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Park Commission Item 2.A.

Title/Subject: Minutes from August 26, 2025 Meeting

Meeting Date: September 23, 2025

Prepared By: Mitchell Czech, Park/Rec Director

Attachments

1. August 26, 2025 Park Commission Meeting Minutes

Background

Action Requested

Motion to approve the Park Commission minutes from the August 26, 2025 meeting.
Simple majority vote is required.

MINUTES

1. CONVENE PARK COMMISSION MEETING

Chair Hirner convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

A. Roll Call

Present: Chair Hirner, Commissioners Wenner, Garske, Bahneman, and Sylvester; and Parks and Recreation Director Czech

Absent: None

B. Review Agenda

Commissioner Wenner moved to approve the agenda, as written. Commissioner Garske seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Park Commission Meeting Minutes of July 22, 2025

Commissioner Wenner noted a change needed on page 5 to clarify that Councilmember Sanschagrin was referring to the Minnewashta Elementary School fields not being included.

Commissioner Garske moved to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2025, meeting as amended. Commissioner Bahneman seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

3. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

There were none.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Parks Master Plan Update

Parks and Recreation Director Czech stated that they are currently in Task 3, which was the community needs assessment, and noted this relied heavily on community input and engagement. He explained that the master plan survey was scheduled to close on August 14, 2025, but the project team has decided to extend the deadline through the end of the month to try to get as much community input as possible. He noted that so far they have gotten 173 responses and asked the Commission to encourage people to participate in the survey, and explained that their goal is to get closer to 300 responses. He stated that stakeholder sessions were held on August 15, 2025, and believes that overall, there was good input provided. He gave a brief overview of some of the other public engagement efforts that were taking place to try to get input from residents. He stated that they were planning a public engagement event on September 27, 2025, at Oktoberfest, but the consultant would not be able to attend. He stated that they would prepare all the information and asked that the Commission consider manning the

table during Oktoberfest. He shared a rough draft of the kind of information and data that would be presented to the City by the consultant upon the completion of their work. He noted that the Commission had past discussions about the concept of holding an Open House on this topic and asked if that was something the Commission still wanted to do, but cautioned that the consultant would not be in attendance because it had not been included in their contract.

Commissioner Wenner asked if there were any Facebook groups that the City could reach out to regarding the survey, such as parent or park groups.

Park and Recreation Director Czech stated that he was not aware of any groups.

Commissioner Wenner asked if the Commission was still supposed to do self-guided Park Tour questionnaires.

Park and Recreation Director Czech stated that they would welcome whatever feedback they could get and asked them to get this turned in as soon as possible.

Commissioner Sylvester stated that after they have the draft plan, she would like to see residents have the opportunity to provide a reaction to the draft, but expressed concern that the overall timeline may be too tight for that.

The Commission discussed the timeline and deadline for a recommendation to the Council and possible ways to hold an Open House as more of a Work Session meeting, once they received the preliminary Parks Master Plan, to get input from the public. They discussed possible meeting dates for an Open House without the project schedule.

Parks and Recreation Director Czech asked the Commission to check their calendars and let him know if they would be able to help with public engagement at Oktoberfest.

Commissioner Garske stated that something he would like to see included in what was being asked of the residents was whether an activity was something they already did, and how often they believed they would use this amenity. He explained that he was specifically thinking about pickleball, where it would be helpful to have this information to quantify some of the feedback they get. He stated that he would also like to get feedback from younger parents and suggested that they may want to bring the boards out to the park playgrounds to try to get this information while they are using the park.

B. Concert in the Park Recap

Parks and Recreation Director Czech gave an update on the Concert in the Park event that took place on July 17, 2025, at Freeman Park, which was sponsored by Midco. He noted that the estimated attendance for the event was around 175 people, which was similar to last year. He explained that they were not able to get an additional food truck to be able to serve a main course option, so they only had ice cream available. He noted that they have been having trouble finding food trucks that meet the requirements of the Excelsior Fire District, and if they meet the requirements, they have wanted to charge the City a fee. He stated that he found it interesting to see how many people walked or rode their bikes to the event instead of driving.

Chair Hirner asked if the food trucks may be a possibility for sponsorship, for a 'food brought to you by' communication, and noted that there may also be an option for sponsorship for the opening band.

Commissioner Wenner noted that she had gotten some feedback from residents that they wanted to see the City have more concerts in the parks.

C. Safety Camp Recap

Parks and Recreation Director Czech gave an overview of the traditional Safety Camp that was conducted in partnership with the South Lake Minnetonka Police Department (SLMPD). He noted that this year's event was cancelled due to low registration despite the City trying new things as a way to increase registration numbers. He stated that they were exploring potential partnerships for future Safety Camps with local organizations, such as Community Education, for some increased promotion. He encouraged the Commission to share their ideas and thoughts on the event and ways to get increased registration numbers.

Commissioner Garske stated that one thing that may have sunk things this year was the changes within the Explorer Program at the Minnetonka schools.

Commissioner Sylvester stated that she believed that the Safety Camp needed a rebranding because there are a lot of fun camps available, and 'safety' did not sound fun. She stated that it may have also been a challenge because it was held on Wednesday, which may not have agreed with the other partial camp options available. She suggested that the City may want to look at aligning it with the schedule of, for example, Three Rivers Parks, and put it in as a gap filler with a rebranded, more fun name.

Commissioner Garske suggested that they could also try to pair it with a holiday weekend.

Chair Hirner suggested targeting the week after school gets out, when parents may be looking for things for their kids to do before the camps begin, as an entry into the summer. He stated that this may also allow for the event to be advertised within the school system.

D. Memorial Bench Program

Parks and Recreation Director Czech explained that there had been several requests that had come in recently from people interested in donating a bench in honor of family members. He explained that right now, the City did not have a formal process for this type of donation, and there was also not a lot of clarity related to things like costs. He stated that staff would like to get a formal program in place to streamline the overall process and were looking for input from the Commission to see if they supported developing a formal process, including having pre-approved locations where benches could be put. He noted that one of their other ideas was to have a tree donation option as part of the memorial program, where they could have a plaque placed next to the tree. He explained that if the Commission approved of this idea, staff would develop formal materials and bring them back to a future meeting for consideration. He stated that there is someone currently interested in placing a memorial bench at Freeman Park near Eddy Station and pointed out the general area they were interested in.

Commissioner Wenner stated that she thought this was a great idea and would wholeheartedly support both a bench and tree memorial donation option for residents. She stated that she thought

the proposed location for the recent request at Freeman Park would be a good location for a bench.

The Commission discussed their support of the memorial tree and bench program as described, questions about long term maintenance, things to included within the formal guidelines, ways to address specific placement requests to ensure they were placed logically, the possibility of having the consultants provide feedback on recommended bench placement as part of the Parks Master Plan, and the feeling that having a consistent process in place would be helpful.

Commissioner Bahneman moved to recommend approval to proceed with the development of a formal memorial tree and/or bench program. Commissioner Wenner seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

5. REPORTS / UPDATES

A. City Council

Parks and Recreation Director Czech reviewed some of the recent Council discussions related to the proposed 2026 budget.

B. Staff

Parks and Recreation Director Czech stated that there were about 75 people in attendance for the Movie in the Park event last week, but noted that this year's crowd seemed to be a bit younger than last year's. He reviewed some of the extra things they had available, such as a lei-making station, temporary tattoos, and popsicles for kids. He noted that he would give the Commission a full breakdown and recap at the next meeting. He explained that Excelsior had done a movie night in their commons on the same night as Shorewood's event. He noted that he had discussed the possibility of holding this in conjunction with Tonka United's kick-off event. He stated that the original intent had been to include park maintenance updates on tonight's agenda, but he had not gotten much information from the Commission. He encouraged the Commission, if they had a chance, to go out and check out the parks and get that feedback to him. He noted that the City had partnered with Hennepin County on some emerald ash borer tree removal within Freeman Park and believed that this would continue over the next year or two. He stated that the City met with Minnetonka Baseball a few weeks ago about the fence issues on Field 1 at Freeman Park, and they will be replacing the entire fence in early October and their own expense. He stated that the City had put out an RFP for the facilities study and task force facilitation for the SCEC, and they received 2 responses.

C. Commission

Commissioner Sylvester stated that she works with the Recycling Committee and shared that there are organics drop-off locations at Southshore and Freeman Park. She stated that the Committee was working on developing an event near Halloween for folks to bring pumpkins back as a way to promote organic recycling. She explained that the Recycling Committee was interested to see if the Parks Commission might want to engage in this event somehow. She noted that they wanted to make it a larger event than just telling people to come drop off their pumpkins, such as having a pumpkin bowling or a pumpkin slingshot. She stated that their idea was to find a way to make it fun and more family-oriented.

Commissioner Wenner stated that she felt this was a great idea and would like to see the City do more things like this for community outreach. She joked that she would vote for a trebuchet so people could launch their pumpkins.

Chair Hirner stated that he liked the overall idea and asked Parks and Recreation Director Czech if this would be a good fit.

Parks and Recreation Director Czech stated that he could discuss this with Recycling and Communications Coordinator Wilson, but noted that he may not have a lot of time to assist with planning a larger event this year because of the work being done on the Parks Master Plan. He stated that there still may be a way for the Parks Commission to add to a larger event this year, if the Recycling Committee could lead the charge.

The Commission expressed its overall support for the event proposed by the Recycling Committee.

Parks and Recreation Director Czech stated that he would talk to Recycling and Communications Coordinator Wilson about the event and put this item on a future Park Commission agenda. He encouraged the Commission to begin brainstorming ideas for discussion.

Commissioner Wenner stated that she had attended a conference a few weeks ago and met someone who was involved with the University of Minnesota Turf Grass Science Department. She stated that she learned a lot of cool things from her and explained that they were pushing some potential lawn alternative plantings. She stated that she had forwarded this information to Parks and Recreation Director Czech and Public Works Director Morreim.

Commissioner Garske suggested that for future events, such as Movie in the Park, the City consider scheduling them mid-week rather than towards the weekend.

7. ADJOURN

Commissioner Garske moved to adjourn the Park Commission Meeting of August 26, 2025, at 8:25 P.M. Commissioner Wenner seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.



Park Commission Item 4.A.

Title/Subject: Parks Master Plan Update
Meeting Date: September 23, 2025
Prepared By: Mitchell Czech, Park/Rec Director

Attachments

1. Shorewood Master Plan Project Schedule
2. Shorewood Master Plan Online Survey Results

Background

The parks master plan is now entering Task 4 of 6, the Recommendations stage. Staff has a meeting scheduled with the project team to discuss the findings of the needs assessment on Thursday, September 18.

The survey closed on August 31 with 180 total responses. The project team will provide a summary of the survey results in the final report. The complete results, which are attached in your agenda packet, will also be included in the appendix of the report for full transparency.

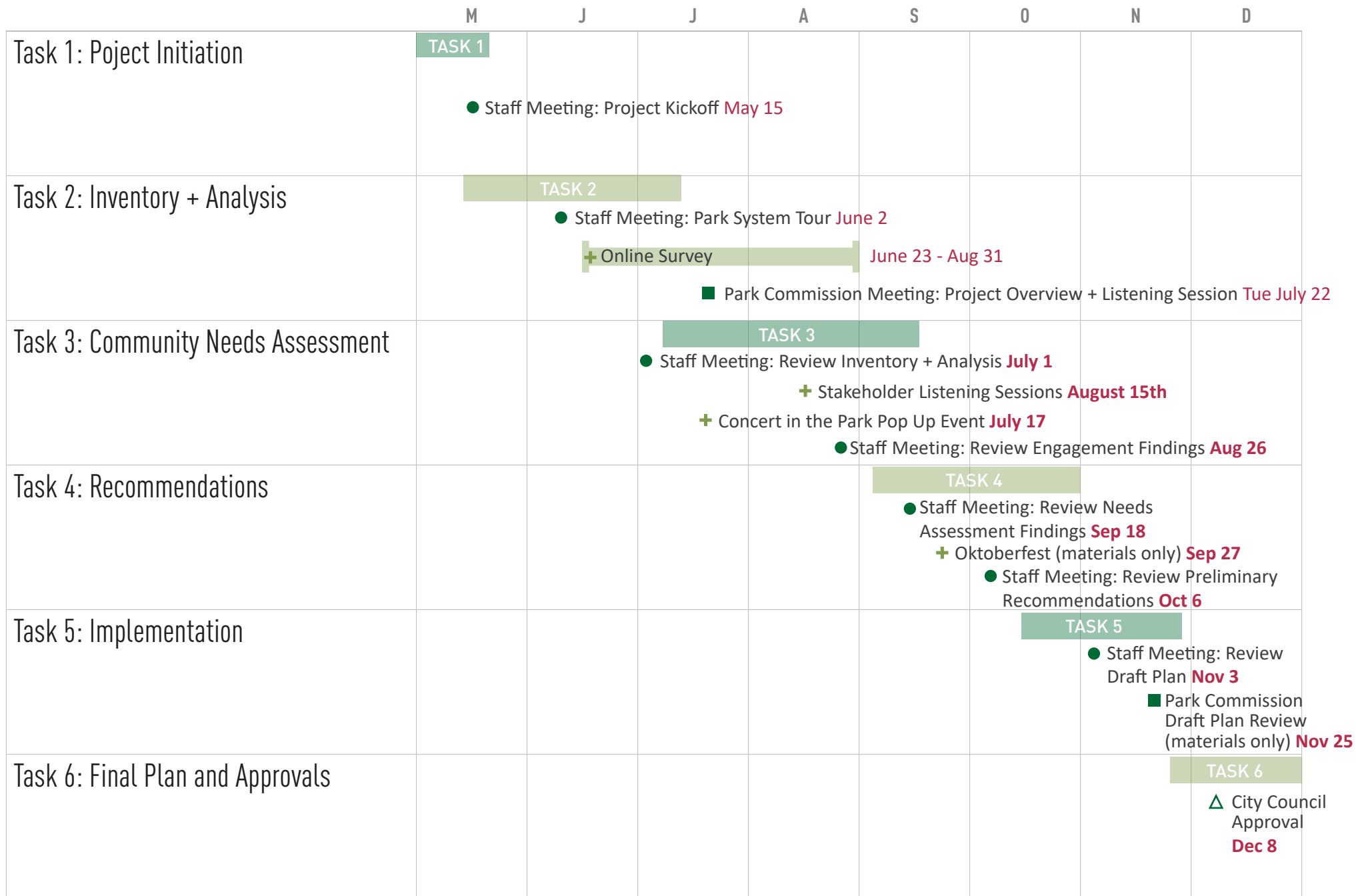
Generally speaking, the consultant said a 3-4% response rate is average for similar projects. Although the 180 survey responses is slightly less the average (225-300 responses in Shorewood's case), valuable data was collected in the process. In addition to the survey, feedback was gathered from park users and residents in a variety of ways, including engagement boards at events and the Shorewood Community & Event Center, in-person conversations with staff & commissioners, stakeholder listening sessions, and e-mail & phone calls. Feedback from all methods of engagement will be incorporated into the final plan to ensure it accurately represents the wants and needs of those who utilize the park's system. The City also had a community-wide survey in April 2025 and received 301 responses. There were questions relating to parks, recreation, and community events included on that survey, and those results were shared with the parks master plan consultant.

The City has two more engagement events scheduled for the parks master plan. The next event will take place during the annual Oktoberfest event on Saturday, September 27 from 1pm - 3pm at the Shorewood Community & Event Center. Additionally, the Commission decided to hold an open house at 6:00pm on Tuesday, October 28, prior to the regularly scheduled Park Commission meeting. An event has been created for the open house and registration is encouraged for those planning to attend. Those interested can register at <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/rqd6c2g>. Information is also available at the City webpage, shorewoodmn.gov/parksplan.

Action Requested

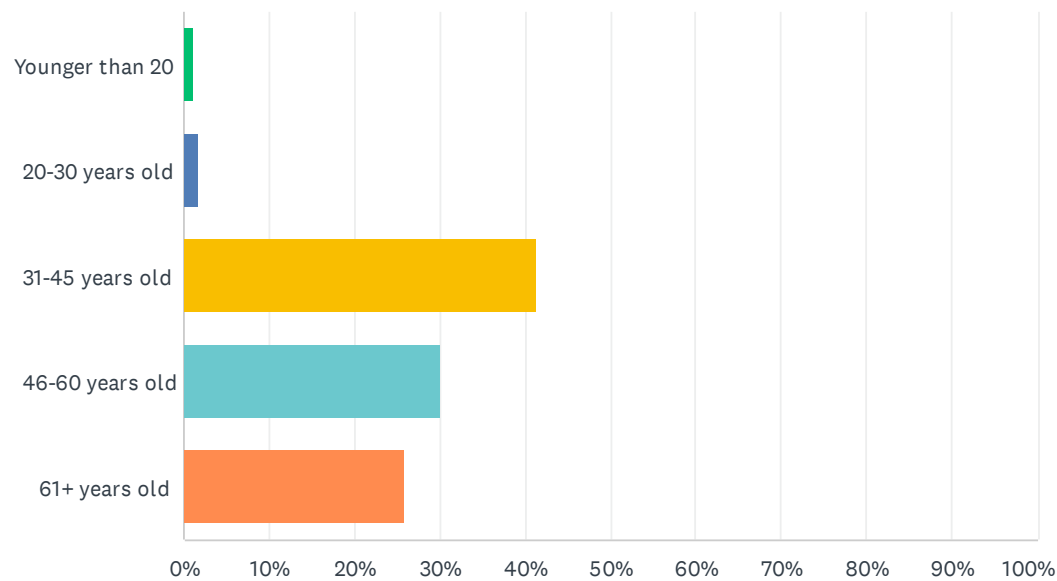
No action required. The Commission is welcome to have discussion regarding the survey results.

SHOREWOOD PARK SYSTEM PLAN PROJECT SCHEDULE



Q1 What is your age range?

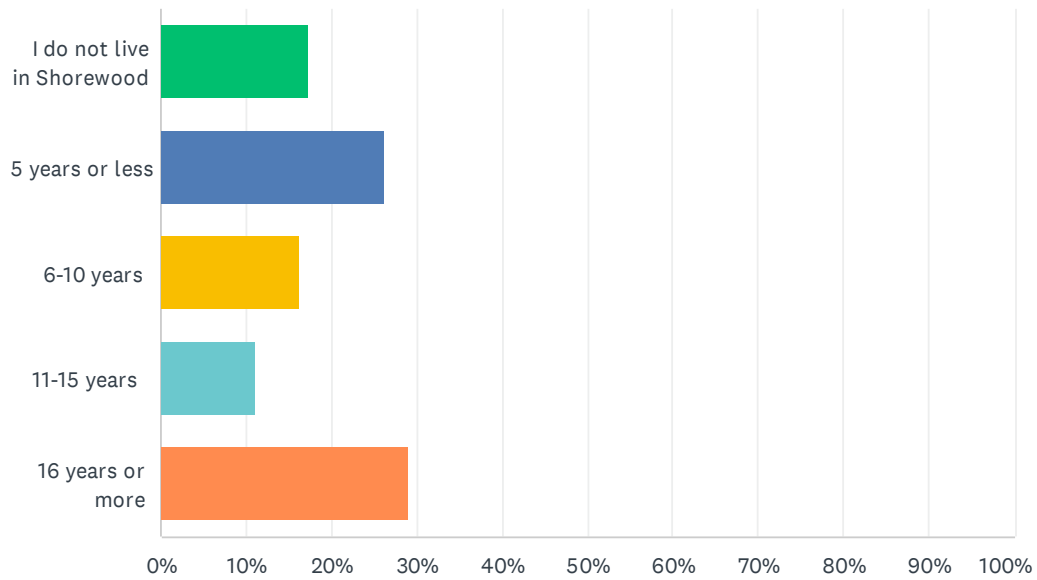
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Younger than 20	1.12%	2
20-30 years old	1.68%	3
31-45 years old	41.34%	74
46-60 years old	30.17%	54
61+ years old	25.70%	46
TOTAL		179

Q2 How long have you lived in Shorewood?

