

MOUNT JULIET

SYSTEMWIDE PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN



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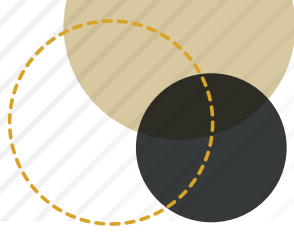


INTRODUCTION

Mount Juliet, a thriving suburb east of Nashville, is a family-oriented place that is home to more than 35,000 residents and within a day's drive to more than half of the American population. Mount Juliet is located in Wilson County, one of the state's top five most affluent counties and fastest growing counties in the state. As Mount Juliet continues to grow, keeping up with recreational needs is essential for this booming community to provide the quality of life our residents are looking for.

This is the City's first Systemwide Parks and Recreation Master Plan and provides a framework for guiding the City through management and operations of parks and recreation as well as outline current recreational facilities and amenities in order to recommend achievable strategies for providing the City's future growth with additional park facilities and programming.





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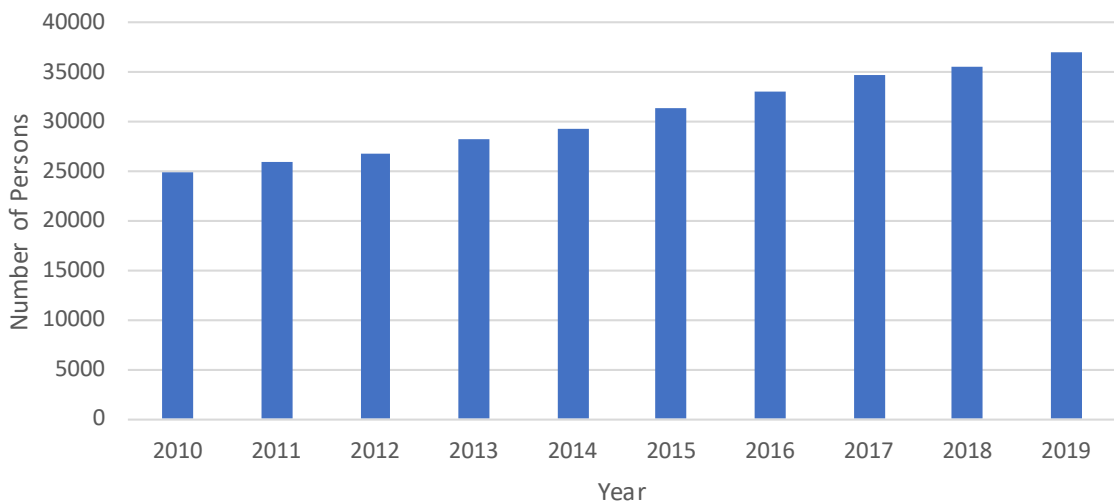
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DEMOGRAPHICS

POPULATION TRENDS AND PROJECTIONS

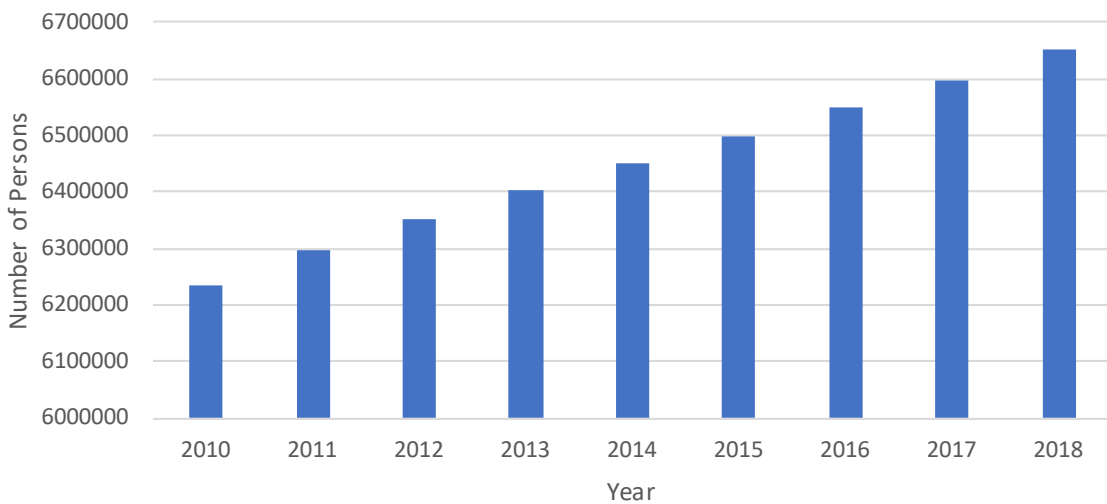
In 2018, the United States Census Bureau projected Wilson County, which includes Mount Juliet, the fastest growing county in the State of Tennessee.

Population Estimates for Mount Juliet, Tennessee



Source: World Population Review

Population Estimates for the State of Tennessee



Source: World Population Review



POPULATION PERCENT CHANGE IN MOUNT JULIET

Between 2015-2018, the City of Mount Juliet added a new resident every 8.5 hours. The following charts show the percentage of growth year-over-year. In total, Mount Juliet's population has increased 44% in the last 10 years.

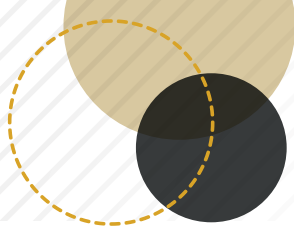
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|------|-------|
| 2011 | 3.50% |
| 2012 | 3.82% |
| 2013 | 5.06% |
| 2014 | 3.96% |
| 2015 | 7.05% |
| 2016 | 5.50% |
| 2017 | 4.63% |
| 2018 | 2.91% |
| 2019 | 3.84% |

Source: World Population Review

Projecting ahead, the total population and number of households are expected to continue to grow rapidly. This is due to recent population trends as well as the new Amazon business in Mount Juliet.

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| 2020 | 3.69% |
| 2021 | 3.56% |
| 2022 | 5.06% |
| 2023 | 3.96% |
| 2024 | 7.05% |
| 2025 | 5.50% |
| 2026 | 4.63% |
| 2027 | 2.91% |
| 2028 | 3.84% |

Source: World Population Review



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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Quality community engagement is a cornerstone of any successful planning process. The Mount Juliet Systemwide Parks and Recreation Master Plan is a roadmap for the future of Mount Juliet's parks and recreation system, and the guidance and feedback provided by meaningful public participation is essential for the plan to accurately reflect the needs and desires of the community. To gain a broader understanding of those needs and desires, input was gathered from City staff, community stakeholders, and members of the general public through a variety of activities that included a strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges exercise, online survey, and staff and stakeholder interviews.





SWOC ANALYSIS

The City engaged key stakeholders for a SWOC (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Challenges) evaluation. This stakeholder group included the City's Parks Board, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), Board of Commissioners (BOC), and several key Community Center attendees. Several strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges were identified by project stakeholders:

STRENGTHS

- Friendly, Dedicated, & Competent Staff
- Plentiful Amount of Parks Available
- Variety of Facilities and Programs (ie. Farmers Market, Pickleball, Planet Playground, etc.)
- Well Maintained Properties
- Strong Community Engagement
- Trail and Greenway System
- Environmental Features (Creek access)

WEAKNESSES

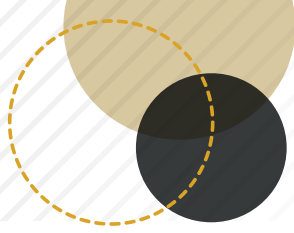
- Need for Additional Sport Facilities (ie. Not Enough Pickleball Courts, No Gym, etc.)
- No Public Pool & Minimal Water Features
- Need Additional Lighting
- Indoor Facilities Need Cleaning
- Not Enough Funding
- Lack of Identification (ie. Confusion on what is Public vs. Private such as Greenway System, Minimal Park Signage, Lack of Future Parks & Recreation Vision, etc.)

OPPORTUNITIES

- Population Growth = Increased Desire for Park Facilities
- Design Around Natural Systems (ie. Additional Greenways, Creek Trails, etc.)
- New Residential Development = Additional Pedestrian Connections
- Pickleball Popularity
- Leaning on a Dedicated Staff
- Desire for Fitness Related Amenities

CHALLENGES

- Growth (ie. Additional People = Additional Needs, Larger Land Required for Developments, etc.)
- Funding
- Security
- Additional Staff Needed
- Long-Term Strategic Park and Recreation Planning
- Land Availability / Land Acquisition



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PUBLIC SURVEY

Community input is a vital part of the needs assessment process because the City's parks and recreation opportunities are meant to serve the people. There is no better way to gain an understanding of the current state of the system and what needs are or are not being met than by listening to the people who use the parks on a daily basis.

METHODOLOGY

One of the key strategies for public input used by the project team was a public survey used to gather feedback from the community. The 18 questions in the survey were developed to gather data regarding perceptions, programming, and usage trends across the community's parks and recreational facilities. Mount Juliet promoted awareness and participation for the survey through social media, specifically the Mt. Juliet Park's Facebook page and the Mt. Juliet Facebook page. The City also sent out the survey through the Alert App, to all residents who are registered with the app. The online survey utilized Survey Monkey and was live between February 26, 2021 and March 26, 2021.

MAJOR FINDINGS

The results summarized in the exhibits on the following pages reflect the feedback provided by the 278 participants that completed the survey. The input they gave provided critical insights that were used to help the City begin prioritizing future investments and improvements.





SURVEY QUESTIONS

The online survey had a total of 18 questions which could be broadly grouped into 5 categories:

DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONS

- Which best describes your place of residence?
- Provide the number of people in each age group present in your household.
- What ethnicity/race is represented in your household?

FACILITY AND AMENITY PERCEPTION QUESTIONS

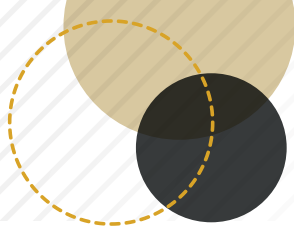
- What attracts you to the parks and/or recreation facilities?
- What are the strengths of Mount Juliet Parks and Recreation that we need to build on for this master plan?
- What are the weaknesses of Mount Juliet Parks and Recreation that we need to suggest to improve in this master plan?
- On a scale of 1 to 10 with 10 being superior, how would you rate the City's Parks and Recreation System?
- Where should the City focus its resources to improving the City's Parks and Recreation System?
- Does the City's Parks and Recreation System have operational or maintenance issues that need to be addressed and improved upon?

FACILITY AND AMENITY USAGE QUESTIONS

- How do you learn about community events?
- How often does your household visit the Mount Juliet parks?
- Which programs and events does your household utilize?
- Which facilities and amenities does your household utilize?
- What type of athletic facilities/programming does your household utilize?
- What could the City do to increase the number of times you visit a Mount Juliet park or facility?

FUTURE FACILITY AND AMENITIES QUESTIONS

- Which activities/programs/events would you like Mount Juliet to add?
- Which type of athletic facilities/programming would your household utilize, if it were available?
- What type of facilities would you like Mount Juliet to add or expand?

