very unsafe. All fields' grass needs to be cut more often.
Love to see the district forest better kept and utilized, lots of dead and fallen trees.
Like to see less baseball fields at our parks. It feels like it's baseball or nothing, especially at the community center.
Concerned that we do not take care of what facilities we already have and that any spending on new projects will not be upkeep either.
Forest behind high school could be used for mountain biking. Seems like a wasted opportunity.
Please do not remove the district forest by Canterbury/middle school.
Canterbury playgrounds need more basketball hoops at varying heights.
Natural playground needs attention or investment – seems like someone's unrealized idea right now.
Playground between middle school and Canterbury has loose equipment that makes me nervous.

Prioritization Board Voting Summary

Question 1: Please distribute dot stickers among the facilities that you think should be prioritized in Greendale Parks.



Question 2: Please distribute dot stickers among the facilities that you think should be prioritized in School District Facilities.



Question 3: How would you describe Greendale’s park and recreation system?

14 Written Comments Received
Offers variety of activities/classes for seniors and youngsters – assists GSD
Women facilities = men facilities
Archaic – dated – sexist
Generally good, but have been disappointed in quality of instructors (especially in swim)
Amazing opportunities, wonderful
Valuable resources, lots of parents look through the catalog each season
Continue to implement surveys following classes
Reminder emails prior to classes from instructors
No tax increase
Provide restrooms at outdoor spaces (i.e., Village Gazebo, parks, etc.)
Programming needs improvement
I like the variety. Would be nice to switch things up a bit too.
Park & Rec – offers a lot, but facilities need to be updated. Smells like the 60s
Update weight room at the high school

Question 4: What would you like to see in Greendale’s park and recreation system in the future?

35 Written Comments Received
I would like to see buy-in from the community/residents in terms of forming a non-profit (501c3) to raise funds for some of these initiatives (i.e., dog park)
As the community age continues to decrease and diversity, strategic planning and offerings need to match. Change cannot be feared.
Park & Rec running the scheduling of ball diamonds for more equity among groups.
Need a field house with multiple basketball courts, dropdown batting cages, multi-purpose. Good example – Mukwanago Field House
Gyms similar to New Berlin West would be great
ADA playground equipment
Possible dog park anywhere
Field House (indoor track, basketball courts, volleyball courts)
Pickleball is fastest growing sport and Greendale could make lots of money by providing outdoor and indoor courts.
Priority to youth and students
We need improved sports facilities (an indoor field house with workout facilities for all community members)
Skate park
Pioneer Park – picnic pavilion and playground. For many years, there was playground equipment. It would be nice to have a few playground items here again.
Gym time for youth basketball – told we compete with P&R classes
Make young athletes a priority
Need improved pool facilities
Splash pad near downtown – would draw people to downtown businesses
Improve/upgrade high school weight room / athletic locker room
Dog park near downtown, especially for families with small yards
Bus trips for seniors
Inclusivity, variety of programs for all ages and accessibility – build community through recreation
New field house will allow us to hold tournaments and host league games which will bring in revenue
Field house (at least a decent pool)
High School gym needs to be bigger for band and cheer – can’t participate. Not enough space.
High School gym needs bigger gym for all sports (cheer, poms included)
Kids before and after care and registration online
Permanent ice skating ring for use
Improved user-friendly experience online
New field house is #1 priority – indoor turf like Elkhorn and Mukwonago High School with concessions and breakout areas.
Daylight in gyms. New concessions outdoor and press box
New, fully accessible bleachers at high school – not ok that elderly or those with mobility issues can’t watch in front.

Baseball fields at community center need major improvements. Lighting, pitcher’s mound, fence, grass, restroom, infield and outfield
Get rid of village club and use the land – field house, community pool/splash pad
Bleachers for softball; bleachers on far side of football field
Update basketball courts at Canterbury
Field house with open times for youth/community members – basketball, weightroom, indoor tennis, indoor volleyball

Question 5: What would you like to see in Greendale’s park and recreation programming in the future?

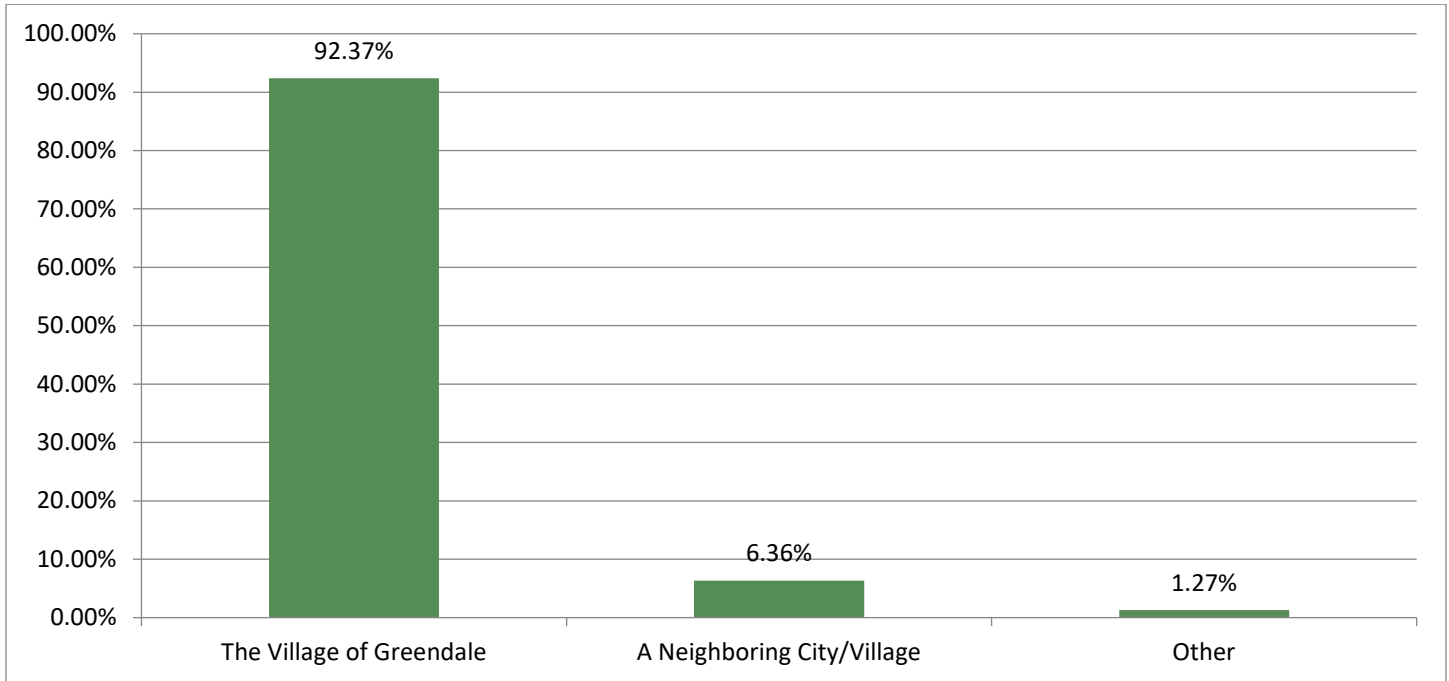
15 Written Comments Received
Park and Recreation independently run – own building
Youth programs seem to be mostly sports and adult programs seem to have very few sports. Maybe add arts/cooking and technology/nature programs for kids and adult sports leagues, fitness/wellness, etc.
More evening options for working adults
More options for pre-teens and teenagers. Mine have trouble finding options that interest them.
Indoor pickleball during winter months (high school?)
We need more teen programs or “places” for them to hang out (fame room, skate park, etc.)
Programming: more offerings for technology (literacy, etc.) for kids
Classes for tweens teams – many art/cooking programs are 16+ or 18+. Programming is strong for young kids and adults, but not much for 12-16 year olds.
Park & Recreation – Field scheduling has been an ongoing issue. Also, we need additional spaces (baseball fields for sure). There are not enough to share.
Mahjong lessons
Add nature classes to teach kids about the natural resources in Greendale (e.g., Scout Lake, Canterbury Forest, Whitnall Park)
Junior golf
Lego League
Junior robotics (1 st and 2 nd grade)
More and improved programming for teens

Online Public Survey

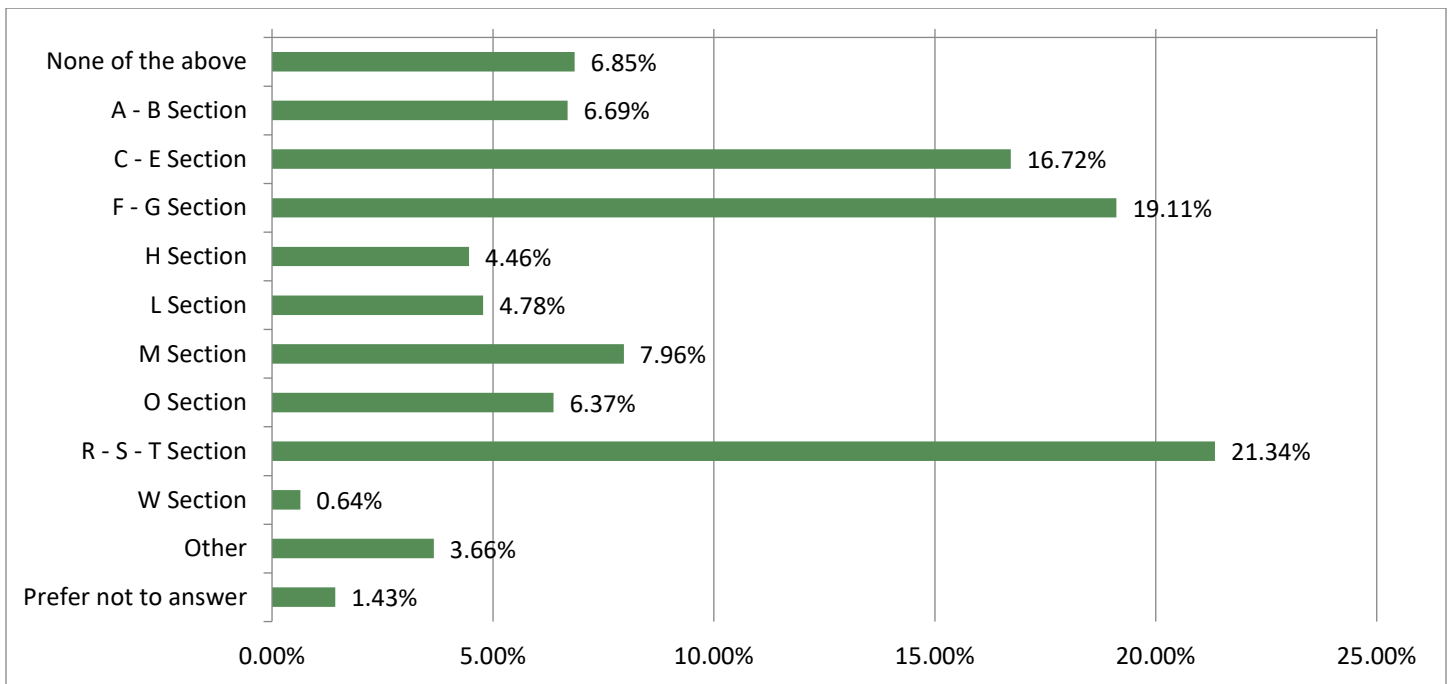
The Village of Greendale conducted an online questionnaire via Survey Monkey from July 17, 2023, to August 7, 2023. In total, 637 people provided feedback. Overall, the survey focused on obtaining public opinion and feedback on the current levels of park use, current conditions, and future needs of the Greendale park and recreation system.

The results of the survey, along with the other public input generated during the process, were used to form the core recommendations of the Plan. The following is a summary of all responses received. In many cases, percentages total to more than 100 percent, as respondents were allowed to select more than one response. Additionally, comments written-in were summarized and inventoried below.

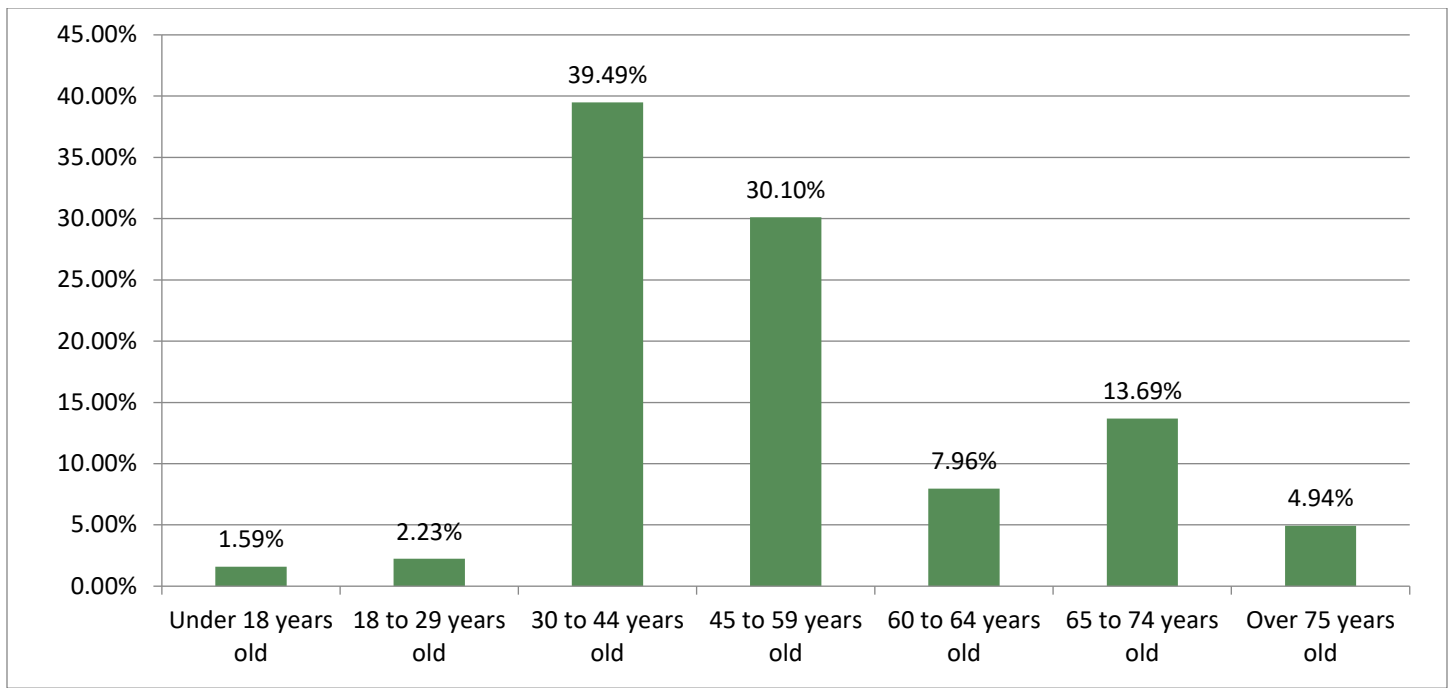
Question 1: Please select the statement that best describes where you live.



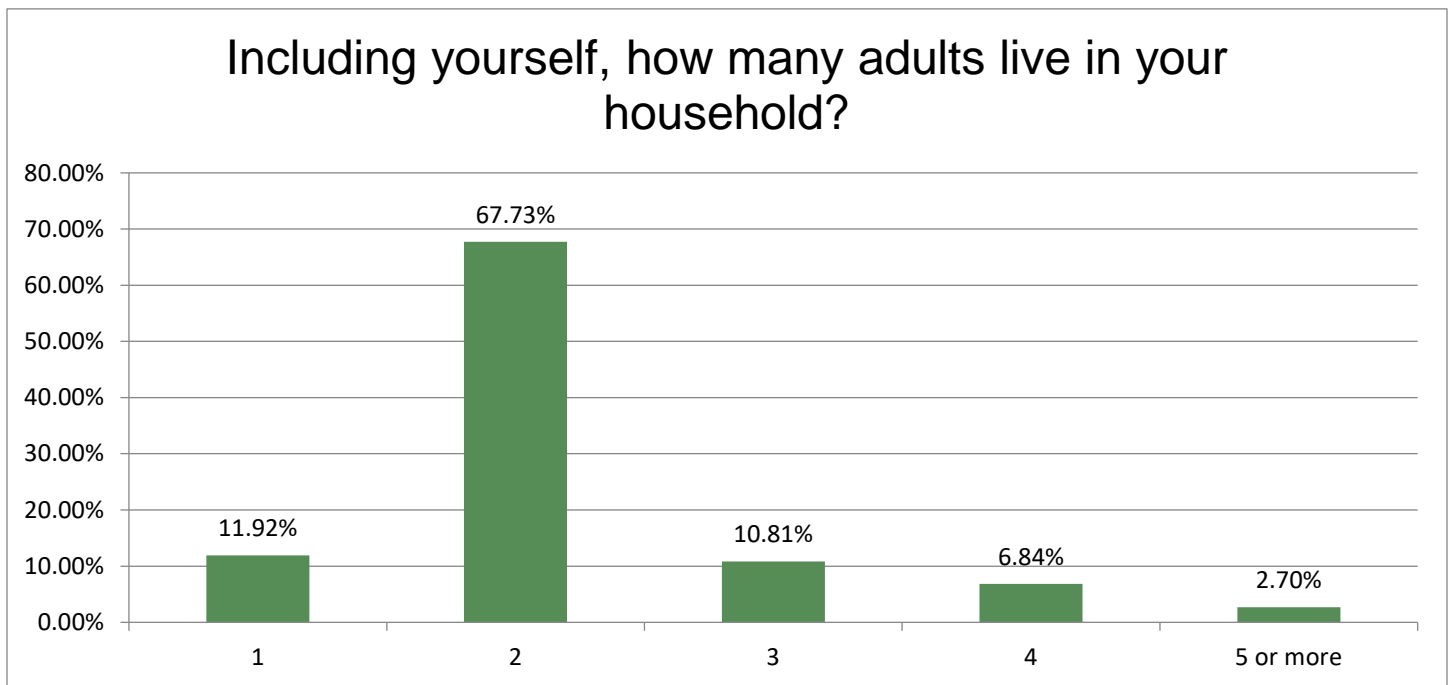
Question 2: What Greendale Section do you live in?



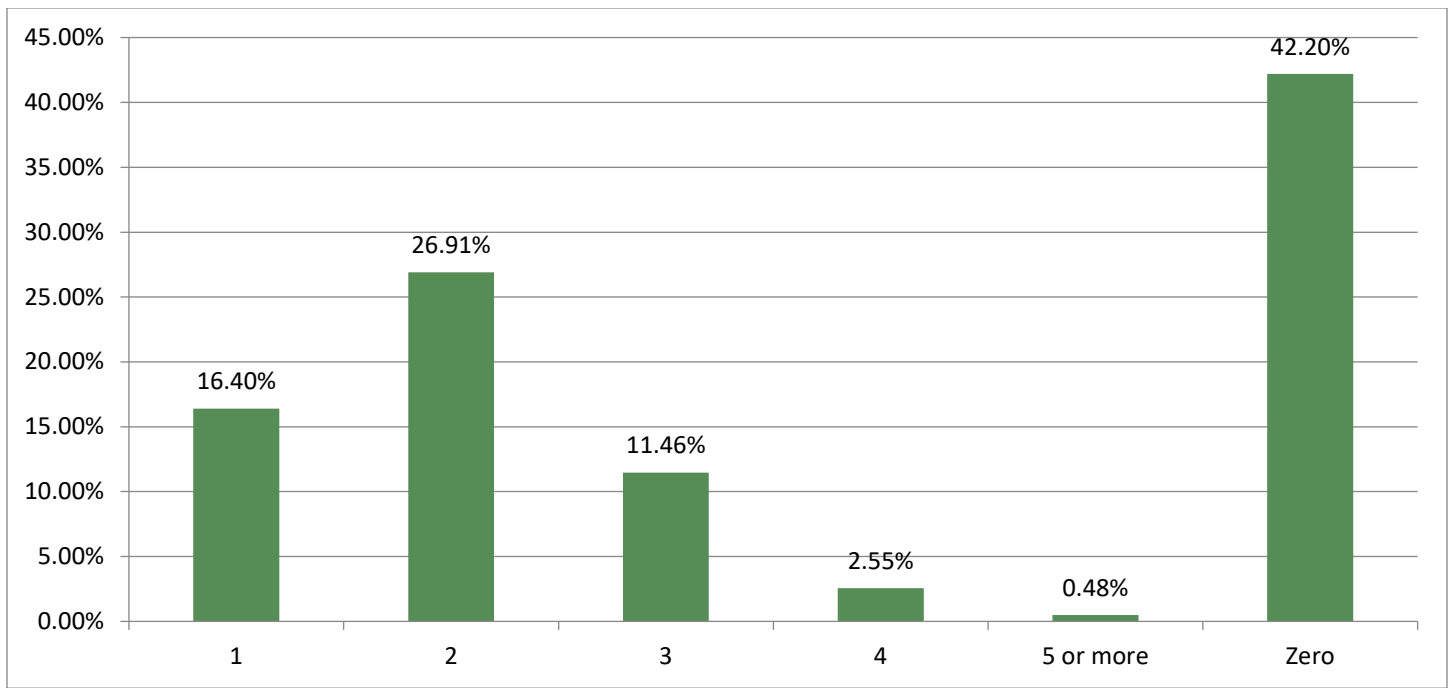
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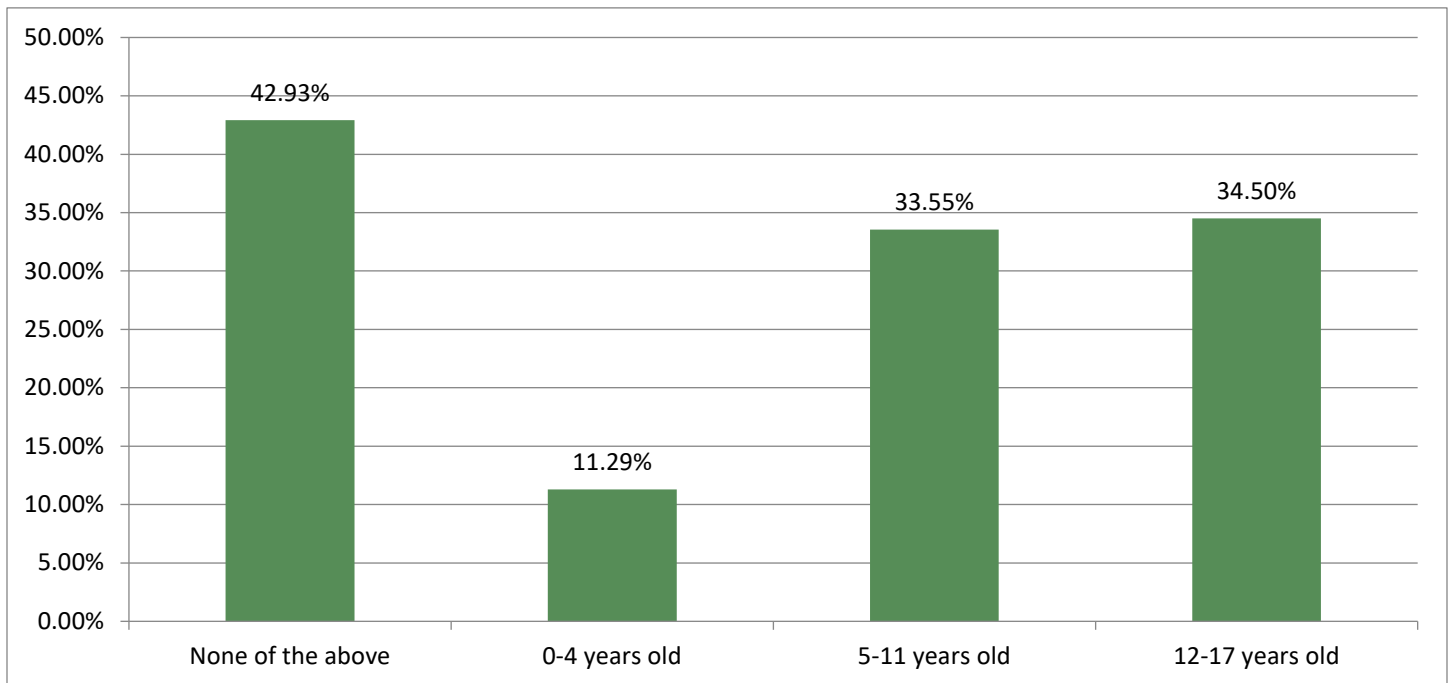
Question 4: Including yourself, how many adults live in your household?