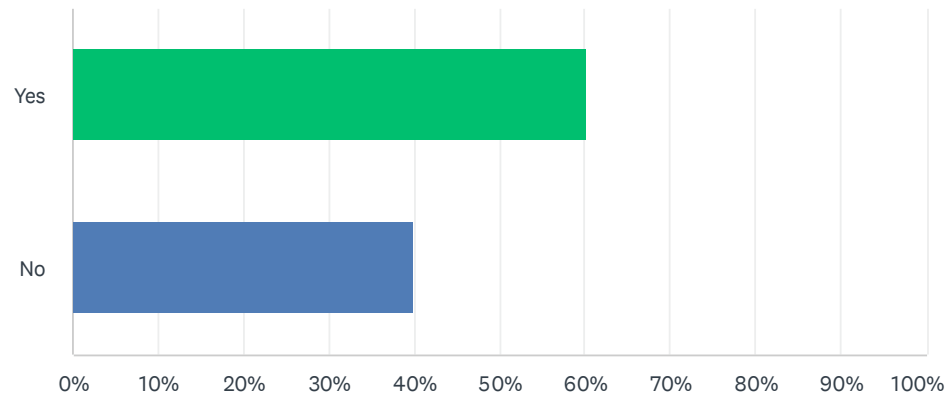
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I do not live in Shorewood	17.32%	31
5 years or less	26.26%	47
6-10 years	16.20%	29
11-15 years	11.17%	20
16 years or more	29.05%	52
TOTAL		179

Q3 Do you have any children under the age of 18 in your household?

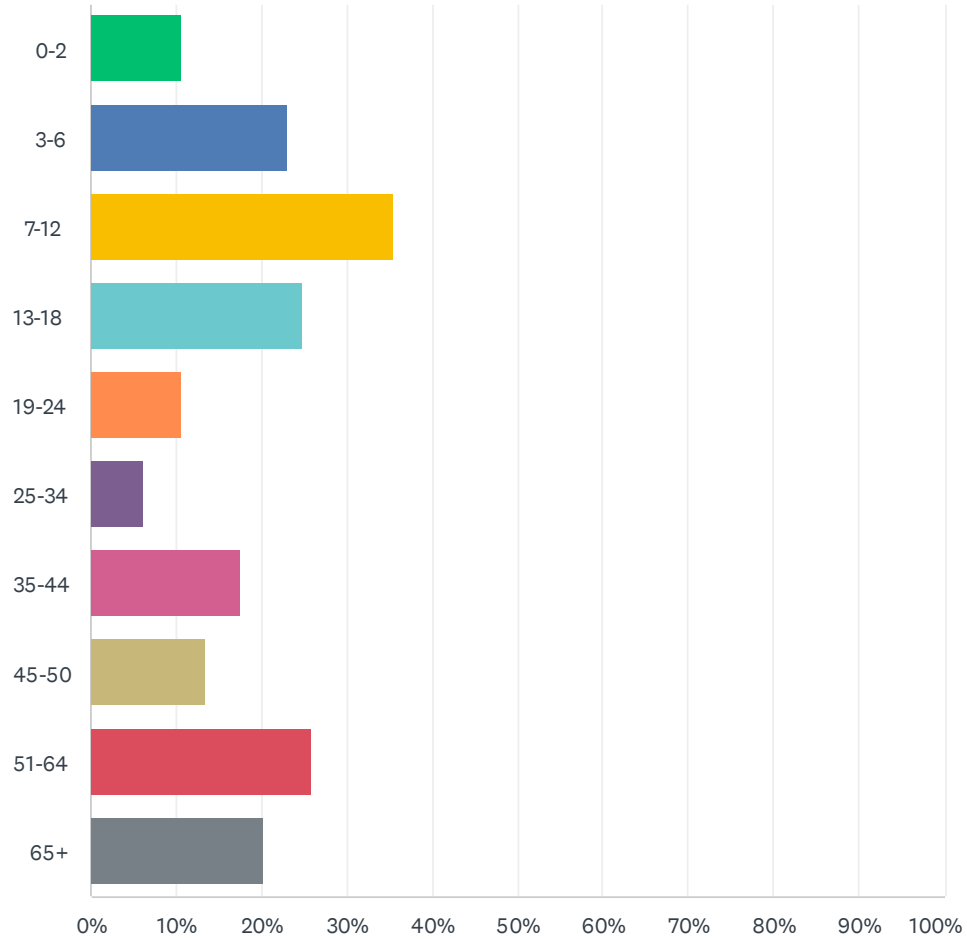
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	60.11%	107
No	39.89%	71
TOTAL		178

Q4 What age groups are represented in your household? (Please select all that apply)

Answered: 178 Skipped: 2

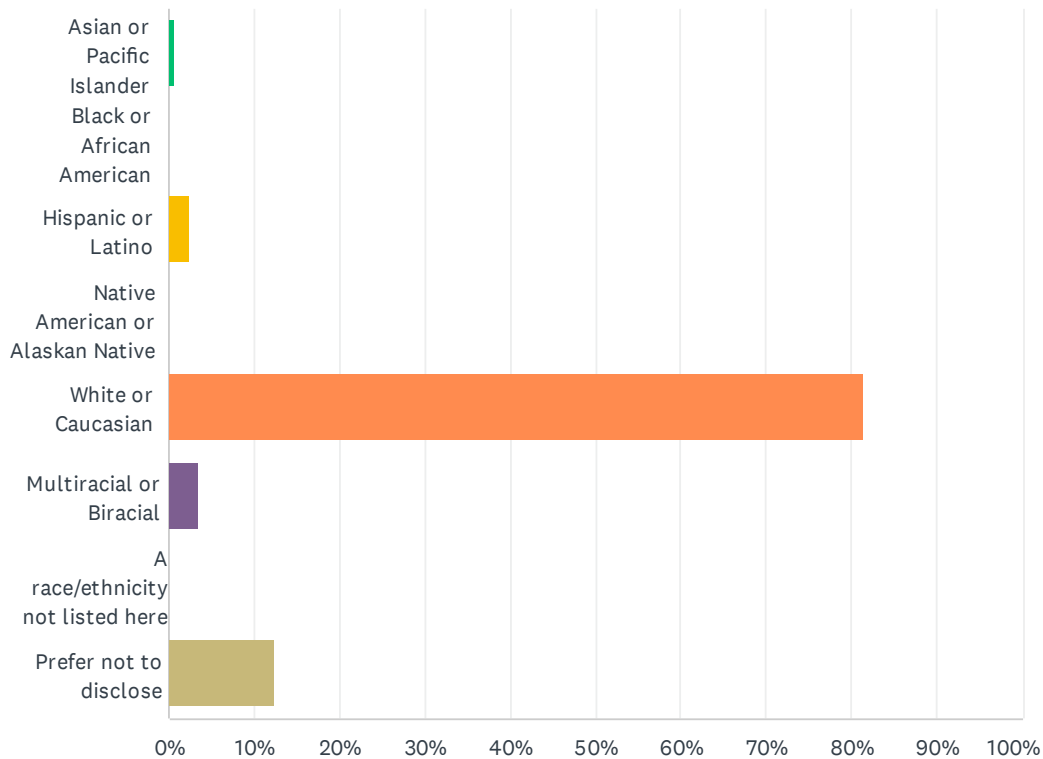


Shorewood Park System Plan Community Survey

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-2	10.67%	19
3-6	23.03%	41
7-12	35.39%	63
13-18	24.72%	44
19-24	10.67%	19
25-34	6.18%	11
35-44	17.42%	31
45-50	13.48%	24
51-64	25.84%	46
65+	20.22%	36
Total Respondents: 178		

Q5 Which of the following best describes you? (Please select one answer)

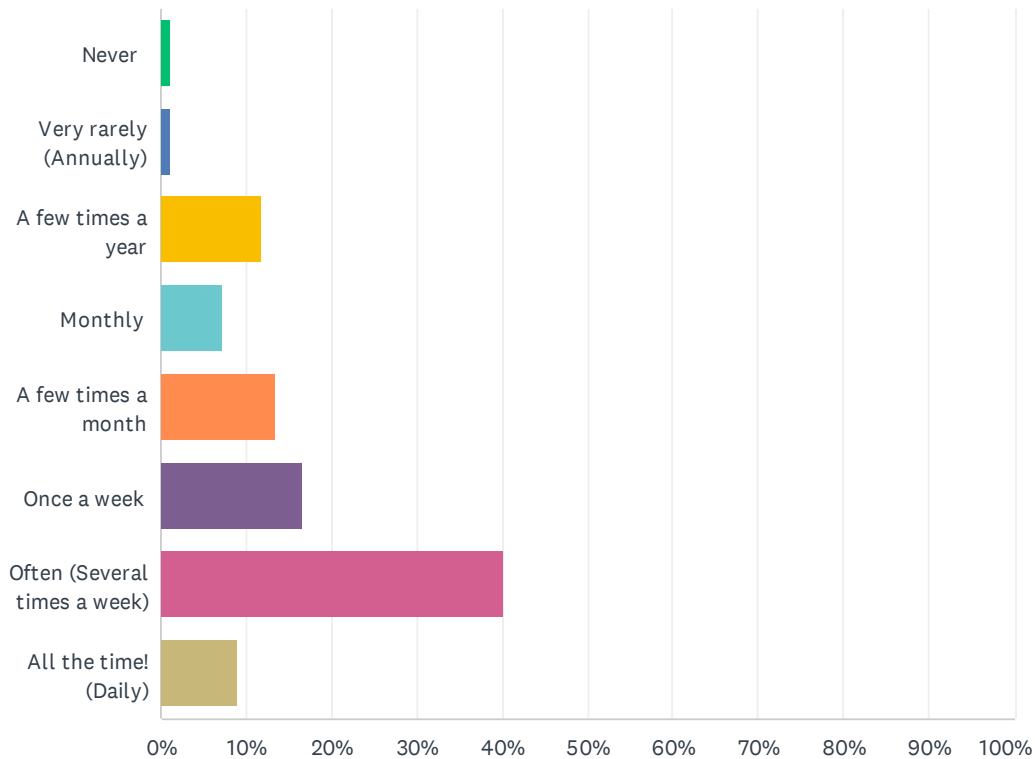
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.56%	1
Black or African American	0.00%	0
Hispanic or Latino	2.25%	4
Native American or Alaskan Native	0.00%	0
White or Caucasian	81.46%	145
Multiracial or Biracial	3.37%	6
A race/ethnicity not listed here	0.00%	0
Prefer not to disclose	12.36%	22
TOTAL		178

Q6 How often do you spend time in Shorewood's parks?

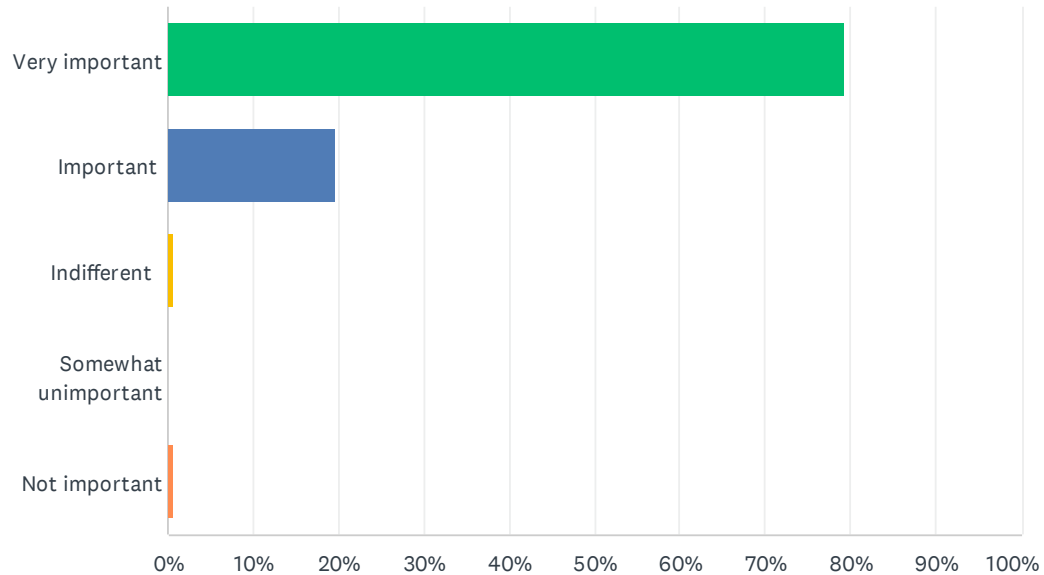
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Never	1.11%	2
Very rarely (Annually)	1.11%	2
A few times a year	11.67%	21
Monthly	7.22%	13
A few times a month	13.33%	24
Once a week	16.67%	30
Often (Several times a week)	40.00%	72
All the time! (Daily)	8.89%	16
TOTAL		180

Q7 How important are Shorewood's parks, trails, and open spaces to you and your family?

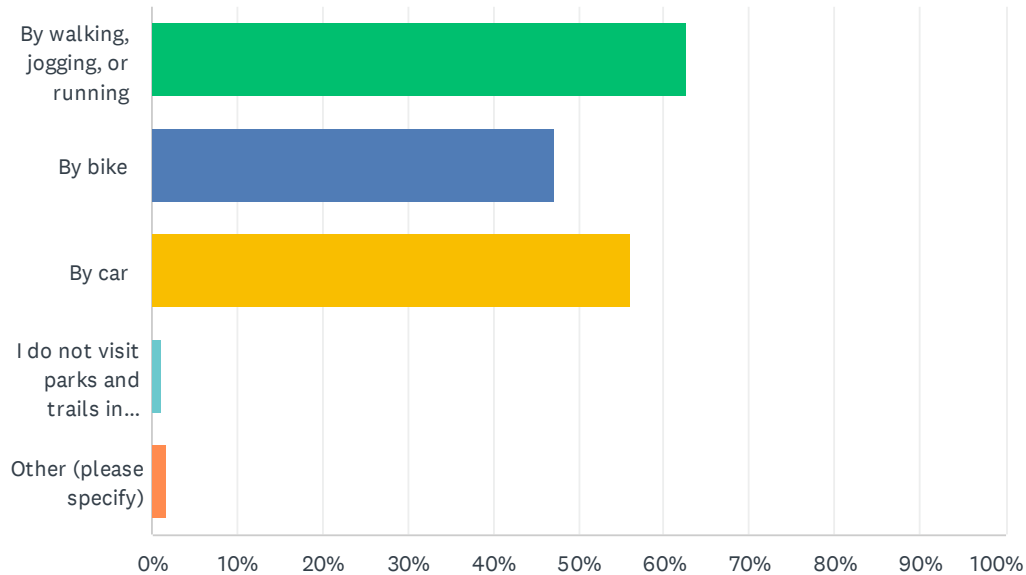
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very important	79.33%	142
Important	19.55%	35
Indifferent	0.56%	1
Somewhat unimportant	0.00%	0
Not important	0.56%	1
TOTAL		179

Q8 How do you typically travel to Shorewood's parks and trails? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 180 Skipped: 0

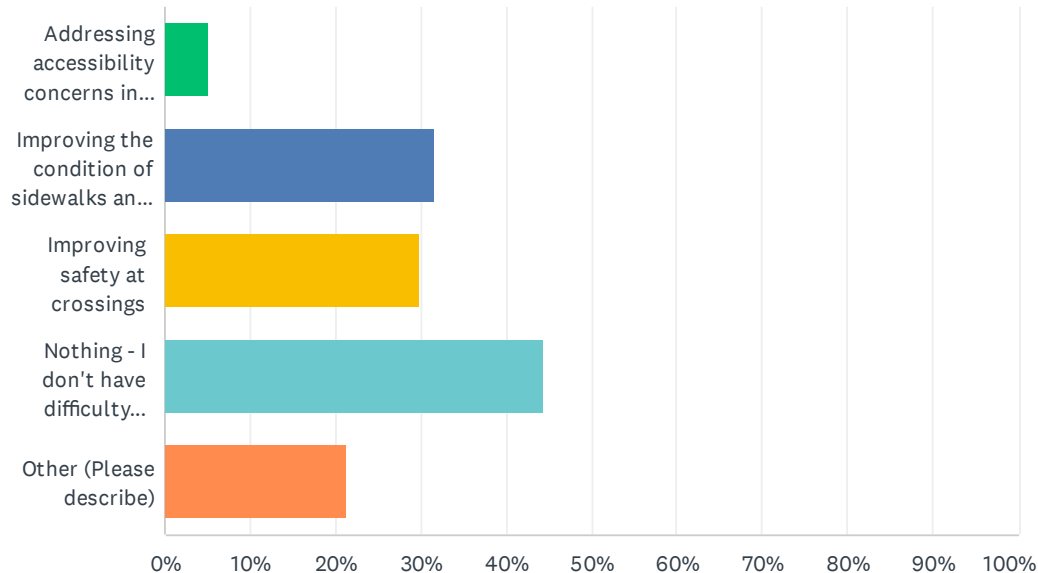


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
By walking, jogging, or running	62.78%	113
By bike	47.22%	85
By car	56.11%	101
I do not visit parks and trails in Shorewood	1.11%	2
Other (please specify)	1.67%	3
Total Respondents: 180		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Kid sport ball	8/18/2025 8:21 PM
2	gardening	7/31/2025 11:28 AM
3	By E-Scooter	7/9/2025 3:10 PM

Q9 What would improve your experience moving to and through Shorewood's park and trail system? (Please select all that apply)

Answered: 174 Skipped: 6



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Addressing accessibility concerns in parks and open spaces	5.17%	9
Improving the condition of sidewalks and trails	31.61%	55
Improving safety at crossings	29.89%	52
Nothing - I don't have difficulty moving within and through Shorewood's parks and trails	44.25%	77
Other (Please describe)	21.26%	37
Total Respondents: 174		

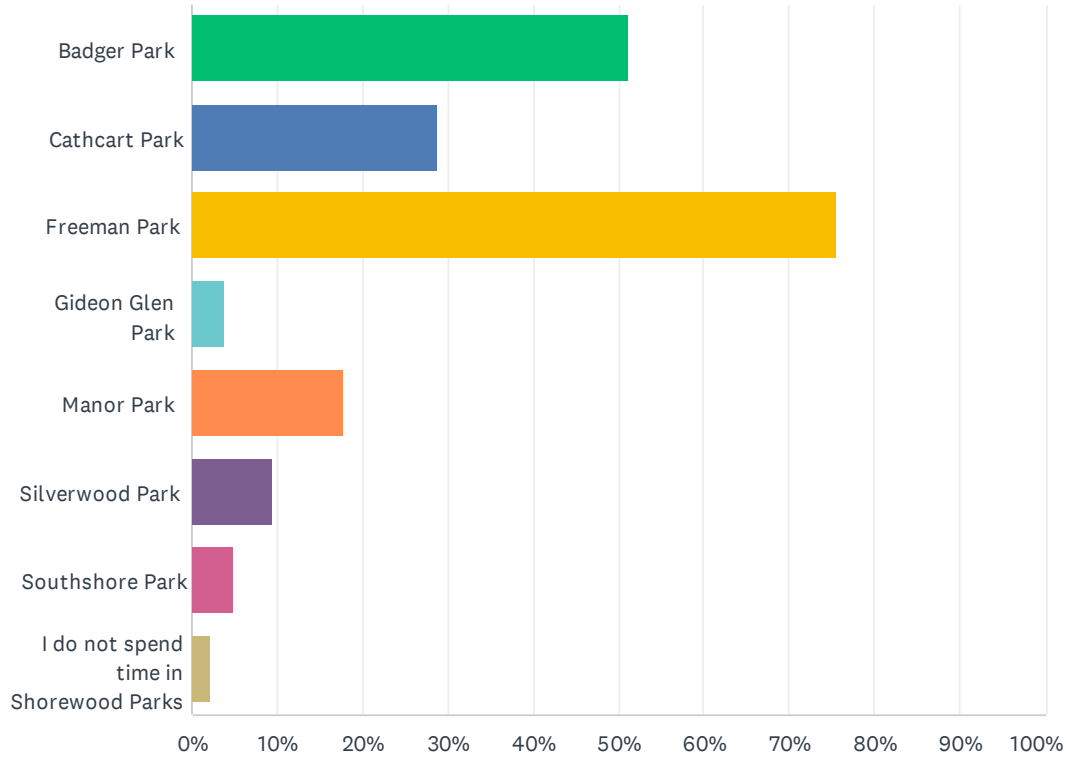
#	OTHER (PLEASE DESCRIBE)	DATE
1	More sidewalks should be added to connect with existing sidewalks and trails.	8/25/2025 3:30 PM
2	Add more parks, there are none within walking distance	8/24/2025 8:15 PM
3	Adding more sidewalks	8/22/2025 1:48 PM
4	Light up parking lots, security in evening, traffic flow during events	8/22/2025 10:36 AM
5	Restrooms at Badger are in terrible condition.	8/19/2025 2:49 PM
6	The sidewalks and trails have been improved and they look and feel great!	8/18/2025 3:58 PM
7	More sidewalks	8/14/2025 9:26 PM
8	IDK	8/12/2025 10:32 AM
9	There are almost none near our house.	8/11/2025 8:28 PM
10	ebikes on trails is a danger	8/11/2025 7:58 PM

