

Community Survey Results

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Demographics & Locations

What is your Zip Code?

98245 (Eastsound)	120
98279 (Olga)	17
98245 (Orcas Village)	12
98243 (Deer Harbor)	9
Other	7

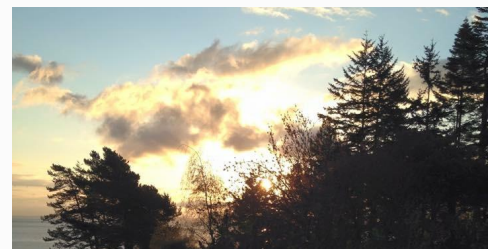
How long have you lived in the community?

Over 10 years	109
6-10 years	29
1-5 years	27
Less than 1 year	2
Just visiting	3

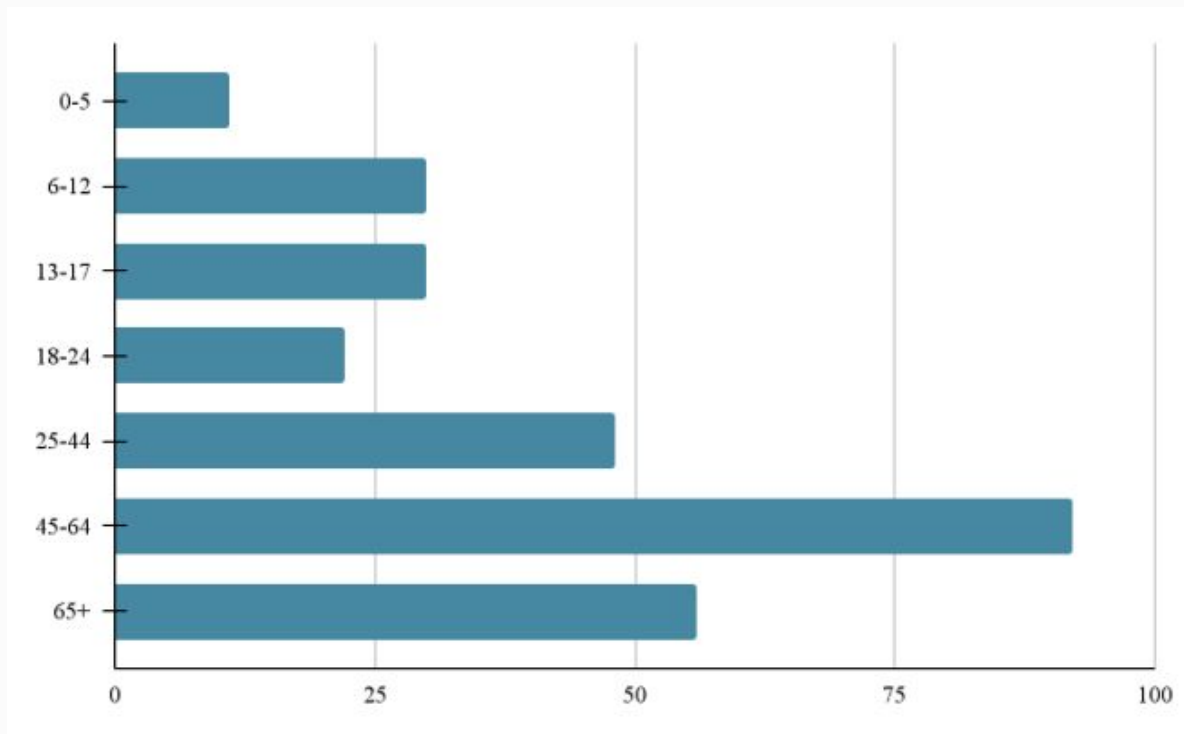
Are you a full-time or part-time resident?