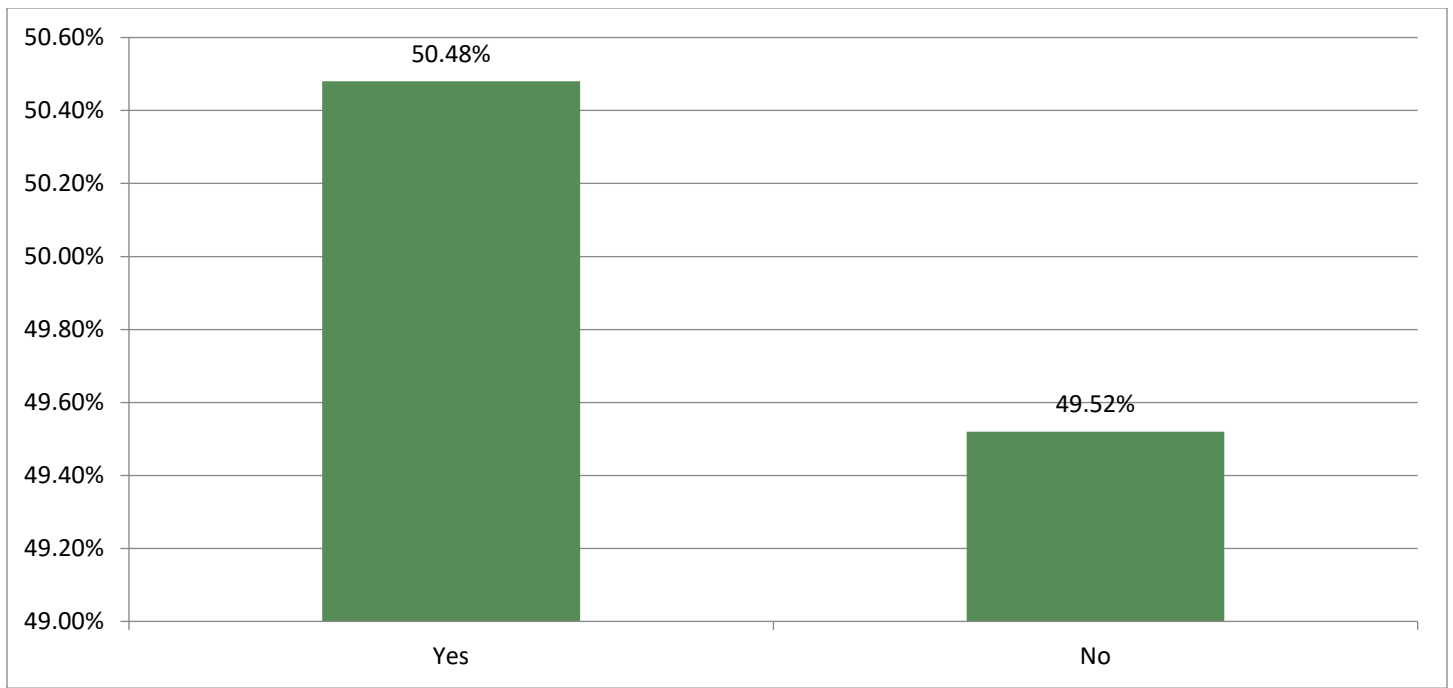
Question 5: How many members of your household are under 18 years old?



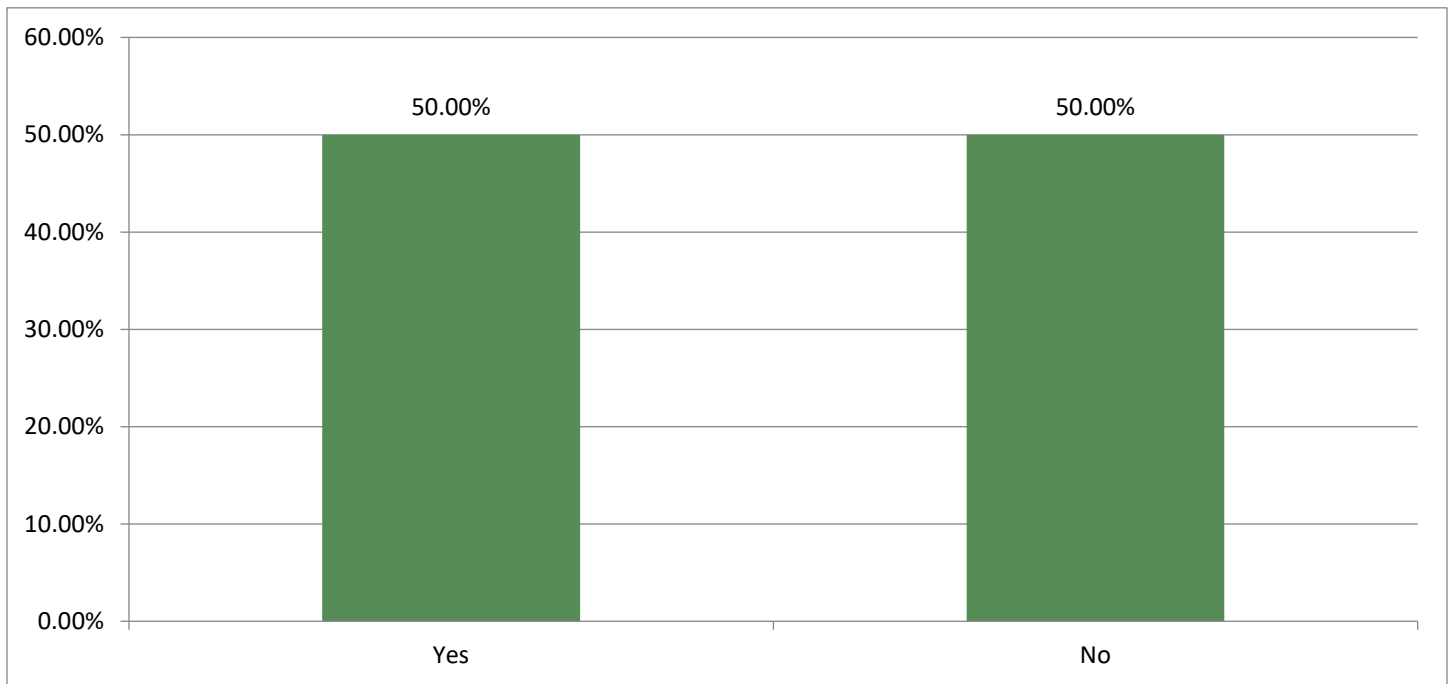
Question 6: Are any members of your household in the following age ranges? (Select all that apply)



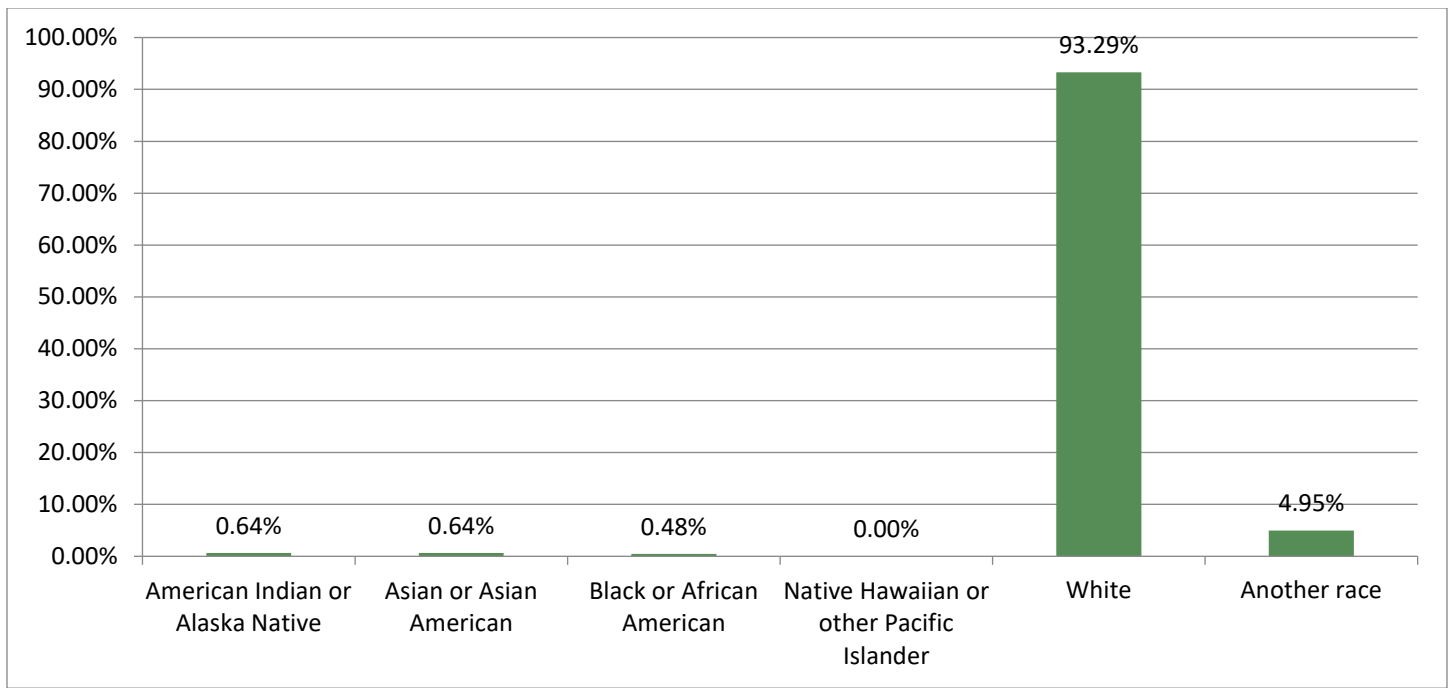
Question 7: Does your household include any students in the Greendale School District?



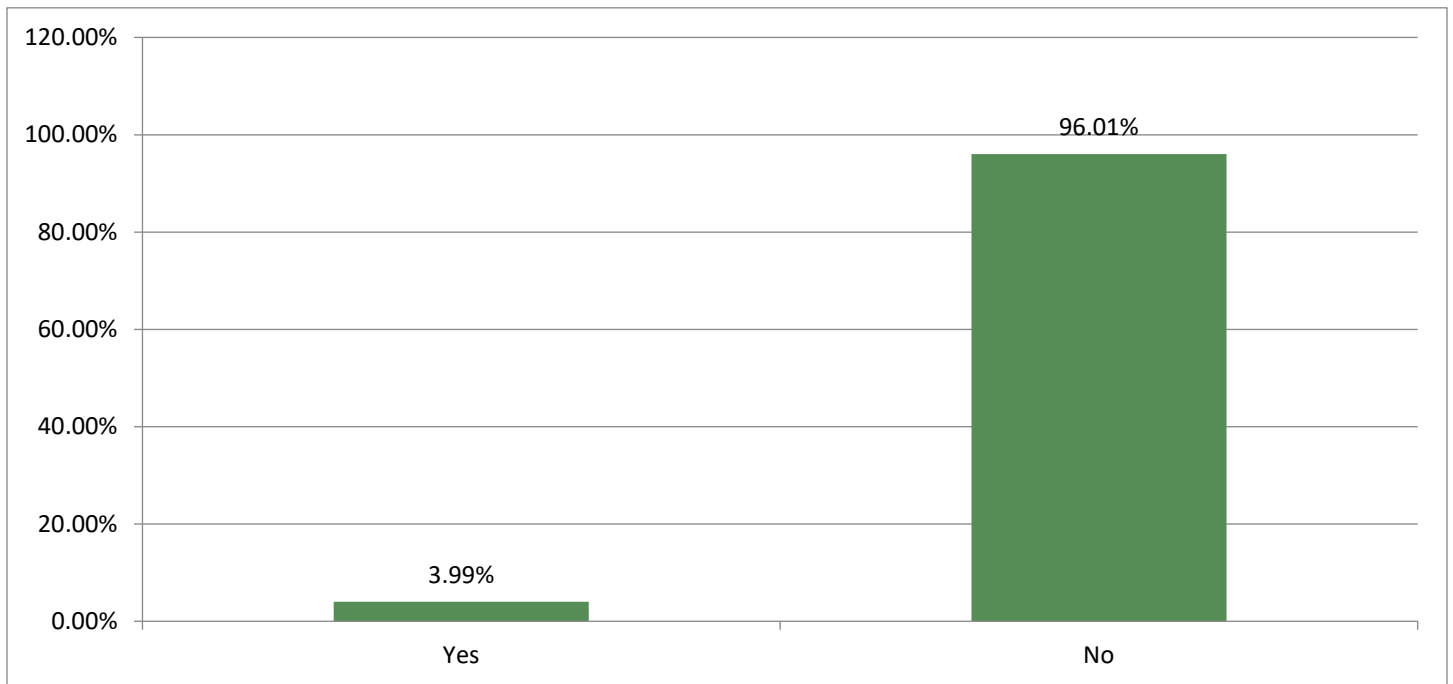
Question 8: Does your household have one or more dogs?



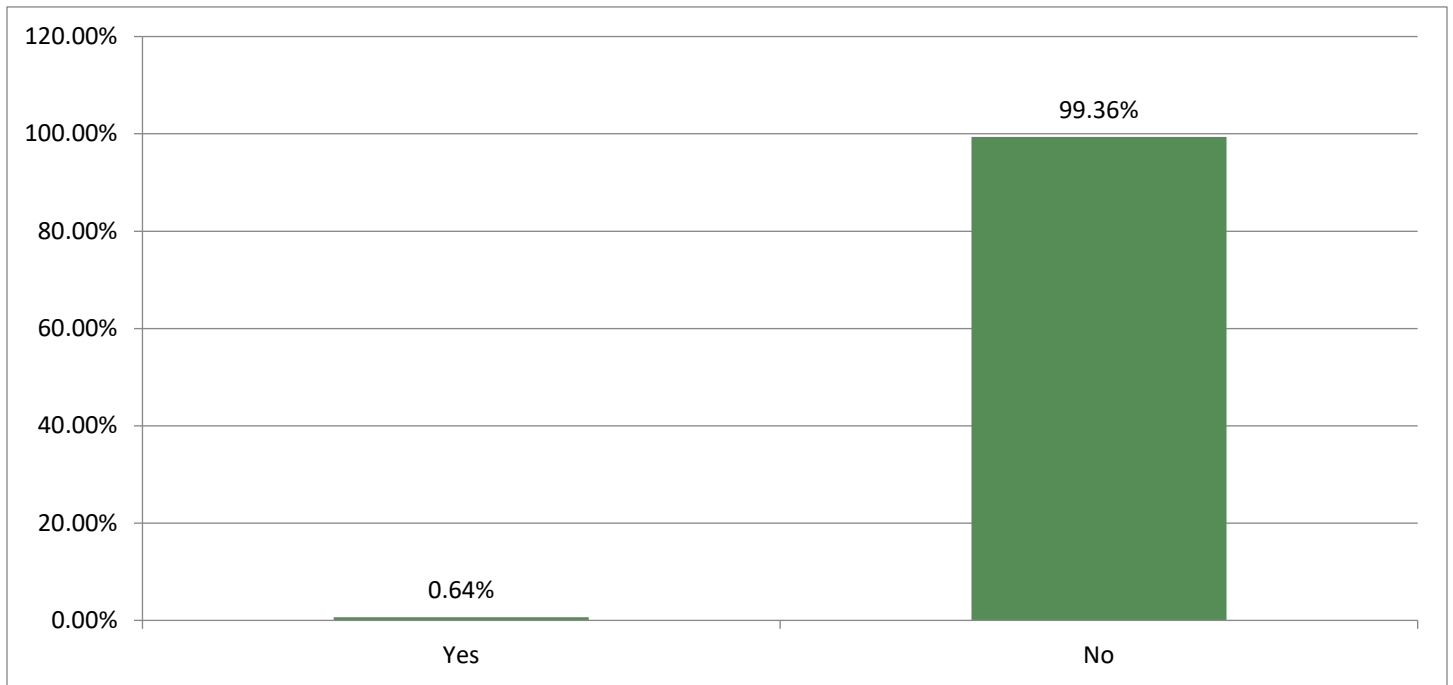
Question 9: What is your racial identity/ethnicity?



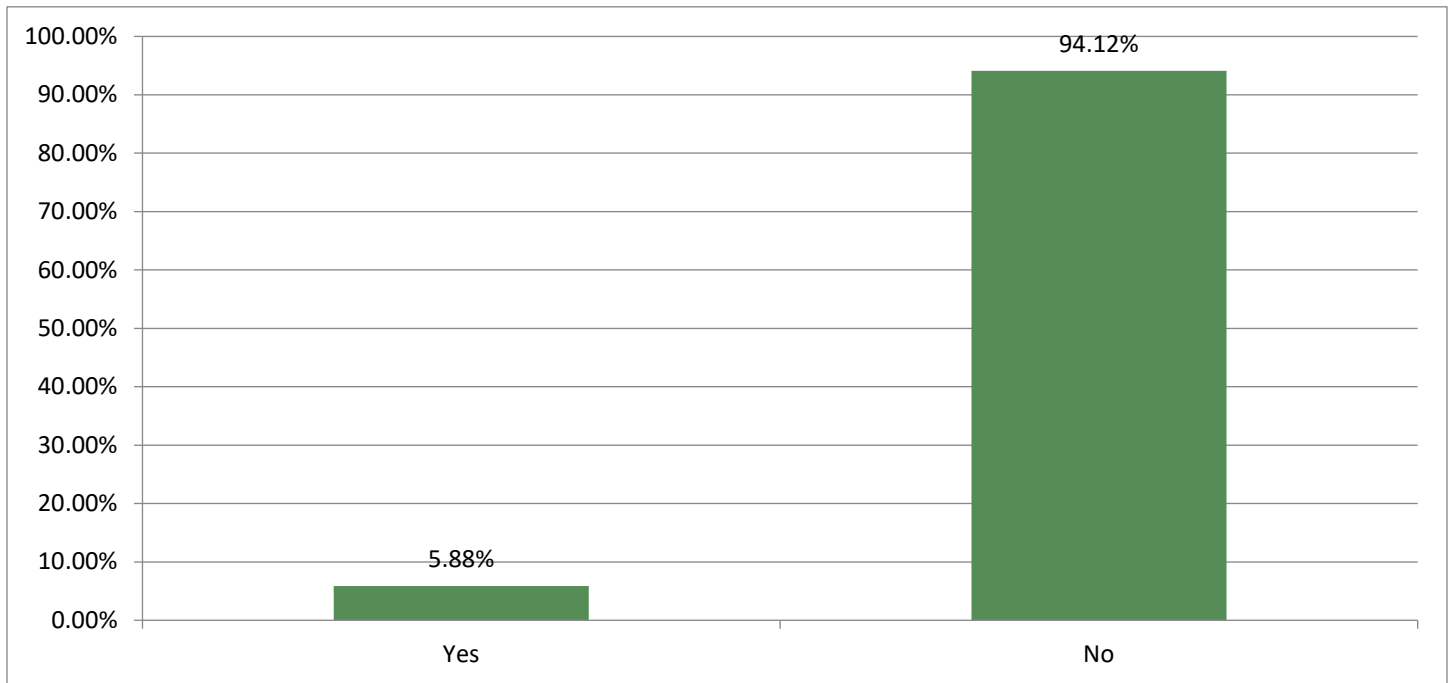
Question 10: Do you identify as Hispanic/Latino?



