



BUCHANAN AREA RECREATION BOARD (B.A.R.B.) REVISED
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2026 – 6:00 PM
CHAMBER OF BUCHANAN CITY HALL - 302 N REDBUD TRAIL, BUCHANAN MI

AGENDA

THE BUCHANAN AREA RECREATION BOARD (B.A.R.B.) OF THE CITY OF BUCHANAN in compliance with Michigan's Open Meetings Act, hereby gives notice of a regular meeting.

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

IV. Approve Agenda

V. Public Comment - Agenda Items Only (3-minute limit)

VI. Approve Minutes

[A.](#) Consider Approval of the August 18th, 2026 Minutes

VII. Unfinished Business

A. Finance Update- City Treasurer Deb Perez

[B.](#) Parks & Recreation Master Plan Goals & Objectives Discussion

C. The Common/Pears Mill - Wendi Heyliger

Kathryn Park - Katie Heyliger

McCoy Creek Recreation Area (McCoy Creek Trail, Field of Dreams Dog Park, Centennial Park) -
Jeanne Harris

Veteran's Memorial Park - Raquell George

Ravish Park - Jennifer Popielski

Redbud Riverfront Park - Brian Kill

Victory Park/Tot Lot - Jeanne Harris

Mud Lake Bog - Katie Heyliger

Madron Lake Boat Launch - Emily Koziel

Walton Bridge Park - Emily Koziel

[D.](#) Subcommittee Reports - Buchanan Backyard Bash Update

VIII. New Business

IX. Public Comment - Non-Agenda Items Only (3-minute limit)

X. Executive Comments

XI. Adjourn

Call to Order @ 6:00pm on 8/19/2026

Pledge of Allegiance led by W. Heyliger

Roll Call

Present: W. Heyliger, Harris, Kill, C. Heyliger

Absent: Popielski, Koziel

IV. Approve Agenda

motion made by George, second by Harris to approve the agenda.

Yes:

No:

Unanimous

V. Public Comment - Agenda Items Only (3-minute limit)

VI. Approve Minutes

motion made by C. Heyliger, second by Harris to approve the minutes from 7/15/26

Yes:

No:

Unanimous

VII. Unfinished Business

A.The Common/Pears Mill- Wendi Heyliger

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B. Subcommittee Report- Wiffle Ball Fundraiser

Kill reviewed the costs and outlined the Buchanan Backyard Bash: Wiffle Ball Tournament; field equipment, bats/balls, strike zones, home run derby/best pitch award, prizes/trophies, tournament brackets.

Tournament will take place on 10/17/26 @ 2pm at smith park with a time cap of an hour. Having five fields running at the same time with two teams playing on each field. Expecting 20-34 teams with a max of 5 players per team. Charging \$20 per head.

Next Fundraising Subcommittee meeting will be September 9th 6:00pm at Michigan Gateway

C. Finalize Parks and Recreations Survey Graphic and Date

W. Heyliger motion to move forward with opening survey starting August 20th, 2026; ending September 15th, 2026, Kill second

Unanimous

VIII. New business

A. Buchanan Tree Friends - Fall Planting Proposal

Lane Martin presented a fall planting by the tree friends. To take place early November at Smith Park to plant shade trees.

George motion to approve the planting locations purposed by the tree friends with discretion to move trees if interfering with the city's mowing, Kill second

Unanimous

B. Harvest Fest Discussion

BARB has been asked by the DDA to present a field day from 12-3pm on 10/3/26 during the Chili walk/Harvest Fest.

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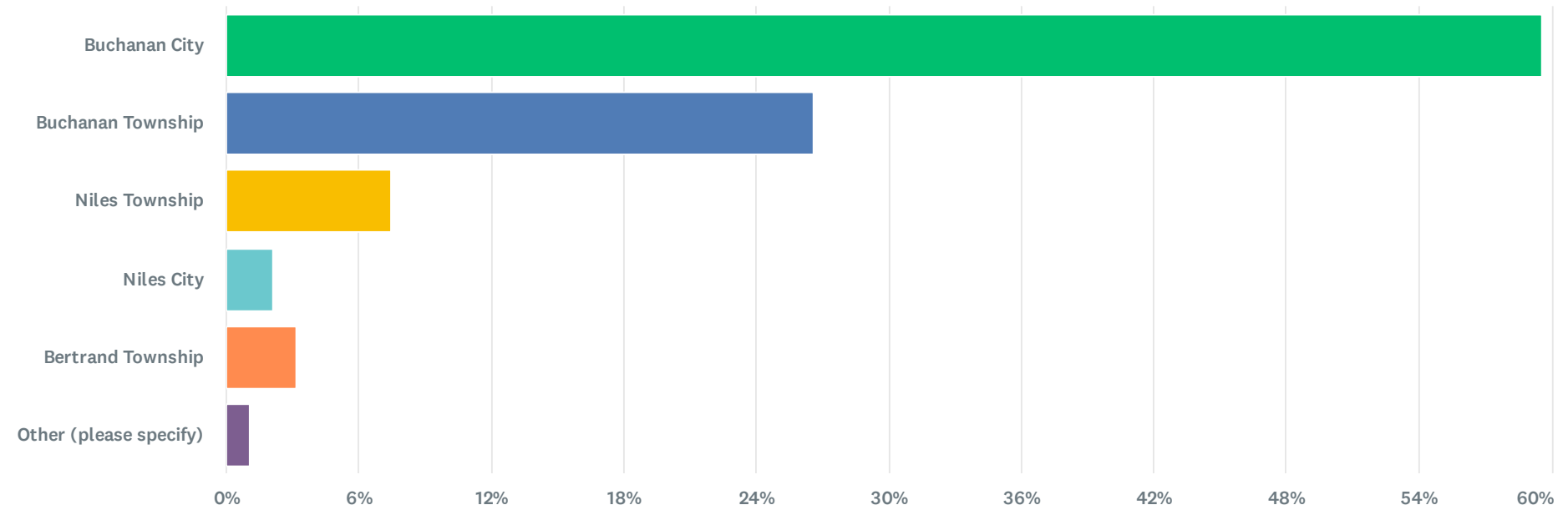
motion made by George, second by Harris to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm

Yes:

No:

Q1 94 responses

Where do you reside? (Please select one)



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Buchanan City	59.57%	56
Buchanan Township	26.60%	25
Niles Township	7.45%	7
Niles City	2.13%	2
Bertrand Township	3.19%	3
Total		94

Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
☒ Other (please specify)	1.06%	1
Total		94

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Berrien	8/29/2026 9:26 AM

Q2 Please note the number of people in each age group that are living in your household Please use whole numbers only (1, 2, 3, ...):

Answered: 90 Skipped: 4

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
5 and under	30.00% 27
6-12	28.89% 26
13-17	14.44% 13
18-26	20.00% 18
27-40	44.44% 40
41-50	30.00% 27
51-64	27.78% 25
65 and over	34.44% 31

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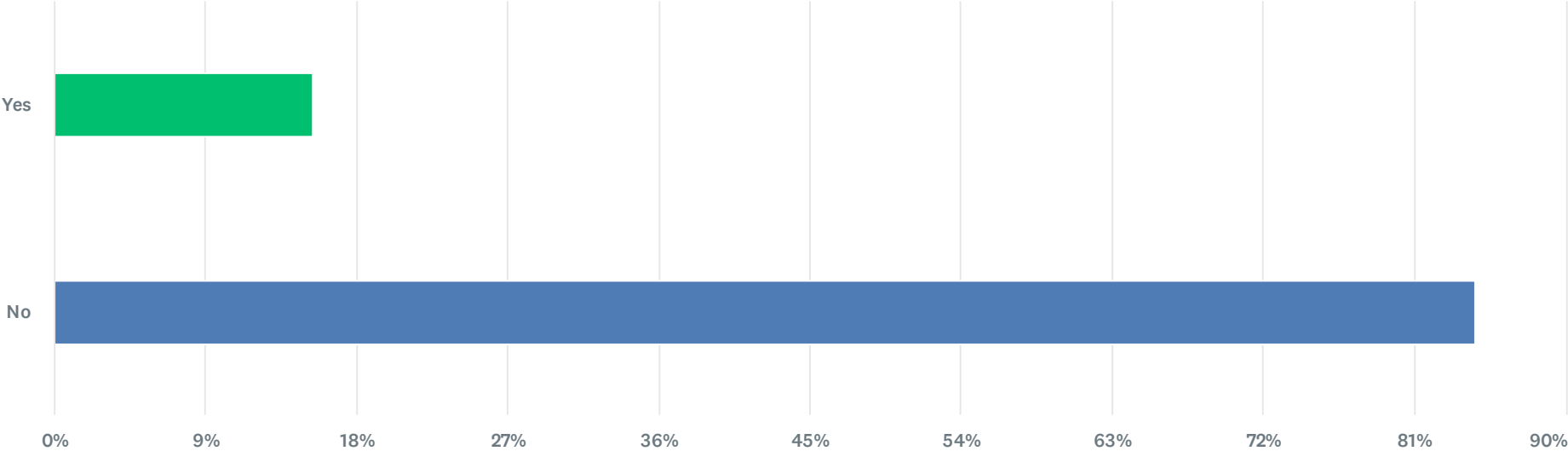
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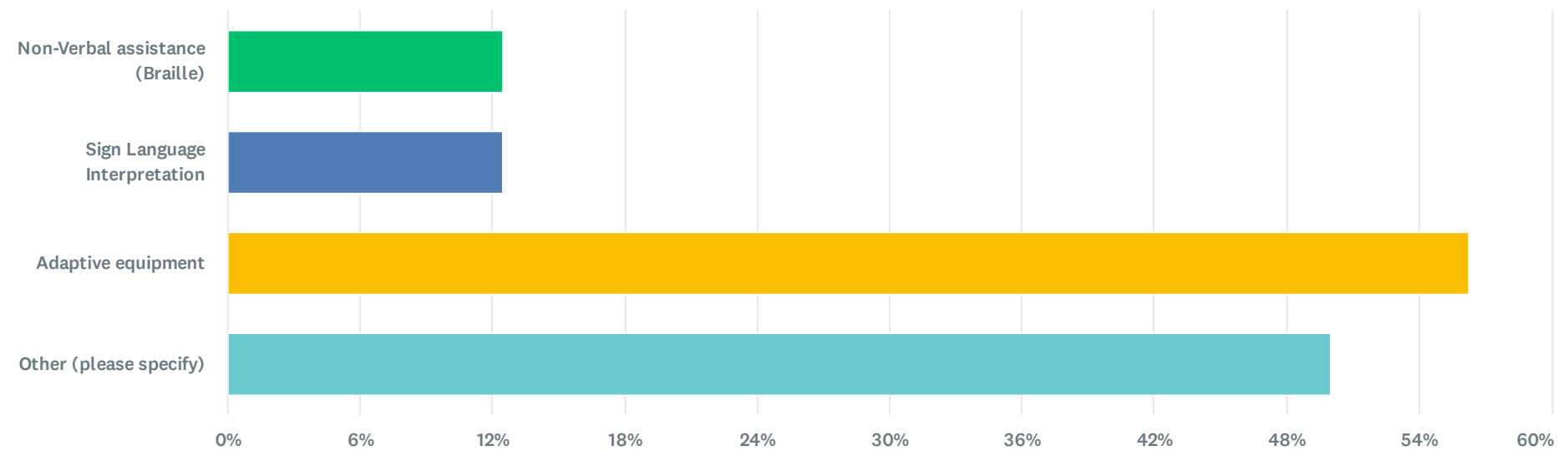
Q3 91 responses

Do any members of your household have a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)?



