



City of Saint Paul
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Supplement to the
Community Interest Survey

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Question 7. Is there anything that you think is missing from the parks you visit?

1. Adequate parking at Como Park
2. I'd like to see an aquatics/swimming pass like the summer pass to use throughout the year and that can be purchased each month or each quarter. The annual family pass is too expensive and the punch card does not offer much savings.
3. Sadly some of the parks in our area are plagued by graffiti. Also, the park between Ohio and Smith Street in between Stevens and King has really poor outdoor lighting so it creates a haven for drug dealing and other illicit activities. Could certainly use better lighting.
1. It would be great to have a drinking fountain somewhere along the eastern shore of Lake Phalen. 2 The distribution of youth activities within St Paul parks is not balanced. Very few parks and rec activities are offered on the east side of the city, despite the fact that the east side has the largest percentage of youth in the city. It smacks of catering to only the wealthy in the Grand/Summit/Cap Hill zones. 3) Our children LOVED the canoe/kayak camp at Lake Phalen this summer - terrific outdoor activities, great counsellors, and lots of fun
4. A bathroom at Mattocks Park
5. a bit more security, random noticeable police cruising around to deter the rowdy groups of teens
6. A decent recreation center -- Merriam Park is terrible. Playground equipment that is useful and fun; athletic fields that are inviting and safe; organized recreational events that are inclusive of all ages.
7. A dog park in midway.
8. A free splash pad in the Mac Groveland Neighborhood. Open swim times in the mornings for people with little kids. During the summer all the pools have swimming lessons and there is no open swim for little ones who take naps in the afternoon.
9. A good portion of the parks in my area have no swings and/or no basketball courts
10. A lot of the mounments in como seem to be in disrepair which is a little sad. Keep it up with the bike paths. More green spaces generally and the neighborhood park idea is excellent.
11. A splash pad or some type of wading pool in West 7th or Highland or Merriam Park would be nice.
12. A splash pad or wading pool. There are not any in the highland/mac grove part of town.
13. A wave pool and a bike path that connects McKnight at Highway 94 (no bike path under the bridge)
14. A well kept marina, launch ramp, fishing accommodations (fishing dock) at Crosby Farm Park, centering on powerboats, kayaks, canoes and bike rental.
15. Access by bike lanes, secure bike parking, designated bike/walk trails
16. access to bathrooms and water fountains and lights
17. Access to public space recycling and composting waste options.
18. accessible amenities - making sure all can access St Paul's great park system
19. Accessible bathrooms are needed. NOT locking the doors in the community center on Harriet Island during events but leaving those open to the public. The Porta potty toilets are not enough when those are locked and not satisfactory for anyone with physical disability. They are not kept clean and there are not enough. No reason that the public bathrooms in the building could be open to the public. The small shelter by the picnic area is locked most of the time but could be open for picnics during the day. There are no grills in the picnic area closest to the large community center. This would be helpful especially for those who want closer access to the bathrooms.
20. Accessible water supply and enough available rest rooms.
21. Active and passive education for young people about nature. Do not build a nature center in the river valley. That is foolish ignoring of natural events like flooding in the valley. We must respect and teach that by example to respect the power of the river.
22. Adequate bathroom facilities. Handicap accessible play areas.

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23. Adequate education for tossing waste and recycling. Not enough opportunities to rent equipment for water recreation (ex: canoes, kayaks, etc.). Some playground sand/mulch looks really dirty and may have glass/cigarettes. Fitness rooms feel too small/busy to really use as primary gym.
24. adequate lighting on bike paths/walking trails in some parks, most parking lots are well lit.
25. Adequate shade. Ensure equipment is safe.
26. Adequate signage and connection to the entire system. Parks also lack enough wide open green space for general play and recreation; often space is a ball field, frisbee golf, or picnic area amongst trees.