Full-time	152
Part-time	15
Just visiting	3

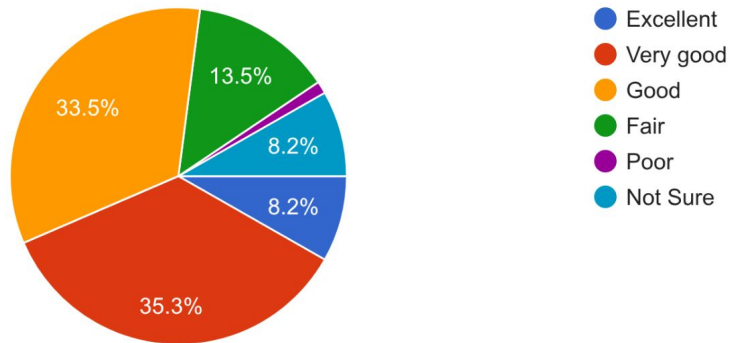
Total 170



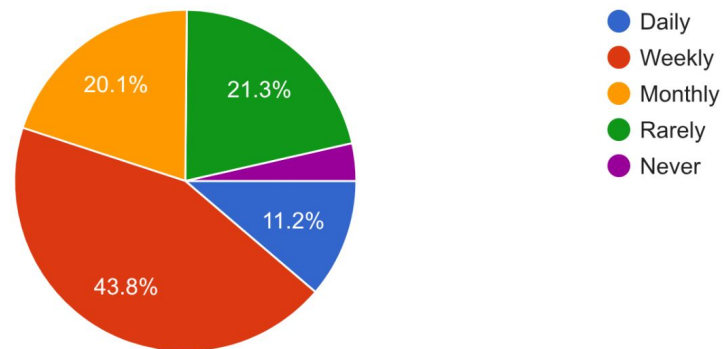
Age Groups in your Household? (check all that apply)



170 responses



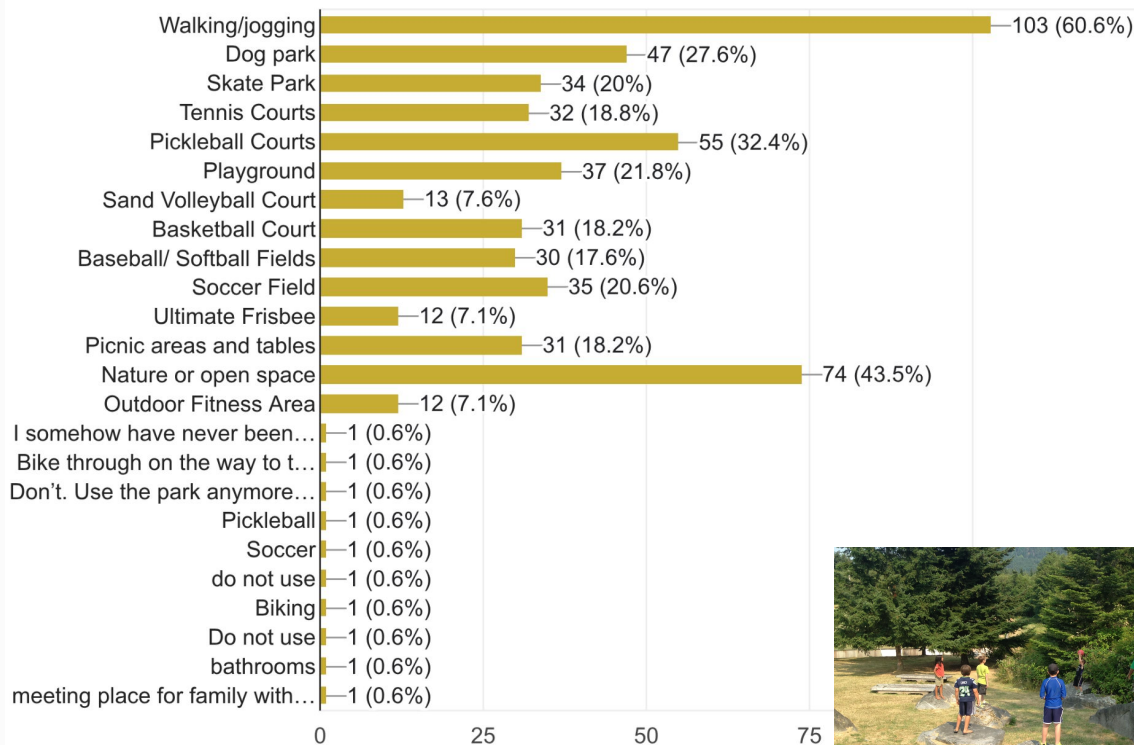
169 responses



Buck Park Uses

What do you and/or the members of your household enjoy in Buck Park? (Check all that apply)

