



CITY OF BROOKHAVEN

2018 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMUNITY INPUT SURVEY

JUNE 2018



INTRODUCTION

The City of Brookhaven adopted a Parks and Recreation Master Plan in 2014 which identified the City's parks and recreation facilities, operations and programming. A public engagement process, including a community input survey, was part of the master planning process for that plan. That input survey asked questions about parks and recreation participation and needs and desires for public recreation, in addition to questions regarding funding of parks and recreation facilities, programs and operations.

In 2018, the City sought to conduct a follow-up to the 2014 survey. The purpose was to determine if attitudes, participation and needs have changed since the 2014 survey. Working with the Park and Recreation Committee (PARC) Funding Task Force, the survey was developed using many of the same questions from the 2014 community input survey, in order to provide a comparison of feedback.

To conduct the survey, a list of residential addresses within the city limits was collected. Each address was mailed a postcard with a link to the online survey. Each address was assigned a single code, which was required in order to complete the survey. A total of 24,367 postcards were mailed, and 853 surveys were completed. The postcards and survey were presented in both English and Spanish.

2018 COMMUNITY INPUT SURVEY

The 2018 community input survey contained 18 questions about parks and recreation in the City of Brookhaven, resident opinions, participation and use of the City's parks and recreation facilities. Additionally, demographic data was asked in order to better understand the community and those using the parks and facilities.

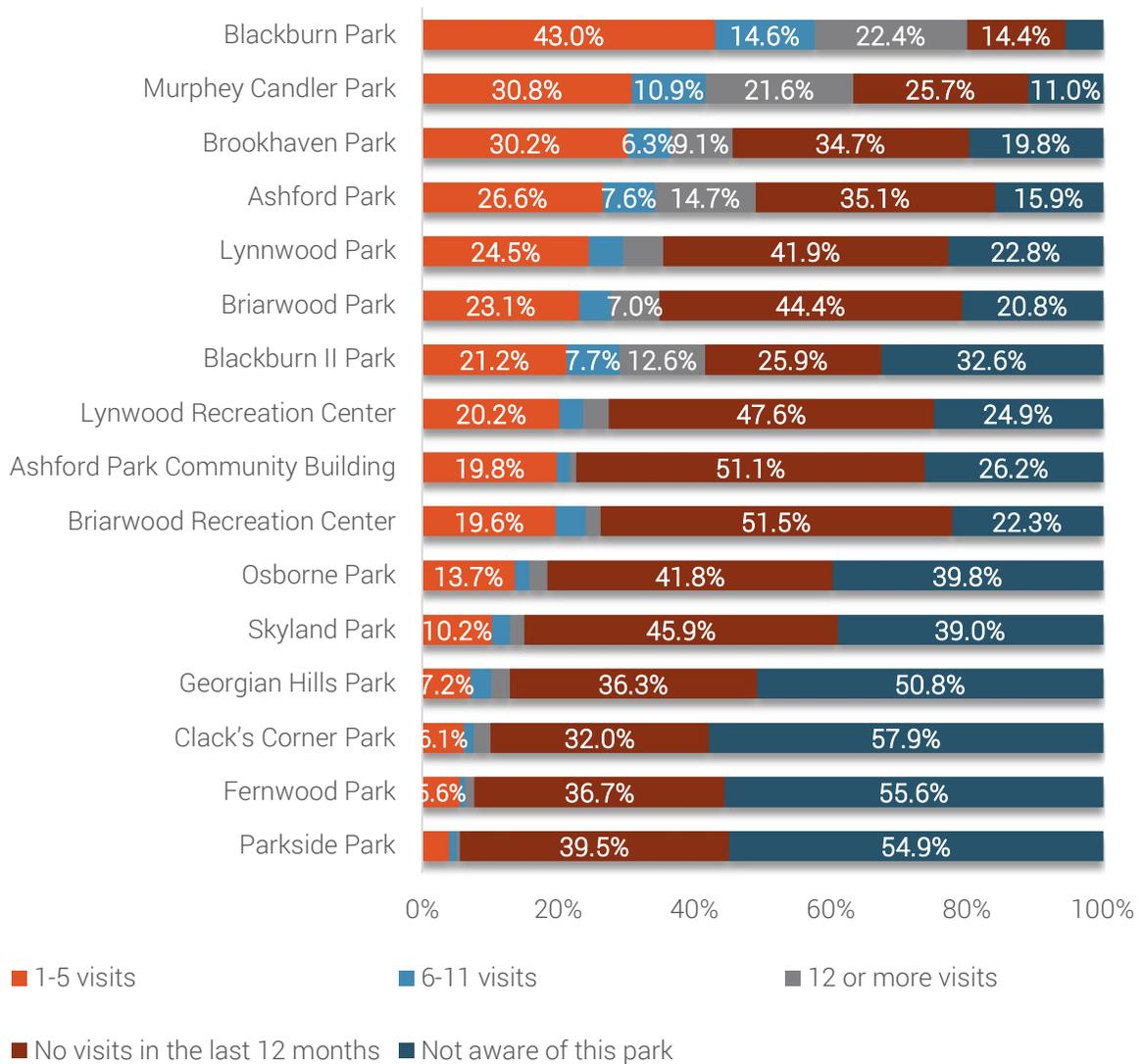
A copy of the survey is included in the Appendix.

The following analysis provides a comparison between the 2014 and 2018 surveys, and a summary of the input received.

2018 SURVEY: PARK USAGE

A review of the survey responses about the usage of Brookhaven’s parks shows that the top five parks visited in 2014 match the top 5 parks visited in the 2018 survey. Also notable are those parks with the least awareness. While the list of parks that people know about the least are the same parks, the percentage of individuals indicating they are unaware of these parks has decreased.

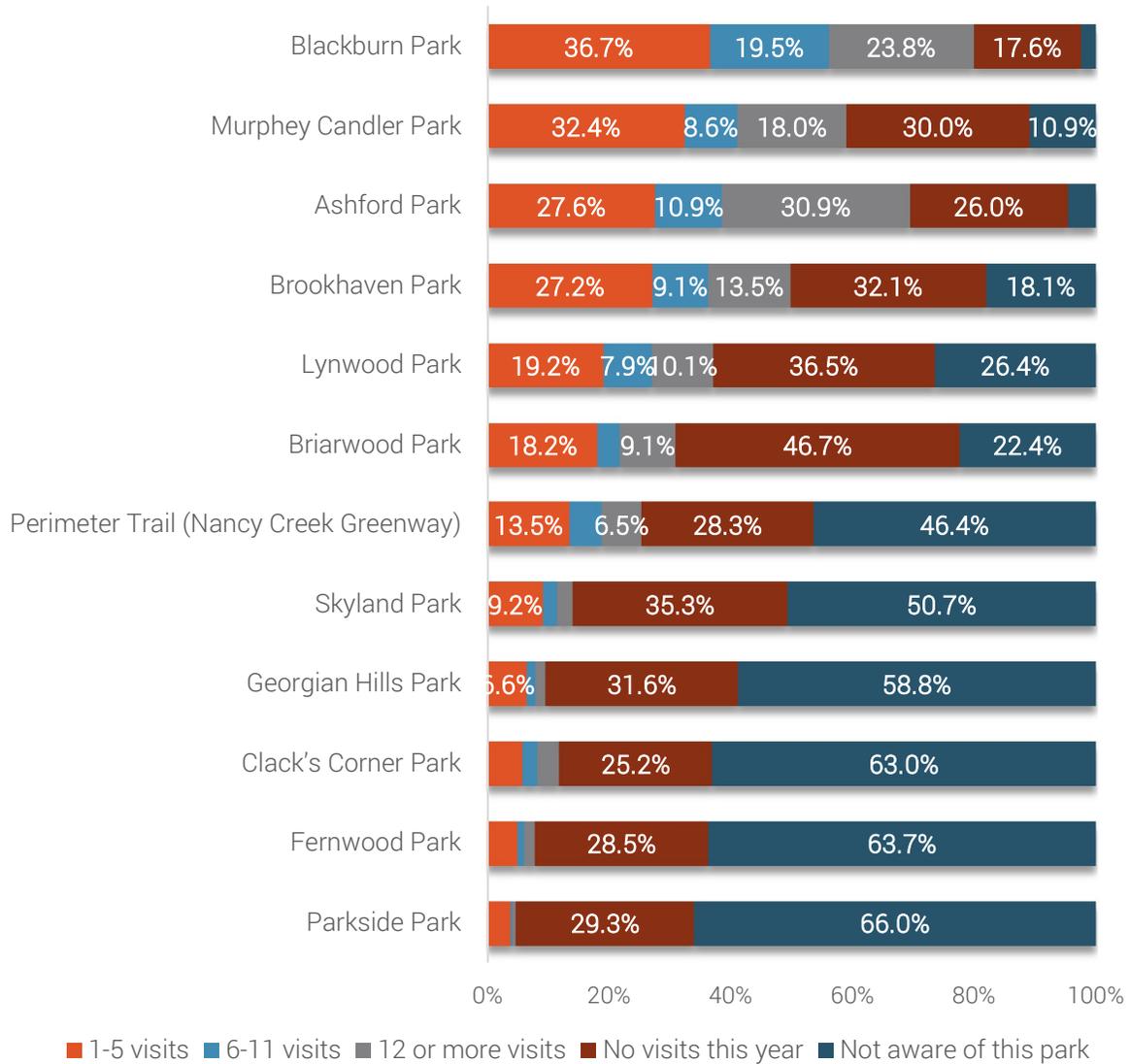
Figure 2018-1: For each of the parks listed below, please indicate how often you and or members of your household have visited in the last 12 months.



Values 6% and below not noted.

2014 SURVEY: PARK USAGE

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2018 SURVEY: BARRIERS TO PARK USAGE

We asked respondents about barriers to using Brookhaven's parks and facilities. Similar responses between 2014 and 2018 were received, with greater percentages indicating lack of knowledge of the City's parks and facilities. However, in 2014, 56.6% of respondents indicated that condition of parks prevented individuals from using the City's parks and facilities. That percentage has decreased in 2018 to 24.3%, and is no longer the top-ranked barrier.

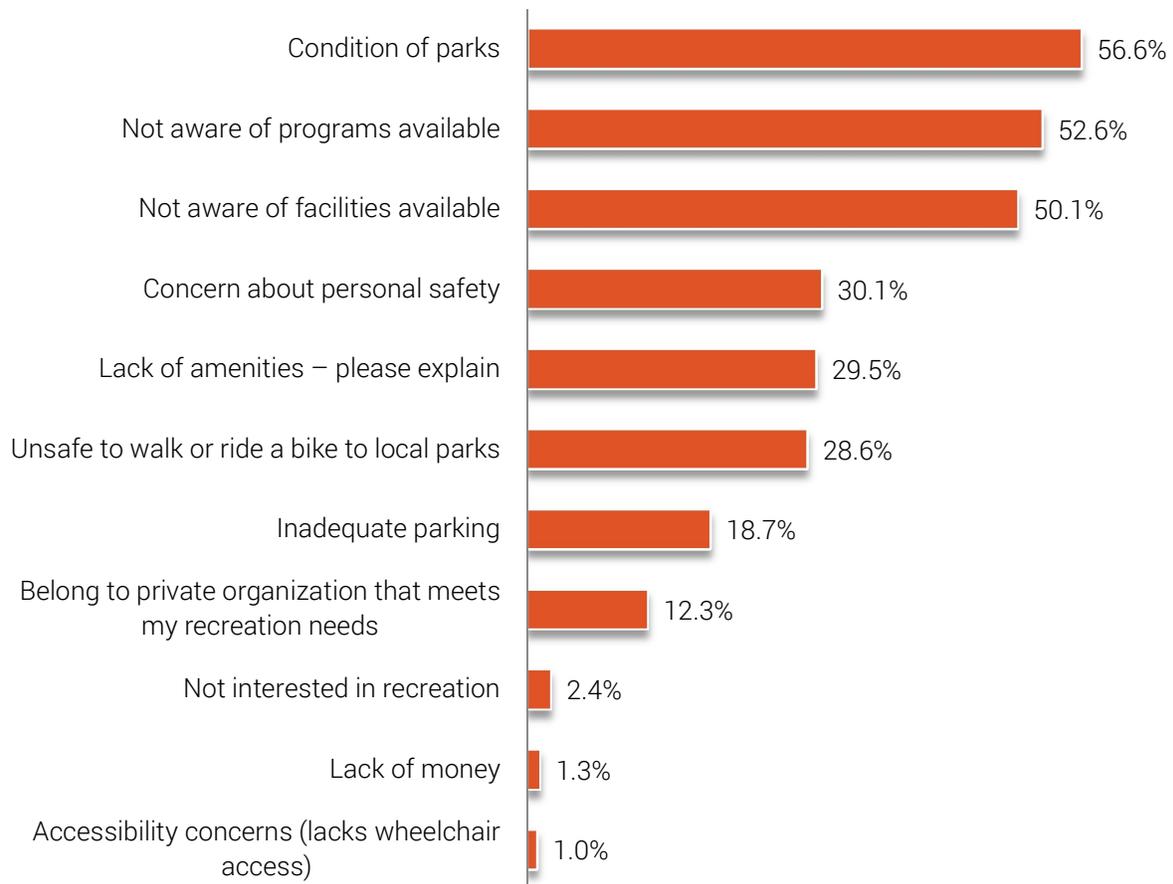
For the response "lack of amenities," respondents were asked to provide additional information, which are listed in the Appendix. Among the responses is a desire for bathrooms in the parks, more and better playgrounds, additional tennis facilities, places for dogs, and more trails.

Figure 2018-2: Please indicate if any of the following prevents you and/or members of your household from using Brookhaven's parks, facilities or trails? Check all that apply.



2014 SURVEY: BARRIERS TO PARK USAGE

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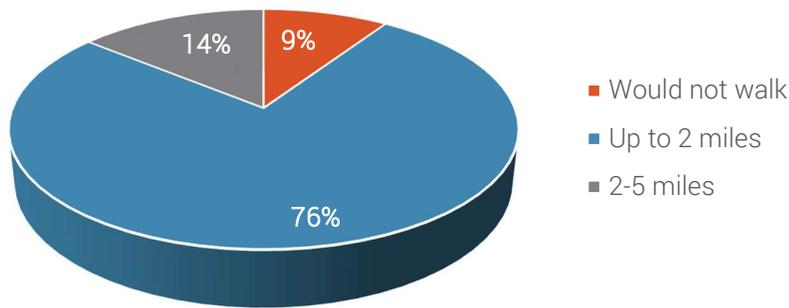


2018 SURVEY: ACCESS TO PARKS

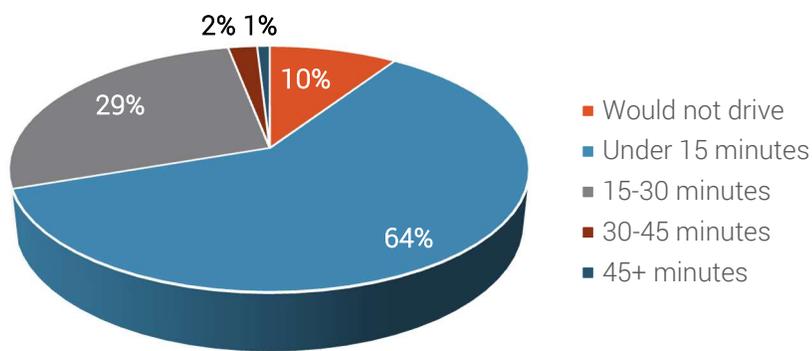
When asked about willingness to use various modes of transportation to access parks, individuals are still mostly driving to parks and recreation facilities. However, there were slight increases in the willingness of respondents to walk and bike, and willingness to do these activities more and farther distances, as compared to the 2014 survey results.

Figure 2018-3: How far would you be willing to walk, drive or ride a bicycle to parks and recreation facilities if safe multi-use trails, sidewalks or bicycle lanes were provided throughout the city?

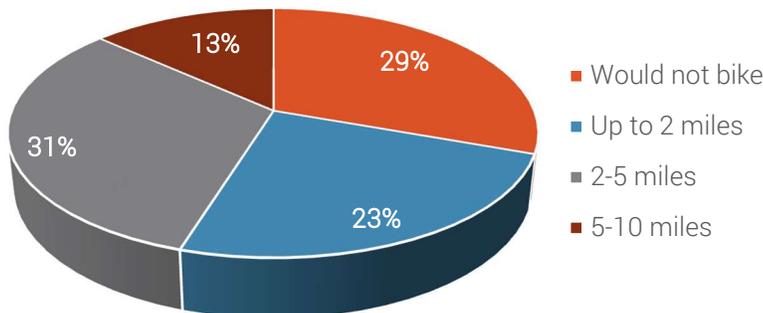
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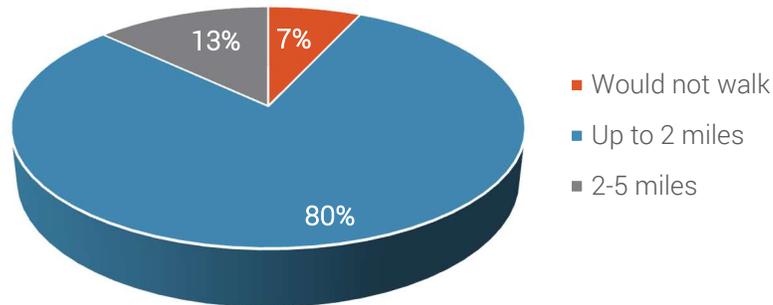
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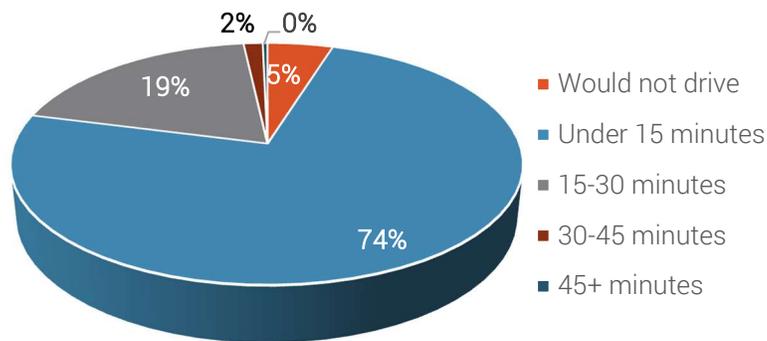
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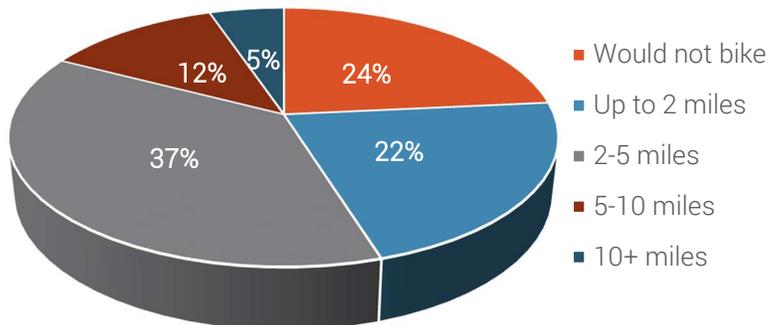
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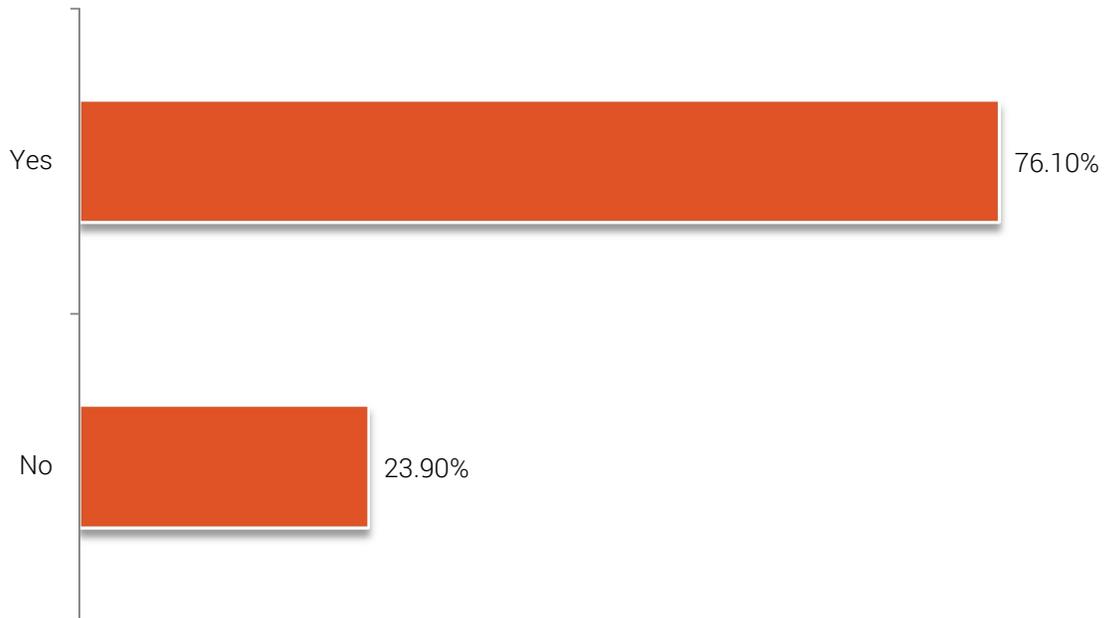
Bike



2018 PARKS SURVEY: FACILITY USE OUTSIDE OF BROOKHAVEN

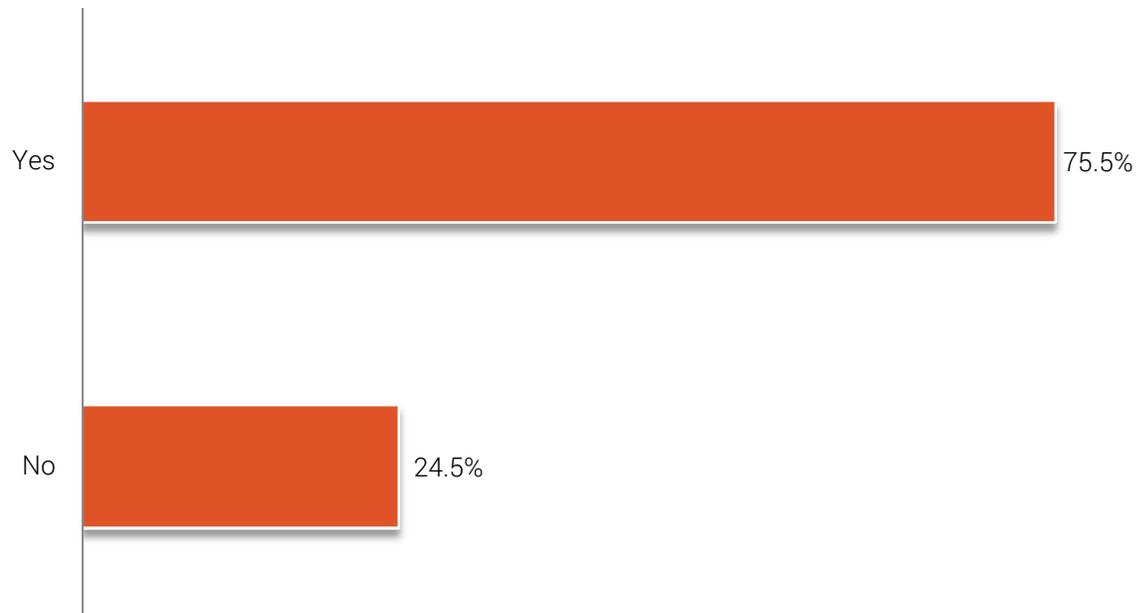
Since 2014, the City has not captured a greater percentage of respondents that are using parks and recreation facilities within the city.