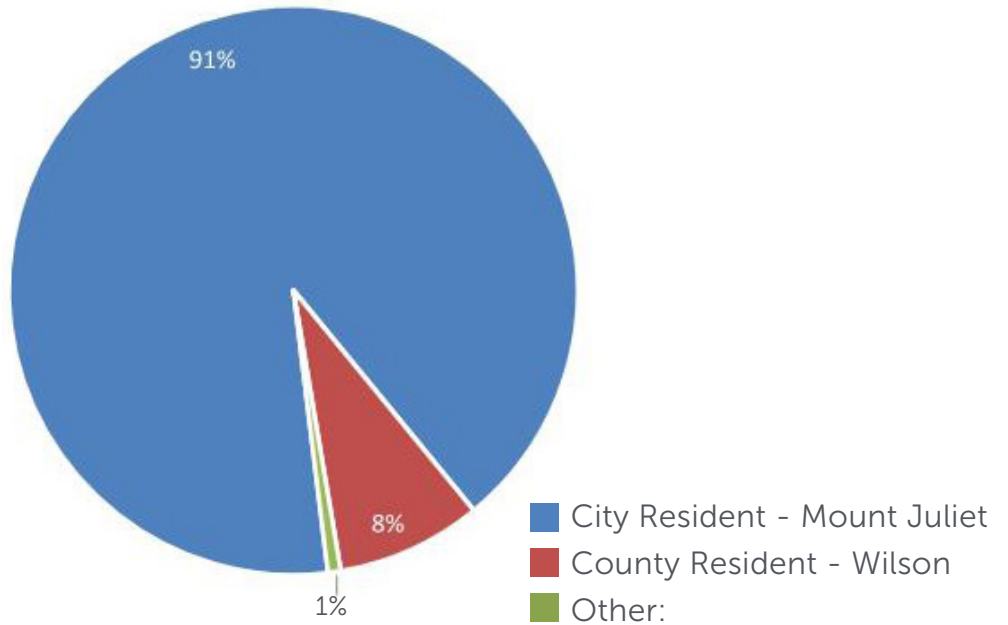


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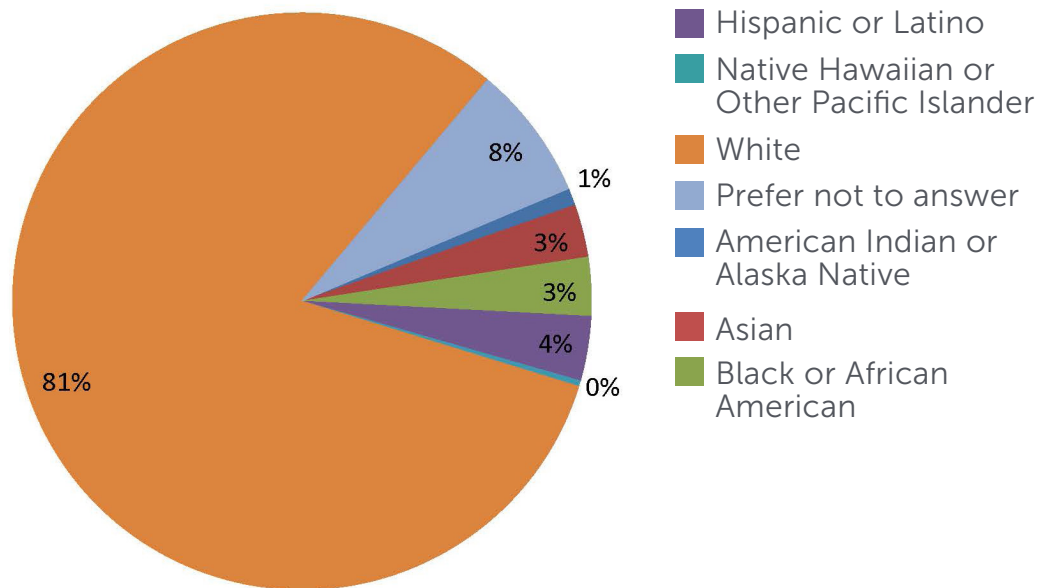
WHAT BEST DESCRIBES YOU?

Survey participants were asked about their place of residence so that the distribution of survey participants could be compared to the distribution of the City and County's overall population. As shown in the figure, 91% of survey participants were residents of Mount Juliet, with 8% residing in the greater Wilson County. 1% of respondents cited they live in Lake Providence area or were seasonal residents.



WHAT ETHNICITY/RACE IS REPRESENTED IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD?

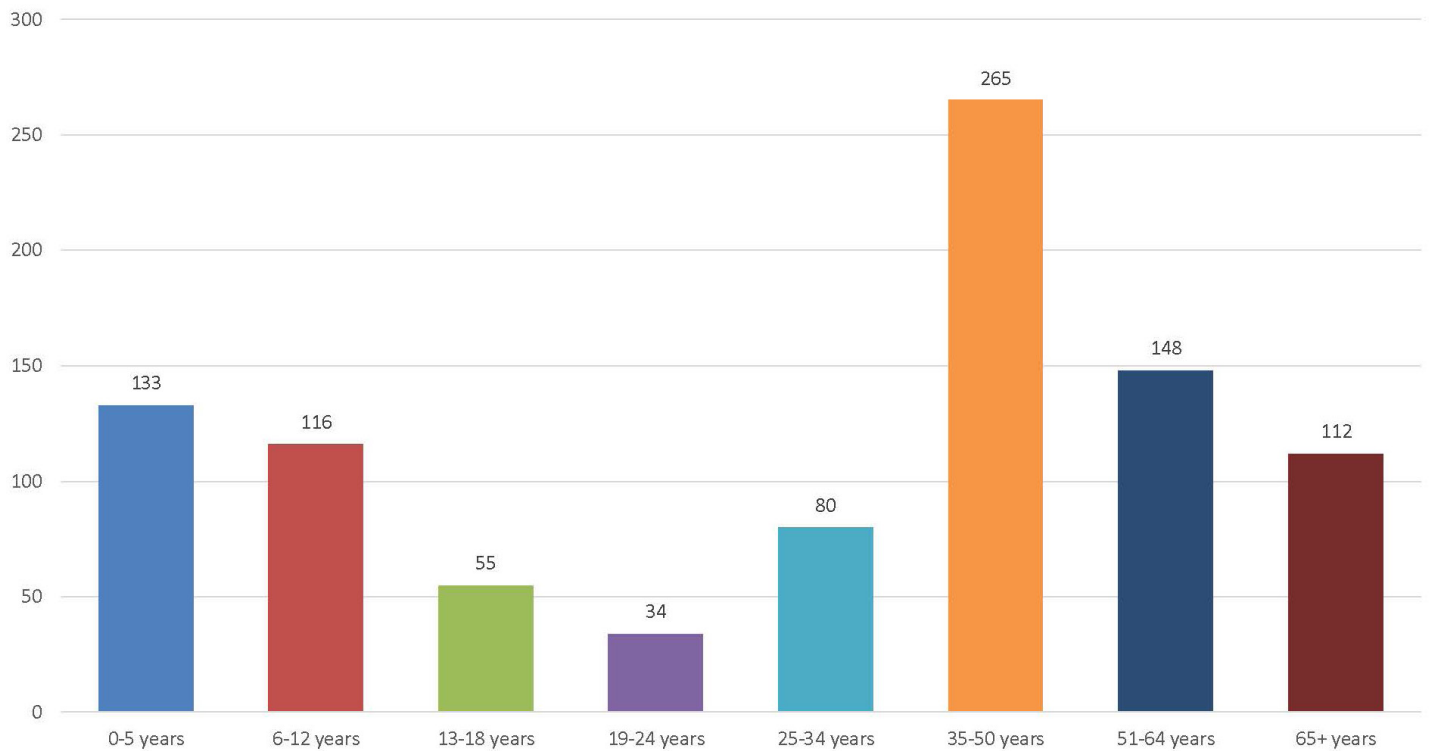
Survey respondents and those in their households are 81% White, 4% Hispanic or Latino, 3% Black or African American, 3% Asian and 1% Native American or Alaska Native. Less than 1% of the respondents identify as Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander. 8% of respondents preferred not to answer.

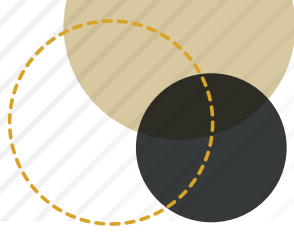




PROVIDE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN EACH AGE GROUP PRESENT IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD

Survey participants were asked about the age makeup of their household, with the figure below showing the age distribution of 943 total people. 35-50 years old make up the largest age group with 28%, followed by 51-64 years of age with 16% and 0-5 years of age with 14% of the total. The age ranges of 6-12 years and 65+ each make up 12% of the distribution, followed by 25-24 years of age making up 8%, 13-18 years of age at 6% and the remaining 4% belonging to those 19-24 years of age. The figure below highlights that many families in Mount Juliet have young children ages 0-12 years old. This correlates with Mount Juliet census data, which shows a large percentage of young children and adults between ages 35-50.



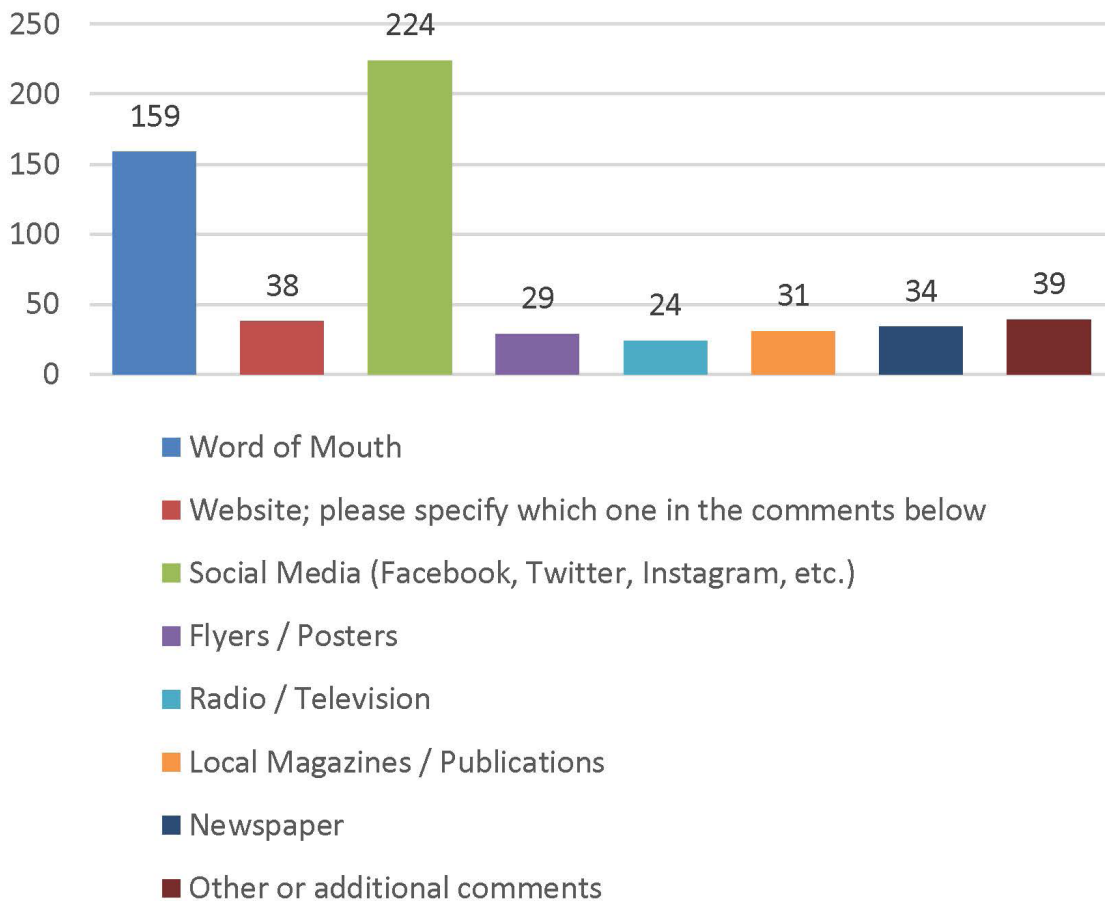


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HOW DO YOU LEARN ABOUT COMMUNITY EVENTS?