Q4 16 responses

What type of accommodation is needed to serve people with disabilities in your family? (Please select all that apply)

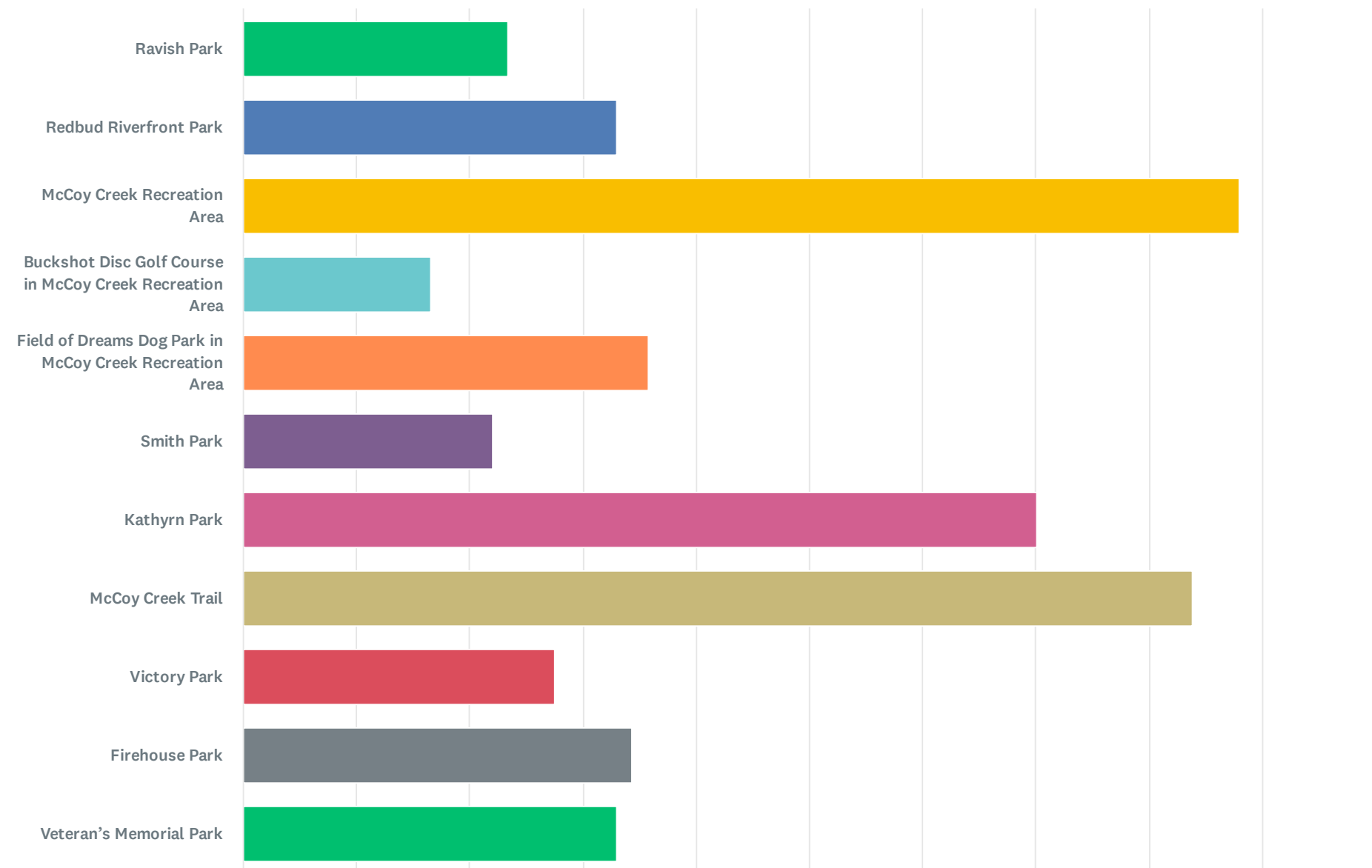


Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Non-Verbal assistance (Braille)	12.50%	2
Sign Language Interpretation	12.50%	2
Adaptive equipment	56.25%	9
Other (please specify)	50.00%	8
Total		21

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Wheel chair, walker access	9/9/2026 5:09 PM
2	None	8/29/2026 12:14 PM
3	No edging,no sand ,no wood chips	8/28/2026 11:17 AM
4	N/A	8/25/2026 12:25 PM
5	N/A	8/25/2026 9:43 AM
6	None	8/24/2026 4:39 PM
7	No disabilities	8/23/2026 3:45 PM
8	wheelchair accessibility	8/21/2026 7:48 AM

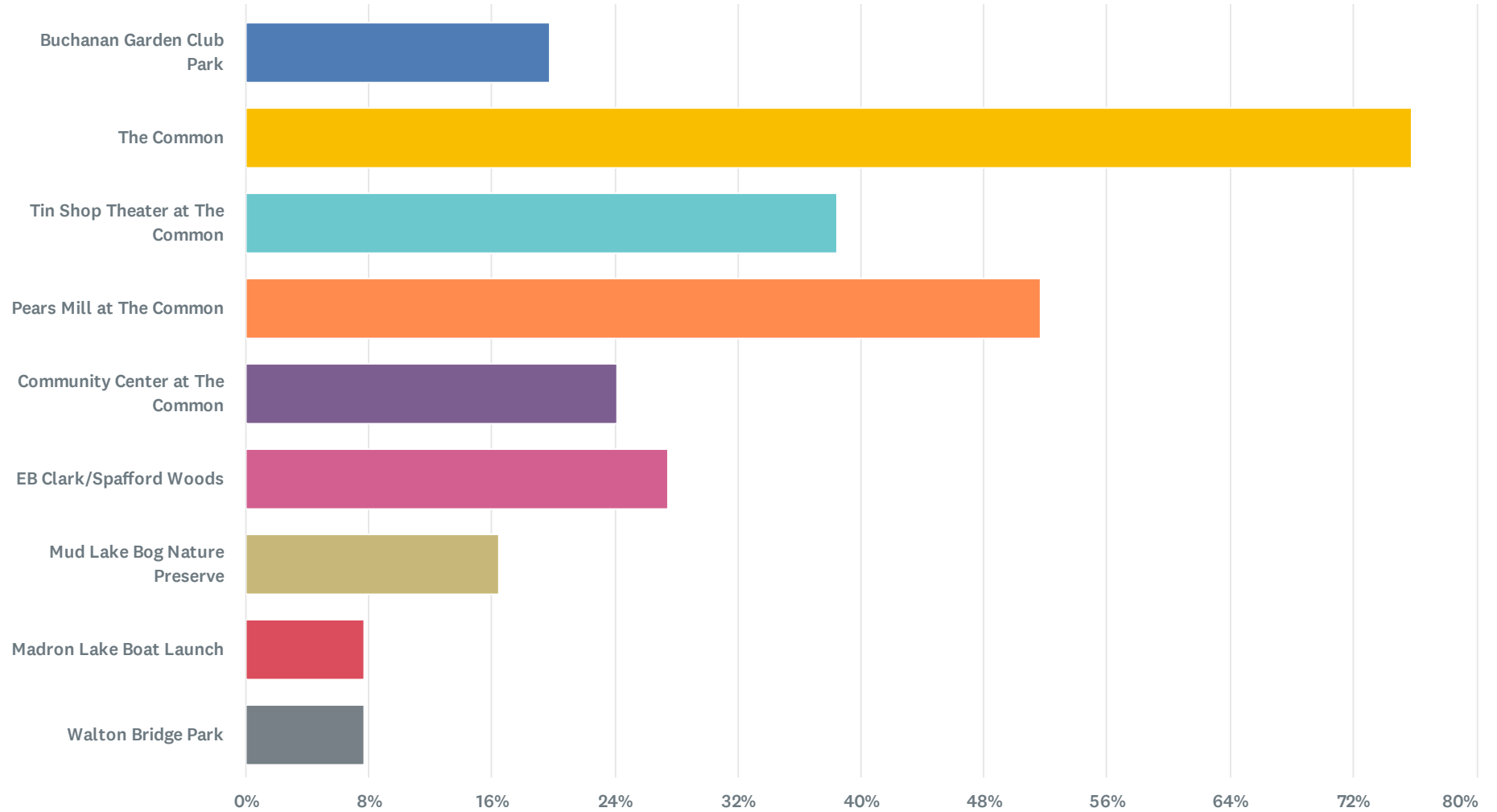
Q5 91 responses

Which park(s) and recreation facilities in Buchanan City and Township have you and/or your family visited in the past 12 months? (Please select all that apply)

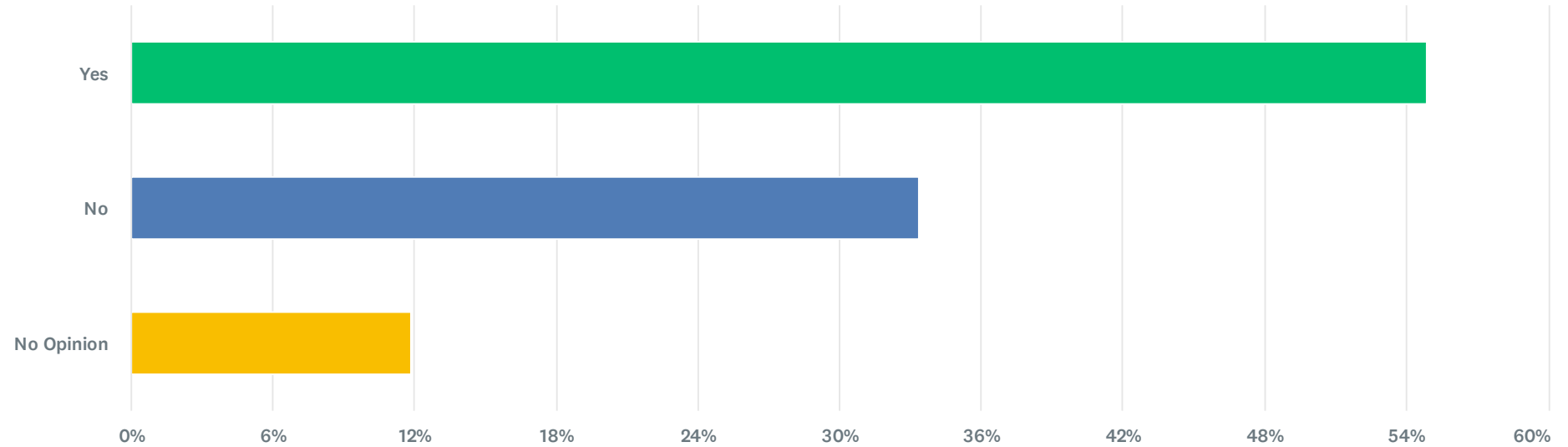


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Q6 93 responses

Do the parks(s) and recreation facilities meet your expectations?

Q7 If you answered "No" for Question 6, why?