Figure 2018-4: Do you travel outside Brookhaven to use parks and recreation facilities?



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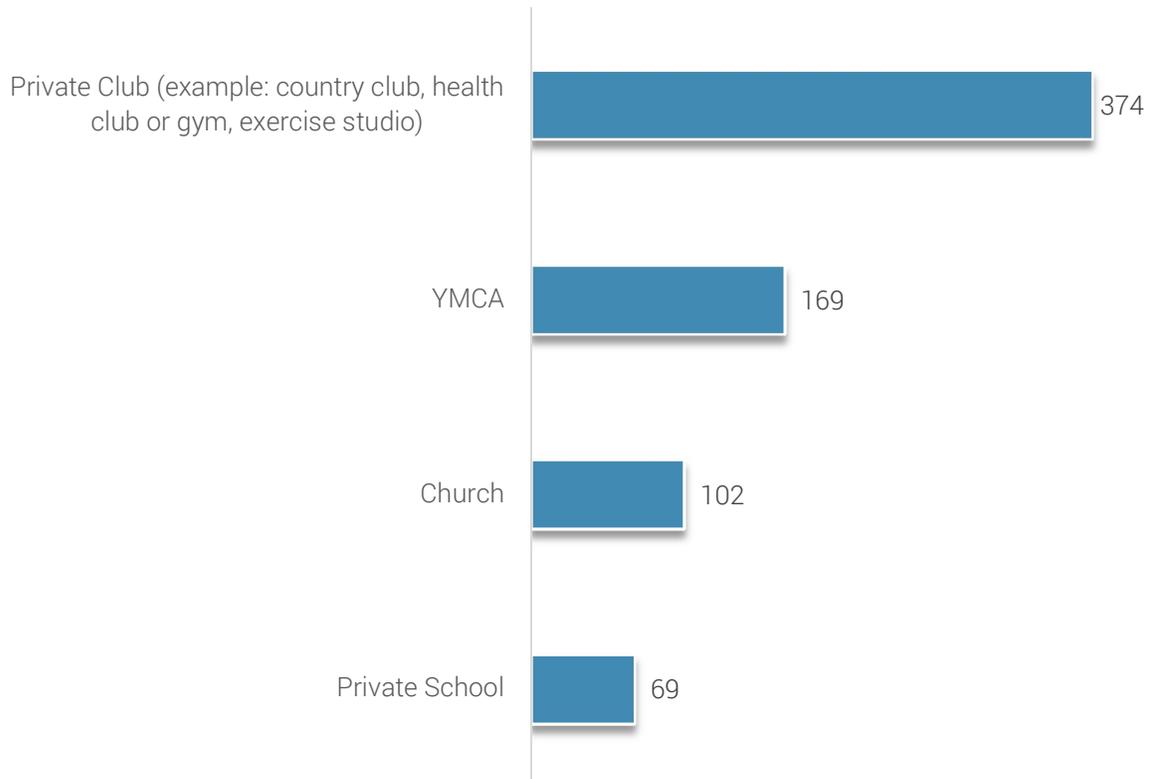
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2018 PARKS SURVEY: OTHER RECREATION PROVIDERS

Respondents are continuing to utilize private clubs to the greatest extent than other providers of recreation facilities.

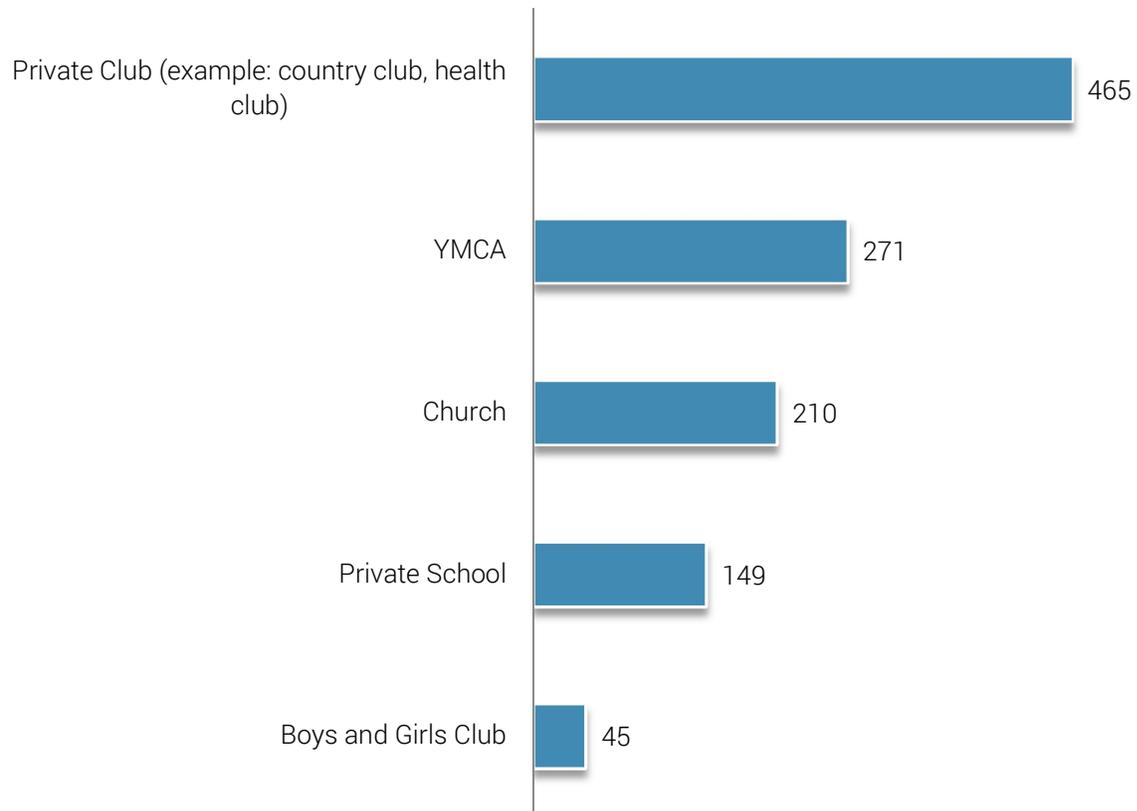
Figure 2018-5: Do you use recreation facilities offered by a church or other private provider?



Note, the Boys and Girls Club is not listed as an option in the 2018 survey, as there is no longer a Boys and Girls Club located in Brookhaven.

2014 PARKS SURVEY: OTHER RECREATION PROVIDERS

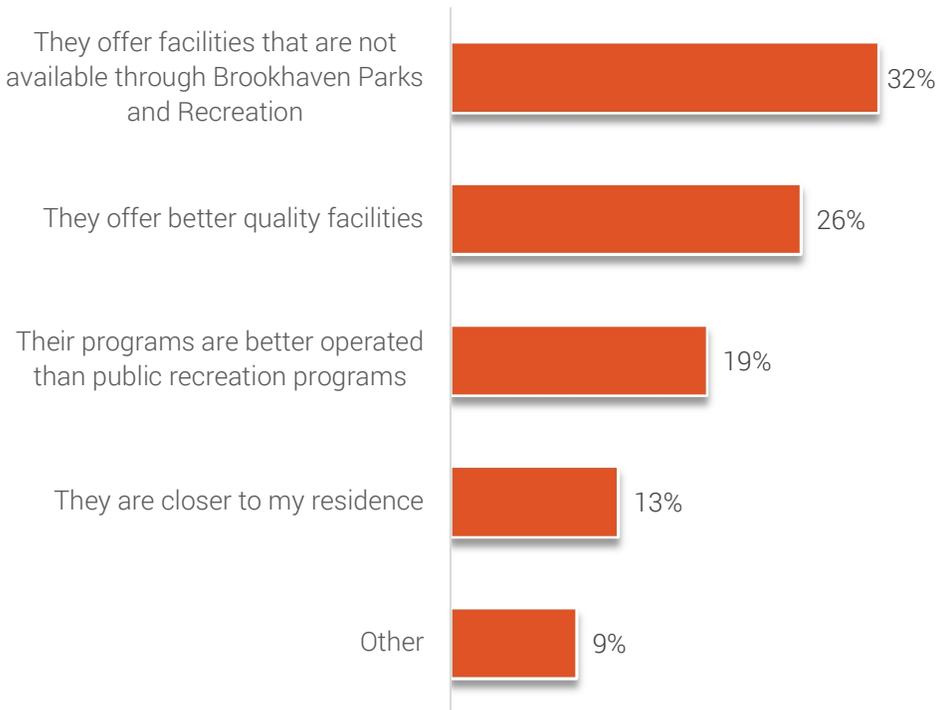
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2018 PARKS SURVEY: FACTORS INFLUENCING USE OF OTHER FACILITIES

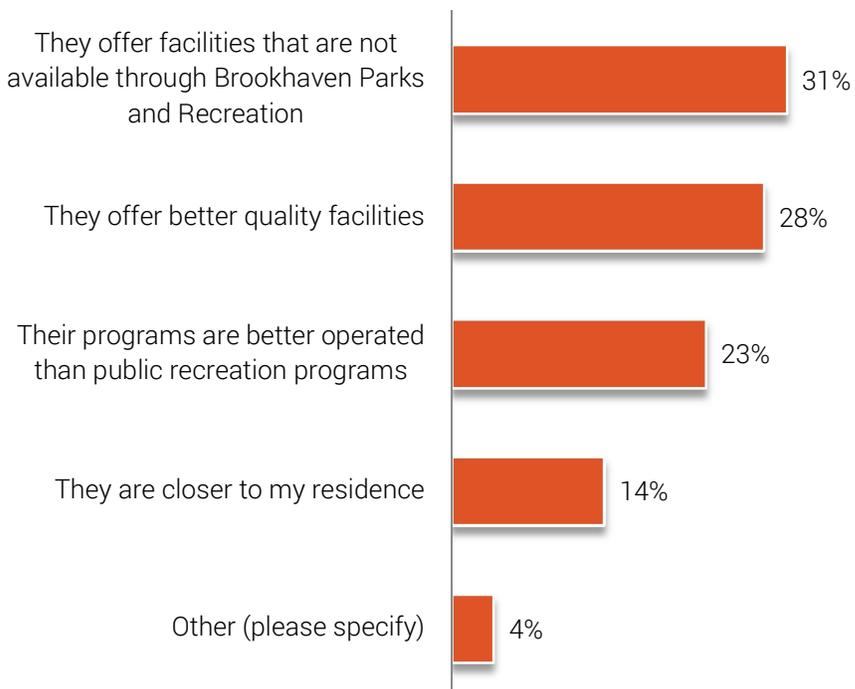
When asked about those factors that influence their decision to use other facilities, the responses between 2014 and 2018 remain generally unchanged. In 2018, the percentage of respondents indicated that they chose “their programs are better operated than public recreation programs” decreased from 23% in 2014 to 19% in 2018. A greater percentage of respondents selected “other” in 2018. While a variety of reasons were given, trends were noted in responses about the lack of knowledge about the City’s parks, hours of operation of some facilities, use of gyms and using facilities where friends or children are using facilities. A complete list of those responses is available in the Appendix.

Figure 2018-6: What factors influence your use of other facilities?



2014 PARKS SURVEY: FACTORS INFLUENCING USE OF OTHER FACILITIES

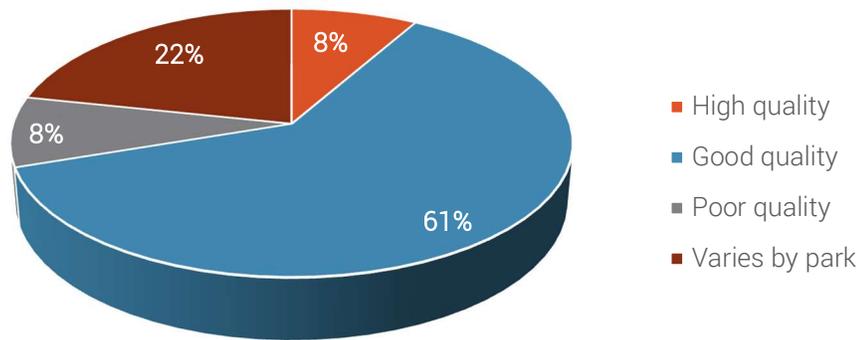
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2018 PARKS SURVEY: OVERALL PERFORMANCE

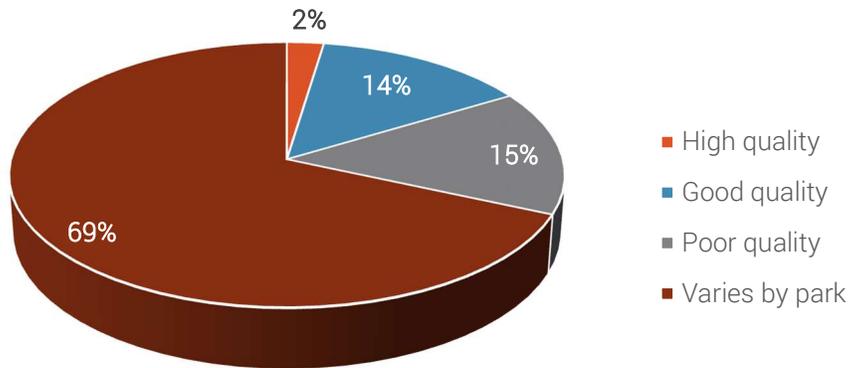
The community's view of the City's park facilities has improved since 2014, with a greater percentage ranking the condition of Brookhaven's park facilities as "high quality" and "good quality." The greatest changes from 2014 to 2018 were the increase in "good quality" and decrease in "varies by park."

Figure 2018-7: How would you rate the condition of Brookhaven's park facilities?



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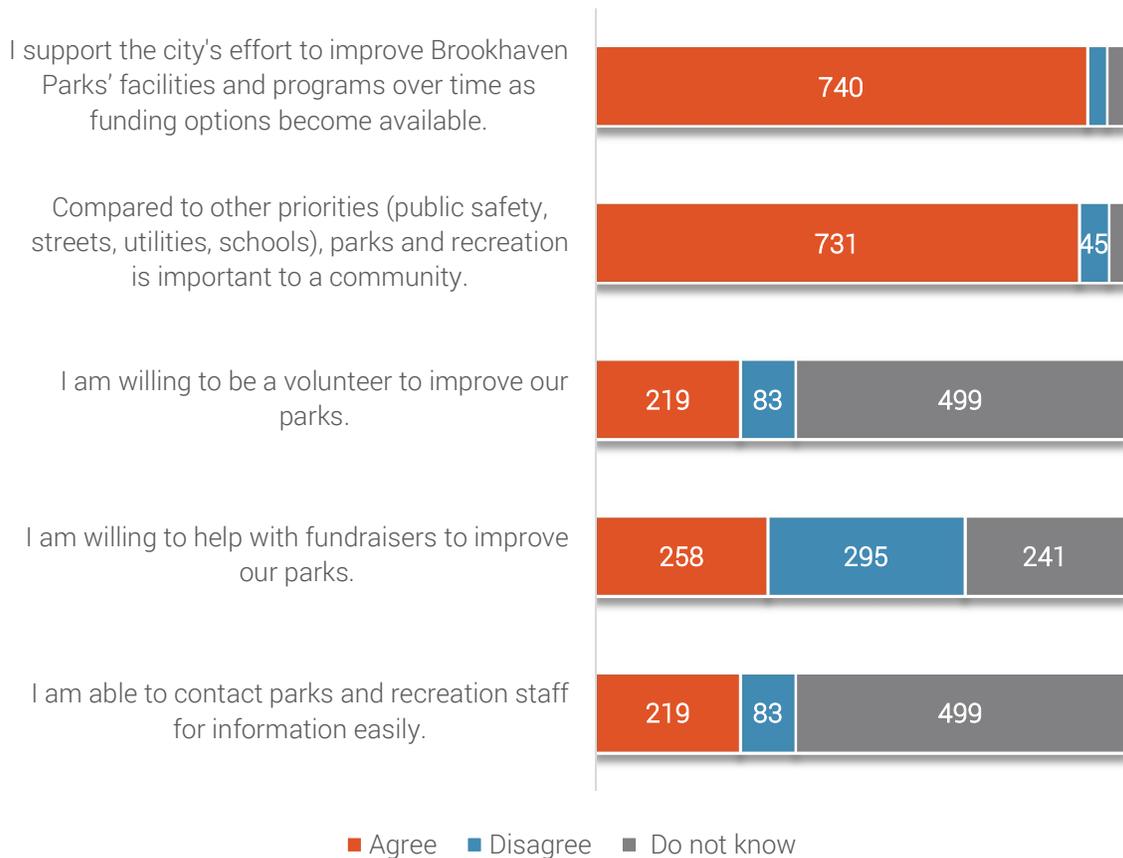
Figure 2014-7: How would you rate the condition of Brookhaven's park facilities?



2018 PARKS SURVEY: SUPPORT AND PRIORITIES

When asked about agreement or disagreement with several statements about parks and recreation support for funding, community priorities and willingness to volunteer to make improvements to the parks, the responses did not vary greatly from 2014 to 2018. There is still strong support for improvements as funding becomes available, and parks continue to be viewed as an important community priority.

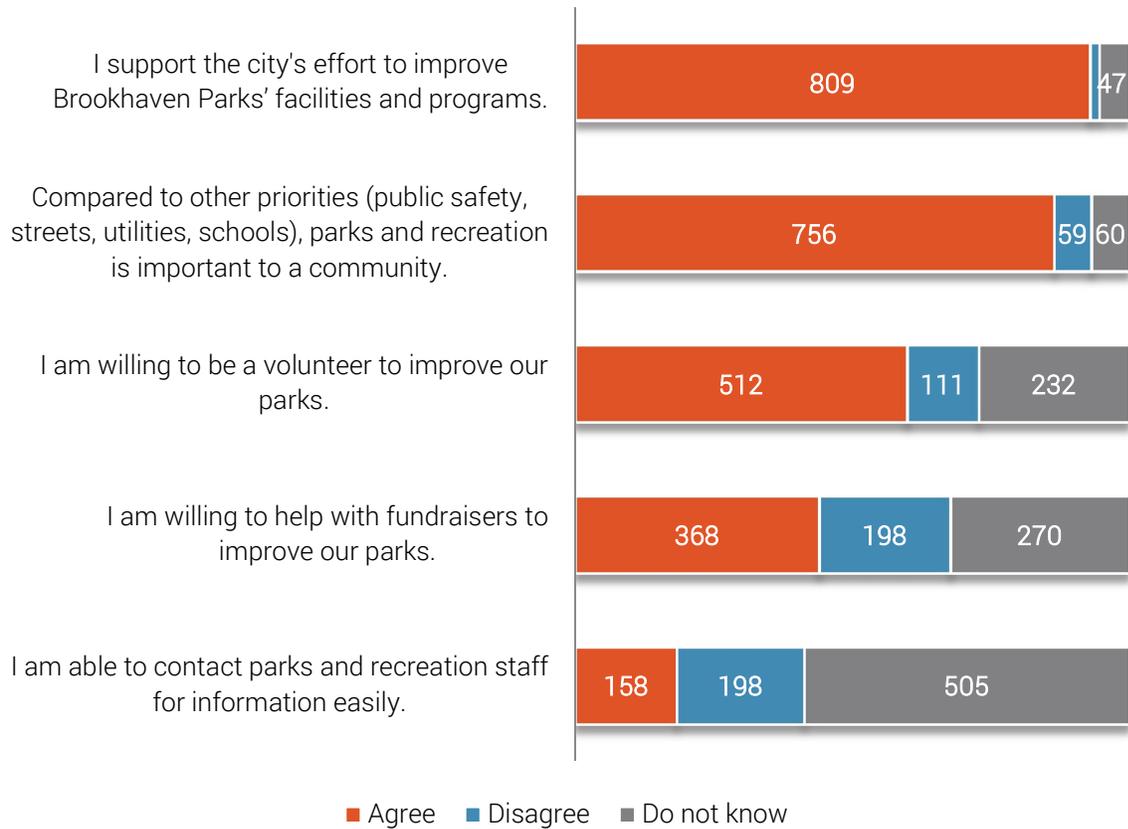
Figure 2018-8: Please indicate if you agree, disagree or do not know about the following statements.



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2014 PARKS SURVEY: SUPPORT AND PRIORITIES

Figure 2014-8: Please indicate if you agree, disagree or do not know about the following statements



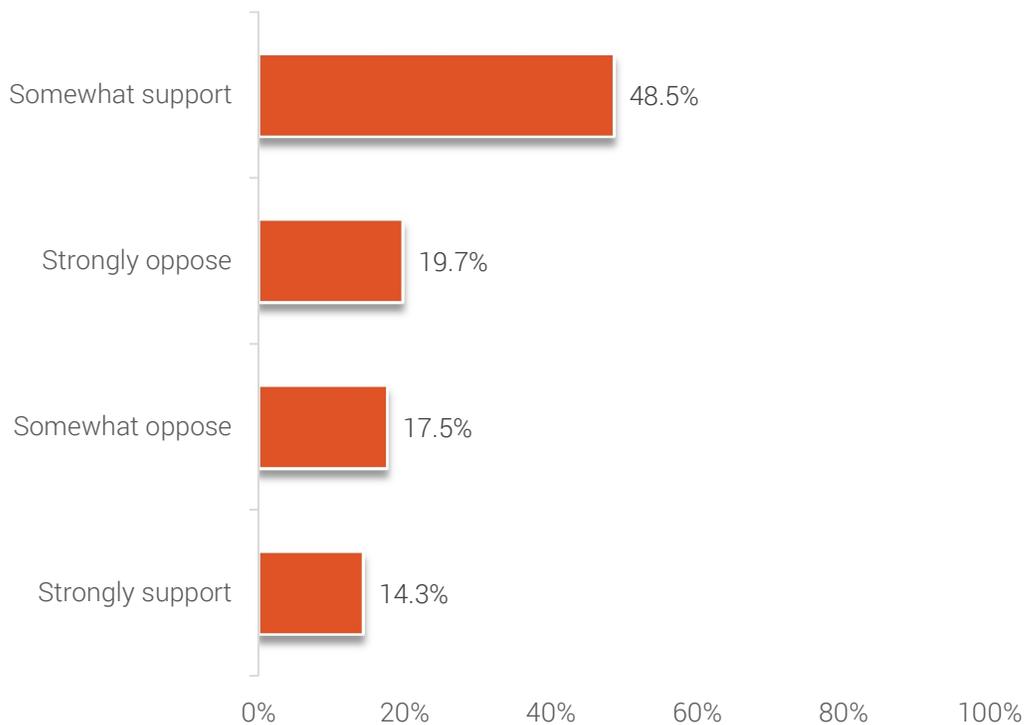
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2018 PARKS SURVEY: FUNDING SUPPORT

The question below was not asked in the 2014 survey. The purpose was to gauge general support for funding, and then follow with a more detailed question.

Most survey respondents (62.8%) support some degree of funding, with 48.5% expressing “somewhat support” for higher property taxes or rents for increased quality of park facilities, programs and opportunities for public events. Nearly 20% expressed that they “strongly oppose” increased taxes and rents.

Figure 2018-9: Would you be willing to pay higher property taxes or higher rent for increased quality of park facilities and programs, and increased opportunities for public events in the parks?