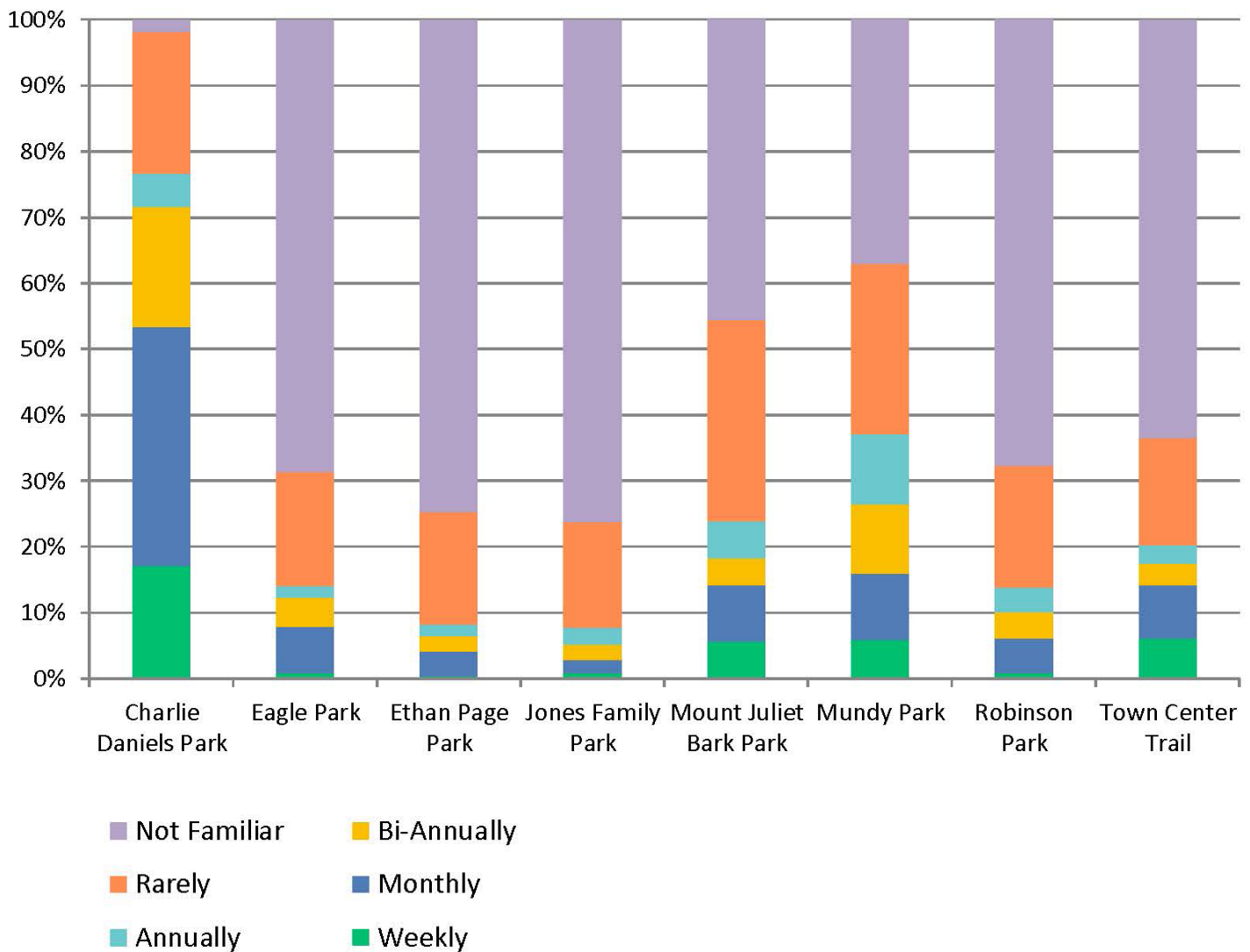
The 278 survey participants were asked to share how they learn about community events. Because respondents were able to select more than one option, the figure below shows their 578 responses. The data shows that 81% of respondents learn about events through social media. The next most popular response was word of mouth, with 57% of respondents using this method. Besides these two most common responses, 14% of participants responded “other”, with most citing the use of the app “Nextdoor” to stay up-to-date on community events. Least utilized methods included radio/television and flyers/posters. Because not everyone is connected through word of mouth, it is recommended that Mount Juliet put additional effort into marketing facilities and events through online and print media. Recommendations include running several different social media accounts and replacing the information sign that used to be on the corner of Mount Juliet Road and Charlie Daniels Park.

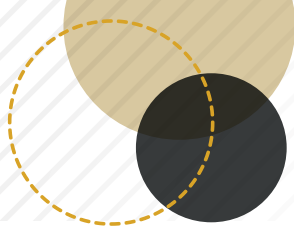




HOW OFTEN DOES YOUR HOUSEHOLD VISIT THE MOUNT JULIET PARKS?

Survey respondents overwhelmingly visit Charlie Daniels Park over other park facilities. Mundy Park and Mount Juliet Bark Park are the next most visited facilities. The majority of people said they were not familiar with Eagle Park, Ethan Page Park, Jones Family Park, Robinson Park and Town Center Trail. Increasing awareness of current park facilities could relieve overcrowding at Charlie Daniels Park and encourage patrons to utilize other green spaces around town.



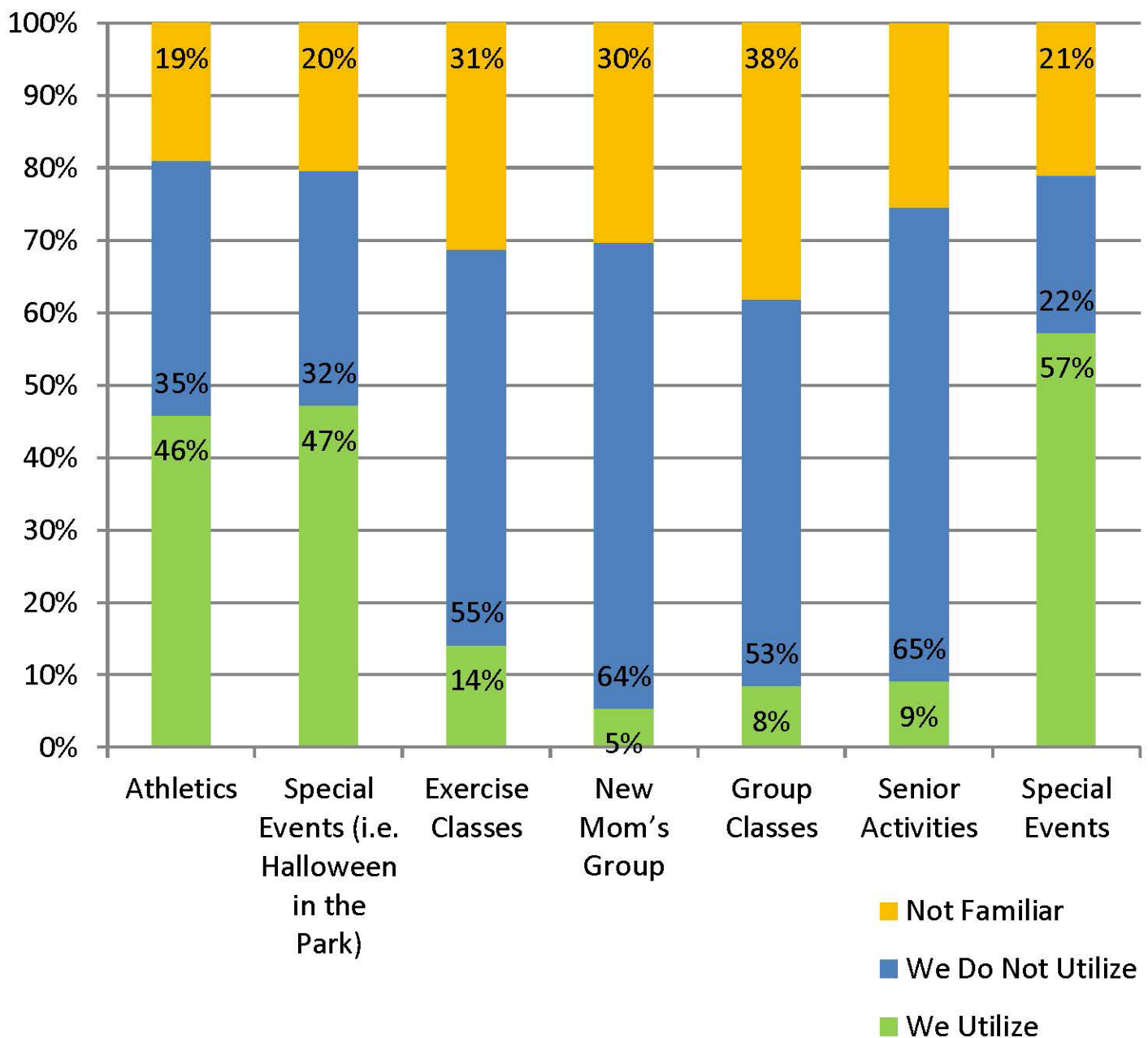


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WHICH PROGRAMS AND EVENTS DOES YOUR HOUSEHOLD UTILIZE?

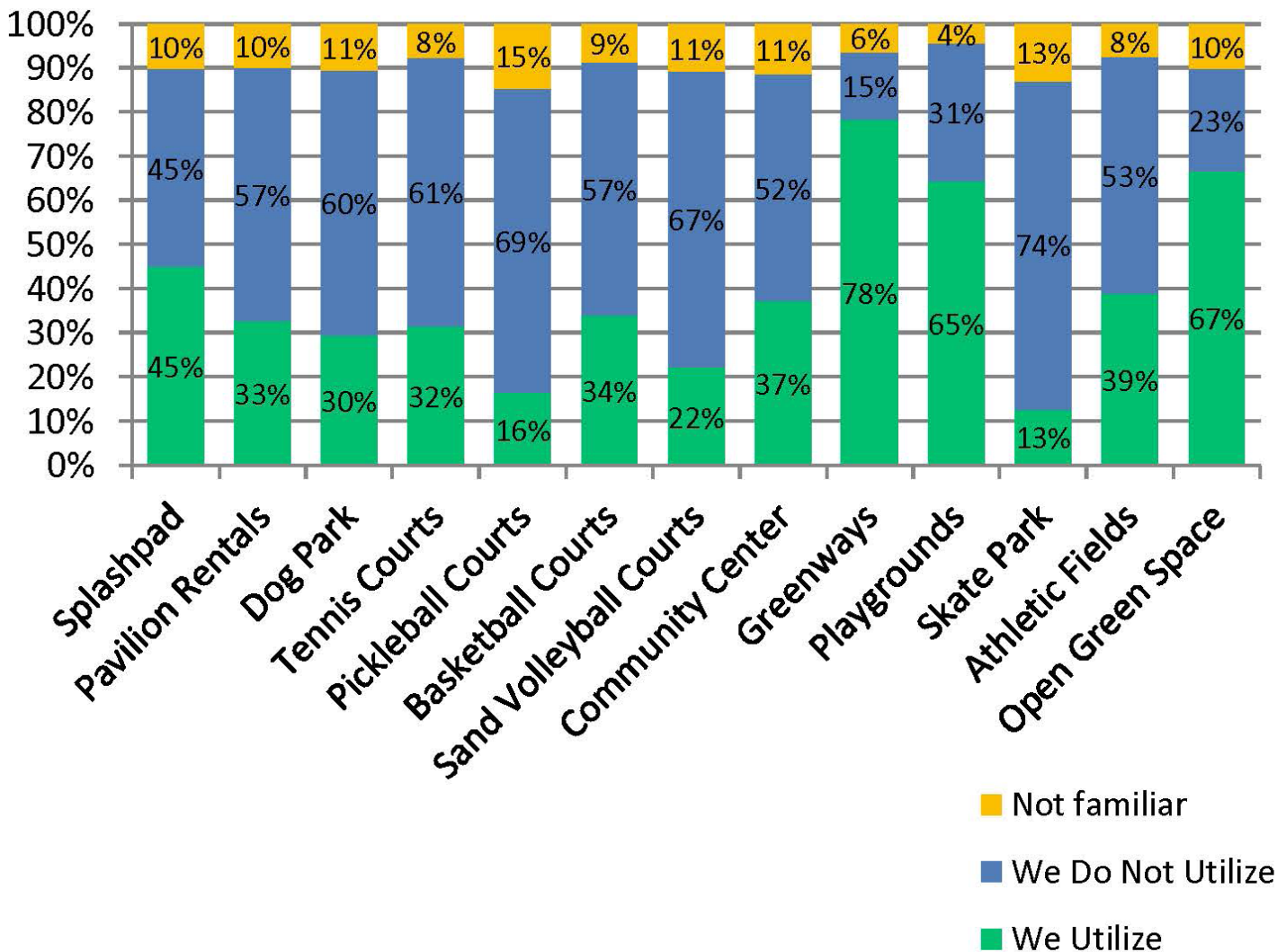
This question asked survey respondents to identify the programs and events they use, with the figure below showing the breakdown of responses for each offering. Special events (57%) received the highest number of responses, followed by athletics (46%), exercise classes (14%), group classes (8%), senior activities (9%) and new mom's group (5%). A significant number of responses cited being not familiar with the City's offerings. This indicates an opportunity for the City to better market its programs and events to the public to increase participation.

