



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE INNOVATION SESSION

The following represent the **priorities as identified by participants at the public forum**. They are listed in the order of the number of priority dots they received. The items listed first received 10 or more dots. The items listed after “Also” received between 5 and 9 dots.

EXISTING FACILITIES

PLAYGROUNDS

- Maintenance: update/improve existing playgrounds or construct a new central playground
- Real bathrooms with diaper changing tables
- Fenced in playgrounds

Also:

- Shade
- Playgrounds that are not school-based so they can be used during school hours

The **number one** response regarding how to improve the playgrounds was to update and **improve the existing** ones or to **construct a new central playground**.

ATHLETIC FIELDS

- Bathrooms
- Concessions
- Maintenance (including proper drainage, parking and lighting)
- Safety (especially at Moulton and Cherry Street)

The **number one** response regarding how to improve the athletic fields was to provide **bathrooms** and **concessions**.

PARKS

- Fenced in parks especially at the Splash Pad and Wood Park

Also:

- Restrooms
- More information regarding existing facilities (parks and playgrounds)
- Maintenance
- Covered/updated picnic area (especially at Wood Park)

The **number one** response regarding how to improve the parks was to **fence in** areas especially the **Splash Pad** and **Wood Park**.



TRAILS

- Maintenance (improve and more monitoring)
- Signage identifying trails and relevant information and map of all trails

Also:

- Dog waste (doggy bags, trash cans)
- On-line information including maps
- Increase Safety- Set up a Community Board to form a hiking club so that people don't walk alone

The **number one** responses (tied) regarding how to improve the trails was to **better maintain** them and to **provide signage and other information**

TOWN BEACH

- Maintenance (more sand, fewer rocks, groom sand 2-3 times a season)
- Update/cleaner bathrooms
- Extend season

Also:

- Install playground
- More signs leading to the beach
- Improve walking/biking connections

The **number one** responses regarding how to improve the town beach was to **better maintain the sandy area** (remove rocks, groom sand more frequently) with **cleaner bathrooms** coming in as a close second.

NEW FACILITIES

- Central playground
- Dog park
- Community/Recreation Center
- More walking/biking trails
- Town Pool

Also:

- Outdoor basketball
- Turf field
- Programs for children with disabilities

The **two top** responses regarding desired **new facilities** are a **Central Playground** and a **Dog Park**.

EXISTING PROGRAMS

- Keep bathrooms clean at the beach later in the season, after the lifeguards leave
- Summer outdoor basketball
- Extend beach hours



NEW PROGRAMS

- Intergenerational and family fitness programs (yoga, fitness in the park, seniors and pre-schoolers, adult dance, etc.)
- More programs for 0-4 year olds

Also:

- STEM (partner with library)
- Cooking lessons for all ages
- More programs for special needs (including seniors, individuals with autism, physical handicap)
- Work with existing non-profits
- Clearer on-line information (regarding availability)

The **number one** response by far regarding desired **new programs** is **intergenerational and family fitness programs**.

EXISTING EVENTS

All comments are with regard to the need and desire for more information and communication.

NEW EVENTS

- Family movies
- Weekly al fresco dining event
- Beach parties
- Outdoor concerts
- Day trips

Also:

- Develop more partnerships
- Disseminate information by holding a "Recreation Day"

The **number one** response regarding desired **new events** is **family movies**.

POLICIES/RULES/REGULATIONS

- A fenced in dog park (to deal with issues with dogs on Park Commission property)
- A Central playground (to deal with the issue of not being able to use school playgrounds during school hours)

Also:

- Update the website with more information
- Use of schools for sports off-season
- Extend beach season
- Split summer recreation programs billing to offer two week sessions option

The **top two** response regarding desired **policies** are **a fenced in dog park** (to deal with issues with dogs on Park Commission property) and a **Central Playground** (to deal with the issue of not being able to use school playgrounds during school hours).



DETAILED SUMMARY

Participants were asked to prioritize ideas after all comments were recorded. They did so by using 5 dots at each Discussion Station and were instructed to use up to 3 dots on any one item. Issues and comments that received 5 dots and above are listed below. Those that received 10 or more are shaded gray.