27. Affordable pool swimming
28. African American leadership roles
29. All parks should have as many recycling receptacles as garbage cans! Also compost receptacles would be great! Fitness package is excellent however equipment needs to be in reasonable condition - the treadmills at North Dale are in rough shape.
30. All the ice rinks need better attention. The Palace Rink needs more attention. Groveland rink is used more because there are dedicated volunteers. The rinks would be used more if people know the ice is will be good shape. Timing of clearing the ice after a snowfall is critical especially after a wet snow fall. It would help to install "A" frame or bubble shape covers over the rinks. It would be worth the investment. The ice would be protected from snow, rain and the sun. Ice maintenance costs would be reduced. The ice would stay in much better shape. Solar power could supplement regular electric power to light the rinks at night. Maybe USA Hockey or other sponsors such as the MN Wild and local companies would help with the investment in return for having their logos on the covers.
31. Ample drinking water; athletic facilities of high caliber in certain parts of the city--especially lower income areas.
32. An even remotely engaged staff person that actually greets you when visiting a rec center rather than just giving you a dirty look for interrupting their reading time.
33. Archery
34. Archery facility,
35. Are we culturally relevant?
36. As a frequent rollerblader, the state of the pavement on bike trails is very important to me. If the pavement is cracked or extremely bumpy it's dangerous to skate. Enough of the pavement is degraded on most St. Paul trails that I often drive to Minneapolis to exercise 1-2 times a week.
37. As my neighborhood park, Prosperity Park feels neglected over and over again. We lost a rec center with a skating rink and got bathrooms instead of a picnic shelter. The landscaping was not designed with active kids in mind. Flowerbeds are overgrown or were never planted this year. The timing of lights are consistently off by a few hours in the fall and spring. This park is VERY popular with kids and young adults - don't continue to neglect it. It needs signage with rules/times/who to call. A splash pad/wading pool and upgrade of playground at Phalen seems VERY overdue. Minnehaha's Wabun Park got this right.
38. at recreation centers parking is very limited. but do eventually find parking in the neighborhood, bathrooms aren't really for adults but all else I love have a rec center in the area please don't take any more away. we need to get children re-involved in some kind of daily activity at the rec centers
39. At the Battle Creek off-leash dog park, it'd be nice to have a smaller fenced-in area, within the park for those dogs that tend to run off and not come back or for small dogs that are afraid of bigger dogs. Woodbury off-leash park has this and we utilize this park much more often.
40. backboard at Merriam Park; bike path to tennis courts at Merriam Park; more water parks/splash pads; more mini-parks in throughout the city; upgraded skateboard parks
41. Backboards for tennis courts so individuals can practice without a partner

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42. Bathroom should be open year-round.
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45. bathrooms (portable, if no building) are not available at all parks
46. Bathrooms and more water play options/splash pads
47. Bathrooms open much too late in the season! Everyone is at the park and there are no facilities open in May. Also, the public pool restrooms are poorly cleaned throughout the day. This is especially true at Como pool.
48. bathrooms open year around
49. Bathrooms year 'round, playgrounds with NO sand
50. Bathrooms, portable toilets
51. Better ability to recycle garbage in and around park. More patrols from park employees to oversee parks during use hours.
52. Better biking infrastructure so I can ride to/from parks with kids. This is the top factor that impacts which parks I go to. Protected bike lanes are needed!
53. Better connections between regional biking and hiking trails in Ramsey, Washington and Dakota counties.
54. Better control at city pools. More lap hours. Lap swimming rules should be posted on the walls at all pools and adhered to so people don't swim all over the place making for an unpleasant and crowded experience.