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11	E-bikes need to have a 'speed-limit', Other bikers are not concerned with the safety of the walkers on the trail	8/11/2025 7:00 PM
12	Mosquito control	8/11/2025 6:34 PM
13	Kill the thistles	8/11/2025 5:04 PM
14	Eliminate electric bikes on trails please	8/11/2025 4:34 PM
15	Kids on e-bikes drive too fast on trails and don't warn you they are coming up on your left. Some pass you very fast and very close.	8/11/2025 4:33 PM
16	Regulating motorized bikes (e-bikes)	8/9/2025 5:32 PM
17	Clearing brush, trees and burrs close to trails	8/6/2025 7:26 PM
18	Improving playground	8/6/2025 5:33 PM
19	Full tennis/pickle board court	8/6/2025 2:57 PM
20	Stop using cinders in the woods at Freeman Park. Impossible to keep them out of shoes or boots. Plus - noisy to walk on.	8/3/2025 9:45 AM
21	pave the freeman parking lot.	7/30/2025 8:13 AM
22	The park is behind my house. The noise can be excessive. The lights shine directly in to my home at a time when no one is in the park	7/25/2025 11:44 AM
23	Having a community pool or water area for the kids	7/22/2025 11:39 AM
24	Improving the accessibility of the short trail in Cathcart Park, especially in the winter when the trail is flooded over for ice skating	7/21/2025 9:48 AM
25	I would like a sidewalk down eureka Ave	7/19/2025 8:57 PM
26	I would like more benches along the trails and in the parks. Some swinging and gliding benches would be especially nice.	7/17/2025 7:22 PM
27	Edina does a great job of creating parks that are accessible to all, something to consider.	7/12/2025 7:37 AM
28	Trail standards, Safe Zones, Visibility issues, Vegetation Management standards	7/9/2025 3:10 PM
29	We have no connection to shorewood parks or trails directly. We are in the "dead zone" of shorewood that is south of hwy 7	7/6/2025 11:02 AM
30	having trails in Freeman not be so muddy	7/5/2025 4:32 PM
31	Adding pickle ball courts	7/3/2025 12:13 PM
32	Make dog friendly, add offleash areas	7/3/2025 6:35 AM
33	A safe way to cross Highway 7!	7/2/2025 9:19 PM
34	More trash cans throughout the Freeman system to accommodate doggy bag pick up. People complain that the reason they don't pick up after their dogs is because there's no trash cans around.	7/2/2025 6:26 PM
35	dedicated sidewalk on Smithtown Rd. between Shorewood Ln and Timber Ln	7/2/2025 3:39 PM
36	Sidewalks or bigger shoulders on Eureka Rd	7/2/2025 1:13 PM
37	Dead trees should be removed near trails as they pose extreme danger	6/26/2025 9:58 PM

Q10 Which parks in Shorewood do you use most often? (Please choose your top 3)

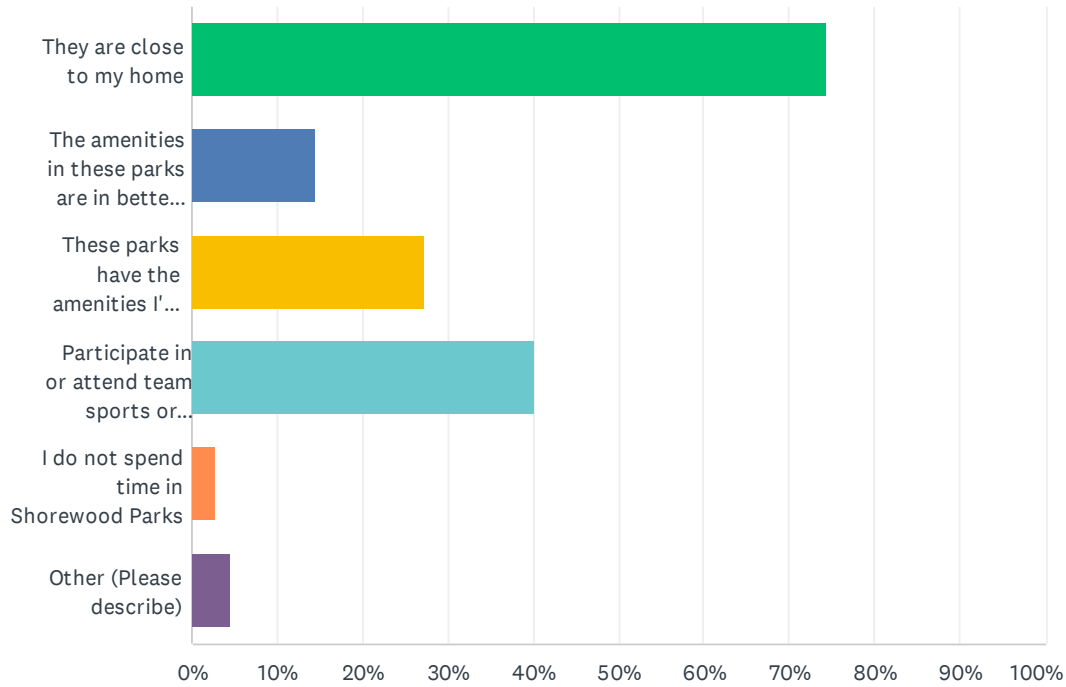
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Badger Park	51.11%	92
Cathcart Park	28.89%	52
Freeman Park	75.56%	136
Gideon Glen Park	3.89%	7
Manor Park	17.78%	32
Silverwood Park	9.44%	17
Southshore Park	5.00%	9
I do not spend time in Shorewood Parks	2.22%	4
Total Respondents: 180		

Q11 As a follow up to the previous question, why do you visit these parks most often? (Please select all that apply)

Answered: 180 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
They are close to my home	74.44%	134
The amenities in these parks are in better condition than other parks	14.44%	26
These parks have the amenities I'm looking for	27.22%	49
Participate in or attend team sports or community events	40.00%	72
I do not spend time in Shorewood Parks	2.78%	5
Other (Please describe)	4.44%	8
Total Respondents: 180		

#	OTHER (PLEASE DESCRIBE)	DATE
1	Location	8/27/2025 12:31 AM
2	We enjoy using the open field in the summer for soccer or football at Manor (for fun! not through an association). We love to skate in the winter at Manor! We use the field at Badger for organized football and lacross - it's fantastic. The park at Badger has unique and fun equipment compared to Manor Park.	8/23/2025 8:56 PM
3	Observing nature in a peaceful setting	8/18/2025 3:49 PM
4	Dog Friendly	8/11/2025 6:34 PM
5	Garden	7/31/2025 11:28 AM

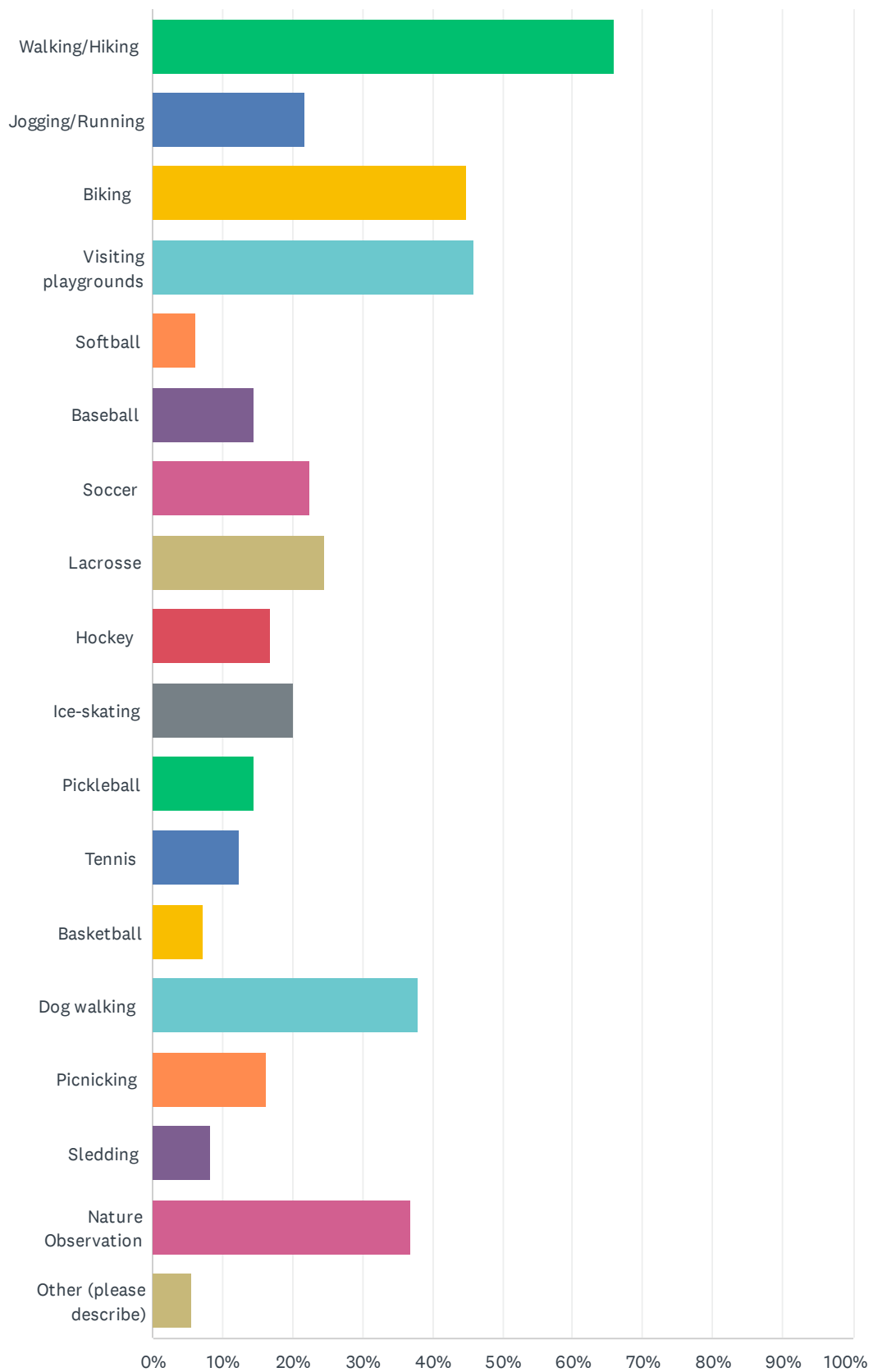
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6	All except the last choice	7/27/2025 1:47 PM
7	Love the trails and open space in Freeman	7/19/2025 5:03 PM
8	Questions above are LAME	7/9/2025 3:10 PM

Q12 What activity do you enjoy participating in most when visiting a park or trail in Shorewood? Select all that apply.

Answered: 179 Skipped: 1

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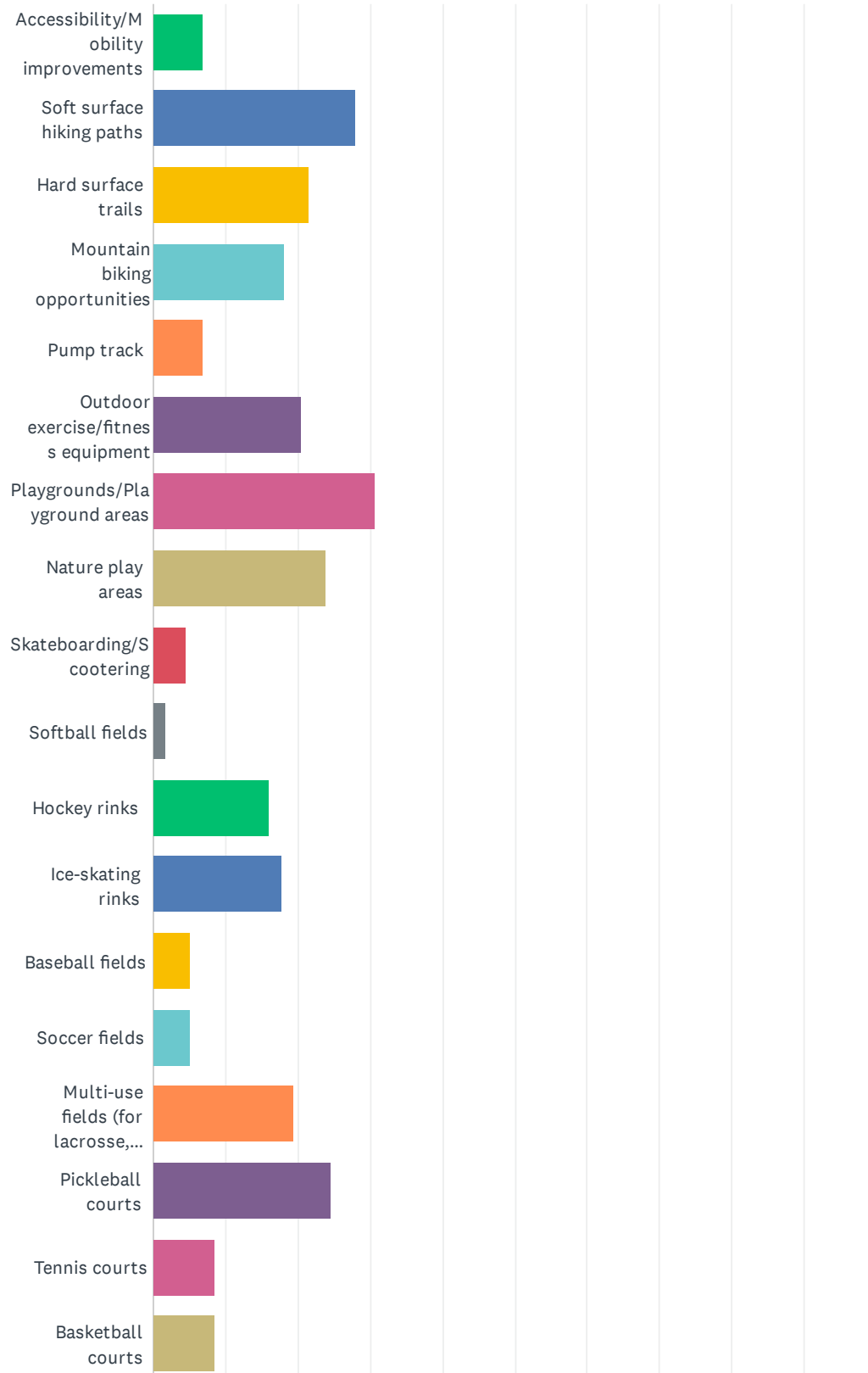
Shorewood Park System Plan Community Survey

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walking/Hiking	65.92%	118
Jogging/Running	21.79%	39
Biking	44.69%	80
Visiting playgrounds	45.81%	82
Softball	6.15%	11
Baseball	14.53%	26
Soccer	22.35%	40
Lacrosse	24.58%	44
Hockey	16.76%	30
Ice-skating	20.11%	36
Pickleball	14.53%	26
Tennis	12.29%	22
Basketball	7.26%	13
Dog walking	37.99%	68
Picnicking	16.20%	29
Sledding	8.38%	15
Nature Observation	36.87%	66
Other (please describe)	5.59%	10
Total Respondents: 179		

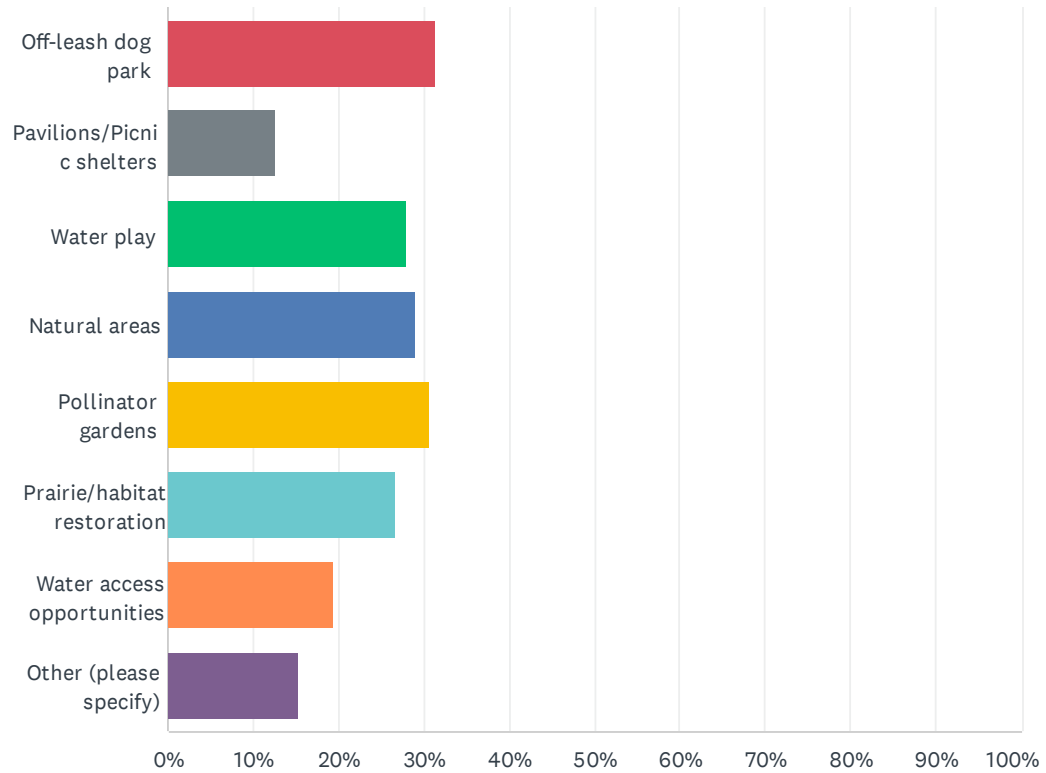
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1	Kite Flying	8/22/2025 9:22 PM
2	Tonka Football Association practices & games	8/18/2025 9:26 PM
3	NA	8/12/2025 10:32 AM
4	Baseball	8/11/2025 9:26 PM
5	Grandchildren use playground equipment	8/11/2025 5:02 PM
6	Walking through the woods	8/11/2025 5:02 PM
7	Xxx	8/6/2025 12:45 PM
8	GArdening	7/31/2025 11:28 AM
9	To use the trails, Kite Flying	7/9/2025 3:10 PM
10	Running my dog inside one of the fenced areas.	7/2/2025 6:26 PM

Q13 Which of the following amenities and facilities would you like to see improved or added to the park and trail system? (Please select your top 5)

Answered: 176 Skipped: 4



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Accessibility/Mobility improvements	6.82%	12
Soft surface hiking paths	27.84%	49
Hard surface trails	21.59%	38
Mountain biking opportunities	18.18%	32
Pump track	6.82%	12
Outdoor exercise/fitness equipment	20.45%	36
Playgrounds/Playground areas	30.68%	54
Nature play areas	23.86%	42
Skateboarding/Scooter	4.55%	8
Softball fields	1.70%	3
Hockey rinks	15.91%	28
Ice-skating rinks	17.61%	31
Baseball fields	5.11%	9
Soccer fields	5.11%	9
Multi-use fields (for lacrosse, football, etc.)	19.32%	34
Pickleball courts	24.43%	43
Tennis courts	8.52%	15
Basketball courts	8.52%	15
Off-leash dog park	31.25%	55
Pavilions/Picnic shelters	12.50%	22
Water play	27.84%	49
Natural areas	28.98%	51
Pollinator gardens	30.68%	54
Prairie/habitat restoration	26.70%	47
Water access opportunities	19.32%	34
Other (please specify)	15.34%	27
Total Respondents: 176		