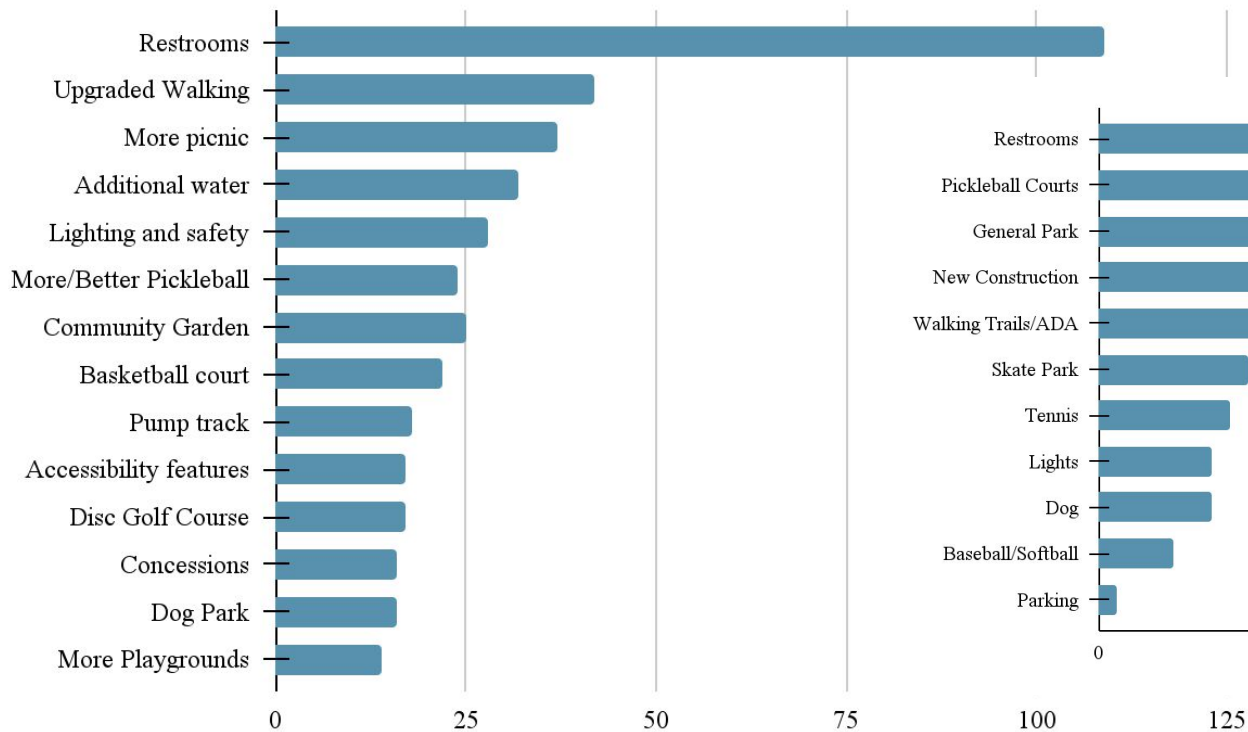
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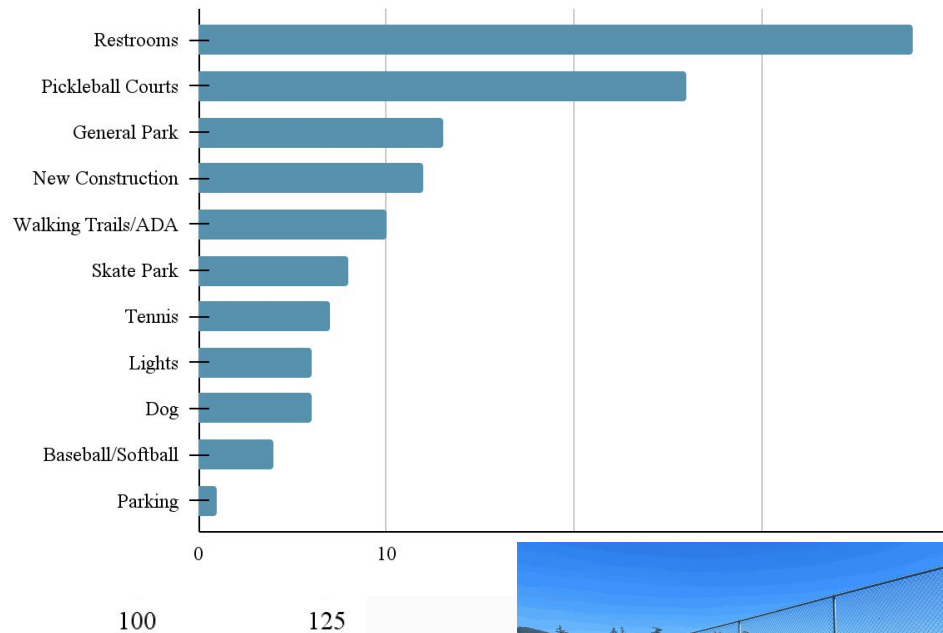
1. Walking/Jogging
2. Nature/Open Space
3. Pickleball
4. Dog Park
5. Playground
6. Soccer
7. Skate Park
8. Tennis Courts
9. Picnic Tables
10. Basketball Court
11. Baseball/Softball Fields



