

HUDSON REC SURVEY SUMMARY

An on-line survey was widely disseminated to Hudson residents. The survey was open from April 2, 2018 to May 18, 2018. Hard copies were also available in English, Spanish and Portuguese. There were 407 respondents.

WHO TOOK THE SURVEY

The majority of respondents were:

- female (75%)
- Hudson residents (95%)
- Between the ages of 35 and 49 (68%)
- With children under 10 years old (55%) and with children between 10 and 18 (51%)
- Married (83%)
- Live near Forest Ave. (29%) and Farley Elementary School (26%)

PERCEPTIONS AND COMMUNICATION

- A large majority (58%) of respondents reported an overall **positive perception** of Hudson Recreation when asked this question directly. Additionally a large number of respondents when asked for additional comments expressed positive feelings towards Hudson Recreation by their comment **“Great Job. Thank you.”** A number also expressed their **appreciation for the survey**.
- A very large majority (80%) said they find Hudson Recreation programs and events to be **affordable**.
- Many survey respondents use **social media**. Most (88%) use **Facebook** regularly and a majority (56%) report that they follow Hudson Recreation on Facebook, however, a significant number (44%) say they do not.
- The majority of respondents (41%) stated that the **most pressing issue facing Hudson Recreation** is **Funding**. This was followed by Maintenance (27%) and Lack of Programs (25%).

KEY SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

The following are ideas compiled from responses from all the survey questions. For the most part they represent majority opinions, although some are ideas suggested by only a few but seemed to be in the same spirit as the opinions of others.

Respondents offered various ideas regarding ways to improve existing facilities and programming as well as suggestions for additional new ones.



NEW FACILITIES

Most **popular suggestions regarding new facilities and programs** included:

- **Dog Park**
- **Community/Recreation Center**
- **“Central Playground”** (like that in Littleton, Sudbury, Northborough)
- Expand **non-athletic programming** (to include art, STEM, cooking, etc.)
- **Turf field** (especially at Morgan Bowl)

The **number one** new facility respondents said they would like to see by far was a **DOG PARK**

Also:

- Pool (indoor/outdoor)
- Outdoor basketball
- More walking/hiking trails

Some respondents stated that they preferred taking better care of the existing facilities and improving these to extending to new ones.

IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

Facilities most cited as needing improvement (this may to some extent be influence by the age(s) of the respondents’ children and/or where they live in relation to the various parks and playgrounds and therefore, which ones they visit/use):

- **Wood Park**
- **Moulton's Field**
- **Cherry St.**
- Forest Ave.
- Centennial Beach

The three park/playgrounds/fields respondents felt were **most neglected** and in the greatest need for maintenance and upgrading are **WOOD PARK, MOULTON'S and CHERRY STREET.**

Improvements called for include:

- Addition of Amenities
 - Bathrooms
 - Shaded seating areas, tables, picnic areas, bleachers
 - Trash/recycling bins
 - Fencing around play areas, especially the Splash Pad
 - More parking
- ADA Accessibility
- Upgraded equipment, regular monitoring for safety
- Opportunities for wide range of ages to enjoy
- Attention to cleanliness and safety
- Improve Access
 - Review rules regarding use (including for non-residents)
 - ADA accessibility

SUGGESTIONS FOR OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS

Respondents had a number of suggestions regarding ways to improve the management and operation of the Hudson Recreation Division. These included:

Better more accessible information

- More timely dissemination of information regarding programs (esp. with regard to summer programming)
- Update website
- Create on-line calendar
- Informational signage at facility locations

Some respondents reported being unaware of some of the Town's existing resources and offerings.