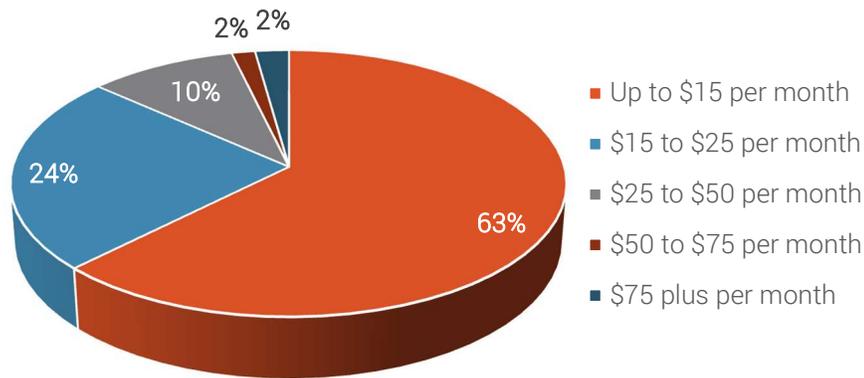


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2018 PARKS SURVEY: FUNDING LEVELS

Survey respondents were asked about how much they would be willing to spend per month for improved park maintenance and recreation facilities; the level of funding that received the greatest support (63%) in the 2018 survey is “up to \$15 per month” per household. Funding levels of this amount would generate an approximate \$4.3 million in additional funding. This was also the greatest level of support in 2014, although to a lesser percentage of support (41%).

Figure 2018-10: How much would you be willing to spend per month per household to support improved park maintenance and recreation facilities and services?

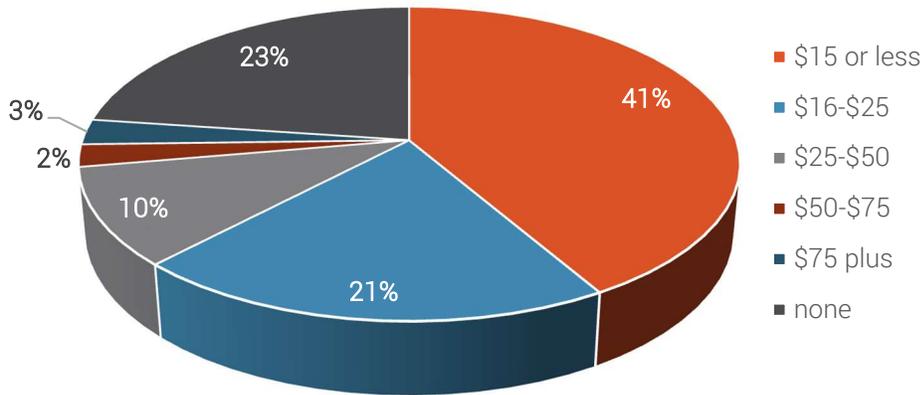


Of note, the 2014 survey allowed respondents to indicate “none” in their willingness to spend money to support park maintenance and facilities. The 2018 survey asked the previous question about support for funding (page 18). Those that selected “strongly oppose” were not presented the question above.

The percentage of respondents that answered “strongly oppose” was 19.7%, which is below the 23% in the 2014 survey that indicated “none” for their willingness to provide additional financial support for parks and recreation.

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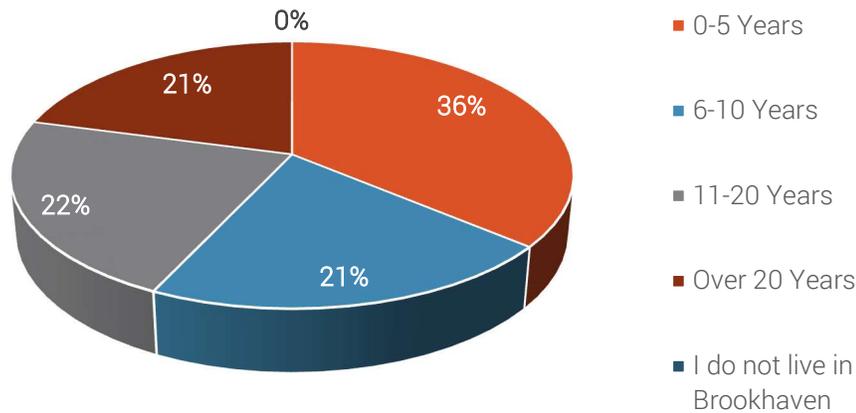


2018 PARKS SURVEY: RESPONDENTS' TENURE AND AGE

The following demographic questions provide a glance of those that responded to the community surveys, and provides the City an understanding about the community makeup.

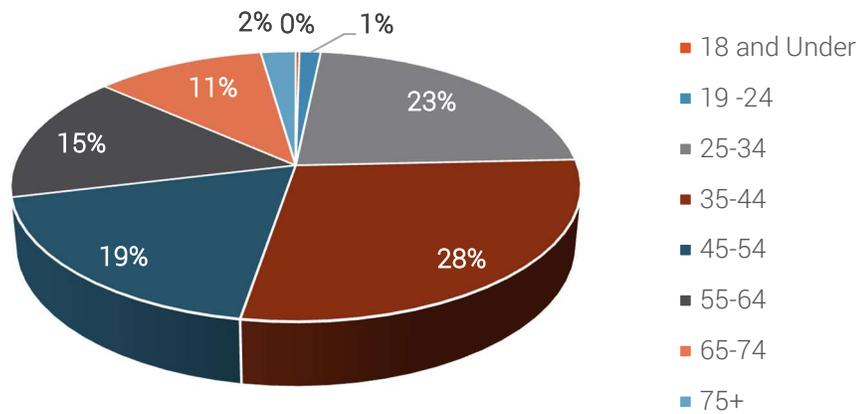
Compared with 2014, a greater percentage of individuals in 2018 have lived in Brookhaven less than 6 years, and fewer individuals have lived in Brookhaven for a period of 6-10 years.

Figure 2018-11: How long have you lived in Brookhaven?



Compared to 2014, a greater percentage of those age 65-75+, and fewer age 35-44, completed the survey.

Figure 2018-12: Please indicate your age



2014 PARKS SURVEY: RESPONDENTS' TENURE AND AGE

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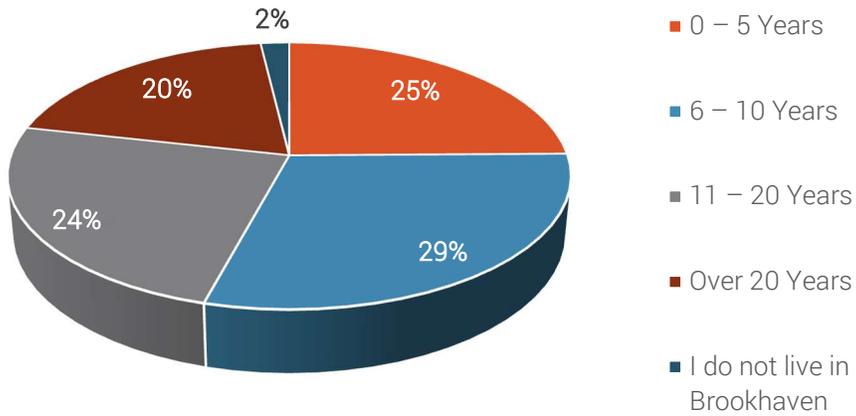
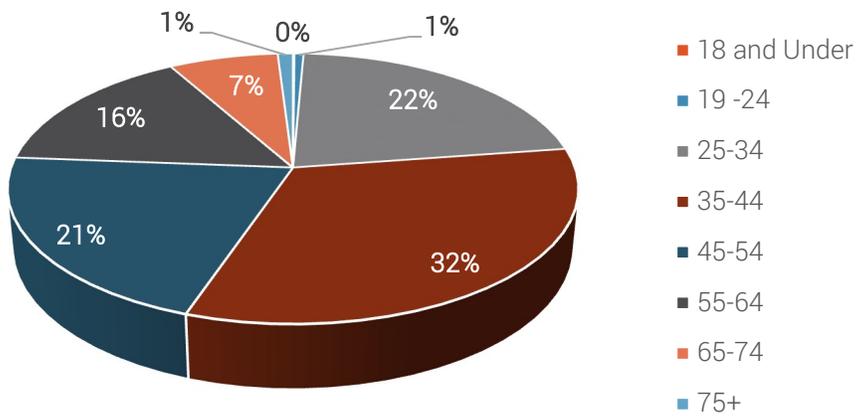


Figure 2014-12: Please indicate your age



2018 PARKS SURVEY: HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS

The percentage of single households and couples with no children increased in 2018 to 29%, as compared to 23% in 2014. Conversely, the percentage of households with children decreased from 55% in 2014 to 41% in 2018.

Figure 2018-13: Which best describes your household?

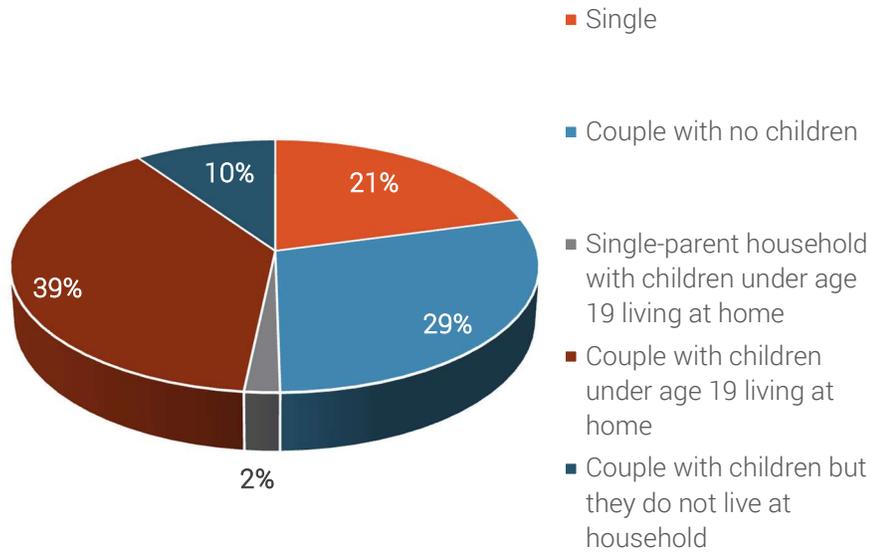
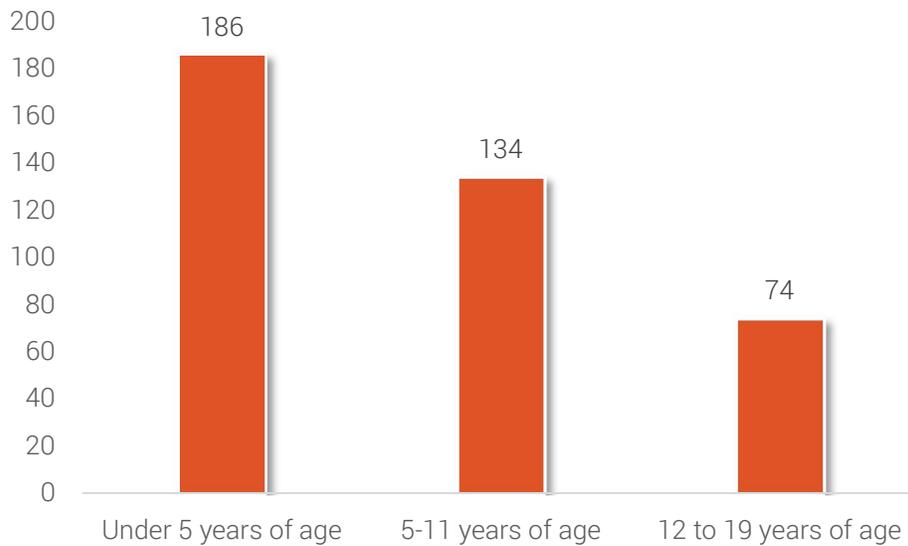


Figure 2018-14: How many children do you have in each of the following age groups living at home?



2014 PARKS SURVEY: HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS

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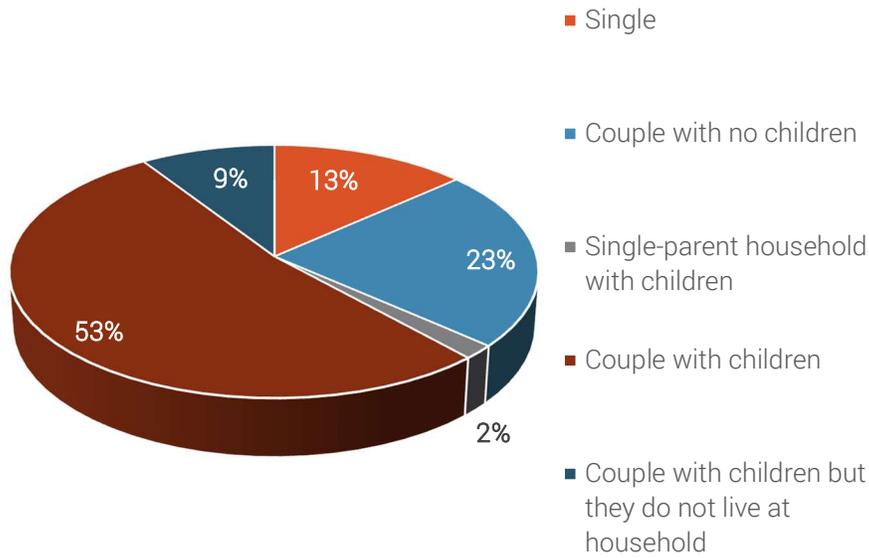
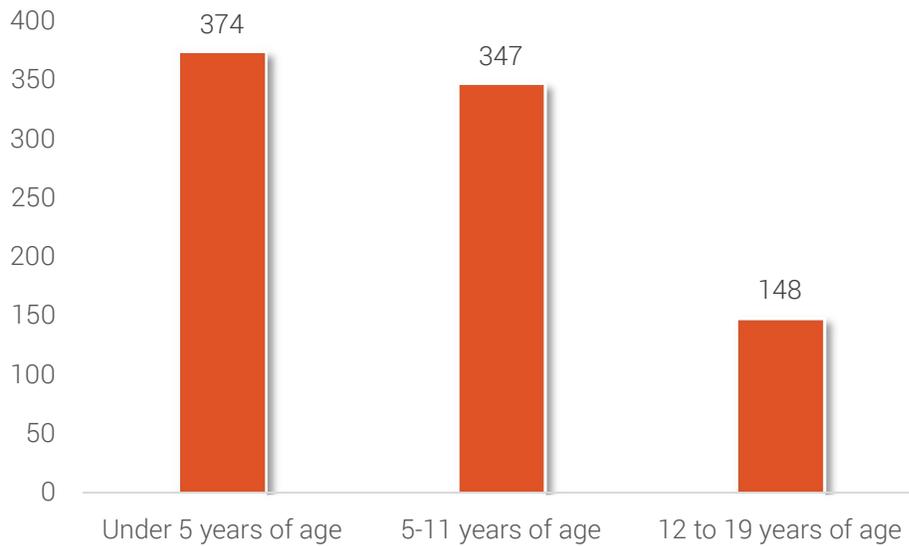


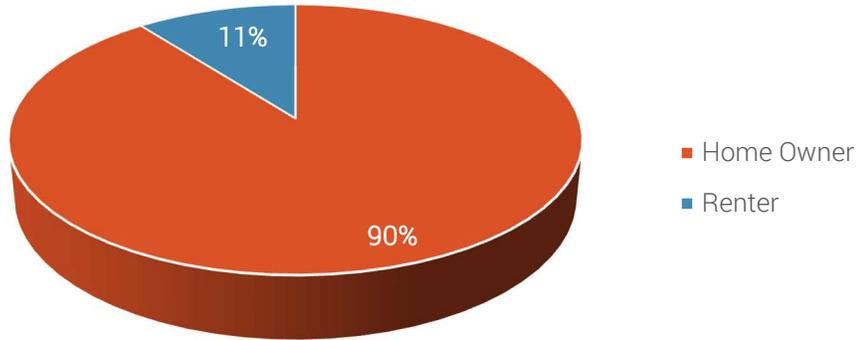
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2018 PARKS SURVEY: HOUSING AND INCOME

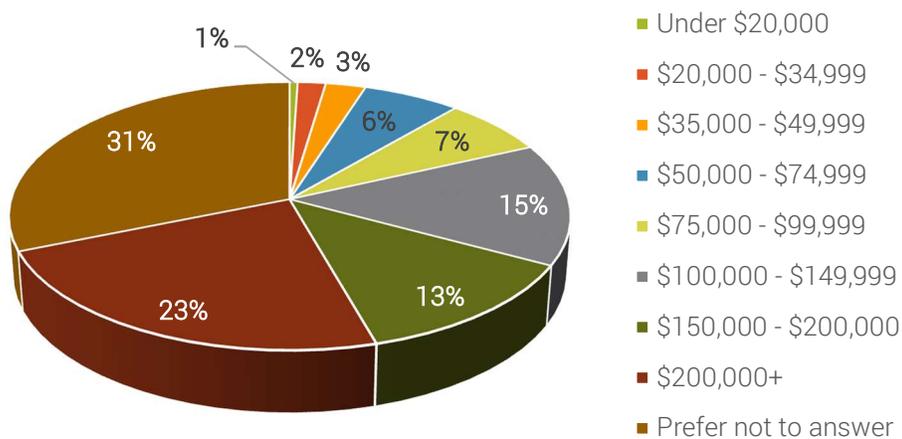
A greater percentage of survey respondents indicated they are renters in 2018 (11%) as compared to 2014 (4%).

Figure 2018-15: Please indicate your housing status



More income levels were presented in the 2018 than were presented in the 2014 survey. In 2018, 51% of individuals indicated they make \$100,000 or more, as compared with 60% in 2014. A greater percentage of respondents in 2018 elected to not answer the question.

Figure 2018-16: What is your total annual household income?



2014 PARKS SURVEY: HOUSING AND INCOME

Figure 2014-15: Please indicate your housing status

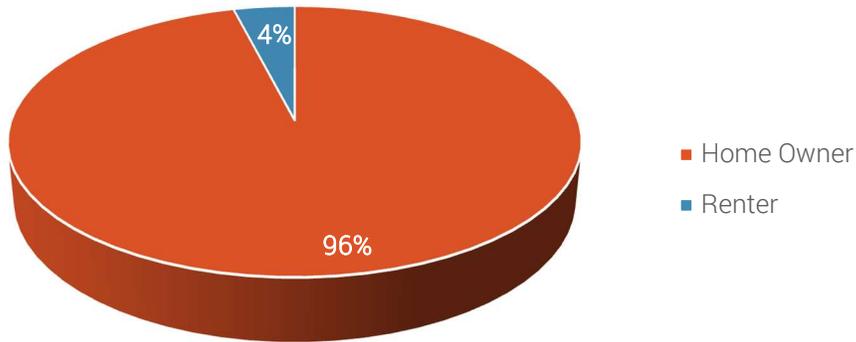
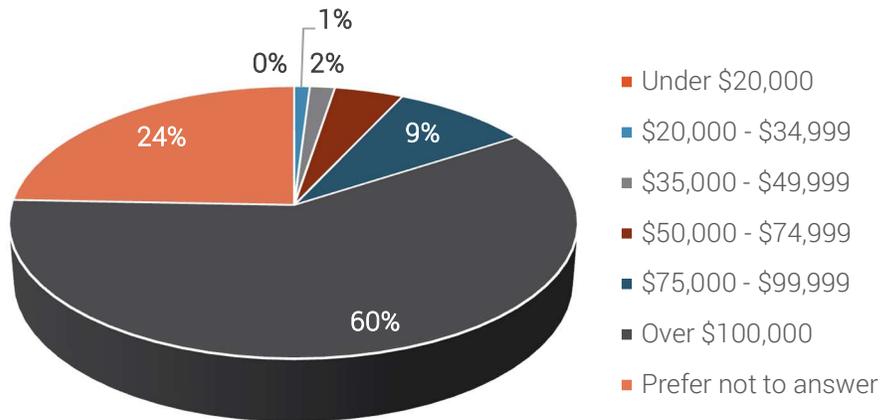


Figure 2014-16: What is your total annual household income?



2018 PARKS SURVEY: OTHER RESPONSES

Survey respondents were given the option to provide other comments about the City of Brookhaven's parks, facilities, programs or funding, resulting in responses from 400 individuals. These responses addressed a range of topics, including park accessibility, maintenance, suggestions for improvements to parks and additional facilities, comments about funding and taxation, and responses about programming in the parks.

The complete list of responses is available in the Appendix.

SUMMARY

The 2018 public input survey illustrated some changes in the use of Brookhaven's parks and facilities, including increased use of certain parks, and an increased awareness of those parks that are less frequently used. Additionally, there is an increased willingness of individuals to bike and walk to parks, should the facilities be provided.

Survey respondents are still using facilities outside of the city of Brookhaven to a large degree, and attribute the use of these facilities to lack of certain facilities in Brookhaven's parks and the quality of facilities offered elsewhere. Along with this, survey respondents noted reasons that prevent them from using the City's parks, facilities or trails with the most common reason being the lack of awareness of parks and programs. However, the condition of the City's parks is no longer the top reason why individuals are not using the parks, which is a notable achievement for the Parks and Recreation Department.

Funding to support parks, facilities and programs remains; however, there are slight changes in the level of support the community is willing to provide. However, the community still finds parks and recreation an important priority in the community.

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APPENDIX

SURVEY POSTCARD SAMPLE



Parks & Recreation Survey (Encuesta sobre parques y recreación)

Website (Sitio web):

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BrookhavenParksSurvey>

Your survey code (Código de la encuesta):

If you need a printed copy or have questions, please call 404-637-0534

Si necesita una copia impresa o si tiene preguntas, llame al 404-637-0534

Brookhaven wants to build the best parks and recreation program & we need your help!

We are conducting a survey to gather input about parks and recreation so we can better serve our residents.

To take the survey, go to the website on the front of this postcard and enter the survey code.

Deadline: May 31, 2018

Brookhaven quiere construir los mejores parques y programas de recreación, y necesitamos su ayuda.

Realizamos una encuesta para reunir sugerencias sobre parques y recreación para brindar un mejor servicio a nuestros residentes.

Para realizar la encuesta, visite el sitio web que aparece en el frente de esta tarjeta postal e introduzca el código de la encuesta.



Fecha límite: 31 de mayo de 2018

2018 PARKS COMMUNITY INPUT SURVEY



Brookhaven Parks Survey
Encuesta sobre los parques de Brookhaven

Dear Resident:

Welcome to the Brookhaven Parks and Recreation Survey. We are conducting this survey to gather community input on Brookhaven's parks and facilities to better serve our residents. Your input is valuable as we determine our priorities and funding strategies for moving forward with improvements to our parks system.

Even if you do not currently participate in any park programs or utilize the park system in any way, your survey answers will still be important.

It is estimated that the survey will take 8-10 minutes to complete, and we are asking that each household respond just once to this survey. Thank you for your time and valuable input.

Sincerely,
 Brian Borden
 Parks and Recreation Director
 City of Brookhaven, Georgia

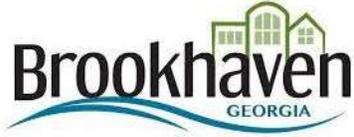
Estimado(a) residente:

Bienvenido(a) a la Encuesta sobre parques y recreación de Brookhaven. Realizamos esta encuesta para reunir opiniones de la comunidad sobre los parques y las instalaciones de Brookhaven para brindar un mejor servicio a nuestros residentes. Su opinión es valiosa a medida que determinamos nuestras prioridades y estrategias de financiación para avanzar con las mejoras de nuestro sistema de parques.

Aunque actualmente no participe en ningún programa de parques ni utilice el sistema de parques de alguna manera, aun así las respuestas de su encuesta serán importantes.

Se calcula que completar la encuesta le tomará entre 8 y 10 minutos, y pedimos que cada familia la responda una sola vez. Gracias por su tiempo y valiosa opinión.