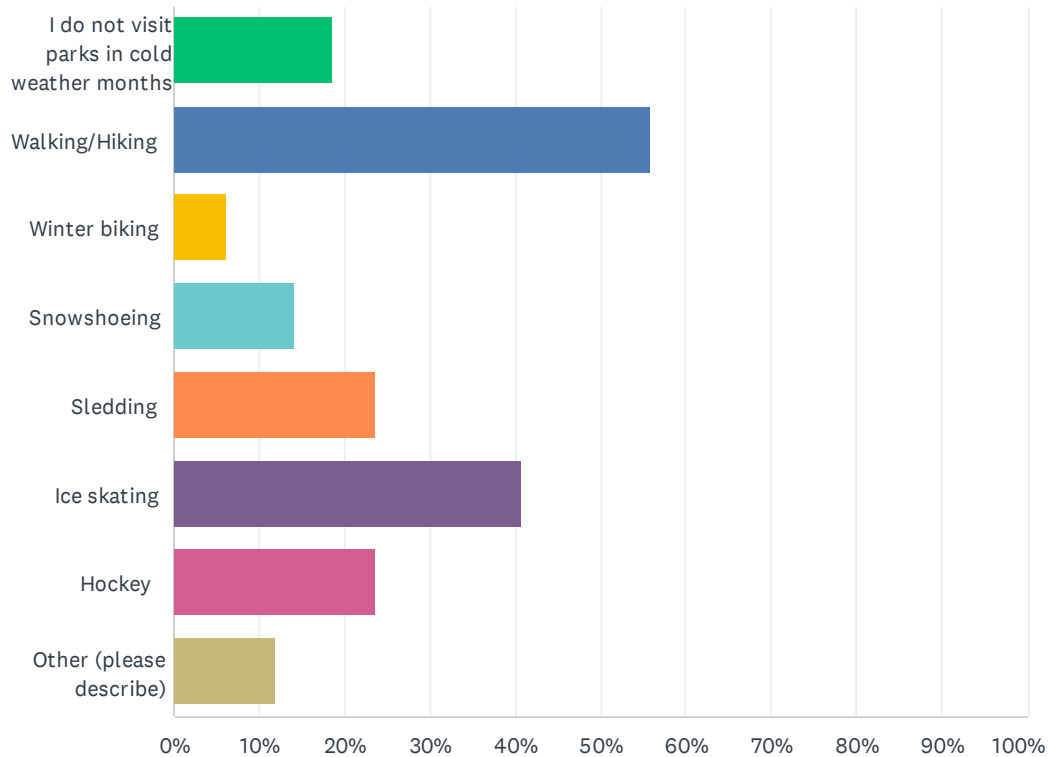
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1	Netting that prevents balls and trash from entering the pond	8/24/2025 8:56 AM
2	Disc Golf (Freeman?), Hedge Maze (Southshore?)	8/22/2025 9:22 PM
3	Pool	8/19/2025 9:38 AM
4	Keep recycling/trash bins!	8/18/2025 3:49 PM
5	Cross country ski trails	8/16/2025 6:25 PM

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6	Splash pad!	8/14/2025 9:26 PM
7	Reforest beyond the perimeter of the wooded area on the west side of Freeman Park - ash trees are the predominant specie in the woods and they are dying.	8/12/2025 2:36 PM
8	IDK	8/12/2025 10:32 AM
9	Gaga ball	8/11/2025 9:26 PM
10	please do NOT add pickle ball courts!	8/11/2025 7:58 PM
11	Forest restoration after we lose our Ash trees	8/11/2025 5:02 PM
12	Bocce ball courts - covered	8/11/2025 4:33 PM
13	Water Park/Rec pool (thinking something similar to the Edina Aquatic Center)	8/7/2025 6:22 PM
14	Used to be able to access Silver Lace to drop a kayak	8/6/2025 2:57 PM
15	Xxx	8/6/2025 12:45 PM
16	Bocce Ball courts	8/6/2025 8:12 AM
17	A working water fountain - filling station for filling water bowls for dogs would be nice 😊	8/1/2025 2:03 PM
18	d	8/1/2025 2:00 PM
19	If you put in horseshoes pits, we would use those	7/31/2025 11:28 AM
20	parking lot	7/30/2025 8:13 AM
21	Splash pad	7/29/2025 8:45 PM
22	Sand volleyball court	7/19/2025 5:03 PM
23	Please add some glider benches and some swinging benches along the trail by Eureka Road and Smithtown Road by the Kiosk there, and also inside Freeman Park entrance from the trail among other spots along trail and in park.	7/17/2025 7:22 PM
24	Sports complex or large rec center (multi-field/court sports)	7/15/2025 10:41 PM
25	Fire Lanes, (linear Parkways) are not marked, nor signed to notify people of allowed usages	7/9/2025 3:10 PM
26	connecting the trails that we have to ALL of shorewood. Safe crossing of Hwy 7 near Excelsior. Connecting trails to neighboring towns (Chan, excelsior)	7/6/2025 11:02 AM
27	a running track would be an absolute dream, art features, water features	7/2/2025 3:39 PM

Q14 During the cold weather months (i.e., October to April), what activities do you enjoy participating in most in Shorewood?

Answered: 177 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I do not visit parks in cold weather months	18.64%	33
Walking/Hiking	55.93%	99
Winter biking	6.21%	11
Snowshoeing	14.12%	25
Sledding	23.73%	42
Ice skating	40.68%	72
Hockey	23.73%	42
Other (please describe)	11.86%	21
Total Respondents: 177		

#	OTHER (PLEASE DESCRIBE)	DATE
1	practice games, scrimmage	8/27/2025 2:52 PM
2	Dog walking	8/26/2025 6:22 PM
3	at Manor	8/23/2025 8:56 PM

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4	Dog walking - need fenced area for medium size dogs to run	8/22/2025 10:36 AM
5	Observing nature	8/18/2025 3:49 PM
6	Cross country skiing	8/16/2025 6:25 PM
7	None	8/11/2025 9:10 PM
8	Easy flat trail to try cross-country skiing	8/11/2025 4:33 PM
9	We try to play on the playgrounds as much as possible	8/7/2025 6:22 PM
10	Dog sledding	8/6/2025 8:04 PM
11	Playgrounds	8/5/2025 9:22 AM
12	Cross country skiing	8/1/2025 2:00 PM
13	Observing Nature.	7/17/2025 7:22 PM
14	Ice skating, we go to Minnetonka parks for this	7/12/2025 7:37 AM
15	The ice skating rings / warming house are a waste of city staff time and money.e ande and money. A cost evalutation	7/9/2025 3:10 PM
16	Pickle Ball	7/7/2025 11:24 AM
17	Indoor pickleball	7/3/2025 12:13 PM
18	Dog walking	7/3/2025 6:35 AM
19	Running- I haven't lived in Shorewood through the winter yet and really hope the trails will be plowed	7/2/2025 3:39 PM
20	Dog walking	6/27/2025 12:33 PM
21	Winter festival	6/26/2025 9:58 PM

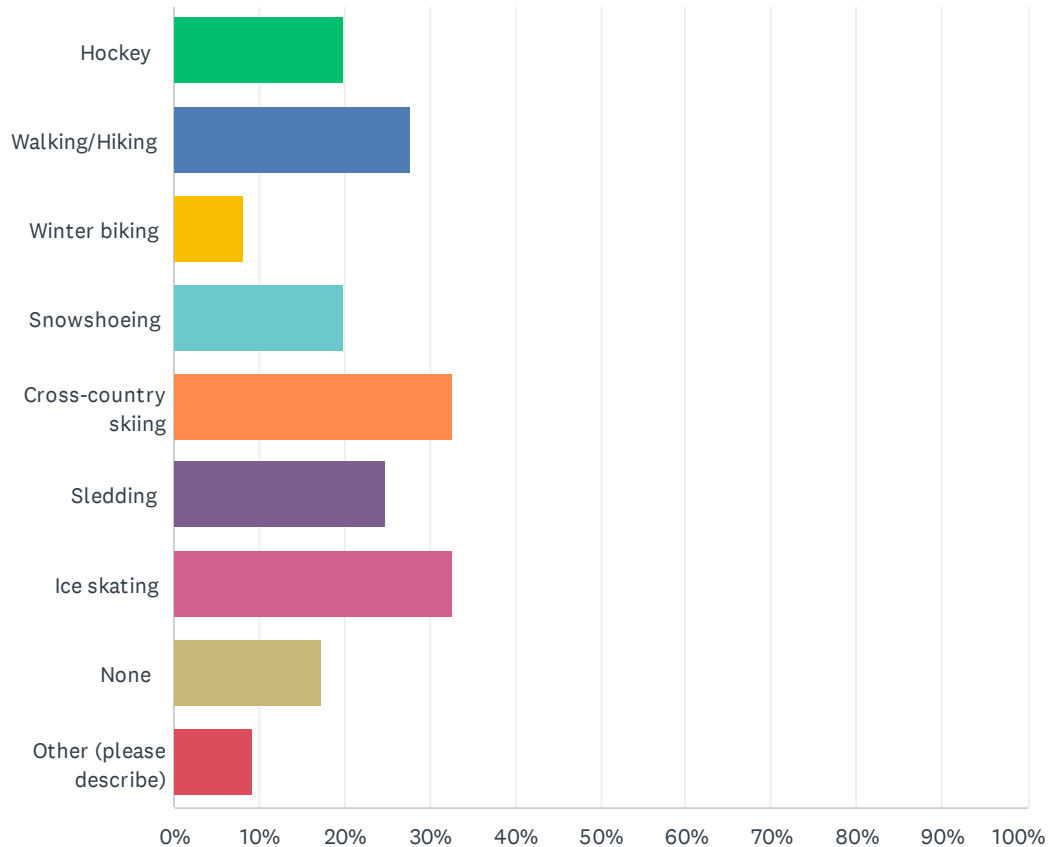
Q15 If you do not visit parks during cold weather months please describe why.

Answered: 28 Skipped: 152

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	We need warming spaces!	8/27/2025 12:31 AM
2	Snow and cold.	8/25/2025 3:30 PM
3	mostly spend time inside hockey rinks	8/24/2025 12:50 PM
4	We have 3 kids that play hockey, and time is very limited during the winter months for Park Activities..	8/24/2025 10:23 AM
5	Off season for sports	8/24/2025 10:01 AM
6	Hockey	8/24/2025 9:04 AM
7	We have closer parks to enjoy	8/24/2025 8:55 AM
8	Because it's cold.	8/23/2025 8:15 AM
9	Out of state for winter	8/22/2025 12:51 PM
10	I would need a warming house with a sledding hill or rink.	8/19/2025 7:14 AM
11	I participate in indoor activities	8/18/2025 9:26 PM
12	My kids go to badger if there's no snow on the turf, but not if there's snow	8/18/2025 7:39 PM
13	Can't play sports on fields	8/18/2025 7:22 PM
14	We watch our grandchildren play hockey indoors	8/18/2025 11:56 AM
15	Snowbirds in Florida	8/17/2025 10:45 AM
16	Ice & snow	8/12/2025 8:15 PM
17	I live on Enchanted Island. There are no parks on either Shady or Enchanted Island	8/12/2025 10:32 AM
18	Snow & ice	8/12/2025 2:56 AM
19	Nothing close to our house.	8/11/2025 8:28 PM
20	N/A	8/11/2025 4:31 PM
21	I dislike cold weather in general, it has nothing to do with the quality of the parks.	8/9/2025 12:21 PM
22	N/A	8/7/2025 9:17 AM
23	To keep moving and embrace Winter!	8/3/2025 9:45 AM
24	too cold	7/31/2025 11:28 AM
25	its too cold out.	7/30/2025 8:13 AM
26	Young kids looking for playground usually.	7/29/2025 8:45 PM
27	Risk of slipping on untreated Icy surfaces.	7/9/2025 3:10 PM
28	It is cold outside, then.	7/2/2025 7:03 PM

Q16 What winter activities would you like to see added, improved, or expanded within Shorewood?

Answered: 162 Skipped: 18



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Hockey	19.75%	32
Walking/Hiking	27.78%	45
Winter biking	8.02%	13
Snowshoeing	19.75%	32
Cross-country skiing	32.72%	53
Sledding	24.69%	40
Ice skating	32.72%	53
None	17.28%	28
Other (please describe)	9.26%	15
Total Respondents: 162		

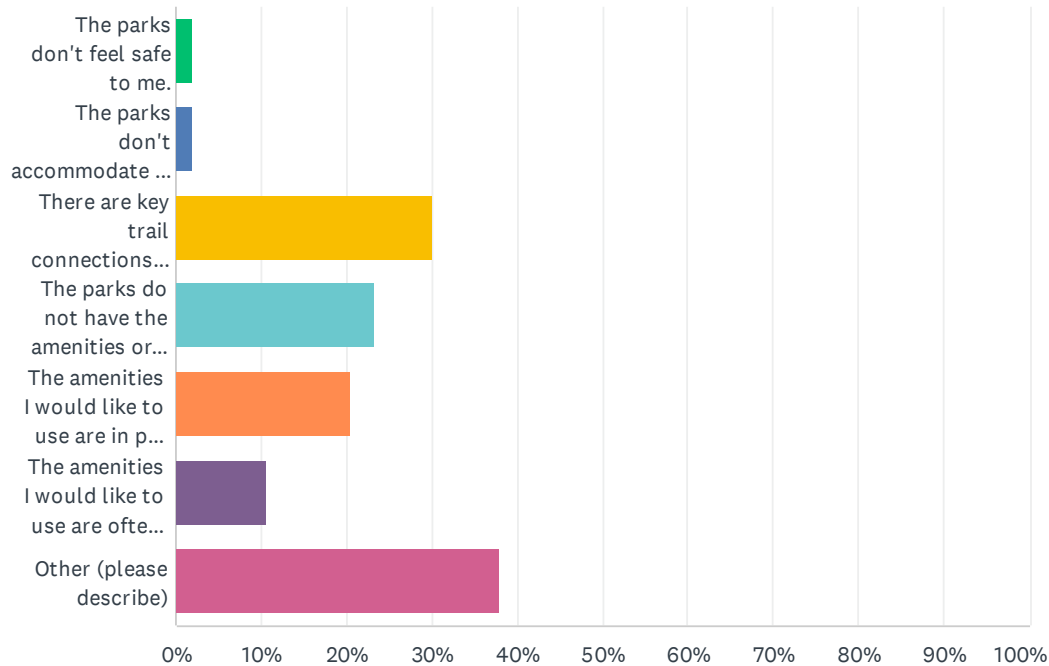
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1	Rinks are not always maintained (i.e. Cathcart) & equipment such as skate trainers (bars to hold) aren't always available/in good condition for little kids	8/27/2025 2:45 PM
2	We only access Manor Park in the winter; it has what we need!	8/23/2025 8:56 PM
3	Please repaint Cathcart Hockey Rink	8/23/2025 9:12 AM
4	Snow sculpture activities	8/18/2025 3:49 PM
5	IDK	8/12/2025 10:32 AM
6	Full moon walk in the snow.	8/11/2025 4:33 PM
7	Multi use trails open to dogs sports!	8/6/2025 8:04 PM
8	Kayak access	8/6/2025 2:57 PM
9	Love the idea of "ice skating trails"	8/4/2025 3:04 PM
10	Snow shoeing cross country skiing	7/27/2025 1:47 PM
11	A warming house near the entrance to Freeman Park off of the trail.	7/17/2025 7:22 PM
12	Dome for Multi-use fields (soccer, futsal, field sports)	7/15/2025 10:41 PM
13	Dog park	7/10/2025 8:04 PM
14	Sell the ice house. Time and money wasted.	7/9/2025 3:10 PM
15	Indoor pickleball	7/7/2025 11:24 AM

Q17 When trying to enjoy Shorewood's park and trail system, what gets in the way?

Answered: 103 Skipped: 77



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
The parks don't feel safe to me.	1.94%	2
The parks don't accommodate my disability or mobility challenges.	1.94%	2
There are key trail connections missing that make navigating the trail system difficult.	30.10%	31
The parks do not have the amenities or facilities that I enjoy using.	23.30%	24
The amenities I would like to use are in poor condition.	20.39%	21
The amenities I would like to use are often already in use by others	10.68%	11
Other (please describe)	37.86%	39
Total Respondents: 103		

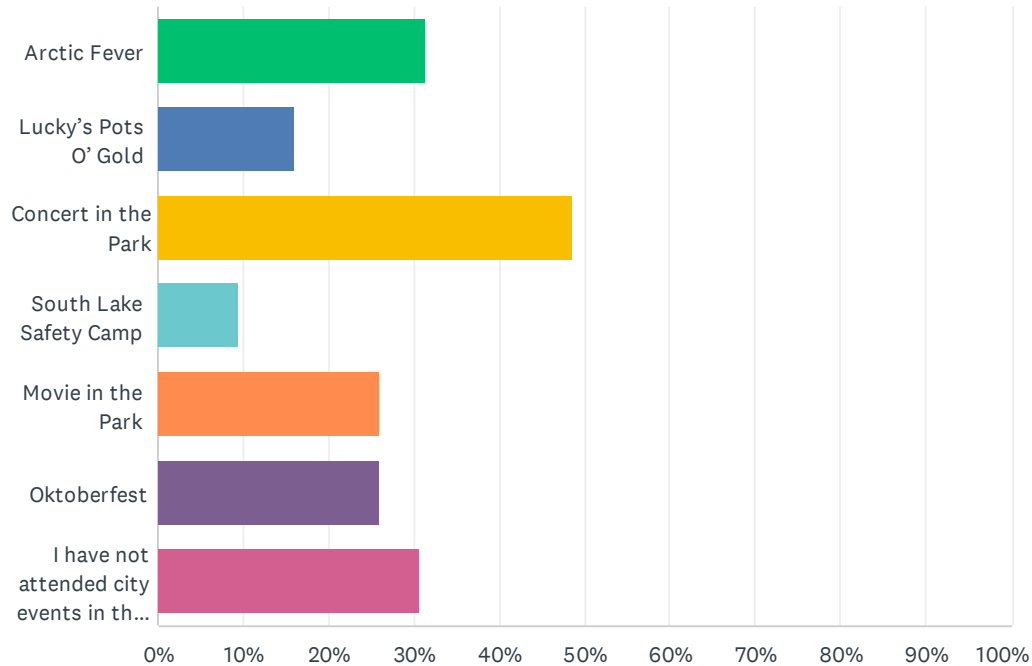
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1	None	9/4/2025 4:12 PM
2	All is good	8/25/2025 5:41 PM
3	People are not abiding by keeping their dogs on leashes and do not clean up after the dogs as well-my kids will play in the fields and step in dog poop	8/24/2025 8:14 PM
4	Grass fields, need more turf so sports are not cancelled due to field conditions	8/24/2025 10:33 AM
5	No reason	8/24/2025 10:32 AM

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6	Young kids on motor bikes on trails and at parks being annoying	8/18/2025 10:02 PM
7	More turf fields please	8/18/2025 9:26 PM
8	None/No obstacles	8/18/2025 3:49 PM
9	Water feature at south shore park along with a pavilion and extra seating scattered around for people to sit and read/relax	8/18/2025 11:56 AM
10	Hard to get to trails, not clearly marked	8/14/2025 9:26 PM
11	None close by	8/12/2025 10:32 AM
12	None	8/11/2025 9:10 PM
13	More access to neighborhoods on the east side of the city.	8/11/2025 8:28 PM
14	access to more rest rooms would be good	8/11/2025 7:58 PM
15	the bathrooms are not kept in good shape...they are trashed...badger park in general	8/11/2025 7:53 PM
16	flooded areas, mosquitoes, icy paths, sketchy lighting at night	8/11/2025 6:34 PM
17	Sidewalks to get to trails safely is a problem	8/11/2025 4:35 PM
18	Just crazy kids on electric bikes going too fast	8/11/2025 4:34 PM
19	Motorized bicycles	8/9/2025 5:32 PM
20	None	8/9/2025 12:21 PM
21	Cathcart tennis court	8/7/2025 9:17 AM
22	Just the occasional unstaffed/closed warming house	8/6/2025 8:04 PM
23	.	7/30/2025 8:13 AM
24	The trail/sidewalk system in the city should be interconnected	7/28/2025 12:00 PM
25	None of the above	7/27/2025 1:47 PM
26	No opinion.	7/26/2025 7:57 AM
27	Please add water area or pools to a park. Not every has a pool or lake accessible in the dummer	7/22/2025 11:39 AM
28	Need more shelters for shade and resting while at the park (as well as bathrooms (vs ports potties)	7/21/2025 9:48 AM
29	Time	7/19/2025 8:57 PM
30	No issues	7/19/2025 5:03 PM
31	Have more benches for us older folks who like to stay active but get winded and need to sit down from time to time on our walks and outings. Especially nice to have some swinging benches and glider benches to rest and listen to the birds and enjoy the nature.	7/17/2025 7:22 PM
32	On very busy days, parking is just very tough.	7/15/2025 10:41 PM
33	We need a permanent structure for a warming house at Cathcart	7/11/2025 10:28 PM
34	Nothing	7/10/2025 8:04 PM
35	Geting to our parks, by foot / bike is TREACHEROUS.	7/9/2025 3:10 PM
36	Even though we're close, the lack of sidewalks or dedicated bike lanes means we typically drive for safety.	7/5/2025 3:10 PM
37	Nothing	7/2/2025 8:04 PM
38	please add a dedicated sidewalk on Smithtown Rd.	7/2/2025 3:39 PM
39	Restrooms please along the trail.	7/2/2025 12:45 PM