Expand seasons/times

- Working parents expressed a desire for programs to be more aligned with their needs, e.g. during half school days, afterschool, summer, etc. (some said they end up going to other Towns for additional programming, better hours)

Improve Maintenance

- Cleanliness, trash pick up
- Trimming grass, picking up brush and branches

Increase capacity

- Hire more staff
- Recruit more volunteers
- Create more opportunities for teens to volunteer
- Partner with relevant others (including schools, non-profit, private organizations)

SUGGESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING

Non-fitness oriented:

- STEM
- Beading, sewing
- Art, painting, pottery
- Movie editing
- Wood working instruction
- Food related (Fairs, food contests, cooking lessons for all ages)

Sports/fitness-oriented

- Cross-country skiing
- Sailing lessons
- Ice-skating
- Adult fitness classes (Yoga, Pilates)
- Rock climbing
- Hip hop dance
- Tae Kwon Do/Karate
- Summer programs (7)
 - Kids curling program
 - More swimming lessons (different ability levels)
- Nature education and hiking

Events

- Block dances (summer)
- Day trips
- Outdoor concerts
- Family movies (including summer outdoor movies)

Populations needing additional programming (according to survey respondents):

- Pre-school
 - Use of school playgrounds- allowed?
 - Baby swings made available in all playgrounds
 - Update/upgrade for safety (e.g. flooring under playgrounds, fence-in play areas)
- Special needs, including autism
- Those needing handicap access (ADA access/universal design)
- Adult fitness
- Grandparents

DETAILED SUMMARY

The following is a more detailed summary of the survey results. Shaded items represent especially popular responses. Numbers in parentheses indicate the number of respondents that gave a particular response. Not all respondents responded to all questions. The number is indicated in parenthesis following the question.

1. IN GENERAL, WHICH ACTIVITIES HAVE YOU AND/OR YOUR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS PARTICIPATED IN WITHIN THE LAST 12 MONTHS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

Top 3 responses:

Community Events (57%)

Youth Sports Leagues (53%)

Summer Camps/Programs (42%)

Activities Least Participate in:

Corporate Athletics (<1%)

Adult Sports Leagues (5%)

Educational Enrichment (9%)

2. PLEASE INDICATE YOUR LEVEL OF INTEREST IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS:

Respondents in general expressed interest in a wide range of programs with almost even levels of interest, with the **most interest expressed for the following programs:**

- Single-day Community Based Family Events (61%)
- Technology/STEM Programs (59%)
- Art, Music, Theater, Dance (52%)
- Middle School athletics programs (46%)
- Grade School non-athletic programs (46%)

Ideas participants offered for **additional programming** included:

- Dog Park¹
- Additional non-athletic programming
 - Wood working instruction
 - Food related (Fairs, food contests, cooking lessons for all ages)*
 - Nature education and hiking*
 - Outdoor concerts
- Additional sports-oriented programming
 - Cross-country skiing
 - Sailing lessons
 - Basketball
 - Ice skating rink
 - Fitness (outdoor youth, adult, yoga, Pilates)
- More family fun (including toddler programming, free activities for children)
- Summer recreation hours should be same as school hours (8:30 AM – 3:00 PM)

3. PLEASE SELECT ANY SPECIFIC HUDSON RECREATION ACTIVITIES THAT YOU AND/OR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN WITHIN THE LAST 12 MONTHS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

The **top three responses** were:

- Pumpkin Fest (67%)
- Summer concerts at Wood Park (32%)
- Youth Basketball (26%)

¹ While a dog park is not additional programming, it was mentioned frequently

The **least participation** was reported for the following activities:

- Youth Golf Lessons (2%)
- Archery Lessons (1%)
- Adult Tennis Lessons (<1%)

Additional Activities respondents mentioned included:

- Christmas downtown
- Zumba
- Other sports
 - Swimming and swimming lessons at Town Beach
 - Youth soccer, lacrosse, unified sports
 - Softball and softball clinics
- Other comment: *“Would do swimming and tennis for my kids but they are not at times that full day working parents can do...”*

4. PLEASE SELECT ANY FACILITIES THAT YOU AND/OR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE UTILIZED/VISITED WITHIN THE LAST 12 MONTHS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

There is much variation in the usage of facilities, ranging from 2% to 81% of the respondents having used or visited a specific facility with in the last year.