Buck Park Improvements



(If you could choose one)



Buck Park Improvements

Custom Answers:

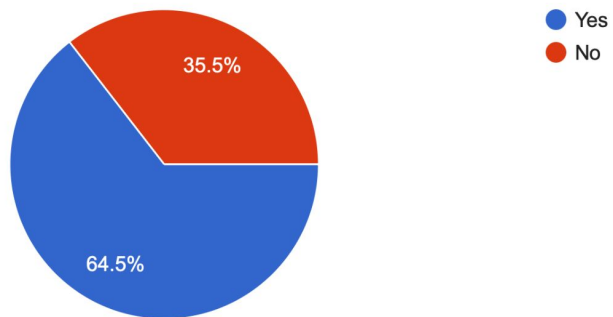
- **Tennis**
 - Interest in adding back the hitting wall
- **Pickleball**
 - Requests for cubbies and tables by the courts
 - Interest in resurfacing the court and adjusting the lines
 - Desire for a cover over the courts
- **General Park- Lighting, Restrooms, Paths, etc**
 - Top request is for the construction of restrooms
 - Overall, many people mentioned wanted level, paved walking paths around the park
 - Some people want lights for safety or playing sports in the dark
 - There were a couple mentions for a community garden
- **Skate/Bike**
 - Requests for small half pipe, a pump track, beginner ramps and other additions
- **Baseball/Softball**
 - Requests for back stop, dug out on smaller field and batting cages
- **Dog Park**
 - Responses to support holes being filled and a paved walking path being added around the dog park area
- **Parking**
 - Feedback for paved parking lot with less potholes overall
- **New Builds**
 - Several people showed interest in adding a swimming pool, indoor gym or more outdoor fitness equipment



