



OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that the Parks and Recreation Committee of the City of Stoughton, Wisconsin will hold a regular or special meeting as indicated on the date, time and location given below.

Meeting of the:
Date /Time:
Location:
Members:

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF STOUGHTON
Monday, August 19, 2013 @ 5:30 PM
Hall of Fame Room (381 E. Main St., Stoughton WI 53589)
Tricia Suess, Tim Swadley, Michael Engelberger, Donna Olson

CC:

Attorney Matt Dregne, Department Heads, Stoughton Newspapers,
Pili Hougan, Tamara Bader-Fleres, Debbie Blaney, Debbie Myren, Sean Brusegar,
John Lewis, oregonobserver@wcinet.com, Council Members

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Item # CALL TO ORDER

- 1 Call to Order
- 2 Approval of Minutes from July 15, 2013
- 3 Communications

Item # OLD BUSINESS

- 4 Parks and Open Space Plan Update
- 5 Book Boxes in Parks

Item # NEW BUSINESS

- 6
- 7 Youth Center Update
- 8 Future Agenda Items

ADJOURNMENT

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 15, 2013

6:00 PM

Ed Overland Room



Present: Alderpersons: Tim Swadley, Tricia Suess, Michael Engelberger, Mayor Donna Olson and Parks and Recreation Director Tom Lynch

Guests: David Kneebone, John Lewis

Call to Order

By Suess at 6:05 PM

1. Approval of June 17, 2013 Minutes

Motion by Engelberger, seconded by Suess to approve the minutes of June 25, 2013. Motion passed 2-0.

2. Communications

Lynch talked about events including Troll Beach activities and a new nature based recreation program.

Old Business

3. Parks and Open Space Plan Update

Lynch updated the committee on the progress of the POSP update. Deadlines with CIP, budget preparation, CVMIC reviews, strategic planning and employee training has put the plan work on hold for a time. There will be one more effort to garner a few more surveys by placing a reminder in the Tower Times, due out this month.

4. Riverside Pier Location

The committee moved the meeting to the site of the accessible fishing pier in Riverside Park. Lynch asked the committee to consider moving the fishing pier 40 feet to the west to better line up with the channel and fish cribs. The cost of the location change would be covered by donated funds, at the request of Andrew Brantmeyer, the project's major funder.

Motion by Engelberger, seconded by Swadley to recommend to Council to direct staff to relocate the Riverside Park accessible fishing pier to a position 40 feet west of the current site to better align with the river channel and the fish cribs. Motion passed 3-0.

New Business

5. Book Boxes in Parks

Lynch had received a request to allow a book box to be constructed in Division St. Park. The committee, feeling favorable about the idea, wanted more information. Lynch will look at other communities for box specifications and possible issues. There will be more discussion at the next meeting.

6. Youth Center Update

The Youth Center staff is now under the Parks and Recreation Department. There will be more promotion and reporting concerning programs

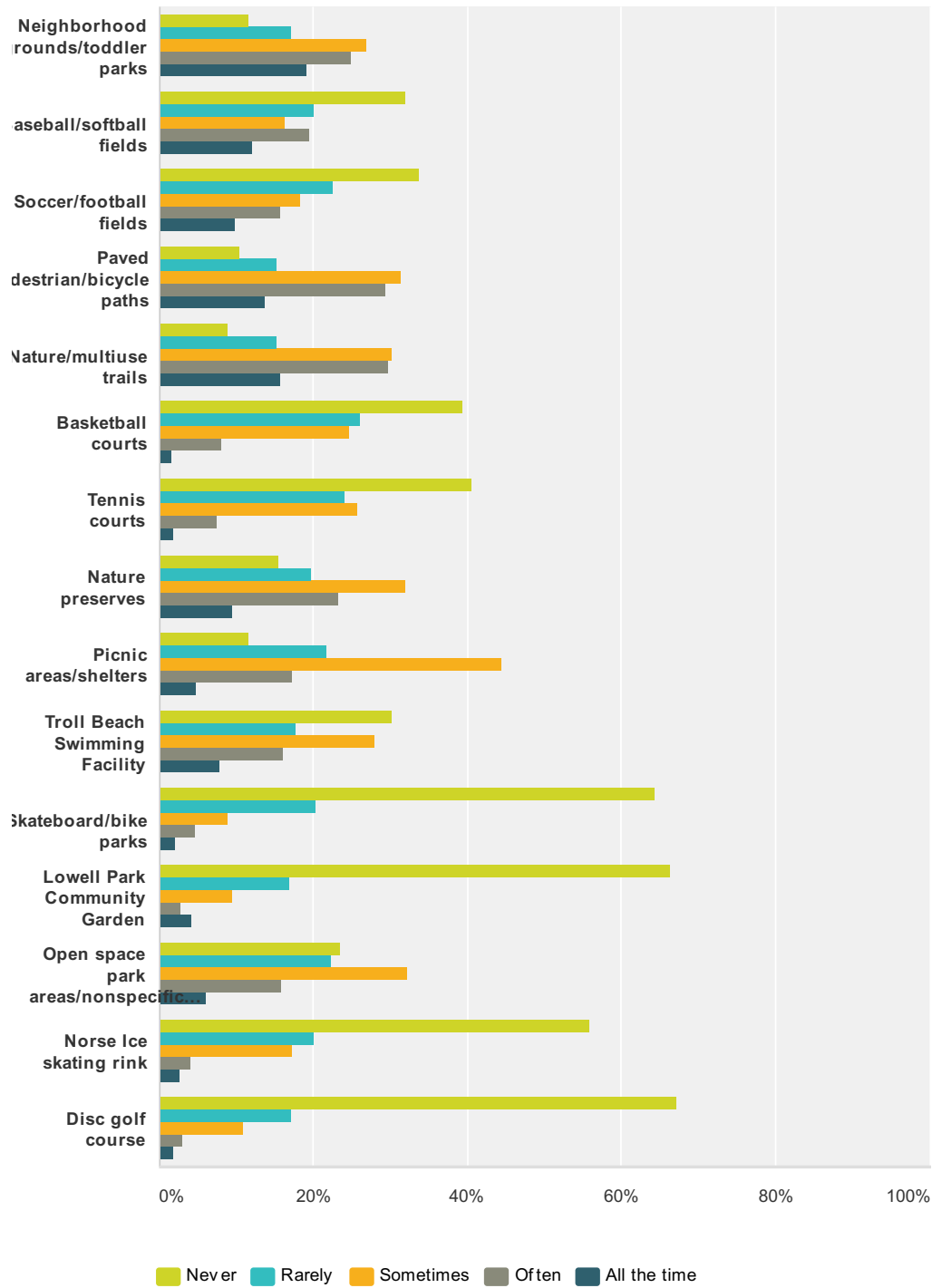
4. Future Agenda Items

Parks and Open Space Plan
Policy for Beer Sales
Book boxes
Parks and Recreation budget

Motion made by Engelberger, seconded by Swadley to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM. Motion passed 3-0

Q1 How often do you use the following park facilities offered by the City of Stoughton?

Answered: 549 Skipped: 0



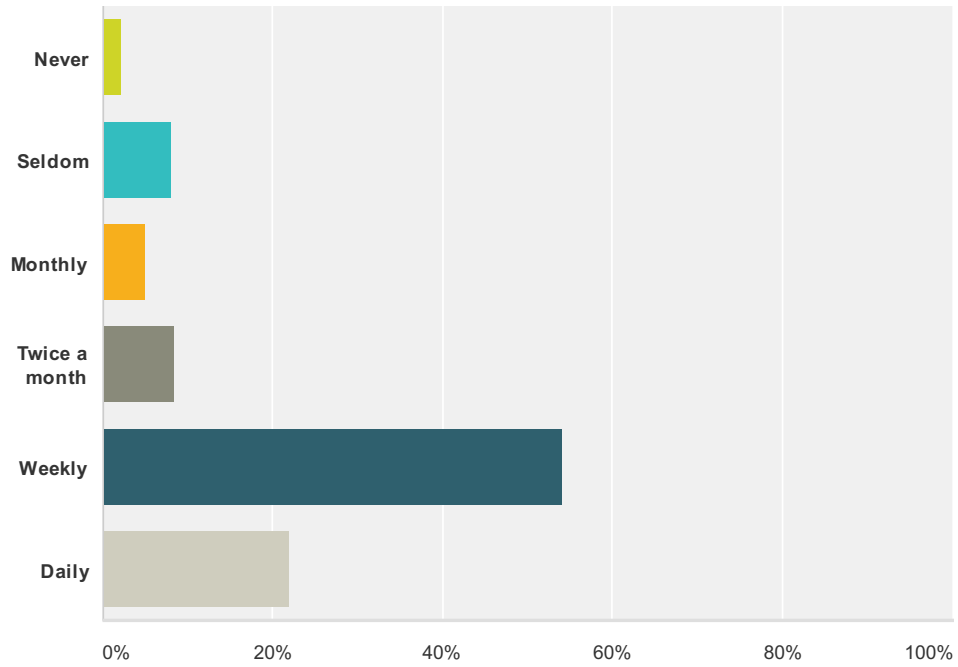
	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	All the time	Total
Neighborhood playgrounds/toddler parks	11.67% 63	17.22% 93	27.04% 146	25% 135	19.07% 103	540
Baseball/softball fields	31.97% 172	20.07% 108	16.36% 88	19.52% 105	12.08% 65	538
Soccer/football fields	33.71% 181	22.53% 121	18.25% 98	15.64% 84	9.87% 53	537