The **top five responses** were:

- Assabet River Rail Trail (81%)
- Centennial Beach (59%)
- Wood Park (58%)
- Gates Pond (56%)
- Sauta Fields (40%)

The **least used/visited facilities** were:

- Tripps Pond Swings (10%)
- Fossile Field @ High School (9%)
- Liberty Park (6%)
- Warren Chamberlain Recreation Facility (3%)
- Farina Field (2%)

5. WHAT CURRENT RECREATION FACILITIES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED AND/OR REDEVELOPED? HOW SO? PLEASE PROVIDE A BRIEF COMMENT (320 RESPONSES)

GENERAL PARKS (117 RESPONSES)

Amenities (36)

- More seating (with shade)
- Fence around splash pad
- Make family friendly
- Bathrooms (4)
- More and better parking
- Trash and recycle bins
- BBQ areas



Better Maintenance (24)

- upkeep, grooming, trimming of grass, etc.
- “all parks could use clean up days”
- cleanliness and trash and branches

Need to Update/Upgrade (8)

- update equipment
- more kid friendly things to do at parks

All parks need improvements (5)

ADA Accessibility (3)

Better marketing (2)

- of programs
- flyer with list of recreational facilities/trails

Access (2)

- *“I want to see the river access behind the library beautified with amenities.”*
- Organized activities for grade school kids who don’t participate in organized sports

SPECIFIC PARKS RESPONDENTS WOULD LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED

Wood Park (25)

- more parking
- landscape and equipment need work and updating
- replace pavilion
- drainage problems
- more seating, new picnic tables

Moulton's Field (6)

- swings are outdated and old
- re-do basketball court

Splash Pad (6)

- should have fence to separate park from parking (3)
- needs public bathrooms

Cherry Street (5): *"it's a mess, grass and equipment"*

Celucci (2): fence, restrooms, playgrounds

Downtown (1)

High School (1)

Ward Park (1)

Liberty Park(1): Add seating and tables

Centennial Beach (1) : better facilities, nicer sand

NEW FACILITIES

- Dog Park (9): *"A dog park would be fabulous and is sorely needed."*
- New *"Central" Playground (2): "It'd be great if there was one main park/fitness area in town easier for parents to meet while kids are playing"*
- Ice Skating Rink (1): *"I would like to see the outdoor rink next to the Cox St. Fire Station used as an ice skating rink in the winter."*

PLAYGROUNDS (188 RESPONSES)

Upgrade/Update Equipment (78)

- newer and safer equipment
- include more disability friendly equipment
- fence in play areas, esp. around Splash Pad

Safety (24)

- fencing for younger children
- regular maintenance of equipment to ensure safety
- safety flooring/fall zones

More facilities for wider range of ages (22)

- older kids, younger kids
- from toddler to pre-teen
- special needs children
- for families with children of a range of ages
- *"No playgrounds available for small children"*
- *"Would love a fenced in playground for preschool age"*
- *"playgrounds for kids who's siblings are attending practices"*
- Bigger play structures
- More for younger children
- Create new playground at the end of Felton St.

Amenities (17)

- shaded areas
- fencing, especially the splash pad
- benches, seating areas, picnic areas
- trash cans
- bathrooms (3)

Playgrounds need better maintenance (16)

- clean up landscape more regularly
- maintain, update and ensure equipment safety

All playgrounds need improvement (14)

- improve structures



- beautify
- add fence
- *"The ones we have are broken or have missing parts. the school playgrounds are only accessible after school."*

Develop more playgrounds and more equipment/activities at existing playgrounds (13)

- more and updated equipment
- *"We need a new playground badly"*
- *"I was sad to see some of the playgrounds taken down recently. I realize they were old and unsafe. I hope we are budgeting for replacements. Even if it's just a slid and swings."*

Create new "center" playground (8)

- Destination playground (bigger, better, more activities)
- Examples: Sudbury (Smile Park), Littleton (Castle)
- Within walking distance of downtown

ADA Accessibility (5)

Access: *"Are we allowed to use school playgrounds?"*

SPECIFIC PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

If less than three (3) people mentioned a particular playground, it is not recorded below.