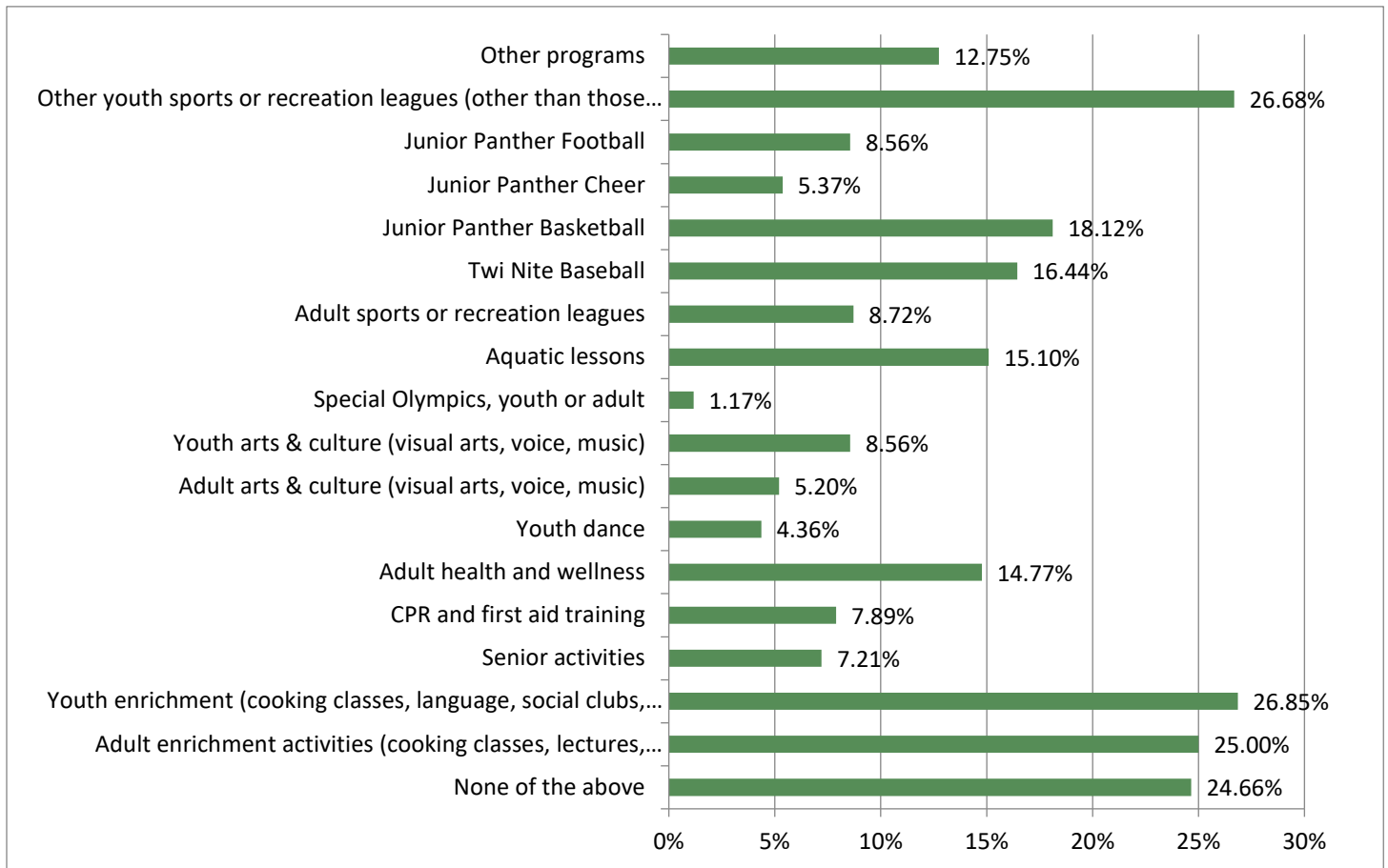
Question 11: Do you identify as Middle Eastern or North African?



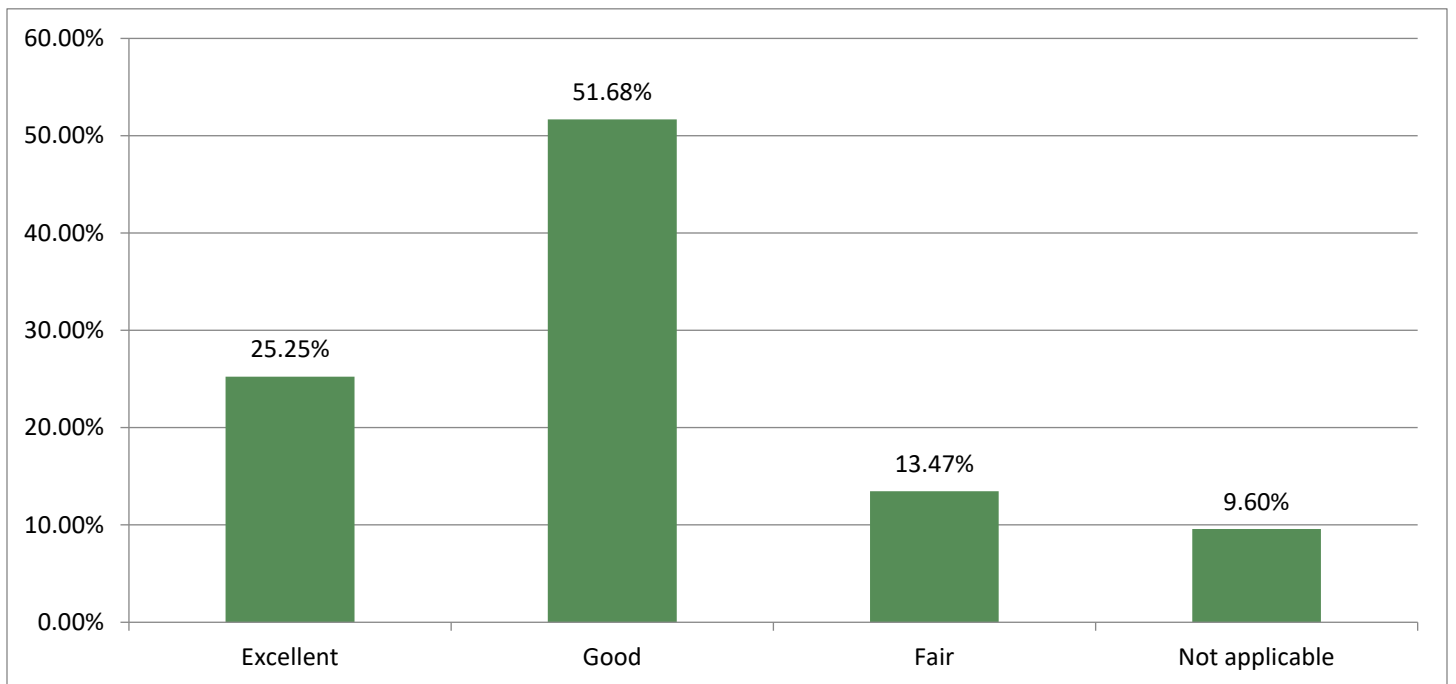
Question 12: Do you or anyone in your household require accommodations to access facilities?



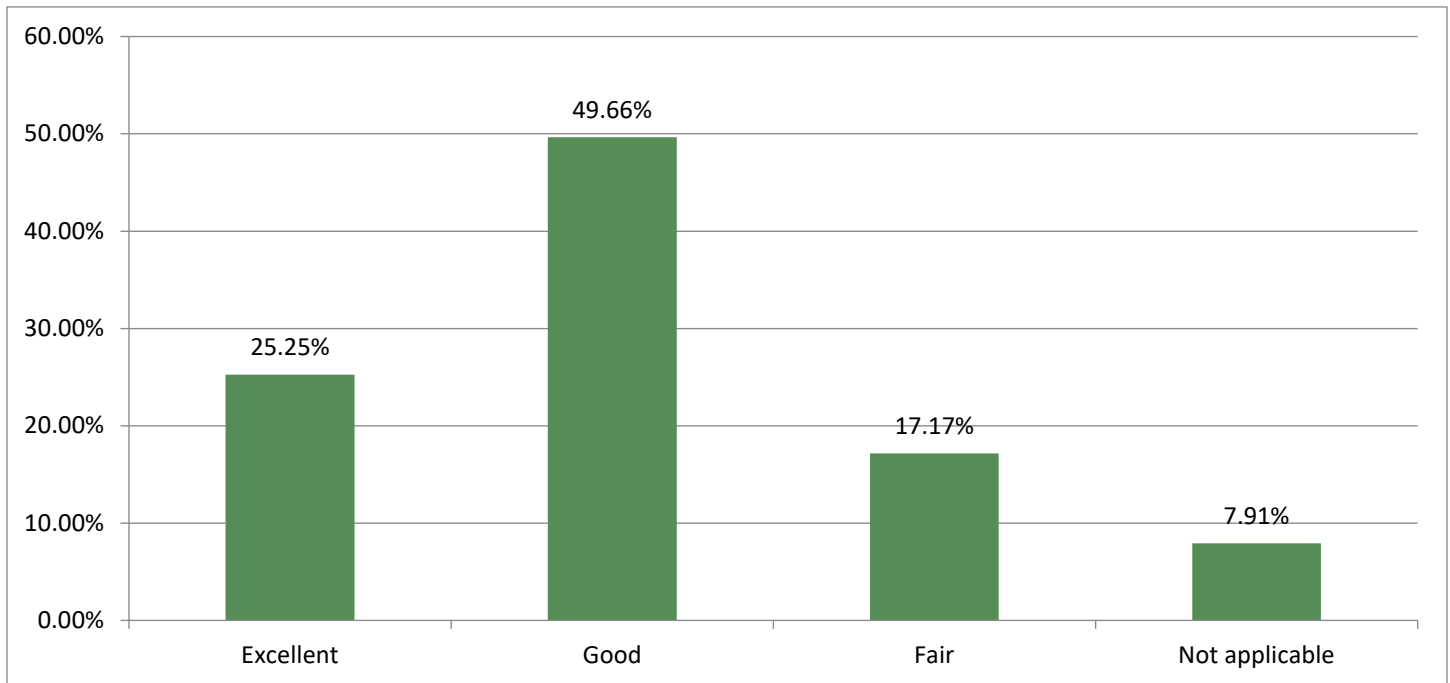
Question 13: With which of the following Park and Recreation programs and Park and Recreation partners do you or members of your household participate? (Select all that apply)



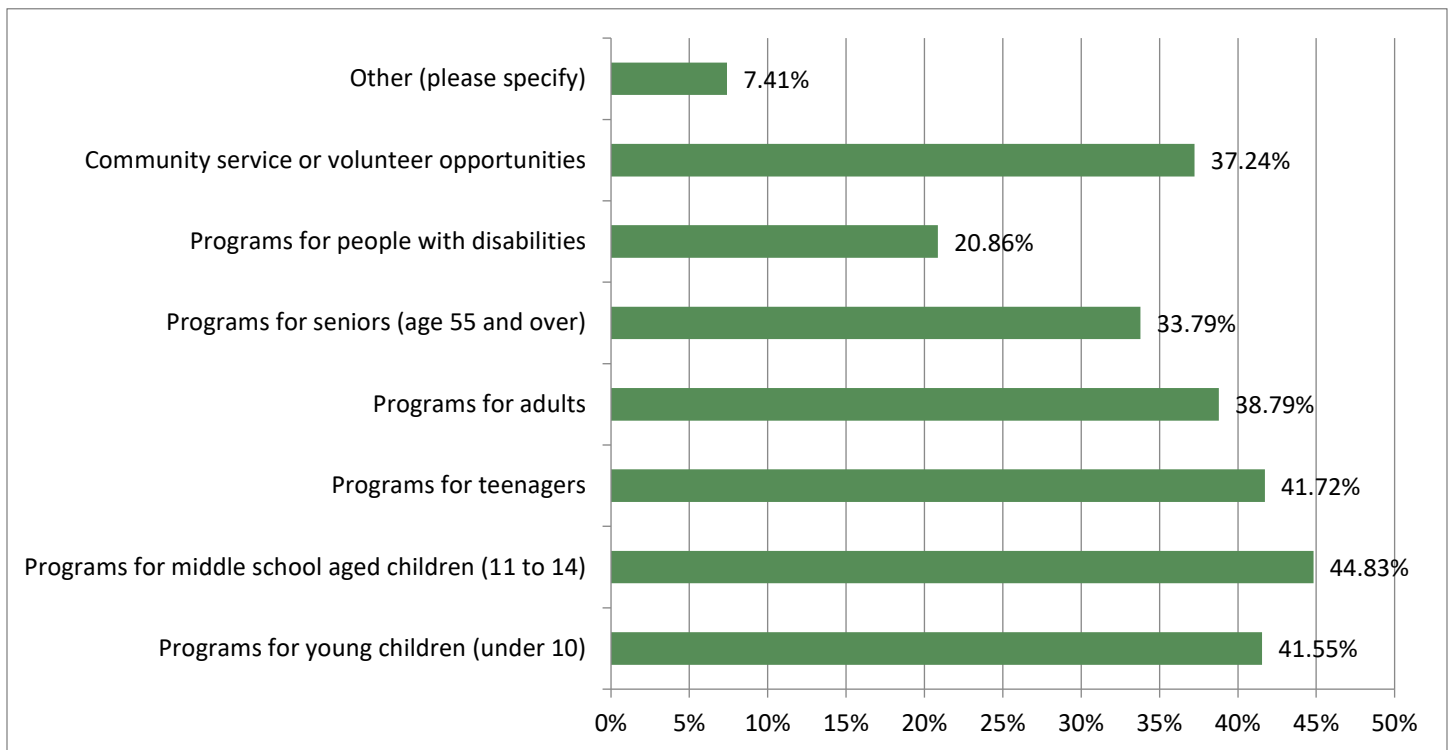
Question 14: How would you rate the quality of programming offered by Greendale Parks and Recreation?



Question 15: How would you rate the variety of programming offered by Greendale Parks and Recreation?

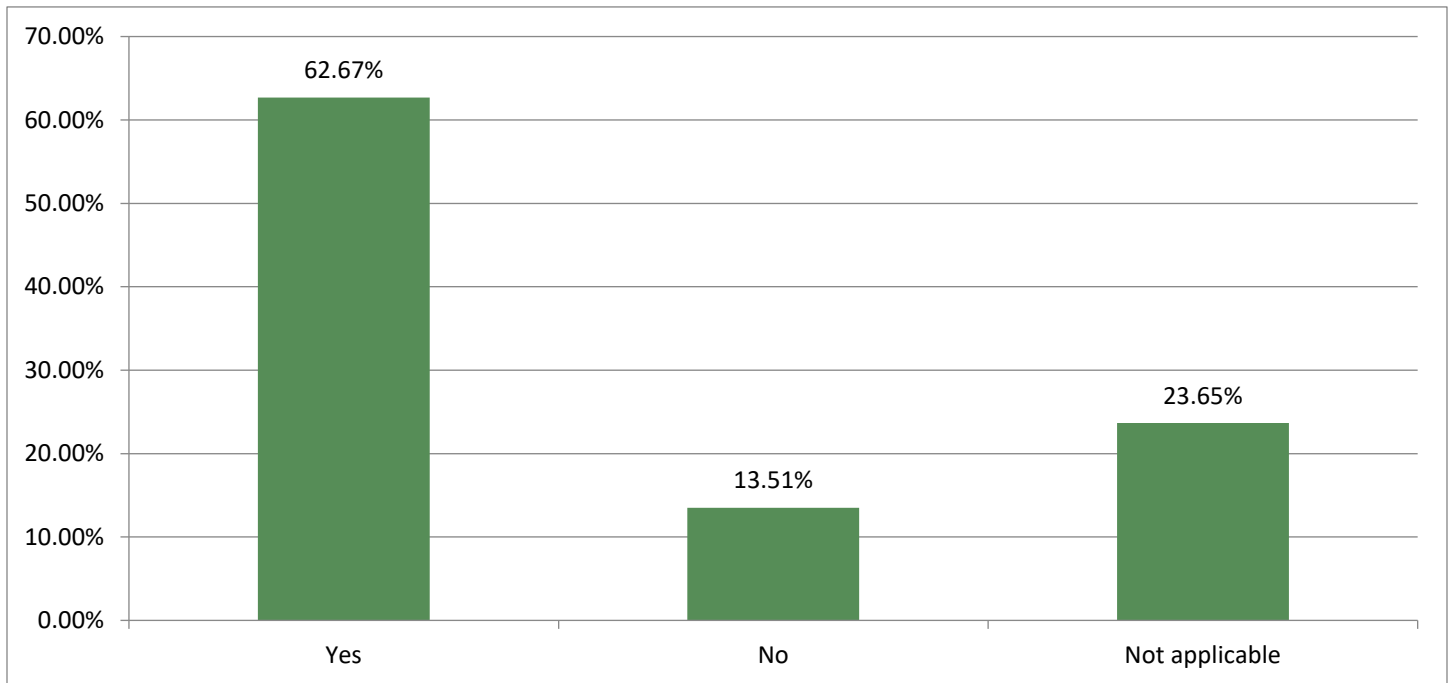


Question 16: What kind of programming would you like to see maintained, enhanced, or expanded? (Select all that apply)



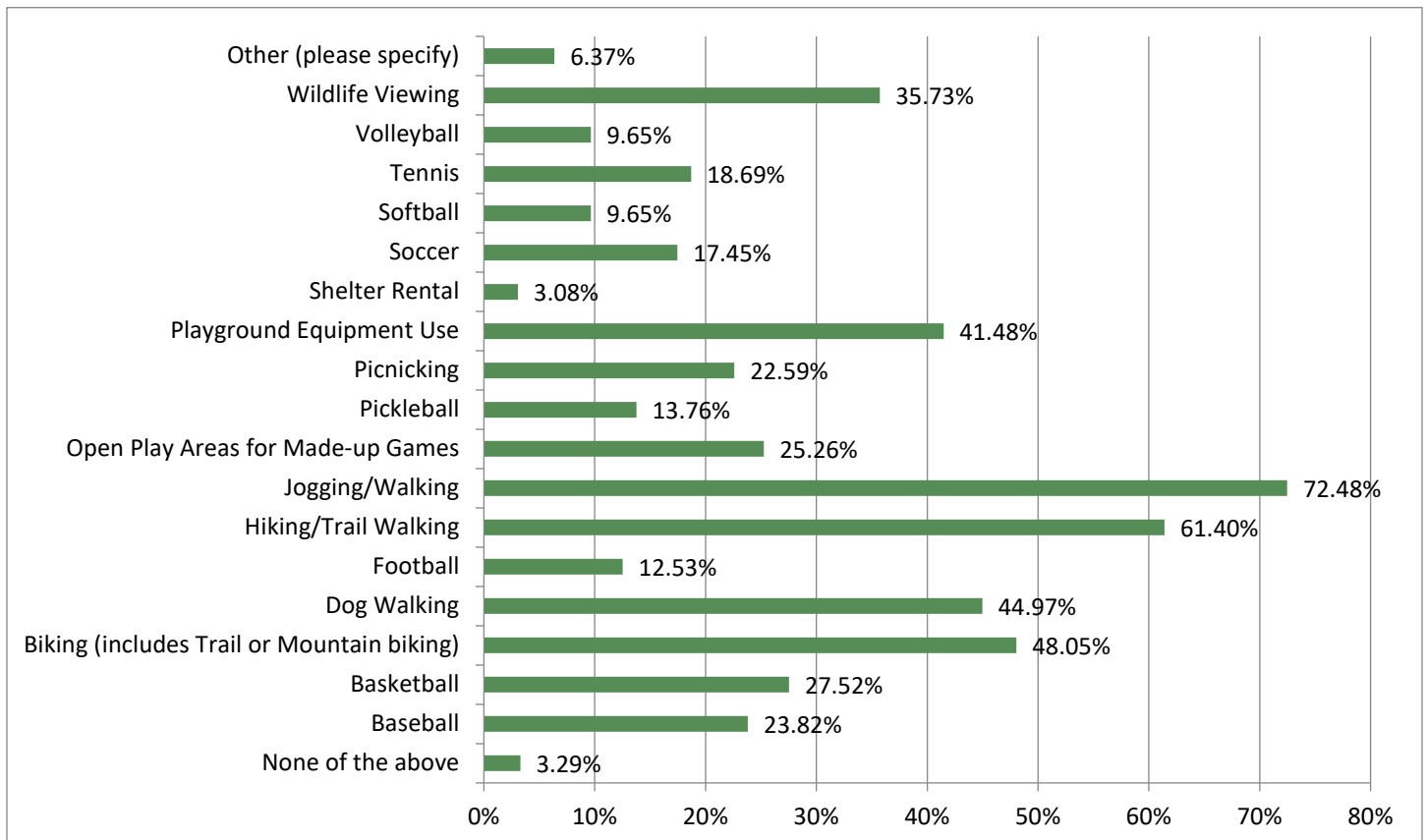
Other (42 comments): Programming for teens (2), community service and volunteer opportunities (1), programming for preschool children (1), wood working (1), programs for young adults (2), more swimming class offerings (1), intergenerational programming (1), pickleball training (3), day trips (2), roller hockey (1), CPR training (1), tutoring opportunities for school district students (1), additional language courses (2), additional baseball programs (1), programs for children under two years of age (1), programming for people with pets (1), dance classes (1).

Question 17: Is the Greendale Parks and Recreation online registration process easy to use?