55. Better crosswalk striping over major connector roads around neighborhood parks (stripes over Fairview leading to Mattox)
56. Better equipment at Kohler Park. More running and walking trails.
57. Better hours for the new Palace Rec Center, it runs on its old hours when no one wanted to be there, now we want to use it and it is closed during the day during the school year
58. Better indoor recreation equipment.
59. Better maintenance for grass athletic fields & grass at passive parks (aeration, overseeding, fertilizing, etc.). Too much dirt, rocks, glass, and "if there were no weeds there'd be no green"
60. Better marked walking trails. May signage with length and type of trail with a map
61. Better off leash dog walk areas
62. better outdoor pool spaces and playground equipment for children
63. Better playgrounds
64. Better playgrounds, more connections between walking and biking trails, more marketing on availability of facilities such as where can one find off-leash dog parks
65. Better rec center conditions.
66. Better security
67. Better signage
68. better signage for trails, better paved trails.
69. Better trash cleanup and monitoring of homeless people who sleep in some of the parks. Safety concerns in some of them.
70. Better, smoother, wider, safer bike paths. Wood floors in gyms.
71. Bigger water slide at Como pool.
72. Bike parking facilities, and trail connections with the city that encourage more walking and bicycling to parks, and less driving.
73. Bike racks, ESPECIALLY AT COMO PARK!!! There's almost nowhere to safely lock up a bike near Como Park Pavilion; every time I go there are at three bikes chained to each of the bike racks by the north parking lot, and signs EVERYWHERE saying "don't lock bikes here".

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74. bike rentals; park maps within the park; emergency call boxes like they have on college campuses in case of a problem and cell phone service is not available.
75. bike trails could be a little better connected between parks
76. Bocce courts, especially with the possibility of a glass of wine. We need a good food and drink vendor at Phalen
77. Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary needs an indoor facility of some sort - visitor/nature center would be ideal, or at least restroom facilities and a shelter.
78. Can't think of anything right now. We used the parks and athletic fields much more when are children were growing up.
79. Canoe/kayak/paddleboard rental
80. Care of lands Landscape
81. Center open more, basketball courts need to be kept updated and leagues for the kids. Always want more But think of our children first please.
82. City is doing a good job. Keep up the maintenance.
83. City Parks should have wading pools or splash pools - like MPLS has. It's a great way to introduce kids to water and makes the park a destination during summer.
84. clean bathrooms
85. Clean facilities, updated structures. Seating at athletic fields.
86. Clean OPEN bathrooms. Too often they are locked and that is not helpful.
Disc golf would be fun to have at the parks.
87. Clean restrooms. Consistently disappointed with the condition of the restroom facilities, especially given I have small children.
88. Cleaner bathrooms open earlier in spring. More natural plantings and trails. More natural/adventure playgrounds. The little one at Harriet island is wonderful. More spaces like the Como outdoor classroom. Maybe outdoor fitness equipment for adults. More art.
89. closed rec centers
90. Coffee shop, more activities and programs for Seniors. Not all of us are into knitting and card playing.
91. Comment regarding #8 below. I recommend that you strategically acquire land for connections, for instance to open up a place like Pig's Eye Lake, or other high return locations such as connecting trails (whoever manages them). The system probably doesn't need large amounts of new land for green space at the moment. Parks and Trails Legacy Funds are a good resource for those targeted, strategic acquisitions.
92. Community art space like pottery and pan ting and gallery space like in suburban community centers. And a community theater. And community kitchen or teaching kitchen. What about a community outdoor wood fired oven for bread and pizza like some churches do.
93. Community Centers need upgrading badly.
94. Community playgrounds and Rec Centers are not all well kept. They look tired and old. Maintenance is an issue. Battle Creek Rec Center should have a bigger/better playground and the Rec Center needs a facelift and more programming for all ages. More trees planted near playgrounds to provide shade. The fitness/exercise room is non-existent. More splash pads or wading pools are needed. Equipment rental (bikes, skies, skates) would also be great. This survey was difficult because of the wide disparity on the condition of parks and buildings throughout the city. Some are A+ facilities while others barely pass. I feel St. Paul lags behind Minneapolis in this regard.