Wood Park (25)

- equipment upgrade (some pieces currently broken)
- playground area should be larger
- location for destination playground
- restrooms
- play area for younger children, enclosed play area

Forest Ave. (16): safer equipment and fall zones; needs baby swing

Moulton's Field Playground (15): update equipment for safety

Cherry Street (12): upgrade, remove unsafe equipment

High School playground (7): needs updating

Cellucci (3): *"Fence at Cellucci Park as well as somewhere kids can rinse off their feet when switching between splashpad and playground"*

ATHLETIC FIELDS (103 RESPONSES)

Maintenance (20)

- Paint, upkeep
- Attention to field conditions
- Drainage
- Cleanliness

Make a field with artificial turf (16)

Amenities (16)

- Recycling containers
- Parking
- Bleachers/seating
- Lighting
- Snack shack
- Bathrooms

Update/Upgrade (8)

Access (7)

- Allow use for all sports
- Allow residents general use
- Signage to reflect required use of permits

All Athletic Fields need improvement (7)

Basketball (3): *"like the new one in Marlboro by memorial beach"*

SPECIFIC FIELDS NEEDING IMPROVEMENTS:

Cherry St. (10)

Sauta (9)

Moulton's Field (6)

Morgan Bowl (5) mostly suggesting it be converted to turf field

School fields (4)

Forest Ave. (3)

Boutwell (2)

Quinn (2)

O'Donnell (2)

TOWN BEACH (141 RESPONSES)

Amenities (86)

- **Bathrooms (33)**
 - Improve and keep clean
 - Changing area
 - Shower (indoor and outdoor)
- Add Basketball Courts (3)
- Snack bar/concession stand
- Vending machines
- Playground
- Add WiFi
- Shaded Picnic tables
- Parking
- Update grills/fire pits for picnics
- Volleyball area
- Water trampoline



Maintenance (46)

- Need to replace/clean sand from rocks and dirt
- Organize clean up beach days
- Need to keep beach cleaner (from broken glass and empty beer cans)
- Patrol woods (people doing drugs)

Access (12)

- ADA accessibility (2)
- Better signage (to direct traffic and people to the beach) (2)
- "Make it free"
- Extend season (open earlier and close later)
- Additional hours (not necessarily staffed)
- more access to dock

Upgrade/Update (11)

- Improve facilities and landscaping
- Replace sand
- Renovate restrooms

Equipment Rentals (3): paddle boat, kayak and paddle board rentals

OUTDOOR BASKETBALL COURT (64 RESPONSES)

Develop More (20)

- more locations
- “like Marlborough, near the beach”

Update/Upgrade at Moulton’s (15)

- new surfacing
- benches
- mow grass

Update/Upgrade (12)

- Comment in general and other than Moulton’s, Riverside, Forest Ave. and school courts were mentioned.

Unaware of existing (9)

- “not sure where these are”
- “this would be fantastic; do we even have one?”
- “We don’t have any!”

Maintenance Needed (5)

- re-paint courts
- need new hoops
- clean up
- “The court at Moultons...The backboard and nets are terrible. There isn’t any lines, three point, foul, the paint. Add some lighting.”