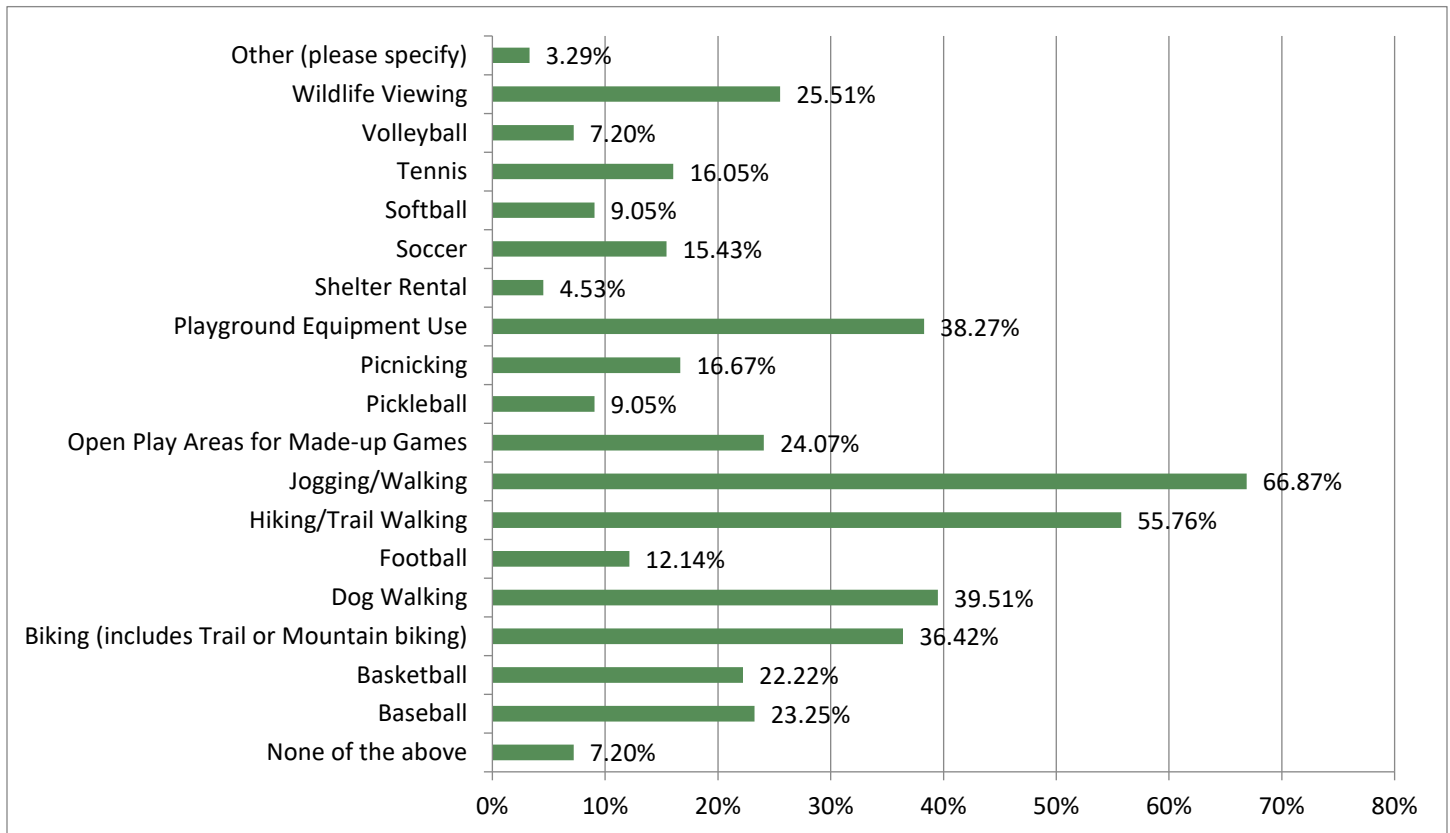
If you answered no, please describe the issue (70 comments): It requires computer access (1), technical issues with registration (11), login issues (10), technical issues with website (3), search function and navigation issues (28), inability to contact office during registration periods (6),

Question 18: What activities do you participate in regularly (at least twice a year)? (Select all that apply)



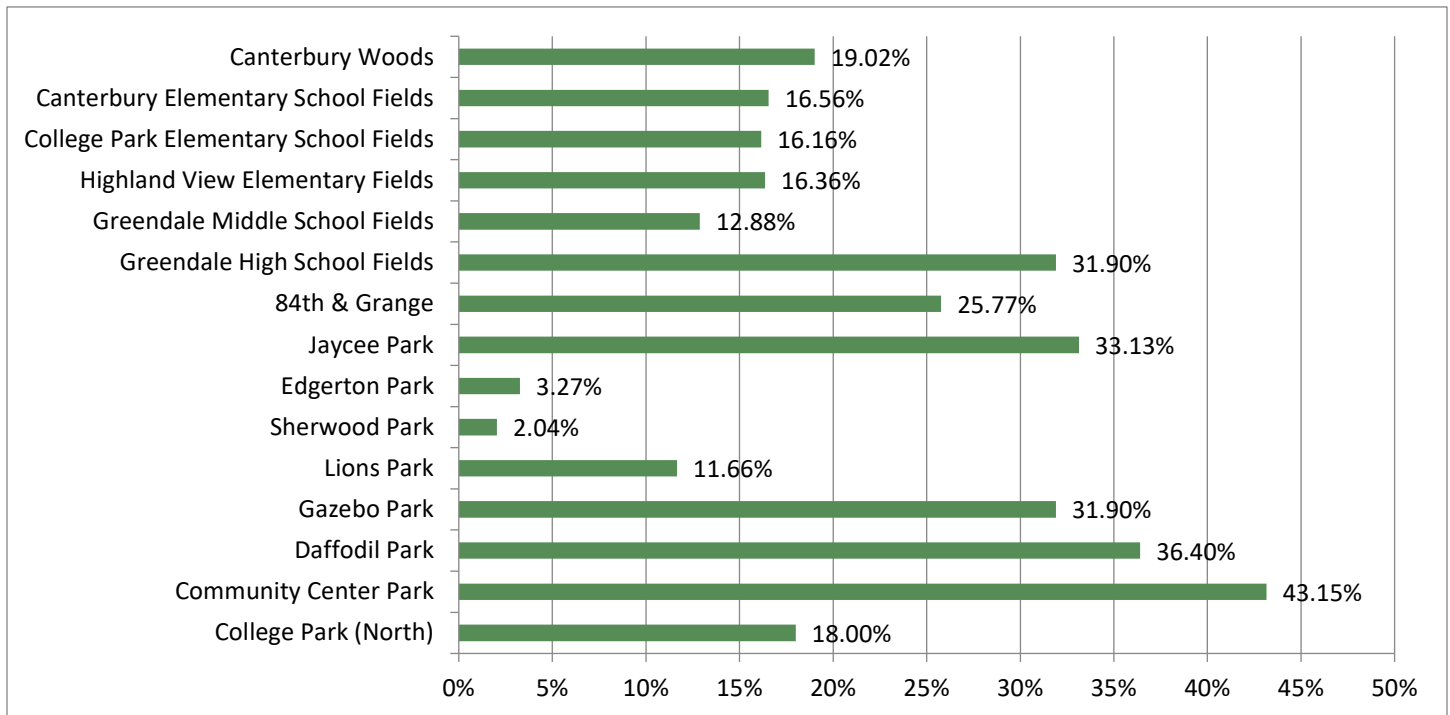
Other (30 comments): Bocce ball tournament (2), Village concert band (1), fishing (2), disc golf (2), roller skating (1), rollerblading/skating (2), roller hockey (2), hockey (1), swimming (5), walking (1), sledding (1), model rockets (1), lacrosse (1), yoga (1), kayaking (1), paddle boarding (1), t-ball (1), wrestling (2), cheerleading (2), festivals (1).

Question 19: What activities do you participate in at Greendale outdoor recreation spaces (both Village and School District owned)? (Select all that apply)



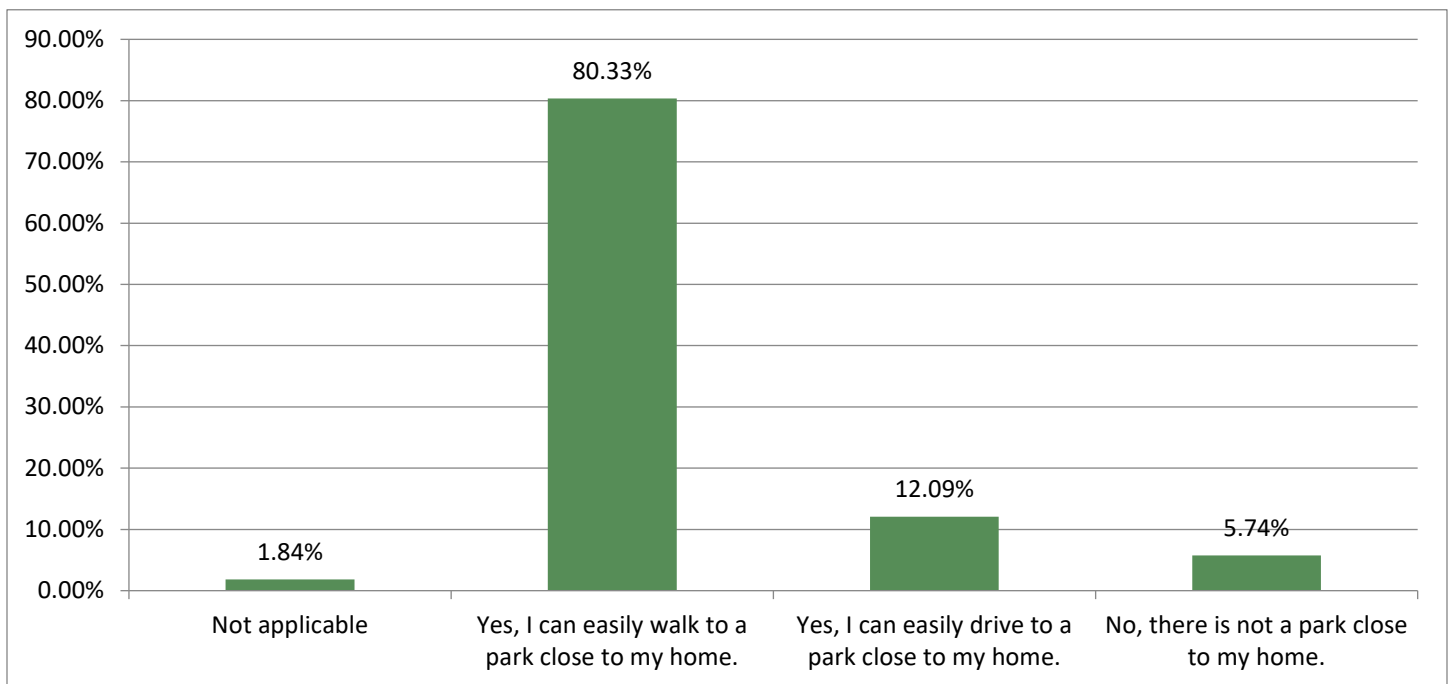
Other (15 comments): Village concert band (1), tennis (1), watching youth sports (1), SHAW Hockey (1), swimming (2), walking at Southridge (1), sledding (1), model rockets (1), lacrosse (1), t-ball (1), disc golf (1).

Question 20: Select the Greendale parks that you or your family use most often. (Select up to 5 options below)

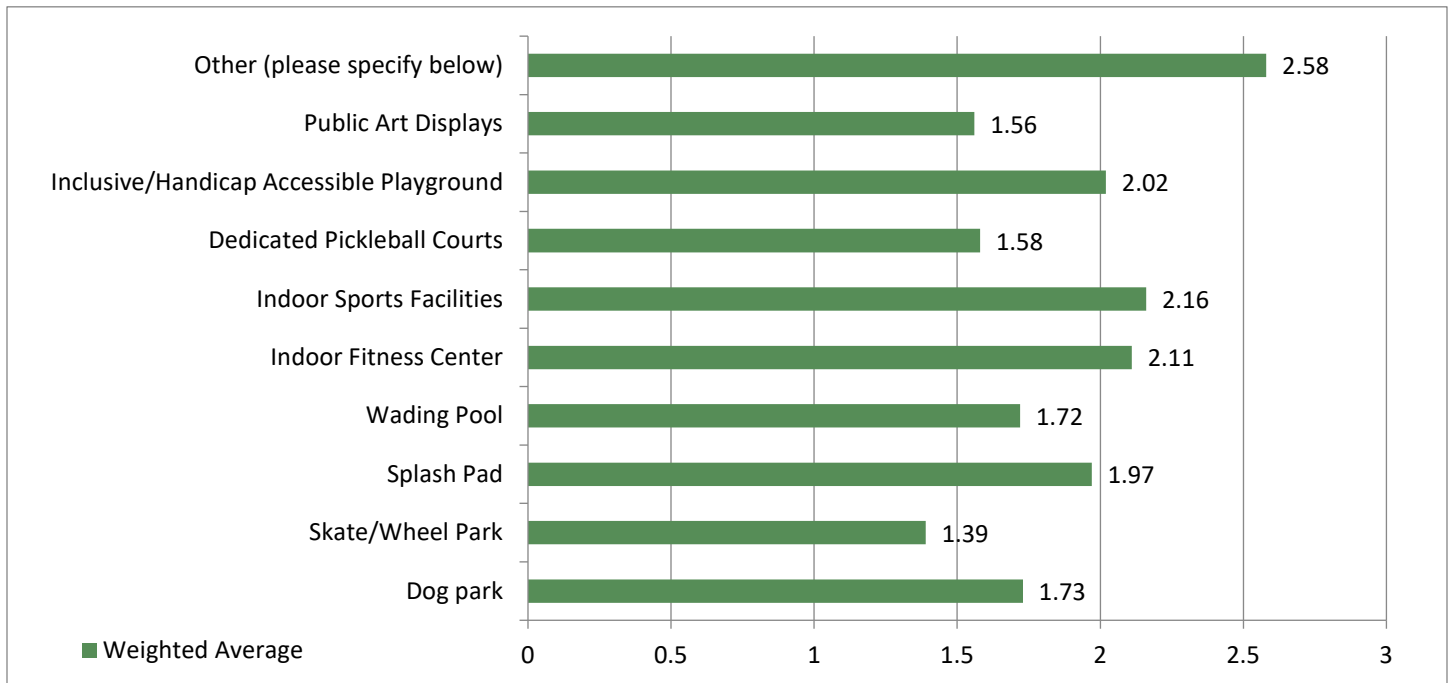


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Question 21: Is there a Greendale park facility (Village or School District owned) close to your home?



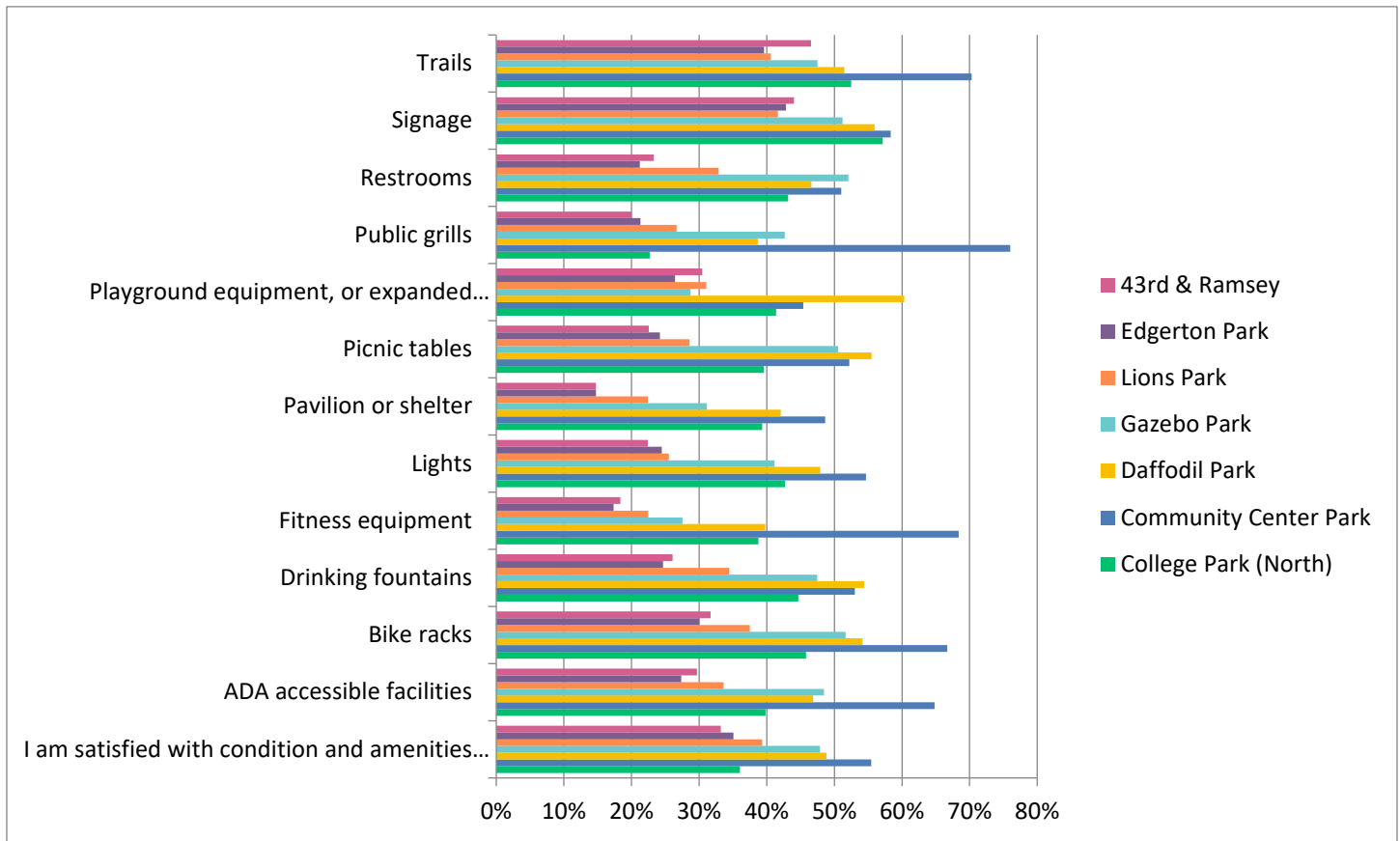
Question 22: Which of the following types of specialized recreational facilities would you like to see more of in the Village? Please provide an answer for all of the options listed below. (low priority, medium priority, high priority, no opinion)



**Calculated weighted average numbers closer to 5 indicate higher weights and stronger preferences for the option as a high priority.*

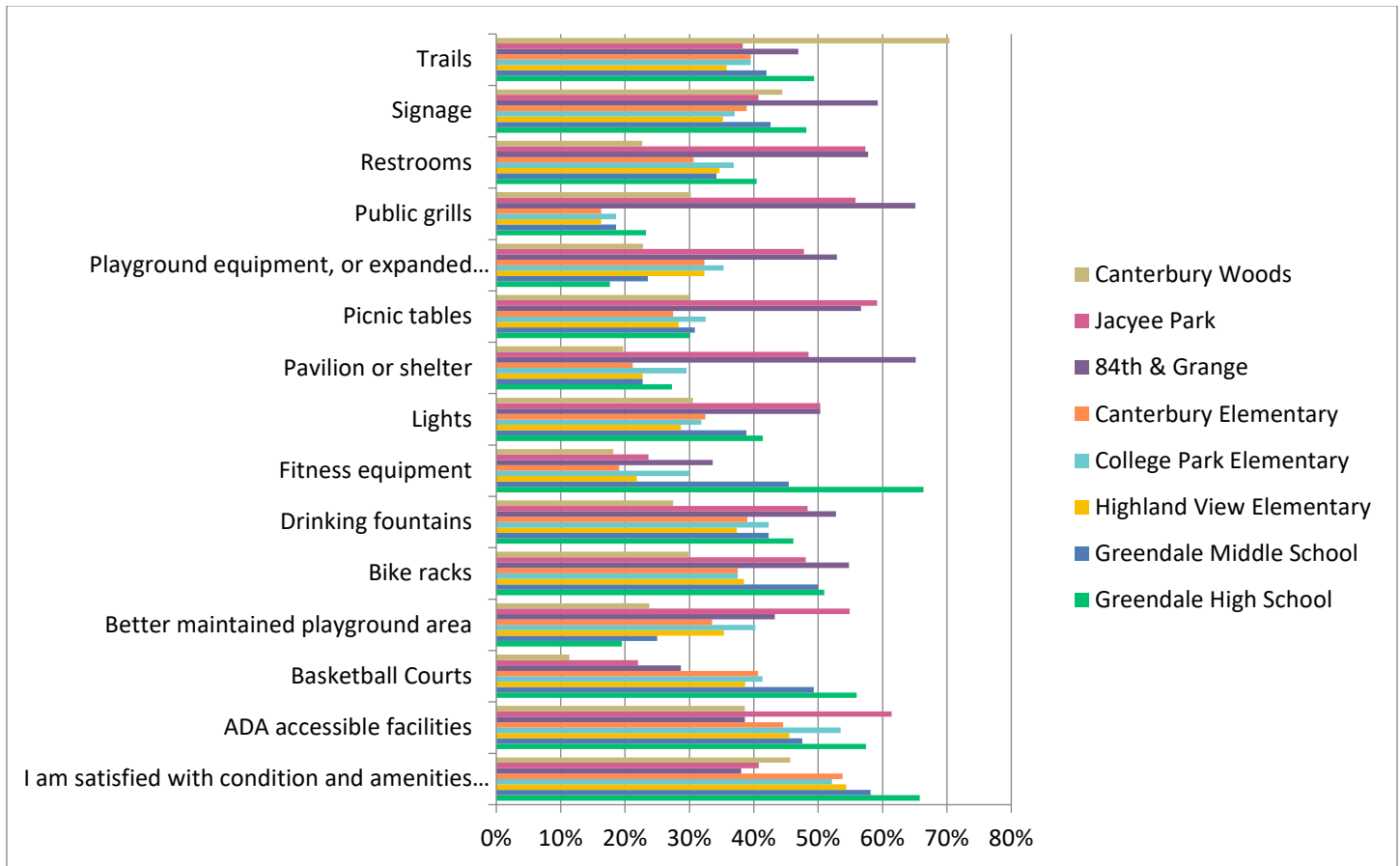
Other (105 comments): swimming pool (15), parking lot at 84th and Grange Field (2), dog park (1), bicycle trails (1), storage spaces (1), additional recreational programming options (1), fitness center (1), indoor pickleball (1), bocce ball (2), more baseball fields (5), outdoor basketball courts (3), public restrooms (5), sand volleyball (2), roller hockey rink (7), batting cages (1), roller skating rink (1), trail connection from the G Section to the Root River Parkway (1), multipurpose fieldhouse (8), mountain biking trail (1), more picnic tables in existing parks (2), softball fields (1), teen center (3), horse trails (1), community center (2), natural playground (1), Catholic bible study group (1), disc golf (1), soccer fields (3), permanent amphitheater (2).