EXISTING FACILITIES

PLAYGROUNDS

ISSUE	COMMENTS	#of dots
Maintenance	Update/improvements to playgrounds or one new central playground	18
Amenities	Real bathrooms with diaper changing tables	15
Safety	Fenced in playgrounds	9
Amenities	Need shade at playgrounds	7
Hours/Days of Operation	Playgrounds available that are not school-based so they can be used during school hours	6

ATHLETIC FIELDS

ISSUE	COMMENTS	#of dots
Amenities	Real bathrooms (13) Concessions	24
Maintenance	Proper drainage, parking, lighting	20
Safety	Moulton and Cherry Street	17



PARKS		
ISSUE	COMMENTS	#of dots
Amenities	Fenced in parks especially at splash pad and wood park	13
Amenities	Restrooms	8
Information	Publicize list of options of parks and playgrounds	7
Maintenance		6
Amenities	Covered/updated picnic area (esp. at Wood Park)	5

TRAILS		
ISSUE	COMMENTS	#of dots
Maintenance	Improve /update trails in conservation areas and more monitoring	17
Signage	List all trail access (incl. water access in Assabet river) and show safe bike streets Comprehensive map of all trails	17
Amenities	Dog waste (doggy bags, trash cans)	9
On-line Information	Trail maps on-line More info on the web	7



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Safety	Set up a community Board to form hiking club so people do not walk alone/regular police checks	6
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TOWN BEACH

ISSUE	COMMENTS	#of dots
Maintenance	More sand, fewer rocks Groom sand 2-3 times a season	18
Amenities	Update/cleaner bathrooms	12
Hours/Days of Operation	Extend season	9
Amenities	Install playground	7
Signage	More signs/directions leading to the beach	6
Amenities	Improved walking/biking connections	6



NEW FACILITIES

IDEA	COMMENTS	#of dots
Central Playground	Fenced in Walking distance to downtown Handicap accessible Park for adults too (like Sudbury)	31
Dog Park	Fenced in	19
Community /Recreation Center	Classes/facility for all ages	13
More walking/biking trails	Plow snow Build connections and better mapping Trail along the river	13
Town Pool		12
Outdoor basketball	With lighting (see Marlborough)	8
Turf Field		6
Programs for children with disabilities		5

EXISTING PROGRAMS

- Keep bathrooms clean at the beach later in the season, after lifeguards leave
- Summer outdoor basketball
- Extend beach hours



NEW PROGRAMS

IDEA	COMMENTS	#of dots
Intergenerational fitness	Family fitness in the park Yoga for adults and families Adult dance Seniors and pre-schoolers together	29
More programs for 0-4 year olds	Tumble/gymnastics	10
STEM	Vital especially to underprivileged families Partner with library	8
Cooking lessons	Healthy cooking for all ages	8
More programs for special needs	Seniors Autism Handicapped	7
Work with existing non-profit	River Edge Arts Alliance	7
Information	Clearer info on website regarding availability	6

EXISTING EVENTS

All comment are with regard to the need for more information and communication.



NEW EVENTS

IDEA	COMMENTS	#of dots
Family movies	Great idea for weekend Including outdoor summer	13
Weekly event	Restaurants have tables outside on Main and South Street, close for people to dine under the stars	12
Day Trips	NYC, Washington Beaches and theaters	11
Outdoor concerts	Weekend Earlier for younger kids	10
Beach parties	Opening day/ending day celebration	10
Block dances in summer	Could make it themed	5
Bike rods		5
More partnerships	To develop more programs	5
Recreation Day	Info on all programs and opportunities for volunteers, donors, could be part of Hudsonfest	5



POLICIES/ RULES/ REGULATIONS

IDEA	COMMENTS	#of dots
Central Playground	Will help with the issue of not being allowed to use school playgrounds during school hours	28
Dogs on Park Commission property	Have a fenced in dog park	23
Information	Update website	9
Use of schools for sports off-season		8
Hours/Days of Operation	Extend beach season later into August	6
Billing	Split summer recreation programs billing to offer two week sessions option	5

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: REPRESENTATIVE RESPONSES

What does recreation mean to you?