Amenities (3)

- Benches
- Lights
- Security cameras
- “Signage for public use would be helpful”

Access (2)

- Set up summer league
- Limited availability

WALKING AND HIKING TRAILS (95 RESPONSES)

Maintenance (26)

- Clean up paths and walkways from trees, branches, etc.
- Hold clean up days
- Plow trails in winter
- Clean up graffiti
- Provide trash barrels
- Treat poison ivy on trails
- *"old rr bridge between quinn and downtown needs railings for safety"*

Old North ^{Improve} Bridge ^{Garbage} Clean ^{Signs} Trash ^{Shape}
Gates Pond ^{Maps} Walking Trails ^{Danforth}
Love ^{Poison Ivy} Rail Trail ^{Events} Maintained
^{Options} Winter ^{Bins} Nice ^{Enjoy} Branches ^{Hiking} Town ^{Road}
Signage

Develop More (20)

- increase number of walking trails
- develop some sort of "emerald necklace"
- expand Rail rail into Stow/Acton
- more bike trails
- extend the Rail Trail
- more hiking trails
- *"I would love to see a circular loop trail developed with a bridge that goes all the way around Tripps Pond so the trail just doesn't end and you need to back track."*
- *"trail off Old North Road to be made into a loop trail"*
- *"Train Bridge between St. Michaels and the Senior Center"*
- *"Along Assabet River near HHS, improve canoe launch in that area "*

Information and Signage (11)

- Name trails, add signs, how trail length
- Better markings
- Trail maps should be displayed on site and on-line

Unaware of Existing (7)

- *"Where are these other than the rail trail?"*
- *"Is there an online map to find and follow?"*
- *"We have walking trails (other than rail trail)? Could be better publicized. Are the trails well marked? Are the suitable for strollers or small children walking?"*

Amenities (9)

- Trash barrels
- Art, gardens
- Parking

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- Water fountains
- Bathrooms
- Bins for dog feces

Additional Activities (5)

- *“Holliston does a beautiful First Night walk on their rail trail that would be so fun in Hudson (maybe Thanksgiving Eve?)”*
- art, gardens
- guided events/history
- fitness stations
- add biking loops to the off road trails
- create events at trails to promote awareness

Enforce dog rules (5)

- Consider a Port-a-Potty and Dog Refuse Bags
- *“People need to pick up after their dogs”*

Access (3)

- more accessible or winter use
- expand access from neighborhoods

6. WHAT TYPES OF NEW FACILITIES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE ADDED?

Dog Park (134)

Community Center (78)

- Including stage for performing arts
- Including function hall for rental
- Space for programs

Indoor/Outdoor Pool (40)

- *“Community Pool like Holden’s”*

Additional Events/Programs (24)

- Family movies (including summer outdoor movies)
- Outdoor concerts
- Rock climbing
- Adult fitness classes
- Hip hop dance

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- Tae Kwon Do/Karate
- Summer programs (7)
 - Kids curling program
 - More swimming lessons (different ability levels)

Gym/Recreation Center/Sports Complex (23)

- *“exercise programs during evenings for seniors who work....tai chai, yoga, etc. Also, more programs for special needs children.”*
- *“A community athletic complex with lights and turf for use by all sports leagues. Preservation of parks and land for community recreation and relaxation.”*
- Adult outdoor gym
- YMCA-type facility

Maximize use of existing (11)

- Fix what we have before adding anything new
- Focus on upgrades and maintenance of existing

Turf field (10)

- *“A multi-sport artificial turf field would be ideal”*

More outdoor seating options (10)

- Covered picnic table areas

Family-oriented Park (7)

- Destination playground
- Inflatable kid park
- Include activities for older kids

Ice skating/Hockey Rink (6)

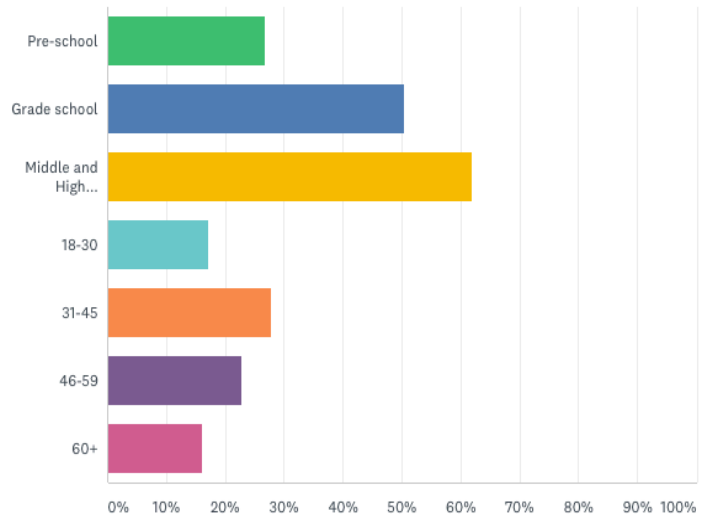
Other:

Indoor track

Indoor play space

7. WHAT AGE GROUP(S) WOULD YOU PREFER TO SEE ADDITIONAL EVENTS DEVELOPED FOR (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)?

The majority of respondents reported preferring additional events be developed for **Middle and High School students** (62%), with half (50%) preferring events for **Grade School children**. Almost a third (28%) said they would like more events for 31-45 year olds.



8. WHAT IS YOUR OVERALL PERCEPTION OF THE TOWN OF HUDSON'S DIVISION OF RECREATION?

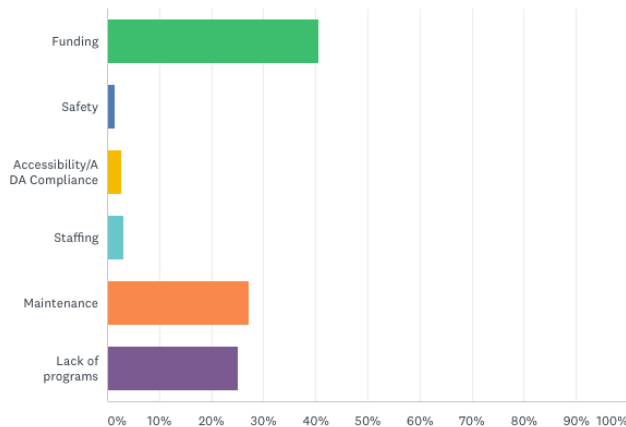
A majority (58%) of respondents reported having an overall **positive** perception regarding Hudson's Division of Recreation, followed by 35% with neutral attitudes and less than 7% with negative perceptions of the Division.

9. WHAT DO YOU FEEL IS THE MOST PRESSING ISSUE FACING HUDSON RECREATION?

A majority of respondents (41%) reported that they felt that the most pressing issue facing Hudson Recreation is **Funding**. This was followed by **Maintenance** (27%) and **Lack of Programs** (25%).

Additional issues offered by respondents included:

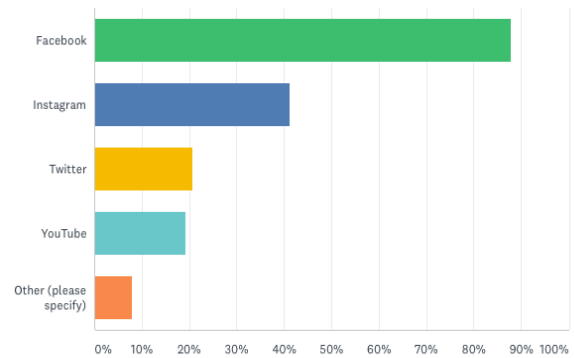
- **Lack of awareness/ Lack of information** regarding existing resources
 - Many felt that the information especially regarding summer programs was not provided in time for them to make their family's plans



- Suggestions included an e-newsletter, better use of town website, calendar of events
- **Need for more staff (related to funding)**
 - Provide more opportunities for teens to volunteer
 - Reach out to volunteers in general
- **Lack of diversity of programming (related to Lack of Programs)**
 - Need for more programs oriented to adults

10. WHICH SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS DO YOU USE REGULARLY (SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)?

The majority of respondents (88%) reported using **Facebook** most regularly. This was followed by Instagram (41%) and Twitter (21%).



11. DO YOU FOLLOW HUDSON RECREATION ON FACEBOOK?

The majority of respondents (56%) report that they follow **Hudson Recreation on Facebook**. A significant number (44%) said that they did not.