2013 Stoughton Parks and Recreation Department Resident Survey

Paved pedestrian/bicycle paths	10.30% 57	13.29% 83	31.31% 170	29.20% 159	13.03% 74	543
Nature/multiuse trails	8.89% 48	15.37% 83	30.19% 163	29.81% 161	15.74% 85	540
Basketball courts	39.40% 210	26.08% 139	24.77% 132	8.07% 43	1.69% 9	533
Tennis courts	40.67% 220	24.21% 131	25.69% 139	7.58% 41	1.85% 10	541
Nature preserves	15.57% 83	19.70% 105	31.89% 170	23.26% 124	9.57% 51	533
Picnic areas/shelters	11.71% 63	21.75% 117	44.42% 239	17.29% 93	4.83% 26	538
Troll Beach Swimming Facility	30.21% 161	17.82% 95	27.95% 149	16.14% 86	7.88% 42	533
Skateboard/bike parks	64.17% 342	20.26% 108	8.82% 47	4.69% 25	2.06% 11	533
Lowell Park Community Garden	66.29% 352	16.95% 90	9.60% 51	2.82% 15	4.33% 23	531
Open space park areas/nonspecific use	23.56% 127	22.26% 120	32.10% 173	15.96% 86	6.12% 33	539
Norse Ice skating rink	55.87% 300	20.11% 108	17.32% 93	4.10% 22	2.61% 14	537
Disc golf course	67.04% 358	17.04% 91	10.86% 58	3.18% 17	1.87% 10	534

Q2 This past summer, how many times did a member of your household visit or use park facilities in Stoughton?

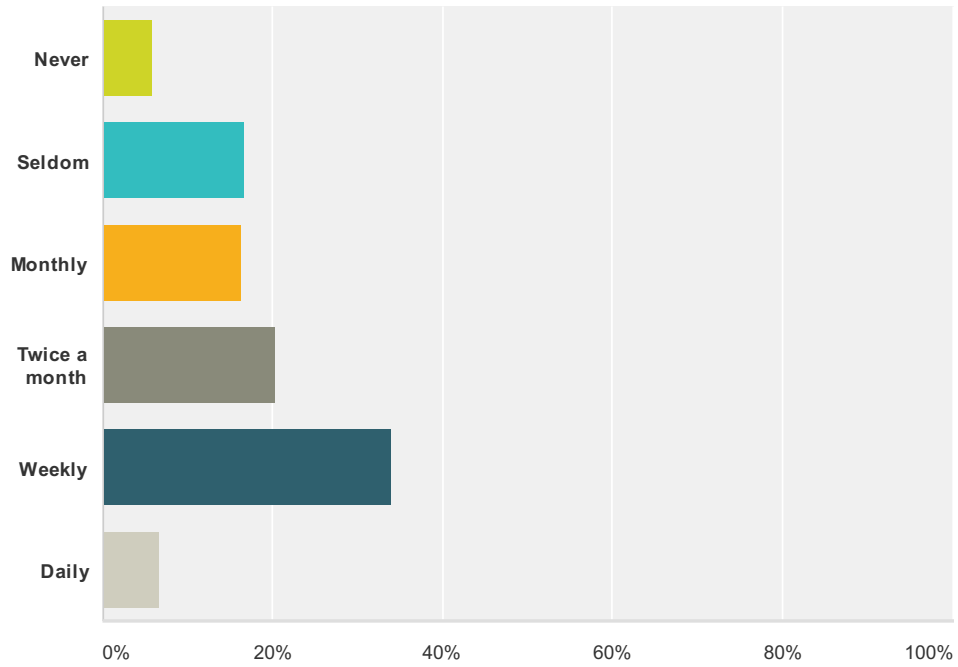
Answered: 546 Skipped: 3



Answer Choices	Responses
Never	2.38% 13
Seldom	8.06% 44
Monthly	5.13% 28
Twice a month	8.42% 46
Weekly	54.03% 295
Daily	21.98% 120
Total	546

Q3 In the fall, winter, and spring, how many times does any member of your household typically visit or use park facilities in Stoughton?

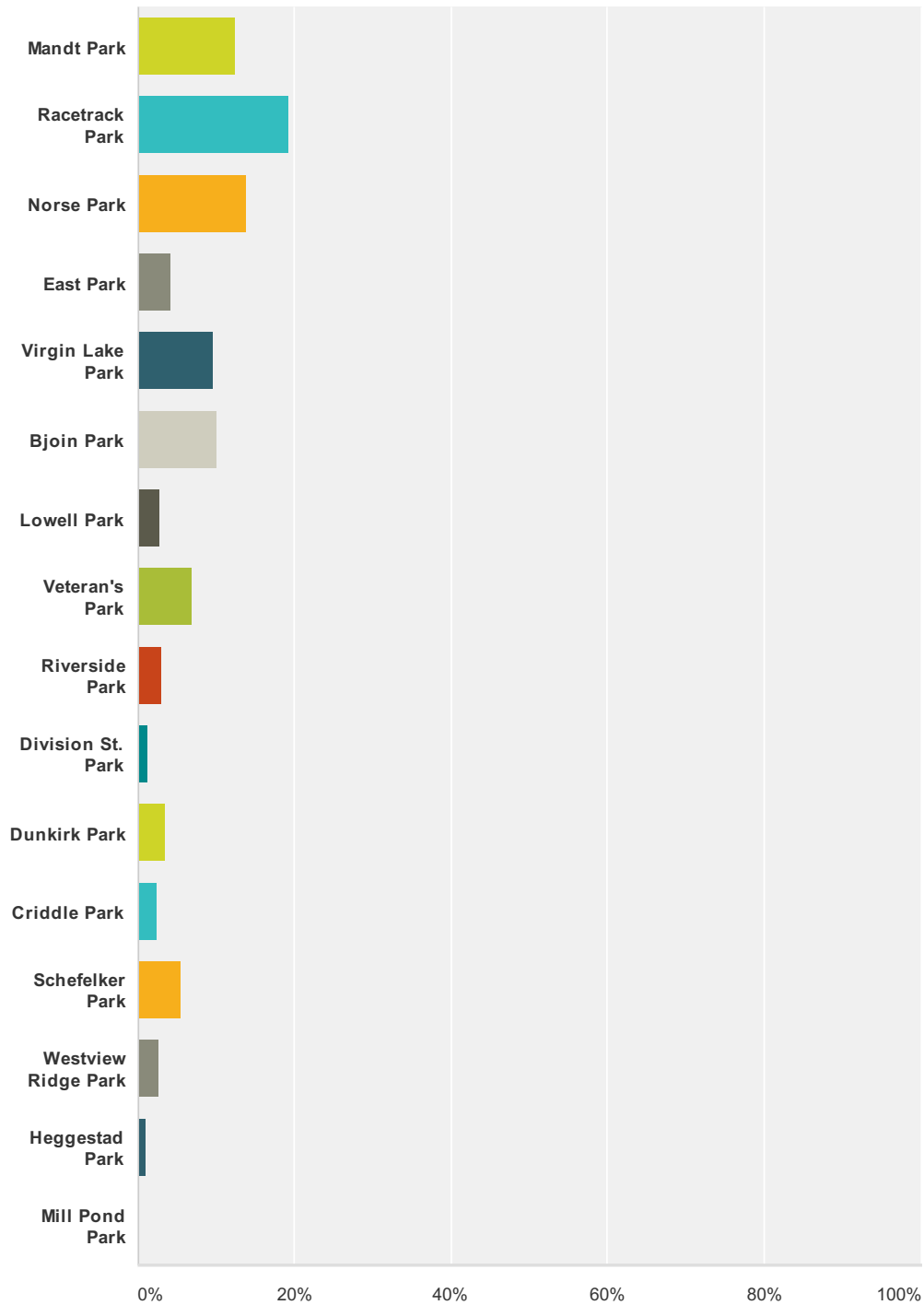
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Answer Choices	Responses
Never	5.88% 32
Seldom	16.73% 91
Monthly	16.36% 89
Twice a month	20.40% 111
Weekly	34.01% 185
Daily	6.62% 36
Total	544

Q4 Which Stoughton park do you visit or use most often?