Answered: 32 Skipped: 62

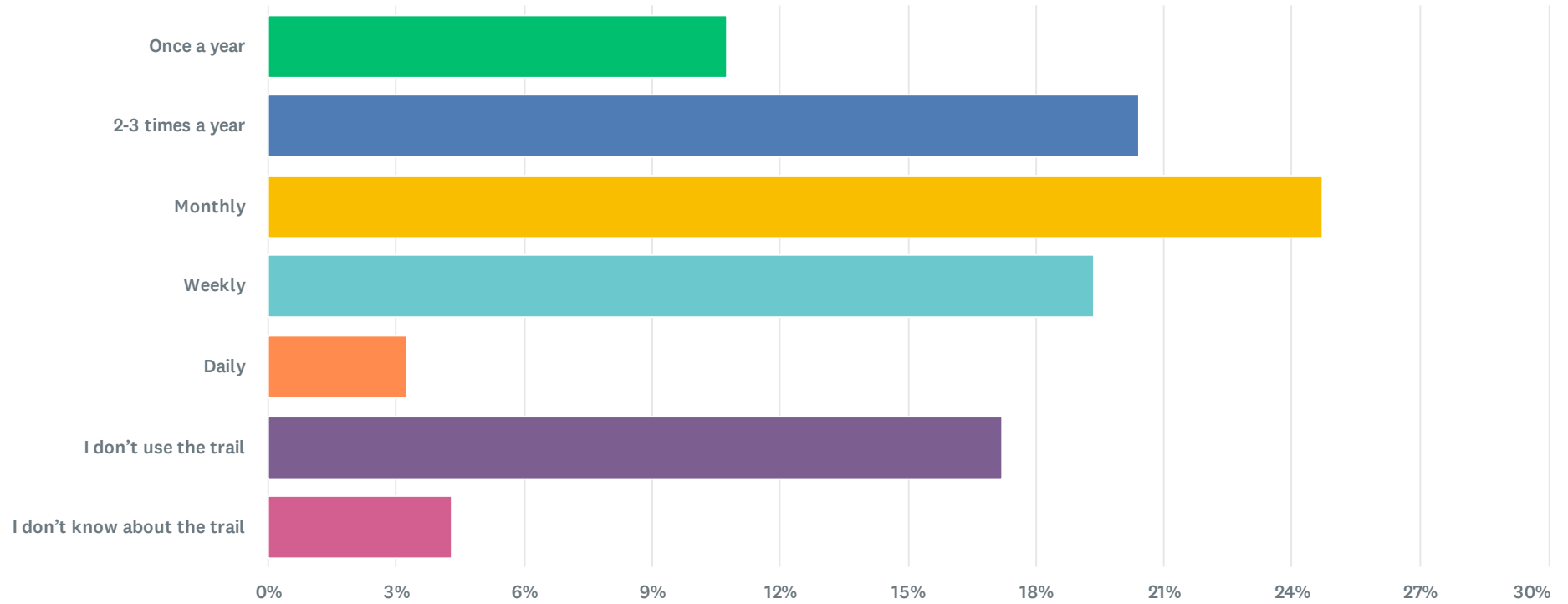
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Need a sensory park for children who are on the autism spectrum	9/10/2026 6:17 AM
2	Most are outdated or don't have many options for older kids	9/9/2026 10:21 PM
3	Would like more access to water	9/5/2026 11:20 AM
4	The Farmers' Market and the Common are the only relevant parks for me. The trail is ok eastward from the center of town, but nasty and hot as you travel west. How many people actually use the trail? If I want to walk I go to Niles and walk their trail along the river.	9/4/2026 6:39 PM
5	Ravish park is very outdated	8/30/2026 5:51 PM
6	Not accessible This is 2026 ADA laws went into effect in 1997... No excuses for the lack of access for disabled children !!!!! Lots of marijuana money thou to spend ONLY on parks !! Other than showing the disabled children of Buchanan and Berrien co the community does NOT CARE about them!! But let's make dog parks (not accessible BTW) bike paths (not acceptable BTW) instead How embarrassing for this group of "leaders" I assure you the children are watching and waiting on the sidelines for someone to let them have ADA access to anything in this city !!!	8/28/2026 11:17 AM
7	There's a lot of dog poop along the trail. It would be nice if there were bags available and more trash cans.	8/27/2026 1:33 PM
8	Dog park needs shade	8/27/2026 10:17 AM
9	The main reason I say no, is that I always find the Common's activities to be too loud. Im not hard of hearing or anything like that, and I am in my late 20s. Some of the events I've attended in the Common I've left earlier than I was expecting to because the music was so loud it was uncomfortable and I had to yell over it to talk to the vendors and people that had come with me. If it had been just a bit quieter I would've stayed and enjoyed myself a lot longer. One other reason: We have a dog that we like to take to the dog park, but we can't stay long because there is absolutely no shade for the hot days and the sun gets brutal for us and our dog. If there were covered seating or a few more trees it would make a big difference.	8/27/2026 10:04 AM
10	Ravish park has a broken see saw that needs replaced or taken out its dangerous for kids to play on	8/26/2026 12:07 PM
11	I wish they would stock the streams and do better with fish and wildlife management, a volunteer program would be super beneficial to young students like myself.	8/25/2026 5:59 PM
12	The walkways, hardscape and landscape from Mill Alley and Pears Mill to the Common are not in keeping with the quality of the downtown/Front Street area. Pears Mill is in need of maintenance and proper access.	8/25/2026 5:51 PM
13	Victory park and Ravish park are in areas where there are children but they could really use a little love.	8/25/2026 12:25 PM
14	Dog park in need of work. Understand city refuses to even empty trash cans there.	8/25/2026 10:02 AM

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15	I think the work done so far is very nice. Somewhat related to parks, some fencing needs replacing, and we need better lighting in certain areas. Thank you	8/25/2026 9:43 AM
16	There are several holes at the dog park that need to be filled in. I understand a dog was having fun and digging, which i actually think is fine, but I think those should be filled in regularly along with other grass maintenance.	8/25/2026 9:12 AM
17	The patk by the high school needs more toys and toys kids can enjoy besides a slide. The park has a huge yard and many events with such little toys to play on. The climbing area is dangerous for little ones so all they can do is slide on the slide. This area could have huge potential.	8/25/2026 2:12 AM
18	NA	8/25/2026 12:29 AM
19	We would like more walkable parks. Also the lookout structure at the south end of McCoy Creek Trail seems like it needs more attentive maintenance. Thank you for all you do.	8/24/2026 10:54 PM
20	Would like to see the riverfront boat launch more invested, Kathryn looks great but could use a couple more pieces to complete.	8/24/2026 9:02 PM
21	The disc golf course needs help it's all underwater half the time and it's design isn't that great	8/24/2026 8:38 PM
22	they need to be maintained and improved- the mud bog was dangerous last time i was there.	8/24/2026 4:59 PM
23	No nice parks for older kids. Kathryn park is more for preschool and younger school aged kids.	8/24/2026 4:17 PM
24	Victory park definitely needs some more play structures And few thinks need fixed at ravish	8/23/2026 10:41 PM
25	Especially Smith Park facilities are far inferior to those of other communities.	8/23/2026 10:38 PM
26	All parks need to be updated. Ravish Park should be next on the list. It's the most beautiful park in the city.	8/22/2026 8:33 PM
27	Neither maintained nor secured and safe.	8/22/2026 8:13 AM
28	Outdated and/or broken equipment	8/21/2026 2:47 PM
29	Some do but alot of the upgrades appear to have been done to meet a checklist not actually improve the experience	8/21/2026 11:39 AM
30	Not enough lighting, barely any trash cans and the new park at Kathryn gets extremely hot while the metal stays cool. Crazy, right?	8/21/2026 11:14 AM
31	Most are a bit underwhelming. Don't have enough seating if more than one family is visiting,	8/21/2026 9:02 AM
32	No one park is completed.	7/8/2026 5:09 PM

Q8 93 responses

How often do you use the McCoy Creek Trail? (Please select one)

Q9 What is your favorite park in Buchanan City or Township and why?

Answered: 71 Skipped: 23

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Katherine park	9/10/2026 6:17 AM
2	Kathryn Park since it has been updated	9/9/2026 10:21 PM
3	The trail and creek access by the highschool. The dirt road to the dog park can always be improved on	9/9/2026 8:52 PM
4	Buchanan common because of the events	9/9/2026 8:35 PM
5	Smith park. Recreational facility.	9/9/2026 2:54 PM
6	McCoy's Creek Trail	9/9/2026 6:08 AM
7	I like all the parks in town, because they are easy to walk to once you park in town. So I can walk to multiple parks and multiple stores on Front Street in the same visit. I think McCoy Creek Trail is my favorite.	9/6/2026 10:18 AM
8	McCoy creek trail	9/5/2026 12:30 PM
9	Commons. Easy to get to and good events. (We're new to the area so are still learning our way around)	9/5/2026 12:20 PM
10	Common (now)	9/5/2026 11:20 AM
11	We love the trail and the common	9/5/2026 8:39 AM
12	The Common. It has historical roots in New England and upstate New York.	9/4/2026 6:39 PM
13	Me and my family do not use the parks. When driving by the parks in the Buchanan area I rarely see people using them. I believe the parks are a waste of money. The Buchanan area focus needs to be streets/roads they are terrible. I used to travel across the U.S. before I retired and can say the Buchanan are streets are some of the worst I've seen.	9/4/2026 10:22 AM
14	McCoy Creek Recreation, bc of the creek & big Hill.	9/3/2026 5:50 PM
15	Kathryn	8/31/2026 1:30 PM
16	McCoy Creek Trail and Recreation Park	8/30/2026 5:51 PM
17	Buckshot disc golf course. (first 10 holes.	8/29/2026 5:56 PM
18	Still deciding	8/29/2026 12:14 PM
19	McCoy Creek trail. Great to be able to take long nature walks.	8/29/2026 10:01 AM
20	Commons, events	8/29/2026 9:26 AM

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21	McCoy creek recreation area	8/29/2026 9:09 AM
22	None!!? Kwaina park Benton harbor	8/28/2026 11:17 AM
23	McCoy Crèk Trail. It is beautiful, and very nice to walk.	8/28/2026 3:45 AM
24	The Common	8/27/2026 2:45 PM
25	Dog park — it's perfect for dogs, though I wish it was maintained more and that there were dog poop bags and maybe a spicket for water.	8/27/2026 1:33 PM
26	Veterans Park for the ducks and ice cream	8/27/2026 10:17 AM
27	Out of the ones I've visited, I like the McCoy creek trail area off of Schrimmer Parkway to get immersed in nature without needing to leave the city. I use the Veteran Memorial Park the most for dog walks and visits to Chunks.	8/27/2026 10:04 AM
28	Kathryn now that they replaced the playground equipment! It's very nice and my daughter loves it. Very close and convenient to home	8/27/2026 6:52 AM
29	Ravish Park has a bigger field for kids to play	8/26/2026 12:07 PM
30	The Commons Mc Coy Creek Really enjoy the new section going to River St Joe	8/26/2026 6:07 AM
31	Victory. We've been to many events there.	8/25/2026 7:10 PM
32	N/A	8/25/2026 5:59 PM
33	Every park around McCoy Creek from Smith Park to Veterans. The parks on the St. Joe are unknown to me.	8/25/2026 5:51 PM
34	I like Kathryn park because its walking distance for us and my son loves the new equipment. We also love the commons when we get together with other families of littlest because its a wide open space and adaptive for tue smaller kids who aren't ready for play ground equipment.	8/25/2026 12:37 PM
35	Kathryn park since the remodel, our family was so grateful to everyone who made that happen. That park is so close to the schools and I know the kids will really appreciate that this coming school year.	8/25/2026 12:25 PM
36	Commons	8/25/2026 10:02 AM
37	McCoy Creek Recreation Area because it has multiple things to do	8/25/2026 9:50 AM
38	The Commons, more fun things should happen there!	8/25/2026 9:43 AM
39	Kathryn Park or McCoy Creek Park. More often i go to the dog park	8/25/2026 9:12 AM
40	Kathryn park because of the new play set and multiple different toys to enjoy!	8/25/2026 2:12 AM
41	McCoy creek, party rental. Has best kept play equipment in area and creek views are pretty.	8/25/2026 1:59 AM
42	Commons and surrounding area	8/25/2026 12:29 AM
43	Mud Lake Bog	8/24/2026 10:54 PM
44	McCoy creek park	8/24/2026 9:09 PM