Question 23: What additional amenities or facilities would you like to see in each of these outdoor park/recreation facilities in the future? (select all that apply)



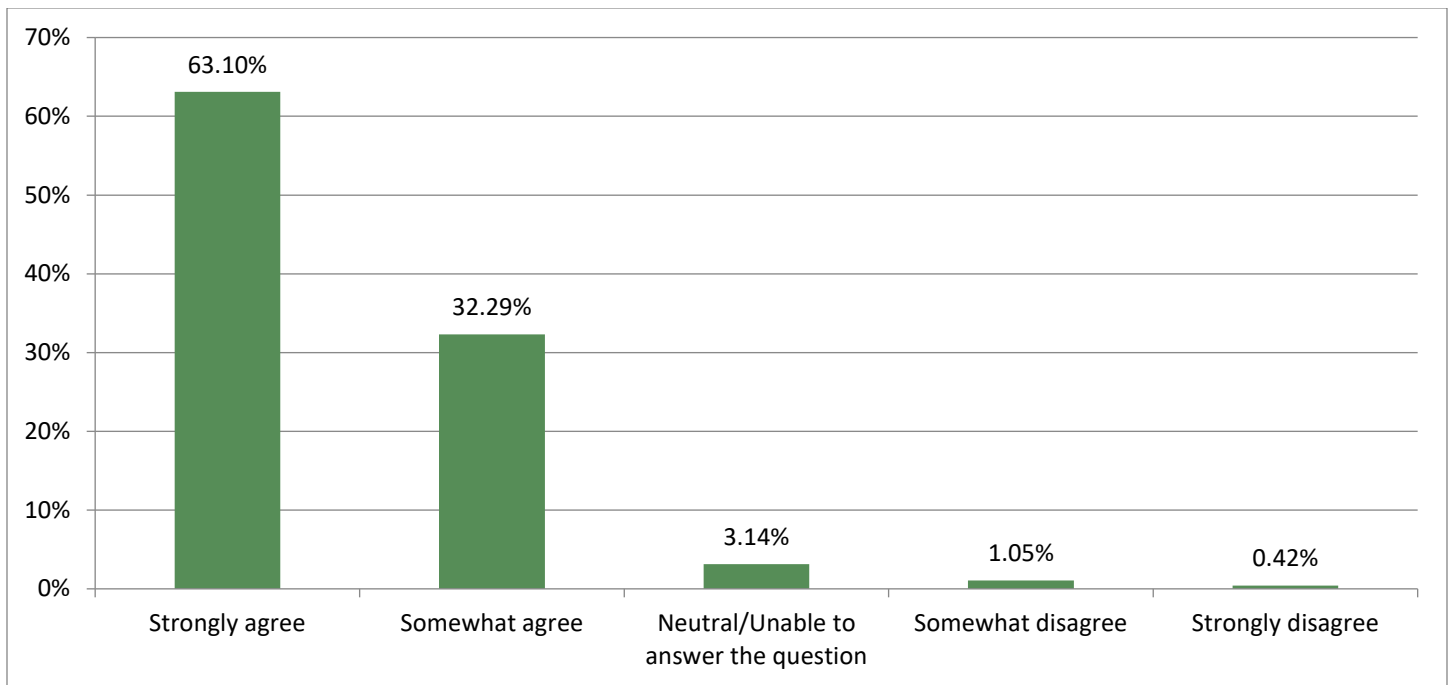
Other (61 comments): Improved parking at existing parks (3), parking lot at 84th and Grange Field (4), improved maintenance at existing parks (5), tennis courts (1), storage space (1), lighting in the Greendale District Forest (1), increased ADA accessibility at Jaycee Park (1), better wayfinding at existing parks (1), more restrooms at existing parks (9), defibrillator at Community Center Park (1), ADA accessibility improvements at Lions Park (1), maintenance improvements at College Park (1), development of a community center building at Community Center Park (1), splash pad at Community Center Park (1), pickleball courts (1), running track (1), connect the H section to the Village with better trail connections and access to facilities (3), new pool (1), disc golf (1),

Question 24: What additional amenities or facilities would you like to see in each of Greendale School District's outdoor recreation sites in the future? (select all that apply)

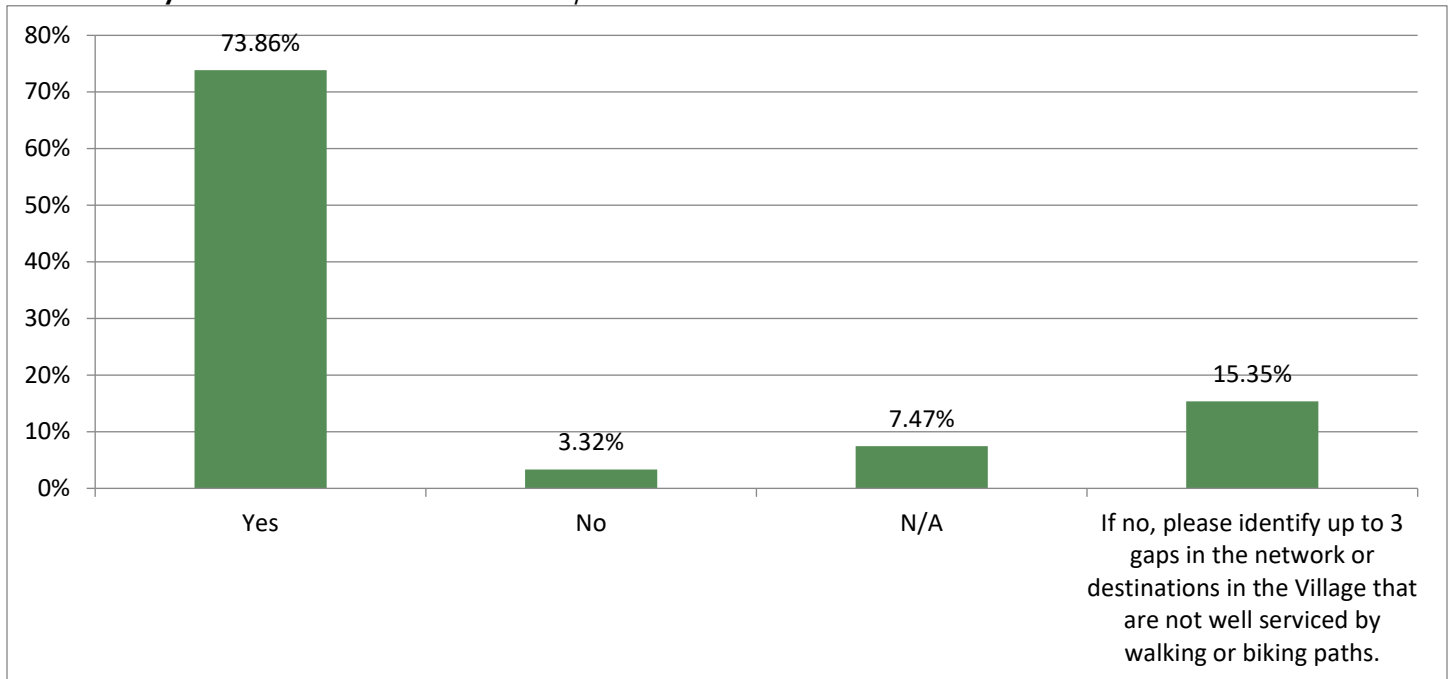


Other (42 comments): Additional picnic tables at existing parks (1), additional garbage cans at existing parks (3), additional water fountains at existing parks (1), parking lot at 84th and Grange Field (5), additional bathrooms at existing facilities (7), additional lighting at School District facilities (1), redesign the natural playground at Canterbury Elementary (1), bocce ball courts at Daffodil Park (1), addition of sand volleyball courts (1), outdoor classrooms (1), installation of native perennials and prairie restoration (1), dog park (1), install benches at designated soccer fields (1), field house (1),

Question 25: Indicate your level of agreement with this statement: I feel safe using Greendale parks and trails.



Question 26: Do you feel like the biking and walking trail network in Greendale adequately connects you to destinations you would like to be able to walk/bike to?

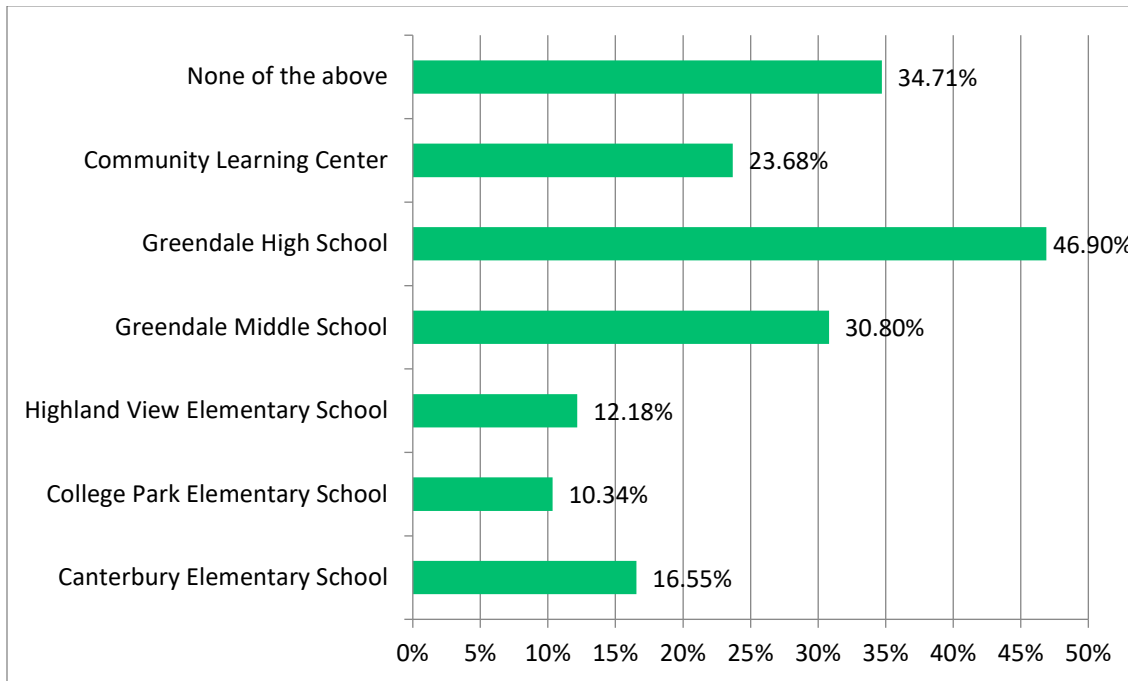


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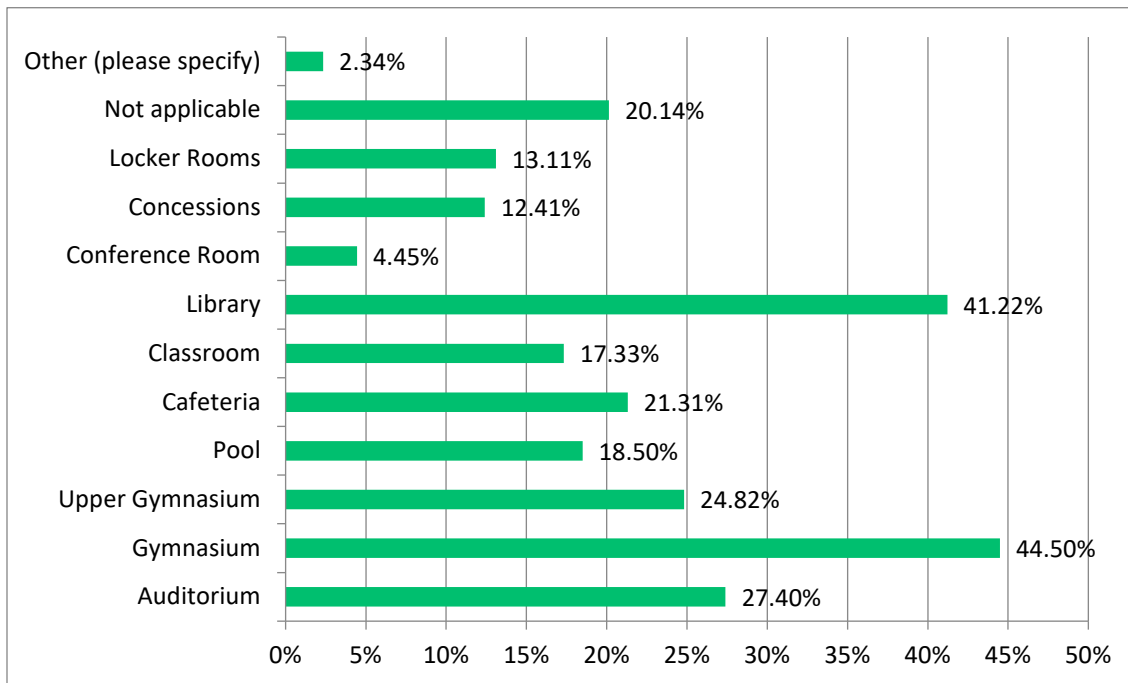
between R section and the Oak Leaf trail @ (68th?) Street, by the senior living facility on Loomis (opposite entrance to Whitnall parkway)
everything west of 76th street is cut off from the village without a safe way to cross 76th.
No connection to certain areas and parks trails end on streets
Connection to Oak Leaf Trail
marked biking lanes on Northway-Grange-76 for Southridge shops access
Connection to Oak Leaf trail and village
I live in the R section and bike. Lots of potholes on 60th between College and Scout Lake. I don't know any bike trails besides Root River- more awareness/ signage needed
I feel the Village only cares about updating the historical part of Greendale and everywhere else gets nothing
It's been hard for my kids to bike from home to school and we live in G section. 76th and Grange doesn't feel safe at all for walking or bikes.
We walk on all walking trails almost daily
Connecting the G section to the village. It may be impossible to improve it however.
There is no easy way to get from the G section to the Village. Several busy streets must be crossed.
Crossing Loomis is a concern for children and elderly people.
Crossing 51st and college. We feel isolated in the small Sycamore section
S section, community behind Southridge, 84th and grange community
G section is an island
Canterbury Woods Trail could go all the way through to Southway. There could be a trail from the D section down to Whitnall Parkway and you could have a trail through the Canterbury Woods north of Canterbury heading closer by the school.
Eastway Circle to Grootematt Nature Preserve. Also a path to the track (please open it to the public outside of school use hours!!)
I'd love to figure out how to connect W of 76th Street to the village in a safe manner. Can't quite figure out the best way to do that. Even with traffic signals ... 76th gets a lot of traffic and it can be overwhelming and at times dangerous. And 76th is a corridor that attracts folks from outside the village so drivers don't necessarily expect people to be walking or riding bikes or kids waiting to cross.
To Root river, F or G section
H section to Village
a walking/biking bridge over 76th and a pathway along the southside of Grange up to 84th & Grange
Nice to have a app that shows trails and paths
I would like to be able to access the RR parkway from the G section without having to use Grange Ave
Connection to Oakleaf trail; connection to scout lake; replace and upgrade all trails in village and outlying areas. Dedicated bike lanes on all major roads to connect the sections to the village.
Wish there was a safer way for kids crossing Loomis to get to school
Poop, Pee, Fart
Better connections between F section and downtown. Maybe a sidewalk on the west side of 76th Street.
F and G sections with rest of Greendale
A majority of the walkways are safe and user friendly. However, I believe there should be a sidewalk installer on the Southway from Sendiks to the Village Center on Broad Street. I see too many people crossing Southway to get to a sidewalk and drivers being inattentive to pedestrians crossing. I also see too many people walking on the side of Southway/Broad Street who don't cross to use the sidewalk but walk on the curb. This is dangerous to the walker and driver.
M section to other areas or any parks
West of 76 to village area; from F section to G section and vice versa;
51st street, 43rd street
would like a safer path over 76th street from F and G sections
A walking bridge or safe pathway from the F section to the community center would be amazing
We are in the G section. It is very difficult to get to the village as a whole. Grange is very dangerous and we have to go on 92nd to get to the parkway
A better way to cross over 76th St. into the village
Going from G section to Broad Street
Connect H section to high school and village

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I'd love a safer way for my kids to get from G Section to Village
The G & F sections are cut off without safe connection to the village. 76th is a nightmare to cross as a cyclist or pedestrian
The G section can't get along 92nd to go south. The G section can't go East to get to the F section and Village or schools. The village owns a property that could connect the center of the G section to the parkway and the rest of the Village.
There are narrow streets no trails and not enough sidewalks
In general, the walking trail network is adequate, though there are areas, such as near Community Center, where biking could be enhanced.
Hard to cross 76th.
G-section to F- Section connection is needed. F/G section has no connection to the village. Safe Connection from F/G to Whitnall Park
G and F section could be better connected to the parkway and Whitnall beer garden. A pedestrian bridge somewhere over 76th street to link G,F and the rest of the village
Lack of adequately safe trail (bike and pedestrian) crossings across Grange Ave, 76th St, and Loomis Rd.
There needs to be a way to connect g section to other areas of Greendale. A trail along 92nd street would be a huge improvement in safety. G section children either have to use 92nd (dangerous) or grange (dangerous) to get anywhere else in Greendale
Grange, Loomis, 76th street
Traffic Safety Concerns We Need More Trails
Safe connection from west to east across 76th at Grange / 76th intersection. Overhead walking/biking bridge like over Loomis to Stout Lake
Need a way over 76th street to connect places like the G section to the village downtown and parks
There are opportunities to connect parks and spaces with bike lanes. More trails could be built to ease issues with parking. Parking is a major issue everywhere.
A trail or path to better connect H section to village would be nice
Access to the 68th street Franklin trail from the R Section, Whitnall Park and ROC Sport Area
Safely biking or walking to Southridge is basically impossible. Adding a sidewalk on north side of Southway between Loomis and Broad St would improve walkability.
Trails are narrow and some are in poor condition
Would like a lighted cross walk to the park from overlook farms
A sidewalk is needed on the north side of Southway, between the Veteran's Memorial and Sendiks. It is very challenging to cross 76th street by the Community Center Park.
More wooded paths in E section that connect to D section. Easy to make paths
Connection to root river parkway, Whitnall park
I think they are fantastic, but would love something from village to community center park
84th street area between Edgerton and grange. There are no sidewalks, trails or parks. We are completely disconnected.
It's hard to cross 76th street to get to any facilities like Lions Park, Community Center Park, or Canterbury
More bike paths lanes everywhere.
Oak leaf trail, trails are not wide enough
Greendale would greatly benefit from a better bike trail network. Specifically, a way to connect both sides of 76th street
G section cut off from village.
I wish there was a sidewalk connecting people living off 84th street to G section
Parkridge lane disconnected from community
Would love a side walk on 51st connecting Sycamore to R section
Paving and lighting would improve safety.

Question 27: If your household uses indoor recreation facilities, which Greendale indoor recreation facility or facilities do you use most often? (select all that apply)

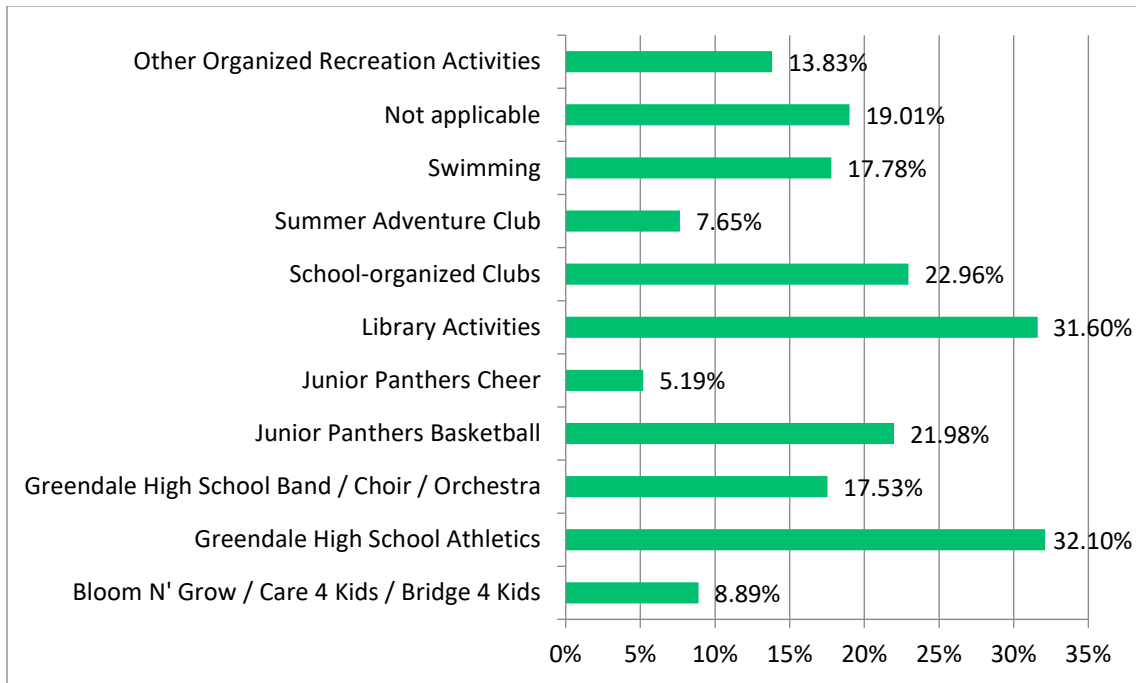


Question 28: Which indoor spaces does your household use most often at Greendale indoor recreation facilities? (select all that apply)



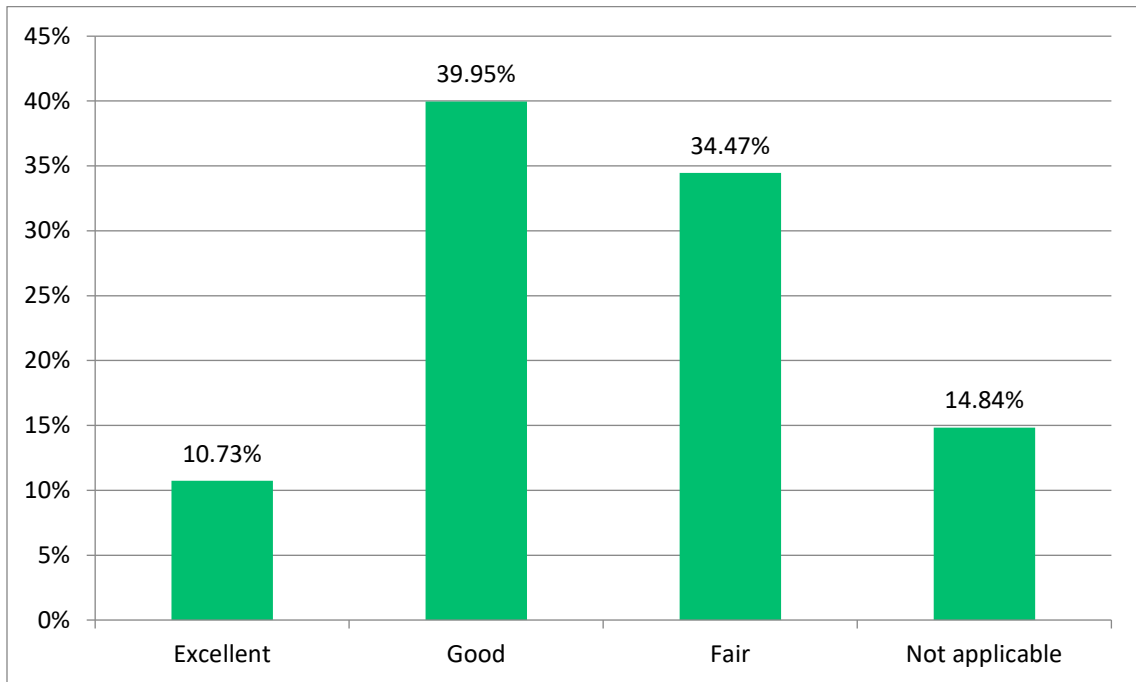
Other (8 comments): Music group rehearsal spaces, weight room (2), yoga classes at the community center, hallways (2)

Question 29: What activities does your household participate in at Greendale Schools indoor recreation facilities? (Select all that apply)