- *Fun and enjoyment*
- *Resources to move and interact with others*
- *Opportunities to pursue interests and activities*
- *Healthy fun and community togetherness*
- *Fun, fitness and outside activities*
- *Activities and enrichment for all ages*

What do you consider to be the main benefit(s) of recreation?

- *Exposing my kids to new activities/events/ideas*
- *Fitness, fun for my child*
- *Social interaction with other Hudsonites*
- *Getting outdoors and building community*
- *To establish and maintain community connections*
- *Exercise*
- *Physical and mental highs*
- *Enjoying nature*
- *It is part of holistic health*

What is your favorite thing about Hudson Recreation

- *Very accessible and great staff*
- *Affordable programming, community events*



- *Centennial beach , splash pad*

If you could do one thing to improve Hudson Recreation facilities, programs, events and /or policies what would it be?

- *Turf fields*
- *More parking, better lighting*
- *Better Wayfinding*
- *Better walking biking access*
- *More for adults*
- *Improved communication/information*
 - *Communication of programs and events*
 - *Calendar of events*
 - *Annual open house to present and discuss offerings*
- *Central playground*
- *Community center*
- *Dog park*





DETAILED DOCUMENTATION OF PUBLIC INPUT

EXISTING FACILITIES: Playgrounds

ISSUE	COMMENTS	DOTS
Maintenance	<p>Update playground and make handicap accessibility -4</p> <p>Graffiti (at Wood park in the past)</p> <p>Playground at Cellucci needs shade -3</p> <p>Updating/ improvements to playgrounds or one new central playground -18</p>	
Safety	<p>Fenced in playgrounds -9</p> <p>Fenced in for child's and special needs children safety -2</p> <p>Splash pad fenced in</p> <p>Fenced in playground separate from schools, preferably walking distance from downtown</p>	
Parking		
Amenities	<p>Add swings a Cellucci park -1</p> <p>Accessible for all special needs children -6</p> <p>Real bathrooms at playground with diaper changing tables- 15</p> <p>More baby swings at playgrounds</p> <p>Need more trees for shade -4</p> <p>Fully accessible playground for children -1</p>	
Lighting		



ISSUE	COMMENTS	DOTS
Signage	Need better signs off of major streets pointing to the fields to make finding them easier -1 List on website of playground amenities ex: baby swings -3	
Hours/Days of operation	Playgrounds available that are not school- based, so they can be used during school hours -6	
OTHER:	More playground equipment for pre- walkers and new walkers (not too high) -2	

EXISTING FACILITIES: Athletic Fields

ISSUE	COMMENTS	DOTS
Maintenance	Not fully leveraging all existing fields including maintenance, parking and lighting Completely makeover for the Cherry St field -1 Proper drainage on softball fields so there are less game and practice cancellations on rainy days -5 Fields are embarrassing compared to other towns -5	-9
Safety	Moulton’s Park is dangerous -6 Cherry St park has glass and needles near the softball bench and playground -3	-7
Parking		-2
Amenities	Real bathrooms at Athletic fields (like Sauta) (not port-a-potty) -13 No concession like at most towns	-11



ISSUE	COMMENTS	DOTS
Lighting	Need lighting at existing athletic fields	-3
Signage	Signs about permit use and people using the parks to walk their dogs -1 Hours of operation for public use -4	-1
Hours/Days of operation		
OTHER:	Recreation needs to ask for more money during yearly budget cycle -1	

EXISTING FACILITIES: Parks

ISSUE	COMMENTS	DOTS
Maintenance		-6
Safety		-3
Parking	Wood park parking -4	
Amenities	More dedicated shady areas for gathering and playing/ plant more trees for shade even though that is long term -4 Covered/ updated picnic area especially in wood park -5 Large picnic building rentable to the public for parties -2	