Answered: 521 Skipped: 28



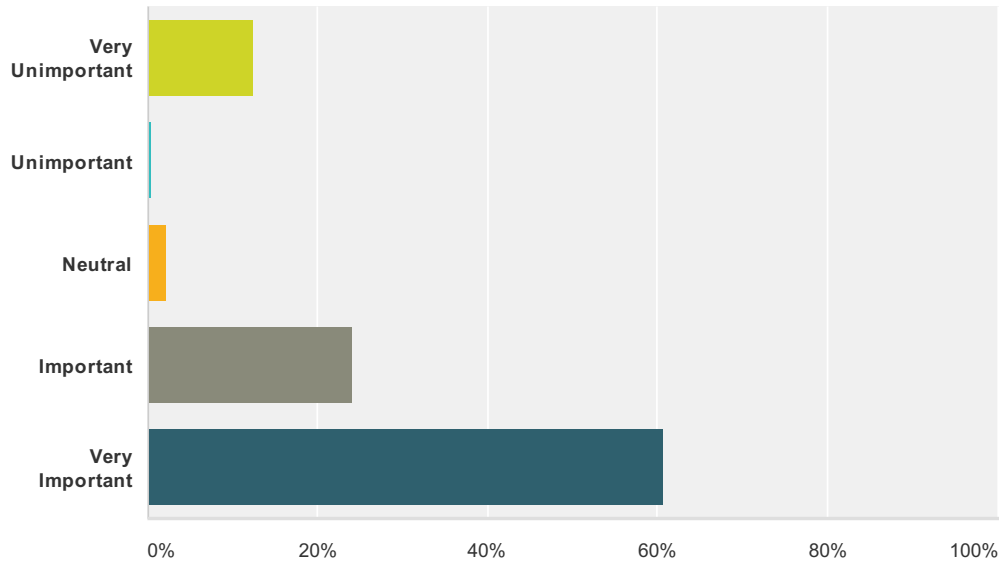
Answer Choices	Responses
Mandt Park	12.48% 65
Racetrack Park	19.39% 101
Norse Park	14.01% 73
East Park	4.22% 22
Virgin Lake Park	9.79% 51

2013 Stoughton Parks and Recreation Department Resident Survey

Bjoin Park	10.17%	53
Lowell Park	2.88%	15
Veteran's Park	6.91%	36
Riverside Park	3.07%	16
Division St. Park	1.34%	7
Dunkirk Park	3.45%	18
Criddle Park	2.50%	13
Schefelker Park	5.57%	29
Westview Ridge Park	2.69%	14
Heggestad Park	1.15%	6
Mill Pond Park	0.38%	2
Total		521

Q5 Regardless of how often you use the parks system, how would you rate the importance of parks and open space to the general “quality of life?”

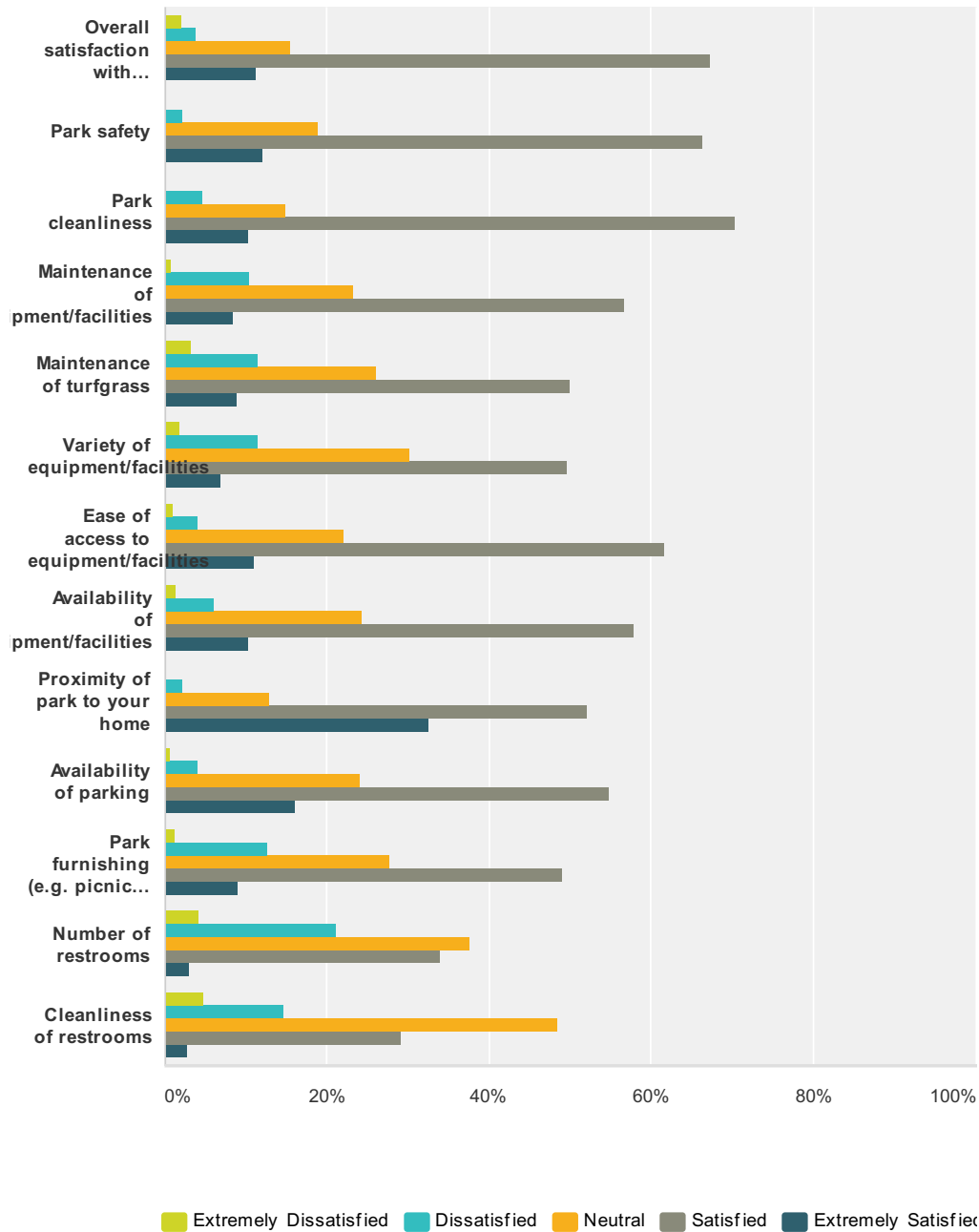
Answered: 544 Skipped: 5



Answer Choices	Responses
Very Unimportant	12.50% 68
Unimportant	0.55% 3
Neutral	2.21% 12
Important	24.08% 131
Very Important	60.66% 330
Total	544

Q6 Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the following:

Answered: 543 Skipped: 6



	Extremely Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Extremely Satisfied	Total
Overall satisfaction with Stoughton parks	2.04% 11	3.90% 21	15.58% 84	67.16% 362	11.32% 61	539
Park safety	0.37% 2	2.23% 12	18.99% 102	66.29% 356	12.10% 65	537
Park cleanliness	0% 0	4.66% 25	14.90% 80	70.20% 377	10.24% 55	537
Maintenance of equipment/facilities	0.93% 5	10.59% 57	23.42% 126	56.51% 304	8.55% 46	538
Maintenance of turfgrass	3.37% 18	11.42% 61	26.22% 140	50% 267	8.99% 48	534