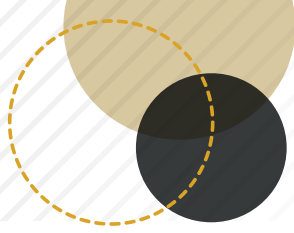




WHICH FACILITIES AND AMENITIES DOES YOUR HOUSEHOLD UTILIZE?

When participants were asked which facilities and amenities their household utilizes, greenways (78%), open green space (67%), playgrounds (65%) and splash pad (45%) received the most responses. The least utilized facilities in the community include the sand volleyball courts (22%), pickleball courts (16%) and the skate park (13%). These responses show that more respondents are using the more generic recreation facilities like greenways and playgrounds versus fewer are using the more specialized recreation facilities like volleyball and pickleball courts, which is not surprising. In contrast to the previous question, fewer respondents answered “not familiar” with the current facilities or amenities, which means the City may be doing a better job at marketing these facilities, than other programs or events.



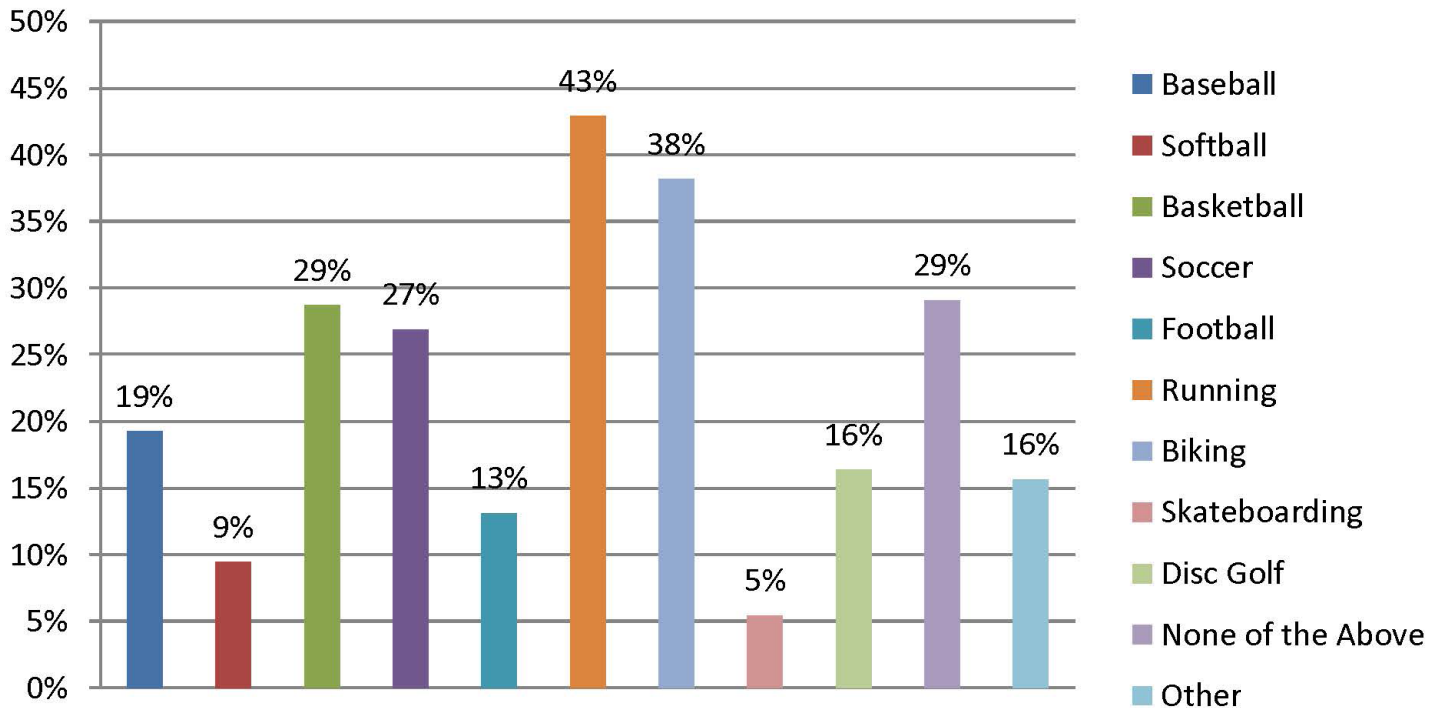


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WHAT TYPE OF ATHLETIC FACILITIES AND PROGRAMMING DOES YOUR HOUSEHOLD UTILIZE?

This question asked participants to identify which City’s facilities and program offerings they utilize, with the most popular responses being running (43%) and biking (38%). This answer coincides with other survey responses requesting more trail connectivity and maintenance. 29% of respondents said they use the basketball facilities, while another 29% said they do not utilize any programming listed. The remaining responses were athletic offerings including: soccer (27%), baseball (19%), disc golf (16%), football (13%) softball (9%), and skateboarding (5%).

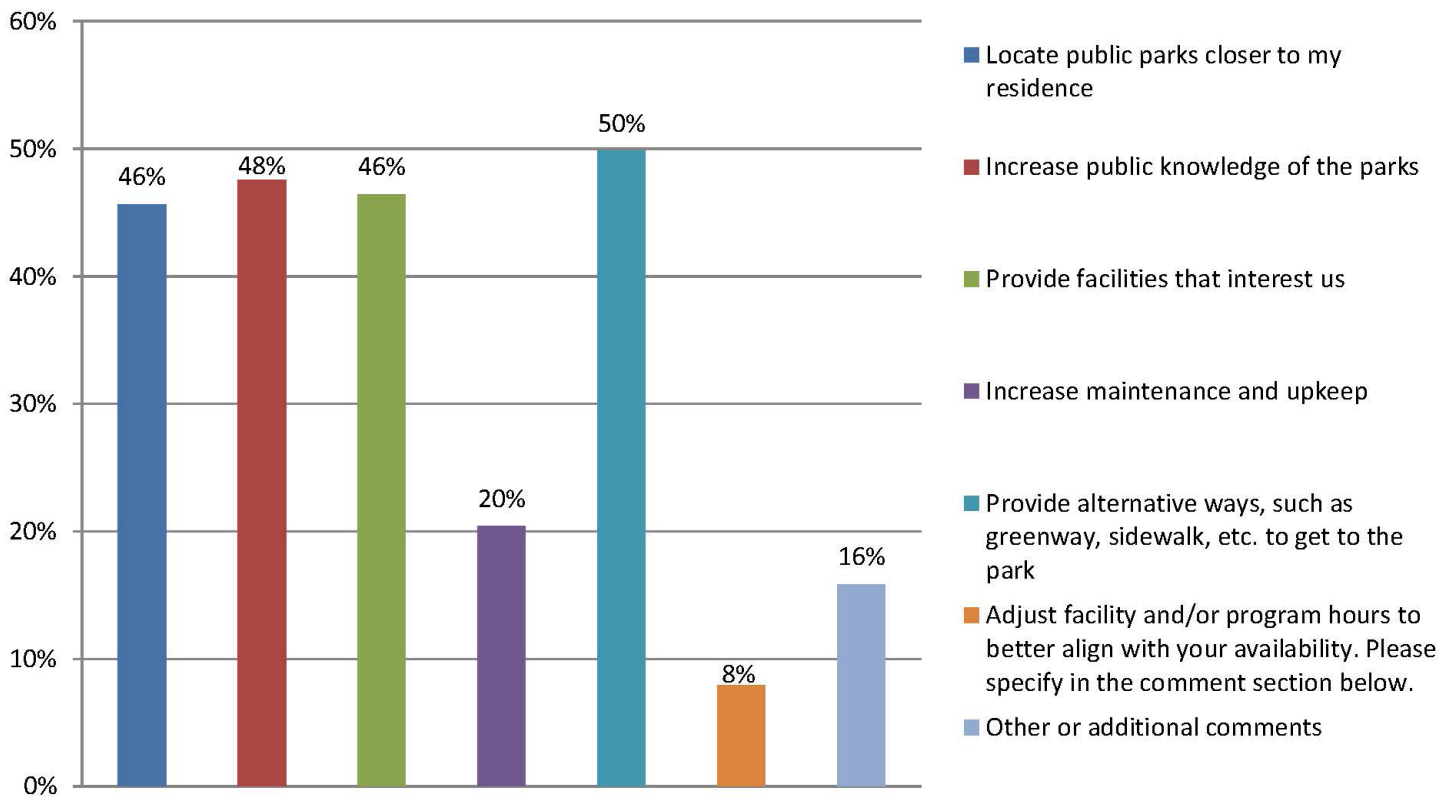


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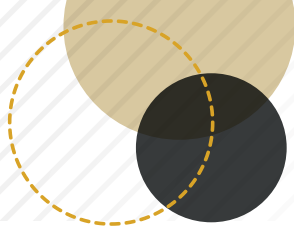


WHAT COULD THE CITY DO TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF TIMES YOU VISIT A MOUNT JULIET PARK OR FACILITY?

Survey results found that increasing overall connectivity, through the strategic construction of greenways, sidewalks or other pedestrian connections, is the number 1 thing the City could do to increase the frequency of visits to the parks and recreational facilities (50%). This was followed closely by increasing the public knowledge of the parks (48%), providing facilities of interest (46%), locating public parks closer to their residence (46%), increasing the maintenance and upkeep of facilities (20%), and adjusting program hours (8%). 16% of survey respondents chose "other", sharing that they would like to see more diverse programming options, a community pool and more parks on the south side of town.