Q18 Which city events have you attended in the past? Please select all that apply

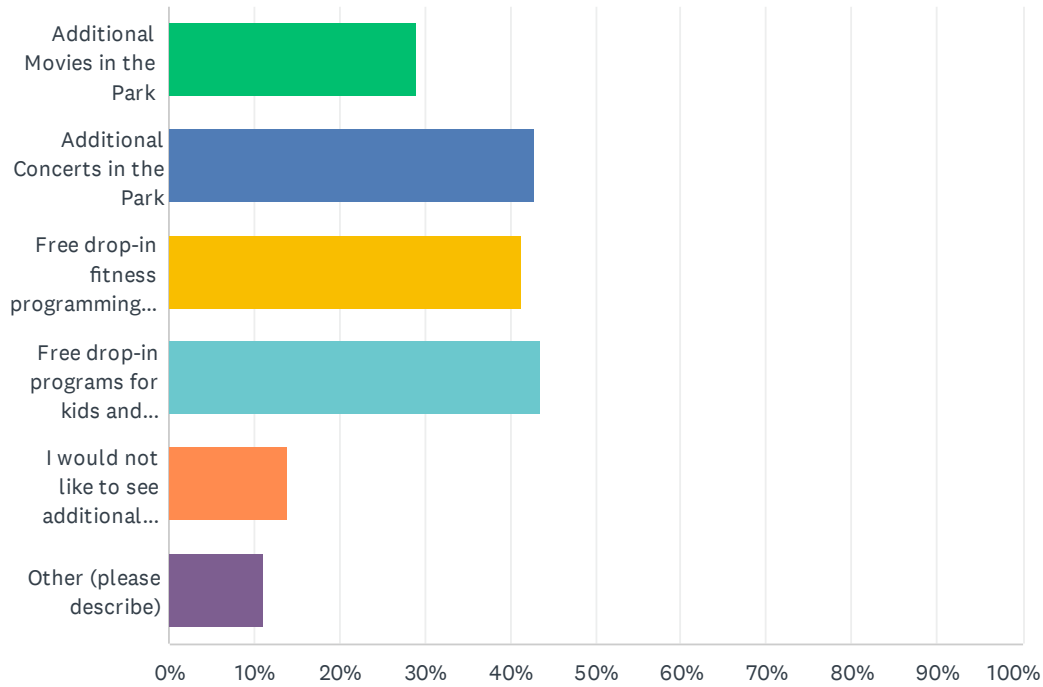
Answered: 169 Skipped: 11



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Arctic Fever	31.36%	53
Lucky's Pots O' Gold	15.98%	27
Concert in the Park	48.52%	82
South Lake Safety Camp	9.47%	16
Movie in the Park	26.04%	44
Oktoberfest	26.04%	44
I have not attended city events in the past	30.77%	52
Total Respondents: 169		

Q19 What other kinds of events would you like to see provided by the City of Shorewood?

Answered: 145 Skipped: 35



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Additional Movies in the Park	28.97%	42
Additional Concerts in the Park	42.76%	62
Free drop-in fitness programming such as yoga	41.38%	60
Free drop-in programs for kids and families such as mini-concerts, games and activities	43.45%	63
I would not like to see additional events provided	13.79%	20
Other (please describe)	11.03%	16
Total Respondents: 145		

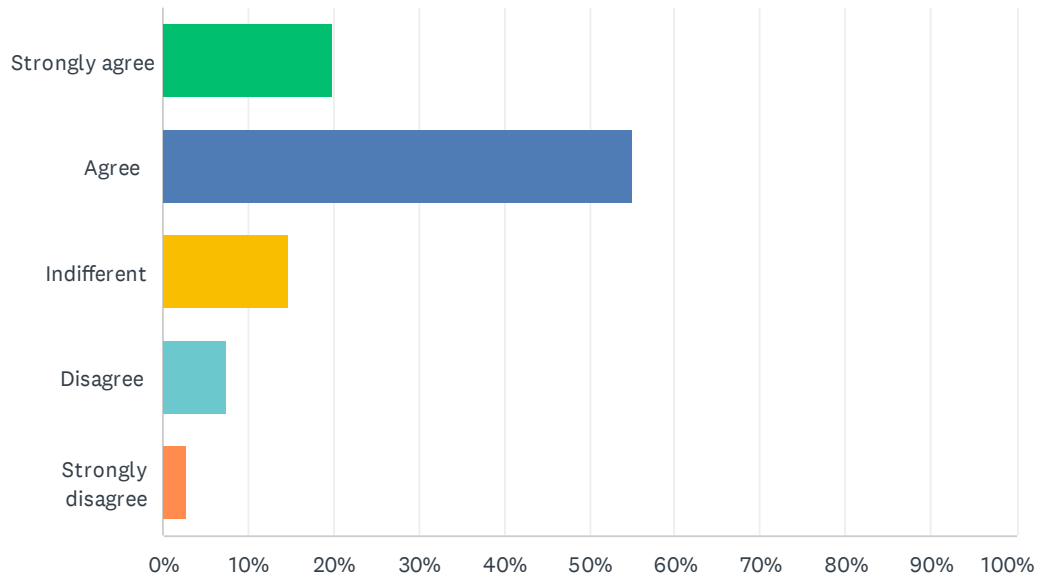
#	OTHER (PLEASE DESCRIBE)	DATE
1	We love anything kid-centered!! Lots of kiddos in the community around Freeman Park	8/27/2025 2:45 PM
2	Pickle ball tourney	8/24/2025 7:20 PM
3	Would attend if interested	8/24/2025 10:32 AM
4	We loved the storytime partnership with Hennepin County Library when the kids were little at Manor Park. It would be great to have other partnerships that host events for elementary and middle school aged students.	8/23/2025 8:56 PM
5	Holiday light display	8/22/2025 9:22 PM

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6	Pickle Ball	8/22/2025 1:48 PM
7	Weekly arts and crafts activities	8/18/2025 3:49 PM
8	food trucks not just on event nights	8/14/2025 3:38 PM
9	IDK	8/12/2025 10:32 AM
10	Eden prairie has great kids magic shows	8/11/2025 9:26 PM
11	Group meditation for world peace	8/11/2025 4:33 PM
12	More prairie restoration quiet spaces	8/6/2025 2:57 PM
13	Not sure, open to ideas.	8/1/2025 2:03 PM
14	Dog friendly Event Bring your Dog to the Park Day.	7/17/2025 7:22 PM
15	Movies in the park has been canceled how many times?	7/9/2025 3:10 PM
16	Goat yoga in Freeman (find out who The Marsh uses plus there's a family in prior lake that has goats that they bring around for stuff like this)	7/2/2025 6:26 PM

Q20 "I feel all the basic amenities I would expect to see in parks (like seating, play spaces, restrooms, bike facilities, sports fields, etc.) are present in Shorewood's park and trail system."

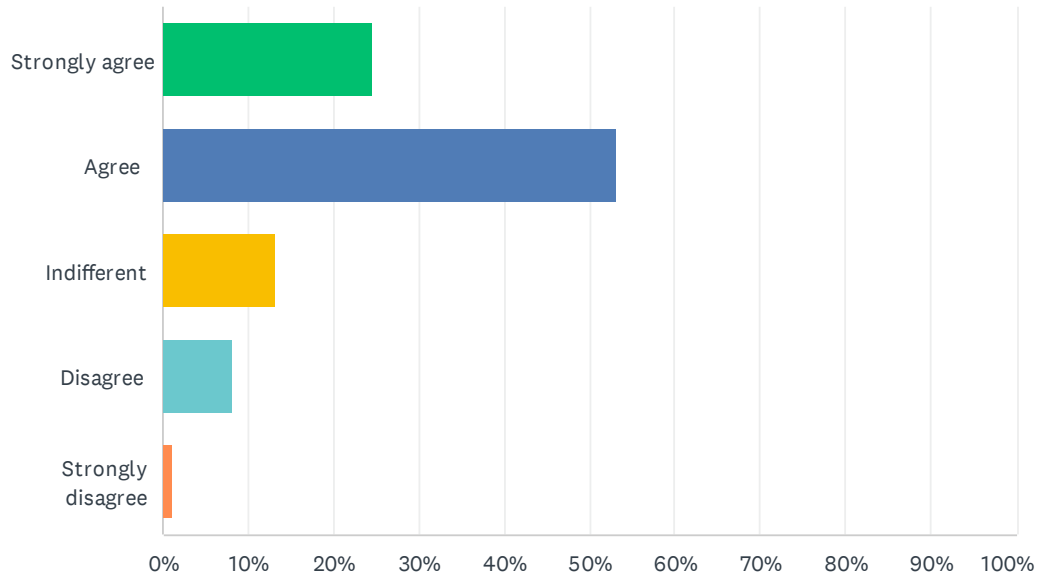
Answered: 176 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	19.89%	35
Agree	55.11%	97
Indifferent	14.77%	26
Disagree	7.39%	13
Strongly disagree	2.84%	5
TOTAL		176

Q21 "The parks and trails in Shorewood are well-maintained and easy to use."

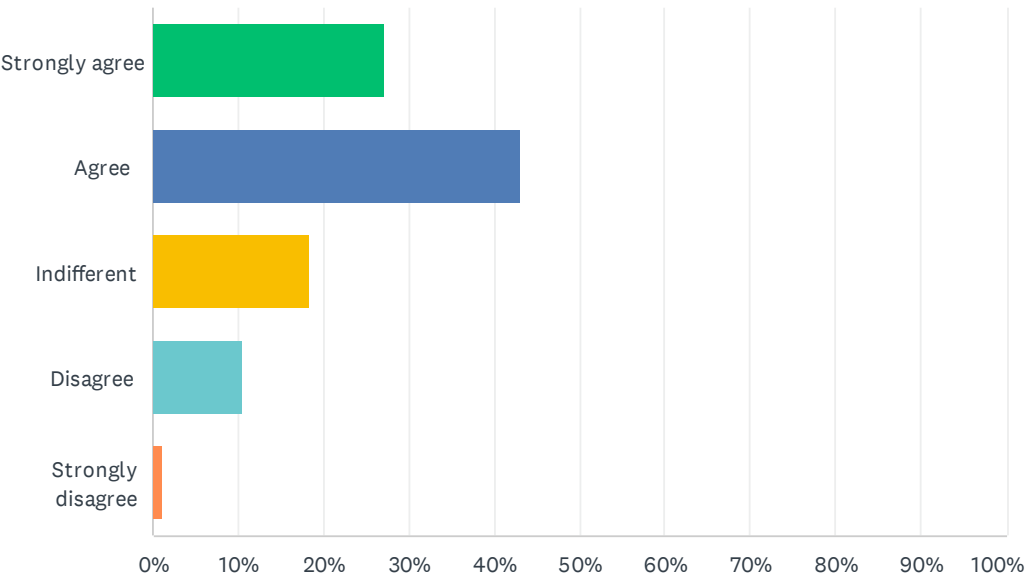
Answered: 175 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	24.57%	43
Agree	53.14%	93
Indifferent	13.14%	23
Disagree	8.00%	14
Strongly disagree	1.14%	2
TOTAL		175

Q22 "I can easily navigate Shorewood's park and trail system using existing wayfinding materials, such as physical or digital maps, wayfinding signage, and park kiosks."

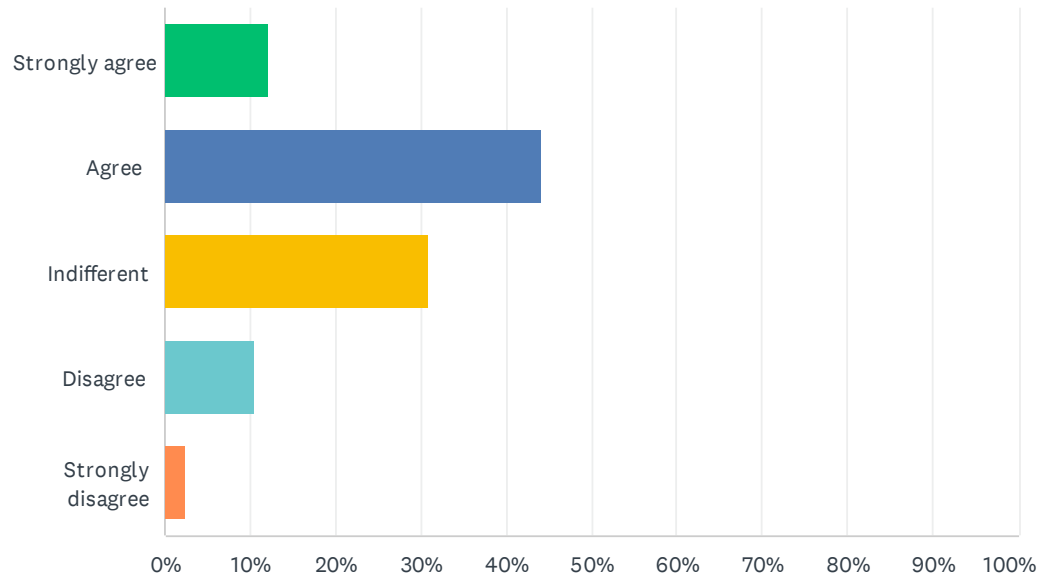
Answered: 174 Skipped: 6



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	27.01%	47
Agree	43.10%	75
Indifferent	18.39%	32
Disagree	10.34%	18
Strongly disagree	1.15%	2
TOTAL		174

Q23 "There are programs, activities, and recreational opportunities for everyone to participate in, regardless of age, mobility level, or socioeconomic background."

Answered: 172 Skipped: 8



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	12.21%	21
Agree	44.19%	76
Indifferent	30.81%	53
Disagree	10.47%	18
Strongly disagree	2.33%	4
TOTAL		172

Q24 What 3 words do you associate with Shorewood's park and trail system?

Answered: 107 Skipped: 73

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Word 1	100.00% 107
Word 2	98.13% 105
Word 3	92.52% 99

#	WORD 1	DATE
1	Nice	9/4/2025 4:12 PM
2	Old	8/28/2025 9:20 PM
3	Well-kept	8/27/2025 2:45 PM
4	Convenient	8/26/2025 6:22 PM
5	Well used	8/26/2025 1:39 PM
6	Wooded	8/25/2025 5:41 PM
7	Variety	8/25/2025 3:30 PM
8	Clean	8/25/2025 8:24 AM
9	Well maintained	8/24/2025 9:19 PM
10	Fun	8/24/2025 9:07 PM
11	Standard	8/24/2025 8:14 PM
12	Trees	8/24/2025 7:20 PM
13	Green	8/24/2025 11:33 AM
14	Close	8/24/2025 11:16 AM
15	Accessible	8/24/2025 10:32 AM
16	Fun	8/24/2025 10:23 AM
17	Clean	8/24/2025 10:17 AM
18	Clean	8/24/2025 9:04 AM
19	Lacrosse	8/24/2025 8:55 AM
20	community-building	8/23/2025 8:56 PM
21	Accessible	8/23/2025 1:23 PM
22	Fun	8/23/2025 8:15 AM
23	Near	8/22/2025 9:22 PM
24	Biking	8/22/2025 8:07 PM
25	Old	8/22/2025 1:48 PM
26	Overgrown	8/22/2025 12:51 PM
27	Ebikes	8/22/2025 10:36 AM

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28	Excellent	8/20/2025 9:46 PM
29	Clean	8/19/2025 8:36 PM
30	Open	8/19/2025 10:41 AM
31	convenient	8/19/2025 9:54 AM
32	Fun	8/19/2025 9:38 AM
33	Clean	8/19/2025 7:54 AM
34	Nice	8/19/2025 5:17 AM
35	New	8/18/2025 9:26 PM
36	Nice	8/18/2025 7:22 PM
37	Gift	8/18/2025 3:58 PM
38	Preserve	8/18/2025 3:49 PM
39	Beautiful	8/17/2025 2:44 PM
40	Run down	8/16/2025 6:25 PM
41	Adequate	8/15/2025 1:40 PM
42	beautiful	8/14/2025 3:38 PM
43	Fine	8/12/2025 8:17 PM
44	Variety	8/12/2025 1:15 PM
45	dated	8/12/2025 10:45 AM
46	Good condition	8/12/2025 10:22 AM
47	Amazing	8/12/2025 7:47 AM
48	friendly	8/12/2025 2:56 AM
49	Old	8/12/2025 12:10 AM
50	Fun	8/11/2025 9:26 PM
51	we appreciate it	8/11/2025 7:58 PM
52	nice variety	8/11/2025 7:29 PM
53	Accessible	8/11/2025 7:00 PM
54	Peaceful	8/11/2025 6:34 PM
55	Clean	8/11/2025 6:08 PM
56	biking	8/11/2025 5:14 PM
57	Excellent	8/11/2025 5:02 PM
58	Maintained	8/11/2025 4:34 PM
59	Nature	8/11/2025 4:33 PM
60	Accessible	8/11/2025 4:32 PM
61	biking	8/11/2025 4:13 PM
62	Highway	8/9/2025 6:30 PM
63	Family	8/9/2025 5:32 PM
64	Natural	8/9/2025 12:21 PM
65	Spacious	8/7/2025 9:17 AM

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66	Lots	8/6/2025 8:04 PM
67	Disconnected	8/6/2025 7:26 PM
68	Nice for those on the Nort and West parts of Town	8/6/2025 2:57 PM
69	Basic	8/6/2025 8:12 AM
70	Clean	8/5/2025 9:22 AM
71	Plentiful	8/4/2025 3:04 PM
72	Pleasant	8/1/2025 2:03 PM
73	safe	7/31/2025 11:28 AM
74	Convenient	7/30/2025 8:50 PM
75	Safe	7/30/2025 2:03 PM
76	park	7/30/2025 8:13 AM
77	Beautiful	7/28/2025 12:00 PM
78	Please	7/27/2025 1:47 PM
79	Fun	7/22/2025 11:39 AM
80	Adequate	7/21/2025 8:03 PM
81	Sports focused	7/21/2025 9:48 AM
82	Open	7/20/2025 1:42 PM
83	Safe	7/19/2025 8:57 PM
84	Clean	7/19/2025 5:03 PM
85	Nice	7/17/2025 7:22 PM
86	welcoming	7/15/2025 10:41 PM
87	Woods	7/13/2025 8:33 AM
88	Underwhelming	7/12/2025 7:37 AM
89	Convenient	7/11/2025 10:28 PM
90	Beautiful	7/11/2025 6:23 AM
91	Great dog walking trails	7/10/2025 8:04 PM
92	accessible	7/9/2025 4:51 PM
93	Weed Infested	7/9/2025 3:10 PM
94	Outdoor	7/8/2025 7:22 AM
95	Old	7/7/2025 11:24 AM
96	fragmented	7/6/2025 11:02 AM
97	Convenient	7/6/2025 2:44 AM
98	Old	7/3/2025 12:13 PM
99	Accessible	7/2/2025 9:19 PM
100	Urban-feeling	7/2/2025 7:03 PM
101	Nature	7/2/2025 6:26 PM
102	Convenient	7/2/2025 1:13 PM
103	Scenic	7/2/2025 12:45 PM