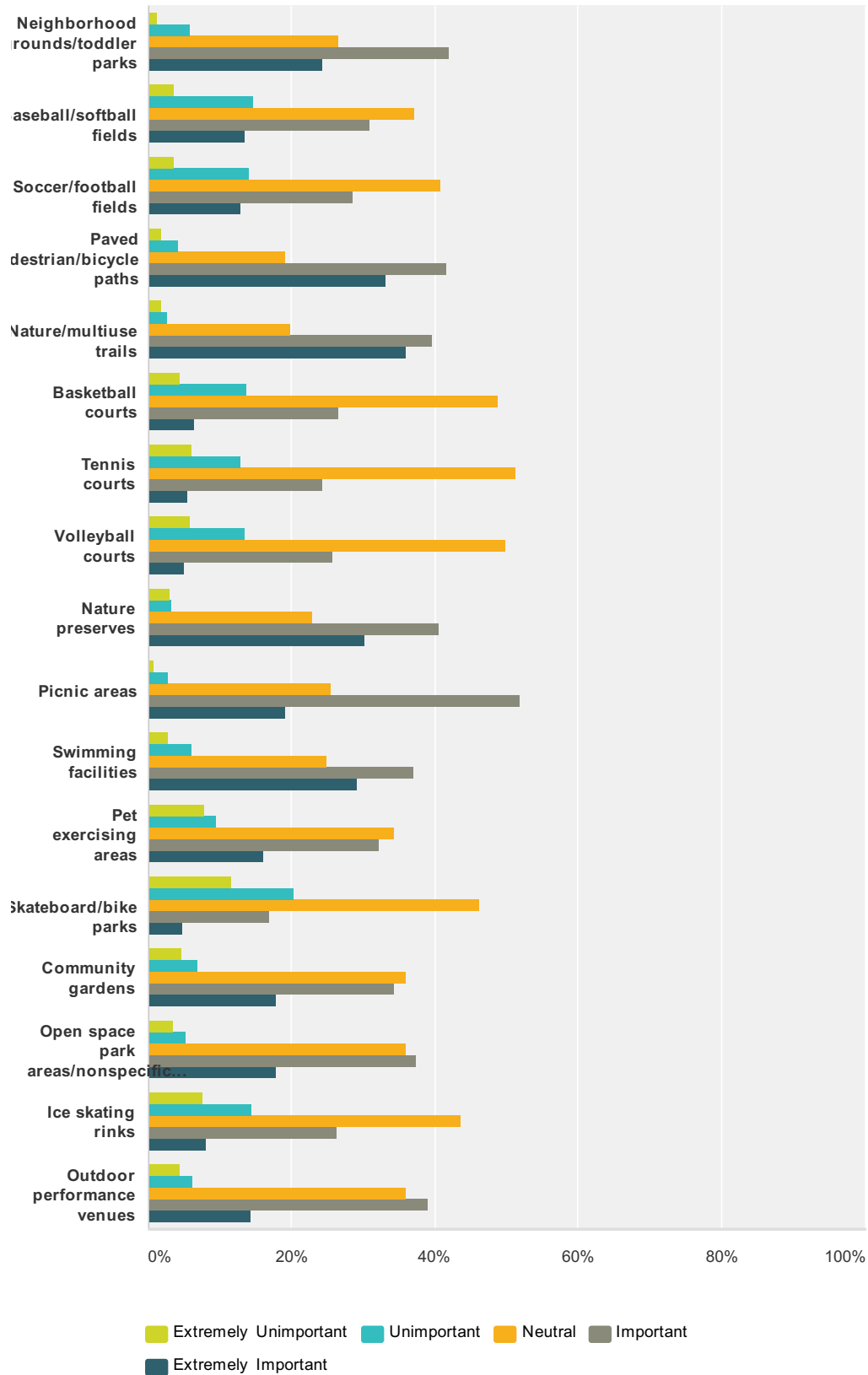
Variety of equipment/facilities	1.87%	11.42%	20.15%	40.62%	6.92%	
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2013 Stoughton Parks and Recreation Department Resident Survey

Variety of equipment/facilities	1.07% 10	11.42% 61	30.13% 161	49.03% 265	0.33% 37	534
Ease of access to equipment/facilities	1.12% 6	4.11% 22	22.06% 118	61.68% 330	11.03% 59	535
Availability of equipment/facilities	1.50% 8	6.17% 33	24.30% 130	57.76% 309	10.28% 55	535
Proximity of park to your home	0.37% 2	2.23% 12	12.83% 69	52.04% 280	32.53% 175	538
Availability of parking	0.75% 4	4.14% 22	24.11% 128	54.80% 291	16.20% 86	531
Park furnishing (e.g. picnic tables)	1.32% 7	12.78% 68	27.82% 148	49.06% 261	9.02% 48	532
Number of restrooms	4.31% 23	21.16% 113	37.64% 201	33.90% 181	3.00% 16	534
Cleanliness of restrooms	4.92% 26	14.77% 78	48.30% 255	29.17% 154	2.84% 15	528

Q7 As Stoughton expands, how important do you believe it is for the City to add, or increase the number of the following types of facilities?

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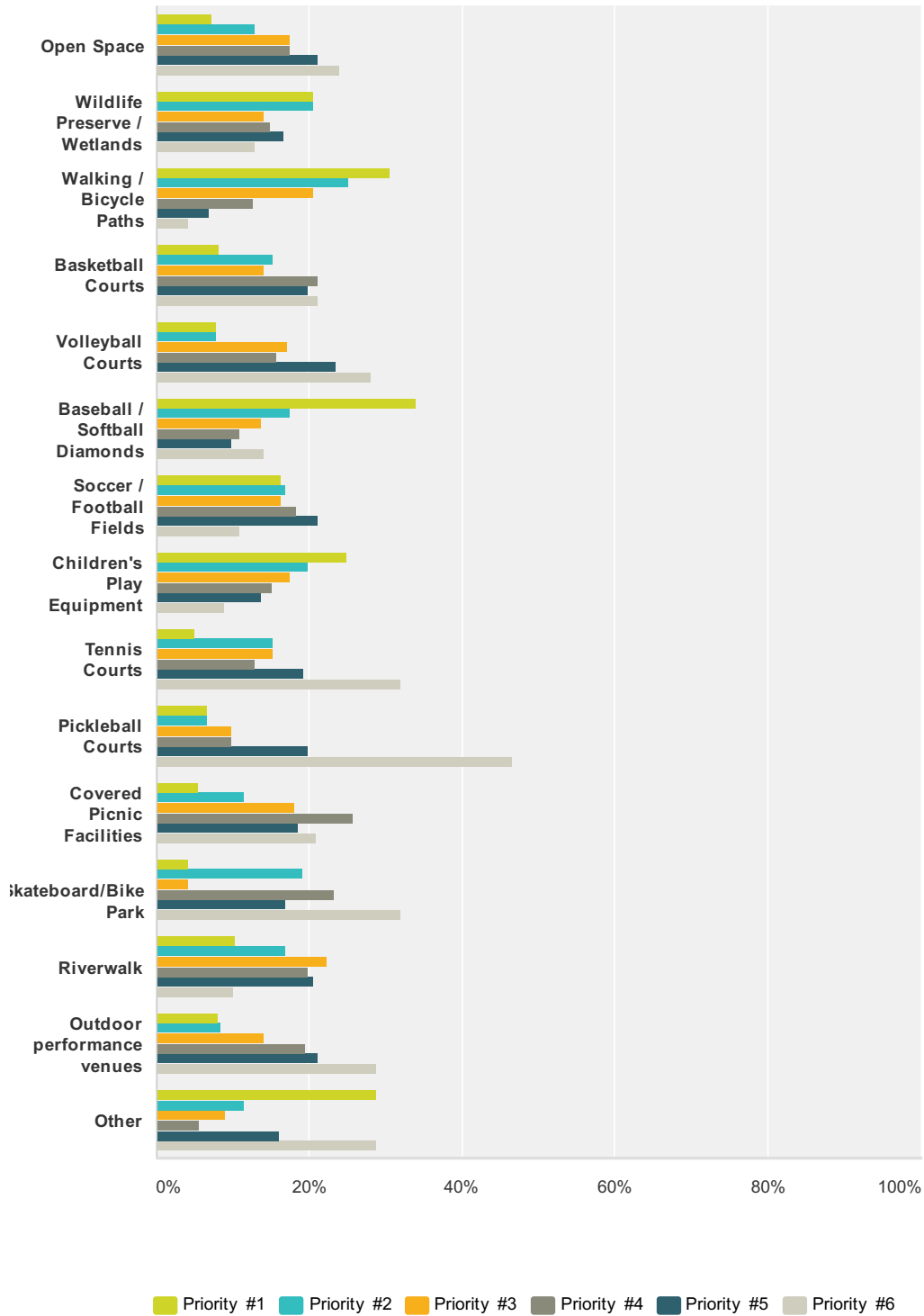