ISSUE	COMMENTS	DOTS
	Update wood park playground -10 Fenced in parks especially at splash pad and wood park-13 More benches -1 Restrooms- 8	
Lighting	More lights at wood park and over bridge-4	
Signage		-1
Hours/Days of operation		
OTHER:	Publicize list of options of parks and playgrounds -7	

EXISTING FACILITIES: Trails

ISSUE	COMMENTS	DOTS
Maintenance		-8
Safety	Community Board to form hiking club so people do not walk alone/ regular police checks -3	-6
Parking		-1
Amenities	Dog waste -2 Rail Trail more trash cans and doggy bags -7	-6
Lighting		
Signage	List all trail access (water access in Assabet river) and show safe bike streets -3 Town needs comprehensive map of all trails. Should work to make	-12



ISSUE	COMMENTS	DOTS
	connections like walks around town -2	
Hours/Days of operation		
OTHER:	Improve/ update walking paths/ trails in conservation areas and more monitoring too -9 Make more info available on the website and Facebook Make trail maps available online (like Bolton) -7 Make building, walking, and biking access to parks and facilities	

EXISTING FACILITIES: Town Beach

ISSUE	COMMENTS	DOTS
Maintenance	Need big update Update bathroom Groomed sand 2-3 times a season -5 More sand and less rocks -6	-7
Safety	Enforce rules and have staff better trained on dealing with issues -1	
Parking		-1
Amenities	Update/ cleaner bathrooms- 12 Have snack shack -1 Install playground -7	



ISSUE	COMMENTS	DOTS
	Easier access/ walkway and improvements overall -3	
Lighting		
Signage	More signs/ directions leading to the beach (really hard to find)	-6
Hours/Days of operation	Extend season-5	-4
OTHER:	Work on good bike and walking access to the beach and in the neighborhood where it is located-3	

NEW FACILITIES (for consideration for the future)

IDEA ¹	COMMENTS	DOTS
Dog Park	Fenced in dog park Area with convenient parking and/or easy walking -1 On Cherry St Dog waste containers/ bags-1	-17
Community/Recreation Center	Would love Community Center or recreation center with affordable classes/exercise facility for families and adults -7 Building to support possible armory (like Fairbanks community	-2

¹ Ideas listed represent most popular suggestions from the survey.



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IDEA ¹	COMMENTS	DOTS
	center) -4	
<p>“Central Playground” (e.g. destination or themed)</p>	<p>Fenced in and walking distance to downtown, handicap accessible -11</p> <p>Park for adults too (like Sudbury)-9</p> <p>Maybe redeveloped Sauta field playground (underutilized)</p> <p>Request from Hudson Moms Group: playground shaped and safe but separate from school playgrounds because of the hours</p> <p>Partially funded by rec and the rest funded by local business and residents -4</p>	-7
Turf Field	<p>Yes, for all town athletics</p> <p>Balance with maintenance needs, costs, and material safety</p>	-6
<p>Swimming Pool (indoor/outdoor)</p>	<p>Would love a town pool -8</p> <p>For all residents to use indoor space for recreation such as track and pool, with a fee for use</p>	-4
Outdoor basketball	<p>Needed, With lights and similar to the basketball court in Marlborough-1</p>	-7
More walking/biking trails	<p>Build the mass central rail trail with better bike access to downtown -3</p> <p>Plowing snow on rail trail -4</p> <p>Trail for walking along the river -2</p> <p>Build connections and better mapping between existing trails and have Hudson logs so people can walk all around town -3</p>	-1



IDEA ¹	COMMENTS	DOTS
<p>OTHER:</p>	<p>Pickle ball: fastest growing sport in the US and all ages but mainly for seniors</p> <p>Need a consolidated approach to all facilities versus dispersed, incongruous fields, need alliances among users</p> <p>Public access to river (blue trails) that has a handicap friendly dock (see one in Maynard) -4</p> <p>Programs designed for children with disabilities -5</p> <p>Consider the Assabet river as an existing facility for canoeing and kayaking and have a better launch for them and needs more minimal maintenance-1</p> <p>Recreation needs to ask for more money during budget cycle -1</p> <p>School committee needs to make schools availed to youth sports associations for off season activities -1</p>	

EXISTING PROGRAMS:

Please **comment** on the following in terms of the existing programs. Provide **suggestions** if relevant.