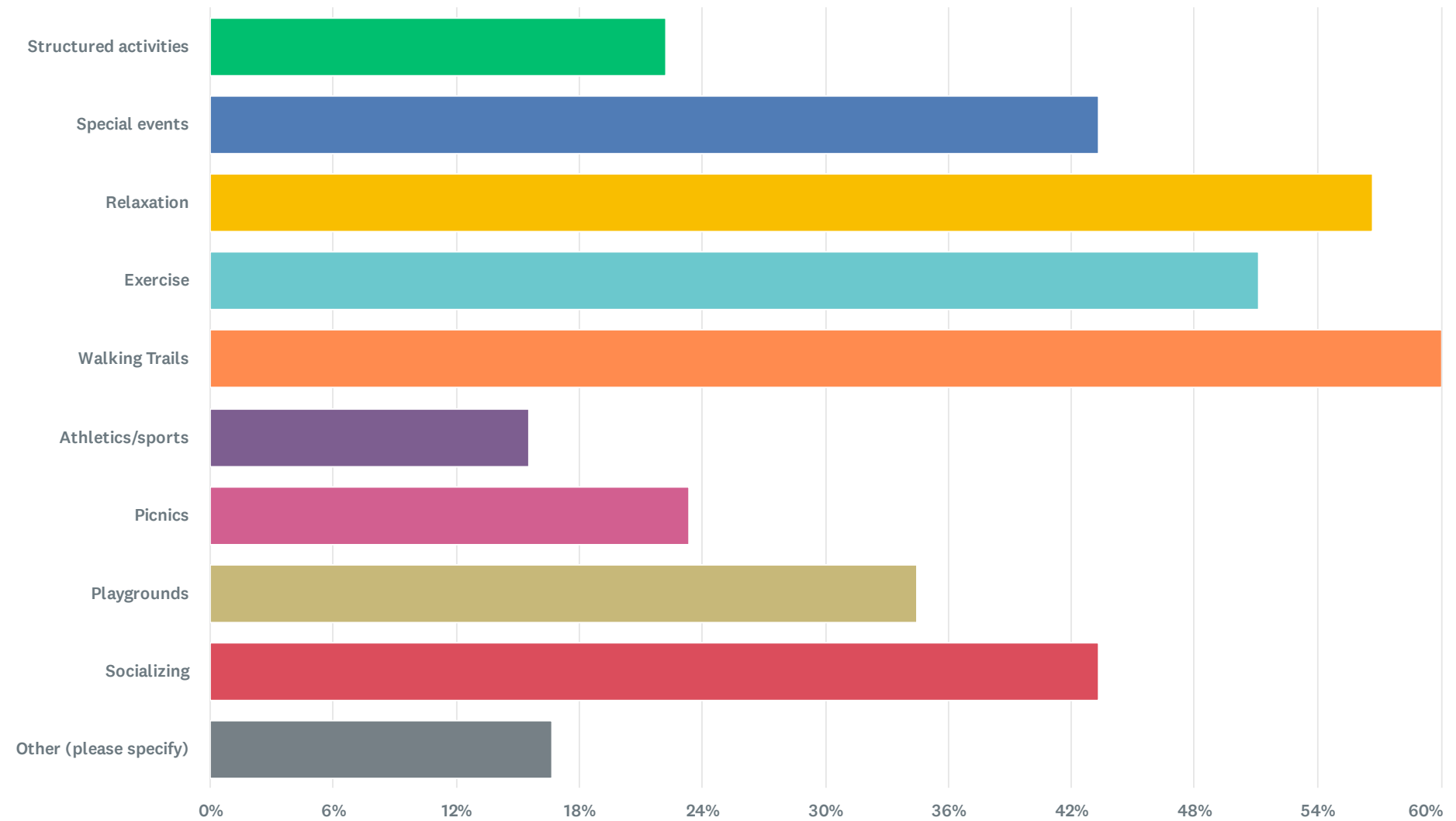
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45	Walton Bridge Fishing Platform	8/24/2026 9:02 PM
46	I love them all for different reasons and it's nice to have choices.	8/24/2026 8:21 PM
47	Dog park	8/24/2026 8:20 PM
48	McCoy Creek recreation area.	8/24/2026 8:06 PM
49	the common, the mcoy creek trail	8/24/2026 4:59 PM
50	None	8/24/2026 4:39 PM
51	Trail	8/24/2026 4:17 PM
52	McCoy Creek Trail	8/23/2026 10:38 PM
53	McCoy Creek Recreational Area	8/23/2026 3:45 PM
54	Ravish Park but needs upgrades	8/22/2026 8:33 PM
55	The Common because of all the events there	8/22/2026 5:39 PM
56	McCoy Creek	8/22/2026 3:10 PM
57	The trail	8/22/2026 11:29 AM
58	Kathryn Park	8/22/2026 8:13 AM
59	Kathryn	8/22/2026 6:39 AM
60	E B Clark Woods - walking trails in nature with beautiful vistas	8/21/2026 10:58 PM
61	Mccoy Creek...love the pavilion the play equipment the water and the old trees	8/21/2026 10:27 PM
62	No fav	8/21/2026 4:28 PM
63	Dog Park-like space where our dog can run freely. Also like the Commons -gathering place that brings people in community together.	8/21/2026 1:58 PM
64	Dog park, have a dog.	8/21/2026 12:21 PM
65	McCoy creek rec area	8/21/2026 11:39 AM
66	McCoy Creek: room to run, can sled on the hill at winter, the creek and trail is near.	8/21/2026 11:14 AM
67	Fire house. Looks the best	8/21/2026 11:11 AM
68	Kathryn Park	8/21/2026 7:56 AM
69	McCoy Creek Rec area - biggest diversity of things to do (disc golf, trail, creek, play equipment, facility)	8/21/2026 7:48 AM
70	I love Veterans, the common and Ravish because they're all very centralized and have lots of space.	7/8/2026 5:09 PM
71	The Buchanan Common because of all the activities and events.	6/18/2026 12:30 PM

Q10 90 responses

Why do you visit parks in Buchanan City or Township? (Please select all that apply)



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
 Structured activities	22.22%	20
 Special events	43.33%	39
 Relaxation	56.67%	51
 Exercise	51.11%	46
 Walking Trails	60.00%	54
 Athletics/sports	15.56%	14
 Picnics	23.33%	21
 Playgrounds	34.44%	31
 Socializing	43.33%	39
 Other (please specify)	16.67%	15
Total		330

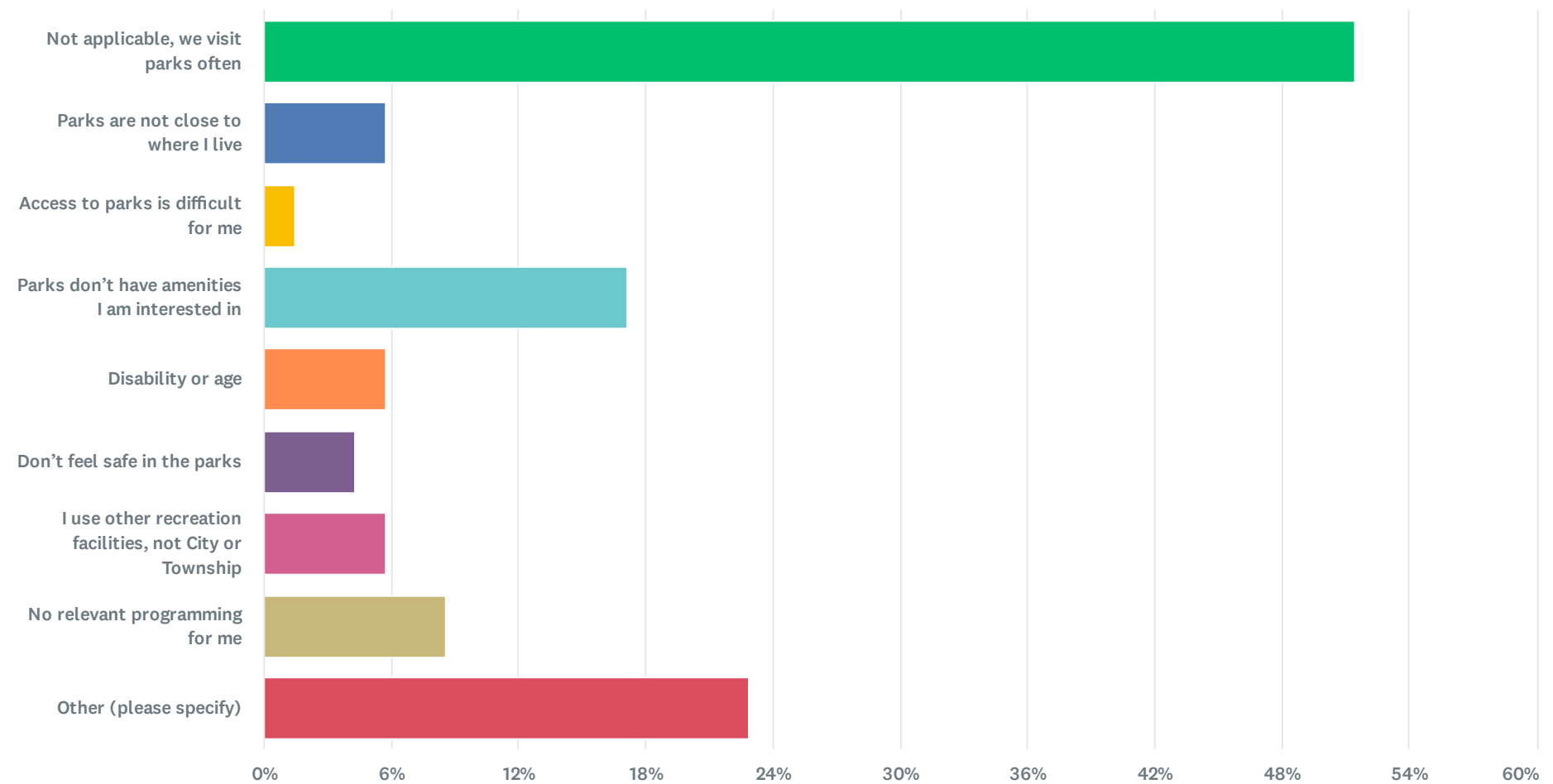
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Active that includes for children adults with autism	9/9/2026 6:21 PM
2	I enjoy identifying plants and birds.	9/6/2026 10:18 AM
3	Running and cycling	9/5/2026 12:30 PM
4	Relaxing in Nature	8/29/2026 12:14 PM
5	Is the parks to spend time with grandkids	8/26/2026 6:07 AM
6	Fishing	8/25/2026 5:59 PM
7	We're outdoorsy and we love spray days and all the other planned activities! The 5K and then the festival afterwards was	8/25/2026 12:25 PM

our favorite.

8	Farmers market	8/25/2026 10:02 AM
9	Disc Golf	8/25/2026 9:50 AM
10	Sitting by the creek	8/25/2026 9:43 AM
11	I don't know of any parks in the township	8/25/2026 9:12 AM
12	Fishing	8/24/2026 9:02 PM
13	Simply to be out in nature	8/24/2026 8:21 PM
14	We live here	8/23/2026 10:41 PM
15	I don't use them. I have a half acre of private beauty at home.	8/22/2026 8:13 AM

Q11 70 responses

If members of your household seldom use—or do not use—any of the parks, what are the reasons? (Please select all that apply)



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Total		86

Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
 Not applicable, we visit parks often	51.43%	36
 Parks are not close to where I live	5.71%	4
 Access to parks is difficult for me	1.43%	1
 Parks don't have amenities I am interested in	17.14%	12
 Disability or age	5.71%	4
 Don't feel safe in the parks	4.29%	3
 I use other recreation facilities, not City or Township	5.71%	4
 No relevant programming for me	8.57%	6
 Other (please specify)	22.86%	16
Total		86

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	We have a large yard that we enjoy	9/6/2026 10:18 AM
2	Still learning our way around	9/5/2026 12:20 PM
3	What is offered is lame. There is so much better and more interesting near by.	9/4/2026 6:39 PM
4	No interests at all in the parks	9/4/2026 10:22 AM
5	There are some I'm just still not familiar with	8/29/2026 10:01 AM
6	I wasn't aware of all of the parks.	8/29/2026 8:54 AM
7	No access	8/28/2026 11:17 AM
8	Wasn't aware of the other parks in the city, now knowing about them I'd like to check them all out eventually!	8/27/2026 10:04 AM

9	No reason to go with a lack of wildlife, like trout.	8/25/2026 5:59 PM
10	More activities for people of all ages	8/25/2026 9:43 AM
11	We can just be lazy	8/25/2026 12:29 AM
12	We need better enforcement of leash laws on the trails.	8/24/2026 10:54 PM
13	No fenced in parks. I have a child that elopes and there aren't any fully fenced parks for her to run wild in	8/24/2026 8:06 PM
14	Redo ravish park! We would use..	8/24/2026 2:57 PM
15	I have a beautiful half acre of private park at home.	8/22/2026 8:13 AM
16	I would love to stay in my own community to use the parks, but other communities have much better options that are safer and have better equipment and facilities.	8/21/2026 2:47 PM

Q12 Please list any specific improvements or additional recreational facilities you would like to see at existing park or facility locations.