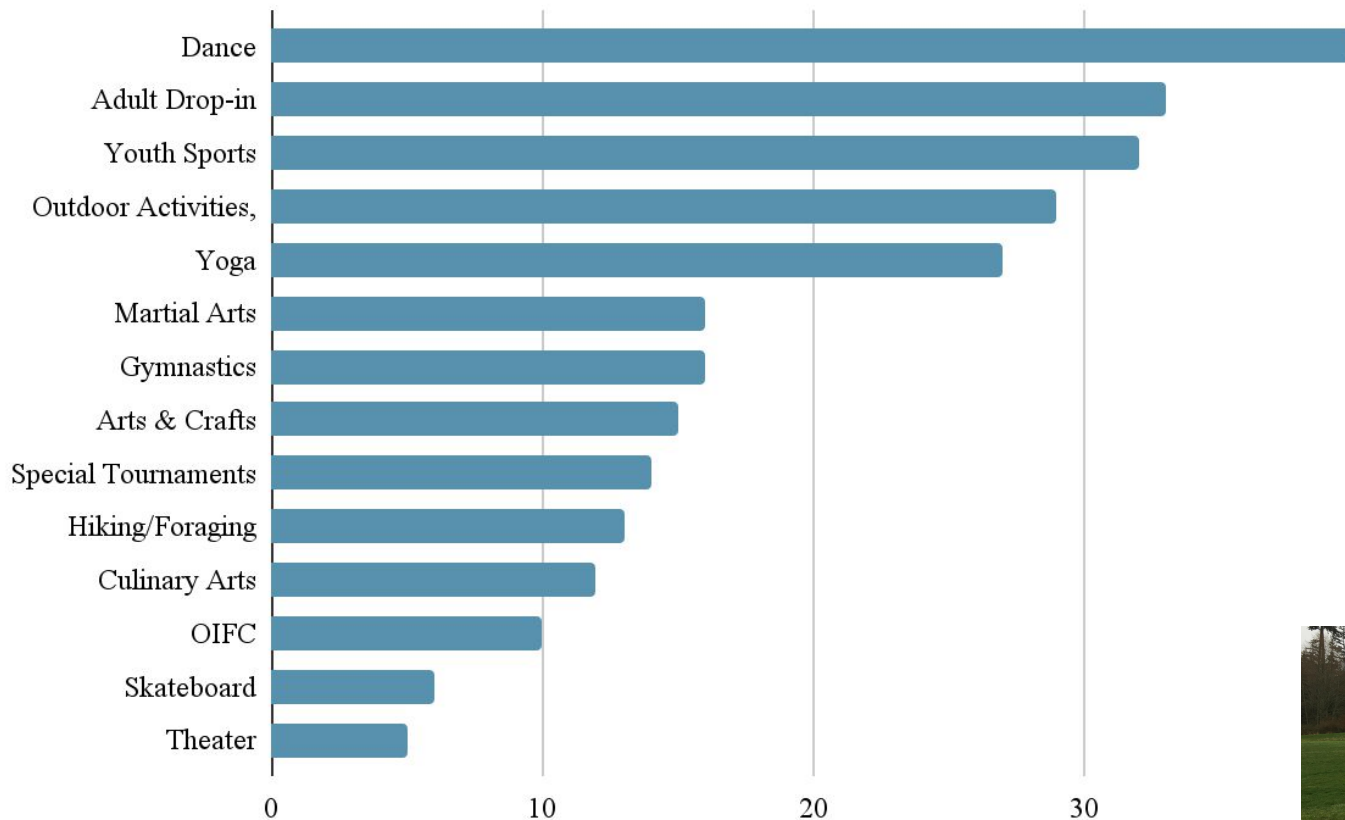
Programs

Have you or members of your household participated in any OIPRD recreation programs in the past year?