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104	Close	7/2/2025 12:16 PM
105	Athletics	6/27/2025 12:33 PM
106	Flowerless	6/26/2025 9:58 PM
107	trees	6/26/2025 8:15 PM
#	WORD 2	DATE
1	Available	9/4/2025 4:12 PM
2	Big	8/28/2025 9:20 PM
3	Natural	8/27/2025 2:45 PM
4	Fun	8/26/2025 6:22 PM
5	Well maintained	8/26/2025 1:39 PM
6	Nice	8/25/2025 5:41 PM
7	Open	8/25/2025 3:30 PM
8	Safe	8/25/2025 8:24 AM
9	Happy they are there	8/24/2025 9:19 PM
10	Community	8/24/2025 9:07 PM
11	Adequate	8/24/2025 8:14 PM
12	Paths	8/24/2025 7:20 PM
13	Clean	8/24/2025 11:33 AM
14	Maintained	8/24/2025 11:16 AM
15	Mostly maintained	8/24/2025 10:32 AM
16	Welcoming	8/24/2025 10:23 AM
17	Nice	8/24/2025 10:17 AM
18	Easy	8/24/2025 9:04 AM
19	Playground	8/24/2025 8:55 AM
20	neighborhood-fun	8/23/2025 8:56 PM
21	Maintained	8/23/2025 1:23 PM
22	Clean	8/23/2025 8:15 AM
23	Leisure	8/22/2025 9:22 PM
24	Playgrounds	8/22/2025 8:07 PM
25	outdated	8/22/2025 1:48 PM
26	poor	8/22/2025 12:51 PM
27	Traffic	8/22/2025 10:36 AM
28	Well maintained	8/20/2025 9:46 PM
29	We'll maintained	8/19/2025 8:36 PM
30	Spacious	8/19/2025 10:41 AM
31	family friendly	8/19/2025 9:54 AM
32	Athletic	8/19/2025 9:38 AM
33	Diverse	8/19/2025 7:54 AM

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34	Well-kept	8/19/2025 5:17 AM
35	Quality	8/18/2025 9:26 PM
36	Comfortable	8/18/2025 7:22 PM
37	Protect	8/18/2025 3:58 PM
38	Natural	8/18/2025 3:49 PM
39	Fun	8/17/2025 2:44 PM
40	Quiet	8/15/2025 1:40 PM
41	friendly	8/14/2025 3:38 PM
42	Ok	8/12/2025 8:17 PM
43	Open	8/12/2025 1:15 PM
44	small size	8/12/2025 10:45 AM
45	Close	8/12/2025 10:22 AM
46	Comprehensive	8/12/2025 7:47 AM
47	opened	8/12/2025 2:56 AM
48	Not maintained	8/12/2025 12:10 AM
49	Clean	8/11/2025 9:26 PM
50	convenient	8/11/2025 7:29 PM
51	convenient	8/11/2025 7:00 PM
52	Beautiful	8/11/2025 6:34 PM
53	Safe	8/11/2025 6:08 PM
54	hiking	8/11/2025 5:14 PM
55	Nature	8/11/2025 5:02 PM
56	Spacious	8/11/2025 4:34 PM
57	Peace	8/11/2025 4:33 PM
58	Plentiful	8/11/2025 4:32 PM
59	aged	8/11/2025 4:13 PM
60	Older	8/9/2025 6:30 PM
61	Accessible	8/9/2025 5:32 PM
62	Direct	8/9/2025 12:21 PM
63	Convenient	8/7/2025 9:17 AM
64	Of	8/6/2025 8:04 PM
65	Hilly	8/6/2025 7:26 PM
66	Trails are unsafe due to motorized/electric bikes	8/6/2025 2:57 PM
67	Minimal	8/6/2025 8:12 AM
68	Safe	8/5/2025 9:22 AM
69	Well-Maintained	8/4/2025 3:04 PM
70	Serene	8/1/2025 2:03 PM
71	fun	7/31/2025 11:28 AM

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72	Old	7/30/2025 8:50 PM
73	Accessible	7/30/2025 2:03 PM
74	trail	7/30/2025 8:13 AM
75	Well-maintained	7/28/2025 12:00 PM
76	Don't	7/27/2025 1:47 PM
77	Exciting	7/22/2025 11:39 AM
78	Comparable	7/21/2025 8:03 PM
79	Maintained	7/21/2025 9:48 AM
80	Clean	7/20/2025 1:42 PM
81	Convenient	7/19/2025 8:57 PM
82	Maintained	7/19/2025 5:03 PM
83	Well-maintained	7/17/2025 7:22 PM
84	community	7/15/2025 10:41 PM
85	Trails	7/13/2025 8:33 AM
86	Clean	7/12/2025 7:37 AM
87	Outdated	7/11/2025 10:28 PM
88	Easy	7/11/2025 6:23 AM
89	Good shade	7/10/2025 8:04 PM
90	simple	7/9/2025 4:51 PM
91	Poorly Planed	7/9/2025 3:10 PM
92	Nature	7/8/2025 7:22 AM
93	Dated	7/7/2025 11:24 AM
94	unsafe	7/6/2025 11:02 AM
95	Natural	7/6/2025 2:44 AM
96	Need updating	7/3/2025 12:13 PM
97	Convenient	7/2/2025 9:19 PM
98	Unsafe	7/2/2025 7:03 PM
99	Greenspace	7/2/2025 6:26 PM
100	Beautiful	7/2/2025 1:13 PM
101	Safe	7/2/2025 12:45 PM
102	Useful	7/2/2025 12:16 PM
103	Shore-less	6/27/2025 12:33 PM
104	Green	6/26/2025 9:58 PM
105	open space	6/26/2025 8:15 PM
#	WORD 3	DATE
1	Good	9/4/2025 4:12 PM
2	Some disrepair	8/28/2025 9:20 PM
3	Enjoyable	8/27/2025 2:45 PM

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4	Clean	8/26/2025 6:22 PM
5	Nature	8/26/2025 1:39 PM
6	Variety	8/25/2025 5:41 PM
7	Close	8/25/2025 3:30 PM
8	Fun	8/25/2025 8:24 AM
9	Love the water fountains.	8/24/2025 9:19 PM
10	Awesome	8/24/2025 9:07 PM
11	Convenient	8/24/2025 8:14 PM
12	Dogs	8/24/2025 7:20 PM
13	Fun	8/24/2025 11:33 AM
14	Basic	8/24/2025 11:16 AM
15	Could be enhanced	8/24/2025 10:32 AM
16	Clean	8/24/2025 10:23 AM
17	Fun	8/24/2025 10:17 AM
18	Abundant	8/24/2025 9:04 AM
19	Well maintained	8/24/2025 8:55 AM
20	recreational-sports	8/23/2025 8:56 PM
21	Plentiful	8/23/2025 1:23 PM
22	Nice	8/23/2025 8:15 AM
23	Sport	8/22/2025 9:22 PM
24	Summer	8/22/2025 8:07 PM
25	Need improvement	8/22/2025 1:48 PM
26	access	8/22/2025 12:51 PM
27	Fun	8/22/2025 10:36 AM
28	Good quality	8/20/2025 9:46 PM
29	Safe	8/19/2025 8:36 PM
30	Well Maintained	8/19/2025 10:41 AM
31	sports	8/19/2025 9:54 AM
32	Nature	8/19/2025 9:38 AM
33	Expansive	8/19/2025 7:54 AM
34	Accommodating	8/19/2025 5:17 AM
35	Clean	8/18/2025 9:26 PM
36	Big	8/18/2025 7:22 PM
37	Future	8/18/2025 3:58 PM
38	Spaces	8/18/2025 3:49 PM
39	Easy	8/17/2025 2:44 PM
40	Ordinary	8/15/2025 1:40 PM
41	well-maintained	8/14/2025 3:38 PM

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42	Updated.	8/12/2025 1:15 PM
43	sometimes dirty	8/12/2025 10:45 AM
44	Ok	8/12/2025 10:22 AM
45	Gift	8/12/2025 7:47 AM
46	Hot in the summer	8/12/2025 2:56 AM
47	Organized	8/11/2025 9:26 PM
48	Inspiring	8/11/2025 6:34 PM
49	Welcoming	8/11/2025 6:08 PM
50	walking	8/11/2025 5:14 PM
51	Maintained	8/11/2025 5:02 PM
52	Safe	8/11/2025 4:34 PM
53	Gratitude	8/11/2025 4:33 PM
54	lackluster	8/11/2025 4:13 PM
55	Awesome	8/9/2025 6:30 PM
56	Beautiful	8/9/2025 5:32 PM
57	Easy	8/9/2025 12:21 PM
58	Accessible	8/7/2025 9:17 AM
59	Parks	8/6/2025 8:04 PM
60	Unknown	8/6/2025 7:26 PM
61	No water access for residents unless rich or on the lake	8/6/2025 2:57 PM
62	Old	8/6/2025 8:12 AM
63	Vast	8/5/2025 9:22 AM
64	Well-Connected	8/4/2025 3:04 PM
65	Well-maintained	8/1/2025 2:03 PM
66	lengthy	7/31/2025 11:28 AM
67	Neighborhood	7/30/2025 8:50 PM
68	Well maintainef	7/30/2025 2:03 PM
69	system	7/30/2025 8:13 AM
70	Variety of playground equipment	7/28/2025 12:00 PM
71	Alter	7/27/2025 1:47 PM
72	Hard for young people to use	7/22/2025 11:39 AM
73	Average	7/21/2025 8:03 PM
74	Variety	7/21/2025 9:48 AM
75	Convenient	7/20/2025 1:42 PM
76	Enjoy	7/19/2025 8:57 PM
77	Variety	7/19/2025 5:03 PM
78	Pretty	7/17/2025 7:22 PM
79	accessible	7/15/2025 10:41 PM

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80	Quiet	7/13/2025 8:33 AM
81	Inaccessible	7/12/2025 7:37 AM
82	Fun	7/11/2025 10:28 PM
83	Relaxing	7/11/2025 6:23 AM
84	Close pickleball court	7/10/2025 8:04 PM
85	natural	7/9/2025 4:51 PM
86	No Enforcment Practices	7/9/2025 3:10 PM
87	Health	7/8/2025 7:22 AM
88	lacking	7/7/2025 11:24 AM
89	haphazard	7/6/2025 11:02 AM
90	Year round	7/6/2025 2:44 AM
91	Mire	7/3/2025 12:13 PM
92	Clean	7/2/2025 9:19 PM
93	Trails	7/2/2025 6:26 PM
94	Well maintained	7/2/2025 1:13 PM
95	Maintained	7/2/2025 12:45 PM
96	Nice	7/2/2025 12:16 PM
97	Anti-dog	6/27/2025 12:33 PM
98	Overgrown	6/26/2025 9:58 PM
99	family fun	6/26/2025 8:15 PM

Q25 What sorts of improvements would make visiting Shorewood's parks, trails, and open spaces more attractive to you and your family?

Answered: 118 Skipped: 62

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Update equipment and add garbages or dog poop stations Paint hockey rinks etc Full bathroom facilities	8/28/2025 9:20 PM
2	We would love to see some of the playground equipment upgraded in Freeman Park. Although there are 2 playground areas, they are somewhat small and outdated. We would also love to see some amenities for adults (tennis/pickleball courts?) close to these playgrounds so perhaps parents could be active while kids enjoyed the playgrounds :) Anything water-related is also a lot of fun in the Summer! We often find ourselves driving long distances to other Splash Pads/pools, especially when the waters at the local beaches isn't safe to swim in at particular times.	8/27/2025 2:45 PM
3	Upgrading Freeman park playground, repairing tennis court surfaces. It would be nice to add pickleball and/or a space for dogs.	8/26/2025 6:22 PM
4	Restroom facilities at all parks (city park doesn't have a restroom.)	8/26/2025 1:39 PM
5	More turf fields that could be used longer.	8/25/2025 5:41 PM
6	Playground, restrooms, handicap accessible.	8/25/2025 3:30 PM
7	More water fountains, place to blow up bike tires and bike parking, more mountain bike trails more iking trails and signs to other bike paths, more ecology and signs about what nature is around you. More bird house and pollinator fields.	8/24/2025 9:19 PM
8	I would really like to see enforcement of people who come to the parks and either vandalize or do not leash their dogs and let their dogs poop and don't clean up after them.	8/24/2025 8:14 PM
9	Dedicated Pickle ball courts	8/24/2025 7:20 PM
10	Connect trails to area south of highway 7 (Chaska/Galpin/41)	8/24/2025 5:45 PM
11	Improve bathroom facilities/locations	8/24/2025 11:33 AM
12	More turf fields so practices & games are not cancelled due to field conditions.	8/24/2025 10:33 AM
13	Bathrooms.. Badger gets very busy on game nights.. A public calendar of times and dates at Badger would be very nice.. My kids want to go and play lacrosse on the field and many times we get there and it's full.	8/24/2025 10:23 AM
14	More multi functional fields for kids sports	8/24/2025 9:04 AM
15	Badger is an incredible field and amenities for players and families to use. I think increased signage around field rules (no e-bikes, pick up trash, etc) and parking restrictions would go a long way. Additionally, adding a net to block the pond from stray balls would be an environmental win.	8/24/2025 8:56 AM
16	Improvements to Manor Park playground and more opportunities for events / classes for youth	8/23/2025 8:56 PM
17	New playground to accommodate older kids at Manor park	8/23/2025 3:50 PM
18	Some additional cleaning/maint at Cathcart park! Weeds and chipped paint on the park and ice rink.	8/23/2025 9:22 AM
19	Additional shade structures! Maintenance - weeding, paint.	8/23/2025 9:12 AM
20	Additions mentioned above - Mountain bike, pump track, outdoor exercise equipment, disc golf, hedge maze, cross-country skiing, goats to eat buckthorn. Things like off leash dog area, holiday lights, and more concerts and movies could bring more people to the parks.	8/22/2025 9:22 PM

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21	Adjustable basketball hoop for younger kids	8/22/2025 8:07 PM
22	Add pickle ball courts- it does not appear the tennis courts are being utilized and the courts are in bad shape anyway. Can we repurpose?	8/22/2025 1:48 PM
23	No ebikes speeding, splash pad or wading pond, traffic control for events, FLASHING SIGNAL CROSSING AT EUREKA RD/SMITHTOWN, waste bin on Smithtown Pond path for dog bags	8/22/2025 10:36 AM
24	More water access	8/19/2025 10:41 AM
25	suggestions mentioned above. ski trails, pump park, mtn biking	8/19/2025 9:54 AM
26	Mountain biking opportunities, pump track, pool	8/19/2025 9:38 AM
27	More turf fields.	8/19/2025 8:17 AM
28	Continued/expanded soft surface trails for walking/hiking	8/19/2025 7:54 AM
29	More turf lacrosse fields	8/19/2025 5:17 AM
30	Water features like splash pad... pump track, big and better playground and features, nature play space	8/18/2025 10:02 PM
31	More turf field options	8/18/2025 9:26 PM
32	More lacrosse and youth football fields!!!!!!!!!!!!	8/18/2025 8:52 PM
33	Hard surface trails for inline skating	8/18/2025 8:21 PM
34	Cleanliness - the bathrooms are awful! Rust stains on the toilet and sinks should be cleaned with Bar Keepers Friend. The fountains should also be cleaned daily and kept in working condition. More water pressure! Gum should be scraped off garbage cans when emptied. All the picnic shelters should be swept. Park buildings and sports dugouts and bleachers should be power washed once a year. Our city trucks are clean - why not our buildings? Cobwebs, graffiti, art paint, bird poop, dust, etc. etc.	8/18/2025 3:58 PM
35	Add/promote these spaces for community gatherings such as: arts and crafts activities, neighborhood meetups, family reunions, teen meetups, storytelling/poetry/song/improvisation/skills sharing demos, encourage neighborhood volunteers or stewards, post history of park origins	8/18/2025 3:49 PM
36	Most of the parks are fairly complete. Restrooms would be nice at all the parks. South shore park doesn't have anything to attract visitors other than the rental garden area which is great! It would be really nice to have some other amenities such as a covered pavilion, and an area to sit and relax, possibly with a fountain and chairs encircling it. A place for families to gather or visit alone and enjoy.	8/18/2025 11:56 AM
37	Would love to see some Pickleball courts	8/17/2025 2:44 PM
38	Black top trails. Pickle ball courts	8/17/2025 10:45 AM
39	We would love the trails behind Freeman Park to be groomed for cross country skiing since they are accessible from our neighborhood. Someone goes and plows them immediately after it snows so there isn't any chance for skiing.	8/16/2025 6:25 PM
40	It would be great if you could switch to a safer fertilizer. I hate walking my dog through Freeman after they've treated the grass.	8/14/2025 2:19 PM
41	Seal the courts . Make the rebounder nice.	8/12/2025 8:17 PM
42	Dog park	8/12/2025 8:15 PM
43	Flower or pollinators garden	8/12/2025 1:15 PM
44	Shorewood parks are probably well run and accessible for residents not on the Islands	8/12/2025 10:32 AM
45	More trails linking them	8/12/2025 7:47 AM
46	more natural vegetation, and walks through nature.	8/12/2025 2:56 AM
47	Nature stuff, community garden for kids etc	8/11/2025 9:26 PM
48	More playgrounds for toddlers	8/11/2025 9:10 PM

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49	More playgrounds. Water features like splash pads.	8/11/2025 9:06 PM
50	The ice rink at Cathcart is poorly maintained and has definitely gotten worse over the past 20 years. It seems like each year the city waits until longer and longer in the winter to start making ice and abandons it sooner in the spring. Often any snow isn't fully cleared and the water truck just sprays over the top leaving a crusty, unskate-able surface with frozen tired treads from the snow clearing equipment. The warming house hours are minimal and closes at 9pm before the lights go out at 10pm when people leave. We often go to other cities' rinks to play pick up games because they do a much better job of maintaining their rinks. I know some winters have been bad for temp swings etc. but it truly seems like the effort in keeping up ice for the rink has decreased compared to 10, 15, 20 years ago.	8/11/2025 7:29 PM
51	Please open up a south exit from Freeman Park to Highway 7, and add a stop light at Eureka Road & Highway 7. It would create a better experience for families getting in & out of the park for sporting events. It is very chaotic right now.	8/11/2025 6:34 PM
52	All these questions sounds like taxes to be paid to add more to the parks and I feel they are fine just the way they are	8/11/2025 5:14 PM
53	More playground equipment	8/11/2025 5:02 PM
54	Freeman is perfect as is. The multiple work crews do an excellent job maintaining the park. They should be commended.	8/11/2025 5:02 PM
55	Drinking fountains More sidewalks to get to trails	8/11/2025 4:35 PM
56	No motorized or electric vehicles	8/11/2025 4:34 PM
57	Speed limit on e-bikes and other rules of the road need to be emphasized.	8/11/2025 4:33 PM
58	I have a small child and updating the playground equipment or adding to it would be nice. Especially Cathcart park. I also think that a sledding hill is essential, we need to have one please!!!	8/11/2025 4:32 PM
59	Kill the weeds, too many of them in the grass. Soccer looks good and softball etc but everywhere else	8/11/2025 4:18 PM
60	cities in surrounding areas have much nicer-feeling parks and rest facilities	8/11/2025 4:13 PM
61	Improve hockey at Cathcart. Keep warming house open without an attendant. Can someone just open and close it? Keep a camera there? Cottagewood doesn't have a rink attendant at all times.	8/9/2025 6:30 PM
62	Shade.	8/9/2025 5:32 PM
63	Making sure bathrooms are open year-round	8/7/2025 7:04 PM
64	Improving trail mapping/awareness	8/7/2025 6:22 PM
65	The Cathcart hockey rink and tennis court need attention.	8/7/2025 9:17 AM
66	Cathcart obviously needs a little help on the baseball field to make it a bit more of a desirable field to play on. Freeman is great though so I get it.	8/6/2025 8:04 PM
67	Better coonected to larger trails safely	8/6/2025 7:26 PM
68	.	8/6/2025 5:33 PM
69	Places to store and access lakes for small boats ad kayaks	8/6/2025 2:57 PM
70	Bocce Ball Courts	8/6/2025 8:12 AM
71	Splash pads	8/5/2025 9:22 AM
72	Maybe more interpretive stations, both for explaining natural elements, and, perhaps, to tell the history of this land (beyond white settlers).	8/4/2025 3:04 PM
73	I live right on Badger Park and there are a few improvements I would like to see. 1. The lights on the field are often on late at night which inhibits my sleep and ability to use my backyard. I have also noticed the lights are on when there is nothing happening on the field. Restricting the lights to only be on when there is a planned activity on the field and turning them off earlier in	8/2/2025 10:38 AM

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the night would be super helpful. 2. Scheduled events (practices & games) often start early in the morning and end late at night which are very loud. Limiting when events start/end would be helpful for the neighborhood. 3. The lacrosse nets are very loud when the ball hits the back of the net. It's so loud I can hear it inside my house and it scares my dog. 4. The field seems to be in use with practices & games all day on the weekends in the spring/summer, I would like to explore a limit on how many hours the field can be in use during these times to alleviate the noise I hear in my house.