Atentamente,
 Brian Borden
 Director de Parques y Recreación
 Ciudad de Brookhaven, Georgia

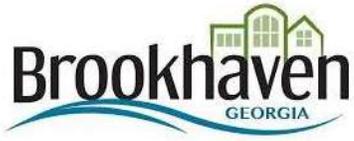


Brookhaven Parks Survey
Encuesta sobre los parques de Brookhaven

* 1. Please enter the survey code found on the postcard you received for this survey.
If you do not have the survey code, please contact Brookhaven Parks and Recreation at 404-637-0534 for the code.

Introduzca el código de la encuesta que se encuentra en la tarjeta postal que recibió para esta encuesta.

Si no tiene el código de la encuesta, comuníquese con Parques y Recreación de Brookhaven al 404-637-0534 para obtener el código.



Brookhaven Parks Survey
Encuesta sobre los parques de Brookhaven

2. How would you rate the condition of Brookhaven's park facilities?
¿Cómo calificaría el estado de las instalaciones de los parques de Brookhaven?

- High quality (Excelente calidad)
- Good quality (Buena calidad)
- Poor quality (Mala calidad)
- Varies by park (Varía según el parque)



Brookhaven Parks Survey
Encuesta sobre los parques de Brookhaven

3. For each of the parks listed below, please indicate how often you and or members of your household have visited in the last 12 months.

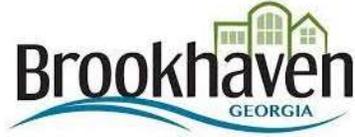
Indique con qué frecuencia usted o los integrantes de su familia han visitado cada uno de los parques que se enumeran a continuación en los últimos 12 meses.

	1-5 visits (1 a 5 visitas)	6-11 visits (6 a 11 visitas)	12 or more visits (12 visitas o más)	No visits in the last 12 months (Ninguna visita en los últimos 12 meses)	Not aware of this park (No conozco este parque)
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Blackburn II Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Skyland Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

4. Please indicate if any of the following prevents you and/or members of your household from using Brookhaven's parks, facilities or trails? Please check all that apply.

Indique si algunos de los siguientes factores impiden que usted y/o los integrantes de su familia usen los parques, las instalaciones o los caminos de Brookhaven. Marque todas las opciones que correspondan.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Not interested in recreation
(No me interesa la recreación) | <input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate parking
(Estacionamiento inadecuado) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of money
(Falta de dinero) | <input type="checkbox"/> Condition of parks
(Estado de los parques) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not aware of facilities available
(No conozco las instalaciones disponibles) | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsafe to walk or ride a bike to local parks
(Es inseguro ir caminando o en bicicleta a los parques locales) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not aware of programs available
(No conozco los programas disponibles) | <input type="checkbox"/> Concern about my personal safety at parks (ie. crime, off-leash dogs, unsafe equipment)
(Me preocupa mi seguridad personal en los parques (es decir, delitos, perros sin correa, equipos inseguros)) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accessibility concerns (lacks wheelchair access)
(Problemas de accesibilidad (falta acceso para sillas de rueda)) | <input type="checkbox"/> Fees or costs too high relative to other comparable options
(Precios o costos muy altos relacionados con otras opciones similares) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Belong to private organization that meets my recreation needs
(Pertenezco a una organización privada que satisface mis necesidades de recreación) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of amenities – please explain
(Falta de servicios, explique) | |
| <input type="text"/> | |



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5. Please indicate if you agree, disagree or do not know about the following statements:
Indique si está de acuerdo o en desacuerdo con las siguientes afirmaciones, o si no sabe lo que se expresa:

	Agree De acuerdo	Disagree No estoy acuerdo	Do not know No sé
Compared to other priorities (public safety, streets, utilities, schools), parks and recreation is important to a community. (Si se compara con otras prioridades (seguridad pública, calles, servicios públicos, escuelas), los parques y la recreación son importantes para la comunidad.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am able to contact parks and recreation staff for information easily. (Puedo comunicarme fácilmente con el personal de Parques y Recreación para obtener información.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am willing to be a volunteer to improve our parks. (Estoy dispuesto(a) a ser voluntario(a) para mejorar nuestros parques.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am willing to help with fundraisers to improve our parks. (Estoy dispuesto(a) a ayudar con recaudación de fondos para mejorar nuestros parques.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I support the city's effort to improve Brookhaven Parks' facilities and programs over time as funding options become available. (Apoyo el esfuerzo de la ciudad de mejorar las instalaciones y los programas de los parques de Brookhaven a lo largo del tiempo a medida que haya opciones de financiación disponibles.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

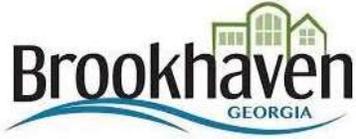
6. How far would you be willing to walk, drive or ride a bicycle to parks and recreation facilities if safe multi-use trails, sidewalks or bicycle lanes were provided throughout the city?

¿Qué distancia estaría dispuesto(a) a caminar, conducir o montar en bicicleta para llegar a los parques y las instalaciones de recreación si se ofrecieran caminos de usos múltiples, aceras o carriles para bicicletas en toda la ciudad?

	Walk A pie	Drive En automóvil	Ride a Bike En bicicleta
Check ONE choice per drop-down menu	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

If you would not walk or bicycle, why?

Si no iría a pie ni en bicicleta, ¿por qué?



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7. Do you travel outside Brookhaven to use parks and recreation facilities?
¿Va a otros lugares fuera de Brookhaven para usar los parques y las instalaciones de recreación?

- Yes (Si)
- No (No)

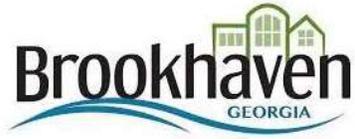
If so, where and why?
 Si la respuesta es sí, ¿dónde y por qué?

8. Do you use recreation facilities offered by a church or other private provider?
¿Usa instalaciones de recreación ofrecidas por una iglesia u otro proveedor privado?

	Yes Si	No No
Church (Iglesia)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
YMCA (Asociación Cristiana de Jóvenes (YMCA))	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Private Club (example: country club, health club or gym, exercise studio) (Club privado (por ejemplo, club de campo, club deportivo o gimnasio, estudio de entrenamiento))	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Private School (Escuela privada)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

9. If you answered yes above, please check the factors that influence your decision to use these other facilities:
Si respondió sí en la pregunta anterior, marque los factores que afectan su decisión de usar estos otros centros:

	Yes Sí	No No
They are closer to my residence (Están más cerca de mi residencia)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
They offer facilities that are not available through Brookhaven Parks and Recreation (Ofrecen instalaciones que no están disponibles a través de Parques y Recreación de Brookhaven)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
They offer better quality facilities (Ofrecen instalaciones de mejor calidad)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Their programs are better operated than public recreation programs (Sus programas funcionan mejor que los programas públicos de recreación)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify) Otro (especifique)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>	



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10. Would you be willing to pay higher property taxes or higher rent for increased quality of park facilities and programs, and increased opportunities for public events in the parks?

¿Estaría dispuesto(a) a pagar impuestos sobre la propiedad más altos o un alquiler más alto para mejorar la calidad de las instalaciones y los programas de parques, e incrementar las oportunidades de eventos públicos en los parques?

- Strongly support
(Apoyo plenamente)
- Somewhat support
(Apoyo de alguna manera)
- Somewhat oppose
(Me opongo de alguna manera)
- Strongly oppose
(Me opongo rotundamente)



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11. How much would you be willing to spend per month per household to support improved park maintenance and recreation facilities and services?

¿Cuánto estaría dispuesto(a) a gastar por mes por familia para apoyar la mejora del mantenimiento de los parques y las instalaciones y los servicios de recreación?

- up to \$15 per month
(Hasta \$15 por mes)
- \$15 to \$25 per month
(De \$15 a \$25 por mes)
- \$25-\$50 per month
(De \$25 a \$50 por mes)
- \$50-\$75 per month
(De \$50 a \$75 por mes)
- \$75 plus per month
(Más de \$75 por mes)



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12. How long have you lived in Brookhaven?

¿Cuánto tiempo ha vivido en Brookhaven?

- 0 – 5 Years (0 a 5 años)
 6 – 10 Years (6 a 10 años)
 11 – 20 Years (11 a 20 años)
 Over 20 Years (Más de 20 años)
 I do not live in Brookhaven (No vivo en Brookhaven)

13. Please indicate your age.

Indique su edad.

- 18 and Under (Menos de 18 años)
 19 -24 (19 a 24)
 25-34 (25 a 34)
 35-44 (35 a 44)
 45-54 (45 a 54)
 55-64 (55 a 64)
 65-74 (65 a 74)
- 75+ (Más de 75)

14. Which of the following best describes your household?

¿Cuál de las siguientes situaciones describe mejor su familia?

- Single (Soltero(a))
- Couple with no children (Pareja sin hijos)
- Single-parent household with children under age 19 living at home (Familia monoparental con hijos menores de 19 años que viven en el hogar)
- Couple with children under age 19 living at home (Pareja con hijos menores de 19 años que viven en el hogar)
- Couple with children but they do not live at household (Pareja con hijos pero que no viven en el hogar)

Other (please specify)
 (Otra (especifique))



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15. You indicated you have children at home. How many children do you have in each of the following age groups living at home?
Indicó que tiene hijos en el hogar. ¿Cuántos hijos, que viven en el hogar, tiene en cada uno de los siguientes grupos etarios?

	0 to 4 years of age 0 a 4 años	5 to 11 years of age 5 a 11 años	12 to 19 years of age 12 a 19 años
Age Groups Grupos etarios	▾	▾	▾

16. Please check your housing status.
Marque la condición de su vivienda.

- Home Owner (Propietario) Renter (Arrendatario)

17. What is your total annual household income?
¿Cuál es su ingreso familiar anual total?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Under \$20,000 (Menos de \$20,000) | <input type="radio"/> \$100,000 - \$149,999 (\$100,000 a \$149,999) |
| <input type="radio"/> \$20,000 - \$34,999 (\$20,000 a \$34,999) | <input type="radio"/> \$150,000 - \$200,000 (\$150,000 a \$200,000) |
| <input type="radio"/> \$35,000 - \$49,999 (\$35,000 a \$49,999) | <input type="radio"/> \$200,000+ (Más de \$200,000) |
| <input type="radio"/> \$50,000 - \$74,999 (\$50,000 a \$74,999) | <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to answer (Prefiere no responder) |
| <input type="radio"/> \$75,000 - \$99,999 (\$75,000 a \$99,999) | |

18. Please provide any additional comments you have about Brookhaven's parks, facilities, programs or funding.

Proporcione algún comentario adicional que tenga sobre los parques, las instalaciones, los programas o la financiación de Brookhaven.

2018 PARKS SURVEY: WHAT PREVENTS YOU FROM USING BROOKHAVEN'S PARKS, FACILITIES OR TRAILS?

Responses: Lack of amenities (please explain)

Pool hours not good, some parks need better playgrounds
Brookhaven pool needs more chairs and umbrellas. Replace the broken bleachers.
Toilets
Pools aren't open at convenient hours on weekends.
no volley ball, tennis courts, etc. in parks I can walk to
Not enough dog oriented parks
Pool isn't open in the morning for young children when it's not so hot & before their naptime
Other than picnic tables there isn't much to do at the close parks other than walk.
Playgrounds at Blackburn Park
Skyland under Construction
Need earlier hours, better "confinement" for toddlers at some parks
No playground at MCP
Few quality dog parks
MCP has a nice lake. No boats or things to use on the lake...
No bathrooms at Blackburn park on the pavilion side
Due to construction, our closest park (Skyland) has not been accessible
Safe walking trails, updated restrooms, open space for play not sports oriented fields
Waterfountains dont work
Prefer to be walking distance for caregiver/child
No off leash dog areas
No fenced in dog park.
Need more public tennis courts
No bathrooms
Would do work on my computer in the park if charging stations were available (even for fee)
Toilets
clean bathrooms, covered picnic tables, walking/path ways, fenced in areas for dog play, too many mosquitos, not enough trash cans, no water fountains
Poor quality of playground area
Brookhaven Park
Other parks nearby have superior play areas for young kids. Morgan Falls, Brook Run, Little Nancy Creek, and others. Ashford Park's playgrounds are ok, but the sand and plastic graveyard is offputting. Murphey Candler and Blackburn don't have very good playgrounds.
Poor playgrounds and group shelters
Bathrooms
Need greater programs for seniors
Tennis Courts OR Walking Trails

Unsafe to ride a bike to most parks

no decent toilets

Need to update / upgrade the children's playground equipment and expand the playground area at Blackburn Park. I would also like to have a water / splash park for the kids similar to the one the city of Roswell has. That would be a huge benefit for local families.

Lack of shade, especially over playground facilities

Would like more running trails

off-leash dog park area

Dog Friendly / Gated

SHADE TREES & BENCHES!

Need spigot and water fountain at Clack's Corner

I prefer Lenox Park because it's nicer and more for walking dogs, jogging, or just enjoying a nice day. Few kids really.

Chamblee playgrounds are equidistant and have better equipment for my nieces (blackburn vs keswick), blackburn parking lot paving is so poor am nervous to bring our parents for fear of their falling

Good playscapes

Pools

bathrooms

Toilet

I'd like to use the Lynwood Park pool, but the pool area is not well-kept, there are few seating options, the hours are bizarre, and the decor is lacking.

Playgrounds are non-existent or in terrible condition

Poor hours at the Briarwood pool for young kids, opening at 10 or 11 would allow us to use it before naptime

Pools not open until 12 pm which excludes anyone with small children due to nap times, hottest part of day. Please consider opening in the morning!!!

Poor running trail choices

RESTROOMS, TRASH-CANS, WATER FOUNTAINS

We have small children so parks with good trails or playsets we do not visit.

Need more tennis courts, need lights on tennis courts

Pool should open earlier. Current hours not conducive to young families with nap times

pool hours need to be expanded at Briarwood

lack of trails, permanent picnic structures or restrooms

Rental Bikes Needed for Brookhaven

no real bathrooms (porta potty does not count)

Functioning restrooms and water fountains needed

No Sand Volleyball Courts

dated facilities

No seating at Georgian Hills (new section)

Tennis court lights

NEED SAND VOLLEYBALL COURT

Bathrooms

bathrooms and benches

More community events and activities

Playground

Clean, available bathrooms. Pools with adequate seating/umbrellas (Lynwood/Briarwood).

weight lifting equipment

Dog Runs

Playgrounds are inadequate

Dog Park

limited playgrounds

toilets

Bathrooms

bathroom

water fountains and water bowls for dogs

Improvemnt in summer ammenities such as pools, splash pads and equipment for children

Blackburn Park has a very small playground (but we have other options)

Changing tables for infants and toddlers and clean restrooms

TENNIS LIGHTS

LACK OR RESTROOMS

need a dog park

swing sets

Not many have pools.

We would love if Blackburn had better playground facilities!

Pool

Playground for older children at Blackburn Park

playground and restrooms in Brookhaven park

would love swings at Georgian Hills Park

Nothing you offer interests me.

Lack of hiking trails, natural areas

Need more tennis courts

Not enough hiking trails

playgrounds, grilling

bathroom

Dog park

Tennis court

Bathrooms

playset at blackburn is not adeauate

not enough activities for kids

number and location of public bathrooms

need more free tennis courts, volleyball courts, table tennis tables, upgrade to kids play area in Blackburn park

Good playground equipment

Bath room

Seek a park with dog park provided.

Fenced in dog-park

Dog park, lights on tennis courts

Better playground, restroom facilities

Murphey Candler Pool needs better hours! Earlier open time, later close time. :)

not bicycle friendly/accessible, lack of playground, lack of sporting courts/fields (e.g., basketball, tennis, etc.)

Does not offer anything I would want to partake in.

Bike Trails

would prefer walking and running trails or sidewalks. I'm not aware of a park in brookhaven that is large enough for a walking trail other than Brookhaven Park and it is not kept clean or mowed regularly

BATHROOM

SENIOR PROGRAMS

Some are not gated

Not enough tennis courts and pools

Bathroom at Ashford Park often gross or not fully working

our main interests are: trail walking/running, paddle boarding, golf and swimming

Pools could use improvement

Parks are often too crowded. Not big enough for the demand. Would like more hiking trails.

bathrooms

Terrible playgrounds

Would like more open & flat fields

Sports fields, volleyball courts, etc

Would love a dog park!!!

Pool

the facilities are dated and does not offer programs that i am interested in like indoor exercise programs, i.e. yoga, stretching, etc. that I am interested in.

My husband and I live near skyland park and often frequented the tennis courts. Now that they have been torn down, we don't plan to use the new park. There are also a significant amount of cars on our streets (double parking) due to soccer games being played on the field

bathrooms

many don't have restrooms

not enough pools that are updated

No parks near our house in district 4

sand volleyball courts and indoor volleyball courts

Children's equipment is lacking in Blackburn park

Playgrounds not adequate

No work out equipment

Not enough well conditioned restrooms

need tennis courts

for adults

Dog park close by (add one to Blackburn would be amazing)

Nice playground or parking

longer trails

Bathrooms with changing table for infants/ toddlers

The parks are generally too small to go to for a long walk/run.

Benches to sit on.

Dog areas

Not enough free amenities where you can just show up and play (no fee/no reservation/ no checkin/no organized teams), like bocce ball courts, frisbee golf, etc.

No running water or bathroom (Skyland)

Need better playgrounds especially Murphy candler

Picnic shelter at Brookhaven park in disrepair

playgrounds or activities for children

no public restrooms available on a regular basis

Restrooms, playground equipment

Bathrooms

2018 PARKS SURVEY: WHAT FACTORS INFLUENCE YOUR USE OF OTHER FACILITIES?

Responses: Other

We use the private club a few weekends throughout the year and in the summer.

Better hours (pool) and variety (not going to the same place all the time)

What programs are offered? The park website is not intuitive to find information. Open the pools earlier on weekends.

opportunity to exercise indoors out of the heat (winter cold is not a problem) and make new friends

We have 4 children. We use every source we can find to keep them active. What we would love to have are neighborhood walking trails and paths.

Air conditioned facility.

The pool at the JCC in Dunwoody opens first thing in the morning which helps when you have little ones

If we had access to a private community pool/rec area we would use it. However all the waitlists are years long. We would LOVE a pool that we can use as a family, but the hours at all Brookhaven pools don't start until noon. Noon is the start of the hottest time of the day and is ill advised for young children to be outside at that time. It is also the time of day when young children are napping. Young families cannot use the facilities until later in the day when weather and traffic are usually pretty bad in the summer.

We sometimes use the YMCA playground after using the Y.

Gym included with Silver Sneakers membership

swimming lessons for young child at private pool and we go to splash pads and other child friendly activities at zoo, botanical garden and other cities nearby. we live in lenox park and the closest pool is clean but limited and there are no parks except briarwood. really isn't anything we can walk to so if i'm going to drive i might as well go someplace good.

Swimming pools are open in Spring and Fall. Currently Brookhaven pools are only open 3 months of the year. Why?

We use MJCCA for gymnastics, summer camp and other programming but also use our local park (Lynwood) and would love to use Osborne Park if renovated into green space.

I don't expect my public parks to provide weight-lifting and fitness training ;) Although, I would be interested in attending community organized walks, runs, bike rides, yoga, etc. if offered!

sorry kind of living a pathetic life

My gym has fitness equipment and classes and is safe to visit after dark.

Byrnwyck has a swim/tennis option included in HOA dues. YMCA has gym and workout equipment as well as youth programs for basketball and soccer.

I have free gym membership through Medicare. None of the Brookhaven Parks offer gym equipment for strength training and cardio

gym at my work, convenient

City of Brookhaven needs more tennis courts - that are not so expensive - especially for city residents

Seems safer and cleaner/ more modern

We go to a gym which is very close, they offer lots of equipment & group exercise classes.

They offer a safe, access-controlled environment. I have seen too many sketchy individuals in the woods around the lake in Murphey Candler Park

I just wasn't as aware of all of Brookhaven Parks. Plus parks in the perimeter tend to be smaller and overpopulated.

It's where some of my friends go.

Swim at Dynamo Swim Club (indoor pool, year-round).

better operating hours

I am interested in doing Tai Chi, Yoga and would like to play social Bridge where I can meet new people.

Recently retired, so would consider Yoga, tai-chi or other moderate exercise classes available through Brookhaven Parks & Rec if time/location accommodating.

Splash pads

wide variety of Group Exercise classes are available in my membership fee

The city should not be in the business of elaborate recreation facilities. Leave this to the private sector where people pay for the use of the facilities. There are plenty of health clubs in and around Brookhaven.

I use indoor gym, pool which I wouldn't want Brookhaven to offer

The pool hours and general condition Murphy candler pool.

We use different facilities for different purposes. Yoga and fitness we prefer qualified instructors and equipment. For playgrounds and children's activities sometimes the church playgrounds have better equipment and less crowds. My BIGGEST ISSUE with city parks in general (Brookhaven included) is lack of shade trees and lack of benches.

Marcus Jewish Community Center - we use it so that our children can meet other Jewish kids

Plentiful workout classes with childcare

We attend Hampton Hall pool and enjoy the social aspect of the pool community.

Farm Chastain and the Dunwoody Community Garden and Orchard are open to the public. You should visit to help Brookhaven with innovative ideas.

Kids have activities taken place near parks.

YMCA Cowart has workout programs, family membership, steam room, beautiful facility. It's just missing a healthy fresh hot food area.

Members at fitness gyms. Parks don't have equipment and at times it's too hot or cold to workout outside. I don't think the parks need cardio and weightlifting equipment.

Close to work, gym equipment available

indoor pools; exercise equipment; wider selection of activities, classes, schedule programs

I live directly next to the YMCA and they have a huge variety of workout equipment.

Fitness Club offers wide variety of workout options

Pool is opened more favorable hours and isn't crowded with summer camps

YMCA youth soccer off of A-D near Harts Mill

STATEWIDE USAGE

We are looking to join a pool because we have little kids and the hours at the Briarwood pool near our house are not very convenient. Would like them to be open in the morning (10-12). Also not great shade/sometimes hard to get a chair.

We like variety!

The fact that this survey is available in Spanish should tell residents something.

They have better qualified trainers and instructors and other types of guidance.

Brookhaven could do a better job of letting us know what parks exist, their amenities and the programs that they offer

change of scenery

Friends/family/community through church.

Indoor / Outdoor swimming Pool

I am looking to enjoy beauty, not play a sport

I go to a private, commercial fitness facility. At the end of the day, local parks and rec simply can never afford the same level of services, equipment, and support for a fitness facility. However, all of the other things such as sport venues for the family community and wellness programs for special populations is extremely valuable through parks and rec. Direct all energy in the direction. Just an opinion. Any fitness programs can be done with minimal equipment and directed toward youth, older populations, etc.

Convenient to work

closer = convenience

I can't find a nice community gym for cheap monthly rate that I can go to near my house Briarwood Road. I have to travel to Anytime Fitness about 3 miles away.

We are planning to join the Y due to better facilities.

I really just don't know what's available in Brookhaven

My kids friends are in these other programs

I use a private club in the office building where I work to attend yoga classes. Offering outdoor yoga classes on the weekends or before or after work hours during the weekdays would be fantastic. Offering more physical fitness or well classes at any of the Brookhaven area parks would be terrific.

School functions, etc.

The ONLY reason I voted for Brookhaven to become a city is because I THOUGHT they would improve our parks. It has been 6 years and I have seen zero improvement in Lynwood park other than a donated play system. I was on the "parks committee" in 2015. After going through this survey I am realizing that was 1. A huge waste of my time-nothing has been done to incorporate citizen ideas 2. The city wasted a ton of money paying a consultant to come in and do absolutely nothing.