95. Como needs a dog park. More biking trails linked to neighborhoods and downtown.
96. Como Park needs a lot of updating. There are a lot of beautiful resources (old fountains, structures, etc.) that could be better cared for. The mermaid fountain is rusting/disintegrating!
97. Como Park needs more parking
98. Como Pavilion is less of a Family place since it became Como Dockside.

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99. Competitive athletic facilities and youth programs. Compared to suburbs, the athletic facilities, especially the fields, are in incredibly poor shape.
100. Concerts which used to be at Raspberry island, plus movies and music in the park. This park has been abandoned this summer. What happened? Bathroom schedule. The opening and closing times of the restrooms seems random sometimes as we find it locked.
101. Consistent staff that stay in one community center instead of moving around. Also a way for the users of the rec centers to evaluate the work of the person in charge, some are so great and others fairly worthless.
102. Continuous (seasonal) cool drinking water supply/source!
103. Control over all the screaming nutjobs.
104. Conway Splash Pad needs improved signage -- unclear where splash pad is and how it works. Conway could use a makeover in general. :)
105. could use smaller pools/splash pads at local parks (Merriam Park)
106. creativity within the space. equipment that provides opportunity to learn while enjoying the space. Example is Martin Luther King Jr park in S. Mpls. Park combines history within playground equipment as well as ways to make music. Would also like more outdoor splash type of areas like Huset Park in Columbia Heights. Park is a lot of fun, encouraging exercise, fun and opportunity to easily meet and interact with community members.
107. Crosby needs more benches. You have to walk a long ways to get to one. Older citizens need to stop and rest.
108. Decent priced foods
109. Disappointed that Phalen has not gotten a restaurant or additional amenities. It seems like all of the resources are going to other parks. There are major improvements needed to the facilities at Phalen.
110. Dog parks, dog parks, dog parks. There are only 3 (right?) in the whole city, so it's a long drive to get to one. Which leads to people letting their dogs run loose on athletic fields and school property.
- I'd love to see WAY more small dog parks take the place of some of the athletic fields. Those fields are empty most of the time (just used for a few hours a few times a week), whereas every dog park I've been to has dozens of people (and dogs) there every evening and all day on the weekends.
111. Dog parks, tennis courts in good repair
112. Dog waste disposal bags would be nice
Parks patrol by police on bicycles
113. Downtown needs a soccer field. Many kids play sandlot soccer at Wacuta commons
114. Drinking fountains
115. Drinking fountains that work.
116. Easily accessible *clean* and safe restrooms (specifically single stall/gender neutral)
117. Eastside Heritage Park is missing a playground. Currently there is no draw to bring families to this site besides a big open field and a picnic shelter.
Duluth Case needs an update to its playground and community center. It has not had the investment it needs and it is crawling with kids.
118. Easy access to clean,unlocked restroom/portaPottie
119. Edgcumbe rec center specifically; Recreation center managers need to better monitor and manage teens selling drugs in front of rec centers and need to get better at cleaning graffiti immediately. In addition rec center managers or employees need to work on people skills and professionalism. They need to let younger children play in the gym too and not let teen and high school and even adults bully kids in the gym. Please hire quality employees at Edgcumbe rec center

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- that truly care about our neighborhood. Rec center employees need to not be afraid to handle teens. Please remind dog owners that Edgcumbe is not an off leash dog park and to pick up dog excrement.
120. Edgcumbe refused to offer our 10U boys baseball team a field for home games this summer, even though the field with Joe Mauer's signature and hand prints sat empty and unused all summer with a tarp over the pitcher's mound. Shameful! We had to drive on Hwy94 in rush hour and construction at pm to get to games at Battle Creek. We will have to join a different league next year.