12. ARE THERE ANY PARKS, FIELDS OR FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT YOU FEEL ARE OR HAVE BEEN NEGLECTED (PLEASE EXPLAIN)?

All, Most of them (38)

- School Fields/Playgrounds (27)
- Sports fields (9)
- Parks

TOP THREE FACILITIES IDENTIFIED AS BEING OR HAVING BEEN NEGLECTED

Moulton's Field (78)

Cherry Street (56)

Woods Park (46)

OTHER FACILITIES:

Centennial Beach (19)

Sauta (15)

Forest (9)

Cellucci (8)

High School Playground (7)

Skate Park (6)

Splash Pad (6)

Morgan Bowl (6)

Farina (5)

TripPs Pond (4)

Boutwell (3)

Assabet River Trail (2)

Farley (2)

Mulready (2)

Quinn (2)

13. ARE THERE ANY EXISTING RECREATION DEPARTMENT POLICIES THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE MODIFIED (PLEASE EXPLAIN)?

Expand programming (12)

- Hudson rec camp during school vacation week
- Camps for elementary/middle school children in the summer
- Start Travel Basketball at 4th grade level
- Allow more than one team for travel basketball
- *"I'd like to see kids programs like Tennis, Theater or Swim Lessons offered once a week after 3pm or so."*
- Support for children with special needs
- Summer program for children with disabilities

More information/advertising (11)

- *"I wish summer program were planned earlier. I cannot wait until May or June to plan my summer camp plans for my kids. I wish the program registrations were done in January and February like every other camp."*
- More advertising of summer concerts
- *"Easier website - perhaps ability to sort offerings by age group or venue or activity type"*
- post hours
- announce sports schedule earlier

Change/New Policies (11)

- Longer season/hours (4)
 - Centennial Beach
 - Open earlier and later in the season
 - hours of operation should be longer
 - *"Please allow people to stay at the beach when life guards leave... just put up a sign that says "no lifeguard on duty swim at your own risk".*

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- Allow memorial benches in parks
- Let dogs off leash at Gates pond
- Recreation and Travel basketball should not be during the same season
- More restrictions on dogs at athletic fields
- *“Swimmies being allowed at the beach”*
- *“There should be communication between the schools and the rec programs (specially basketball) where children who are suspended from school, especially for violence, should be made to sit out of some games.”*
- *“I wish all fields for sports were kept up as well as the baseball and football fields. All sports should be considered equal in importance and this is not happening in town.”*

Access (9)

- Non-resident options (in programs if space and parking at Centennial Beach) – (2)
- Lighting on fields
- Increase access to fields
- Pass program: *“I would like to see the pass program changed for the beach. Currently, the pass goes with the car. My husband and I often have to alternate who is at the beach with the kids. As it stands now, I have to take my eyes off the kids in the water to run out to my car and give him the pass so he can drive in to the beach.”*

Don't know policies (8)

Enforce Rules (4)

- Enforce proper use of parks
- Enforce leash laws in town and at Gates Pond
- *“Dog refuse is a problem”*

Billing/Cost (3)

- free beach/no pass required
- offer low cost programs for need based families
- *“I think that the Summer Camp program should be billed in weekly or bi-weekly increments, not all at once.”*

Involve community (2)

- more flexibility with regard to teen employment opportunities
- more community involvement

14. DO YOU FEEL THAT HUDSON RECREATION PROGRAMS AND EVENTS ARE AFFORDABLE?

A large majority (80%) of the survey respondents reported feeling that Hudson Recreation programs and events **are affordable**. Only 2% felt they are not affordable and 18% are unsure.

DEMOGRAPHICS

15. ARE YOU A HUDSON RESIDENT?

A significant majority of survey respondents are **Hudson residents** (95%).

16. PLEASE SELECT YOUR GENDER.

Three-quarters of the survey respondents are **female** (75%).