A gym Should have better facilities than the general parks

Tree shade!

My tennis team played out of Blackburn this year. Tennis courts are in very poor shape and building is old and needs repair.

The tennis program, tennis facilities and dining facilities are top quality at Cherokee T&CC.

Free

There is not a city owned park with trails in my district.

We do soccer through the YMCA at the fields by Marist because the program is run better than when we played at Keswick in Chamblee. The fields are maintained and the organization is higher quality.

Use an indoor swimming pool year round at the gym. This is not the type of facility I want Brookhaven parks and recreation to invest in.

My friend is a resident of a development with HOA amenities, so it's free.

Safety and people similar to me

They are where I work

Free

Really it is just the a/c, showers and variety of classes at LA Fitness. I still love going to the parks, just for a different reason.

Hours are more flexible, not as restricted as public parks

Convenience

I don't know of any Brookhaven Parks that have work out equipment or indoor pools for water aerobics.

Dog park (fenced in)

Prefer to be outside when the weather is nice, but if not I use the gym

Swim lessons

I don't think it's the city's business to provide gyms and other facilities.

Use the YNCA due to the variety of programs

Swimming program. Indoor pool.

Private club - because it is less crowded than our local pool at our park. School - because it is convenient.

THEY ARE FREE FOR SENIORS

Greater diversity of activities beyond what Brookhaven Parks offers

Use YMCA for gym membership and indoor pool. Don't have kids.

Easier to get to via sidewalks and also have adequate parking

The times that fitness classes are offered thru parks & rec doesn't work for me. (I usually go at 5am or 7:30am)

Brookhaven doesn't offer the classes that the Gym does.

friends are members

personal trainer

Pools are modern and updated

Offered a free gym through work and there are parks and trails located close by as well- used as a supplement in conjunction with Brookhaven parks

We go to Byrnwyck swim and tennis for swim team because our friends go there. Also we go to Chastain swimming pool because of the facility and the workers are nicer than at Murphy Candler.

And why would we want our property taxes raised for lousy parks. Get real. Money goes into some ones pocket not parks

Mini Gym in basement of my office building (though would rather be closer to home)

I know the people at my school and church and I like to do things with people I know. I'm not going to the park to meet new people. The park I use very frequently is the dog park, Brookhaven Park. I use that one because there is no other place that I can let my dog run around. Brookhaven Park is nice but it could use better maintenance. The trails are becoming eroded. Also, parking is a bit tight.

It's where my friends are

safety concern, liability concern

Specifically they have a lap swimming pool

I use their indoor swimming pool, available year-round

Golf

I go to a gym; never thought of using a park facility, but I would if they're comparable.

gym part of my health insurance. Would prefer to bike, but too dangerous in Brookhaven

Private enterprise does a much better job at maintaining facilities and is generally better than government at just about everything including running parks.

My child goes to school there so it's easy.

Open 24/7, unlike most parks/recreation areas

Would like more well maintained hiking paths. Brookhaven Park path should be repaired.

Murphey Candler parks could have a few more offshoots to the current trail to give more variety to the experience.

safety

Sense of community

Mostly referring to gym membership at LA Fitness.

A lot of exercise equipment at crunch

Wheelchair accessible facilities at Emory University where I belong as a faculty member.

When everyone is invested in a private pool/club, members take care and follow the rules - this is not so at a public pool. The pools were always being closed because someone didn't keep an eye on their kids/follow the rules.

2018 SURVEY: ADDITIONAL RESPONSES

I think the Briarwood pool should have longer hours of operation during the day and it should be open past labor day. The schedule to use the gym at the Briarwood Park should be better managed. I've been there several times with my children and the courts are never available because there's no limit on how long it can be used by one party. Brookhaven needs soccer fields available to the public.

Please do not add facilities to Murphy Candler Park or activities that will draw the traffic that the softball and football fields do. We already are impacted by the traffic and parking on our narrow streets by seasonal sports plus lack of respect for the neighborhood. I also do not support higher taxes to fund significant developments and projects in our parks that will attract those from outside Brookhaven that have not paid the taxes. Currently, Murphy Candler Park is not being maintained to the standards it should be - grass cutting, planting new grass when prior construction by DeKalb County killed the grass, cleanup of the park being handled by volunteers because Brookhaven does not handle. etc.

Greatly appreciate and enjoy the improvements the city has made to parks. We are Murphey Candler residents and love the lakeshore improvements and new pocket park. We have also noticed an improvement in park maintenance (emptying trash/landscaping upkeep) and appreciate that. Earlier hours at the pool would be tremendously helpful for our family and we would visit far more. Playground improvements and youth sports/recreation opportunities are a high priority for us. We love the playground at Ashford Park and appreciate the small footprint which makes it easy to keep track of multiple children- would love to see the fences extended to completely enclose it though!

Would be great to have pools open at more convenient hours on the weekend and splash pads for kids.

We would LOVE walking paths and trails through our neighborhoods!!

We need to organize volunteer groups to do Park clean up, weeding, beautification activities, etc. I think there are many (including myself) who will give time to prove our parks. Free labor!

I think the biggest thing that would help increase use of Brookhaven parks is sidewalks on Buford Highway to increase pedestrian access. Also, I am a big fan of parks with trails through wooded areas, instead of clear cutting the land to install grass.

While I support improvement of facilities, Brookhaven needs to operate within the budget they have. Housing is pricing residents out of the community, let's not hasten that process with unaffordable taxes.

A boat ramp at Chandler Lake at Murphy Chandler Park would make it safer to put a john boat with an electric motor to fisher and/or help to clean the lake.

We would like to see more outdoor basketball courts at the various parks.

I would like to see the Brookhaven community pools open earlier than 12:00 so that young children can swim when it's not during the high heat of the day where they are subject to sunburn. Also, they can swim prior to big kids occupying the pool & prior to their lunch & naptime. Thanks for your consideration!!!

It would be nice to see community centers that offer arts and crafts or other affordable enrichment programs.

As I mentioned in a previous answer, I really love how Brook Run in Dunwoody is set up. It has enough parking, green space and most importantly it has several age-appropriate playsets for kids of all ages to play on. These playsets are covered which helps with the heat and sun exposure. The majority of the park is fenced with beautiful black wrought iron fencing that helps me feel that my kids are safer. The walking trail that is attached to the park is also paved for biking, walking or running.

Trash cans and additional dog bags have been very helpful.

Would love to see more dog parks

Would love longer and more walking trails

There has been much improvement at the parks over the last few years! Love the Tennis program in getting our kids active. We want to have nice parks and maintained but also don't want to go crazy just adding more and upgrading to have the "best". There needs to be balance with our overall budget. Clean bathrooms and courteous staff at the facilities are important too!

We love visiting Brookhaven's many playgrounds and parks and have noted the improvements over the past 5 years. Summers in Atlanta are HOT. The pools need to be open earlier (10am) to support the many young families in the community. If funding is an issue, what about an upfront fee for early hour use? Since most of the private community pools have a wait list years long, I know many families would be happy to pay a summer rate to support early hours for the pools. Please contact me to help organize if needed - Casey Anderson
caseysnellanderson@gmail.com

I'm a tennis player, so better tennis courts would be nice.

Please have the pools open earlier. We only go a handful of times each summer because it's an ordeal to change lunch and nap times. We would buy a family pass if the times were better for families with young children.

We would support increases to our taxes if and only if the increased funds would be guaranteed to be used for the Parks & Recreation budget, nothing else. Also, we support the long term initiatives/plans that Brookhaven has laid out in their plan to connect neighborhoods with multi-use trails, but when implementing the plans, the City must build the trails properly and support the impacted neighborhoods by building privacy fences and installing security features (lights, gates, etc.) Ensuring that the trails are executed and done right will be the only way to get homeowner support and limit the NIMBY effect. If you have open and transparent dialog throughout the process should benefit all in the long term. People are hesitant to change, but if the right change management tools are leveraged, people are able to come to terms with the changes in a more positive manner. This means that you as a city need to be sure all the right protocols are followed when building these parks and paths. Keep up the good work!

I would like to see park regulations enforced. I live next to Brookhaven Park, I visit every day. I am constantly accosted by dogs off lead and when I ask the owner to control their animal, the response often than not, is that it's a "dog park," which it definitely is not. One of my former neighbors was badly bitten by an off-leash dog. She did not report it because she didn't want the dog to be punished for the owner's stupidity. She never went to the park again and subsequently moved. Off leash dogs in the park frequently run in packs with no supervision by

the owners. There is a tragedy in the making - I've seen dogs stalk small toddlers and the dog owners' response is that it's cute. There really needs to be more enforcement. Further, it would be good to have education officer(s) for the parks who could give tours, point out what's in them. In Brookhaven Park, there was a trillium that was on the endangered species list, there are mating hawks, and a variety of birds of all kinds. There used to be rabbits until off leash dogs killed them. Some people will still practice their golf swings in spite of the prohibition against it. People still take every opportunity to drive into the park when those who service the park forget to lock the gate. There are no signs stating that vehicular traffic is forbidden.

We are pretty unhappy about the decision to move the proposed new high school outside of Brookhaven. Seems like that would have provided a lot of recreation value to our neighborhood and we already are paying property taxes for that. So shame on Brookhaven for letting that get away. I don't think it's fair of the city to be starting new programs that compete with private businesses that already provide recreation programs. You can look at who can't afford recreation services and address that, but I don't think my tax dollar should go to subsidize programs for people who can afford to pay for it. Provide an opportunity and the private sector will provide the programs. However, what we are missing is recreation spaces that provide a place for building community. I don't mean the many expensive festivals Brookhaven is now doing. I mean more open spaces and clean and safe parks and trails. We have no churches or places of worship left in our neighborhoods so where do people now go?

I do not like the way the COB is spending our tax money except for BPD.

My son likes to ride his bike - but it is not safe to do so on Ashford Dunwoody or around Brookhaven. Need a separate lane that is safe - not shared with cars. I'd rather see the \$\$ spent on traffic signals so we can make a left onto Johnson Ferry from Cambridge Park in the am.

Would greatly support and volunteer for trails/public open space corridor along Nancy Creek between City Limits west of Johnson Ferry Road to and beyond Murphy Candler Park. Sandy Springs could then pick up corridor and follow the creek to its southwest City Limits at/ near Roswell Road. Ultimately all linked to Path 400 and on to the Beltline.

Blackburn Park has become a focal point for Brookhaven Parks with the food trucks, cherry blossom festival, etc. The playground is very small and dated for such a large park that hosts so many events! We would go to Blackburn Park more if the playground was expanded and updated. We will drive all the way to Brook Run Park just for the larger playground. A dog park would also be a great addition to Blackburn!

Give the power to the people. Quotes are free for park upgrades...if not, then you're not using the right contracting companies. Simply get quotes for 5 areas of improvement at each park. Then have the citizens vote on priority of improvements. Also, let's not do any time and materials bids with contracting companies. Get a firm quote and hold the company to it. I don't think the recent improvement at MCP field on the east side was worth \$600,000. That could have been done for 1/3 of the cost.

Doing an excellent job overall given the restrictions and increased costs. Look to partnerships with neighborhoods, companies, scouts and clubs to reduce costs and increase localized engagement.

The city needs to follow the lead of the city of Atlanta. The parks department has partnered with the conservancies to develop plans for the parks and fundraise. The conservancies then raised funds to pay for the plans and implement them rather than rely on tax dollars. This way people that use the parks pay for them and people that don't use them don't pay as much. It is ridiculous that Ashford Park has had so much done to their playground yet Blackburn park and Murphey Chandler park have broken and rusty playgrounds. Just because there are citizens with big mouths or pushy agendas. You really need to get the opinions of more than 1% of the population. With a population of 50k, you should make sure you reach at least 5-10k. Otherwise just a few loud mouthed people are running the decisions.

It would help to have completed sidewalks in good condition going to and from the parks. With so many distracted drivers, we choose to stay on sidewalks but that is difficult in some areas of town.

While we do not spend a lot of time at public parks, I feel that it is important for the community to have parks that people who do want to go have access to.

City was founded on Police, Public Works & Parks. Time to give Parks its due financially in budget.

Blackburn park is a great place! I love having it near my house.

Some of these questions were difficult to answer because we don't know what we'd be getting. Would be willing to pay more for an awesome pool facility with lifeguards, etc walking distance to our house, for example. We frequent parks outside of Brookhaven because of where our friends live/get together.

Would love to see continued improvement to the parks and sidewalks around Brookhaven! Would love for at least 1 swimming pool or splash pad to open before 12PM (small children cannot use facilities due to nap times). Please make a dog park area for Brookhaven Park - this is one of our closest parks but we never go due to all the off leash dogs.

Would love a child park in Brookhaven heights or close to Brookhaven library.

I would like to have easier online booking options to reserve spaces and tennis courts.

We need a functional restroom at Brookhaven Park - it is ridiculous to have to use portable restrooms. We need running water at Brookhaven Park for residents. These are very basic health items which should have priority over other fancier items at other parks which get lots of money and attention (Murphy Candler and Blackburn for example have received significant funds).

interested in bike trails as much or more than actual park facilities

Please, please renovate Osborne Park. The parking lot is an abomination in this location. Osborne Park, being so close to LWP, does not need to be capital intensive. Just do a greenspace, nature trails, community vegetable garden, camping site...something. Second, the traffic flow at LWP needs a simple fix. Devine Circle and Mendell Circle have to be reunited. Adding parking in the area that will need to be paved to connect the roads (now brush) would be a bonus. Having LWP at the end of a 1 mile dead end is...a challenge. Making Devine and Mendell once again form a circle will be a huge benefit to traffic flow and parking on the weekends and when activities are scheduled at LWP. Thank you.

We really need a world class dog park.

We could greatly use a fenced in dog park.

It's REALLY important to me that our parks serve as a place to meet and mingle with people who are NOT like me. Briarwood Park and Osborne Park are favorites of mine because of the diverse range of age, gender, income, family composition, etc. that regularly use those parks.

Sometimes pets (i.e. dogs) can be as important a family member as children -- especially if you were not able to have children. Please allow thought and effort to help preserve "off leash" parks for those dogs who are friendly and need to exercise while living in our city. Thank you.

I guess the sense of community here is improving and people seems to like to be outside, however for this old person is getting out of budget, you should have sort of rent support, or at least finding an affordable bedroom near marta

Additional playground equipment for Blackburn Park.

I use Brookhaven, Blackburn, and Murphy Candler parks the most. Brookhaven park needs additional resources for the grass, weed control, maintenance, including the parking lot.

Overall, I am happy with Brookhaven parks and I think they are invaluable to our community. There are a few issues such as outdated children's playground, but I appreciate your effort to improve the parks' quality overall.

with the growing population of people just about everyone also has a dog -we strongly need a good secure ---gated facility----for their safety and peoples safety--

We love Murphy Candler Park, especially the nature trail around the lake, and use it often. It is a refuge -- a forest in the city. It would be great if trash, especially garbage floating in the water, was removed more frequently. We're a bit perplexed about the newly constructed park area adjacent to the main Murphey Candler Park campus. As we recall from news about its construction, it was not inexpensive. But what is its purpose? Why doesn't it connect to the main lakeside trail down below? The city could do a better job helping residents understand and appreciate the value of this project.

My comments apply to Brookhaven Osborne Park, which seems to get no attention.

Brookhaven is failing to live up to its promise in taking control from DeKalb County. Residents are frustrated with the indifference by elected officials, city manager and parks director. Osborne Park is the poster child for failed leadership. Poor decision making to dump equipment in Lynnwood with no regard for property values, quality of life, destruction of park land with promise.

The question about whether I'd pay higher taxes to support better facilities and programs isn't worded well. If the question is 'would I be willing to write a blank check to support whatever park agenda is the flavor of the day', the answer would be a resounding 'no.' I also have little to no interest in the city having the 'best' recreation services. There are plenty of private organizations that serve the community in this regard and I'm sure we could develop public/private partnerships where the services could be provided to city residents at city facilities by third parties that would require additional city resources or employees to run. Frankly, the interaction with the employees at Lynnwood and Briarwood Rec Center have been the only problematic experiences as they prevented the YMCA from effectively providing the program being offered by not showing up on time to open the facility. I have little faith that the city could run youth basketball better than the Y and would actually encourage the city to give the Y more ability to access the facility (similar to Murphey Candler Baseball) without relying on city retained staff. I would fully support the expansion of multi-use trails throughout the

city and would support funding those through taxes. I think connecting the city from North to South and East to West should be the number 1 priority. Remarkably, the straight-line distance from Murphey Candler Park to Briarwood Park is less than 4 miles. The city has only one Marta station in the city limits but Chamblee, Medical Center, and Dunwoody station are close enough to serve Brookhaven residents with access. Medical Center is less than 1,000 feet from the Brookhaven city limits (the tracks pass through the city), but for a Brookhaven resident to actually use that station, it is more than a mile by foot using existing sidewalks. Accessibility to Murphey Candler from either the West side of Ash-Dun (including Johnson Ferry and Old Johnson Ferry neighborhoods) and from Harts Mill is almost non-existent. A plan that would include comprehensive trail and paths (so that those on any side of the city could get to Murphey Candler or the Peachtree Creek Greenway or vice versa) and land purchases would be the only kind of tax increase I would support. Continuing to restore the parks back to the level where they should be if not for DeKalb County neglect is a process that should be budgeted for over the long haul out of projected city property taxes without a tax increase.

Would love a level paved trail for wheel chair access. There's great need for older adults to enjoy nature as well as disabled adults who cannot handle the hilly trails.

Swimming pools should be open longer than two months and four days. You assume only children use the pools. That is not true. Adults use the pool for low impact aerobic exercise. The pool schedule should be open while the weather is warm from mid May to October so that adults can use the pool. You should not open and close based on school schedules. Also the hours should start mid morning. If you can't afford to keep all of them open choose just one - Lynwood.

I play tennis, so the resurface of the Briarwood courts and adding recycling bin there, plus the score changers was a nice upgrade. I saw they can now be reserved, which I don't like, b/c as people become aware of that, then it will push out those of us looking for a free place to play recreationally, as a basketball court. I've owned in Brookhaven since 2008, the growth of the city is outstanding, and I'm a big proponent of recreation and sport as a vehicle to improve a city and enhance community

The Parks Department does an excellent job with limited funds and staff. I have found them very responsive when I raise an issue at the park I use most, especially Louis Boest.

When we became a city, we were told taxes would decrease. That has not happened and why would I want higher taxes for something that was promised would lower taxes and improve the parks. It was stated that the parks would have improved when we became a city.

I think once our sidewalks are installed, park access will improve. Looking forward to that happening.

I am not in favor of putting together a network of multi-use trails that connect criminals to areas (like backs of homes) and give them better access. I think money should be used to upgrade EXISTING parks, not cut down more trees or increase taxes to pay for more trails. Let's fix what we have first.

I would support paying more taxes to support parks as long as you stop the frigging paving. You have ruined our corner park in the neighborhood and my guess is because you didn't want "brown" people there playing cricket and soccer. It is a hot concrete mess and such a waste of

money. That money could've been used to place trash catchers that feed into MC lake or shore improvements. So disappointed with the whole thing.

I live near Briarwood Park. I walk my dog through there every day. I would love if there was a fenced in dog park area where he could play safely play with the other dogs that walk through the park! I would also love for completed sidewalks or more cross walks along briarwood road. I have to walk in a ditch to make it to the cross walk or jay walk across the street to get to the side walk to make it to the park.

We need a Piedmont Park model. Since we do not have a comparably large space, we must keep Brookhaven Park open, first-come-first-served (no leagues), free-play and safe. Brookhaven Park is currently unfriendly to children and elderly due to unwanted, off-leash dog interaction. Brookhaven became a city to keep our taxes low and control our tax revenue. Do not raise our taxes; use our tax money more wisely and find the money to improve our taxes without debt/bonds.

I have NO IDEA what parks services are offered.

Our parks are in sad shape compared to the beautiful facilities available in Roswell, Dunwoody, Atlanta, and Sandy Springs. Our "unofficial" dog park is filthy, run down, and overgrown, and we don't have a real one. We have very little playground equipment around our city, and much of what we have is old and uninteresting to kids over age 5. We don't have much in the way of trails or splash pads. I voted for incorporation in hopes that we could have facilities like Brook Run, Riverside Park, O4W Park, Morgan Falls Park, Abernathy Linear Park, etc., and I'm really disappointed with how little the city has done to fulfill its promise of better park facilities.

Want a dog park! Virtually everyone on our street has at least one dog, so we walk on the street with dogs on leash.

I was Vice President of Friends of Blackburn park. The group disbanded when the communication with the city broke down

I believe Brookhaven is more interested in dog parks than providing basic services (sidewalks, roads and safety. When are roads are not potholes, sidewalks cracked, broken or missing, and crime is not an issue, then we can talk about fluff stuff.

Brookhaven Park needs a fenced in and groomed dog park

Lack of dog parks. We don't have kids, but dogs, and there's nothing there for dogs. Not really safe to ride a bike (not crime, the problem is traffic and lack of bike lanes)

I would love better parks in Brookhaven, as I am a pet owner. I disagree with increasing rent or taxes. I have lived in this area for 10+ years and since Brookhaven became a city the same apartment that I have lived in for 5 years rent has jumped up \$300+. So many of my neighbors have moved and I am considering the same. Nothing has improved, it's the same apartment that's now considered Brookhaven.

We really love Blackburn but please consider an upgraded, better, and covered children's playground!

Brookhaven does a great job with the parks. No need to change things or charge us higher taxes. Hire more police and teachers with the money.

Park money should be spent on maintaing and cleaning. Not wasteful stuff like planting trees in forest (with ugly white stakes), building monument signs and bridges, and converting play fields to whatever that area is at Murphey Candler. Just maintain trail and athletic fields for

youth leagues. Parks should also not be in business of food trucks, movies, festivals, etc. Leave that to commercial interests.

Like to see more tennis courts and shaded hiking/biking trails

I have so many recommendations for our parks, mostly for Blackburn, that I think would be worth exploring to increase engagement, satisfaction, and visitors. I'd also be interested in donating my services/dollars. However, I do not know the forum to do so. I'd also be willing to lead these projects from a resident standpoint. How do I start this process?

Must completely redo Blackburn tennis courts and tennis center building. Link pathway from Blackburn to Murphey Candler without going onto Ashford Dunwoody sidewalk. fix eroded areas along pathway.

The one thing I hoped would come of the creation of Brookhaven was improved parks and tennis courts. Unfortunately the improvement plan for the park (Skyland) I used to play tennis at before it deteriorated included removing the courts. Personally disappointing though perhaps better for others.

I don't mind spending more money for public parks. However, there should be an inequitable distribution of the funds. Murphey Candler ball fields, football fields, or team-only fields used by non-residents may not be paying their fair-share for Brookhaven parks. And dog-owner created "dog parks" are dominated by non-residents so do not listen to them, please! Citizens are concerned that the Master Park Plans are over-priced and the money spent on park projects have been without checks and balances on spending. There needs to be a re-look at dream-the-big-dream plans that were put in place.... Create a fiscally-responsible plan to get voters to back a park bond. Rein in the costs and voters might vote for it! New topic: the city should be reevaluating what chemicals they use in the park and oversee how those chemicals are being used. Use best management practices. Do not spray for mosquitos, for example, and use herbicides only under extreme and supervised conditions. Protect the watershed in the city parks by exemplary stream bank restorations projects. Teach us how to do the best conservancy measures to protect the watershed. New topic: Build the Peachtree Creek Greenway as fast as possible. This will kick-start a better implementation of the Bike-Ped Plan and get more people making parks their destination for bike rides. Consider allowing food trucks to rotate through various parks for local residents to have a destination (food and drink) to ride their bike or walk over with their dog. New topic: the Brookhaven Farmers Market would be best in a walker-friendly park setting, like the Grant Park Farmers Market.