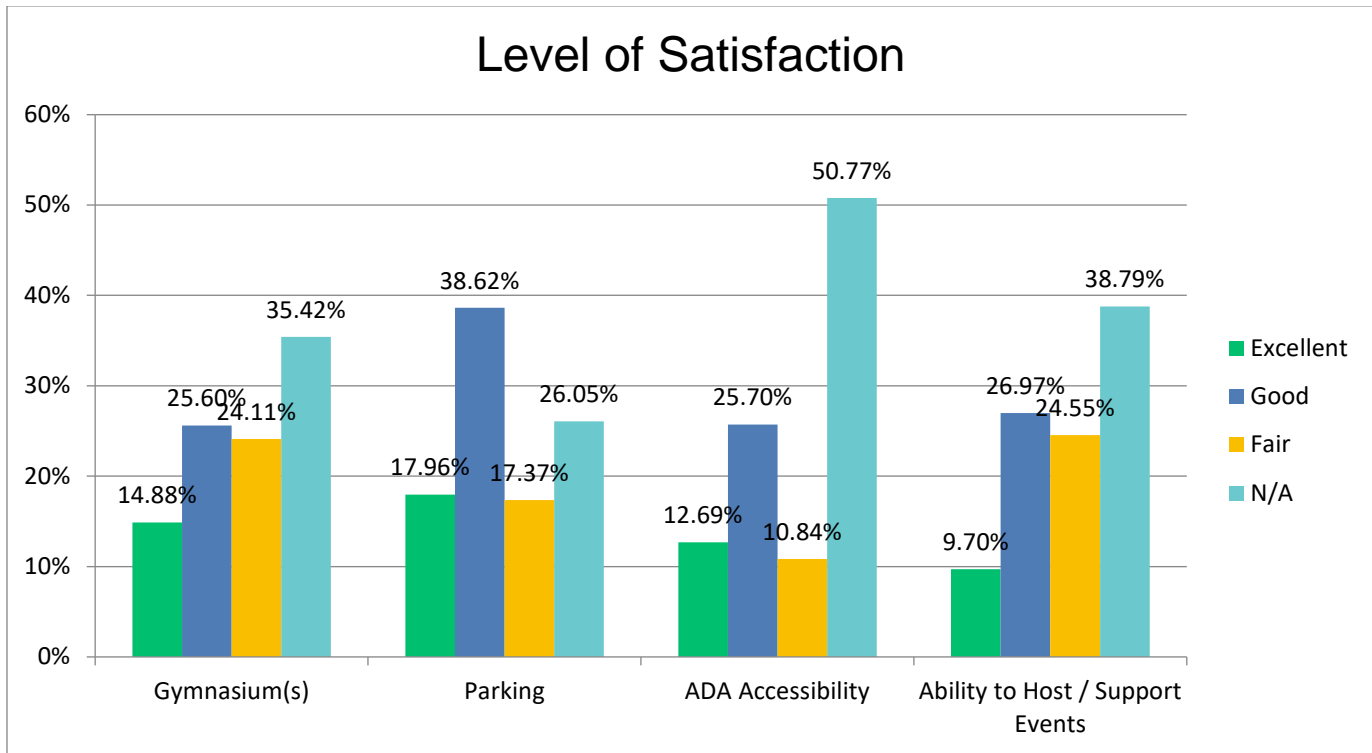


Other (comments): Junior Panthers Girls Volleyball (2), parks and rec kids activities, parks and recreation programs (11), GMS Orchestra (2), Greendale Village Concert Band (2), Junior Panthers Baseball (7), senior activities, volleyball (6), hallway walking, Junior Panther Football, Cheer Camp, open gym, Girl Scouts, Junior Panthers Softball (1)

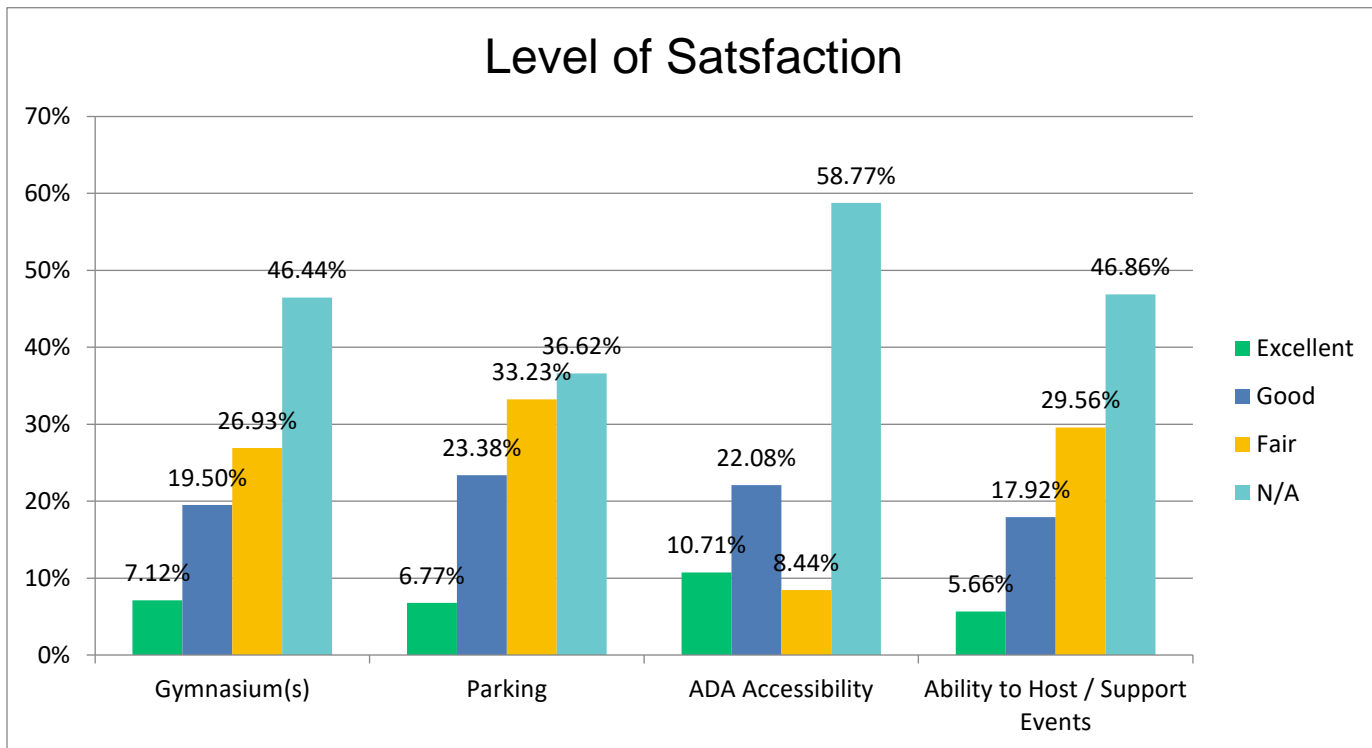
Question 30: How would you rate Greendale's overall indoor recreation facilities?



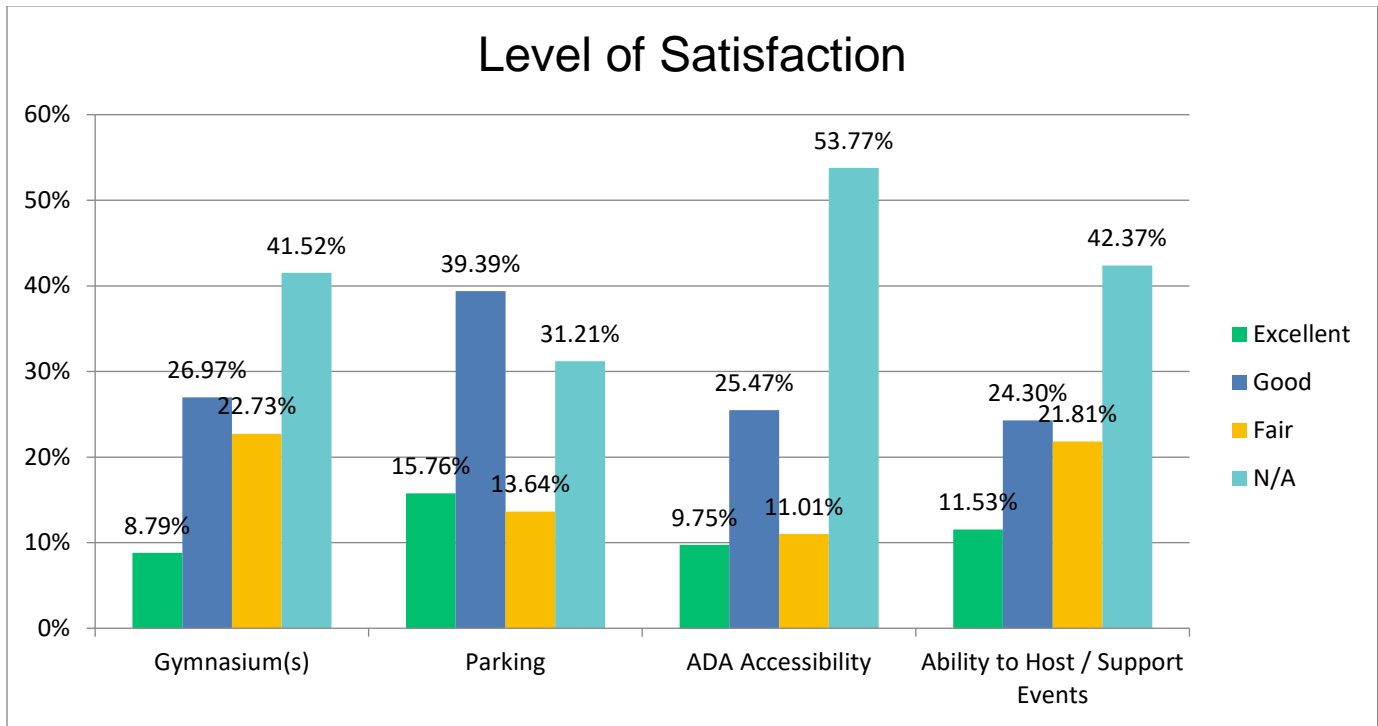
Question 31: How would you rate the following characteristics of Canterbury Elementary School's indoor recreation facilities? Please answer for each of the categories listed below. (excellent, good, fair)



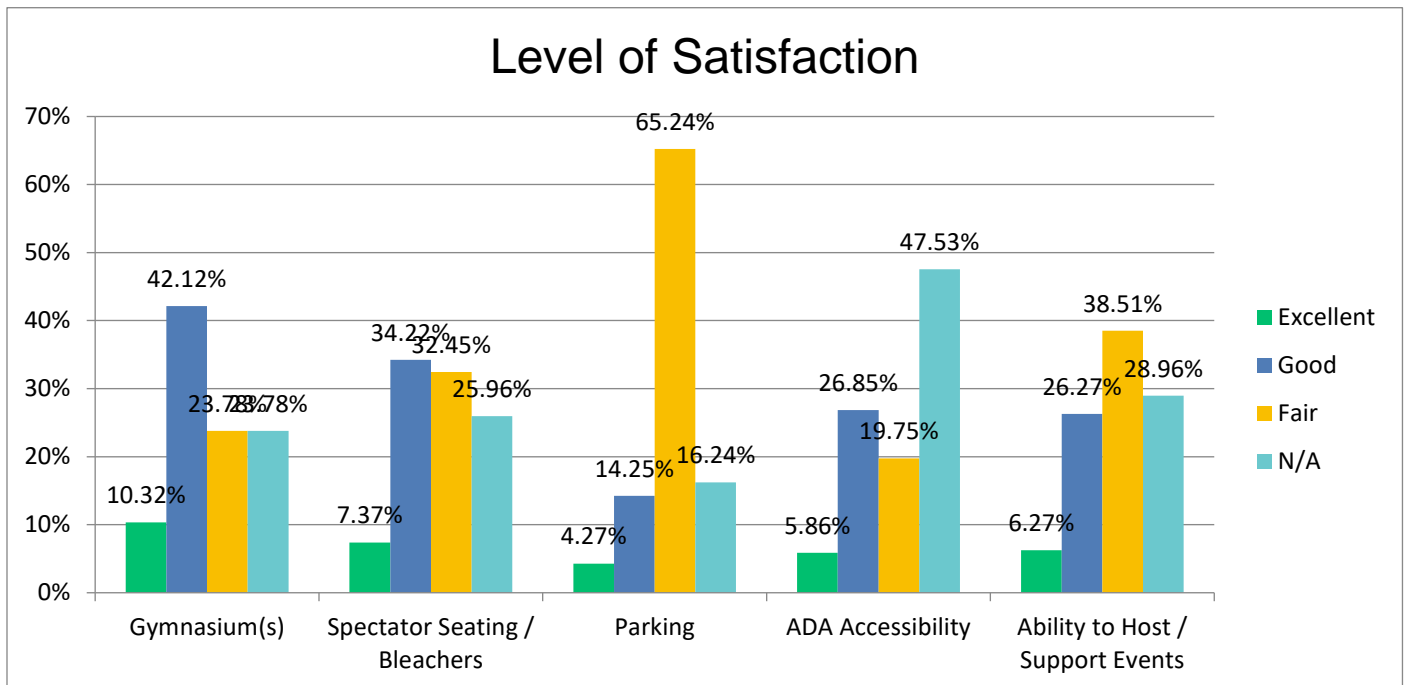
Question 32: How would you rate the following characteristics of College Park Elementary School's indoor recreation facilities? Please answer for each of the categories listed below. (excellent, good, fair)



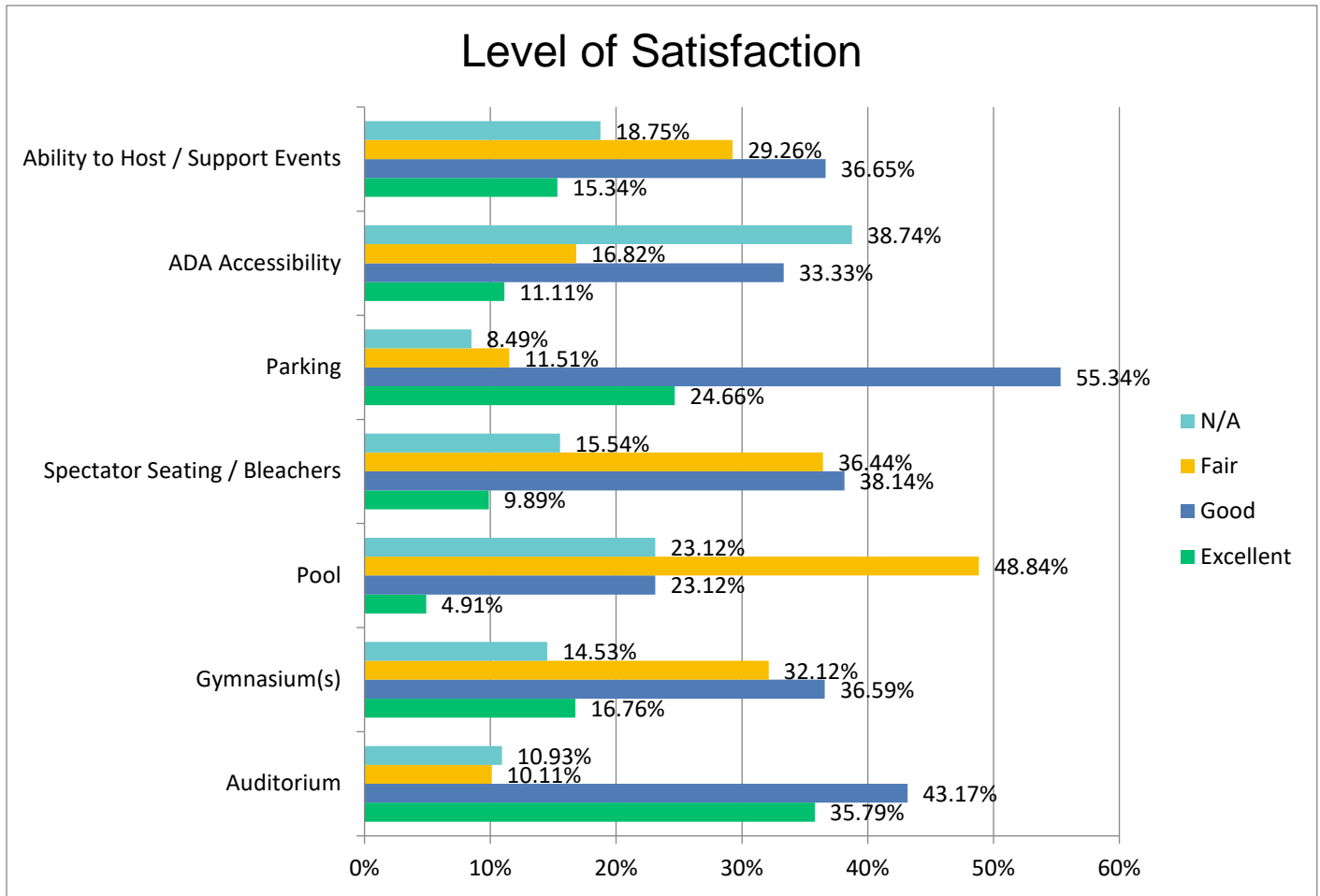
Question 33: How would you rate the following characteristics of Highland View Elementary School's indoor recreation facilities? Please answer for each of the categories listed below. (excellent, good, fair)



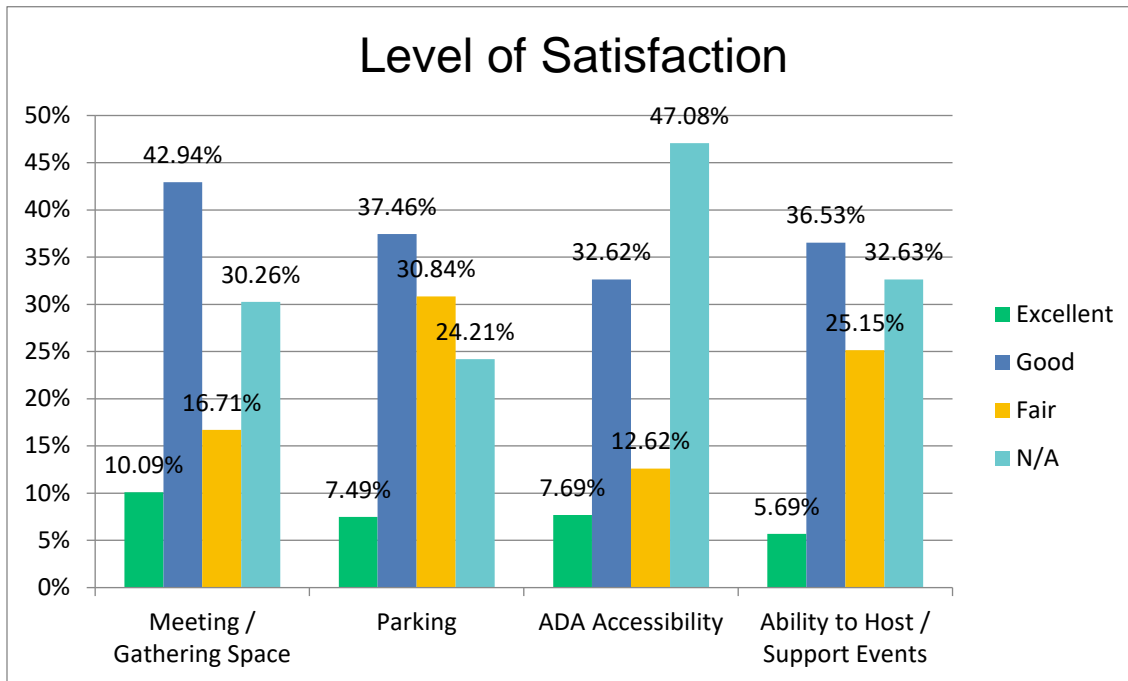
Question 34: How would you rate the following characteristics of Greendale Middle School's indoor recreation facilities? Please answer for each of the categories listed below. (excellent, good, fair)



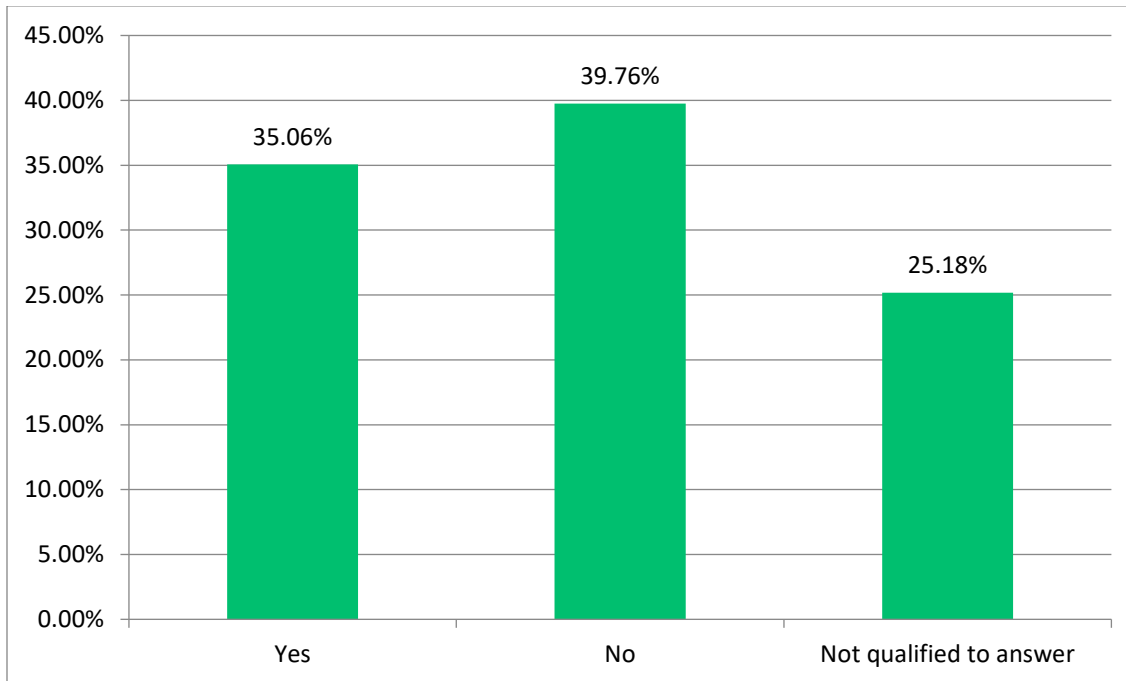
Question 35: How would you rate the following characteristics of Greendale High School's indoor recreation facilities? Please answer for each of the categories listed below. (excellent, good, fair)



Question 36: How would you rate the following characteristics of the Community Learning Center's indoor recreation facilities? Please answer for each of the categories listed below. (excellent, good, fair)



Question 37: Do you feel that Greendale’s indoor recreation facilities are adequate to serve the needs of the Greendale community?



Question 38: What could be added or adjusted to improve Greendale’s indoor recreation facilities?