74	Operable water fountains	8/1/2025 2:03 PM
75	Continue efforts to control buckthorn	8/1/2025 2:00 PM
76	Splash pad for kids	7/31/2025 8:09 PM
77	we would love to see Horseshoe pits put in at the Southshore park (by the garden)	7/31/2025 11:28 AM
78	The noise and light pollution from Badger Park is difficult for those who live nearby. Badger Park lights should only be accessible for scheduled events and not the general public. When the field is in use for lacrosse and football games and practices, it is very loud and homes are very close. Sometimes games are all day long, and even all weekend long, making outdoor spaces and some indoor spaces unusable for those who live nearby. Establishing a max number of hours per day and week for field usage would help and would also allow general park users to access the fields. The nets are also very loud and are used consistently; finding another net option so kids can use them without the frequent loud pop of the chains would be a big help.	7/31/2025 9:54 AM
79	Updated picnic facilities, tables etc. Updated trails, wood repaired, cleaner.	7/30/2025 8:50 PM
80	lights on the ball fields at freeman park. perhaps even a full overhaul of the softball fields. adding a 4th field, and put them in a proper pinwheel with the restrooms/concessions in the center of them all.	7/30/2025 8:13 AM
81	The bathrooms at Badger Park are the dirtiest I've ever seen, ever. The red playground at Freeman park is about to fall apart, it's a liability. Please keep all ages in mind when updating a playground. There is hardly anything for a toddler to do at Freeman and Badger playgrounds.	7/29/2025 8:45 PM
82	Better interconnection of trails and sidewalks for miles of walking right outside your door	7/28/2025 12:00 PM
83	The parks are nice. No need to raise taxes or begin construction	7/27/2025 1:47 PM
84	There should be a timer on the spot lights. Kids are driving vehicles on the grass at night. Post signs that say "People live nearby, keep your voices down". I don't want to hear coaches swearing!	7/25/2025 11:44 AM
85	Pools and water areas	7/22/2025 11:39 AM
86	Better conditions on trails and parks.	7/21/2025 8:03 PM
87	Need some senior focused areas, activities and programs, need to have at least one shelter area in each of the parks, more seating, in general we need better seating in all the parks	7/21/2025 9:48 AM
88	It would be great to have some sort of skating amenities at Freeman Park. It would also be good if the city dealt with some trees that seem like they fall routinely.	7/20/2025 1:42 PM
89	I would like to see sidewalk along Eureka road—more green space and parks are always needed	7/19/2025 8:57 PM
90	Make it easier to get to the trails from neighborhoods all over Shorewood	7/19/2025 5:57 PM
91	Nothing, already attractive	7/19/2025 5:03 PM
92	The addition of the benches that I previously described. - Get the good ones; the ones that glide real smooth back and forth; and also the ones that swing back and forth.	7/17/2025 7:22 PM
93	State of the art Sports facility	7/15/2025 10:41 PM
94	Updates and improvements to hockey and skating facilities at Cathcart.	7/13/2025 8:33 AM
95	Would love for the playground equipment to be accessible for people with disabilities. There are lots of young children (under5) at the park, it would be great if the playground equipment was designed with that in mind. A hockey rink would be great!	7/12/2025 7:37 AM

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96	No more lawn care chemicals. Gross. We need safe places to enjoy the natural world. I know it's expensive but it would be awesome to consider a way to cool the ice rink at Cathcart since it is one of the only ones in the area and attracts people from outside Shorewood	7/11/2025 10:28 PM
97	Better enforcement on e-bikes that you don't pedal. Scary how fast these kids come up behind me	7/11/2025 6:23 AM
98	Improve pickleball court at Cathcart Add dog off leash area	7/10/2025 8:04 PM
99	Having trash, recycling and organic recycling bins available and clearly marked to guide use (and inform).	7/9/2025 4:51 PM
100	Manage the trees and weeds. Permanently mark park boundaries abutting private properties, Adopt urban forestry policy practices. Horseshoe Pits. Primitive Camp Sites, adjacent to the Lake Minnetonka regional trail.	7/9/2025 3:10 PM
101	To make Shorewood's parks, trails, and open spaces more attractive for my family and me, we would need better cycling and walking access to them.	7/8/2025 7:22 AM
102	Pickleball- like Victoria/ Chaska	7/7/2025 11:24 AM
103	Actually having them connected by trails with safe ways to cross roads (eg HWY 7). Trails that lead somewhere, especially neighboring towns, and can be used as an alternative to driving.	7/6/2025 11:02 AM
104	More winter trails	7/6/2025 2:44 AM
105	Easier/safer car-free access (neighborhoods/streets around lack sidewalks or dedicated bike lanes).	7/5/2025 3:10 PM
106	Senior activities	7/4/2025 2:52 PM
107	More walking trails	7/3/2025 12:13 PM
108	Cathcart park in particular is in need of an upgrade. Would love to see a nice basketball court, pickleball courts, and a skate park within the Shorewood parks system, and maybe a splash pad or other water play area.	7/2/2025 9:19 PM
109	Trails not made of concrete	7/2/2025 7:03 PM
110	Ice-skating/hockey rinks and a sliding hill in the winter. Also, some seating areas throughout the Freeman trail system would be appreciated. Many many people with dogs utilize Freeman Park as do we. Most of us are good stewards, some are not. It would be nice to have some area specifically for the dogs. We see the same people almost every day, so there are regular users.	7/2/2025 6:26 PM
111	a safe dedicated sidewalk on Smithtown Road from Shorewood Lane to Timber Lane for connection to the LRT trail, pretty please :) so many people, including those with young children, walk on the street to get to the trail with cars whizzing by and blind curves...it's not safe. also, there's nothing that comes to mind that really stands out about Shorewood Parks...it would be nice to have art features, water features, flower gardens	7/2/2025 3:39 PM
112	Legitimate pickleball courts would be great. Tons of space in Freeman Park that would not be noisy for neighbors. A sidewalk on Eureka Road between Smithtown and and Freeman Park is really needed. Very unsafe to walk along Eureka. Only sidewalk is from The Ponds to the Park entrance.	7/2/2025 12:54 PM
113	I am grateful to have these trails so close to home! Outhouse along the trail would be great!	7/2/2025 12:45 PM
114	Continue to dump stone on muddy trail areas. Cut buckthorn. Remove large debris from site lines.	7/2/2025 12:16 PM
115	Better or more hockey facilities.	7/2/2025 12:16 PM
116	Lake access, swimming pool, more options for dogs, pollinator and/or native gardens with educational signage, volunteer opportunities, tree education to explain new plantings and why so many are dying.	6/27/2025 12:33 PM
117	Take care of noxious weeds and dead trees; add perennial flowers, keep buildings repaired	6/26/2025 9:58 PM
118	more trails and do a better job of replacing trees. Additionally, the quality of sidewalk replacement is poor, many have cracks and some within a year of paving.	6/26/2025 8:15 PM

Q26 What do you enjoy most about visiting parks or trails in Shorewood?

Answered: 104 Skipped: 76

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Large Love the trails	8/28/2025 9:20 PM
2	Being in nature! We love the big trees surrounding the paths and trails	8/27/2025 2:45 PM
3	I primarily use the LRT trail, as it is all I need.	8/26/2025 6:22 PM
4	There are various activities to do each time we go to the park. These activities can be done by people of various ages and abilities.	8/26/2025 1:39 PM
5	Nice trails that are walkable.	8/25/2025 5:41 PM
6	Close by and open.	8/25/2025 3:30 PM
7	That they exist and are in good shape.	8/24/2025 9:19 PM
8	Great locations to gather with friends and teams. Great facilities, pavilion and bathroom with water bottle filler at Badger are the best.	8/24/2025 9:07 PM
9	The convenience and accessibility	8/24/2025 8:14 PM
10	Trees	8/24/2025 7:20 PM
11	Badger's lacrosse field is really great. both for organized practices/games with MYLA as well as a place for personal activities/practice. There doesnt appear to be space for another one, but a larger complex would be great.	8/24/2025 12:50 PM
12	Variety of sport activities support	8/24/2025 11:33 AM
13	Badger facility is very nice..	8/24/2025 10:23 AM
14	Year-round play	8/23/2025 8:56 PM
15	A safe place for kids to play.	8/23/2025 3:50 PM
16	How close and walkable and friendly they are. Great places for community and families!	8/23/2025 9:22 AM
17	Grounding in nature, and physical activity.	8/23/2025 9:12 AM
18	My kids love the playgrounds, and I love taking them to events in the parks.	8/23/2025 8:15 AM
19	I like to walk my dogs through the parks and see folks using the amenities.	8/22/2025 9:22 PM
20	Bike trails are quite amazing	8/22/2025 8:07 PM
21	The trails for walking and biking	8/22/2025 1:48 PM
22	Trails for dog walking	8/22/2025 10:36 AM
23	Landscaping is always kept so nice	8/19/2025 8:36 PM
24	cleanliness	8/19/2025 10:41 AM
25	running into other families we know. community	8/19/2025 9:54 AM
26	Connecting with people	8/19/2025 9:38 AM
27	When their is a playground for the kids and walking paths.	8/19/2025 8:17 AM
28	Number of mature trees	8/19/2025 7:54 AM
29	Nice turf lacrosse field	8/19/2025 5:17 AM
30	Lots of nature around	8/18/2025 10:02 PM

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31	We love that Badger is home base for Tonka lacrosse. Lacrosse is thriving in Minnetonka and it's a great facility. Other communities tell me they are jealous that we have a dedicated lacrosse facility.	8/18/2025 7:37 PM
32	I love the mini-forest in Freeman and its winding "natural" paths. Grateful that the forest floor is being cleaned up and the buckthorn eradicated. It is rare to have a woods in a park so it should be protected with fire hydrants. The new handicap signs at the picnic shelter (Freeman). They are lined up like soldiers and obstruct the beauty of the building. They should be interspersed so handicap individuals can enjoy various views of the park, such as the woods or bikers and hikers on the trail. I find it discriminating.	8/18/2025 3:58 PM
33	Preservation of natural settings, pollinator-safe zones, recycling and trash bins available, well-maintained grounds/equipment/buildings/shelters, open and available to all people	8/18/2025 3:49 PM
34	Fun with grandkids at those parks with playgrounds	8/18/2025 11:56 AM
35	Able to get walks in on trails as lacking sidewalks so feel it's dangerous walking around neighborhoods.	8/17/2025 10:45 AM
36	Accessibility and trail connectivity	8/16/2025 6:25 PM
37	Variety	8/12/2025 1:15 PM
38	NA	8/12/2025 10:32 AM
39	Each is different	8/12/2025 7:47 AM
40	The sounds and feel of Nature.	8/12/2025 2:56 AM
41	Location	8/11/2025 9:26 PM
42	Freeman Park is a hidden gem, and being so close to the bike trails is a definite plus!	8/11/2025 6:34 PM
43	The opportunity to be amongst nature and meeting up with friends	8/11/2025 6:08 PM
44	Why change a good thing	8/11/2025 5:14 PM
45	Nature: Experiencing the changing of the seasons while walking through the woods, and fields in the park.	8/11/2025 5:02 PM
46	Playground ! Safe places to bike	8/11/2025 4:35 PM
47	Peace and quiet	8/11/2025 4:34 PM
48	Proximity to my house!	8/11/2025 4:33 PM
49	Watching my children play at the parks.	8/11/2025 4:32 PM
50	Open green spaces	8/11/2025 4:18 PM
51	the connection to the lake minnetonka regional trail is nice	8/11/2025 4:13 PM
52	Playground. Hockey rinks. Trails	8/9/2025 6:30 PM
53	There are always kids playing, families spending time together, or youth sports.	8/9/2025 5:32 PM
54	Walking my dog every day! Playing on the playground with my kids :)	8/7/2025 7:04 PM
55	Trails, easy biking with kids	8/7/2025 6:22 PM
56	The ability to enjoy the outdoors	8/7/2025 9:17 AM
57	Not sure	8/6/2025 8:04 PM
58	Clean and safe	8/6/2025 7:26 PM
59	.	8/6/2025 5:33 PM
60	Nature and prairie areas	8/6/2025 2:57 PM
61	Freeman park is wonderful with some paved trails and some dirt trails	8/6/2025 12:45 PM
62	Being outdoors	8/6/2025 8:12 AM

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63	Getting outside with the kids	8/5/2025 9:22 AM
64	Most parks feel like "parks," nicely surrounded by trees and nature, rather than a playground in a parking lot. They are refuges as well as play spaces.	8/4/2025 3:04 PM
65	Convenience	8/1/2025 2:03 PM
66	Natural environment, trails	8/1/2025 2:00 PM
67	Playground equipment	7/31/2025 8:09 PM
68	variety	7/31/2025 11:28 AM
69	The parks are well maintained and easily accessible. Freeman Park is a great balance between nature, trails and sports fields.	7/31/2025 9:54 AM
70	Convenience, community	7/30/2025 8:50 PM
71	.	7/30/2025 8:13 AM
72	being in nature and outside	7/28/2025 12:00 PM
73	Being with family. Truly, the parks are great. The only advice for those who say otherwise is that as adults they should provide their own fun with in the already nice parks.	7/27/2025 1:47 PM
74	Play areas	7/22/2025 11:39 AM
75	Parks are very good for the size of the community, active sports communities in the parks	7/21/2025 9:48 AM
76	Walking my dog and having my kids play at the playground and watching them play soccer at Freeman	7/20/2025 1:42 PM
77	Trees, walking on the trails, watching baseball, feeling safe	7/19/2025 8:57 PM
78	The ease of being on the trail when you get there.	7/19/2025 5:57 PM
79	Open space and trails at Freeman for me and my dog to walk	7/19/2025 5:03 PM
80	Seeing the deer and wild turkeys and owls and listening to all the birds at sunrise as well as other times of day. Watching the flowers come and go and the leaves turn color in the Fall. Seeing the snow fall along the trail etc.	7/17/2025 7:22 PM
81	Something for everyone	7/15/2025 10:41 PM
82	Wooded trails to bike and walk / run on	7/13/2025 8:33 AM
83	Spending time with family and friends	7/12/2025 7:37 AM
84	Spending time with my kids. Getting outside to skate in the winter.	7/11/2025 10:28 PM
85	Walking	7/11/2025 6:23 AM
86	Dog walking	7/10/2025 8:04 PM
87	Keeping it simple. We do not prefer a lot of signage.	7/9/2025 4:51 PM
88	Using the wooded trails in Freeman, that is when they are not under water. Therefore, better drainage	7/9/2025 3:10 PM
89	What I enjoy most about visiting parks or trails in Shorewood is being outside and enjoying nature.	7/8/2025 7:22 AM
90	Events	7/7/2025 11:24 AM
91	The trail from Excelsior to Victoria is the only trail we use, and we risk our lives crossing hwy 7 on our bikes or walking to get to the trail.	7/6/2025 11:02 AM
92	Walking in them - with or without the dog	7/6/2025 2:44 AM
93	Opportunity to be outside in/with community.	7/5/2025 3:10 PM
94	Like the outdoors and nature	7/4/2025 2:52 PM
95	Biking	7/3/2025 12:13 PM

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96	Year-round accessibility and enjoyment, safe and clean.	7/2/2025 9:19 PM
97	Nature areas	7/2/2025 7:03 PM
98	As far as the trails are concerned, I like the fact that hardly anybody's using them. We bring our dog over early in the morning to Freeman Park and let her run in one of the fenced areas.	7/2/2025 6:26 PM
99	being outdoors	7/2/2025 3:39 PM
100	Beauty so close to home!	7/2/2025 12:45 PM
101	Access to parks via biking trails.	7/2/2025 12:16 PM
102	Trees, trails, natural areas.	6/27/2025 12:33 PM
103	Not crowded	6/26/2025 9:58 PM
104	open natural spaces	6/26/2025 8:15 PM

Q27 Are there any other comments you'd like to provide regarding Shorewood's parks, trails, and open spaces?

Answered: 68 Skipped: 112

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Overall I think the parks meet all of our needs and changes are simply opportunities for improvement but not a priority.	8/26/2025 6:22 PM
2	It would be great to have access to some sort of water feature. A spray park would be ideal. The closest one to Shorewood is located in Eden Prairie which is quite far. My boys are now 3 and we've been able to enjoy freeman park since they were born. Each age brings new adventures and the park is big enough to let us explore.	8/26/2025 1:39 PM
3	Guideposts added to point out educational items like names for plants and trees.	8/25/2025 3:30 PM
4	I would love to participate in a volunteer weed/paint your park type of event!	8/23/2025 9:22 AM
5	Thank you for all your hard work!	8/23/2025 8:15 AM
6	We love our Shorewood Parks!	8/22/2025 9:22 PM
7	Thank you for all you do	8/22/2025 8:07 PM
8	Signage Keep to Right, Leashes Required, Announce you're passing, no speeding, Don't cut across fields on motor or ebikes, offer concessions	8/22/2025 10:36 AM
9	Thank you for providing such amazing green spaces!	8/19/2025 8:36 PM
10	I wish there way more water access for kayaking, fishing etc.	8/19/2025 10:41 AM
11	allowing for organized sports like baseball, softball, soccer, and lacrosse is huge. Those are the primary reasons that get me to park and remind me to come back at other times. and wonderful to connect with other busy families when age of kids makes that harder to schedule separately.	8/19/2025 9:54 AM
12	No	8/19/2025 9:38 AM
13	We would like to see mare Lax turf available for practice and games.	8/19/2025 7:14 AM
14	We need more turf lacrosse fields	8/19/2025 5:17 AM
15	I totally disagree that all dogs should be on a leash. If they are under voice control they should be able to run and play and smell new smells, etc. etc. They stare at the four walls all day - every day and when they finally get to have some fun... a five foot leash!! I have been going to parks with and without dogs for 50 plus years and I have only experienced one bad apple. You and I have seen what people can do to a park! We need to have some empathy. They have feelings just like us. Anyone who fears dogs needs to deal with their personal phobia, just as I do with airplanes! Thank you for listening and conducting this survey!	8/18/2025 3:58 PM
16	Where can I find inventory charts with each park's amenities? Are all water sources (e.g., ponds, lakes) in parks safe for people and pets? Are they chemical and algae-free? If not, the city should post "Not Safe" signs where needed. Thank you to park maintenance staff, especially for the recent debris (tree and brush) cleanup at Manor Park in response to neighbor/volunteer requests. Thank you for this survey to help understand who/how many people use our parks (and how to better engage more people).	8/18/2025 3:49 PM
17	I would be very grateful if you would consider South shore park as one of your areas to improve. I know it would be appreciated by all for many different reasons. Thank you!	8/18/2025 11:56 AM
18	Mark Pickle Ball Courts at Badger more clearly as the blue is difficult to see.	8/17/2025 10:45 AM
19	Would love to see more natural play elements at playgrounds. Nature play areas and cross country ski trails would be my top priority.	8/16/2025 6:25 PM