17. PLEASE SELECT YOUR AGE GROUP.

The large majority (68%) of those responding to the survey are between 35 and 49 years old. The majority (27%) are 35-39 years old, followed by 23% who are 40-44 and 19% who are 45-49.

18. DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 10?

Over half (55%) of the survey respondents have children under 10 years old.

19. DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 10-18?

Over half (51%) of the survey respondents have children between the ages of 10 and 18.

20. WHAT IS YOUR EMPLOYMENT STATUS?

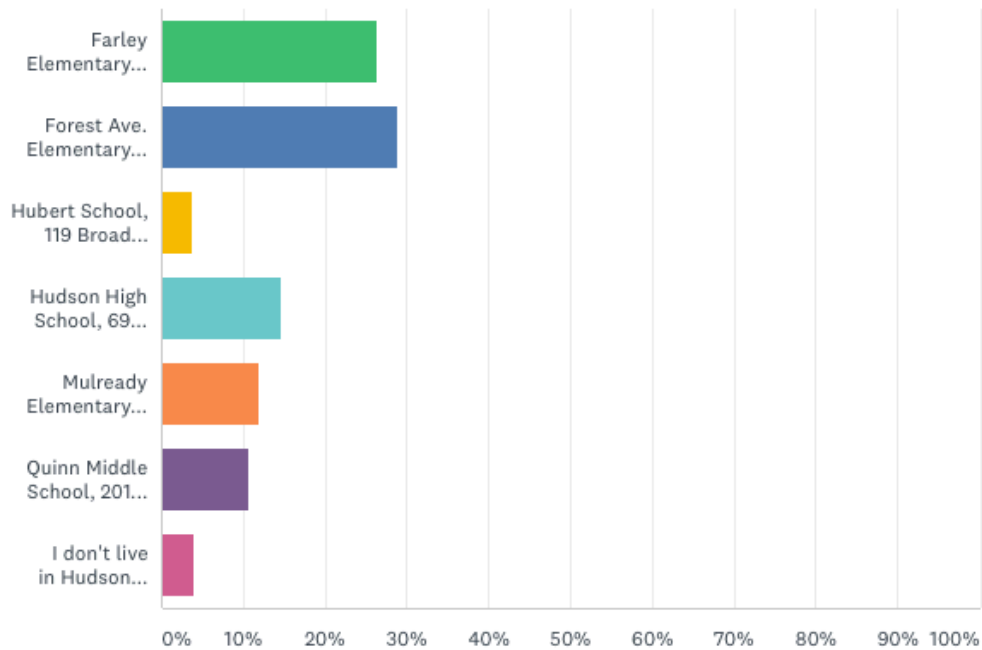
The majority (77%) of those who responded to the survey are employed.

21. WHAT IS YOUR MARITAL STATUS?

A large majority (83%) of those who responded to the survey are married.

22. WHICH HUDSON SCHOOL DO YOU LIVE CLOSEST TO?

The majority and almost one-third (29%) of those who responded to the survey live near Forest Ave. Elementary School, followed by those who live near Farley Elementary School (26%). There was little participation in the survey by those individuals who live near Hubert School (less than 4%).



23. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS

Here many respondents repeated comments they made elsewhere in the survey about specific facilities and programs. The summary below is of comments of a more general nature.

“Good Job. Thanks!” (40)

- *“Keep up the good work!”*

Expand programming (28)

Increase Capacity (16)

- Recruit more volunteers (5)
- Need more staff
- Need more resources

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- Be open to outside resources
 - Work with schools
 - Better cooperation between Recreation Dept. and Youth Leagues
- Work with organizations that offer STEM or Art programs at the schools

More information, public relations and calendar (13)

Good Survey (8)

Expand hours/season (5)

Make more affordable (4)

Concentrate on existing facilities (3)

More After School Programming (3)

- Ultimate Frisbee as after school middle school program
- Expand to include more non-sports oriented programs

More girls sports (1)

NEW FACILITIES

- New playground (6)
- Dog Park (6)
- Community Center (3)
- Pool (2)