2013 Stoughton Parks and Recreation Department Resident Survey

	Extremely Unimportant	Unimportant	Neutral	Important	Extremely Important	Total
Neighborhood playgrounds/toddler parks	1.32% 7	5.83% 31	26.50% 141	41.92% 223	24.44% 130	532
Baseball/softball fields	3.75% 20	14.79% 79	37.08% 198	30.90% 165	13.48% 72	534
Soccer/football fields	3.74% 20	14.02% 75	40.75% 218	28.60% 153	12.90% 69	535
Paved pedestrian/bicycle paths	1.86% 10	4.28% 23	19.18% 103	41.53% 223	33.15% 178	537
Nature/multiuse trails	1.87% 10	2.62% 14	20% 107	39.63% 212	35.89% 192	535
Basketball courts	4.50% 24	13.70% 73	48.78% 260	26.45% 141	6.57% 35	533
Tennis courts	6.00% 32	12.95% 69	51.22% 273	24.39% 130	5.44% 29	533
Volleyball courts	5.83% 31	13.53% 72	49.81% 265	25.75% 137	5.08% 27	532
Nature preserves	3.01% 16	3.38% 18	22.93% 122	40.60% 216	30.08% 160	532
Picnic areas	0.94% 5	2.83% 15	25.47% 135	51.70% 274	19.06% 101	530
Swimming facilities	2.81% 15	6.18% 33	24.91% 133	36.89% 197	29.21% 156	534
Pet exercising areas	7.88% 42	9.57% 51	34.33% 183	32.08% 171	16.14% 86	533
Skateboard/bike parks	11.68% 62	20.34% 108	46.14% 245	16.95% 90	4.90% 26	531
Community gardens	4.68% 25	6.93% 37	35.96% 192	34.46% 184	17.98% 96	534
Open space park areas/nonspecific use	3.54% 19	5.22% 28	36.01% 193	37.31% 200	17.91% 96	536
Ice skating rinks	7.69% 41	14.45% 77	43.53% 232	26.27% 140	8.07% 43	533
Outdoor performance venues	4.52% 24	6.21% 33	35.97% 191	38.98% 207	14.31% 76	531

Q8 As Stoughton moves forward with its plans to build new parks, priorities must be established. There are options listed below. Please indicate what your TOP 6 PRIORITIES are based on the expected use by you and/or members of your household.

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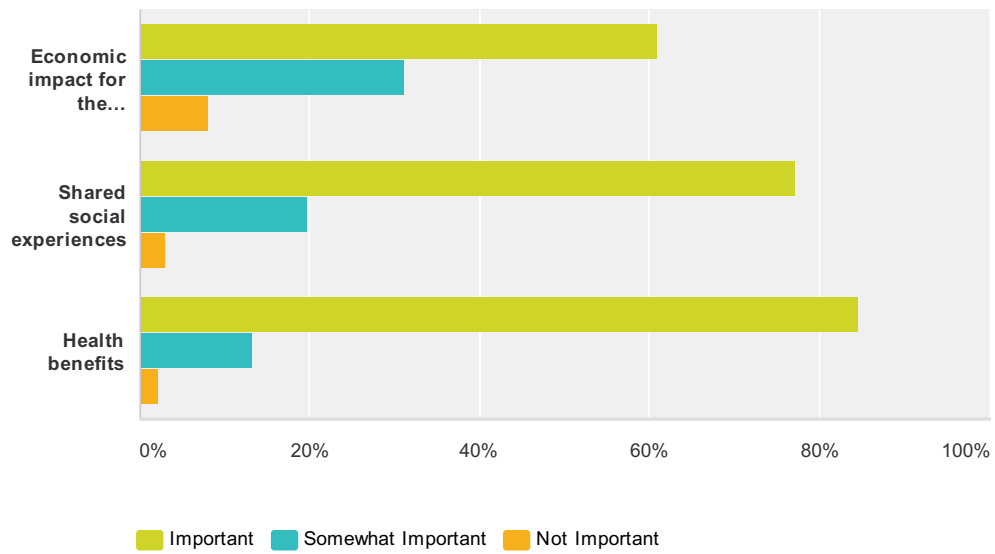
	Priority #1	Priority #2	Priority #3	Priority #4	Priority #5	Priority #6	Total
Open Space	7.24%	12.92%	17.42%	17.42%	21.05%	24.04%	

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Open Space	1.24% 22	12.05% 39	11.45% 53	11.45% 53	21.05% 64	24.01% 73	304
Wildlife Preserve / Wetlands	20.62% 73	20.62% 73	14.12% 50	14.97% 53	16.67% 59	12.99% 46	354
Walking / Bicycle Paths	30.62% 143	25.05% 117	20.56% 96	12.63% 59	6.85% 32	4.28% 20	467
Basketball Courts	8.24% 7	15.29% 13	14.12% 12	21.18% 18	20% 17	21.18% 18	85
Volleyball Courts	7.81% 5	7.81% 5	17.19% 11	15.63% 10	23.44% 15	28.13% 18	64
Baseball / Softball Diamonds	33.88% 62	17.49% 32	13.66% 25	10.93% 20	9.84% 18	14.21% 26	183
Soccer / Football Fields	16.33% 24	17.01% 25	16.33% 24	18.37% 27	21.09% 31	10.88% 16	147
Children's Play Equipment	24.93% 84	19.88% 67	17.51% 59	15.13% 51	13.65% 46	8.90% 30	337
Tennis Courts	5.13% 4	15.38% 12	15.38% 12	12.82% 10	19.23% 15	32.05% 25	78
Pickleball Courts	6.67% 2	6.67% 2	10% 3	10% 3	20% 6	46.67% 14	30
Covered Picnic Facilities	5.57% 16	11.50% 33	18.12% 52	25.78% 74	18.47% 53	20.91% 60	287
Skateboard/Bike Park	4.26% 2	19.15% 9	4.26% 2	23.40% 11	17.02% 8	31.91% 15	47
Riverwalk	10.36% 40	16.84% 65	22.28% 86	19.95% 77	20.47% 79	10.10% 39	386
Outdoor performance venues	8.10% 20	8.50% 21	14.17% 35	19.43% 48	21.05% 52	28.74% 71	247
Other	28.74% 25	11.49% 10	9.20% 8	5.75% 5	16.09% 14	28.74% 25	87

Q9 How do you rate the importance of parks in the following categories?

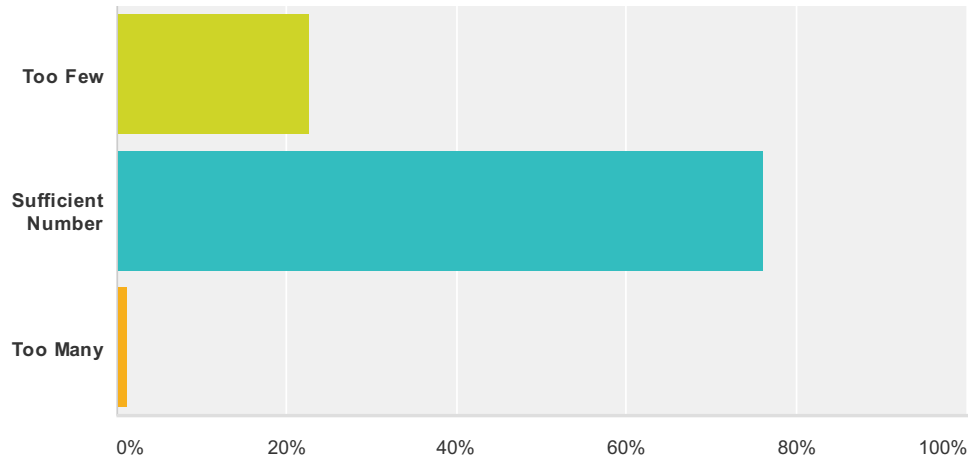
Answered: 536 Skipped: 13



	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Total
Economic impact for the community	60.86% 325	31.09% 166	8.05% 43	534
Shared social experiences	77.11% 411	19.70% 105	3.19% 17	533
Health benefits	84.40% 449	13.35% 71	2.26% 12	532

Q10 Which statement best reflects your opinion about the current number of parks in Stoughton?