ISSUE	COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS
Policies	
Hours/Days of Operation	<p>Keep bathrooms open at the beach later in the season when lifeguards go back to school</p> <p>Summer outdoors, basketball- pick up 3 on 3?</p> <p>Beach hours ad time extended</p>
Location	



ISSUE	COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS
OTHER:	

NEW PROGRAMS (for consideration for the future)

IDEA ²	COMMENTS	DOTS
Sports/Fitness-oriented		
Cross-country skiing	Collaborate with Westan Ski if can't find space and/or funding -1	
Sailing lessons		
Ice-skating		
Adult fitness (e.g. yoga, Pilates)	Family fitness in the park-8 Affordable yoga class for adults and for families both mindfulness and meditation -11	-10
Rock climbing		
Nature education and hiking		

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IDEA ²	COMMENTS	DOTS
OTHER:	<p>Adult dance</p> <p>Special needs, autism and down syndrome -3</p> <p>Playgrounds or meet ups for parents with young kids -2</p> <p>Camps for 0-4 years old, maybe something that includes tumble/ movement/ gymnastic classes -10</p> <p>Mom and me programs -7</p> <p>More services focused on elderly and handicap young nearby -2</p> <p>Intergenerational fitness: special Olympics, dances, and walking groups -1</p> <p>Vernal pool -1</p> <p>CPR and first aid certification programs -4</p> <p>Bike classes (safety and maintenance of bikes) -1</p> <p>Programing for seniors and preschoolers together -3</p>	
Non-Fitness oriented		
STEM	<p>Stem is vital especial to underprivileged families, maybe join through school to increase capacity of classes for summer or vacation time</p> <p>Partner with library for Stem, co-promote</p> <p>Weekend availability</p>	-8



IDEA ²	COMMENTS	DOTS
Art, painting, pottery	Weekend availability	
Movie editing	Weekend availability	
Wood working		
Cooking lessons	Baking/ cake decorating for kids Healthy cooking classes for all ages- 6	-2
OTHER:	<p>Partner with local sports companies to run summer clinics -1</p> <p>More unified activities</p> <p>Partner with boys club to offer new programs -3</p> <p>Camps that are nor just intended as "child care" but for kids with parents/ guardians at home -3</p> <p>Work with existing non- profit like river Edge Arts Alliance -7</p> <p>Preschool athletics 0- 4 years old -2</p> <p>Non completeive sports programs (organized rec.) ex: soccer and fall cross country -4</p> <p>Some scheduled paddles in the river -2</p> <p>Develop grandparent youth visiting programs</p> <p>Develop CIT program for kids ages 14 and 15 -1</p> <p>Clearer info on website not all people know when facilities are available -6</p>	



EXISTING EVENTS

Do you have any suggestions regarding improving existing events?

Announcements via Facebook have improved greatly recently, keep it up!

I don't know who is running what town event. Which ones does Rec do?

Use message machine rotary by CVS where town announcements are posted to better inform people of the rec department.

More communication regarding events

NEW EVENTS (for consideration for the future)

IDEA ³	COMMENTS	DOTS
Block dances in the summer	Block partners-1 Fourth of July or some week -1 Cool idea- include various themes such as kidz pop or oldies for different generations Fourth of July themed	-3
Day Trips	Day trip to New York City or Washington DC -2 Bus trips to: Beaches and theaters-1	-8
Outdoor Concerts	Weekend kids Earlier concerts/ family events before kids bedtimes, 7pm -3 Various local artist start in afternoon for people with younger	-5

³ Ideas listed represent suggestions from the survey.