Answered: 52 Skipped: 42

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Ravish Park	28.85% 15
Redbud Riverfront Park	19.23% 10
McCoy Creek Recreation Area	36.54% 19
Buckshot Disc Golf Course	13.46% 7
Field of Dreams Dog Park	26.92% 14
Smith Park	23.08% 12
Kathryn Park	25.00% 13
McCoy Creek Trail	25.00% 13
Victory Park	19.23% 10
Firehouse Park	15.38% 8
Veteran's Memorial Park	15.38% 8
Buchanan Garden Club Park	15.38% 8
The Common	34.62% 18
Tin Shop Theater at The Common	13.46% 7
Pears Mill at The Common	13.46% 7
Community Center at The Common	11.54% 6
EB Clark/Spafford Woods	11.54% 6
Mud Lake Bog Nature Preserve	15.38% 8
Madron Lake Boat Launch	7.69% 4
Walton Bridge Park	5.77% 3

#	RAVISH PARK	DATE
1	Improvement needed for play structure	8/30/2026 5:51 PM
2	No gravel ,sand,wood chips,NO edging	8/28/2026 11:17 AM

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3	Equipment and blacktop improvements	8/27/2026 2:45 PM
4	Sit-and-spin playground chairs and newer swings	8/26/2026 12:07 PM
5	This park is right near an apartment complex, those children would really appreciate a renovation. There's also neighborhoods right around there with even more children and families.	8/25/2026 12:25 PM
6	Fencing needs to be replaced	8/25/2026 9:43 AM
7	Equipment	8/24/2026 9:02 PM
8	Revamp and put up monkey bars. You	8/24/2026 2:57 PM
9	Teeter tot toy	8/23/2026 10:41 PM
10	Pavilion needs to be updated could be a little larger. Swings are outdated. Kiddie area has been neglected needs updated. Basketball court is not usable.	8/22/2026 8:33 PM
11	More trees	8/21/2026 10:58 PM
12	Never been, out of my way for most ativities	8/21/2026 11:39 AM
13	Better utilization of available space - it's a large park, there are a lot of opportunities	8/21/2026 7:48 AM
14	Pickleball, new basketball courts and new Equipment	7/8/2026 5:09 PM
15	Newer playground equipment and updated basketball court and new picklball court	6/18/2026 12:30 PM
#	REDBUD RIVERFRONT PARK	DATE
1	No edging,no sand ,no loose gravel no wood chips	8/28/2026 11:17 AM
2	Finish the kayak launch	8/27/2026 2:45 PM
3	A stocking program for trout	8/25/2026 5:59 PM
4	Fishing Platform	8/24/2026 9:02 PM
5	paved boat launch, dock, cleaning tables, restrooms	8/22/2026 5:39 PM
6	Improved access road	8/21/2026 10:58 PM
7	Drive by once, parking lot was overgeown/ none existent. Appeared to have be abandoned.	8/21/2026 11:39 AM
8	Better drive in, improve road conditions.	8/21/2026 11:14 AM
9	Nothing, I believe that this should be at the cost of the township.	7/8/2026 5:09 PM
10	Fixed access road, more seating and possibly trails	6/18/2026 12:30 PM
#	MCCOY CREEK RECREATION AREA	DATE
1	Bridge needs care	9/9/2026 8:52 PM
2	Use a manual chair to get thru there !! Impossible	8/28/2026 11:17 AM

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3	None	8/27/2026 2:45 PM
4	Add some more play ground equipment	8/26/2026 6:07 AM
5	A stocking program for trout	8/25/2026 5:59 PM
6	Update equipment	8/25/2026 9:12 AM
7	More variety of toys	8/25/2026 2:12 AM
8	Seems fine	8/24/2026 9:02 PM
9	signage and just general maintenance	8/24/2026 4:59 PM
10	Area around creek needs landscaping attention	8/22/2026 8:33 PM
11	rope climbing structure and/or playground equipment for bigger kids; pickleball courts	8/22/2026 5:39 PM
12	Update equipment, this park is used often by many age groups but it's outdated and small	8/22/2026 3:10 PM
13	Fix problem of wet-swampy areas	8/21/2026 10:58 PM
14	Over all great. Could use some updates. More playground equipment, needs bathrooms	8/21/2026 11:39 AM
15	Clean up play ground equipment from graffiti. Replant trees in areas large trees are being cut down, more lighting and overall needs more toys. Fix swings too	8/21/2026 11:14 AM
16	I think park workout equipment for teens and adults would be a nice addition to this park or Kathym's Park	8/21/2026 9:02 AM
17	Bathroom	8/21/2026 7:56 AM
18	Needs to be cleaned up and maintained properly.	7/8/2026 5:09 PM
19	fixed softball field	6/18/2026 12:30 PM
#	BUCKSHOT DISC GOLF COURSE	DATE
1	Gets extremely wet during rainy season	9/9/2026 8:52 PM
2	Upkeep of last 2 holes fairway, and finishing hole 18.	8/29/2026 5:56 PM
3	None	8/27/2026 2:45 PM
4	All of the grass needs cut more often, add some signage	8/25/2026 9:50 AM
5	Signage	8/24/2026 9:02 PM
6	Haven't had a chance to use yet	8/21/2026 11:39 AM
7	Needs to be completed	7/8/2026 5:09 PM
#	FIELD OF DREAMS DOG PARK	DATE
1	Love it!!	9/9/2026 8:52 PM

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2	To much to list	8/28/2026 11:17 AM
3	None	8/27/2026 2:45 PM
4	- regular maintenance and removal of trash, more trash bags, water available	8/27/2026 1:33 PM
5	Shade trees	8/27/2026 10:17 AM
6	More shaded areas	8/27/2026 10:04 AM
7	City needs to use funds taken from dog park account for improvements	8/25/2026 10:02 AM
8	Fill in holes the dogs have dug! It would be nice to add a water pump like the one in Niles	8/25/2026 9:12 AM
9	None	8/24/2026 9:02 PM
10	Water	8/23/2026 10:38 PM
11	More seating	8/22/2026 3:10 PM
12	Fill the pot holes, I'm worried dog will injure itself when running for the ball. Shade structure. Fix closing mechanism on the gates.	8/21/2026 12:21 PM
13	Don't use	8/21/2026 11:39 AM
14	More lights	8/21/2026 11:14 AM
#	SMITH PARK	DATE
1	Park is unkempt. Needs work on grounds for weeds and general grounds up keep	9/9/2026 2:54 PM
2	To much to list	8/28/2026 11:17 AM
3	None	8/27/2026 2:45 PM
4	More variety of toys	8/25/2026 2:12 AM
5	Trashcans available and emptied	8/24/2026 9:09 PM
6	None	8/24/2026 9:02 PM
7	Updated playground equipment with some geared toward older children.	8/24/2026 4:17 PM
8	Shade, decent seating, permanent restrooms	8/23/2026 10:38 PM
9	restrooms	8/22/2026 5:39 PM
10	Don't use	8/21/2026 11:39 AM
11	I actually haven't visited this park in years because last time I was there it seemed like the park part didn't exist and it was just ball fields.	8/21/2026 9:02 AM
12	I like this park. Very maintained. Nothing new.	7/8/2026 5:09 PM
#	KATHYRN PARK	DATE

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1	Beautiful	9/9/2026 8:52 PM
2	Pavilion actual bathroom	8/31/2026 1:30 PM
3	Absolutely disgusted at the money used to "redue" this park !! To many to list	8/28/2026 11:17 AM
4	None	8/27/2026 2:45 PM
5	Love the new equipment	8/26/2026 6:07 AM
6	Just need a couple more pieces to finish this project	8/24/2026 9:02 PM
7	More equipment for disabled adults.	8/24/2026 8:30 PM
8	A real bathroom! Not just porta potties please. We would also love if the swings were a little higher off the ground so our feet don't hit the ground.	8/23/2026 8:07 PM
9	Haven't used yet but the improvements look great	8/21/2026 11:39 AM
10	More seating options and trash cans!	8/21/2026 11:14 AM
11	Love the new park. What happened to the caterpillar though? Also Park workout equipment and more picnic tables.	8/21/2026 9:02 AM
12	Something needs to be done with the shed.	7/8/2026 5:09 PM
13	more seating	6/18/2026 12:30 PM
#	MCCOY CREEK TRAIL	DATE
1	Could be marked better.	9/5/2026 12:20 PM
2	Bathroom	8/31/2026 1:30 PM
3	Loose big gravel ,to many to list	8/28/2026 11:17 AM
4	I like the idea of the park extending down Walton Rd. I think that is a great idea.	8/28/2026 3:45 AM
5	Continued trail maintenance	8/27/2026 2:45 PM
6	More trash cans, dog poop bags	8/27/2026 1:33 PM
7	Drinking fountain and more trash cans.	8/25/2026 2:12 AM
8	Lookout structure needs attention	8/24/2026 10:54 PM
9	None	8/24/2026 9:02 PM
10	On the trail, at the corner of schirmer and river street, there needs to be a way to cross schirmer and enter the north side neighborhood. Right now I have to have my kids walk there bikes about 100 yards through the grass as they travel west along river street to a driveway where they can then cross over to Fulton street. This is awkward, but it's the only sage way to do it for kids. Please go stand on trail at the corner of schirmer and river on the west side of schirmer and think about how a family can move from there to a home on Fulton or arctic or to victory park, ect.	8/22/2026 11:29 AM
11	Clearer definition and signage through downtown (3rd Street to the mural)	8/21/2026 10:58 PM

12	Great base. Last set of improvements are horrid. Should have been routed through stafford/ eb woods to the already existing frontage one River instead of putting people in traffic while comprising a business route on Schirmer. Another alternative at the area would have been a board walk parallel to Schirmer like the blue star trail in saugatuck. The extension up walton is pointless is literally dumps you on the road on a blind hill. The best option would have been to skip the Schirmer section, brought the trail out where stafford/eb clarks woods has frontage on river st. Extended the the trail up to connect with Victory and Redbud Riverfront so that the trail had a real destination with possibility to expand a city wide loop with ravish and Kathryn park, or branch out to the twp parks. Going over the river is questionable to began with but its not like you went up mead or rangeline to connect with the upper and lower dam parks and Fernwood. It just goes to the bar then nowhere.	8/21/2026 11:39 AM
13	Lighting, signs about the trail or Buchanan. Stop people from dumping cats	8/21/2026 11:14 AM
#	VICTORY PARK	DATE
1	Don't think need additional stuff, very seldom see kids here, only about 2 times except once year when they have picnic	9/9/2026 2:46 PM
2	To many list	8/28/2026 11:17 AM
3	None	8/27/2026 2:45 PM
4	Victory park really needs it, that's a beautiful little neighborhood. I just recently bought the house at 313 Elizabeth St. and I would be willing to volunteer or do whatever I need to do in order to see that park get a makeover	8/25/2026 12:25 PM
5	Equipment- probably next most important after Kathryn	8/24/2026 9:02 PM
6	Needs more play structures in general	8/23/2026 10:41 PM
7	Great shelter improvement, should be tied in with the trail system	8/21/2026 11:39 AM
8	Addition of play equipment and parking (someday)	8/21/2026 7:48 AM
9	Looks great. Just the basketball courts needs fixed correctly.	7/8/2026 5:09 PM
10	playground equipment	6/18/2026 12:30 PM
#	FIREHOUSE PARK	DATE
1	A joke.	9/4/2026 6:39 PM
2	Benches to low ,to many to list	8/28/2026 11:17 AM
3	None	8/27/2026 2:45 PM
4	A stocking program for trout	8/25/2026 5:59 PM
5	None	8/24/2026 9:02 PM
6	Full maintenance and responsibility of fire dept	8/21/2026 4:28 PM
7	Looks great, no notes	8/21/2026 11:39 AM
8	Improve area closer to the creek	8/21/2026 11:14 AM
#	VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK	DATE