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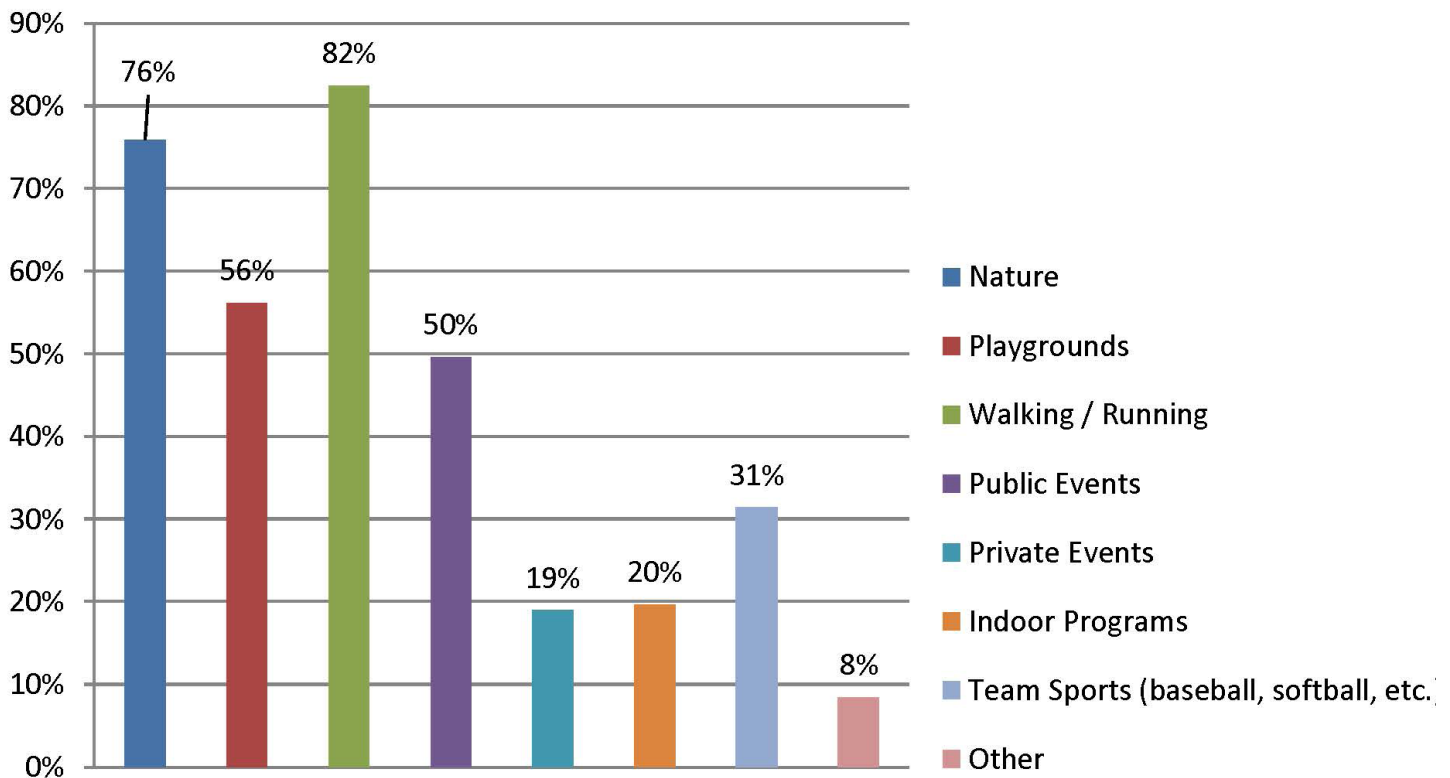


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WHAT ATTRACTS YOU TO THE PARKS AND/OR RECREATION FACILITIES?

Survey respondents cited a wide variety of elements that attracted them to the parks and recreation facilities. As shown in the figure below, walking/ running (82%), nature (76%) and playgrounds (56%) were the most frequently cited reasons, Half of the respondents said public events attracted them to use the City's facilities. The least frequently referenced attractions were team sports (31%), indoor programs (20%), and private events (19%). For those that selected "other", tennis, concerts and a community pool would attract them to Mount Juliet's parks and recreation facilities.



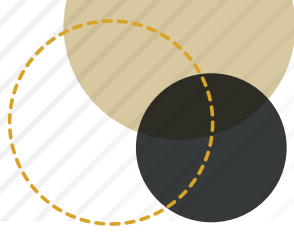
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WHICH ACTIVITIES/PROGRAMS/EVENTS WOULD YOU LIKE MOUNT JULIET TO ADD?

When asked what activities, programs or events residents would like to be added, youth sports, tennis courts and a community pool received the largest number of responses. Those surveyed also requested more trails for hiking, biking and walking, as well as indoor programming and a sports complex. There were also requests for more diverse programming options for people of all ages like arts and cultural events.





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WHAT TYPE OF FACILITIES WOULD YOU LIKE MOUNT JULIET TO ADD OR EXPAND?

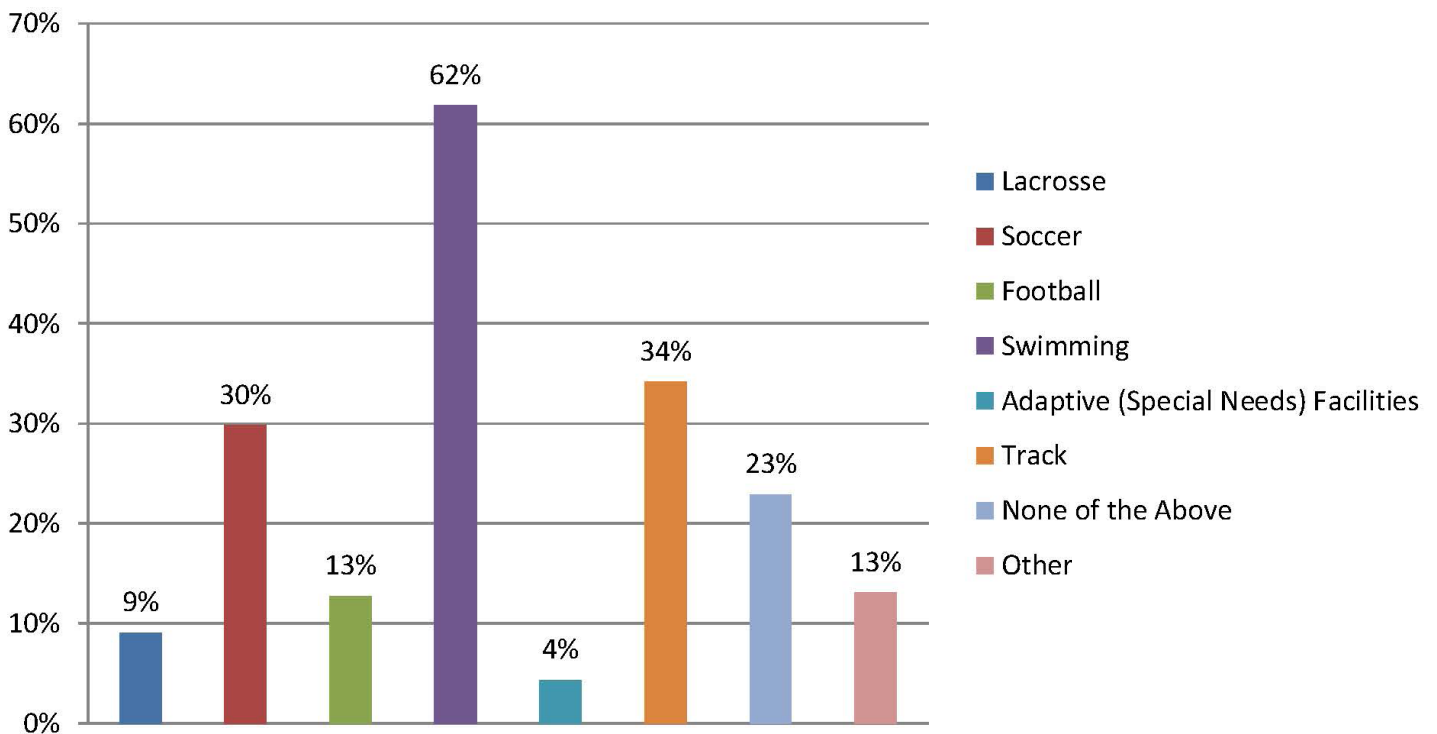
Respondents identified the type of facilities they would like to see added or expanded upon, and an overwhelming response for a community pool is illustrated in the word cloud below, along with more tennis courts, parks, and playgrounds. Accessibility to parks through trail creation and expansion was another frequent response by those surveyed.



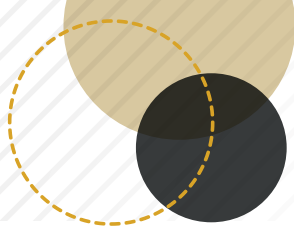


WHAT TYPE OF ATHLETIC FACILITIES/PROGRAMMING WOULD YOUR HOUSEHOLD UTILIZE, IF IT WERE AVAILABLE?

Respondents identified swimming (62%), track (34%) and soccer (30%) as the types of athletic facilities/programming they would utilize if it were available. This correlates with other survey responses indicating a high interest level in building a pool for the Mount Juliet community. 23% of respondents cited they would not use any of the athletic facilities listed if they were available, which could indicate they participate in less programmed athletic activities, and prefer hiking, biking or walking options. Football (13%) and lacrosse (9%) received the least number of responses.



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WHAT ARE THE STRENGTHS OF MOUNT JULIET PARKS AND RECREATION THAT WE NEED TO BUILD ON FOR THIS MASTER PLAN?

Respondents identified several strengths of the parks and recreation system in the City of Mount Juliet, including the cleanliness, accessibility, great staff and overall safety of the community. Many people cited they would like to see more parks on the south side of town and that access to parks in some neighborhoods is limited. Other descriptors frequently mentioned were trails, variety of programming options and adding more off-leash dog areas. The word cloud below illustrated the strengths of the City's facilities.

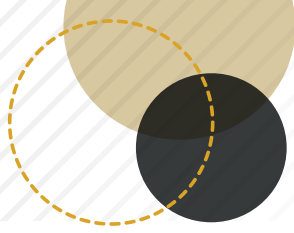




WHAT ARE THE WEAKNESSES OF MOUNT JULIET PARKS AND RECREATION THAT WE NEED TO SUGGEST TO IMPROVE ON IN THIS MASTER PLAN?

Survey respondents identified several weaknesses of the parks and recreation system in Mount Juliet including the need to increase program diversity, lack of indoor recreation facilities, lack of communication with the public, and lack of facility accessibility. Many respondents highlighted they would like to see a Charlie Daniels style park replicated on the south side of town to serve those residents, as well as more indoor programming options like a pool or playground to serve the community during winter months.