IDEA ³	COMMENTS	DOTS
	<p>kids</p> <p>Family oriented music festival/ jazz festival-2</p>	
<p>Family Movies (including outdoor summer movies)</p>	<p>Great idea for weekends</p>	<p>-13</p>
<p>OTHER:</p>	<p>Beach “parties”/ opening day/ end of the year celebration/ Polar plunge/ dig for treasure/ movie outside/ fireworks -10</p> <p>Thanksgiving sharing and caring event</p> <p>Shakes in the park</p> <p>Bike Rods -5</p> <p>A night that could become a weekly event where restaurants have tables outside on main and south street close for people to dine under the stars -12</p> <p>More partnership with arts alliance and other agencies for programs -5</p> <p>Recreation Day; info on all programs and opportunities for volunteers/ donors, could be part of Hudson fest or other- 5</p>	

POLICIES, RULES & REGULATIONS

Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding improving current policies?



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IDEA ⁴	COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS
<p>Hours/Days of Operation/ Extended Season</p>	<p>Make clearer hours on parks and rec website-3</p> <p>Post hours allowed for public ex: during track programs, can public be on the track?-3</p> <p>Extend beach season later into August or simply keep bathrooms open later into August -6</p>
<p>Dogs on Park Commission property</p>	<p>Yes have a fenced in dog park, either on Moulton or Cherry St and have dog bags or containers -23</p> <p>Dogs need to be put on a leash in all public fields and parks -4</p> <p>Dogs should not be allowed on any athletic fields</p> <p>People need to clean up after their animals</p>
<p>Access to school playgrounds during school hours</p>	<p>NOTE: This is not under Hudson Recreation jurisdiction</p> <p>Not a good idea, safety issue</p> <p>Using school playgrounds during school hours can be problematic but they need somewhere else to go if they can go to the schools</p> <p>Central playground that will be cover this issue- 28</p>
<p>Access to athletic fields</p>	<p>Clarify impact on student safety and on permit requirements (more signs)-4</p> <p>Are pets allowed?</p>
<p>Billing (options for payments)</p>	<p>Fund dog park maintenance through license surcharge -2</p> <p>Installments are always helpful, paypal -3</p> <p>Spilt summer recreation programs billing (not whole summer) offer two weak sessions options -5</p>

⁴ Ideas listed represent issues brought up in the survey.



IDEA ⁴	COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS
<p>OTHER:</p>	<p>School committee needs to allow access to schools for youths sports for off- season activities -8</p> <p>How can private citizens help with fundraising? Can funds be earmarked for specific use?-2</p> <p>Sponsorship -3</p> <p>Recreation needs to ask for more money during yearly budget cycle</p> <p>Our children receive a free education as they are on IEP's. So why do we have to pay for summer camp? And do families with children with disabilities get discounts for programs? -5</p> <p>Update websites -9</p>

In addition to the Discussion Stations, participants were asked to answer a number of questions in writing. The following are their responses.

What does RECREATION MEAN TO YOU?

- *Fun activities*
- *Leisure, positive use of free time*
- *Fun and enjoyment*
- *Resources to move and interact with others*
- *Fitness, spending time outside, community*
- *Opportunities to pursue interests and activities beyond working hours and daily routines*
- *Public spaces that are conducive to community gathering*
- *Town sponsored activities to support engagement and entertainment in service of cultivating community*
- *Recreation is what we do when we are not at work or school. Recreation is hobbies or programs that enrich our lives. Recreation brings families and communities together to strengthen bonds and helps to rejuvenate people's bodies and minds.*
- *Healthy fun! Community togetherness!*
- *Getting out and being active and social*
- *Activities*
- *Bringing community together*
- *Programs for all children to have fun, learn new skills and make friends. This would also include children with disabilities.*
- *Fun, fitness, outside activities*



- *Programming that is comprehensive for all age groups in a community. Programming consisting of programs that enhance quality of life.*
- *Activities and enrichment for all ages*
- *A collaborative community for all ages, sharing interests: laughter*
- *Promoting health and fitness for all age groups*
- *Community members coming together*
- *Recreation means inclusiveness, we need to recognize all age groups and have something for everyone*
- *An opportunity for fun/fitness and/or relaxation. Time with friends and community – an opportunity to meet new friends.*

What do you consider to be the MAIN BENEFIT(S) of recreation?