1	To many to list	8/28/2026 11:17 AM
2	None	8/27/2026 2:45 PM
3	Want the ducks back	8/25/2026 10:02 AM
4	None	8/24/2026 9:02 PM
5	Looks good, should have crosswalk to get across redbud	8/21/2026 11:39 AM
6	More seating/picnic tables needed	8/21/2026 9:02 AM
7	I would like to see new signage, picnic tables, trash cans and benches. Invasive species removed. I would like to see the bridge hill/behind the guard shack be a little safer. And flowers to be planted, something done with where the water fills up in the dugout.	7/8/2026 5:09 PM
8	more seating	6/18/2026 12:30 PM
#	BUCHANAN GARDEN CLUB PARK	DATE
1	A gazebo that can be used with open sides like zocalos in every big and small town in Mexico. T	9/4/2026 6:39 PM
2	To many to list	8/28/2026 11:17 AM
3	None	8/27/2026 2:45 PM
4	None	8/24/2026 9:02 PM
5	Remove encroachments on the Ross Sanders House so the east wall of the house can breath better and its beautiful stone foundation is visible	8/21/2026 10:58 PM
6	No notes	8/21/2026 11:39 AM
7	I think a lot of people don't know this is a public park, not sure how to fix that though.	8/21/2026 9:02 AM
8	I'd this is the welcome sign, less scarecrows, and more pretty flowers that really amplify how beautiful that could be.	7/8/2026 5:09 PM
#	THE COMMON	DATE
1	There needs to be a sensory park for children on the Autism spectrum	9/10/2026 6:17 AM
2	Removal of dead people memorials and planters. Replace with canopy shade trees that are pruned 20 feet in the air to create shade, but leave visible clear sight lines.	9/4/2026 6:39 PM
3	More bathrooms	8/31/2026 1:30 PM
4	Increased/improved security for events	8/29/2026 9:26 AM
5	Handicap parking!! So more than 4 disabled families may enjoy	8/28/2026 11:17 AM
6	Needs new roof and light improvements. They do a great job.	8/27/2026 2:45 PM
7	Volume of events should be turned down. Current volume could cause hearing damage to nearby guests.	8/27/2026 10:17 AM
8	Turn the volume down when playing music on the speakers so that conversations can still be had without yelling.	8/27/2026 10:04 AM

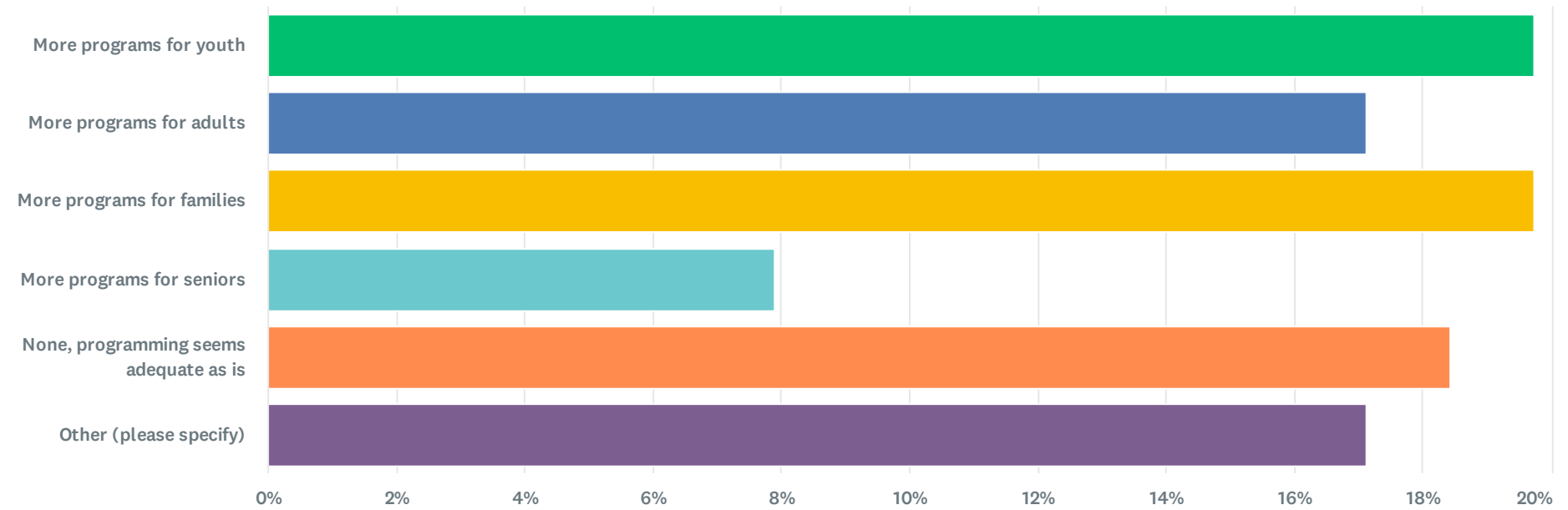
9	see previous comments	8/25/2026 5:51 PM
10	More happenings! More food vendors	8/25/2026 9:43 AM
11	Facility needs significant reinvestment	8/24/2026 9:02 PM
12	Shade trees	8/23/2026 10:38 PM
13	rope climbing structure for older kids	8/22/2026 5:39 PM
14	More canopy shade trees, especially along the west lot line	8/21/2026 10:58 PM
15	No notes	8/21/2026 11:39 AM
16	Make it accessible to child all year around, stop excluding children friendly events at the commons to promote alcohol events.	8/21/2026 11:14 AM
17	The sign telling people to stay off the stage is extremely unwelcoming. Kids love to get up the and pretend to put on a show. It also makes it feel like you don't want the community in the commons area unless there is an organized event.	8/21/2026 9:02 AM
18	Some shade.	7/8/2026 5:09 PM
#	TIN SHOP THEATER AT THE COMMON	DATE
1	My body aches in their chairs and the productions are amateurish and lame.	9/4/2026 6:39 PM
2	To many to list	8/28/2026 11:17 AM
3	Volume of events should be turned down. Current volume could cause hearing damage to nearby guests.	8/27/2026 10:17 AM
4	Building needs safety and esthetic updates	8/24/2026 9:02 PM
5	Never been	8/21/2026 11:39 AM
6	Remove the "garden" that no one maintains. It's an eyesore.	7/8/2026 5:09 PM
7	more events	6/18/2026 12:30 PM
#	PEARS MILL AT THE COMMON	DATE
1	I wish it and the Farmers' Market had longer hours.	9/4/2026 6:39 PM
2	To many to list	8/28/2026 11:17 AM
3	see previous comments	8/25/2026 5:51 PM
4	None	8/24/2026 9:02 PM
5	Is in dire need of maintenance (painting, rehab the windows)	8/21/2026 10:58 PM
6	Looks great, glad the wheel is running again	8/21/2026 11:39 AM
7	Love the new wheel. I'd just say the bridge could be repainted and any repairs that need done completed.	7/8/2026 5:09 PM
#	COMMUNITY CENTER AT THE COMMON	DATE

1	Shade trees	9/9/2026 6:08 AM
2	When they named it "Redbud City Center" I gagged. Many Chicago suburbs call their equivalent facilities community houses, like Buchanan Community House where everyone is welcome. It was a movement in the 1920s. It's also really ugly with horrible lighting. There is enough design talent in Buchanan to make it memorable instead of forgettable.	9/4/2026 6:39 PM
3	To many to list	8/28/2026 11:17 AM
4	Not needed	8/24/2026 9:02 PM
5	No notes	8/21/2026 11:39 AM
6	Just more maintenance and maybe some more flowers	7/8/2026 5:09 PM
#	EB CLARK/SPAFFORD WOODS	DATE
1	Access	8/28/2026 11:17 AM
2	None	8/24/2026 9:02 PM
3	Needs a walking bridge across the creek from Clark Woods to Spafford Woods	8/21/2026 10:58 PM
4	See mccoys trail notes. Should have better trails to access/use the north side of the creek/ river st frontage	8/21/2026 11:39 AM
5	Lighting, signage about the trail or history	8/21/2026 11:14 AM
6	Improved/repared fencing where it's been broken	8/21/2026 7:48 AM
#	MUD LAKE BOG NATURE PRESERVE	DATE
1	Needs maintained	9/9/2026 10:21 PM
2	Open to the public. We tried visiting several times but it's not open.	8/29/2026 5:56 PM
3	Access	8/28/2026 11:17 AM
4	Not sure where this is, maybe promote it	8/26/2026 6:07 AM
5	NA	8/24/2026 9:02 PM
6	maintenance	8/24/2026 4:59 PM
7	Great parks, needs funding established to upgrade the boardwalk. Shelter needs refreshed and wish it was monitored/ maintained enough to re-open the driveway and use the parking lot there	8/21/2026 11:39 AM
8	Maybe better signage at road? It's a beautiful park but little known. Interact with County park system?	8/21/2026 7:48 AM
#	MADRON LAKE BOAT LAUNCH	DATE
1	Access	8/28/2026 11:17 AM
2	Sitting area	8/25/2026 2:12 AM
3	NA	8/24/2026 9:02 PM

4	No notes	8/21/2026 11:39 AM
#	WALTON BRIDGE PARK	DATE
1	Access	8/28/2026 11:17 AM
2	Fishing platform is great. Keep it trimmed.	8/24/2026 9:02 PM
3	No notes	8/21/2026 11:39 AM

Q13 76 responses

What additional type of recreation programming would you like to see in your neighborhood parks?



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
More programs for youth	19.74%	15
More programs for adults	17.11%	13
More programs for families	19.74%	15
More programs for seniors	7.89%	6
None, programming seems adequate as is	18.42%	14
Total		76

Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
☐ Other (please specify)	17.11%	13
Total		76

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	This city needs a sensory park for families who have children on the autism spectrum	9/10/2026 6:17 AM
2	birdwatching activities, night sky watching activities	9/6/2026 10:18 AM
3	More trails	9/5/2026 12:30 PM
4	None. There isn't money for "programming." Fernwood and the Roti-Roti Buchanan Art Center fill these needs.	9/4/2026 6:39 PM
5	I live in Niles city and travel to parks	8/29/2026 12:14 PM
6	tai chi in the park would be a nice fair weather addition for everyone	8/25/2026 5:51 PM
7	I love mixed age activities. I would love you see activities that both parents and kids can enjoy.	8/25/2026 12:37 PM
8	More programs for youth in fall/winter. I appreciate the library providing a lot in the summer!	8/25/2026 9:12 AM
9	Bring back the summer park programming	8/24/2026 9:02 PM
10	More programs for disabled adults	8/24/2026 8:30 PM
11	Too many unused parks already. This city needs to use our money only to fix the streets and sidewalks.	8/22/2026 8:13 AM
12	Family friendly events	8/21/2026 11:14 AM
13	All of the above. I know the library tries to do this but more marketing about it.	7/8/2026 5:09 PM

Q14 If you said 'more programs' in the question above, please provide example(s).