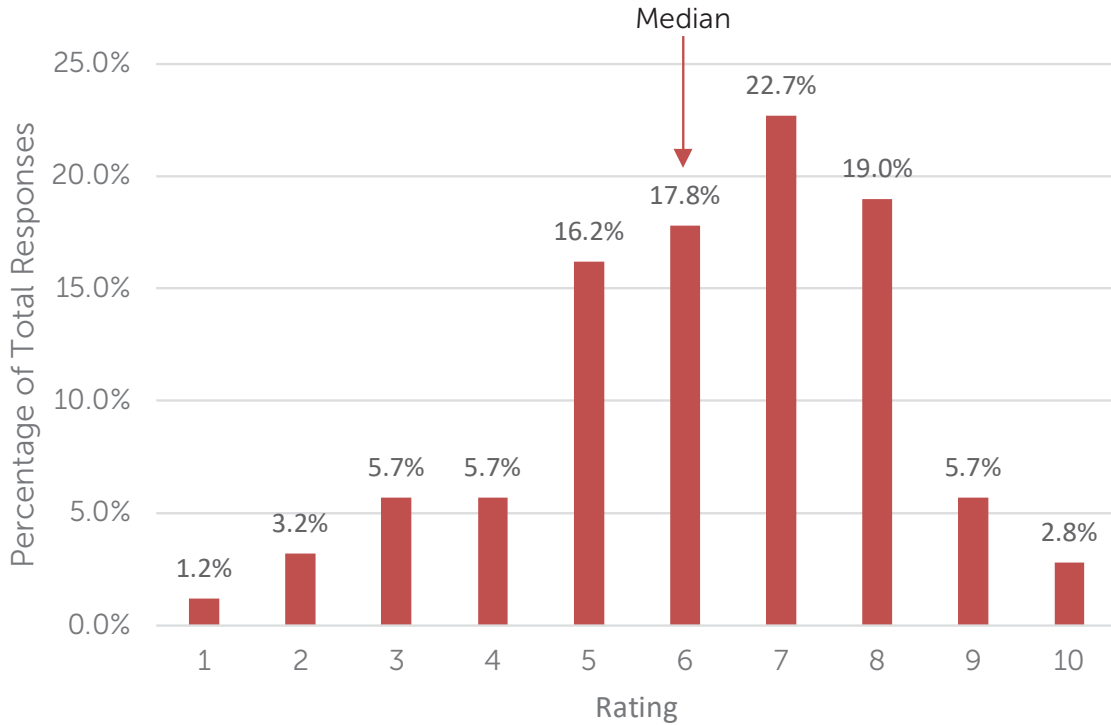


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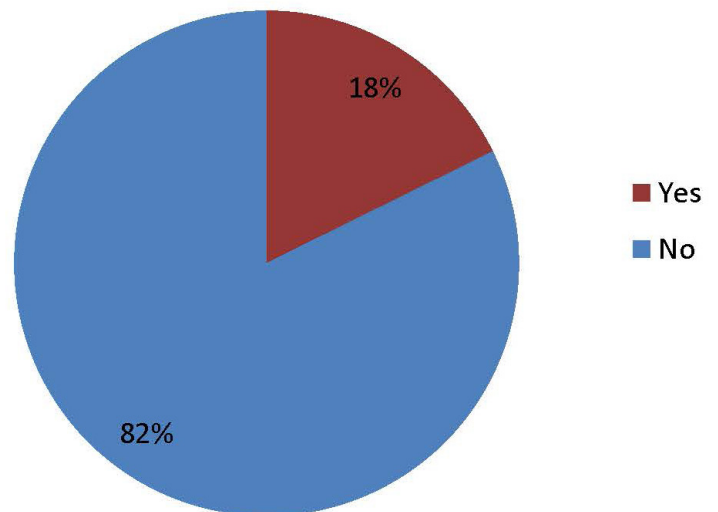
ON A SCALE OF 1 TO 10 WITH 10 BEING SUPERIOR, HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE CITY'S PARKS AND RECREATION SYSTEM?

When asked to rate the City's parks system on a scale of **1 to 10**, the median rating was **6 out of 10**, suggesting that most respondents feel the parks system is adequate with areas that could be improved.



DOES THE CITY'S PARKS AND RECREATION SYSTEM HAVE OPERATIONAL OR MAINTENANCE ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED AND IMPROVED UPON?

82% of survey respondents shared the City's Parks and Recreation System does not have maintenance issues. The remaining 18% of those surveyed said there were maintenance issues that need to be addressed. Additional comments expanded upon the need for better maintenance of the public restroom, park facilities and trails.

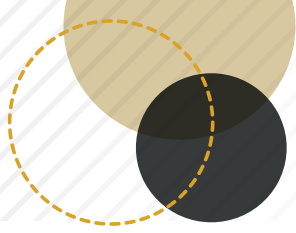




WHERE SHOULD THE CITY FOCUS ITS RESOURCES TO IMPROVING THE CITY'S PARKS AND RECREATION SYSTEM?

When asked where should the City of Mount Juliet focus its resources to improve the City's Parks and Recreation System, the majority of the respondents said a community pool, increasing youth sports offerings, and adding more tennis courts should receive the most resources. Additional responses cited increasing the number of trails (biking, walking and hiking) around town to connect people to the City's greenspaces, as well as increasing program diversity for people of all ages. The word cloud below illustrates the responses by those surveyed.





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RECREATION INVENTORY AND ANALYSIS

EXISTING FACILITY EVALUATION

In order to understand what the City is currently providing, the consultant team worked with Department staff to document existing conditions and identify amenities. Existing facility evaluations were prepared for the following locations:

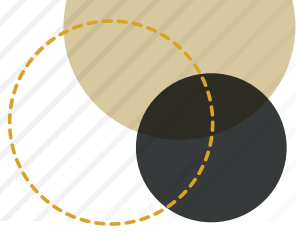
- Charlie Daniels Park
- Eagle Park
- Ethan Page Park
- Hamilton-Denson Park
- Jones Family Park
- Mount Juliet Bark Park
- Mundy Park
- Robinson Park
- Tomlinson Property Park

Each facility evaluation consisted of acreage, amenities, and conditions of amenities. The condition of each amenity was noted as either good, fair or poor. Short and long-term recommendations for each facility are made based on these evaluations.





| PARK FACILITIES | ACRES OF LAND | BASKETBALL COURT | BICYCLE TRACK | DISC GOLF | DOG PARK | MULTI-PURPOSE FIELD | PAVILION | PLAYGROUND | OUTDOOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT | FOOTBALL FIELDS | SKATE PARK | SPLASH PAD | VOLLEYBALL |
|---|---------------|------------------|---------------|-----------|----------|---------------------|----------|------------|---------------------------|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Charlie Daniels Park | 26.4 | 1 | | | | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Eagle Park | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ethan Page Park | 10 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| Hamilton-Denson Park | 8.6 | | | | | 12 | | | | | | | |
| Jones Family Park | 6.5 | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Mount Juliet Bark Park | 6.2 | | | | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Mundy Park | 27.5 | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 4 | | | |
| Robinson Park | 12.7 | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| Tomlinson Property Park (to be masterplanned) | 57 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 155.9 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 14 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 |



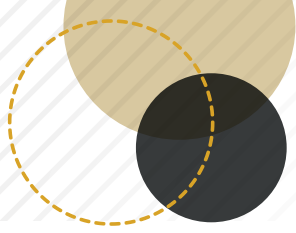
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CHARLIE DANIELS PARK

| EVALUATION COMPONENT | FACILITY DESCRIPTION |
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| Strengths | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large parking lot • Lots of amenities • Includes a farmers market and community center |
| Weaknesses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trail needs to be repaved in some areas • Need additional basketball courts to account for overcrowding |
| Active Amenity Conditions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground: excellent • Splash pad: good • Volleyball court: good • Basketball court: good • Tennis courts: excellent • Skate park: good • Outdoor fitness equipment: good • Amphitheater: good • Farmer's market: good • Multi-purpose field: fair |
| Passive Amenity Conditions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benches & picnic tables: excellent • Pavilions: good • Concessions stand: fair • Community center: good • Paved trail: good |
| Natural Features | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open green space • Shade/evergreen trees |
| Pedestrian/Vehicular Access and Parking | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large paved parking lot • Paved pedestrian connectivity throughout park • Need to add signage to walking trail |
| Compatible Usage and Alternatives | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can hold events, fairs or concerts here |
| ADA Compatibility | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See the City's ADA Transition Plan for improvements |
| Facility and Structure Safety | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everything looks new and well maintained |
| Public Safety | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seems very safe, is located right next to the police department |
| Greenways, Trails, Blueways, and Connections | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cedar Creek runs alongside one park boundary • Greenway trail wraps around the whole park |
| Potential for Expansion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential to connect the walking trail where it ends in the parking lot and mark this spot to avoid conflict with cars |
| Adequate Resources for Current and Future Use and/or Development | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes |





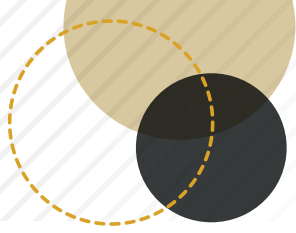
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EAGLE PARK

| EVALUATION COMPONENT | FACILITY DESCRIPTION |
|--|--|
| Strengths | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amenities are all in good condition • Signage is clear and well done • Town Center Trailhead |
| Weaknesses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No room to expand • Parking is limited |
| Natural Features | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open grass, trees planted on site |
| Pedestrian/Vehicular Access and Parking | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paved parking lot that would benefit from additional spaces • Tire fix station for bicycles |
| Active Amenity Conditions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bicycle track: good, could use regular repainting • Rock climbing structure: excellent |
| Passive Amenity Conditions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benches: excellent • Plaza: excellent • Swing bench: excellent |
| Compatible Usage and Alternatives | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • -- |
| ADA Compatibility | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See the City's ADA Transition Plan for improvements |
| Facility and Structure Safety | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seems safe |
| Public Safety | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seems safe |
| Greenways, Trails, Blueways, and Connections | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trailhead for Town Center Trail |
| Potential for Expansion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No, the park is bordered by a road and railroad tracks |
| Adequate Resources for Current and Future Use and/or Development | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes |





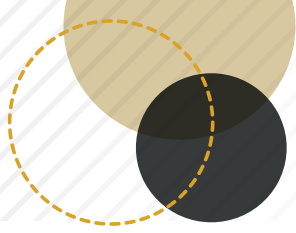
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ETHAN PAGE PARK

| EVALUATION COMPONENT | FACILITY DESCRIPTION |
|--|---|
| Strengths | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18-hole disc golf course • Natural wooded area • Good signage |
| Weaknesses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gravel parking lot - recommend to pave this • Trails can become muddy - recommend additional mulch for these |
| Natural Features | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural wooded area • Open grass |
| Pedestrian/Vehicular Access and Parking | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small gravel/dirt parking lot • No paved paths, all paths are natural |
| Active Amenity Conditions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disc golf course: excellent |
| Passive Amenity Conditions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural walking trails: fair • Picnic tables: good |
| Compatible Usage and Alternatives | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the site's terrain and many trees, this is the best use for the property |
| ADA Compatibility | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See the City's ADA Transition Plan for improvements |
| Facility and Structure Safety | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seems safe |
| Public Safety | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seems safe, could benefit from lighting |
| Greenways, Trails, Blueways, and Connections | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trail system in wooded area around disc golf course |
| Potential for Expansion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could expand upon park and create more amenities on adjacent land • Could add a restroom in open space |
| Adequate Resources for Current and Future Use and/or Development | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes |





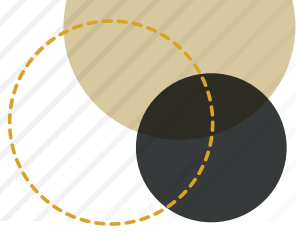
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HAMILTON-DENSON PARK

| EVALUATION COMPONENT | FACILITY DESCRIPTION |
|--|--|
| Strengths | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large open grassy area for future park development • Location |
| Weaknesses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not developed yet |
| Natural Features | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wooded buffers on 2 sides of the property |
| Pedestrian/Vehicular Access and Parking | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will have a parking lot and tie into the Town Center Trail System |
| Active Amenity Conditions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will have multi-purpose fields and playground |
| Passive Amenity Conditions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • -- |
| Compatible Usage and Alternatives | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great addition to the park system providing more multi-purpose fields which are a large need for the community |
| ADA Compatibility | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should be constructed per ADA requirements |
| Facility and Structure Safety | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • -- |
| Public Safety | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • -- |
| Greenways, Trails, Blueways, and Connections | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will connect to the Town Center Trail System |
| Potential for Expansion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs a restroom facility |
| Adequate Resources for Current and Future Use and/or Development | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes, for future use and development |