 121. Emergency Call Boxes in multiple locations
 122. Enforcement of dog leash laws
 123. Enough gathering spaces
 124. Equipment to motivate one to do some exercise (parallel bars, pull-up bars, etc.)
 125. Events like live music, community theater, etc
 126. Every park should have a restroom/port a potty and shaded area
 127. Everyt
 128. Except for the groundskeeper for the athletic fields, I don't believe the grounds are as well-maintained as they should be. We walk in our neighborhood park daily and bring a bag to pick up trash and have weeded the garden areas. Until the basics are covered, there is no reason to add more amenities, e.g. bike trails (we have enough of those already).
 129. Feeling safe. The park nearest me has a lot of trash talking from both teens and parents of young children. I don't like to bring my child to the park to be exposed to half dressed mothers talking and swearing loudly on their cell phones and cursing at their children.
 130. Fitness stations
 131. Flowers
 132. Flowers and better maintenance and make sure dogs don't use public areas as dog park
 133. Focus on smaller centers
 134. Food Trucks
 135. for fifteen years I've asked the city to replace the poor conditioned playground equipment of Douglas Park, and they have refused to attend to this problem; my kids even cut themselves on the rusty metal bars; there was a movie set held there one day, and the director, Woody H. had to bring in his own swing since the ones that were there were awful; I was so embarrassed to be a part of this community, that the city is so unresponsive; I moved out of St. Paul just yesterday in fact, to a community that cares.
 136. fountains
 137. Four-season recreation opportunities. More chances to sled, cross country ski, winter activities! Signage/wayfinding between parks, especially to connect with bike/walking trails. St Paul is not an intuitive city to navigate if you don't know where you're going.
 138. Free ice cream, free wifi, balloon artists, clowns, bubble soccer, face paint, llamas.
 139. Free Outdoor wading pools and splash pads, similar to Minneapolis parks
 140. Free splash pads for families with young children.
 141. Free wading pools (like Minneapolis)
 142. Free wading pools. Splash pads. An abundance of parks everywhere. I lived in Minneapolis for 10 yrs and came to St. Paul last year and am disappointed in the lack of playspace for children. The few pools aval cost money. Minneapolis has wading pools every 3 blocks. They are also doing tons of upgrades to the parks. The park program here is pathetic, especially for being the capital city.
 143. Friendlier and informed staff; programs at the recreation centers; better maintenance
 144. Friendly & knowledable staff at regional parks that are actually assigned to work within that regional park.
 145. Frisbee golf at Como Regional Park

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146. Garbage cans. More are needed. I've been to a couple that had a lot of litter and I noticed that there was only one can and it was completely full. Overflowing in fact.
147. garden
148. Gardens, Native flowers and plants, fun walking trails separate from biking trails.
149. Get rid of clay in-fields. They aren't used and keep others from using that space.
150. Get rid of the hoodlums
151. Get the playground done at Palace
152. Good leadership at Langford Rec Center
153. Good maintenance of these public facilities is important to me - trash collections, repairs, restroom cleanliness. Sometimes I wish this could be more attentively and promptly managed.
154. good warming houses
155. Grass on the athletic fields, instead of mostly dirt and a few weeds.
156. Grass on the athletic fields. Oh, and grass on the athletic fields.
157. Greetings and welcomes when entering
158. Having better options for residents and especially children in the North End Area. City officials decided to tear down two recreation centers in the aforementioned area. This area of town has continued to be neglected with quality improvements for the overall youth that reside in and around there. The North End Area is home to a high minority population. Simply said... This part of town needs more investment at the parks and recreation level.
159. Having more pools--indoor and outdoor--would be helpful. The pools are very crowded as it is.
160. High priority for me would to have a first rate winter sport center in St. Paul.
161. Higher quality full size baseball fields
162. Hillcrest Gymnasium should be committed to adult gymnasium activities during the day. At present it is used as a space for young children activities.
163. Hilliest playground needs new equipment and new fields
164. Horseshoe
165. I am overly frustrated that even though the City has a plan that articulates the need for additional dog parks that there is NO willingness from Park and Rec staff to move forward on establishing dog parks in the City.