The company with whom Brookhaven currently contracts does an outstanding job. Kudos to the City for beautifully maintaining (at least) Murphey Candler Park. Also, anytime I've had a comment/complaint/question/request, the City has been so responsive! Thank you!

Why isn't more money being appropriated to Brookhaven Park, the park closest to MARTA for events; the back half is now owned by Brookhaven...yet hundreds of thousands of dollars are being spent for parks already well established.

Would like to see major parks offer an off-leash dog area. Also, please remove black divider in Blackburn park!

Our proximity to Murphey Candler Park is a great bonus and adds a lot to our quality of life. We walk beside and through MCP several times a week. Since Brookhaven assumed

maintenance through Optech, the park's condition and cleanliness has improved noticeably. Thank you!!

you need to do something about the off leash dogs at Brookhaven park. improve the pool facilities at Briarwood Park

We would love to see the continued improvements and overall focus on our local parks. They are special places to exercise, walk the dog, explore with our kids, and enjoy nature. We hope that you are able to build enough support to raise additional funds to keep up the GREAT work.

No cohesive information about where all parks are located, hours, parking and classes/programs at each facility. You get chunks of info in Brookhaven emails, through Next Door, in Brookhaven Reporter or posted signs near parks.

More wheelchair access and wheelchair friendly playgrounds

Would love to have Briarwood pool open earlier to use with young kids

I'm pleased with the progress to date.

The parks have greatly improved over the past 5 years but still have some ways to go. I would support paying more for them to get there.

Thank you for the quality parks you have provided since we became a city. One of the reasons I voted YES for citihood!

The bathrooms at Blackburn Tennis Center are TERRIBLE! The courts and location are perfect, but I'm embarrassed whenever opposing teams visit. I try to avoid having to use the bathroom there, because they are so scary. I would be willing to raise funds to improve, and even throw in some manual labor. I feel like the facilities do not reflect our location or all the people that use the facilities. We pay a lot of money to use the courts also, it's sad that a nicer facility is not included.

I'm curious why the survey doesn't include questions about stealing private property, eminent domain, or channeling traffic through private properties and quaint neighborhoods. You would be surprised how many of your citizens would vote for the annexation of their neighbor's property. Brookhaven should clean up and fix the existing parks (Blackburn) instead of expanding and stealing additional property? Every time you put a trail in greenspace, you're destroying natural habitat and channeling traffic through there that would otherwise not be welcome. This destroys trees and creates a runoff problem.

It's been nice to see the improvements to the parks with Brookhaven becoming a city.

I live adjacent to Brookhaven Park. As you know, the condition of this park is deplorable. Please continue to work with the county to acquire all of the acreage and implement a master plan to improve the condition of this park.

Maintenance continues to be a problem in Brookhaven parks. New facilities are fantastic, but new and old need to be better maintained. Brookhaven needs a maintenance staff, discontinue contractors for maintenance. Murphey Candler Park once had a supervisor and four full time maintenance staff. Overkill by today's standards, but it was once beautiful. It is pretty raggedy now, (overgrowth, tree debris, grass not cut frequently enough) with current staff doing the best they can. Picnic shelters do not have picnic tables. Trash cans old and beat up. Lake filling in.

I would like to see a major upgrade to the facilities at Blackburn Park. The playground area is in dire need of an overhaul.

We would happily support our parks, especially to have more options for young children. All of the playgrounds need more shaded play areas and sitting areas. It would be so wonderful to have a splash pad at one of the neighborhood parks as well as a pool with expanded hours.

I think park improvements should be prioritized based on use. The spending should be budgeted to meet current revenue projections versus trying to increase taxes to do everything at once. Let's gradually improve the parks and learn our lessons about what works and doesn't throughout the process. I feel like money can be misspent if rushed to make improvements at once. We've already seen some wasteful improvements in our neighborhood. The parks are already great and need thoughtful improvements versus an overhaul.

We live by and use Lynwood Park. The park is a great asset to the community although the lack of regard for controlling the parking situation has made it an unsafe environment for our children and the residents of our street (we cannot safely enter and exit our street during park events due to patrons parking on both sides). This has been brought to the city council and police attention numerous times. Additionally, the park is occasionally rented by groups playing loud and vulgar music with no regard for the families living in the area.

Dog friendly parks important to us

The answer options on a few of these questions make this survey biased.

Having a great unleashed dog area at Brookhaven Park is my top priority. Everything else is just fluff for others. I don't believe the entire park needs to be an unleashed area, but the prior plans were too small. I go to Brookhaven Park over 50 times a year and is consistently busy being used by our citizens. Much moreso than any other park except for Murphey Candler with the baseball. I think if amenities at Brookhaven Park were improved on the front half for nearby residents and the back half provided as an unleashed dog area that that would be the best solution. While the Greenspace along the creek might be nice, it is a second priority for me. Getting the high school west of I-85 is my top city priority. I appreciate the City Council's efforts in trying to make that happen.

Would love more dog-centric activities and designated off-leash areas

I strongly oppose the city's efforts to buy private land for the public's use against the wishes of the landowners surrounding the property. We have serious infrastructure issues and environmental problems with existing parks and yet our city pushes an agenda inconsistent with a representative government. It was a mistake to vote for this city's establishment and I will be voting against the current incumbents. Appropriate private property and raise our taxes against our wishes for the good of the "community". Sounds like a left wing, socialist agenda. And thanks for a survey with loaded questions to support your agenda.

There are several areas like in Drew Valley on Poplar Springs that were allocated as flood zones and houses demolished. This is left large fields and would be great for a pet friendly area but just need a fence to be safe. Many of us do already by walking far from the road but if there was a fence there would be much safer. It's perfect for animals.

I really like the idea of the annual Cherry Blossom Festival in Brookhaven but, honestly, I would not attend because I think Blackburn park is disgusting. It's old and run-down. It is an awesome piece of property and I am excited we have it. I've lived here long enough to be familiar with the history of this current greenspace but it desperately needs some upgrades.

Hoping it is in the city's plans to improve the layout and add some (not a lot) parking or, at least, some off-sight parking with a safe, shaded, walkable path leading to the park.

I am more interested in keeping the physical aspect of the parks in good condition. I am not interested in lots of park programs. I prefer that people explore and use the greenspace rather than go to be entertained. So my willingness to increase taxes for parks is to increase their overall beauty and system, NOT to provide concerts and festivals. I want to use them my way without a lot of big events.

Briarwood park needs some sort of covered sitting area by the large playground, it is too sunny after lunch to go and sit in the heat. Ashford park needs more parking, I have had to go to other parks DUE TO NO PARKING

I live in Drew Valley and would like to see other walkable park options beyond Briarwood Park. More bike paths would be great

If you guys publicized events at the parks the same way you did this survey, I would be more likely to venture out. I just don't know about things going on in Brookhaven. Often seems kind of elitist and exclusive

I would be extremely supportive of a better playground at Blackburn Park and I'm willing to help out to help make it happen

I would like better and more pools. Walkable areas within Ashford Park. More playgrounds would be great. Sidewalks.

Our parks are wonderful, although there is certainly room for improvement; however I oppose increasing taxes as the city was founded several years ago on the premise of LOWER taxes. I live in Lynwood Park and we could use street paving and new sidewalks through the ENTIRE neighborhood before park improvements as the sidewalks are treacherous and the roads are abysmal. If no one can walk or drive safely to the park, then they will not use them.

Brookhaven Heights neighborhood has no greenspace/gathering space within a reasonable walking distance from our neighborhood. Fernwood park is not really a park, and Briarwood requires crossing N. Druid Hills Rd which is dangerous and complicated due to lack of crosswalks and inconsistent sidewalks. A small pocket park like Clack's Corner would be lovely. I have no complaints about the larger parks and I think the city is doing a great job with programming.

I think Brookhaven's parks contribute to making Brookhaven a great community to live in. I would like to see Brookhaven Park fence in a larger area for dogs. A large part of the park is used informally in this manner, and it would be great to fence it off to keep dogs and everyone else safe.

We live within walking distance of Murphey Candler Park. So happy to have sidewalks, and love watching families, dog walkers, bike riders, ball players, duck feeders, picknickers, fishermen/women, and an occasional kayak. This park is the jewel of Brookhaven and would benefit from a better playground, bathrooms, and other amenities. Thanks for sending this survey!

1. Please consider ways/paths to connect the neighborhoods. These do not need to be only sidewalks. Living in Lynwood Park, I mostly drive to the store and parks. If we had paths that connected Lynwood Park to Brittany and Hampton Hall, my family could walk to Blackburn park and Kroger/Publix instead of always driving. Brookhaven has a chance to be innovative.

Not everything requires a "Beltline" to connect. 2. The City lists Osborne Park as a Park. Please listen to community input and make it a resource for the whole community instead of paving it and parking heavy equipment on it. What is its future? Trucks or Flowers? I vote for flowers. I have a number of neighbors that care about this. Lynwood Park citizens do not want it used in an industrial manner.

We love Ashford Park and enjoy using it.

In other communities I've seen pools that are for residents who pay a yearly fee. I would be more than willing to pay for a pool membership in Lynwood Park if the pool were fixed up. As of now it's a rectangle in the ground with a fence around it. Who wants to swim in that?

would like more free tennis courts

We love being outdoors and value fitness. We moved to our current residence because of its proximity to two parks. They are nice for running, walking, reading, soccer, tennis... but it's a shame that there are no playground areas at either park. And other playgrounds we've visited are in poor condition. Our kids don't like any of the Brookhaven parks we've been to, so we end up traveling to other counties if playground time is important. I don't understand why there are no playgrounds at the parks right around the schools where families tend to live. I would gladly volunteer to prepare or install modern playground equipment. We'd also love to see more progressive options like skateboard/in-line/scooter areas or parkour obstacles. My older children and I love those activities.

What I find frustrating about Brookhaven Parks... I hear grand proposals for new facilities, yet feel DeKalb and now Brookhaven have been incapable of maintaining the existing facilities. Paths, fencing, landscaping, benches, trash... do the basics before asking us to support new plans. Finally, leave Brookhaven Park dog friendly!!

noise created by the use of the park at the end of Osborne for maintenance is a major nuisance.

Blackburn Park 2 has deteriorated since being taken over by the city. Used to be well-kept, but now needs grass cut, weeds, dog poop everywhere!

Some very nice improvements have been made. Maintenance is of these improvements is essential. Keep up the good work in our parks.

Since the city of Brookhaven took over Blackburn Park II, they have not maintained it nearly as well as it had been maintained prior. Weeds everywhere, grass uncut for long periods, dog poop bins not emptied often enough, etc.

I would like to see more Dog friendly facilities at the parks. I also believe that filling the open spaces with low branching cherry trees was a big mistake. We need more open space at the parks and it would be better to maintain the existing canopy of trees rather than planting trees without a long term plan

Need to show what increased funding would provide before requesting an additional tax on households. City of Brookhaven was founded in part to better utilize existing tax dollars to improve parks and recreation. Let' us see how well you use what you got before asking for more. As for how to fund expanded services and/or programs - they can be supported by use fees not underwritten by taxes. The Master Plans for Lynwood and Osborne Parks needs to be revisited with more public input. The proposed designs for these parks are incomplete or incompatible with current neighborhood desires. Lynwood Park Saturday parking needs to be

better addressed in the short term. Glad to see the park being utilized, but public safety is an issue when a fire truck can not reach certain homes for hours at a time. Would like to have a timeline on when Osborne Park will become a park versus it's current use as a parking lot. The new fence blocks access to existing natural trail heads requiring visitors to cut through private lots to access. Should provide safe entrances to existing trails on North face of hill.

I think all in all Brookhaven's parks are clean and safe. It's quite nice to have so much green space. A really stellar fenced in dog park would be awesome. Brook Run in Dunwoody is a good model for how that can be done. For funding the park, I think a certain amount would have to come from whatever yearly park improvement budget you all have, as well as some targeted fundraising in the neighborhoods that would benefit most from having a dog park near by.

Programs for all ages, not just children. Better (safer) bike parking

I would like to see the trails built out. It seems there have been plans for awhile, but no execution. I'm sure there are political barriers, but with the right planning and support to those impacted (e.g. committing to fences on homeowners yards that border, elevating the trails in flood plains like those in Roswell along the river, etc.), these trails could be great for the community.

Please consider opening pools in the mornings! 9am. Opening at noon prevents most with small children from coming due to nap times, hottest part of the day etc. Please consider serving your young families with morning pool hours!

The frequent volunteer programmes that I see to improve MCP (Murphy Candler Park) (which is 2 blocks from my home) are a great way to save taxpayer money. This is a good thing. One other comment: Every weekend I run (jog) along the streets surrounding MCP, and routinely baseball parents park in front of fire hydrants, and too close to stop- signs which violates GA law! SO, start ENFORCING THE LAW BROOKHAVEN!! . The Brookhaven police routinely turn a blind eye to these violations. I see it EVERY weekend. No tickets for obvious violations of the law. The blind eye neglect by the police IS SYSTEMIC and has been going on for years! . It will only take one house to quickly burn to the ground for you folks to WAKE UP and ticket these cars, or better yet TOW THEM! Some lawyer will hold the city of Brookhaven liable BIG TIME for Careless enforcement of the traffic code if a house catches fire and one of the fire hydrants is blocked by some baseball mom's SUV because she is too lazy or entitled to walk a block to get to the baseball diamonds ! It happen virtually EVERY weekend. I witness it! And yes, a house DID burn to the ground on the Candler Park West (now an empty lot) very rapidly about 1 year ago. Thank Goodness , no one was killed. And, thank Goodness the fire dept. (and the City of Brookhaven legal team) did not have to deal with a MCP baseball parking issue on that fateful Sunday afternoon. So, get the cops out of their vehicles , and get them to start DIRECTING the PARKING and ENFORCING THE LAW around MCP when congestion is an issue (most weekends). Ugh!

I fully support ongoing improvements with a city-wide standard on quality, services, events, schedules, etc. My concerns are purely based on what Master Plan improvements will cost - individual households and overall

Love all of the improvements (capital improvements) being made, especially the new open field in MCP. I would like to see an even greater accelerated pace of improvements. I would be for a bond program to accelerate these projects.

As an original board member and current Vice President of Briarwood Park Conservancy, I, along with all of the BPC have donated countless hours of volunteer service to Briarwood Park. Our group, built the Forest Patio, Community Garden, re roofed the Forest Patio pavilion, installed an irrigation system to water all of the BPC provided plantings in the Forest Patio area, paid for and had DeKalb County install an off sewer system irrigation only water meter, paid the water bill, blazed and cleaned trails throughout the Park, conducted countless work days, etc etc. Clearly, the City has its favorite Parks to maintain and Briarwood continues to not be one of them. It is hard to get behind the idea of a Parks bond if specific projects (per the master plan) for each Park are not identified, with guaranteed funding per Park master plan listed in the language and issuance of the Bond. Issuing a general Park Bond with City discretion of when and where funds will be spent doesn't fly. I personally have to have guarantees in the Bond that the Park that I and Briarwood Park Conservancy members have worked so hard in will indeed be turned into the Diamond that it could be. That is certainly not happening now.

Emphasis needs to be on greenspace over developed facilities due to declining tree canopy in Brookhaven.

I wish we had better landscaping at our parks! Also, I wish we had more fountains and other features that would draw people to stroll in the evenings and weekends because of the beauty and peaceful environment. Also, the city neighborhoods should be more accessible to each other through bike paths.

As I suspected when city-hood was approved, the politicians were interested in empire building and spending as much taxpayers money as they could get away with. And I strongly oppose the efforts to gentrify Buford Highway which will destroy the only really diverse area in Brookhaven. If our politicians were really representatives of the voters, they would be looking for ways to reduce taxes.

DO NOT USE HOMEOWNER/PROPERTY TAXES FOR PARKS, SCHOOLS, PARADES, RECREATION...BALLOONS OR OTHER WASTES OF TAX MONEY

I firmly believe that you would increase your pool-related revenues if you opened them early (10 am) at least a few days a week. I took a poll in my neighborhood mom group and basically everyone who responded said the main reason they don't go is because of the hours. With all of the families with little kids in Brookhaven, you are missing out on a great opportunity. It's not like you are paying the lifeguards much money...

We live off of Brookhaven Park and the condition of the park continues to go down over time. We are proud owners of a dog and go to the park 2-3 times a day almost every single day so are very high users of the park. We also love to use the grills and pavilion for getting together with neighbors and other park visitors. However, the trails continue to crack and become more dangerous, the playground is practically falling apart. We absolutely love going to the park and walking our dog but would simply appreciate adequate walking paths, benches and trash cans to be put in place. The park is also over run with weeds and long grass and is not well taken care of on a regular basis. I understand the park is mainly used by dog owners like myself, so it doesn't need to be perfect, but safe walking paths, benches that aren't falling apart and grass not overgrown with weeds shouldn't be that much to ask for considering hundreds of thousands of dollars are being poured into Brookhaven's other parks that are already well maintained and cared for (ex: Murphy Candler, Blackburn, etc).

I would love to see a Disc Golf course set up at one or more of the parks. The restroom facilities are better than expected at most parks and is appreciated.

I LOVE Brookhaven Park!! Please don't change it ever!

Upgrades to parks should be decided by residents not outside consultants. The pool at Lynwood should be upgraded and have longer hours but not moved. Too many outside sports groups use the parks making it hard on residents due to parking issues and speeding and the parks are unavailable.

The parks in Brookhaven have seen great improvement since it became a city a few years ago, but I think some of the parks have room for improvement. I have lived in Brookhaven since 2007 & it is wonderful to see the overall improvement in the community.

Use the new tax base to improve the infrastructure first, parks are low priority and simply invite the poor Latinos to stay. We need to regentrify the Buford corridor and push these drains on the system out to Gwinnet.

Keep up the good work!

I love the Brookhaven parks and as we are a couple without children, I find they are great to take dogs to. Many friends I know with dogs travel to Brookhaven parks from outside areas just to visit because the parks are great for that. I enjoy that Brookhaven Park has a little trail around it also. Though I have never been to one of the paid events that they hold in Brookhaven Park (like the upcoming "Wing Festival"), I think it's great that they do those there. I have not used any of the park "facilities" but I think it's great how much Lynwood Park offers with the fields, pool, basketball and tennis courts, and playground. I do find, however, that most of the rec centers are slightly out of date and due for a renovation. I have attempted to contact the Brookhaven parks & rec department through email around a clean-up request, but never heard back. We live right next to Lynwood Park and often clean up trash in the parking lot that is left. I have no problem with this as I feel as a "neighbor" to the park, it is all our duty to pitch in. However, I was requesting for a section of sidewalk to be cleaned of vines/debris when they mow the park next but since I never heard back, I plan to do this clean up myself which is a lot more work than just picking up a few trash items. I mainly was disappointed in the lack of response I received.

Question 10 is a loaded question and should've been split into 2 separate questions. While I would likely be willing to pay higher property taxes for increased quality of park facilities, I would NOT be willing to pay increased opportunities for public events in the park. Additionally, something really needs to be done about the restroom facilities at Blackburn Park. I know there was a contract just approved for industrial cleaning of them, but when you have only one stall and one urinal in the men's bathroom, it's just not enough.

We are very excited about the Skyland Park! The dog parks will be a great addition to the community, as will the natural playground. We don't have kids, but friends and family visit frequently and we're looking forward to taking them to play.

The question regarding how long have you lived in Brookhaven is not well worded... isn't the city just 5 years old? Not sure the result from that question will be accurate. Having to type in the website address is a potential huge deterrent for completing the survey. I went to the Parks and Rec website for a link. That would be a great place for it.

Brookhaven Park needs functions restrooms, water fountains for both people and dogs. If there is concern for off-leash dogs regarding children then the playground itself should be fenced in not an entire section of the park. The dog owners at this park are the most responsible dog owners I have seen at any dog park. It's nice to have a park that is open and not fenced in where you can walk the trails and not be the typical city park.

I love Clacks Corner. Helped with maintenance in the early days before it became part of the city parks system. Really appreciate having it.

Stop spending my tax dollars to cut down trees and put in concrete. You should use my money to acquire and protect as much green space as possible. I have told J Max and Rebecca Chase and Lindsay and John and everyone else this same thing over and over and over again and no one really seems to care or to listen to me. There are absolutely beautiful tracts of land all over the city that could be bought for almost nothing, but y'all sit around and wait for the developers to clear cut them before you get interested. We have enough houses / apartments / condos / clubhouses / swimming pools. We have enough playing fields / gyms / building facilities. We need more green space and passive parks. Go to the Blue Heron Nature Preserve in upper Buckhead or to the Big Trees Forest Preserve in Sandy Springs or the Nature Preserve in Dunwoody and see for yourself what our neighbors have done to protect our natural spaces. We have undeveloped areas like this in Brookhaven that are NOT yet developed that the city should acquire and protect for our future generations. The opportunities to do so will soon be gone.

Need more for dogs.

Prioritize passive recreation and wildlife watching. Clean up the lake at murphey candler. Focus on removing invasive plant species and planting natives.

Interested in the trash collection type system to be installed on the North Fork of Nancy Creek like the Bandalong Litter Trap system from the EPA website: <https://www.epa.gov/trash-free-waters/clean-water-act-and-trash-free-waters>.

I really appreciate all the work in Murphey Candler Park! Two more Murphey Candler projects: 1) Fix the northeast shore where the grass is gone 2) Dredging - the north half of the lake, and the east side ingress are heavily silted

Murphy Candler pool needs more tables with chairs and umbrellas. A small concession stand would also be good.

I haven't heard of most of the parks, but I also haven't gone looking for that info. I would LOVE to see more multi-use trails throughout like the Beltline or PATH trails. Accessibility is the issue PLEASE enforce the leash law. Cops have personally told me that the city has instructed them to look the other way. I walk my dogs every day and 75% of the time, we run into an idiot who has their dog off leash. There are some parks I avoid because of this situation. On the bright side: the improvements made to Blackburn and Murphy Candler's trails and overall landscaping/maintenance are truly appreciated. Good job!

It would be nice to have astroturf at Blackburn Park, we spent so much \$\$ on a statue getting moved, etc. but i have to drive to Morgan Falls in Fulton Co for a nice park for my son to play at. Also, PATH disconnects along Ashford Dunwoody Rd, from Blackburn to Murphy Candler, the sidewalk is very skinny and dangerous along a busy road (from the Y to Harts Mill Rd)

We are very interested in the development and prompt construction of the Peachtree Creek Greenway.

I would like to see events like Virginia Highland Summerfest held in Brookhaven. I would also like better awareness to play recreational sports.

There is a fairly strong volleyball community in Atlanta. Quite a few live in Brookhaven. That group is always looking to use public parks that have the facilities to play. I think it will be an attractive addition to a few parks to have sand volleyball courts. Additionally, the community would be willing to get involved and maintain the courts similar to the ones in Howell Park.

I have lived in Brookhaven for two years, I live by Brookhaven Park which I would enjoy using regularly. Other than special events I do not frequent the park because I fear for my and others safety. Off leash dogs are a major concern, many are aggressive breeds. The dog owners refuse to leash dogs when asked and state there is nothing you can do to make them. I don't know what the answer is to this problem but understand it has been going on for years. Possibly have a fenced area for dogs and monitor for a period of time so people will understand the whole park is not an off leash dog park This is the only park I've visited that has this problem.

Old fashioned wooden play structures are fun Ashford Park sandpit should be cleaned more often Gwinnett aquatic center is great - not sure if it is feasible here Not many basketball courts around, I wonder why

Thank you for soliciting feedback.

Brookhaven Park's facilities are run down; the leash law is not enforced. City ignores; parking is limited; City does not spend any money on this park that I can see.