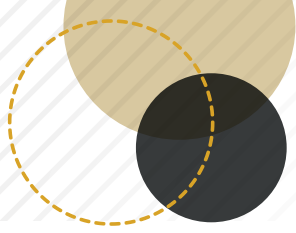
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JONES FAMILY PARK

| EVALUATION COMPONENT | FACILITY DESCRIPTION |
|--|--|
| Strengths | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disc golf course • Sand volleyball court • Fenced in dog park • Good signage |
| Weaknesses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not utilized regularly • No water provided • Dog park needs shaded cover for people to sit under • Parking lot curb is high, making access difficult for some vehicles • Park gets muddy • Needs ramps and other equipment for dogs |
| Natural Features | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open grass |
| Pedestrian/Vehicular Access and Parking | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paved parking lot |
| Active Amenity Conditions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sand volleyball court: fair, needs new sand • Disc golf course: fair, some holes are missing and signage needs updating • Disc golf range: good |
| Passive Amenity Conditions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog park: fair, needs dog play equipment and shade structures |
| Compatible Usage and Alternatives | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can add more park elements like a playground and pavilion |
| ADA Compatibility | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See the City's ADA Transition Plan for improvements |
| Facility and Structure Safety | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seems safe |
| Public Safety | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very visible from Mt. Juliet Road |
| Greenways, Trails, Blueways, and Connections | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • -- |
| Potential for Expansion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Space to expand around the park |





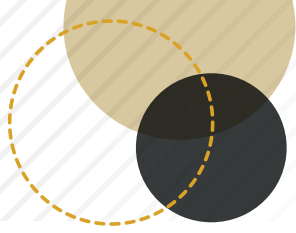
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MOUNT JULIET BARK PARK

| EVALUATION COMPONENT | FACILITY DESCRIPTION |
|--|--|
| Strengths | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fenced in area for dogs with play equipment Volleyball court Provides water for dogs |
| Weaknesses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small parking area |
| Natural Features | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creek runs alongside park Open green space Wooded area |
| Pedestrian/Vehicular Access and Parking | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paved path in the park, but no sidewalk leading up to the park Parking lot is small |
| Active Amenity Conditions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volleyball court: good Small playground: good |
| Passive Amenity Conditions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pavilion: good Benches: fair, could use updating Trails: good Dog park: excellent |
| Compatible Usage and Alternatives | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This park is small and would best be used for small get togethers and dog exercise |
| ADA Compatibility | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See the City's ADA Transition Plan for improvements |
| Facility and Structure Safety | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seems safe |
| Public Safety | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seems safe |
| Greenways, Trails, Blueways, and Connections | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connector on south side of park from Rutland Elementary to neighborhood |
| Potential for Expansion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Powerlines run overhead - limited on uses permitted |
| Adequate Resources for Current and Future Use and/or Development | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes |





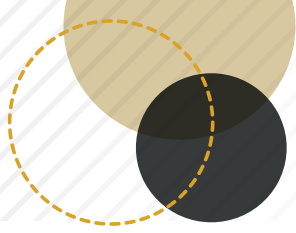
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MUNDY PARK

| EVALUATION COMPONENT | FACILITY DESCRIPTION |
|--|---|
| Strengths | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple football fields • Emissions testing site • Lots of lighting in the park |
| Weaknesses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proximity to industrial area • Not able to walk here • Drainage swale areas need updating |
| Natural Features | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open grass, shade trees on outsides of park |
| Pedestrian/Vehicular Access and Parking | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional parking is needed, paved pedestrian path wraps around park |
| Active Amenity Conditions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Football fields: good • Disc golf course: poor, unsafe in some areas (by drainage pipes) • Playground: fair, could use updating |
| Passive Amenity Conditions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pavilion: fair • Picnic tables: fair • Trails: good |
| Compatible Usage and Alternatives | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capable of hosting events with lots of people |
| ADA Compatibility | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See the City's ADA Transition Plan for improvements |
| Facility and Structure Safety | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structures could use some maintenance and updating, specifically pavilions and metal railings by sports fields |
| Public Safety | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looks well used and safe |
| Greenways, Trails, Blueways, and Connections | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trail around the park, connected to the newer Belinda Parkway sidewalk network |
| Potential for Expansion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not much room to expand here, this park is next to a highway and an industrial area. |
| Adequate Resources for Current and Future Use and/or Development | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes |





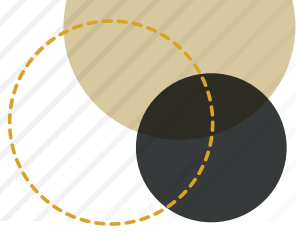
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ROBINSON PARK

| EVALUATION COMPONENT | FACILITY DESCRIPTION |
|--|---|
| Strengths | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paved parking lot and trailhead • Natural wetland area with trail system, woods and a creek • Certified Wildlife Habitat |
| Weaknesses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need standard entry sign to match other Mount Juliet Parks |
| Natural Features | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creek, trees, wetland |
| Pedestrian/Vehicular Access and Parking | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trail system looks good • Sufficient parking |
| Active Amenity Conditions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workout equipment along trail: good, room to expand here |
| Passive Amenity Conditions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benches: excellent • Trails: excellent • Wildlife habitat signage: good • Bird boxes: good • Piano near Mount Juliet Road: good |
| Compatible Usage and Alternatives | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be used for educational purposes |
| ADA Compatibility | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See the City's ADA Transition Plan for improvements |
| Facility and Structure Safety | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not many structures except for covered swings |
| Public Safety | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe |
| Greenways, Trails, Blueways, and Connections | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paved asphalt greenway |
| Potential for Expansion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not much room to expand this park |
| Adequate Resources for Current and Future Use and/or Development | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes |



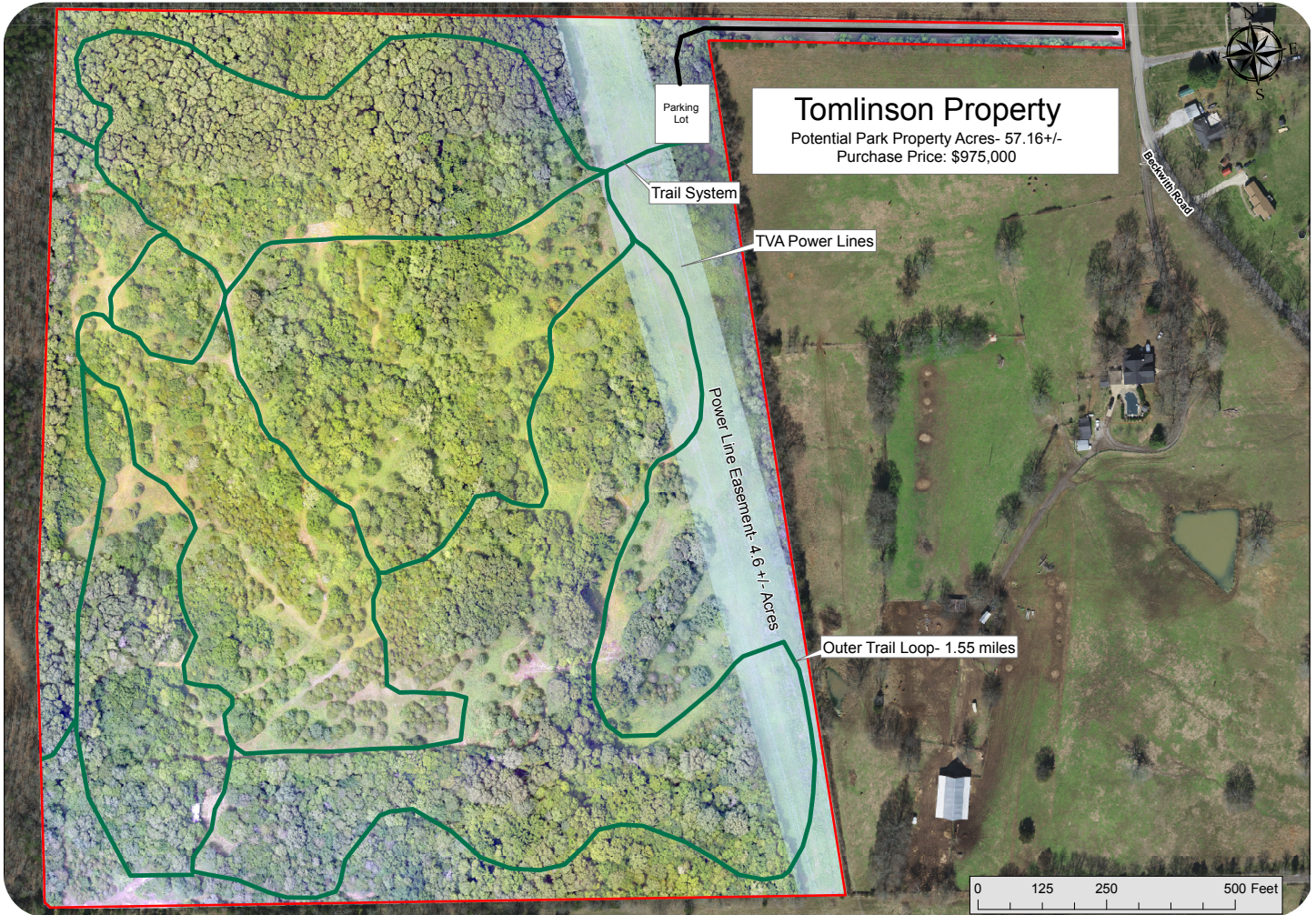


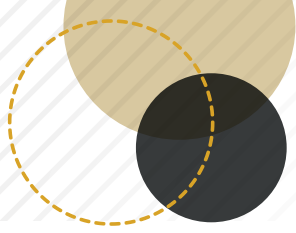
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TOMLINSON PROPERTY PARK

| EVALUATION COMPONENT | FACILITY DESCRIPTION |
|--|--|
| Strengths | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 57 acres that will be developed into natural wooded area with trails |
| Weaknesses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> City needs to complete a full site masterplan |
| Natural Features | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural wooded area |
| Pedestrian/Vehicular Access and Parking | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will need to provide parking lot |
| Active Amenity Conditions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- |
| Passive Amenity Conditions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- |
| Compatible Usage and Alternatives | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have a lot of room to develop and add park amenities |
| ADA Compatibility | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- |
| Facility and Structure Safety | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- |
| Public Safety | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- |
| Greenways, Trails, Blueways, and Connections | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- |
| Potential for Expansion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lots of potential for expansion |
| Adequate Resources for Current and Future Use and/or Development | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes, for future use. Will be one of the few places in Mount Juliet in the coming years where people can go hiking and be secluded. |





PROGRAMMING

The charts below show the programs currently offered by Mount Juliet’s Park and Recreation System. They are divided into categories based on fitness, Community Center group activities, and senior activities. Target audience and status of each program is listed. Programs with a status of “on hold” have been paused during the COVID-19 pandemic, but are expected to be available again after the public health pandemic subsides.