- *Exposing kids to new activities/events/ideas*
- *Fitness, fun for my child*
- *Outdoor resources and social interaction with other Hudsonites*
- *Physical and mental stimulation*
- *Getting outdoors and building community*
- *To establish and maintain community connections*
- *Giving community members outlets to work out their bodies and minds. It helps to bring folks together and strengthen community and family bonds.*
- *Bringing the community together*
- *Fun and health*
- *Quality of life*
- *Exercise*
- *Physical and mental highs*
- *To bond and strengthen a community. To bring together a community.*
- *Improve the physical and emotional well-being of the residents of the town*
- *Building and enhancing new/old relationships between community members*
- *Social benefits for kids*
- *Promotion of health and fitness*
- *Enjoying nature, encouraging outdoor activities/enjoyment*
- *In addition to personal benefits it creates a sense of community*
- *It is part of holistic health*

What is your FAVORITE THING about Hudson Recreation?

- *The employees are always helpful and respond to questions in a timely manner. The youth programs are fantastic and are always well run and extremely fun for all involved.*
- *The people that work there and their commitment to making programs fun for most.*



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- *Wealth of fields and town beach*
- *The staff is easy to talk to about our concerns, even if they can't act on it right away.*
- *Very accessible and great staff*
- *We are new so I know very little about Hudson Recreation*
- *I have not really used Hudson Recreation due to my 3 year old being too young for programming. We have done the beach one year and Celluci Park.*
- *Affordable programming, community events, accessible staff*
- *Receptive to feedback*
- *Willingness to give info, help, etc. – office*
- *The affordable camps and track program offered for my children and travel basketball of course*
- *The cost, the staff*
- *Centennial beach, splash pad*
- *They provide appropriate summer activities for children*
- *Centennial Beach*
- *Beach and sports were important, but not so much anymore*
- *Have had minimal experience with Hudson Recreation so no favorite thing*

If you could do ONE THING TO IMPROVE Hudson Recreation facilities, programs, events and/or policies, what would it be?

- *Turf fields for all athletic teams to use along with adult leagues!*
- *More parking, more lighting*
- *Provide better non-motorized access to recreation facilities (bike paths, sidewalks, etc.) and better wayfinding (signs to the fields, Centennial Beach, etc.)*
- *Give them more money*
- *More for adults*
- *Communication of programs and events*
- *A fenced in dog park*
- *Permanent bathrooms at Cellucci Park*
- *Promotion of events has improved recently with Facebook posts, events – continue to do this.*
- *Calendar of events on website would be great*
- *Maybe annual open house to discuss/educate on programs/services/offerings for new families/new parents*
- *Funding= building*
- *Improve, build upon existing grounds (beach, playgrounds_ and programs (add CIT program for gap ages 14 &15), start travel basketball earlier, etc.*
- *Build a facility to house it all*
- *Central playground*
- *Invest more in playgrounds*
- *Add a great playground*



- *Really like the idea of a dog park!*
- *Build a fenced dog park*
- *Update facilities/build a community center and modernize playgrounds*

Additional Comments

- *Thank you for this informational session and allowing us to voice our opinions. I am looking forward to the new programs and the potential new facilities.*
- *We should put together maps of trails in town and work to get them interconnected.*
- *Our Recreation Department budget is appallingly small*
- *Regular Newsletter*
- *Language barrier – more communication in Spanish and Portuguese*
- *We moved from Acton which has a very extensive recreation program. I'm not sure how Hudson compares, but I am interested in learning more. Acton always sent out a booklet each session. We haven't received anything.*
- *I would love programming for preschool aged children*
- *Keep up the good work. Community outreach/events like this to keep people informed are a great idea. Events like this that get information out to the people are great- there's a lot of misinformation, especially via Facebook groups*
- *I also like the concept of trips: sports games like Red Sox, theater, Boston Freedom Trail, Beach. These could/should be self-funding.*