Maintenance has been shoddy at best. Lawns are destroyed weed killer and outdated lawn mowers, and bushes are hacked and chopped with dull blades. The budget for maintenance needs to be increased in order to increase the quality of the work done. Find a work crew that actually "cares" about the work being completed - not just giving the contract to the lowest bidder.

There should be sidewalk by the Murphey Candler Park on the baseball and pool side.

I'd love to see improved and updated park conditions, better walking trails and especially more sidewalks, so we can walk to the park safely, without a car. I'd support any park programs, but am new to the area and have no idea where to find them or what's going on.

I live adjacent to the Brookhaven Park off Peachtree and Osborne Road. Since it has become part of Brookhaven the maintenance is better, with Doggie stations, replenished bags, and grass mowing on "somewhat" regular basis. Trash pickup in Summer months is pretty regular. All the above are positive. I would like to see the pavilion painted, trees trimmed that overhang our neighborhood pool (which prevents sun from hitting the pool and they drop leaves, etc. into our pool at Brookhaven Park Place). I like that my dog can go off leash, as she is well behaved and most dogs are at this park. I am a "stickler" about picking up her feces and wish there was a way to enforce everyone to pick-up after their dogs. All in all, you're doing a good job with the park and it's a big reason I live where I do, as my back deck butts up to the park. I would not want to see any parking lot put into this part of the park. Also, users of the park flex for various users like frisbee playing, kick-ballers, etc. so please do not "cordon off" one piece of the park

for dogs, as this was a total failure in Lenox Park. Thank-you for soliciting our comments.
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The Lynwood gym needs to be air conditioned. Playing basketball in the spring, summer, or fall can be unpleasant. Please add a Lynwood Park Swim Team. Please fix the parking situation at Murphey Candler. There is a lot of un-utilized space for parking that could alleviate the problems during baseball/softball season. Please connect neighborhoods to Lynwood Park and Murphey Candler with sidewalks or bike paths/trails. Please do something with the Brookhaven Park building. The facilities that currently occupy the space could move elsewhere. Please consider keeping the pools open longer (earlier in May and later in August/September). Finally, we need another community-wide event like Soccerfest! That was an incredible experience and was a unique event that brought together seemingly all of Brookhaven. Maybe something that could take place in each park, like a showcase event for each park? Skyland Park could also hold a large event of this magnitude. Keep up the great work on park improvements, and keep fighting to keep our taxpayer funds from being used in other parts of DeKalb. Our tax revenues should be used in our local community, not funneled away to fund south DeKalb waterparks.

Brookhaven needs additional opportunities for exercise like sand volleyball courts. These parks should be available for everyone and have fields/ courts/ space open for people not involved in sports leagues.

It is important to have bathroom facilities where possible for families. Pregnant women, children (especially ones that are potty training or newly trained) It would be great to have benches and swings at Georgian Hills Park

An excellent swimming facility [natatorium] would be most welcome. Dynamo on Shallowford Road is very old and overused and mostly not available outside of swim teams.

Great parks are key to a livable...desirable...community.

We live near Brookhaven Park and use it quite often. We have never had a problem with unleashed dogs, but we do wish some of the owners would be more diligent in cleaning up after their pets. Most owners are very good about it, but there are some that don't seem to care.

Need to establish park and buffer areas before all the land is gobbled up for apartments. With such a large rental community there is more pressure on public recreation and buffer areas. My only concern to pass along is that there is no department of natural beauty areas. There is huge intrinsic value in natural areas that do not have ball fields, and playgrounds. Who in Brookhaven is looking out for pocket buffer areas that are beautiful to walk through or enjoy from a bicycle or a car. Of course I want to also encourage the connection of parks with real trails (not just wider sidewalks like Ash Dun from Blackburn to Murph Candler

Ensure safety with active patrolling and extensive cameras. If you want to invest in making them nice/usable, then over-invest for the long term safety/cleanliness of the parks. Dog walkability/off-leash needs to be better supported. Invest in nice venues to be rented (online bookings critical) for parties/cookouts etc. Ex. Lynwood park's community room is not real impressive.

I think the city of Brookhaven has done a much better job advertising parks and events since I've lived here (past 3 years), and my family and I have strongly taken advantage of it. However,

I do feel like more marketing could be done in promoting camps/programs both for adults and children. Majority of the time I feel safe in our community parks. However, as a SAHM, I go on many daily walks to parks with my children alone and have felt uncomfortable on numerous occasions.

Why would I need to put my annual household income? You can look up demos for the area. No reason to assess my opinions based on income. Or, whether I rent or own a home for that matter. Just an opinion.

I love Brookhaven parks!!!

District 4 has a distinct lack of parks, therefore any increased money from my property taxes would not likely support parks that would benefit me. The city continues to support developers that tear down available land space (See Boys Club) and increase traffic which would make walking or biking more dangerous to parks. Its pretty clear that the city wants pretty parks for its ultra wealthy northern districts while forcing district 4 to be its industrial waste pool of traffic and Buford highway

Brookhaven's walkability/connectability could be greatly improved by adding short walking trails between neighborhoods. For example, Lenox Park is very close to the Kroger shopping center. However, the residents in the neighborhood do not have an efficient option to walk. One potential solution could be to add a spur walking trail for Lenox Park Boulevard NE to Colonial Dr NE.

Our household greatly appreciates the dog access at Brookhaven Park. While the park isn't a dog park, per se, often the individuals and dog owners there are better behaved than those at Piedmont. I know that there have been some issues with other park users and dogs at the park, but I certainly hope large portions of the park can still be available for off leash usage moving forward.

I don't see as much police presence as in the past; and code enforcement, like junk signs, is poor. Let's take care of the basics before recreation.

1. Blackburn tennis courts must be completely rebuilt. 2. Blackburn tennis center needs massive renovation, especially rest rooms/locker rooms. 3. Blackburn erosion and kudzu problems along path need to be PERMANENTLY fixed. 4. Blackburn II trees need to be trimmed/replaced; back of property should be landscaped.

I support Parks and Rec but am absolutely disgusted at the money and bandwidth wasted on the newly renovated corner park at Murphy Candler. What was the point!! Absolutely a waste of money with no real benefit to any group in the city. A playground should be put in there immediately so at least all the other elements wouldn't be a complete wasted!

The off-leash dogs in Blackburn Park are a real issue for me. I walk my dogs there daily, and I see at least one off-leash dog nearly every day. People walk their dogs on the path unleashed, they use common space for dogs to run after balls or play, and I've even been verbally assaulted by a man when I asked him to leash his dog (who was following my dogs and making me very uncomfortable). People don't think they have to obey the leash laws, and more needs to be done to enforce this important safety rule in all of our parks. Signage is not 100% clear in that some people think a dog "at heel" excuses them from leash laws. If this continues, there will be someone injured or someone's dog injured by another dog.

The groundwork and land is there for Brookhaven to have wonderful parks, they just need some TLC.

Put a park facility map and activities listing on the city website. Offer a summer "Jr" ranger program for community service or enlist scouts

Need dog park at murphey candler. Need lots of signage about dogs must be on leash.

The playground at Blackburn Park could use improvements, such as additional swings (it looks like there used to be more) and upkeep of the wood chips in the play area.

Not one more dollar of taxes for anything until we get those over 65 out of the DeKalb schools tax!

We understand that we need more tax for funding our parks but we don't know how the tax allocation in Brookhaven public parks and facilities. The sale tax has increased from 7% to 8% which means the government should have more tax funding in public service. In general, the government should generate tax allocation report in every fiscal year in public whether on the website or Brookhaven report. Otherwise, tax payers have no clue to understand where the tax funding gone and people lose trust to their governments. We have Brookhaven report delivered weekly but it always wet on wet floor even though there is a plastic bag wrapped; therefore I am not able to spread it and read it. It's such as the waste of our tax. There is another more efficient way to deliver information such as subscribe e-report delivered to our e-mail which saves money to print and delivery. The paper-based reports can be accessed at public locations such as grocery stores and libraries. The current service in the public can be reassessed before tax increment. Hopefully, the Brookahven government can relocate the 1% tax increment in public service which uses public funding wisely. In the long term, Brookhaven is a reputable city.

There is room at Lynwood Park to add additional play groups/play areas. The pool does not offer any shade. The facilities are nice to have, but the building leaks (i.e., the class where yoga is held). This is such an amazing space that would increase property values in Lynwood Park. Would like to see some of what they put into Ashford Park to be put into this park. Thank you for your considerations and sending out this survey to residents!

Great work on park improvement in the past couple years. We would love to see additional items added to Lynwood Park such as a splash pad, lights for the tennis and basketball courts, and pool improvements.

We use Brookhaven Park all the time with our dog. Would be great if the condition could be improved. Understand there is an issue with dekalb, but we still use it all the time

The Brookhaven Heights neighborhood has very little access to parks. Briarwood is not too far, but it's very dangerous crossing N Druid Hills and walking/biking the sidewalks of Briarwood.

Please try to replant some grass at Brookhaven Park where the dogs normally congregate! I know its difficult to do so while people and dogs are actively using the area, but perhaps it could be temporarily roped off and another area could be used for the dog park for a short time.

I commend Brookhaven's Parks and Facilities Department for the upgrades and beautification efforts made to the area public spaces. Keep up the good work!

I love the community gardens and we need to add more flowers for the bees. Perennial flowers and bushes like azaleas and trees like dogwood require a minimum and maintenance .

Brookhaven also needs to be more volunteer friendly and make use of free labor. Briarwood had a beautiful garden area and instead of thanking and awarding the hard work volunteers did they hassled them and now no one is taking care of that area. Sad, it had been done beautifully for free. The work had chased out IV drug users and prostitutes that used to frequent a dark unused portion of the park and citizens converted it into an Eden oasis that brought that area of the park alive and now it sits neglected because they disrespected the volunteer group and imposed rules without the input of the gardeners.

Parks need more trees and better landscaping. Also people need to be warned about dogs not being on their leashes or ticketed by enforcement agents.

Please please please upgrade / renovate the playground at Brookhaven Park!

Lynwood Park/Community needs MAJOR improvements. There are approximately 80 houses paying \$6000 a year in property taxes over the last 6 years brings us to 3.5 million dollars. The city continues to let different companies/school use the ball fields at the end of a very NARROW streets yet has done NOTHING to improve accessibility to the park or improve flow of traffic on Osborne Rd. Some of the sidewalks are likely 20-30 years old. I often see parents walking in the street with their stroller because it is next to impossible to take a stroller down Osborne without running into potholes/mailbox/steep declines/inclines. Community members that do not LIVE in Lynwood Park continue to race down Osborne Rd without any police officer there to assist/ticket. The basketball court was DONATED by the Hawks, The playground was DONATED by a family in the neighborhood. When does the city plan on spending money and dollars on this well deserving community with a ton of young families and kids?. It is frankly embarrassing and you should be ashamed of yourselves as city leaders. Why is it when walking down Windsor towards Ashford Dunwoody as soon as I cross Hermance I am on a really nice side walk compared to the ones near Lynwood? is it because I am walking in front of 1 1.4 million dollar home? Osborne Road needs paved Sidewalks throughout Lynwood need to be addresses NOW so that children and families can safely ride their bike/scooters and strollers to the park. Eventually someone will be injured by a racing car and you (the city) will only have yourselves to blame The city has to STOP parking city equipment in "Osborne Park" LAUGHED OUT LOUD when I saw you actually included this in your survey The pool needs a major upgrade/improved summer hours-perhaps a splash pad The city should think about completing Mendell Circle or Divine Circle to assist with flow of traffic through the neighborhood or look at a one way system or speed bumps for Osborne Rd as well as parking on only one side of the road on Osborne Rd. Complete negligence is unacceptable for Lynwood park which is what has occurred over the last 6 years. I hope the city can and will do better in the future!

They are generally well maintained. I think we do not need to go overboard at each facility. For example, keep Murphy Candler's Park a nature setting and I does not need new playground equipment. People can go to Ashford Park, Keswick (Chamblee) or Blackburn (Blackburn could upgrade). Brookhaven Park off Osborn appears to be underutilized.

We need more trees for shade.

I love Brookhaven Park AS IT IS RIGHT NOW. I have a great, close, supportive community of friends from there. We are from all socio-economic groups, education levels and backgrounds. Please don't ruin our community because of a few higher socio-economic, more politically connected people are complaining. These people are not going to use the park anyway (as

much as they say they will). I've never seen a soul from the conservancy at Brookhaven Park and I'm at the park multiple times per day.

The maintenance of Central Park at Brookleigh (Blackburn Park II) is terrible. Weeds have overtaken most of the area outside the sidewalk running around the park and a lot of the areas inside the sidewalk. Dead portions of trees are not trimmed timely. Pinestraw has not been laid in over a year. Very disappointing.

Need tennis lights and wind screens at the courts.

Please add a fenced in dog park to Brookhaven or Blackburn Park!

I live on Redding Rd. The Ashford Park is always well attended and appears to be well kept. Because of the use and the appearance, I can appreciate the need for the park.

You asked about how much I would contribute to facility maintenance. I prefer to have that included in property tax. However, I would contribute significantly more to a community membership to specific facilities.

Creating and maintaining a wider paved walking path that goes completely around the lake in Murphy Candler Park would bring the most benefit to me followed. Second priority would be to develop playgrounds that accommodate children from 2-10.

I really do not use the parks for the main purposes they are there like recreation. However, I LOVE the fact that the parks have a glass recycling center. I take all my glass there every couple of weeks, and I appreciate the fact that the glass are separated by color. Please DO NOT discontinue the glass recycling program at these parks.

More fenced in dog parks would be awesome!

I'm also a Brookhaven homeowner who pays an exorbitant amount in taxes. I have no interest in paying higher taxes and feel with volunteering, fundraising and community clean up days, and what little money the city appropriates to parks and recreation we should be able to have nicer park facilities.

More mountain bike trails drive an hour to ride

We need a fenced in, off-leash dog area for small dogs and a separate one for big dogs. The parks also need dog water areas and poop bag / trash stations. Also, the mosquitos at Blackburn Park are awful!!!! I would consider walking my dog there more often if the mosquito problem could be corrected.

Brookhaven needs to QUIT spending money on parks with no swingsets, 6 ft wide sidewalks to nowhere and bike lanes where there shouldn't be any. Money is NOT FREE. There is a substantial cost to these so called improvements. STOP SPENDING MONEY LIKE DEKALB CO COMMISSIONERS. This is why I Voted Against the City of Brookhaven D Brock 770-231-6626

Keep the food trucks at Blackburn Park!

City needs a single community center with pool, indoor gym, meeting rooms, program rooms, programs for all ages. City needs leadership with a vision not the present lead from behind. The bond issue will fail because of the lack of trust in the community that the money will be spent wisely. Citizens are asked to participate and then their ideas, concerns are just ignored.

We would be interested in helping to raise funds or volunteer to improve the Blackburn playground facilities. It is such an incredible park, but there is little for the young ones to do.

With so many young families in the area, we believe a more robust playground would get a ton of interest. Thanks for all you do!

I think that the SPLOST funds should be used for parks, seek a waiver/change from the state. I do not want to pay additional property taxes since the SPLOST was supposed to pay for the parks...get an exemption to use SPLOST for parks and recreation.

I moved from a community in IL with very strong park system. Brookhaven should move toward 1 fabulous aquatic center, 1 large and accommodating community center where all classes or meetings are held, fenced dog parks that are ENFORCED, playgrounds and restrooms in every neighborhood park

I would love to know more about the Peachtree Creek Greenway project!

Lo que necesitamos son semáforos ! Urge bastante (What we need are traffic lights! Greatly urge!)

A chart on the website detailing amenities and addresses of each park/facility would be nice.

Please don't have EVERYTHING at Blackburn park. You have other assets as listed above. The traffic is already unbearable in this location, and when coupled with your woefully inadequate police at directing traffic, it magnifies the situation. Spread the wealth and get the traffic out of this corridor. And get your PD trained in the process (and off their cell phones at events)! That's what I pay taxes for.

We really, really appreciate the improvements that have already been made in Brookhaven's Parks after the city incorporated. It has significantly increased our family's use and enjoyment of the parks, and we look forward to additional improvements and amenities.

I am more willing to support and volunteer for the Ashford Park green space than the parks themselves . This is our priority.

More emphasis on naturalist activities for children and adults, appreciation of our natural world. Create a natural botanical park keeping magnificent trees and native plants alive for future generations. Market that! Brookhaven has an opportunity to set a precedent for creating more of these types of park which encourages wildlife viewing, not sports and more pavement. Trails don't need to be paved, just maintained. Less can sometimes be more.

I strongly oppose the purchase of more private land for parks. I also strongly oppose any tax increase (property or sales) to fund additional purchases or maintenance of existing parks.

I'm frustrated by all the \$ spent on other parks while the largest one, Blackburn is worn out, neglected, eroding, Tennis courts embarrassing when I have guests, Clubhouse is dilapidated, bathrooms are disgusting. Other than plant the dang Cherry Trees, I see nothing has happened since we became a city at Blackburn park.

Great improvement over the past years. Would love to see more bike paths connecting and to the parks.

Does Brookhaven do anything at all to let people know that it has parks, where they are, and what facilities they have?

Keep Brookhaven Park for the dog owners in our community and I'm not talking about a small fenced in area!

Concerns with dogs off leash constantly at Murphy Candler.

Connectivity is key to the success of our park strategy!

When you sold the city to the residents living here it was clearly stated that the millions in savings from being a city would be used to pay for all the parks, roads, etc.. Seems there should be no need for a tax increase to pay for this. We support parks, trails, recreation, etc. but should be paid for with use fees not property tax. Provide better service and facilities and charge those that use. Or better, use the millions we saved by becoming a city. As I recall flyers mailed to us in support of the city stated a 6 million in additional savings, in the first year alone, above previous projections of millions per year in revenue to the city.

Brookhaven parks are nice and offer good programs but are nothing to come out of one's way for. Dunwoody and Sandy Springs has better playground facilities. More pavilions, picnic tables, and grills would also add value.

Sandy Springs and Piedmont have free activities such as concerts, farmers' markets

I would love to see more trails connecting Ashford Park to restaurants on Dresden. Or just more walking/bike trail. Additional side walks would also be nice!

The YMCA provides a lot of activities for adults and children. I'm closer to that facility than to Lynwood Park recreation center. Problems I see at Blackburn are off-leash dogs - one of my biggest pet peeves.

You have missed a great opportunity by not acquiring the Boys and Girls Club property on N. Druid Hills. A park there would be great for that area of our town. You could have a nice bike riding and walking route between several of the parks. I also suggest that you really look closely at having a linear park along Buford Hwy. Finally, starting a Brookhaven Parks Foundation would be helpful to making parks better and offer more to residents.

THANK YOU for including residents in this survey! I will share with my HOA.

The tennis courts at Lynwood Park and especially Murphey Candler, which were shut down for months just a few years ago, are in terrible shape. There are cracks on the courts (and slippery mold in the case of MC). There are no lights on any free courts in Brookhaven. And the free courts are often used by the city for lessons at popular times for recreational tennis, leaving recreational players searching for available courts or having to pay to play at Blackburn. The schedules posted at the tennis court are almost always behind (for a long time at MC, the posted schedule was more than a year behind!).

I would like to see a nice dog park and better playgrounds. Also some boccee courts and more sitting areas.

Recently moved to Brookhaven and have not yet explored the park system but am interested in doing so

Would rather spend funds on park improvement than force building sidewalks on residential streets where they are unnecessary (Ashford Park Neighborhood)

I have seen many obvious improvements over the last year. Keep it up. We can't wait to see the new Skyland Park.

Overall, The Brookhaven Parks are fantastic. Murphey Candler Park and Blackburn Park are two incredible assets. Any city anywhere, would be happy to have just one of them. THANK YOU for appreciating these and the other great parks, throughout our AWESOME city. The Parks and Recreation Teams do a great job. Keep it up !!!

All parks should have bathrooms for the kids. I wish the pools were open for longer times during summer for those who work, and that swim team was available later in the day for kids who go to summer camps while their parents are at work.

I'm willing to pay a little more to go towards improving parks but I would want to see improvements in the parks where I live. You need to make sure that you have a plan so that people don't feel like that all the funding is going to parks they don't use.

I live near Murphy Chandler Park, and the lack of parking for the sports program is appalling...all the side streets in the neighborhood are filled with parked cars every day; in addition, its a real challenge to use the red lights on W. Nancy Creek to get onto Ashford Dunwoody after the sporting events end. Finally, the loud speakers during sports events are way too loud...I can hear "play by play" announcements in my house with the TV on at normal volume...can you please ask the announcers to lower the volume so they aren't "BLASTING" the neighborhood?

Brookhaven park improvements have been misguided, overwrought, over budget, not carefully or well thought out, in poor design with poor aesthetics, and lacking sensitivity to community needs and desires. It's as if the contractors have told the city what we want and need and then they've done whatever the heck they wanted to with a blank check. It's as if too much is never enough with the city in general and development (parks and real estate) in particular. Somebody please put the brakes on the insanity before Brookhaven becomes another Buckhead or Midtown.

Save as many or plant as many trees as possible. Terrible to see new construction dominate green space

please work to improve blackburn park playground (it's terrible). thank you for removing that horrible landscaping area that was fenced in on the donaldson drive side of blackburn park.

We have wonderful established facilities but I have only recently began seeing events related to such. Also, I'm a big fan of conservation and using native plants to help local wildlife.

I wouldn't be willing to pay more in property taxes but I would be willing to help fundraise for the parks.

They're good. Have some concern about the county's inability to manage, but city is good. Overall, I'd like to see more green space. I am especially distressed that the Girls and Boys Club is going for Multi fam units. We need good rec areas and single family homes.

I am very impressed by what the city is doing with the parks and look forward to their continued expansion.

For the fees paid for Blackburn tennis center the main building could really use a makeover, courts are currently in pretty good shape. Murphey Candler tennis courts should not have been resurfaced before the roots were dug up, the new resurfaced courts are already cracked and uneven.

We live very close to Blackburn park and use it every day to jog/walk and play soccer/cricket. Need to improve this park to make like wonderful Ocee Park in Alpharetta....(need upgrade to kids play area, batting cages, complimentary tennis courts atleast for Brookhaven residents, volleyball courts)

We would absolutely love to see a paved trail around Murphy Candler Lake and believe that such a trail would add so much value to our community and bring it more residents to the

area. There are a lot of young families with young children in the area that would enjoy to walk on such a trail with their kids or strollers or bicycles. If there was a way to connect such a trail to Blackburn Park, I think we would never have any reason to drive to any other park...

Offer more community garden

Coordinate more leagues, e.g., softball, kickball, etc.!

Trust is key - asking whether I would use the facilities more if upgraded and how much I am willing to pay is not meaningful if I don't trust the process. You have to earn the trust and demonstrate what you are doing before you gauge the appetite for higher property taxes.

I'd like to see teen friendly programs and facilities return.

I would like to see more restroom facilities & drinking fountains. As a child I grew up with these facilities in Parks & feel like they are necessary. People pay enough taxes already in Brookhaven & I feel that the money should be used more efficiently to provide these basic facilities. Murphey Candler used to have a restroom & water fountain by the baseball field. I know there are a lot of excuses for not having these basic facilities, but I would support installing them over other costs, such as entertainment in the park (ex. Blackburn)

How does the Brookhaven Parks System make people aware of their programs and offerings?

Love the community festivals. Like the cherry blossom, egg hunt etc at Blackburn. and the food trucks.

Thank you for all that you do!