FITNESS CLASSES

| NAME | TARGET AUDIENCE | STATUS |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------|
| Native Pilates | 50 & up | Growing |
| Zumba Gold | 40 & up | Growing |
| Jazzercise | 35 & up | Growing |
| Cardio Drumming | 35 & up | Growing |

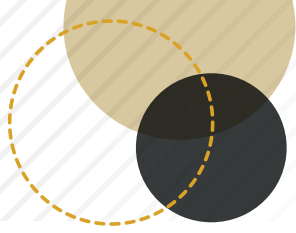
SENIOR ACTIVITIES

| NAME | TARGET AUDIENCE | STATUS |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------|
| Senior Pickle Ball | 50 & up | Growing |
| Radio Controlled Flyer Club | 65 & up | Growing |
| Ping Pong | 55 & up | On Hold |
| Silver Fit & Active | 65 & up | On Hold |



COMMUNITY CENTER GROUP CLASSES

| NAME | TARGET AUDIENCE | STATUS |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------|
| Sound Start | 0-4 | On Hold |
| Create in the Classroom | 6-12 | Growing |
| Science Class | 5-12 | Growing |
| STEM with LEGO's | 5-12 | On Hold |
| STEAM Adventures | 6-12 | On Hold |
| Special Kicks Tae-kwon-do | 3-9+ | Virtual |
| R&R Complete Defense | 13 & up | On Hold |
| LPG (Learn, Play, Grow) Multi-Sport | 2 | On Hold |
| Ikando Martial Arts | 5-17 | Growing |
| New Mom's Group | Any | Virtual |



SPECIAL EVENTS

Special events are important to the Mount Juliet community and a large driver to the City parks. The Parks and Recreation Department is dedicated to providing a variety of activities year-round to all members of the community. The chart below shows special events offered by the Mount Juliet Parks and Recreation Department.

2021 SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

| NAME | DATE |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Spring Community Yard Sale | 4/17 |
| Movie in the Park | 6/4 |
| Movie in the Park | 7/2 |
| Splash Day | 7/31 |
| Movie in the Park | 8/6 |
| Movie in the Park | 9/3 |
| Fall Community Yard Sale | 9/25 |
| Movie in the Park | 10/1 |
| Halloween in the Park | 10/23 |
| Christmas Parade | 12/11 |

In addition to these, residents of Mount Juliet can enjoy special events hosted by individuals or private organizations throughout the year as well. It is important to acknowledge these opportunities in order to accurately evaluate special events within the community. Privately sponsored events within Mount Juliet include, but are not limited to:

- Wildflower hikes
- Concerts
- Calligraphy workshops
- Wellness classes
- Motorcycle rides
- Band performances
- Luncheons



GOALS

Goals are set in order to align the existing programming and facilities with potential improvements and growth of the Parks Department. There is a new energy within the Department coinciding with recent purchases of new park land, including the Hamilton-Denson and Tomlinson properties. The current elected officials understand the importance for recreation of all ages in the community and continue to show support of the youth sports leagues providing opportunities for children by setting goals that cater to families.



The following goals will seek to accomplish this and support this effort. For Mount Juliet, the goals are first divided into those for each existing park facility and those dedicated toward staff and programming. For each group, there are potential short-term, mid-term, and long-term goals. The time period covered by each category is to be defined by the City.

PARK GOALS

HAMILTON-DENSON PARK

SHORT-TERM

- Implement the master plan
- In 2021, construct the parking lot, 8 multi-purpose fields, and add a connection to the greenway (Phase 1)
- Submit LPRF Grant in the 2020 round for the restroom building, playground, field lighting, and other important amenities

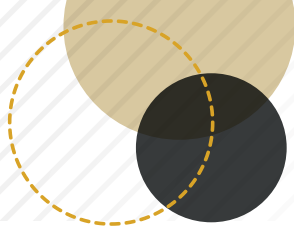
MUNDY PARK

SHORT-TERM

- Transition existing large multi-purpose field to 3 tennis courts, 4 pickleball courts, and additional parking lot
- Replace existing field lighting with safer, more modern LED fixtures

MID-TERM

- Expand existing playground



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GRACE CHURCH PROPERTY

SHORT-TERM

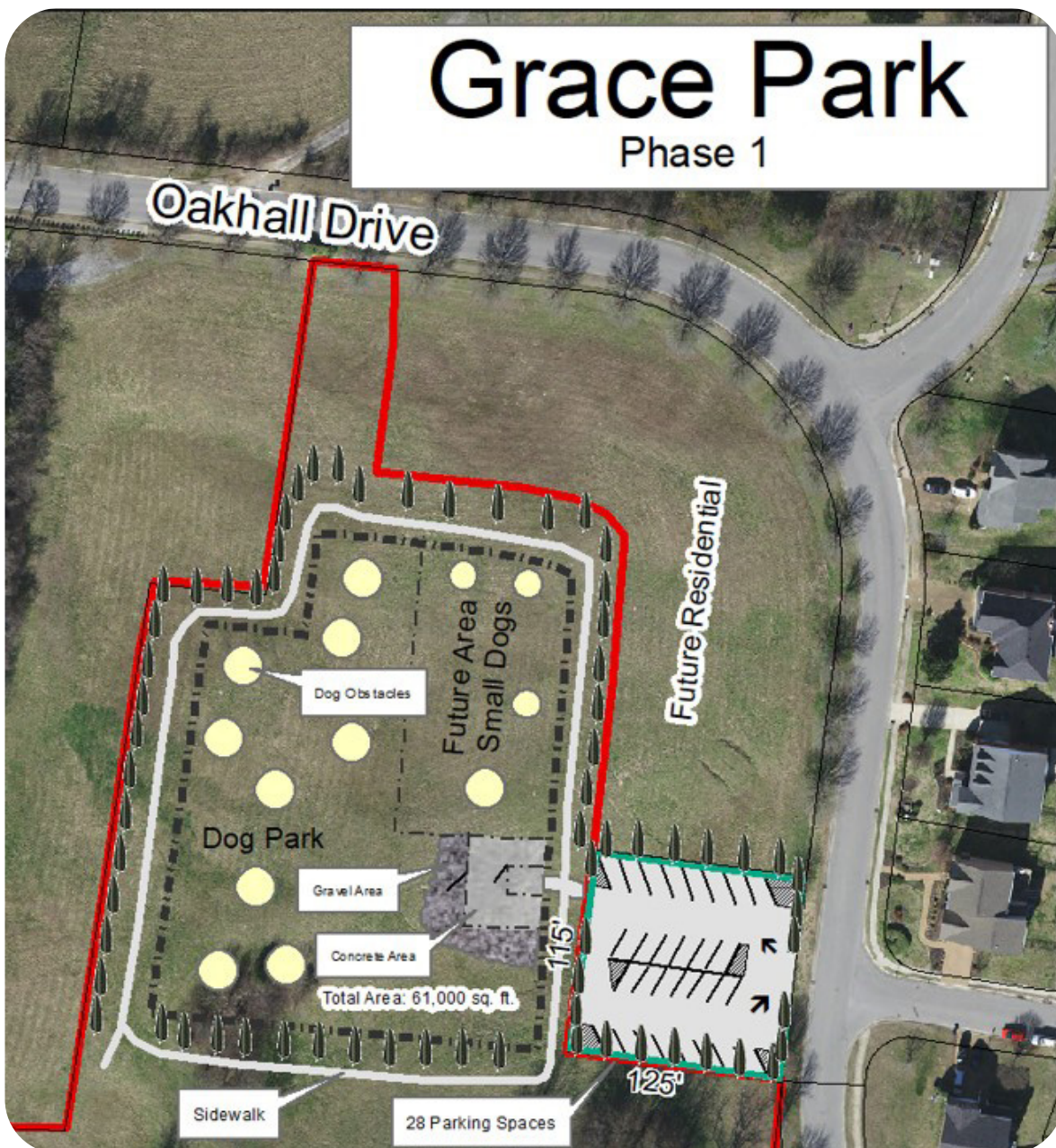
- Add parking lot (Phase 1)
- Add dog park (Phase 1)

MID-TERM

- Pave trail around the property (phase 2)
- Add two pavilions (Phase 2)

LONG-TERM

- Add amphitheater (Phase 3)
- Add memorial plaza (Phase 3)





TOMLINSON PROPERTY

SHORT-TERM

- Build restroom and parking lot (developer adjacent to this property is building)

MID-TERM

- Engage the public to create master plan for this property
- Evaluate opportunity to transfer Little League fields here

LONG-TERM

- Implement the master plan

CHARLIE DANIELS PARK

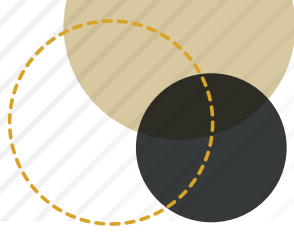
SHORT-TERM

- Add gaga court in summer 2021
- Create Cedar Creek Greenway connection with trailhead near the community garden
- Connect walking trail across the parking lot

MID-TERM

- Maintain established facilities
- Add additional outdoor basketball courts





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ETHAN PAGE PARK

MID-TERM

- Add roller rink
- Add mulch to avoid muddy trails

LONG-TERM

- Add recreation center with indoor pool

EAGLE PARK

SHORT-TERM

- Resurface bike track (2022)

MID-TERM

- Regular Maintenance

ROBINSON PARK

MID-TERM

- Regular Maintenance



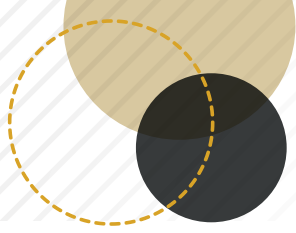


NEW FACILITY GOALS

Future parks and recreation facilities are recommended for Mount Juliet based on NRPA averages and the anticipated growth in the community. These new facilities will provide a high level of service with new recreation opportunities for the City's residents as well as expand upon the current offerings. The following chart compares the number of existing amenities that Mount Juliet has compared to the number they should have based on average community data from the NRPA Performance Review Report. Recommendations for additional facilities in Mount Juliet are listed based on this data.

| AMENITY | NRPA AVERAGE* | MOUNT JULIET CURRENT NUMBER | ADDITIONAL AMENITIES NEEDED |
|----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Baseball field | 2.6 | 0 | 3 |
| Basketball court (outdoor) | 6.5 | 1 | 6 |
| Community garden | 1.1 | 1 | 0 |
| Dog park | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Football field | 3.4 | 4 | 0 |
| Multi-purpose field | 5.1 | 14 | 0 |
| Outdoor swimming pool | 4.2 | 0 | 4 |
| Tennis/pickleball court | 10 | 4 | 6 |
| Playground | 15.5 | 3 | 12 |
| Skate park | 0.9 | 1 | 0 |
| Soccer field | 4.5 | 0 | 5 |
| Softball field | 3.5 | 0 | 4 |
| Community center | 1.4 | 1 | 0 |
| Amphitheater | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Recreation center & gym | 1.4 | 0 | 1 |

*This calculation was completed by using the NRPA average population per facility.



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STAFF GOALS

SHORT-TERM

- Add two staff in 2021 in accordance with the revised organizational chart

MID-TERM

- Continue to add staff as new facilities are added

LONG-TERM

- Continue to add staff as new facilities are added

PROGRAMMING GOALS

SHORT-TERM

- Pickleball league and tournaments

LONG-TERM

- Better engage seniors when new recreation center is completed, as it can serve as a senior center as well

MISCELLANEOUS GOALS

SHORT-TERM

- Have the Board of Commissioners fund grants for capital projects for the youth sports leagues

LONG-TERM

- Purchase additional park land, especially in South Mt. Juliet, to better serve the growing community
- Add a community recreation center with an indoor pool similar to the Jimmy Floyd Family Center in Lebanon



CONCLUSION

Mount Juliet is a desirable place to live that continues to grow. As the population continues to increase, the demands on the Parks and Recreation System continue to grow. As the Town continues to expand, the demands and expectations placed on the community's parks and recreation system will also continue to grow. The purpose of this Master Plan is to provide a comprehensive understanding of the community's existing assets and programming and provide guidelines for future investments in those assets. By developing this plan, the City has recognized the need to make key investments to support existing facilities and increase park amenities to better serve the wants and needs of its citizens.

This plan provides recommendations for how and where to focus these investments, which will allow the City to strategically expand and improve its parks and recreation system. This expansion holds the potential to materially enhance the quality of life for Mount Juliet's citizens, making the City a more active, attractive, and livable community for all people.