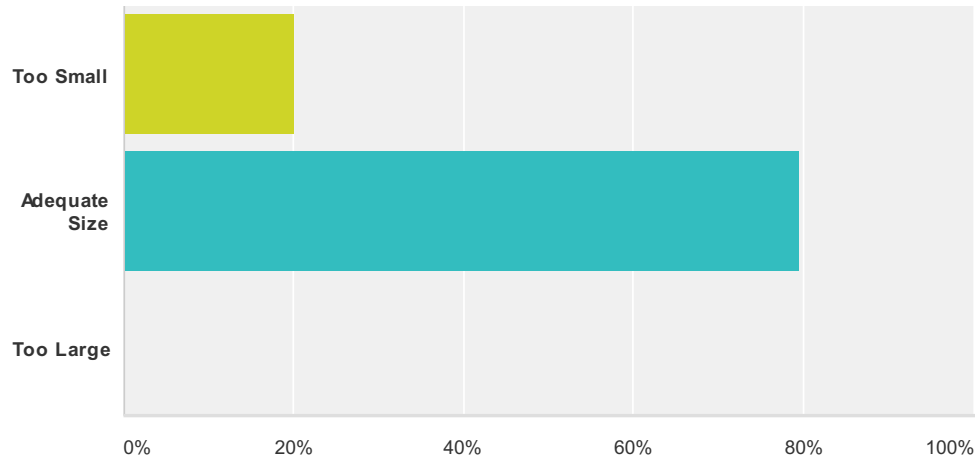
Answered: 538 Skipped: 11



Answer Choices	Responses
Too Few	22.68% 122
Sufficient Number	76.02% 409
Too Many	1.30% 7
Total	538

Q11 Which statement best reflects your opinion about the current sizes of the parks in Stoughton?

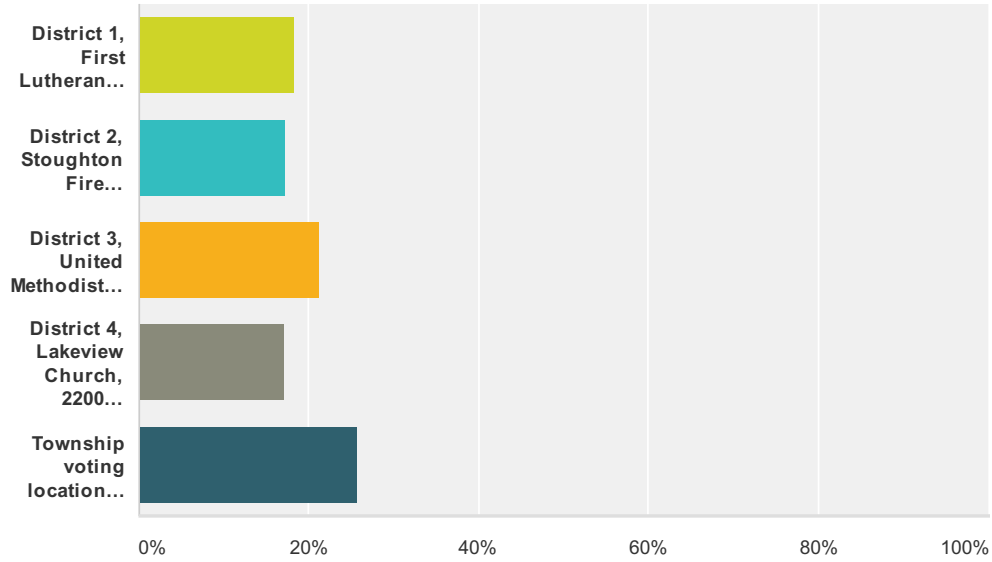
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Answer Choices	Responses
Too Small	20.11% 109
Adequate Size	79.52% 431
Too Large	0.37% 2
Total	542

Q12 Please indicate where you vote

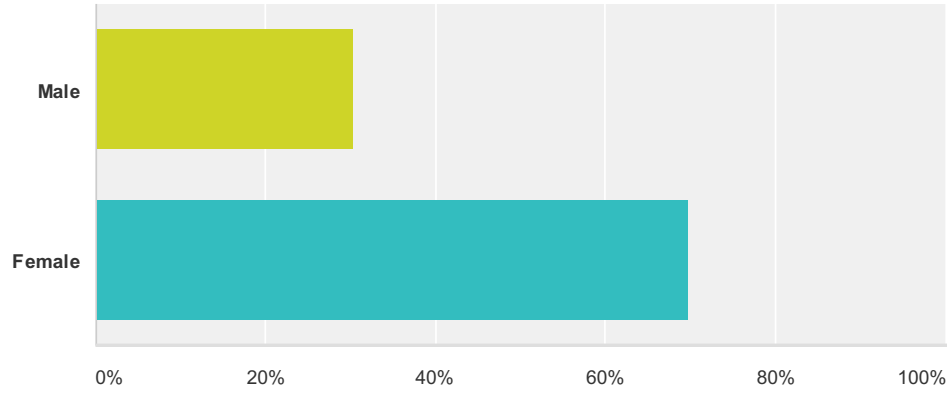
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Answer Choices	Responses	
District 1, First Lutheran Church, 310 E. Washington Street	18.42%	100
District 2, Stoughton Fire Station, 381 E. Main Street	17.31%	94
District 3, United Methodist Church, 525 Lincoln Avenue	21.36%	116
District 4, Lakeview Church, 2200 Lincoln Avenue	17.13%	93
Township voting location (out of City)	25.78%	140
Total		543

Q13 Please indicate your gender

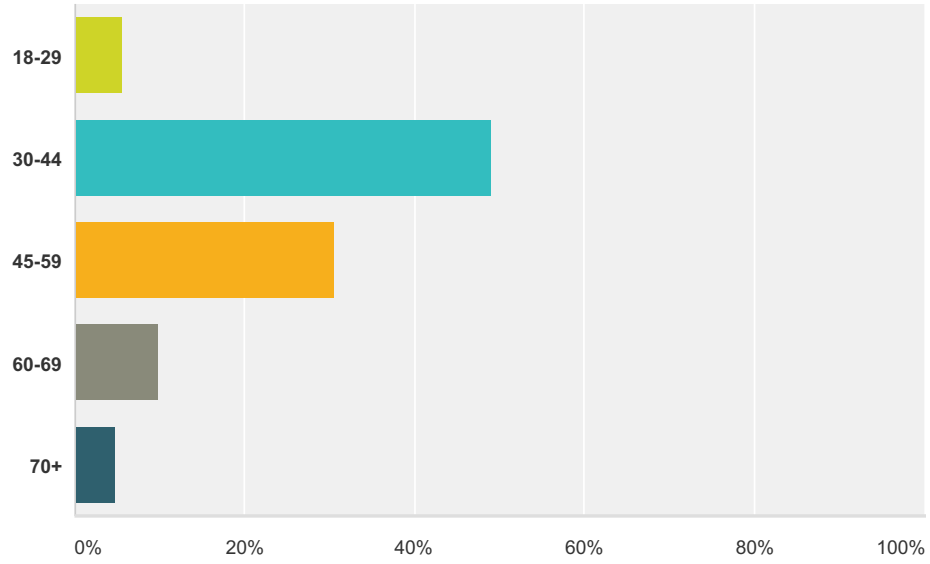
Answered: 539 Skipped: 10



Answer Choices	Responses
Male	30.43% 164
Female	69.57% 375
Total	539

Q14 Please indicate your age:

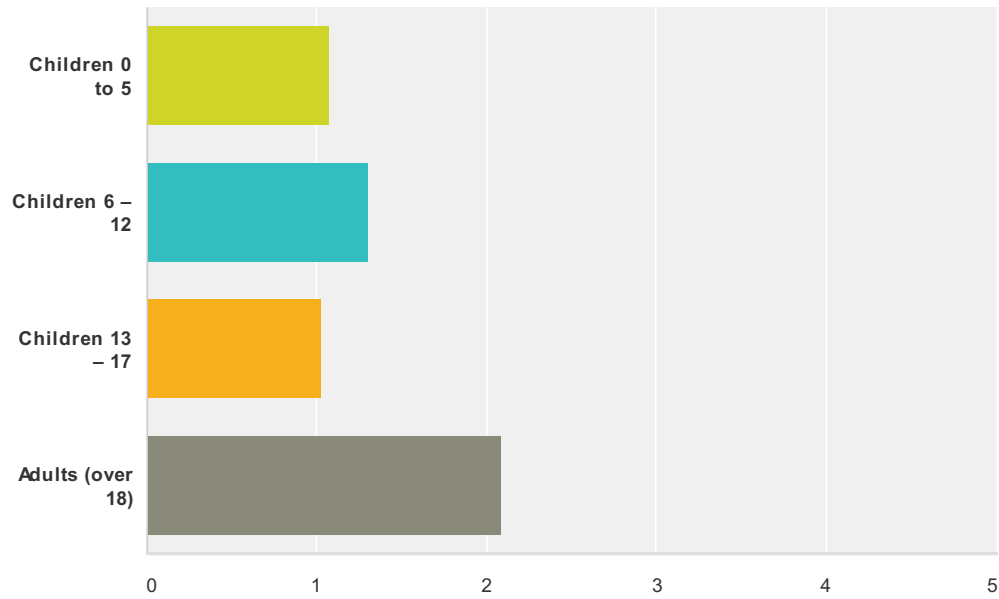
Answered: 539 Skipped: 10



Answer Choices	Responses	
18-29	5.75%	31
30-44	48.98%	264
45-59	30.61%	165
60-69	9.83%	53
70+	4.82%	26
Total		539

Q15 Please indicate the number of people living in your household by age:

Answered: 532 Skipped: 17



Answer Choices	Average Number	Total Number	Responses
Children 0 to 5	1.08	240	222
Children 6 – 12	1.30	373	286
Children 13 – 17	1.03	197	191
Adults (over 18)	2.09	940	449
Total Respondents: 532			

2.4 Stoughton Parks Survey

Input from Stoughton citizens is a major driving force behind recommendations contained in **Chapter 3** of this Plan. To understand usage of current parks, recreational facilities and open space, and to plan for future growth the Parks and Recreation Department surveyed Stoughton residents.

The survey was designed to provide accurate data to help Park and Recreation Committee members and City staff to identify key issues about park usage in Stoughton. The survey also posed questions about the size and quantity of existing facilities. This feedback is critical to City planners responsible for determining the types, locations and sizes of new park facilities and were to focus maintenance dollars on existing parks.

Data collection was conducted from mid-May through early August 2013. The survey was promoted in both the Courier Hub and Tower Times. Paper copies were provided for the public at the Library, Senior Center, Recreation Department, and Chamber of Commerce. An online version of the survey was made available on the City website and sent to over 5,000 local and area emails. The responses totaled over 549.

75% of the respondents use Stoughton parks at least one time a week during the summer, and 40% use them weekly during other seasons of the year. Frequently used park facilities included toddler lots, baseball/softball fields, soccer/football fields, paved paths and nature trails.

Parks are important to very important to 85% of the survey respondents. 78% report overall satisfaction with the Stoughton Parks System. Residents enjoy and appreciate the proximity of parks to their homes. They are very satisfied with the level of park maintenance and access to park play equipment and other park facilities.

The survey uncovered that there are four park user types in Stoughton, each seeking different park facilities and experiences. Stoughton has met the four group's needs in the past and can continue to meet them with focused efforts. The four groups are listed below along with the types of facilities they seek:

Passive Activity Seekers (Trails and Picnics): This park user type enjoys experiencing nature and quiet when in the parks. They look for nature trails, walking and biking trails, open space with wildlife habitat, picnic areas and quiet places to just "be" outside.

Sporting Activity Seeker (Ball Players): This group goes to parks to enjoy organized sport activities such as softball, baseball, basketball, football and soccer. They seek well designed and maintained facilities to enjoy their chosen sports either in pick-up games or organized league play. Often times this group consists of parents and children, where the parents support the child or children in the family in various sports interest. This group also includes adult athletes (single and married) who seek to partake in sport leagues for the competition and the companionship.

Young Child Activity Seeker (Young Child Activities): This group includes parents of young children (under 8 years old or so), it also includes grandparents and other caretakers of young children. This park user type goes to a park to find play equipment and other activities (possibly swimming) for their young child to enjoy. They generally like the park

and play equipment to be close to home to provide for easy access during frequent but short visits.

Teen to Young Adult Activity Seeker (Tween/Teen Activities): This park user type is looking for skate boarding facilities, possibly tennis or ice skating opportunities. They see parks as places to gather and enjoy the company of people their own age, a place to “see and be seen”.

Of course, one person may be a member of multiple groups, for example a person seeking a quiet nature walk while the kids are in school, attending a little league game in a park after dinner and then enjoying watching their toddler on a playground as the sun goes down. The groups however are useful in planning for park expansion, prioritizing maintenance dollars, future park locations and future park types. The City of Stoughton must take a balanced approach, as they have in the past, to provide park and park facilities that continue to meet the various needs of the groups identified in the survey.

A summary of the survey findings can be found in [Appendix A](#).

1.2 The 2013 Comprehensive Park and Open Space Master Plan Goals and Objectives

The initial task in preparing any type of planning document includes the formulation of a series of goals and objectives that outline the City's intent throughout the planning document. These goals and objectives will serve as a guide for the City to follow in providing a desired community-wide park and recreation system.

Mission Statement - The overall purpose of the park system and reason for the park land and recreation program provision.

Goal - A broad statement of direction and purpose. A goal should be based on the stated needs of the community. A goal should be long-range and timeless as well as idealistic.

Objective - Defined as a quantifiable aim within a limited time frame. Objectives should be derived from stated goals, quantifiable, specific and within a limited time frame.

A goal provides the City with its long-term destination; objectives act as mile markers along the way. All recommendations listed in the plan are specifically designed to address the goals and objectives listed here.

An Example of a Goal and Objective:

- Goal
Ensure that open space and recreation activities and programs are designed to meet the special needs of all residents, especially the elderly and handicapped.
- Objective
Convert all existing restrooms in the parks to accessible restrooms by the year 2010.

City of Stoughton Mission Statement

The City of Stoughton seeks to provide a park and recreation system that will: meet the needs of our current residents and future generations; preserve and protect the City's open space, water, historical and natural resources; and provide a park and recreation program that is designed to enhance City residence's quality of life.

City of Stoughton Goals and Objectives

1. Goal: Maintain an adequate amount of active and passive recreational lands to meet current and future recreational needs.
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Objectives:

- Acquire additional lands for active and passive recreational use based on current demand, demands created by increasing populations, and environmental significance of the land.
- Strive to achieve the goal of at least 10.5 acres of land suitable for active recreation for every 1,000 Stoughton residents.
- Acquire lands suitable for park and recreation use by explicitly stating acceptable characteristics of land for dedication in the parkland dedication ordinance.

2. Goal: Ensure that open space, recreation facilities and programs are designed to meet the special needs of all residents, especially the elderly and disabled.

Objectives:

- Provide for barrier-free access in all new park facility construction and play areas.
- Achieve compliance with accessibility requirements in existing facilities by 2018.
- Encourage participation of elderly and disabled citizens and in recreational programs.
- Comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act as it applies to communication between the Parks and Recreation Department and the public.

3. Goal: Coordinate subdivision review with all departments responsible for providing or maintaining adequate park facilities.

Objectives:

- Consult and incorporate the needs identified in the Comprehensive Park and Open Space Master Plan before subdivision plats are approved.
- Evaluate land dedicated for parks to differentiate between land appropriate for active park use, land appropriate for open space only, and land requiring protection from development. Land requiring protection from development should be protected via the zoning ordinances.
- Continually evaluate and update the subdivision ordinance so that it adequately addresses the park and open space needs of new and existing City residents.

4. Goal: Coordinate development efforts and the use and maintenance of recreational facilities among the City of Stoughton, Stoughton School District, and appropriate public recreation associations.

Objectives:

- Coordinate the public use of indoor and outdoor school recreation facilities.
- Encourage cooperative City/School/Sports Association development projects to help improve and expand recreation opportunities throughout the community in a cost-effective manner.
- Continue the existing policy formal use/revenue/maintenance agreements among the City, school district, and public recreation associations to help operate and maintain public recreation facilities. Agreements will be reviewed every two years.

5. Goal: Stress the benefits of larger neighborhood and community parks that provide a wide range of facilities over the development of small playground and tot-lot facilities.

Objectives:

- Analyze the location, size and function of existing and proposed parks as annexations, residential development or land use changes occur.
- Use park service area criteria to help determine the location of future park sites (1/4 mile for a neighborhood park and 1 mile for a community park).
- A community park is needed in the northwest and the southwest sides of Stoughton.