Would be willing to volunteer to help improve Brookhaven parks but unsure how to get involved. Looking forward to playground being installed at Murphy Candler park

The specific facilities I look for are dog-friendly parks and parks with sand volleyball courts. I used to play at the Brookhaven Boys & Girls Club but that is being torn down. Now I have to leave Brookhaven to play. I go to Pinkneyville (Gwinnett County), John Howell Park (Virginia Highlands) and the Georgia Tech campus. Would love to have some courts available in Brookhaven.

We are interested in turning the vacant caretaker's house at Murphy Candler Park into a coffee shop. We have talked to many neighbors about this and there is a lot of support.

I've been to several parks in my that are around my area (Town Brookhaven) and there is just not much to offer, in my opinion. There are no actual dog parks that I am aware of (Brookhaven park is an unofficial dog park, however, there is an area of the fence that faces Peachtree Rd that is broken/open and is not really safe for dogs - I've seen dogs get lost in that park). All of the playgrounds I've seen are old and don't look fun. Where is there a playground on Blackburn park? That would be a good spot for one. Also, maybe fence in Blackburn park so it feels safer for kids, so they can run around. Put more benches around the parks so elderly folks can rest in between walks.. if they can't rest while they walk, they won't go to walk in the first place. Tennis courts!!! Put some more tennis courts up that are FREE and lighted!! I've been to the tennis courts at Ashford Park during the week and they are always taken up by that company that holds lessons for little kids.. I'm in my early 20's and there is really nothing these parks have to offer for people my age, and if that's what you guys want, that's fine. However, I don't feel like it has much to offer anyone else either. Start a nice paved walking trail that connects some of the major neighborhoods and parks (similar to the one that starts in Medlock park - S. Peachtree Creek trail). Brookhaven is a very nice area with a lot of parks, but

they aren't used properly. they are really just a big green space.. make it more than that.. many people in Brookhaven have backyards.. they don't need to drive somewhere just to have some more greenspace. Offer something people don't have that people want... and just adding food trucks isnt the answer..

The Brookhaven dog park facilities are in poor condition.

Use of (all or a portion of) Brookhaven Park as an off leash park is important to many citizens. There is absolutely no need for a leash law based on my dozens and dozens of trips.

City of Brookhaven has spent an inordinate amount of tax payer dollars on land purchases for parks development. Purchases of lands in excess of \$100,000/acre should have community/civilian input and oversight. These financial decisions obviously take away from other city improvement projects including updating and maintenance the already large park system that Brookhaven already possesses.

Really love the increase in festivals and activities. Wish there were even more. Wish there were more paved trails and access points to bike to parks. More community gardening options.

Why are there no questions discussing "eminent domain" or "taking neighbors property" to support your parks? Why are there no questions about the amount of money you've spent? What percentage of the city is going to be negatively impacted by this ridiculous project?

Our household would prefer more sidewalks and bike lanes (and repaired sidewalks) for easy walking and biking around the neighborhoods. Clean side walks also make the community look nicer and feel safer.

I enjoy Brookhaven Park and love taking my dog there. Please keep it dog-friendly.

Most of the parks mentioned I have no idea they exist. I am not interested in paying higher taxes for perks however if you had organized community volunteer Events to work on the parks I would certainly volunteer. These could be coordinate with schools, churches and other civic organizations. I think a lot of people would volunteer some time but they really don't want to tie up any more income with all the other needs the city and area has.

We just moved to Brookhaven and really miss the dog parks. Haven't been to too many parks, but they don't seem that friendly to dogs (eg at least offer trash cans for doggie bags and REALLY need a dog park).

To me, the main missing element in Brookhaven are bike trails. I like to exercise on my bike but I do not feel safe riding on the streets in Brookhaven - so, I drive to Smyrna to access the Silver Comet trail. I wish we had a network of dedicated bike trails in Brookhaven. I think it would enhance our community and property values and I would be willing to pay additional taxes/fees to construct the trails.

Caution needs to be exercised to assure excessive landscaping in park renovation/upgrade projects doesn't create long-term maintenance challenges. (Current Murphy Candler Park improvements classic example.) Rustic, natural "unplanned" spaces are also important in a comprehensive parks program.

Build a neighborhood pool

I WENT ON A "FIELD TRIP" WITH OTHER SENIORS TO THE CARTER MUESUM AND A LUNCH, BUT DIDN'T SEE ANY OTHER TRIPS SO I STOPPED LOOKING. THE CHARTER VANS WERE ACTUALLY FRIGHTENING I THOUGHT ONE DRIVER WAS SO BAD. i WOULD LOVE TO HAVE MORE REGUALR FREE OR LOW COST SENIOR ACTIVITIES LIKE WALKING FOR EXCERCISE,

CRAFTS, OTHER EXCERSISE. i AM STILL TOO YOUNG TO QUALIFY FOR SILVER SNEAKERS, SO THAT IS NOT GOOD FOR ME.

We have loved using Ashford Park and Briarwood Park specifically. All the toys at Ashford park are PERFECT for the toddler age group- even if they are broken. The only concern is that there is limited parking as it's become very popular. Briarwood is also very nice although sometimes there is excess of trash laying around which is disappointing. Other moms and I do talk about that we wish the park areas were fenced in better to ensure kids are safe (ex- Briarwood is open into steep ravene and woods). The new Georgian Hills park is very neat and different. I think there needs to be a bathroom besides a porta potty due to so many kids. Thanks for providing so many wonderful parks in our area- it is definitely a perk of living in Brookhaven. We visit them at least 3-5 times a week and are so thankful and appreciative. Let's keep them clean and maintained and would love to see even a little Park put up at Clacks corner etc.

We would use the Murphy candler pool a lot more if it had morning hours. We love the pool, but our two toddlers nap in the afternoons and we eat dinner early. As a stay at home mom, I am always looking for things to do in the mornings and a pool would be perfect in the hot summer.

Make more available to the public. Too many fields/facilities locked or reserved for private groups. Keep public parks public.

Having a reasonably close pool that is nice!

Thanks for your hard work to improve our community! Look forward to hearing your ideas for future.

We'd be willing to pay if the park system did something really out of the box or big; top notch bike friendly city and parks, safe wooded trails, man-made lake or river, areas for golf games bocci lawn bowling and croquet, a 1/2 mile running track, velodrome...hopefully you are looking at what communities outside of GA or doing. Good luck!

The parks have improved, and we appreciate the focus of the city on the parks program. DeKalb County did not offer such support. We would like to see further investment in our parks/community.

This is so much opportunity that Brookhaven is missing out on. When we take our children to Brook Run in Dunwoody, the facilities are terrific. Blackburn literally has the equivalent of a home playground setup.

I like the work Brookhaven has done so far on parks. Keep up the good work. Please continue to improve Brookhaven Park and Blackburn park.

Thank you for continuing to improve the parks in our community. I think the tennis facility at Blackburn Park could be a great revenue generator if further development/investment were done. Please continue to phase out the "donated toys" at Ashford Park. I have never liked that component!

There are empty lots along north druid hills it would be nice to buy those and make a park similar to what is along Clairmont across from 57th Fighter Group and along Abernathy Rd just after you cross over Roswell Road in Sandy Springs.

We really appreciate the efforts that have been expended thus far to improve the parks in Brookhaven. Please do everything possible to improve the condition of the open fields at Brookhaven park. (I know of the issue with DeKalb county so understand the challenge). It is the only option in Brookhaven for casual (pickup/non organized) sports due to the lack of large

flat fields that aren't softball or soccer fields. Also, would be nice to have other options for flat open fields besides Brookhaven park due to the large number of off leash dogs at that park. Thank you!

As we improve our parks, please make sure they can continue to be used for a variety of purposes without too many rules. It should be easy to use park facilities for sports or group functions (including setting up volleyball courts, croquet, ultimate Frisbee, etc.). That's what parks are for. Don't get like Piedmont Park where there are too many rules that prohibit the usefulness of the park.

Our house being so close to Blackburn and Murphy Candler "sold" us on buying it last year. We might not live where we do were it not for Brookhaven parks! :)

We have seen a great improvement in Blackburn Park since we moved to Atlanta. Very clean, good trails...I love all the soccer, baseball and cricket games going on there. Well done, city of Brookhaven

I would like a more extensive exercise class schedule along with facilities to hold them.

DeKalb PD used to enforce the No Parking (on grass) regulations in Murphy Candler Park before Brookhaven took over the park. Brookhaven PD allows visitors to park their cars almost anywhere on the grass near the parking lots without ticketing. This causes unsightly loss of grass and divots in the grass when the soil is soft after rains.

It would be WONDERFUL if Brookhaven had a park that was as beautiful, accessible, and fun as Piedmont Park. We are lacking a dog park. Blackburn Park could be AWESOME but it is just lackluster.

We love Brookhaven Park for the acceptance of dogs. It is awesome to have a place to go for the dogs to have fun off leash. We visit this park every day of the week with our dog and don't know what we'd do without it!

I appreciate all the work that has gone into our parks which are very important to me. Keep up the good work and I know it takes a lot of money to keep up with the parks.

The parks are terrific and are a wonderful asset. The Park and Rec staff are always helpful and are responsive. I think we are fortunate to have them.

I have no children at home but frequently have my granddaughter visit and she loves going to Ashford Park to play.

We're relatively new to the area so not yet familiar with all the parks. But from what I can tell would like more sidewalks so I could walk to more parks and if not, then parks where parking is available and bathrooms. Also safe and clean.

I would love to see a splash pad and more play ground facilities.

We are so excited about the new Georgian Hills Park. You are doing a great job!

Good access to parks (sidewalks) is just as important as the park itself. In some cases parks are only accessible by driving, which in some ways limits the attractiveness because with kids that means having to pack them up in the car.

Some concern about safety in Brookhaven Park and dogs off leashes in areas not identified for off leash options.

We often travel the other cities to use facilities that aren't yet available in Brookhaven, most specifically splash pad parks. I understand several future splash pad parks are included in the

parks master plan, and I'd support well-managed, transparent increased spending to make these plans become reality.

My family likes to bike, we often go to trails and parks in other cities and areas to bike, I hope Brookhaven can improve the biking facilities and connect the parks to each other via trails, sidewalks, paths to facilitate walking and cycling. I am very pleased that Brookhaven is building the peachtree creek greenway and connecting to the atlanta beltline, i support it and hope that you continue such efforts. Thanks.

I am happy with the parks (I mostly use Murphey Candler) and enjoy the natural areas the most.

I primarily enjoy the parks for running, some leisure activities (such as friendly soccer and workouts with friends), as well as dog walking. As of now the parks support what I use them for quite well.

I think that it is ridiculous that district 4 does not have a single park. We are continuously under-served by Brookhaven.

As a parent who has lived around the world and experienced many wonderful parks I think the Brookhaven parks do a great job in some areas and could improve in other areas. I really enjoy walking around Murphy Candler. I think the goats did a great job with clean up and the community seems to be involved in keeping the park nice. When I walk around the lake I always wonder what is going on with the old white building across from the baseball fields. Could it be made into a meeting room or community center? Right now it seems to be wasted space. I would love to see a bigger nicer playground like up at Roswell Park. Blackburn Park seems to have space for a big playground with a splash pad for the hot summer days. Ashford Park has a fun playground area and the addition of all the leftover toys keeps it interesting! One last suggestion, the pool at Murphy Candler has potential but it is just not a friendly place. My husband describes it as swimming at a prison. The cement everywhere provides a sad atmosphere and the workers need to have a smile for the guests instead of making them feel like they are imposing on their day. Brookhaven Parks do offer a wide variety of activities and I am grateful to live in such vibrant community.

I really enjoy your parks and facilities, and I think I will be looking into how I can help and volunteer.

sand volleyball courts please, and ways to walk/bike between parks on multi-use trails

I live in Ashford Park and would like to have a community swimming pool.

i do not support anything that increases property taxes.

My income is my business not yours.

I really enjoy the Blackburn Park area. I think it is important to have restroom options (that are properly maintained) available and porta-johns do not count.

Please improve Blackburn Parks' playground!!!!

Have only just moved to Brookhaven, so I am as of yet mostly unaware of the facilities offered

A safe and secure dog park would be nice

I pay more than enough taxes whether property or sales tax and I expect local government to be careful with its spending. You waste tons of money on stuff and then the only option is raise taxes? No - I can't afford to live here anymore. After all these years, this totally sucks.

The idea of parks is lovely, but the reality is they cost money. Given the skyrocketing property values, I cannot afford the property taxes now. I absolutely do NOT want taxes to increase!

We love the improvements being made to Murphy Candler Park. Thank you!

I feel that too much money and emphasis is being spent on the Peachtree Creek Greenway, and not enough attention is focused on other parks. We still need a dedicated dog park at Brookhaven Park, and the Briarwood Pool area needs a new pool house. There is WAY too much money being spent on the Peachtree Creek Greenway.

people that work at the parks are friendly, courteous, (sp) reasably maintained, lot of car BREAKINS

I do not support additional property taxes to improve parks. I am aware of proposed use of bonds to make park improvements on an expedited (3 year time frame) and strongly oppose this idea. I feel such expenditures should be spread out over a more lengthy time frame like 10 years, as current park conditions are not that bad.

I resent having my tax money used for "doggie" parks. I love dogs but would never expect my neighbors to pay for a place for my dog to play/exercise. When I purchase a dog, I assume the responsibility for meeting all the dog's needs.

tennis courts!!

Improve quality of playgrounds (take little Nancy creek park as example). Make Brookhaven park more attractive for children (iso. Dogs).

why 'A Korean Statue of a girl's in the Black Burn Park? this is a our community area.

Please keep the park off Osbourne as a unique park where people can go to enjoy their dogs off leash. It is original, it is unique, it is extremely popular and used year-round (rain, snow or heat!) Don't need to be everything to everybody. Just be the best dog park in Georgia and keep things clean, neat, in good repair and paths well serviced whether asphalt or natural. The bones are there. Don't make this park a run-of-the mill park that is just like all the other not so great parks that have a not too original children's area and not much else. We love this park for what it is. Don't fence in a circle of sterile grass and call it a dog park. Both dogs and people are bored with that. Enhance what you've already got and it will be amazing.

I would really love to see a dog park at Blackburn - would be easy to add to the back field area and I think it would be highly desired. I know several dog owners in the immediate vicinity.

Blackburn - better and shaded playground with easy access to parking lot, a walk/bike trail that completes the loop. Right now the trail goes along the street and a part is missing sidewalk.

Murphy Candler - Better parking, where is playground? Put a playground along the trail.

Ashford Park is great. Wish it was bigger but that's not changeable.

Spending priorities are not clear. The Park Master Plan does not delineate spending priorities - it appears to be a 'wish list' that was created when the city was first formed - - it needs to be updated with knowledgeable public input. The current Park Master Plan contains a lot of unnecessary spending on projects. Need to cover the 'Basics' first for all Park Facilities (e.g., bathrooms, adequate parking and public safety). The details (and \$) of what each project includes that have been posted to the City of Brookhaven website are not sufficient to be able to make an informed decision of what the priorities should be.

You should turn the land at Apple Valley Rd and E Osborne Rd into a city park. We need more large parks with trails.

Brookhaven Park is a joke and unsafe to families. It is walking distance to where I live. However, I don't go to it because I don't want my kids killed by a dog. I took my 5 years old there once and was almost attacked by a pitbull with the owner nowhere to be found. If I wasn't standing next to her at the time, I can't imagine what would happen. It charged toward my daughter and knock her to the ground. Are we going to wait until someone die before doing something about it?

Would LOVE to see a real playground at Blackburn Park (like Ashford Park, Nancy Creek Park, or even Chastain!) Good job with this year's Cherry Blossom Festival! We're exciting to see how that event keeps growing. This year was the best by far! (well, except we prefer that Beetle's cover band from year 1 :)

Sometimes I feel not safe on the street too.

Please create bike lines with access to parks. Even better, please connect parks – Blackburn and Murphy should connect via a safe bike path. Even better if you connected Brookhaven Park, too.

DeKalb had at least two issues of bonds for parks and recreation. The improvements were not significant and are largely gone. Thirty bonds will last a lot longer than any of the improvements. Let's pay as we go and stay in budget.

Would love a public pool that is improved! Lynwood is not in great shape. Better bathroom facilities, overall update to playground equipment and cleanliness.

We like the improvements started at Murphy Chandler, hope that they will continue

Parks are important, but traffic is horrible and density is getting worse. We need to improve traffic flows significantly without raising property taxes too much.

Seriously??? Raise my taxes for parks? Do not raise them/no way!!!

Briarwood Park needs attention and increased patrols. There have been various promises made for permeable trails by both DeKalb County prior to the city being formed and Brookhaven that haven't come to fruition. There is trash in the woods and in the "creek." There are usually beer bottles, beer cans and liquor bottles in many out of sight areas as well as right next to the benches throughout the park. Several years ago a bulldozer left a deep set of ruts at the bottom of a hill across from the bridge that has become a depository for stale water, mud and mosquitoes. The fence around the community garden is often breached to get at the hose in order to wash individuals' cars. Last year, on two separate occasions cars were abandoned at the lot in front of the garden that took weeks to remove. This park would have an increased neighborhood presence if it were cleaned up and patrolled. The playground seems fine and is well attended as are the volunteer created and cared for gardens around the picnic tables down by the community garden. Whoever has done that has saved a corner of Briarwood and proven that attention brings results.

We support having the best parks possible to keep Brookhaven as a leading city in Georgia. Great parks help attract great residence.

Thank you for sending out this survey! Excited for what is to come in Brookhaven and really enjoy that parks/recreation is important to our town.

I worked for and supported two different Parks Bond referendums - neither of which did the Brookhaven area receive the things promised for support of the bonds, so I am not

enthusiastic about paying more for Parks. The questions asked didn't coincide with the answers in a number of instances. So not sure what survey was getting at.

A greenway along Peachtree Creek connecting to the beltline and Project 400 would be amazing. I hope the project eventually finishes!

I'm curious to learn more, and will do so!

Teach the police how to do crowd control in crosswalks, they're lousy at it. Music events draw community together, do some 'small band' events. Learn from other community's Farmers Markets. Make events offset expenses by charging a small fee of \$5 to \$10 per person and offer value.

The best parks are usually are those where development is kept to a minimum.

i'm glad the city is trying to improve the parks and facilities but also there are a lot of older people like us whose kids are grown and who don't use the parks and recreation as often and are already paying too high taxes now

The taxes are high enough here. The number of people living here has grown a lot . I do not know if the apartments and condos pay their fare share of the taxes .

I think we need more smaller parks / green space. All the land and beautiful trees in Brookhaven are disappearing. Dresden Village is a good example of no green space. Virginia Highlands has John Howell Park to escape. Brookhaven is becoming just another cement city.

We highly value Natural, non-toxic places to walk, picnic and bring the family. Keep up this great much appreciated advocacy!

Water fountains rarely work, facilities look worn, not enough designated dog areas/parks.

Strongly in favor of linear parks and wish this received more emphasis than massive resources for a small group playing soccer or baseball.

Sincere thanks for implementing the Peachtree Creek Greenway plans.

I think the playground area at Blackburn park needs to be updated. It's one of the largest parks in Brookhaven with the smallest playground. With the food trucks and all the other activities there, it seems responsible to build out the playground or add other facilities for kids. Other parks in Brookhaven, such as Ashford park, seem to continue to have additions while other parks are being ignored.

Brookhaven Park and Briarwood wood seem to be neglected while other parks are getting drastic improvements. I would be against adding to my taxes unless I see a plan to improve thee tow parks that I use regularly. I would also like to see local green space acquired in my area in district 3..

Have observed multiple drug transactions and panhandling immediately adjacent to Lynwood Park; numerous sizeable unleashed dogs with owners relatively unconcerned with strollers during last visit to Brookhaven Park, despite high-profile signage prohibiting.

All of the parks I've seen driving by from the road look well maintained and safe.

Enough money has been spent on Murphey Candler; let the other parks be "fixed" before more for MC. The old plant nursery on Osborne would be a perfect park and include a building for meetings and revenue stream (as per the park study)and greenhouses for receptions, and teaching horticulture to kids. Passive, fenced dog park.

I strongly believe the city can improve parks WITHOUT an increase in taxes. The city, since inception, has suffered from Mission Creep--Tourism Department, Festivals, Greenway, Legal

Battles that could have been avoided, Waste, etc. We voted for a city that would have a small government providing basic services and living within our means. Our Tax Digest has increased substantially and yet we talk about giving the Council a Development Authority to put the City in debt because the Council cannot control the purse strings on other discretionary initiatives--like the Greenway, Tourism Department, Festivals, advertising etc. With all the development coming into city and the increase in the tax digest, we should have more money available to improve the parks WITHOUT an increase in taxes. Developers should pay more for the infrastructure improvements necessary--and the savings allocated to the parks. Cut hiking trails through the Clairmont Road greenspace--minimal cost--high perceived return. Slow down on new pet projects and initiatives that jeopardize our financial health --without going back to the taxpayer to cover the Councils "wants" and focus on "needs".

I play tennis at both Blackburn and Lynwood. Courts are in good condition - parking is tough at both and bathrooms need upgrading.

Since the city was incorporated, I have noticed a vast improvement to Murphey-Candler Park (my neighborhood)! Thank you.

thank you for putting this survey together. more bike paths and playgrounds for kids please!

Overall we are happy with the park options within reasonable distance of our home. We do wish the off-leash issues in Osborne Park would be handled so we could take our children there.

We are very pleased with the current condition of Brookhaven parks and facilities. Also very pleased with the professionalism of the city workers we've encountered in parks. We would have many questions about any potential tax increases.

Retirees have different priorities than young families with kids; we have dogs but have no desire to take them to a park since they have a fenced yard, and get regular walks.

I am opposed to my tax \$ being spent to buy residential property (which the city of Brookhaven did last year on Remington Rd), I am opposed to my tax dollar sending people in my back yard, placing tags on trees' and fences. I am opposed to the top heavy gov;t that has been created in the city of Brookhaven.

We love Brookhaven park but sometimes it gives the impression that it has been forgotten by the city because the bathrooms are always closed and the grass doesn't seem to be cared for (except for keeping it short). It isn't the kind of park that I can use to show how wonderful Brookhaven is when family or friends come to visit.

I really enjoy the programs for kids being offered as day camps

I Really want an indoor swimming pool especially for seniors

Great asset to the neighborhood. Facilities needs to be compliant with Americans With Disabilities Act. Thanks.

Would love more insight into how input is considered in the park planning process. As an example, the new Georgian Hills park includes elements that are not well planned. The park now only has two parking spots, a basketball court beside a creek (if you miss, the ball lands in it nearly every time) and trees on a field. It seems the park was designed to look nice, but not function well for residents actually hoping to use the features.

Would be nice to have clay/hartru tennis courts somewhere.

We supported increased funds for parks and now discover those funds are not available. Now more funds are needed. This is unacceptable and irresponsible. Once funds have been allocated, their use should be permitted as needed.

I would love to see the parks renovated and revitalized. They suffer dreadfully from 20+ years of DeKalb mismanagement. Also, I am very concerned about safety. For example, I have walked the MC trail through Blackburn all the way to Publix, but I won't do it anymore because it's too desolate in the back. Such a shame because it is very beautiful. I don't know how you fix this. Unfortunately, it is the world we live in and the pockets of bad areas in the vicinity.

Some of the parks have been updated and their facilities are in great shape. Unfortunately the ones that see the most traffic (Murphey Candler Park and Blackburn Park) is the one where there is the least amount of maintenance. The tennis center is horribly maintained as are the buildings and restrooms for Baseball and Football and Softball.

Don't go overboard. Most of the parks with walking paths are fine the way they are. Definitely DO NOT TAKE GREEN SPACE FOR PARKING.

We LOVE the "unofficial" dog park on Osborne. My 2 year old son and I love taking our golden retriever. I hope that future plans will be mindful of how widely loved this place is by so many!