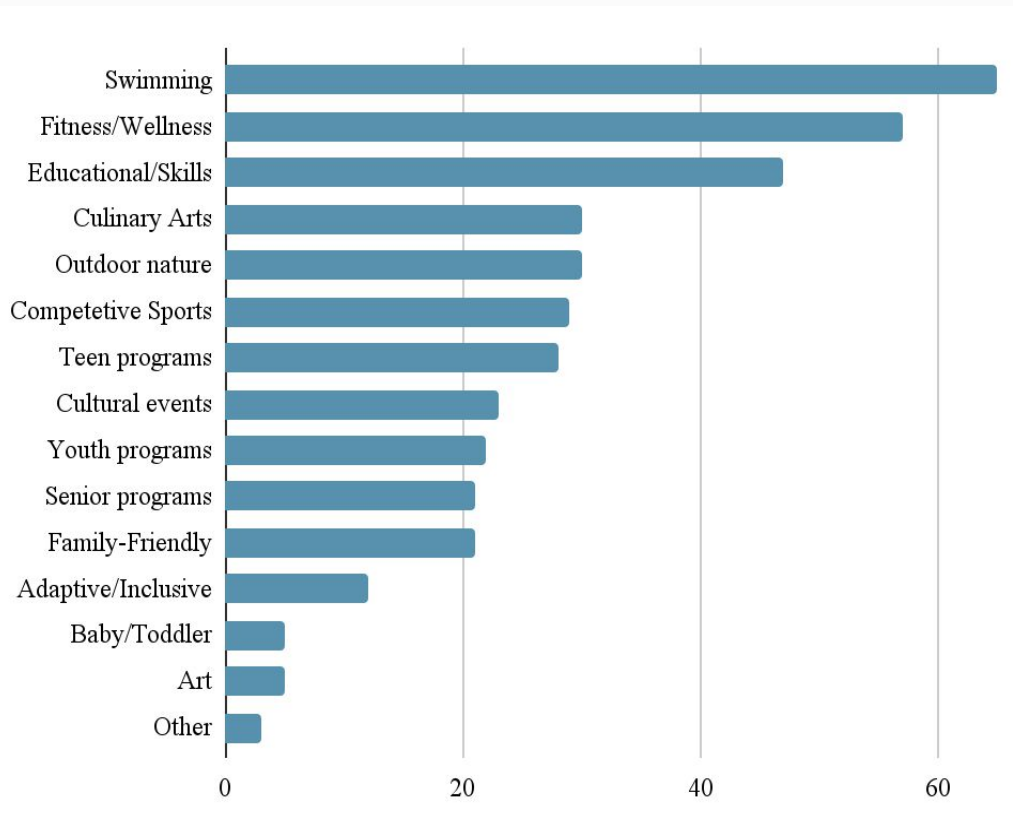
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Which programs?



Which programs would you like more of?



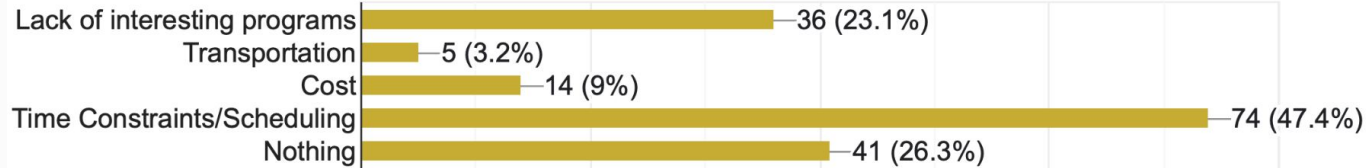
• Sports

- pickleball leagues, more organized play
- Roller skating, community events
- Open gym
- More competitive stuff with other islands (for youth and adults). I have a dream of a Hurling clinic (Irish sport)
- Weight Training
- More cycling events and camps for kids including mountain biking in Moran
- Sporting Tournaments

• Arts

- Art programs for adults
- ballroom/partner dance classes
- Lummi partnered events.
- adult day-time ballet and dance offerings
- Sewing/making clothing
- Live music performances

What prevents you from participating in more programs



Other:

Logistics

- Some people say driving to town is too far for them, that they get confused about how to register for a program or that they can't get a ride

Information

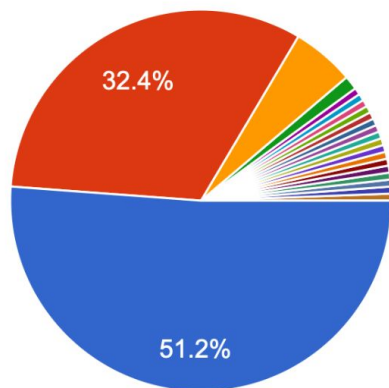
- Several people stated that they have trouble finding out about what is happening and when

Activity Content

- There were specific mentions of certain programs people want to do that are not offered at a time or for the age group desired

Do you feel Buck Park, facilities, and programs are accessible to all members of the community?

170 responses



- Yes
- Not Sure
- No
- More opportunities for kid engagemen...
- Not sure how accessible park is to tho...
- No - ADA access needs improvement
- Hard for wheelchair users to get much...
- Unfortunately not much on this island i...

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How can we make our Park and Rec facilities and programs more accessible?