6. Goal: Provide residents with safe and reliable park facilities and equipment throughout the City park system.

Objectives:

- Continue funding the replacement of old and deteriorating recreation equipment at all City parks.
- Continually monitor and maintain existing park equipment to ensure its longevity and safety.

7. Goal: Use all available resources to further enhance the quality of the City's park system.

Objectives:

- Continually pursue state and federal funding programs, which can aid in the purchase and/or development of desired park system improvements.
- Cultivate the existing positive relationships with public and private organizations for donations and volunteer help to aid in park system development.
- Update the City's Comprehensive Park and Open Space Master Plan every five years to maintain grant eligibility.
- Pursue the development of revenue generating recreational facilities and activities, which can aid in the development of new facilities and/or the maintenance of existing facilities.

8. Goal: Recognize the importance of an adequate park budget, which can financially address existing park hazards and allow for future parkland acquisition and future park facility development.

Objectives:

- Use the Comprehensive Park and Open Space Plan's capital improvements program as a guide to establish yearly park budgets.
- Invest funds to develop facilities that will maximize existing park and recreation areas and provide exciting recreational programs to increase park use.

9. Goal: Continue to develop interconnected biking and walking trails that provide easy and safe access to all neighborhoods.

Objectives:

- Work with Public Works Committee to improve greenway landscaping and help define possible trails through the greenways.
- Work with Planning and Public Works Committee to add routes or bike lanes, when needed, on newly constructed streets that will serve to connect the existing system of biking and walking facilities.
- Work with State and County officials to connect Stoughton to other communities.

10. Goal: Ensure preservation and enhancement of shorelines and waterways for public use.

Objectives:

- Maintain City owned shorelines, specifically at Division St. Park, Veteran's Park, Mandt Park, and the Fourth St. Dam.
- Enhance wildlife habitats.
- Secure waterway property for parkland and trails during the development approval process.

11. Goal: Expand the opportunities for public gathering and positive economic impact through increased special events in parks.

Objectives:

- Increase use of Racetrack Park for weekend athletic tournaments.
- Program Troll Beach on a daily basis to increase attendance.
- Expand the use of Mandt Park with more special events.
- Create a mobile concert in the parks series during the summer months.

Stoughton Area Youth Center 2013-2014 Program

- **Fill the Gap**

Fill the Gap provides young people with educational support, career development opportunities, and positive role models for academic and professional success. This program helps young people develop the skills to compete successfully in higher education and careers of their choosing. Our vision is to be one of the leading resources in preparing young people for their futures. Fill the gap accomplishes this by providing leadership experiences for existing and emerging community leaders, as well as increasing community reinvestment of local businesses and organizations.

- **Kids Kick Healthy Living**

The Kids Kick Healthy Living Program works to encourage healthy habits. We are implementing new programming and snack options to help children make better discussion when it comes to eating and living healthy. This fall, we will implement a new curriculum entitled Kids Kick. The Kids Kick program includes games, sports, fitness activities field trips, healthy and fun cooking, and educating youth about healthy choices.

SAYC is working toward offering only healthy snacks on a regular basis, such as trail mix, fruit strips, organic milk, apples and bananas.

- **3D Printing via the MakerBot**

MakerBot brings the future to your desktop with affordable, open source 3D printers. MakerBot is our own little factory where you can make almost anything you can imagine. This technology has the potential to transform the way we think about science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education, and to inspire more young people to pursue those careers.

- **Job Training**

Teens often lack the basic employability skills needed to get and keep a job in today's society. Research shows that 85% of people who lose a job do so because they lack good work habits, rather than lack appropriate job skills. Factors most often cited for job loss are tardiness and absenteeism, failure to follow intrusions, and inability to get along with supervisors or fellow workers. Basic employability skills that are based in a strong work ethic are needed in all occupations. While the proper technical skills are important, today's employers are looking for employees with the ability to communicate effectively, work on a team, resolve conflicts, handle ethical dilemmas, and manage their time in an effective manner. Covered topics:

Creating a positive work ethic

The importance of dependability, initiative, and interpersonal skills

Making yourself hireable

Making a positive first impression

Tips for mastering the paperwork (applications and resumes)

Succeeding in a job interview

Keeping a job once you get it

- **Self Defense Training**

Our goals are to inspire students with the dynamic martial arts spirit as we share with them the techniques of self-defense in Taekwondo. Taekwondo is a martial art intended to stop unwanted advances from an attacker, i.e. self-defense. Like learning to swim, self-defense is a skill that could one day save your life. However, Taekwondo class is more than learning self-defense. It is intended to shape the lives of students by providing focus, concentration, discipline, awareness, elevated self-esteem, and confidence to accompany Taekwondo life saving skills. Although it takes many years to master Taekwondo, the discipline, perseverance and confidence learned in class carries over into all aspects of life. Discipline helps students to maintain focus at school and gives them courage to stand up to negative social influences. In class students are taught to persevere through physical conditioning. This empowers them to believe that what was once impossible is now possible. Students also learn to have confidence in themselves and their abilities by setting goals and achieving them.

Respect, loyalty and courtesy for students and instructors are aspects of Taekwondo training that are expected of every student. As a result, the benefit of martial arts training is much more than learning self-defense. It is learning to do one's absolute best at all times, in all situations.

- **Computer Repair**

The Computer Repair Program provides a creative and safe out-of-school learning environment where young people work with adult mentors to explore their own ideas, develop skills, and build confidence in themselves through the use of technology, and once the work is done kids get to keep the computer.

- **Fashion Design**

The fashion club is organized to provide students with an opportunity to express their creativity through clothing, textiles, and design. Through collaboration, students showcase their talents and skills in fashion and clothing construction to promote awareness of diversity in art and style.

- **Tutoring and Mentoring**

One of our missions is to help children overcome barriers to achievement in school and promote academic success. Each child does homework with his or her tutor and receives any extra help he or she needs in the fundamentals, especially reading or math. We create a supportive community where learning can take place. Each person is respected and education and achievement are valued. The goal is to prepare children to perform better in school by providing them with educational assistance, positive role models, consistency, and extracurricular activities that broaden their horizons.

- **Reach for the Stars**

Improve academic deficiencies and increase the percentage of students who graduate from high school. To accomplish this goal, the program offers broad as well as specific educational activities:

1. Help youth understand and evaluate their life options. To accomplish this goal, the program offers career activities that provide sophomores and juniors with information about and exposure to

careers in Agriculture, Arts, Business, Communications, Computers, Education, Engineering Finance, Government, Law, Medical, and Public Service.

2. Increase the developmental assets in youth. To accomplish this goal, the program provides youth with resources and positive experiences that increase external assets while adult role models nurture qualities that increase internal assets.

3. Establish meaningful, long-term relationships between program participants and positive adults within the community. To accomplish this goal, the program recruits adult role models who are committed to work with youth and willing to nurture and guide their development.

These programs are ongoing beginning in September and running through the school year. Participates are encouraged to join at all times. There is no cost for these programs.

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STOUGHTON YOUTH CENTER

ATTENDANCE



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MON	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Undup	Undup	Fem
Jan	672	1030	926	852	343	297	376	616	442	442	617	665	605	532	389	554	272	690	437	122	122	150
Feb	571	1054	973	856	495	368	514	657	545	717	774	668	516	486	430	610	275	642	287	75	48	110
Mar	639	1014	999	764	706	552	945	657	625	709	785	659	512	492	527	681	560	675	364	107	8	118
April	983	1119	951	975	932	328	599	564	661	935	608	530	671	564	561	595	345	502	484	86	7	210
May	874	1072	874	967	533	487	653	525	537	921	596	416	654	562	448	510	362	555	523	110	5	250
June	442	1020	720	834	796	728	605	465	504	678	511	386	407	419	403	84	161	302	389	59	11	156
July	618	1099	690	901	707	543	615	577	602	649	654	416	532	440	304	44	228	284	439	49	7	205
Aug	442	673	892	823	605	650	931	774	550	835	546	594	567	411	400	105	214	343				
Sept	1043	1096	945	1012	449	329	810	823	354	507	532	564	469	360	465	210	478	476				
Oct	1144	1734	1420	898	510	493	691	792	496	783	486	586	521	225	510	185	731	635				
Nov	807	1292	910	390	525	295	347	580	303	698	672	672	576	255	551	50	701	496				
Dec	840	922	595	417	321	288	362	483	350	978	696	419	378	344	515	268	624	489				
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