241 Written Comments Received
There needs to be a stand alone indoor field house built to support school athletics and additional parks and rec sports programs
1) GHS is in dire need of improved basketball facilities, particularly when compared with surrounding communities. We run the risk of becoming a less desirable community because our facilities are so dated. Same goes for the pool. Either we should invest in the pool or close it and share with Greenfield, then use the space for something else.
2) Use of indoor facilities seems overly controlled and opaque. Years ago, there was open gym on the weekends for youth/teens to play basketball at the high school. Re-instituting would be a great use of Middle/High School gyms. Also consider using an app for teams to register for gym times and incorporate a penalty system for people that reserve but do not use.
3) Library is one of the more depressing spaces in the Village. It could use a more welcoming entrance area (i.e., some flowers or artwork) and they should consider opening the doors in the summer to encourage people to enter. Within the library, we should consider reconfiguring the shelves to "open up" the area and make it a warmer environment. Fresh coat of paint and carpet would also be beneficial. Right now, seems underwhelming.
improve parking and lighting
Modernization, better seating, fountains that work!
Update them
A field house would support athletics, allow our community to host tournaments, and provide the community with an indoor fitness space. The current pool and HS gym are in bad shape, and the demand for better facilities and more space exceeds the current availability.
Upgrade HS pool, upgrade gyms in middle & HS. Provide better parking for HS overflow across street. And make a Ped X w/flashing yellow light for crossing Southway to HS.
A field house would create the space to accommodate many of activities that are currently unable to be held. From practice space for basketball, to tournaments, to volleyball, indoor track there are many activities where facilities are the limiting factor.
Larger for hosting events and Olympic size pool for high school events

Keep a qualified person there with authority to control behavior of trouble-makers.
GHS is in great need makeover/updates with swimming facilities.
The high school pool and lockers need to be updated. The upper gym at the HS needs updating. The elementary gyms are nice, but on the small side. I also think it would be nice to have a sports complex so youth sports(basketball, soccer, baseball) in the community have a place to practice year round.
More places to hold events.
Updates
Club or special interest organization - cards, computer club.
N/a
I'd we host basketball at middle school, would like to see areas for concessions
More swim lessons. Public splash pad or pool
There is only one room at the library for community reservations, it would be nice to have another room available to use.
A field house for indoor soccer. A renovation of the pool. Open gym for families to use when available for indoor sports like Pickleball and soccer.
More bleachers for spectators at the high school.
Two volleyball courts for middle school to host tournaments.
additional space or larger space
One of the biggest areas that I feel Greendale needs to improve on for indoor recreation facilities is the gym space. There is not adequate space to hold practices or games and older kids are being asked to practice on gyms that are way too small for them. In addition, Greendale is unable to host events, such as youth tournaments, which could bring revenue in the Jr Panthers programs.
Updating.
New indoor pool.
New field house comparable to other nearby communities.
The high school facilities are not comparable to other schools our teams compete against. The high school swim locker rooms are in much need of updating (I don't know the condition of our other locker rooms). Wooden bleachers in main gym at GHS are unsafe, especially for guests with mobility issues. Upper gym for the cheerleaders has its space impacted every time the bleachers need to used for an event.
Storage space for community music groups
Host Jr basketball events
Adult rec class offerings like Franklin- yoga, exercise. They have free yoga at the library - I love that! Less potholes, bike lanes, signage for bike trails. Also free adult open swim for residents
Add an indoor track with additional basketball courts that expand north from the one we have now. More parking can be added west of Jaycee Park.
The expansion and updating of the space and equipment to allow better student and community access. Specifically gym space that can support school, youth , & adult programs. A fitness center that encourages and supports students in better physical well-being and training.
Indoor track, new field house, indoor rec center for youth to hang out- not school sponsored, teen hang out space, youth area to collaborate on homework/projects
Indoor tennis courts
More gym space -- outdoor swimming possibilities for young children with surrounding picnic areas
Indoor racquetball and pickleball courts that do NOT cost \$500 a year and take 3 to 4 years on a waiting list!!!!
Na
unfortunately i do not have enough knowledge to answer
Additional gym space at the elementary schools. Better seating st the middle school and high school.
Better weight rooms
High school gym needs much more area for events and additional courts at the middle and high school
Improved concessions at the high school and a concession stand at the middle school.

Would love to see a community field house to bring in tournaments and events that would help support the district and community. Also, reach out to Mr. Reiman regarding the old Goodwill property as a location for a field house. The location is ideal and large enough for a facility to have a community field house.
As a non child household I don't even know what indoor facilities are available to me
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Having children in sports and coached many of them, it is very difficult to find a good practice space for soccer, basketball and baseball. My soccer team never gets to practice on a full field to really prep or learn the game in time for games. High school pool and gym are the same gym and pool my in laws had back 50 years ago. Compared to surrounding communities, as I have traveled to theirs through sports, Greendale is behind/lacking.
Improve the pool, provide more space for volleyball/basketball. Provide a meeting space for residents that is free to use with access to AV, water, refrigerator.
More gym space so that all teams can have adequate practice time. Our basketball team had to fight for gym time. We had practices canceled because other programs needed to use the gym, and we had to share the GMS gym with adult volleyball. This was less than ideal. We should have dedicated practice time and should not have to share the space.
New HS weight-room.
Fieldhouse with indoor fitness center for public use
Field House - additional indoor spaces for indoors court sports.
Weight rooms for middle/high school athletes
More options! Larger spaces! Make Boston Store a year round Rec center. Not more housing. We can't even accommodate the people who already live here. We need a true gym facility because there's not enough availability for our kids. Prioritize the kids and their development.
Pickle ball courts
A field house to host events and have adequate practice space for the sport teams
A multi purpose gymnasium, volleyball, basketball etc
Better signage
More availability to host multi school meets and tournaments
Add indoor pickleball for winter
Would love to improve the high school pool.
More open gym and pool times
Nothing let's get our debt paid and roads fixed before we catering to non necessity things
A field house
Greendale High School needs a Field house. Our athletic areas are so outdated. The bleachers in the high school gym are very unsafe.
Fitness center and more open lap time
N/A
Walley ball or racket ball courts. Same court different sport.
Indoor sand volleyball courts
The gyms need more seating & more parking & more Handicap Parking. Cheer needs a large space to practice where they don't have to roll heavy mats up every day.
Sports field house
Indoor pickleball courts!
I think Greendale's indoor recreation facilities are good.
Multi sport indoor training facility - baseball, soccer, football, basketball.
Indoor ice rink
indoor pickleball
Multipurpose field house for band and sports to share. Can not host tournaments in winter. Rec dep gives priority to money making rec leagues - not enough practice space to promote healthy athletes. Existing facilities are old and dated. New entry at HS gym is ridiculous- you don't walk into anything and there aren't even enough bleachers for a pep band. It's awful.

They are baseline functional - but more community-minded spaces would be excellent as opposed to just inserting community events and activities into existing school spaces, dedicated spaces would be wonderful.
N/A
Ice arena for hockey and ice skating
N/a
More facilities
Roller hockey rink
Roller rink, fully accessible to all children of all abilities - including visually impaired
More basketball court space
Better equipment for softball and baseball. Larger weight room for all athletes. Larger facilities to host full practices when the weather is not suitable for the outdoor activities (baseball, softball and football).
A multi-court field house to be able to host tournaments or large events like cheer and dance competitions. It is a growing community and our facilities are just not large enough.
I don't know
N/A
A cleaner, nicer pool area that is more accessible to visitors.
Library is small and could be expanded. Middle school parking is awful
We need to facilities to be able to accommodate our growing community!!
More advertising or websites
Larger footprint for basketball/volleyball courts. Need an actual field house at the high school. Something large enough to host tournaments.
Indoor track that is open for residents. Or a gym with a lap pool
Indoor pool
Fieldhouse-more dedicated gym space
Nothing
Wish there was more cozy seating in the Library.
A field house that accommodate events and sporting activities
More robust facilities at the High School including an indoor track & new pool, both can be utilized by the community for a fee. Also more practice space so athletes aren't practicing early morning or late evening.
A gymnasium that could hold larger indoor events. It is one of the worst gyms I've experienced
Build a Field House
Better air filtration
I don't know
A larger space. Just more room.
I would have rated our indoor facilities as poor if that was an option. We are unable to host events adequately from basketball, to cheer, to school concerts. Going to other communities for these events shows just how poor our schools auditoriums and gyms truly are. We need to figure out some kind of plan for a field house. Having to drive to other communities and fight for gym time for practices is ridiculous. This year the school concerts were a nightmare as far as seating. Greendale's population is definitely changing with more young families moving in and we need to be able to provide the best for our kids.
I understand there are not enough quality basketball courts to go around. I would love to see a pool with open swim for the community.
The few times we've used it, the instructions and directions to find the right building, entrance, and then room was nonexistent except for an address. Was very difficult for me to navigate getting my children there in the beginning of each rec session.
Community pool
like the Village Club
Need an indoor sports complex that teams can use for basketball, volleyball, baseball training and the community can use via walking track, fitness center, etc. Build a new pool at the high school or add one to the sports complex. The pool at the high school is a joke and the swim teams that use it are the best in the state. It's ridiculous.
More gym space - higher quantity of sports courts, specifically basketball courts, more spectator seating, options for concession stand at GMS.
Greendale high school needs a new gymnasium

Ice rink
More traditional community center with indoor rental space added to Community Center Park
Redo the pool. It should have been done when all the other updates were done at the HS. The GHS recent swim team was the strongest it's been in years and their pool they had to practice in and host swim meets at was unacceptable.
Field house
Competition sized pool, stand alone community center for recreation activities to not compete with youth sport organizations and school-based athletics
A field house
Indoor sporting
Better HS gym, updated
Community fitness
Not having adults sit at cafeteria tables for an hour or longer for sports meetings, activities, banquets, etc.
Upgrading the Baseball fields. More basketball courts. Some form of sports complex
Make a space for older adults to go instead of them taking all the kids activity spaces
A place for kids to go and talk, socialize, hangout, with out worrying about getting kicked out, banned, ect.
Better parking options for handicap. A place for kids to be kids and not be kicked out.
Middle school gym seating
The Safety Center shooting range should be made open to the residents of Greendale to use.
I swim for exercise so a lap pool would be good. They are expensive, though.
More places to drop smelly dumps
Improved indoor facilities at the high school. The gym is essentially the same since the 1980s. Community use of the exercise spaces.
NA
There needs to be more options and better updates
Additional and better laid out parking; flat and better maintained baseball and soccer fields
During hooper hands, you supply no seating to parents. Can't read the clocks but that's very minor.
Good question - more hours in a day, more custodians, more space, better respect for what we have
Not sure
Indoor sports facility and pool, track etc
Improvements to the high school pool
unsure
More indoor space. Rec center with numerous areas for multi sport activities (similar to (OAW)
Our children recently finished at Greendale schools. They were involved in sports. We would go to different elementary schools for different types of practices. Those facilities were terrible — especially Canterbury.
N/A
Indoor gymnasiums that provide a wide variety of indoor activities. Things like basketball, volleyball, Pickleball and badminton but also indoor baseball/softball practice, indoor soccer, etc.
High school pool renovated.
Updated gymnasiums, New basketball court at the high school. New fitness equipment and the high school and middle school. New swimming pool. Community use of gym equipment.
a new gym, a new basketball floor, concessions area
Entrances from outside directly into gyms, field house and natatorium for high school to be able to host regionals
It would be nice to have an indoor park and rec space similar to what they have in Greenfield. Although I love the location of the library, I sometimes feel it's a bit small for the community.
good question and good luck
It's a shame Jr Panthers cannot host home games. It's really sad that park&rec basketball does not allow for spectators.
No idea
We need an update to so many of our facilities. For what we pay in taxes, our surrounding communities' facilities are infinitely nicer.
Greendale park and rec control most of the schedule/Calendar for rental. It would be nice if it was more available for community members to rent school space
Improve condition and capacity of some athletic spaces

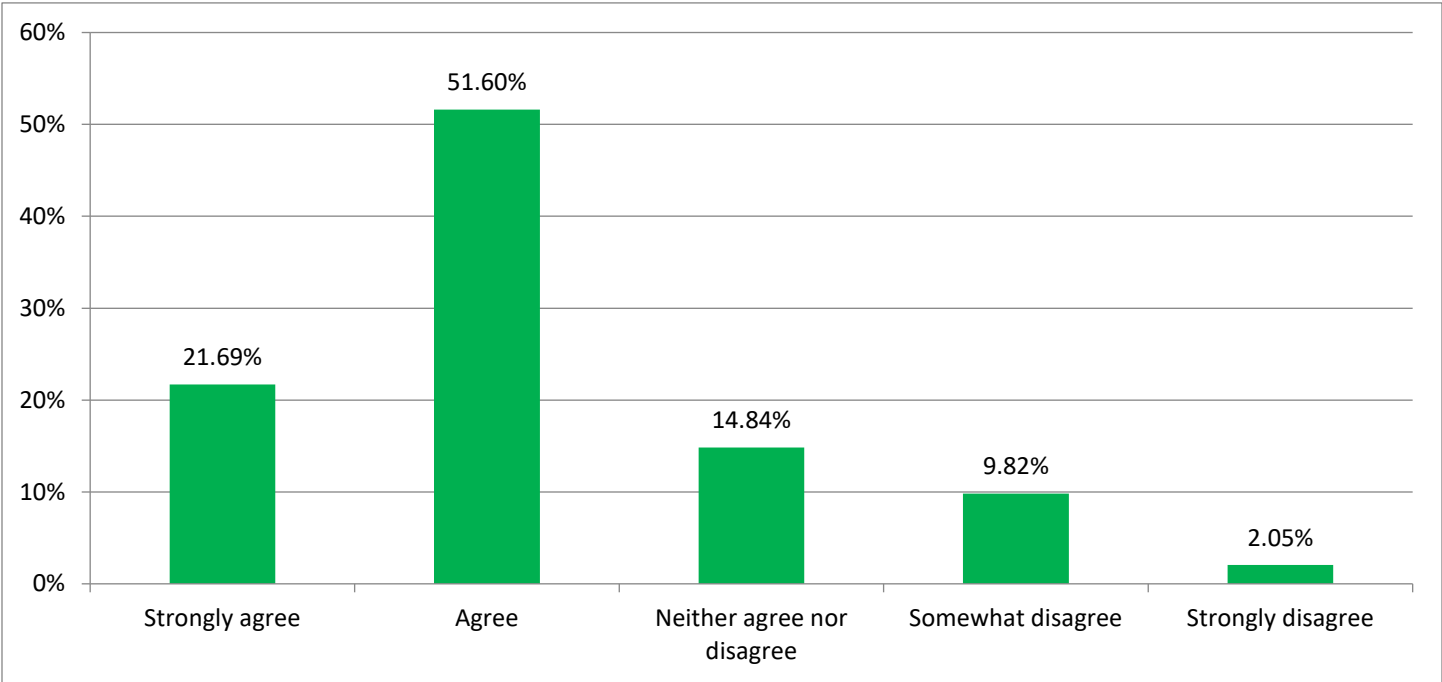
Fitness equipment to make kids future healthier and stronger. Gym equipment, open courts for indoor baseball/basketball practice in winter and spring when outdoor practice is not possible due to weather.
I actually think that it is ridiculous that the students are not a priority when it comes to using that recreational and gymnasium facilities. I've never seen a Community where the rec program has a priority over students.
Indoor recreation space open to public- fitness equipment, way better pool, indoor walking facilities. I think the aquatic area in Greendale is sorely lacking. Our pool is way smaller and not well maintained compared to surrounding communities- Greenfield, etc... And it would be nice to have an indoor fitness area that is well equipped and open to village residents.
More gym space is needed.
When you travel to other HS for sporting events, the other facilities are 1000% better. Work out areas for students have a variety of equipment and are large inviting spaces. Gym space is also better at other schools allowing them to host different events/tournaments. In order for Greendale sports to be competitive, changes will have to happen, the sooner the better.
Would like to see more space for community use
I would like to see a community center with a gymnasium added to the facilities
Updated pool
More indoor space for adult and children's activities
Give us a respectable Fieldhouse
The cheer gym is atrocious. Cheer is one of Greendale's most successful sports and they have the crappiest facility to work in
Field house at high school
Inability to run a youth wrestling program where mats don't have to be set up and taped each session. Most neighboring districts have dedicated wrestling rooms. Greenfield wrestling coaches have offered their facilities to host the program. I am assuming that Greenfield recreation would then collect the money.
Improve accessibility and designate seating areas for wheelchairs or mobility scooters. Increase Handicap parking
More space, especially at the high school
The high school needs a field house.
Not sure
There's just not enough, adequate, large enough to support all our athletic programs for practices and/or the ability to host events. Access to the middle school limited and high school rightfully scheduled by high school teams. Leaves jr programs with elementary school and they are very small and not very nice. My rating of "fair" was used because "poor" was not an option.
More parking
Building a multi sport facility in Greendale would be the best option whether that is demolishing the old Boston store, Sears auto garage or another empty facility in Greendale would be the best option. We need a facility like the OAW in Waukesha!
Heating and cooling. Gym space for spectators
The high school gym should be bigger with more bleachers. That athletic entrance and whole paved area was such a waste of space and money!!! Blow it all out and start over by adding on hundreds of square feet of gym space with better bleachers so we can actually host large indoor tournaments year round and bring some more revenue to the school.
The high school gym has a poor flow - if you enter in the new lower entrance, you have to go through the gym to access bathrooms and concessions. The stands are terrible for holding home & visiting fans.
More gym space for all youth sports. The high school gym floor has many dead spots in it. The high school aquatics is terrible.
A community recreation and fitness center. Including a field house for basketball, and indoor sports, a weight and fitness room, and pool(not top priority)
Dedicated areas for all classes -exercise class shifted between rooms and schools as school needs room
A new facility
Indoor Space needs to increase in square footage. As number of teams at the high school and youth levels continue to increase, there is not enough adequate space to host these programs for practices/games/events.

I've seen every gym in SE Wis. The Greendale HS and MS are fine. Building a larger facility would simply add more cost, employees, and scheduling challenges. Dropping adult co-ed sports that absorb the best gyms at the best times, and granting it to youth sports would be the best solution.
More gym space for high school and youth sports.
I do not like to go to Greenfield to attend their senior fitness and other fitness classes. They should be offered in Greendale.
There are not enough spaces to support the community need. Available facilities should not be a detriment to the program if no space is not available. There is no option for practices and games to improve the skills of the players. Outdoor facilities need to be maintained better and have amenities to support the programs and visitors for games.
Not sure right now
Updated
Spaces available for year rounds sport and recreation rental. We don't have enough or quality of spaces to compare to other districts. Our field house is embarrassing
With all the rec programs and then other programs there seems to limited Gym Space. We have Jr Panthers Basketball that have to fight for practice space. Jr. Panthers Baseball that has to go outside of the community to use facilities for Winter Practice.
More upgrades, ADA access
The library spaces are not conducive to large community gatherings or event small classes. Parking is abysmal on Fridays and Saturdays when the mobile port a potty is around.
Additional facilities - more gyms, field house to host tournaments, indoor turf for football and ability to add lacrosse. Accessible bleachers in existing GHS gym on gym level. Weight Room needs major improvements. Locker Rooms need major improvements. Added fitness facility with optional community memberships. Indoor track for athletic training and community.
Walking track
Much larger pool
Fitness center for community use
most look fine, new paint always helps appearance
Better weight room and basketball court
We need more space to meet the demands of the interest level of youth sports in Greendale to be able to practice and host events. The condition of the existing spaces we have are poor. When going to the indoor spaces of various other communities, it is clear that we lack space and the condition of our existing space is old and in some cases unsafe. I think a fieldhouse would be helpful along with renovating the existing spaces we already have. I think the same is true of our baseball fields in Greendale. We have had the experience of renting fields from other communities for baseball games because of a lack of space. Traveling to fields in many other communities, it is also clear that our fields need improvements to be more safe and updated.
Additional indoor spaces to provide practice spaces for fall and winter sports. Larger field house to host sporting events
The community and students would benefit from a field house at the high school. The gym is antiquated and the spectator seating leaves a lot to be desired. The pool seating is not adequate for even dual meets. An expanded field house with updated pool would bring much to the school and village community.
Larger facilities. Spaces are small.
Field house needed urgently. Pool and locker rooms are gross and need to be replaced. Elementary gyms are way too small to use safely. The high school weight room is totally inadequate. The spaces available for rec classes are outdated.
Anything that more than "color me calm" we are not children
GHS needs a significantly better gymnasium, flooring and or updates to the current facility. It is easily one of the worst in the suburban surrounding area.
Improve the high school gym to accommodate both park and rec and school activities such as volleyball and basketball. Add additional courts to host tournaments and fir practiced
Upgrade our indoor pool, give better access to the locker rooms during lessons.
High school gym is just adequate.