- **ADA**

- Requests to improve access for people with wheelchairs or other movement disabilities
 - For the restroom
 - Paths to fields
 - Parking lots

- **Program Topics**

- Lots of suggestions for more classes
 - New types of exercise and group classes
 - More programs for older adults
 - Non-sports programs for teens

- **Information/Logistics**

- People are interested in more communications so that they can receive information about programming in advance
- Many people find it hard to find out about activities and register in time

What are the top THREE improvements you'd like to see in our park or programs?

- **Activities**

- Interest in more cultural programs
- Requests for more art classes
- Specific desires for program times and ages

- **Communications**

- A clear calendar with information about all events
- Mail, email newsletter or texts more frequently about offerings

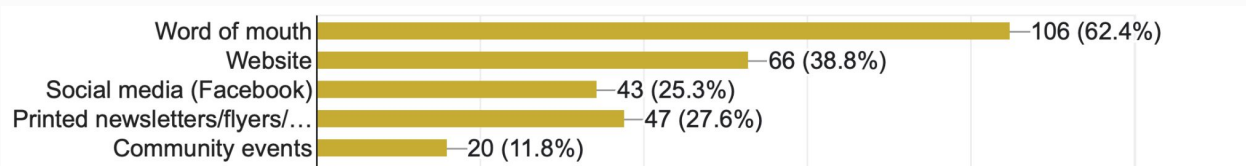
- **Park**

- Restrooms, parking improvements, new construction for a pool, paths, water fountains, etc

- **Pickleball**

- Pickleball court repairs and adding a cover

How do you usually find out about park and programs?

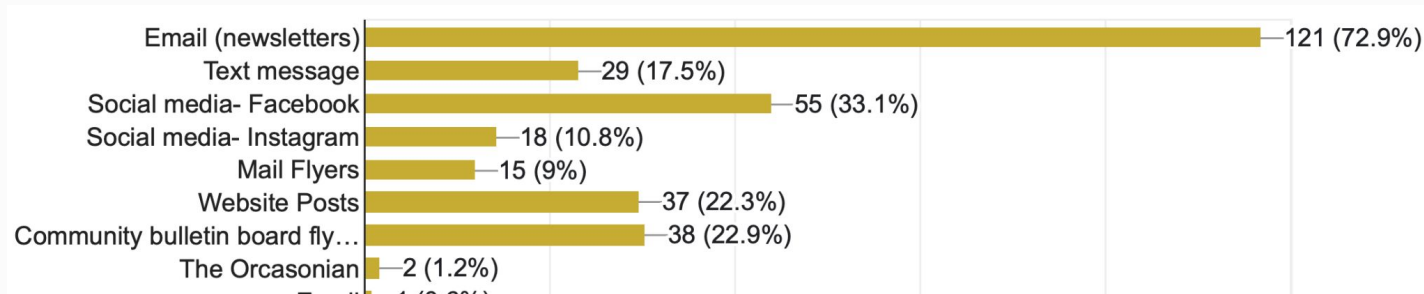


Other:

- Chamber of Commerce website
- Orcasonian and Island Sounder
- My friend
- I usually don't find out about them



What is the best way for us to keep you informed?



- Articles in the Sounder or Orcasonian
- Local news outlets
- Newspaper
- Chamber blast



Do you have any additional comments, concerns, or ideas about park and recreation in our community?

- **Positive and Thank you-** 25+ responses!
- **More older**
 - The population 65+ is interested in more activities, specifically support for pickleball
- **Focus**
 - A couple of people want to mention that they hope Park & Rec stays small to reflect the size of our community and doesn't try to add-on too much
- **Communications**
 - Room for improvement when communicating new programs and last minute changes
- **Park**
 - Pickleball repairs
 - Buck Park bathrooms and general maintenance





Discussion

- **Thank you!**

Discussion with Board Members, top items to address

- **Park**
 - Paved Trails
 - Bathrooms
 - Increased Pickleball courts
- **Activities**
 - Try out more variety of activities for different ages
 - Maybe partner with other groups around the island more to share their activities
- **Communications**
 - Start an email newsletter regularly about activities
 - Print a seasonal mailer again, send out schedule
- **Coach/Instructor Staff**
 - Regularly Training and Resources for coaches
 - Standing job listing for paid Instructor position