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20	Q20-23 Other than Shorewood newsletters, etc. I don't know much about park programs Widening Enchanted Lane to accommodate a walking lane would be appreciated	8/12/2025 10:32 AM
21	They make is feel lucky to live here	8/12/2025 7:47 AM
22	add more trees to parks, which are wide open.	8/12/2025 2:56 AM
23	Badger park is great. Would like to see the rest updated and maintained better like badger. Updated equipment and facilities would be mine. Outdoor skating in the winter with warming house	8/12/2025 12:10 AM
24	Thank you	8/11/2025 9:26 PM
25	The eastern side of the city does not have the same opportunities available to the rest of the city.	8/11/2025 8:28 PM
26	Would love open/dedicated off leash areas for dogs at Freeman.	8/11/2025 7:29 PM
27	Thank you for all that you do!	8/11/2025 6:34 PM
28	Who feels we need all these upgrades?	8/11/2025 5:14 PM
29	I've lived in large cities, and small towns throughout the US. Our parks, and trails are second to none. Decades of planning, and hard work on a day by day basis go into the excellence that is seen throughout our park system. Out of town visitors are astonished at our quality of life here.	8/11/2025 5:02 PM
30	Shorewood should have a day a year where community helps clean and remove buckthorn which is really taking over trails. We can help .	8/11/2025 4:34 PM
31	Thank you for providing and maintaining them!	8/11/2025 4:33 PM
32	Freeman park, Cathcart, and Manor could all use a renovation.	8/11/2025 4:30 PM
33	Get rid of the buckthorn and weeds	8/11/2025 4:18 PM
34	Keep up the hockey rink. Last winter was awesome. I know the weather makes it hard but it's worth it! Wish we could put a nice warming house in.	8/9/2025 6:30 PM
35	Please continue to support even the smallest of Shorewood parks. They are all essential staples of our communities and bring much needed joy and natural space to our residents.	8/9/2025 5:32 PM
36	Improve bathroom availability at Freeman park	8/7/2025 6:22 PM
37	You've got a lot of parks. Close three down and open up a city dock! Supposed to be the city on the lake or whatever the slogan is, but we're the only ones without access to it. Thanks!	8/6/2025 8:04 PM
38	No	8/6/2025 7:26 PM
39	.	8/6/2025 5:33 PM
40	Keep up the great work! Having so many parks near and safely accessible from our home is a big part of why we moved here, and the maintenance of them is a big reason why we still call this place "home."	8/4/2025 3:04 PM
41	I sometimes see ill-maintained trees (downed trees which should probably be removed), however I think this is more an observation for around town... anyway, I think this is more of an observation of Minnesota in general... I moved here in 2016 from Rhode Island and find that fallen trees are often left as-is... is this intentional? Good forestry would dictate that felled trees should be removed to lower fire risk and promote healthier growth, etc. ANYWAY, this is probably not the place for this conversation... off my soapbox now! 😊	8/1/2025 2:03 PM
42	Would like to help in installing/maintaining bird houses in parks	8/1/2025 2:00 PM
43	nope	7/31/2025 11:28 AM
44	.	7/30/2025 8:13 AM
45	Please keep bathroom facilities clean and build playgrounds for all age groups.	7/29/2025 8:45 PM
46	A dog park would be a good addition to the community	7/28/2025 12:00 PM
47	Please maintain the spaces. We appreciate you.	7/27/2025 1:47 PM

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48	O	7/22/2025 11:39 AM
49	The trail system in Shorewood is disjointed, not well known and needs attention in general	7/21/2025 9:48 AM
50	We should turn the trail loop in Freeman Park into an ice-skating trail in the winter :)	7/20/2025 1:42 PM
51	Thank you for bringing in new trees	7/19/2025 8:57 PM
52	Again, would like to see ease of access from neighborhoods.	7/19/2025 5:57 PM
53	Thank you!	7/19/2025 5:03 PM
54	A small restroom is needed in Freeman Park close to the entrance to the trail. As for the benches I've described. I'm old and have a real need for them but most everybody likes them. Kids do, tired Moms do, young lovers in love do, nature watchers too.....	7/17/2025 7:22 PM
55	N/A	7/15/2025 10:41 PM
56	The picnic area could use an upgrade	7/12/2025 7:37 AM
57	More protected natural spaces. Progress is beginning to diminish what makes Shorewood special.	7/11/2025 10:28 PM
58	Would like to have dog off leash on gravel/ unimproved paths	7/10/2025 8:04 PM
59	Please keep them as natural as possible.	7/9/2025 4:51 PM
60	Weeds / Unmanaged Overgrowth / Dead Trees waiting to Fall! More attention to our trails. The ball fields get way too much attention! On our Dollar! They should be absorbing this expense! The park property on the east edge of badger is totally unutilized. Needed are two legal bridges and develop the trail / walkway / and control the encroachment issues now occurring. The need for an active Web-Page where comments and input can be given. Public Works should be reporting on what is happening, so we can see the improvements as they occur. Mark ALL city owned properties. to deter encroachment. Have Suggestion boxes placed in the parks for citizen input. The 8ft trail height standard. needs to be increased to 10ft. But pay no attention to the side branches that could take out an eye! We need clear and defined Trail Standards! Safety First. Sport Organizations, Step Down off the top of the ladder!	7/9/2025 3:10 PM
61	Improved Intersection Safety Beyond simply connecting to parks, overall safety for cyclists and pedestrians at all intersections needs significant improvement. This includes better signage, clearer markings, and traffic calming measures that prioritize vulnerable road users. Critical Need for a Tunnel at the Manitou Road LRT Intersection One specific intersection that poses a significant hazard is the LRT crossing on Manitou Road. Even when the cycling and pedestrian lights are blinking, an alarming 80% of vehicles fail to stop. This disregard for traffic signals puts cyclists and pedestrians at extreme risk. To address this critical safety issue, I strongly recommend the construction of a tunnel at the Manitou Road LRT intersection to allow for safe, uninterrupted passage for walkers and bikers. This would eliminate the dangerous conflict with vehicular traffic and greatly enhance the safety and usability of our active transportation network.	7/8/2025 7:22 AM
62	Please include ALL of Shorewood in the plan. Alternatively, have the part of Shorewood South of hwy 7 become Chanhassen. They have a great trail system!	7/6/2025 11:02 AM
63	Less development, more natural.	7/2/2025 7:03 PM
64	Our entire Park system is under utilized as far as community programming is concerned. Particularly for children during the summertime. Freeman would be a perfect location for a nature program especially if you cleaned up the woods. Our programming for the community in general is very stale. I would invite you to come over to the Arboretum and walk the 3 1/2 mile drive trail to see what can be done trailside as far as amenities and beautification for user enjoyment. I bet you can find an Arboretum volunteer that lives here in the community that would walk it with you.	7/2/2025 6:26 PM
65	Thank you!	7/2/2025 12:45 PM
66	It is sad that "Shore"wood has so little lake shore accessible for public use. It would be nice to have a beach or at least some quiet vantage point for sitting and reflecting. Also, with so many intersecting highways (7, and Oak St/Manitou segments of 19) and confusing roads and trails to connect city parks, Shorewood feels very disconnected. Coupled with no local paper (Sun	6/27/2025 12:33 PM

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Sailor hardly covers us), and no real city/historic center, there is little sense of community here.

67	Way too many new trees planted in Freeman. Soon the open spaces will be gone.	6/26/2025 9:58 PM
68	Do not put a dome in Freeman and destroy our biggest park! Domes are for public schools or private developments not public parks.	6/26/2025 8:15 PM



Park Commission Item 4.B.

Title/Subject: City Code Updates
Meeting Date: September 23, 2025
Prepared By: Mitchell Czech, Park/Rec Director

Attachments

Background

The City has been working through a variety of policy and city code updates. While working to update a variety of sections, staff looked at Chapter 902 which involves Public Parks & Recreation Areas. While no major updates or changes were noted in the existing code, staff has a few recommendations for change.

- **Park Hours:** Park hours are currently listed as 6:00am - 10:30pm. When looking into a variety of cities around the metro, staff noticed many cities close parks at 10:00pm. Currently, restrooms lock at 10:00pm in our parks system and the lights at Badger Field go off at 10:00pm (at the latest). Staff recommends changing park hours to 6:00am - 10:00pm.
- **Food Trucks:** In the existing City Code, food trucks are only permitted with an authorized written permit from the City Council. The City no longer has a contracted concessionaire operating out of Eddy Station, which is believed to be the reason for this. With an increase in event food trucks, staff recommends allowance with written permission from the City Administrator or their designee.
- **Liquor:** Current City Code states that the City Council may authorize sale, service, and/or consumption of alcohol in Badger Park for approved special events. Staff recommends adding Freeman Park as an additional location.

Action Requested

Motion to approve the recommended changes to City Code Chapter 902: Public Parks & Recreation Areas, changing park hours to 6:00am - 10:00pm, allowing the City Administrator or their designee to permit food trucks within parks, and adding Freeman Park to an authorized location to serve alcohol with written permit from the City Council for an approved special event.

Simple majority vote is required.



Park Commission Item 4.C.

Title/Subject: Movie in the Park Recap
Meeting Date: September 23, 2025
Prepared By: Mitchell Czech, Park/Rec Director

Attachments

Background

The City held its annual Movie in the Park on Friday, August 22 at Freeman Park. The animated version of Lilo & Stitch was shown, with the movie starting at dusk. Staff had activities to get attendees into the Hawaiian spirit, including a lei necklace building station, Lilo & Stitch temporary tattoos, Popsicles, hula hoops, glow-in-the-dark bracelets, and the Lilo & Stitch soundtrack playing prior to the movie. City staff also had an engagement board for the ongoing parks master plan at the event and received valuable feedback. Unfortunately, staff was not able to secure a food truck to attend this event.

An estimated 75 attendees were present for the event, similar to the attendance numbers of 2024. Feedback from families in attendance was overall positive, and many were very appreciative of the opportunity.

It was noted by some attendees that the City of Excelsior also had a movie scheduled for that evening, so they had to decide which movie they preferred to see. Staff is planning to meet with the City of Excelsior later this year to discuss ways to coordinate or potentially collaborate in future years.

Future Considerations:

- Consider moving to a different night of the week, or different time of the year.
 - Movie in the Park has traditionally been held on a Friday. It can be difficult for those that are away for the weekend to attend.
 - Many younger families were in attendance this year, so starting a movie at 8:15pm may be hard for some to accommodate. A fall movie may be an option, as it gets darker earlier in the evening.
 - Food trucks may be more willing to come to a smaller event in the fall, as summers the busy season.
- Consider combining with another event or collaborating with Tonka United Kick-off events.
 - Activities could take place nearby with a movie to conclude the evening.

- Small movie themed activities were popular among attendees.
- Consider having a poll to allow the community to select the movie to be played each year.

Action Requested

No action required. Staff welcomes the Commission to provide thoughts and feedback regarding the Movie in the Park event.



Park Commission Item 4.D.

Title/Subject: Park Maintenance Items
Meeting Date: September 23, 2025
Prepared By: Mitchell Czech, Park/Rec Director

Attachments

1. 2025 Park Tours Maintenance Items

Background

Following the 2024 park tours, staff compiled the maintenance items noted during the tours onto a spreadsheet to allow for simplified tracking. Throughout the year, the Public Works team has worked to continue to cross items off the list. They have also provided notes about how often some practices are performed as part of their routine maintenance schedule.

The Park Commission has decided to forego park tours this year with the ongoing master planning process. In lieu of the tours, staff asked Commissioners to do self-guided tours as they are able to through the City parks. Staff took comments from the Commissioners on parks they visited and updated the park maintenance list. Items that were completed from last year's list were removed, but routine maintenance items were kept for future reference. The updated list will be shared with the park maintenance team, and they will continue to work through items as they are able.

Action Requested

No action required. Commissioners are free to discuss items on the list or items they believe should be added.

2025 Park Maintenance Items

Budgetary Needs: 1=cost effective, general maintenance practice, 5= a long term, capital improvement project
(budgetary needs are an estimate of staff time & materials and may change as fix & needs are investigated)

<u>Park Name</u>	<u>Park Location</u>	<u>Note</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Budgetary Needs</u>	<u>Current Status</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Badger Park	Tennis Court	Ensure proper maintenance techniques to keep court in pristine condition	General Maintenance	3		
Badger Park	Park Shelter	Add bike racks	Purchase	4	In Progress	Plan to be installed Summer/Fall 2025
Badger Park	Park Shelter	Add signage of "no bikes in shelter"	Purchase	3		May want to consider bulk "sign upgrade" for consistency between fields & parks
Badger Park	Park Shelter/Restrooms	Add surveillance signs	Purchase	3		
Badger Park	Wooded Area	Clean garbage	General Maintenance	1	Routine Maintenance	Completed weekly
Cathcart Park	Hockey Rink	Paint boards: idea to collaborate with volunteer groups to complete painting was discussed	Contracted Service	4		Goal: Part of volunteer program in 2026
Cathcart Park	Hockey Rink	Replace portions of chain link fence above boards	Contracted Service	3		Fence will need to be stretched
Cathcart Park	Hockey Rink	Trim branches around light pole on north end of rink	General Maintenance	1	In Progress	Will be completed Summer 2025
Cathcart Park	Playground	Remove weeds in swing area	General Maintenance	1	Routine Maintenance	Weeding completed every few weeks
Cathcart Park	Tennis Court	Fix cracked surface	Contracted Service	4		
Cathcart Park	Tennis Court	Replace signs on entrances	Purchase	3		May want to consider bulk "sign upgrade" for consistency between fields & parks
Cathcart Park	Tennis Court	Paint and adjust tennis backboard	Contracted Service	3		
Cathcart Park	Tennis Court	Replace tennis net	Purchase	2		
Freeman Park	Eddy Station	Fix gap between concrete pads on south side of pavilion	Contracted Service	4		Would likely involve pouring another cement pad in empty space
Freeman Park	Baseball/Softball Fields	Fix fence caps off/missing on chain-link fence posts	General Maintenance	1	Routine Maintenance	Completed every spring
Freeman Park	Baseball/Softball Fields	Correct drainage behind field 5 that runs to the creek	Contracted Service	5		
Freeman Park	Baseball/Softball Fields	Replace field signs (current ones are faded and hard to read)	Purchase	3		May want to consider bulk "sign upgrade" for consistency between fields & parks
Freeman Park	North Playground	Clear rocks on pad leading into playground - concerns regarding accessibility	General Maintenance	1	Routine Maintenance	Completed every few years during the warmer months.
Freeman Park	North Playground	Replace rocks on surface area with rubber or wood chips	General Maintenance	3		Playground replacement is in 2027 CIP. Rocks would be addressed during project
Freeman Park	Soccer Field	Regrade uneven playing fields	Contracted Service	5		Suggestion to consider replanting with a Kentucky blue grass/turf type tall fescue was made if a project took place
Freeman Park	Soccer Field	Remove dead trees behind field 6 - concerns regarding Emerald Ash Borer	Trees	4	In Progress	Ash tree removal is underway and will continue for the foreseeable future.
Freeman Park	Soccer Field	Install fence in northwest corner to prevent balls from going to Smithtown Ponds	Purchase	4		
Freeman Park	Trails	Correct/rebuild trails that flood in woods	Contracted Service	5		
Freeman Park	Trails	Mosquito treatment - more often?	Contracted Service	3		
Freeman Park	Trails	Enforce off-leash dog ordinance. Add signage?	Purchase	3	In Progress/Ongoing	Temporary signage was placed in summer of 2025. Will remain an ongoing effort
Freeman Park	Volleyball	Remove weeds	General Maintenance	1	Routine Maintenance	Completed every few weeks

Freeman Park	Volleyball	Add sand to playing surface - safety concern with sand level below wood edging	Purchase	3	In Progress	Will be completed Summer 2025
Freeman Park	South Playground	Refresh woodchips	General Maintenance	3	Routine Maintenance	Done bi-annually
Freeman Park	Field 3 Batting Cage	Correct posts that are starting to lean	General Maintenance	2		
Freeman Park	Baseball Fields 1,2,3	Field 1 fence replacement w/ sleeves - outfield fence footings are exposed	Contracted Service	5	In Progress	Minnetonka Baseball is funding replacement. Scheduled for October 2025
Freeman Park	Baseball Fields 1,2,3	Chain link fence needed between ends of batting cages by field 1	Purchase	4		
Freeman Park	Organics Collection	Brush and plant debris behind dumpster	General Maintenance	1	Routine Maintenance	Suggestion: add signage on how to get combination for lock to use bin (must register for program, info on City website)
Freeman Park	Whole Park	Lost & found items throughout park	General Maintenance	1	Routine Maintenance	Suggestion: Signage on where to turn in. Public works picks up items during rounds throughout the day and brings to Public Works. Park visitors generally call City Hall or Parks, and we work with PW to locate items.
Gideon Glen	Whole Park	Signage is damaged & dirty and should be upgraded	Purchase	2		Wait until Parks Master Plan is developed for recommendations on updates, changes, potential replacement, etc.
Gideon Glen	Whole Park	Dead trees noted in wooded areas.	General Maintenance	2		
Manor Park	Picnic Shelter	Add surveillance signs	Purchase	3		May want to consider bulk "sign upgrade" for consistency between fields & parks
Manor Park	Pond	Investigate solar lighting option for rink use	Purchase	5		
Manor Park	Tennis Court	Restripe pickleball lines	Contracted Service	3		
Silverwood Park	Picnic Shelter	Add signage directing to restrooms	Purchase	3		May want to consider bulk "sign upgrade" for consistency between fields & parks
Silverwood Park	Pond	Remove buckthorn	General Maintenance	3	Ongoing	Removed buckthorn in spring/summer of 2025. Will remain an ongoing effort. Parter w/ Sentence to Serve.
Silverwood Park	Well Station	Add surveillance system	Contracted Service	5	In Progress	Verkada surveillance system installation began in September 2025.
Silverwood Park	Well Station	Monitor and correct retaining wall - may be leaning	General Maintenance	4		
Southshore Park	East side of Park	Remove & replace dead trees as necessary	Trees	4	In Progress	
Southshore Park	Community Gardens	Add signage to deter "dog park" use	Purchase	3		May want to consider bulk "sign upgrade" for consistency between fields & parks



Park Commission Item 4.E.

Title/Subject: 2025 Oktoberfest Preview
Meeting Date: September 23, 2025
Prepared By: Mitchell Czech, Park/Rec Director

Attachments

1. Oktoberfest 2025 Flyer

Background

In partnership with the Excelsior Morning Rotary and the Excelsior American Legion Post 259, the City of Shorewood will be hosting our annual Oktoberfest event at Badger Park & the Shorewood Community & Event Center on Saturday, September 27 from 1pm – 3pm. Activities will transition over to the Excelsior American Legion from 3pm – 10pm.

In years past, there was an hour overlap between the City-sponsored activities and the activities at the Legion. Last year, staff noticed that activities started to slow once activities at the Legion kicked off and decided to eliminate the overlap in 2025.

The activities held in Badger Park and the Shorewood Community & Event Center are designed to be family-friendly for all ages. All activities are free and open for the community to enjoy. Many of the crowd favorite activities are scheduled to return to this year's event, including face painting, balloon art, a live kids DJ, inflatables, yard games, light snacks, and refreshments. A second face painter has also been added to this year's event to accommodate the demand, as long wait times were noted in years prior. In addition to some equipment from our Public Works department, South Lake Police Department and Excelsior Fire District plan to have vehicles in attendance for families to see.

The City is excited to incorporate a new local business into the event this year. Mathnasium of Minnetonka and Chanhassen will be sponsoring a brand new activity during the event, Family Bingo. They have generously contributed a variety of prizes for winners to take home and will be supplying reusable Bingo cards for the event. Another incredible City partner, Tonka United Soccer Association, will be hosting free 3v3 soccer games on the turf with some fun lawn games. Bach to Rock will also be in attendance with an instrument petting zoo for attendees.

Our final pop-up engagement session for the parks master plan will also take place during this year's Oktoberfest. The project consultant will be supplying materials for the City to utilize for the engagement session. However, they will not be present for the event. Staff is requesting Park Commissioners to be in attendance for the event to operate the engagement table.

Action Requested

No action required. Staff welcomes Commission discussion and feedback regarding the upcoming Oktoberfest event.

Family Oktoberfest 2025

Presented By:



City of
Shorewood

Saturday September 27th, 2025

1:00pm – 3:00pm



HIGHLIGHTS:



Family Bingo Presented by



Parks Master Plan Engagement



3 v. 3 Soccer Presented by



Delicious Snacks



Inflatables



Live Kids DJ



Face Painting



Yard Games



Balloon Twisting

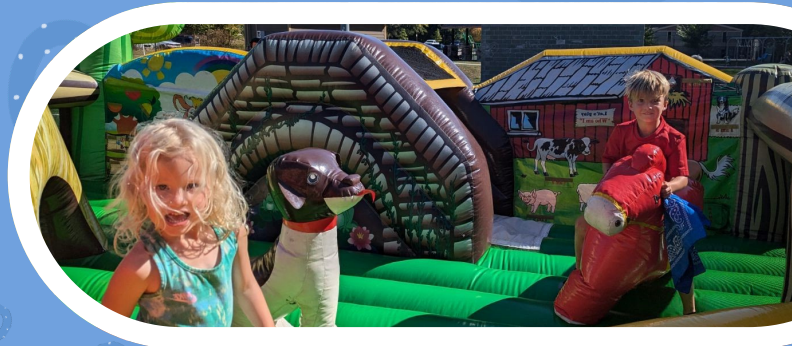
Excelsior Rotary at



The Legion

3:00pm–10:00pm

- Music
- Bingo
- Food
- Beverages



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