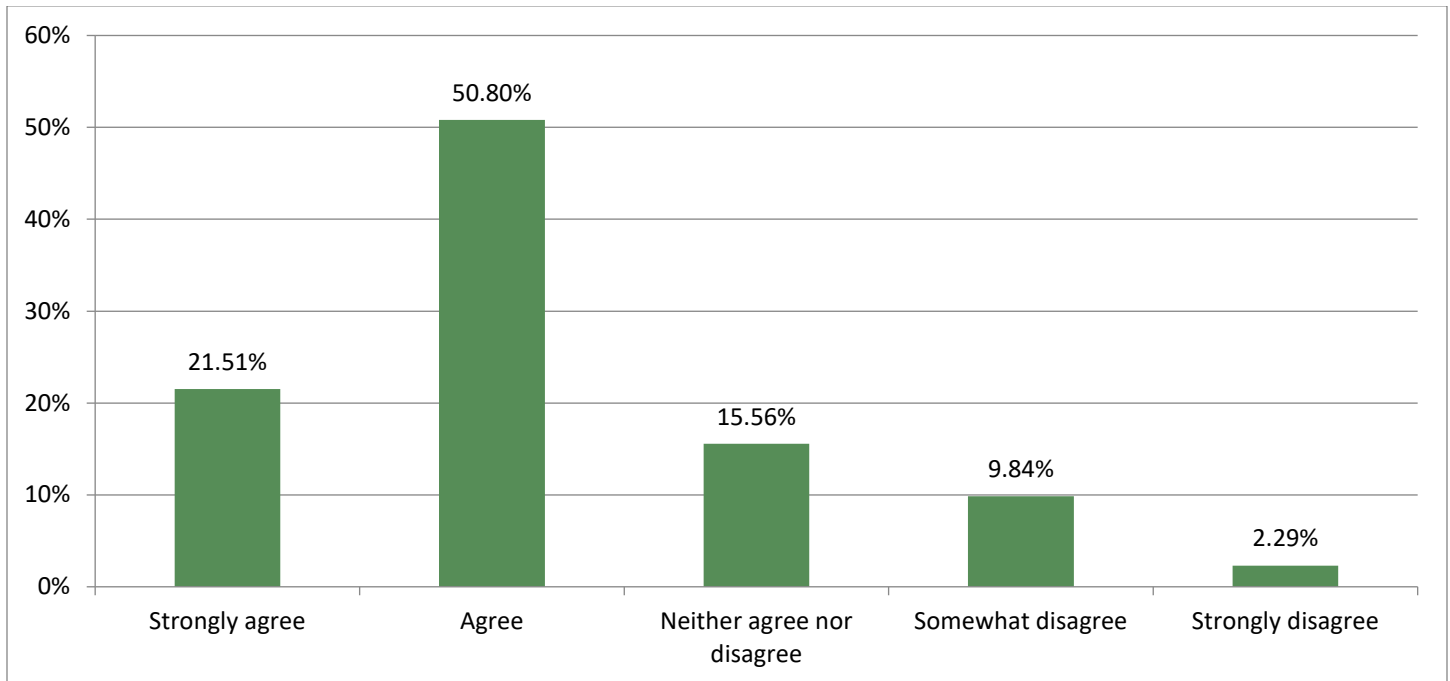
Greendale needs an indoor Field House for indoor sporting events that is separate from the High School
Seating
Ability to rent out gym affordable
GHS pool is poor, upgraded field house at GHS to support student and community athletes, upgraded auditorium/theatre at GHS, better spectator seating at GMS gym
Nothing
Indoor pool revamped and more ADA accessible, larger middle school gym- as a parent, it is hard to get everyone able to sit and watch concerts in gym. Also, multiple grades practicing sports and only 2 courts
indoor walking facilities for Inclement weather days
Senior programs are awful. Look at Shorewood more than card games, set up some real classes.
Larger and improved pool
Not big enough to support most events in our community. Parking is limited at most spaces except GHS
Unknown
Turf softball field for Girls (Brinkman 2), High school Field house, new pool, improved weight room, storage for athletes equipment (currently stored in admin offices during the school day). Our athletic facilities are a black eye for Greendale.
They need upgrading, we need more space and availability
The addition of a community weight room and performance center, as well as investing in the weight room of the high school, to improve the overall health and well being of the community. By investing in the high school weight room, more students will see the importance of investing in their own well being after they take gym classes. Furthermore, you are supporting the athletes. Compared to most neighboring communities, Greendale's facilities, especially the weight room, are outdated and some of the equipment is border line unsafe for the youth and staff to utilize. The current weight room makes it difficult for one group/class, let alone more than one group, to utilize. Students are not excited about taking classes that focus on the weight room due to the older/outdated equipment. Greendale's athletic facilities have fallen behind the neighboring communities, and we are losing athletes to neighboring communities. By investing in a community weight room, Greendale would be supporting the development and conversation piece of healthy living at home with all ages.
There is not enough room for athletic teams to practice or hold events/tournaments
Parking at most events is quite difficult, at the all school music concerts seating isn't enough at GHS or GMS
A nice pool that can be used for swim teams and for lap swimming as well as water aerobics. A weight and community rec center and indoor walking or running facilities
Cheer gym is small and needs to be updated
A fieldhouse at GHS please. We have the worst gym in the metro area.
Field House and better parking at the HS. Often people are parking everywhere. Parking at the MS is horrible for events. Have to park far away in the municipal parking lot with other patrons.
High School Gymnasium need work. Remove upper gym to make more space for Main Gym bleachers. Rebuild the upper Gym to the north or ??
Safer bleachers with dedicated aisles, new pool, better practice facility for Cheer,
Better visibility/awareness/transparency to availability and scheduling of all facilities, Prioritizing Greendale teams/clubs first, Dispersing facility needs across all GSD schools, Tear out or replace GHS pool.
Adding to gymnasium
Youth basketball does not have access to quality space. The basketball courts that the youth team I coached are not even regulation size.
GHS needs a field house comparable to other nearby suburban high schools...our facilities are an embarrassment!
Would like indoor Pickleball for winter and inclement weather.
We need a new field house or new indoor sports complex. Kids aren't able to practice basketball and if they do 8 year olds are practicing at 8 or 9 at night when gyms are available. We are not able to host any tournaments because of the lack of courts
N/A
A field house for athletics with walking track/weight room for student and community use.
We need to make many improvements to our softball and baseball fields in greendale, we also need a field house in greendale for our sports programs so that we actually have a nice place to practice and have tournaments

Open pickleball
Greendale High School needs. FieldHouse with 4 courts, indoor track, weight room, swimming pool, new concession stand, and new main basketball court with bleachers on both sides. Center the court!
NEW Field house with courts and weight room
Pickleball courts
A variety of programs. Indoor Pickleball would be a nice addition.
A field house with weight room open to public. Better pool. Indoor Basket ball, volleyball, tennis courts for teens to also reserve.
Updating!
Larger gym spaces, new pool/ natatorium (the current one is gross), new gym floors at MS, update indoor spaces such as multipurpose room at HS

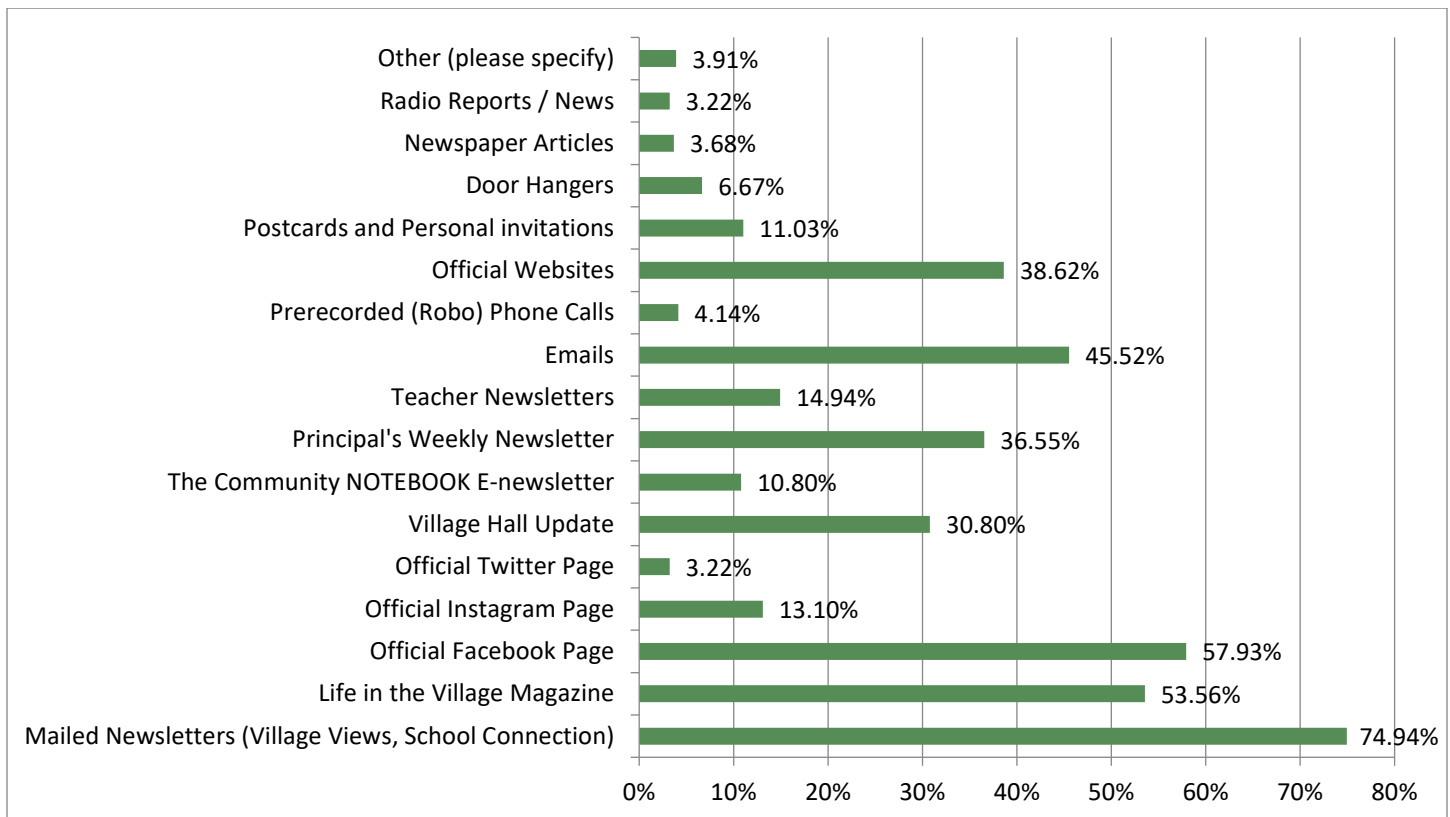
Question 39: Please choose the response that indicates your level of agreement with the following statement: I am satisfied with the communication tools used by my community to share news and information.



Question 40: Please choose the response that indicates your level of agreement with the following statement: I feel I am well informed, in a timely manner, about the events/ activities happening in our community.



Question 41: What is the best way for your household to stay informed of the Village's recreational opportunities? (Select all that apply)



Other (16 comments): Text reminders and alerts (2), Village website is not easy to use, does not provide relevant updates, and could be upgraded (2), Community Facebook page (1), increased signage and bulletin boards throughout the Village (2), local newspaper (1).

Question 42: Greendale community partners, public and private sector, want to ensure that we effectively communicate with our stakeholders. In the space below, please tell us what we can do to improve our efforts in the area of communication.

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I think that communication is good. Between cross postings on social media and large email lists of partner groups information moves quickly and accurately
Here are various thoughts on these topics: 1) We could use more artwork in the village. The Norman Rockwell statue is a great attraction, but we could use a few others. Perhaps we add some in concert with the new oak leaf trail extension. Could also be something that is a partner program with the high school art classes. Maybe get them to do an annual project of some sort. Also, consider using the various utility boxes around Greendale as canvases, as West Allis has done. I would be willing to donate some funds for something like this, and hope others would also. 2) I realize that Scout Lake is controlled by the County. However, some part of this plan needs to address how our community might support the County by improving that area. It is right in the middle of the community and is under-utilized currently. I'll be terribly disappointed if we don't at least get it on the list for further discussion and evaluation. 3) Community Center is a vast property and I think the collective sentiment is that it has more potential than its current use. I think it is large and important enough to merit its own individual planning process, given the opportunities there to add pickleball courts, perhaps re-design fields and add restrooms. 4) Jaycee Park and the Veterans Memorial are an entryway to the Village, but certainly seem disconnected to me (i.e., they are 2 separate parks vs. 1 integrated park). To that end, I'd suggest treating them as 1, which might open up ideas/possibilities. We could certainly use restrooms between the 2 parks, as well as more benches, etc. to encourage use. 5) Suggest you turn 43rd and Ramsey into dog park. 6) Restroom need is most acute at Jaycee/Veterans Memorial, Community Center (improvement needed to existing facilities) and CP/HV (need to figure out how to enable building access instead of erecting stand-alone restrooms). 7) Brinkman parking lot is in terrible condition; consider abandoning it as a parking lot and making it a drop-off space only, with an island in middle (say a small shelter on the island?). 8) High school concession stand is rather drab; how about a mural on the side and paint it to give a more welcoming aura? 9) Recycling bins missing at many baseball diamonds. It is awful to see how many plastic bottles are thrown into the trash. Important as a "green" community and in our current world. 10) The net alongside the high school baseball diamond rarely prevents any balls from the street. Either increase its height or scrap it if the space is needed. Silly engineering from whoever placed it there. 11) Ice skating would be a plus for the community. Scout Lake, middle school are good spots. 12) Overall, we have many fields in Greendale, but they are all mediocre (other than HS baseball diamond). I suggest we consider condensing some of the less used diamonds and invest in the ones we retain.
increase frequency of communication
Make sure that you have accurate email addresses
Websites could use some overhauling to be more user-friendly.
When a fest is upcoming in the village, email all residents to give details of dates & times & areas under use for it. I have interest in attending, also I have a busy Massage practice on Parking St so when I'm not informed then our customers are put out b/c of very little parking available & reroutes due to closed roads.
Text is preferred over e-mail. Possibly text receipts for payment and reminders for activities one signed up AND text reminders for park and rec sign up dates etc.
More in newsletter on improvements
Things are currently OK.
Continue providing communication on a timely manner.
Provide more information from village board meetings
I think communication via Facebook and mailers is sufficient.
Update the parks. There are so many good parks around and Greendale is lacking. They are dated and the wood chips are not ideal.
It would be nice if there was as much attention and communication for village meetings, family events and children's opportunities as there is for the two events (Lions Fest and Village Days) that adults can drink at.

Nothing at the moment
The village website is not easy to use and could really use an update to make navigation easier.
Continue to use social media platforms to communicate, weekly school emails are a great way to reach the schools
Have staff share official posts to other community FB pages. The previous event coordinator used to do that.
Thank you for sending the survey and reaching out to the community. For me, the biweekly village newsletter email works. I think it would work for the other communications as well.(i.e., send a reminder biweekly or monthly with a link to the updates). BTW, although I'm following the Village updates, I missed the announcement of the tennis court removal (on College Ave.) last year. I feel that it wasn't properly communicated and people didn't have a chance to provide feedback; that court was used often, but not maintained, and it's a loss for the village.
Have dedicated bulletin board in library to post communications, news, and events in addition to official meeting notices outside.
Remain transparent.
Email push and current website to find info quickly.
Timely manner communications.
Remind the community of upcoming events, whether it's a PSA or an entertainment opportunity.
Please have dedicated websites with all information, not just Facebook/social media
no comment at this time
Electronic communication e-news. As a resident who is child-free, I don't feel that connected to the community but would like to be.
Have reliable postings of happenings in the Village posted outside a main building or buildings in our community. Advertisements are all over Broad St businesses but it would be nice to have an outdoor reliable source in front of the library. Or a reliable website that is really taken care of and updated.
It seems to me that not everything is kept current. I may get one update from Facebook, another from email and some from a newsletter. Everything available should have the information needed and updated concurrently. You should be able to get everything from one source, no matter which one you choose.
Make available web sites more widely known -- inform new residents know they can access web sites
Email to those of us that LIVE here with news that would better effect our lives.
Update Instagram
I am happy with communications
Make sure events are mentioned numerous times and make it easier to see happenings vs have a ton of items all grouped together and then you cannot find anything as it's overcrowded.
I think overall, communication has been okay.
Sometimes it's hard to find the information. The websites could be improved and better advertised
Include seniors. Very important. They don't all use electronics.
I wish this survey was emailed to all of us. Or a door flyer. I had to search for it after seeing someone saying something on a Fb group. I hope engagement isn't down.
Continued use of information on electric board on Grange and Northway. Continued use of magnets for events.
None
Not sure
Mailers are nice to have written copies of information
Emails
For my use of the facilities, feel all is ok.
Make a master website that has everything on it with dates times etc.
Be transparent. I was upset to learn about the land near Sendiks being approved for a carwash. The approval was transparent in the meeting notes. However, it seems appropriate that a survey goes out to the community regarding the land due to its impact on the community. No one wants to look at a carwash in the location chosen, or deal with the traffic it will incur.
Continue to have mailed information and some people don't get electronic communication
You will always get comments and possibly good ideas from people that are on It Takes a Village Facebook Page.
Newsletter ad and advertising for citywide news email list

Keep us abreast of new businesses or construction being considered for the village still curious about Southridge development seems very secretive to us
None
Fliers is the best way
Update all current events on the greendale.org site
Continue to post on Facebook
ONE official Facebook or Instagram page for all news, please - there are way too many and I never know where to watch for news.
Send out the magazine or newsletter or anything before the events happen.
Fully electronic, fully accessible websites & communications for all disabilities
Make sure online forums share accurate information.
Some of us prefer not to always be on social media. Please keep us updated regularly without just posting on Facebook
not sure at this time
Not sure
A more robust community website.
Please continue hard copy newsletters.
Nothing
Social media works for me & the more announcements the better
I've never heard of any of the newspapers mentioned. Facebook or emails for me
Stop wasting money on print advertisements. No one cares about the magazine, make it digital. Stop wasting money on mailing crap when you can email it
None
Mail and post things online to include all types of people
Can't complain. I feel adequately informed.
I think you communicate well. It would be nice to have a dedicated app for Greendale parks and rec and/ or the community at large.
Listen more to the needs of the community as well as trying to get out and determine those needs ahead of time.
Improve the village website. too cumbersome, not updated, too hard to find info. A monthly comprehensive newsletter.
Be consistent and send information in multiple ways.
No issues
Mailings - social media
See above question answered
Postcards about upcoming events or recreational activities for people who do not use social media
The village website is poor
Transparency
no comment
Timely, informative communications using different methods to distribute
Having social media pages easier to access, this being in terms of say the Facebook page just overall being easier to navigate to see what is going on over the next month, week, year, etc. Without having to struggle when wanting to find events going on in the village.
More engagement in social media. updates on field availability.
More engagement on social media, mailers with planned events for each month including youth sports and field/parking availability due to those events. Any additional street closures or detours that may occur due to an event.
Information by email nobody read the Greendale letters
Town hall meeting agendas
The village board members should send regular emails to those people who have signed up to get them.
Schedules/calendars are always helpful. Maybe a way to add events to a personal electronic calendar.
Social media posts with weekly and monthly community activities; calendar of events on website and social media;

I understand closed door sessions are required at times when it comes to major event planning (i.e., Southridge, car wash, etc.), but info isn't shared until after critical decisions are made by Village staff. There needs to be more transparency about critical projects and more community input.
Communication seems very good to me. I always know what is going on and where to find the information
Verify your information before you send anything out-misinformation tends to be available more often than correct information
Not sure
Websites
email events list, weekly or monthly
I'd just say communicate in as many ways as possible
Let us know all the existing ways to currently access various types of information. Those of us without school age children seem to often be left out. It shouldn't take Facebook groups to be the source of basic information.
Love reading the Greendale Village life when it comes- best way to stay connected and updated.
use email to communicate
A community near Greenbay has a local newspaper. It is part of the high school curriculum. Our community lost its connection since we lost Village Life. FB can be rather toxic. Somehow, someday the Greendale community partners, public and private should be able to come up with a solution.
I think the village website is a bit hard to navigate. It might be beneficial to have each department have its own individual website.
I think you are doing an adequate job
Reach out in a variety of ways so that everyone can easily obtain the same information. Social media is great for most people but not as much for everyone and so the use of mailings is important too.
Keep websites more up to date, esp. village hall
I believe that information is easily available. The one exception is the Village's Website. The drop down menus are difficult to navigate. A "events" section that is directly accessed without a drop down would be very helpful. Within the "events" or what activities are happening, please include other community organizations in the listings and not just school or village sponsored "events".
Don't rely on social media only. Announce news and events regularly on official website.
Post more on social media
A centralized scheduling/calendar system for the entire village would be helpful so that everyone can see events in the community
Putting out any and all info with all social media outlets I think would be best and get word of mouth going!
Monthly newsletters for village and school information
Mass email, signage in commonly used spaces, social media posts
Village email; Text
Going door to door
Continue to improve and keep up with the outdoor spaces that are available district wide. Find some options to increase overall indoor gymnasium space within the district in particular on the high school campus.
Facebook posts. Signage at key locations throughout the village about upcoming events.
Optional text alerts?
I think you do a fine job of communicating. The information is omnichannel if people are willing to see it.
A community email or text with upcoming events or volunteer opportunities
Overcommunicate and give people more time to plan to attend events or meetings. Think of each audience as well.
keep doing what you are doing
more village views
Gym/weight room open to the public. Like South Milwaukee and Greenfield
Communication is quite good.
More police enforcement for cars that enter the "do not enter " near panther pub , extremely dangerous
Communication is good
Mailer as prescribed in the above question; I have never seen an agenda for a Village Board Meeting posted online or mailed
I feel I get the necessary information I need
One page flyer with quarterly water bills

More detail in Village Hall Update
more details in the village minutes
All good
More mailed flyers with event info
I would like to see village board meetings directions on how to watch meetings published in newsletters so people that cannot attend can view the meeting s not everyone has internet what tv station can be viewed to watch the meeting antenna tv or cable
Create a public google calendar with all community events and school events that I can subscribe to on my mobile device. This would be easy and very helpful.
More frequent publications
information available at Greendale Visitor building and local businesses
The way I find out things now is if they are posted in the windows of stores in village. When I hear of something "through the grapevine" I spend time searching different sources-GEA, schools, Lions etc. I had a lot of trouble finding high school band competition dates/sites. Maybe a monthly emailed calendar of events.
Communication is very good
The village board communication is incomplete and untimely. I've had to learn of important hearings from the bulletin outside the library as if this were 1938. The village update email newsletter is incomplete. The reading level is high and doesn't take into account varied English competency.
Official Greendale page, advertise on it
More posts on Facebook and Instagram. Easier ways to register for classes.
Phone app
Timely - social media - mailings or emails for those not on social media
Starts in/at schools. Advertise at village events.
More information about current and future projects
Push more detail out via Social Media. Upgrade the Village website to a modern format and push more detail out on all of your websites. I couldn't find this survey on the websites. The demographic is shifting in Greendale. Catch up with the times.
Do something to improve facilities...don't just talk about it
Keep the Parents included and involved in School-level decisions.
Efforts towards the maximum transparency
Make sure everyone is aware of what is happening the in the community
Web based
The sports community and the families that need to be in the know are normally at or in a gym every day/night of the week. If information needs to be communicated that can be shared with the coaches and they can communicate with their teams.
No issues
Communication is decent

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Focus Groups:

- Overall feedback on Park and Recreation system is favorable – serves multiple age groups, fees are low, variety of programming provided
- Great school district, trail system, and nearby resources are all positive elements that draw in families/residents
- Concern with lack of available space to support growing programs/activities
- Identified underutilized sites include 84th & Grange, 51st and College (old tennis court location)
- New/updated bathrooms was a common future improvement at park locations
- Community Center
 - Lacks spectator seating
 - Perception of the baseball field varies between those who utilize the field (necessity) and those that don't (underutilized)
- Daffodil Park and Edgerton Park lack playground equipment
- Gazebo Park has electrical and infrastructure improvement needs; bathrooms and concessions desired at this site
- High School
 - Existing gym space is limited and not large enough; spectator seating on 1 side of court is not ideal
 - Fieldhouse with 4 basketball courts, 4 volleyball courts, & indoor track desired
 - Outbuilding with team room, concessions, and bathrooms desired
 - Pool
 - 8 lanes and diving well needed to host a competition
 - Locker rooms with multiple entrances is a safety concern
 - Floor surface and filter issues need to be addressed
 - Fit/Dance area is not ADA-accessible & concrete floor below mats is a safety concern
 - Locker rooms and showers are underutilized and used more as team rooms; external walls get very cold
 - Larger concessions desired
 - Direct route for trainer/locker rooms to exterior desired
- Brinkman Field
 - Bathrooms need updating, there is no designated spectator space, and the outfield contains lots of weeds and dirt
 - Pegs for bases (shared use for baseball and softball) & fence facing upward are a safety concern
- Elementary School Gyms
 - Undersized (can't fit a competition-sized basketball court) & lack spectator seating
- Additional elements or amenities identified to be improved include:
 - Accessible elements at all playground locations
 - Creating interactive challenges/opportunities for people to explore Greendale
 - Outdoor amphitheater/band shell

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- Splash pads
- Hockey rink
- Facility use, coordination & wayfinding
- Indoor gym/fitness center for public use (include large & small multipurpose spaces & kitchen)
- Improved or turf outdoor field/grass areas
- Improved youth football field at the High School (grass & lighting)
- Storage shed for athletics
- Providing lighting at all fields
- Adequate, safe parking at all sites