Answered: 30 Skipped: 64

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	More active adult activities	9/5/2026 11:20 AM
2	It'd be cool to have a Bluebird Box monitoring trail.	8/29/2026 12:14 PM
3	Children's activities for farmer's market, the giant foam blocks out most Saturdays, corn-hole or ring toss	8/29/2026 9:26 AM
4	Drum circles, jam sessions, painting at the park, festivals, photo scavenger hunts	8/29/2026 9:09 AM
5	Things that will draw in whole families, not just children or just adults.	8/28/2026 3:45 AM
6	- events for couples with no kids, couples disk golf tournament, outdoor trivia, etc	8/27/2026 1:33 PM
7	Trail focused programs or fitness programs for local adults 20-40	8/27/2026 10:17 AM
8	Not sure if Thrill on the Hill is part of the Parks and Rec department but I really miss having that in the summer and winter.	8/27/2026 10:04 AM
9	More programs that the library does during the summer months	8/26/2026 6:07 AM
10	Activities as a socializing	8/25/2026 7:10 PM
11	see above	8/25/2026 5:51 PM
12	We need to do more run/walks! Like you do a 10k 5K 1 mile run/walk and follow it up with a little festival downtown food truck farmers market type of deal.	8/25/2026 12:25 PM
13	Activities for adults	8/25/2026 10:02 AM
14	Disc golf team? Hiking events	8/25/2026 9:50 AM
15	Street dance, movie nights, mini carnival, ice cream social, organized lawn games & picnic - badminton, corn hole, bbq	8/25/2026 9:43 AM
16	Crafts like they used to do at kathryn park back in the day.	8/25/2026 2:12 AM
17	Wine walks, small business booths, coffee walks	8/24/2026 9:29 PM
18	Arts/crafts- some type of daily project	8/24/2026 9:02 PM
19	It seems that the youth programs age not offered in the evening hours after work. This proves difficult for parents and grandparents who still work.	8/24/2026 8:20 PM
20	Yoga	8/24/2026 2:57 PM
21	Summer activities for kids	8/23/2026 10:38 PM

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22	family & pet-friendly trail stroll & roll event? (Run, walk, bike, scooter, stroller) for all ages & abilities, maybe with a scavenger hunt along the way for kids	8/22/2026 5:39 PM
23	Crafts for kids would be nice	8/22/2026 6:39 AM
24	Crafts, organized games, supervised play	8/21/2026 10:58 PM
25	Senior picnics or exercise.	8/21/2026 12:21 PM
26	Family friendly	8/21/2026 11:14 AM
27	More Town festival type programs.	8/21/2026 9:02 AM
28	Something for teens	8/21/2026 7:56 AM
29	Reading with seniors, movies in the park, crafts in the park, tournaments etc	7/8/2026 5:09 PM
30	fishing days, arts and crafts, sports clinics	6/18/2026 12:30 PM

Q15 What additional types of park amenities or recreation facilities would you like to see in Buchanan? (Examples include courts or fields of specific sports (pickleball, basketball, etc), specific play structures, kayak launch, more biking or walking trails, more picnic areas, etc.)

Answered: 55 Skipped: 39

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	A sensory park for children who have autism	9/10/2026 6:17 AM
2	Better options for youth baseball. The field is crowded and not much parking	9/9/2026 10:21 PM
3	A kayak launch would be nice	9/9/2026 8:35 PM
4	Splashing park for summer.	9/9/2026 6:21 PM
5	more bike and walking trails would be great! And I like the idea of a seasonal ice skating rink	9/6/2026 10:18 AM
6	More biking, walking, running trails	9/5/2026 12:30 PM
7	Maintain what we already have!!.	9/4/2026 6:39 PM
8	Pickleball	9/2/2026 10:56 AM
9	Pickleball	8/31/2026 1:30 PM
10	More biking, walking trails would be nice. More basketball courts would be nice too	8/30/2026 5:51 PM
11	Outdoor pickleball with lights for evening play as well.	8/29/2026 5:56 PM
12	NA - you're doing good	8/29/2026 12:14 PM
13	Walking or bike trail on redbud	8/29/2026 8:54 AM
14	Anything actually ADA accessable	8/28/2026 11:17 AM
15	I like the idea of more walking or biking trails.	8/28/2026 3:45 AM
16	Pickleball courts, more walking trails	8/27/2026 1:33 PM
17	Kayak launch	8/27/2026 10:17 AM
18	A kayak launch would be cool!	8/27/2026 10:04 AM
19	We need a bench by the ravish park sign for kids who wait in the mornings for the bus	8/26/2026 12:07 PM
20	Kayak launch	8/26/2026 6:07 AM

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21	Kayaking	8/25/2026 10:39 PM
22	Picnic area, pickleball, and basketball.	8/25/2026 7:10 PM
23	More walking trails and land to use for public fishing, and a trout stocking program etc	8/25/2026 5:59 PM
24	A resident of Buchanan for almost 2 years and know nothing about the parks on St. Joe. Why should I go there?	8/25/2026 5:51 PM
25	A public kayaking spot like they have in St Joe, there's still a lot. I don't know about Buchanan. I'm still discovering.	8/25/2026 12:25 PM
26	Kayak launch, disc golf, dog parks	8/25/2026 9:50 AM
27	I would love to try pickle ball	8/25/2026 9:43 AM
28	More picnic areas, basketball courts, better play structure especially at the park by tge high school.	8/25/2026 2:12 AM
29	More accessible bank fishing areas, splash pad or water area for kids to play in.	8/25/2026 1:59 AM
30	Pickleball courts would be nice	8/25/2026 12:29 AM
31	Ping pong please! Pickleball, more biking and walking trails, slack lining	8/24/2026 10:54 PM
32	Picnic and pickle ball and walking trails	8/24/2026 9:29 PM
33	Pickleball	8/24/2026 9:09 PM
34	How do you market the parks? How would I know how to bounce between them?	8/24/2026 9:02 PM
35	Walking trails better equipment at the parks	8/24/2026 8:38 PM
36	Equipment for disabled adults	8/24/2026 8:30 PM
37	Walking and biking trails	8/24/2026 8:21 PM
38	Splash pad	8/24/2026 8:20 PM
39	biking, walking trails, pickleball	8/24/2026 4:59 PM
40	Buchanan needs to fix city sidewalks and neighborhoods before adding parks.	8/24/2026 4:39 PM
41	Pickleball.	8/24/2026 4:17 PM
42	Splas pad	8/23/2026 10:41 PM
43	Redo basketball court at Ravish.?	8/22/2026 8:33 PM
44	pickleball courts; rope climbing play structure for bigger kids; batting cages near baseball fields; real restrooms like at Common (thank you!)	8/22/2026 5:39 PM
45	Empty space - the lot on the corner of fourth and chippewa would have been an amazing park. Also pave all the way to the lookout tower at the end of the trail. Also fix the transition from the trail to the north side neighborhood. Thanks	8/22/2026 11:29 AM
46	Fix the streets and roads.	8/22/2026 8:13 AM
47	Biking walking trails	8/22/2026 6:39 AM

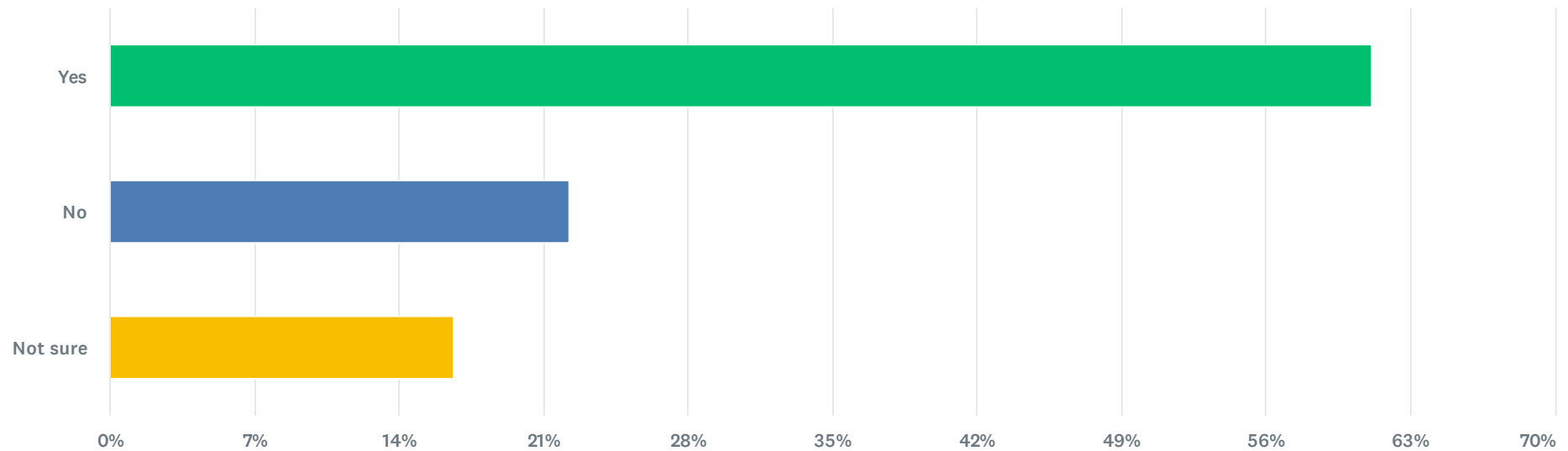
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48	City campground/kayak launch	8/21/2026 1:58 PM
49	Larger play structures would be nice. Kayak launch would make sense. More biking/ walking trails would be ideal, especially because of the no bikes on sidewalks nonsense. But they need to be planned and built intelligently, not the nonsense we were dealt most recently.	8/21/2026 11:39 AM
50	Lighting, outdoor natural park for kids to safely have access to learn to navigate nature. Incorporate the creek. Marble ball run throughout or a race car track for cars to race around.	8/21/2026 11:14 AM
51	Splash pad	8/21/2026 11:11 AM
52	I think an ice skating area would be nice in the winter. (I am told they used to use the tennis courts at the high school for ice skating in the 70's.) I do think a pickleball court would be appreciated. Definitely need more picnic tables/ benches put in. A Natural play area/park for kids would be amazing! As well as park workout equipment for teens and adults.	8/21/2026 9:02 AM
53	More play structures in general	8/21/2026 7:48 AM
54	Pickleball, Merry go round and softball	7/8/2026 5:09 PM
55	pickleball courts, updated playgrounds, Kayak rentals at the Kayak launch, ADA assessable features, seating	6/18/2026 12:30 PM

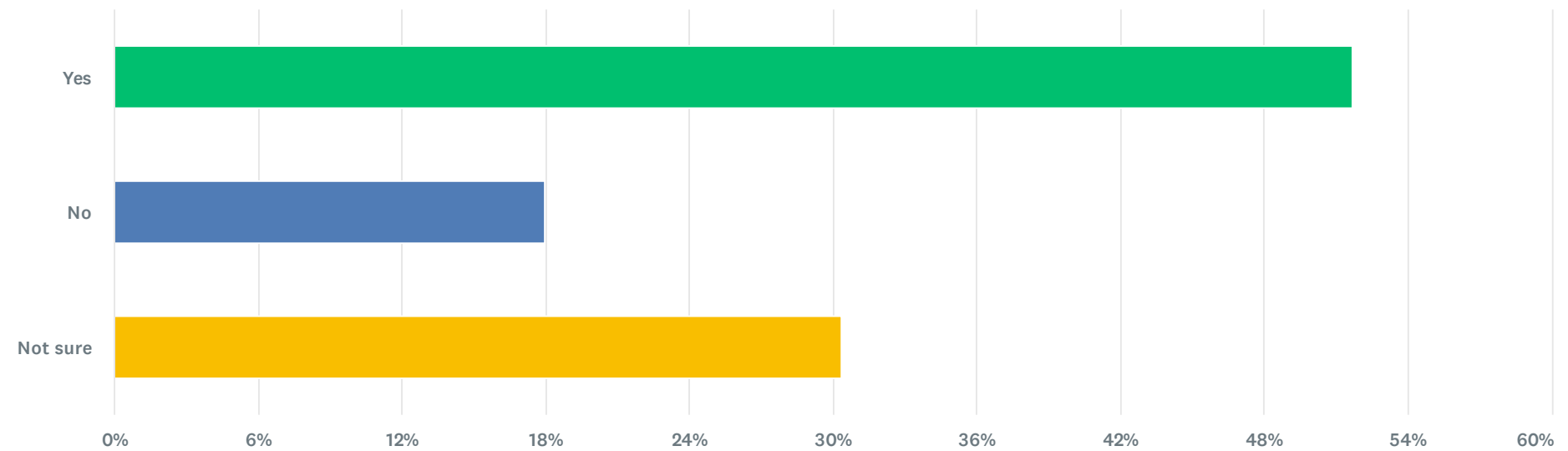
Q16 90 responses

Would you be willing to support a recreational millage to ensure continual improvement and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities?



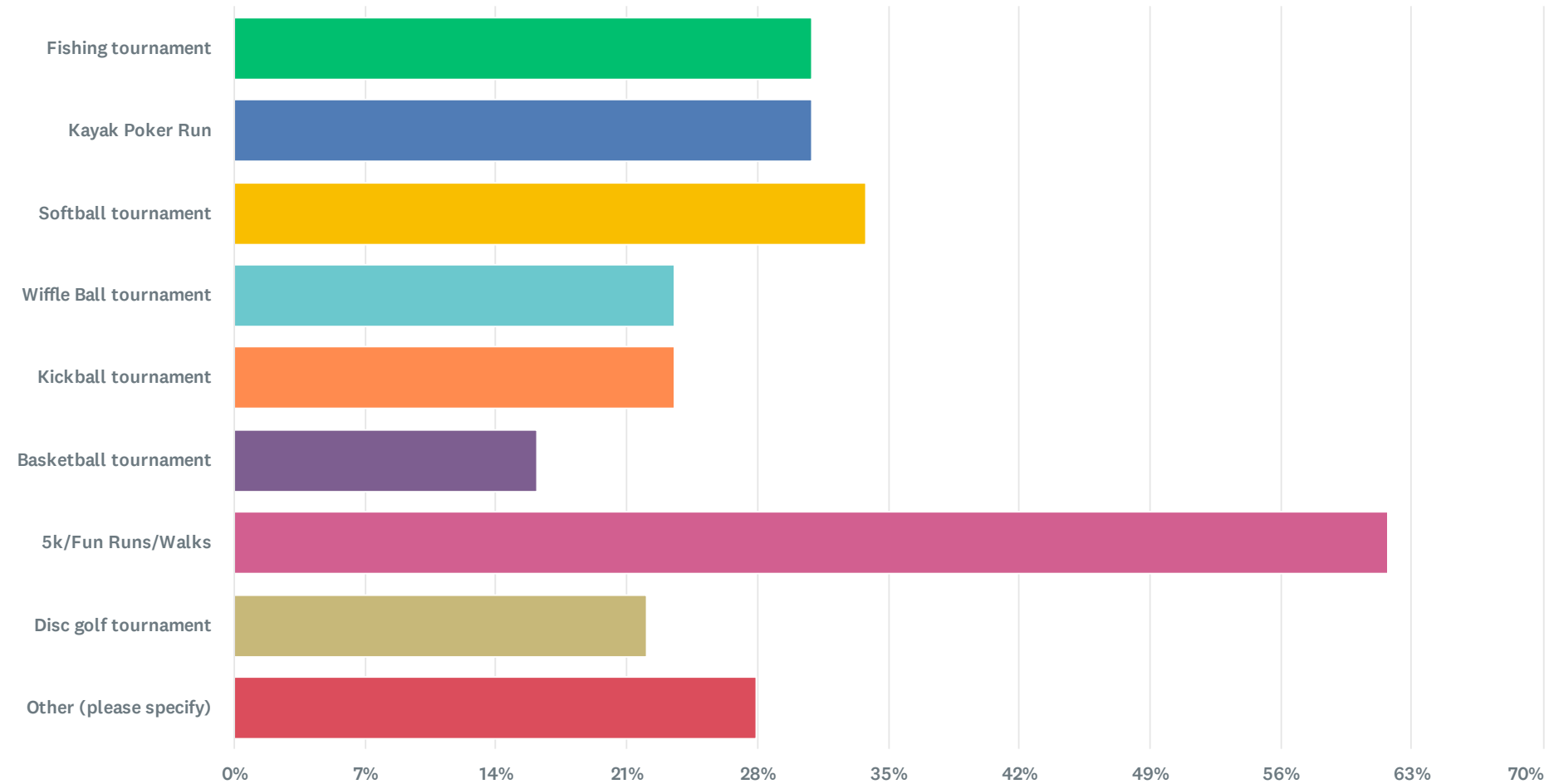
Q17 89 responses

Millage or not, would you be willing to make a personal donation by way of time and/or money to support continued recreation in your community?



Q18 68 responses

What types of fundraisers would you support? (Please select all that apply)



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Total		184

Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
 Fishing tournament	30.88%	21
 Kayak Poker Run	30.88%	21
 Softball tournament	33.82%	23
 Wiffle Ball tournament	23.53%	16
 Kickball tournament	23.53%	16
 Basketball tournament	16.18%	11
 5k/Fun Runs/Walks	61.76%	42
 Disc golf tournament	22.06%	15
 Other (please specify)	27.94%	19
Total		184

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	None.	9/4/2026 6:39 PM
2	Pickleball Tournament	9/2/2026 10:56 AM
3	Hiking badge tournament	8/29/2026 12:14 PM
4	Unsure	8/29/2026 8:54 AM
5	Use the marijuana money as it is written in the law !!! Not on raises for staff and what other thing you want !!!	8/28/2026 11:17 AM
6	Outdoor trivia, scavenger hunt, posted times for people to meet at the dog park	8/27/2026 1:33 PM
7	Bake sale.	8/27/2026 10:17 AM
8	How about something for us old folks to participate in?	8/25/2026 5:51 PM

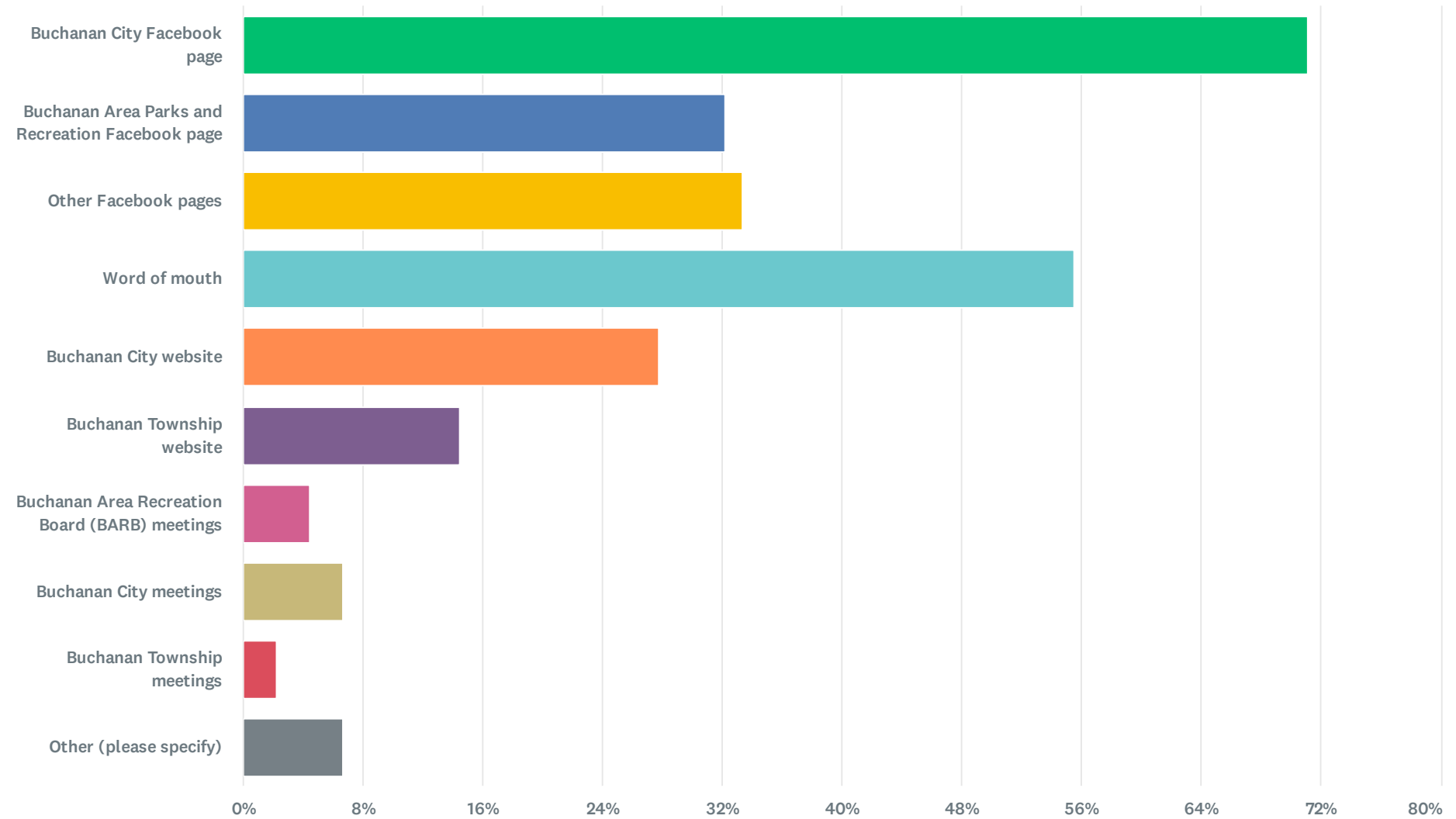
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9	Contest to try all local restaurants at least a certain amount of menu items and drink combos and give feedback	8/25/2026 12:25 PM
10	I'll donate to them	8/25/2026 9:43 AM
11	Ping pong tournament	8/24/2026 10:54 PM
12	Golf tournament, putt putt playoff, arts and crafts auction, fund raising meals in Buchanan restaurants	8/24/2026 8:21 PM
13	Anything else	8/24/2026 4:17 PM
14	any family-friendly social events w live music, food, lawn games etc	8/22/2026 5:39 PM
15	Community picnic/dinner	8/21/2026 10:58 PM
16	BBQ contest/fundraiser. Dog show fundraiser. Best picnic blanket set up. Decorate a picnic table contest (nothing permanent).	8/21/2026 12:21 PM
17	Depends on event and how it's structured.	8/21/2026 11:14 AM
18	Carnival type fundraisers	8/21/2026 9:02 AM
19	Pickelball	7/8/2026 5:09 PM

Q19 90 responses

How do you obtain information on city and township parks? (Please select all that apply)



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
 Buchanan City Facebook page	71.11%	64
 Buchanan Area Parks and Recreation Facebook page	32.22%	29
 Other Facebook pages	33.33%	30
 Word of mouth	55.56%	50
 Buchanan City website	27.78%	25
 Buchanan Township website	14.44%	13
 Buchanan Area Recreation Board (BARB) meetings	4.44%	4
 Buchanan City meetings	6.67%	6
 Buchanan Township meetings	2.22%	2
 Other (please specify)	6.67%	6
Total		229

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Personnel experience	9/9/2026 2:54 PM
2	Herald Palladium. Also. If not already, please post content from Facebook on Buchanan city website. I don't do Facebook	9/5/2026 12:20 PM
3	I don't bother. Most of the parks are irrelevant to me. How much money do the townships, which are wealthier than the City of Buchanan contribute to the Parks and Recreation budget?	9/4/2026 6:39 PM
4	Banners & flyers around town	8/25/2026 9:43 AM
5	Bulletin board at the library	8/25/2026 9:12 AM
6	We explore	8/24/2026 8:38 PM

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