166. I am really surprised and disappointed that the City's natural areas are given NO thought in this survey. The floodplain forests in the river parks, the native plantings along the lake shores, the prairies and the woods are the reasons why I love going to the parks. There are great natural resources in this city, but they need more attention given to them to prevent invasive species from taking over. That would be my #1 priority for investment, but sadly it wasn't even an option on your question #4.
167. I believe that St. Paul needs more passive places where people can create their own recreation (Newell Park is an example of a park that people can use as they wish). We also need more planting of native habitat for birds, pollinators and other wild creatures--and Parks and Rec should be leading on educating the public on the need for natives and wild animals. As tree loss accelerates, we need more tree and shrub planting in all the parks. Overall, we need to tilt the mindset a bit away from 'recreation' and more to 'parks', meaning less organized sports, more space for un-organized activity. Most of the regional parks need to have more maintenance, for instance, Como Park, where much of the maintenance budget seems to go toward the areas where vendors want/need to make a profit, with less going to areas that residents and others can use for free.
168. I do not feel Como Dockside is very family friendly; i.e. alcohol staring at you when you enter, restrictions on food in the pavilion.
169. I don't use dog parks simply because there are sometimes aggressive dogs and because some of my friends' dogs have picked up diseases there. I would love a small dog park at Lake Como! But that

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- is probably not practical. I also don't use the athletic fields but realize that they are very important for a lot of people and good for children and teens.
170. I feel like the investment and modern design is more apparent in the west suburbs. You can feel the "financial difference." Our rec center, Edgumbe, has become a bit of a dump. And while our pools and splash pads are great, they are still not quite as elaborate as some others. We also live by the Hague Tot Lot which is pretty nice, but a few odd decisions were made with the equipment. While these are areas of improvement, Saint Paul is overall a beautiful place to live with beautiful and plentiful public park spaces.
171. I feel that if our St. Paul parks are not up to the standards of the Minneapolis parks. Our family loves parks and we find ourselves biking to Minneapolis because of their more engaging play structures and care. I wish that our St. Paul parks were as nice!
172. I feel that Linwood has been forgotten. The playground area is overgrown with weeds and grass growing in the sand, equipment is starting to fall apart. Surrounding retaining wall is not attended so kids have taken to just climbing on it, very dangerous. Also just because Palace has an ice rink doesn't mean Linwood should give up on their outdoor rink. It would get used if it was maintained.
173. I just wish we had a local park in the Snelling-Hamline neighborhood. All of the local playgrounds/parks require crossing busy intersections.
174. I like to see more areas used to encourage wildlife, birds and pollinators.
175. I live in Frogtown, not enough activities for my neighborhood Rec center.
176. I live in Payne Phalen, specifically Railroad Island, and I would like there to be more small green spaces, possibly with a bench. There is not much for small, quiet green spaces.
177. I live near Como Park. I would like to see a dog and human drinking fountain somewhere in the south/east side of the lake similar to the new one installed at the north east foundation of the pavilion. I would also like to see an off leash dog park established somewhere around the lake and/or on park land.
178. I live within a block from Phalen Rec Center and I am disappointed at the lack of summer activities for school age kids during the day.
179. I particularly like the parks that have both sunny and shaded areas. The playground near Highland Park Rec has limited shade.
180. I really wish there were public tennis courts somewhere in Como Park.
181. I think there should be more skate park, basketball courts, and soccer fields in saint paul (facilities for teenagers). Connecting bike trails is important. Activating grass fields in neighborhood pocket parks is also important, could be as simple as picnic tables and shade trees with some public art or small scale exercise equipment.
182. I run daily and use the paved trails. They often seemed to be close for various reasons (e.g. Lillydale trails). And in the winter they are almost never cleared, which is too bad as there are plenty of bikers and runners who still use them in cold weather.
183. I run surveys, and I notice You are asking the same question several times. Also, if you want a good response rate, the survey needs to be mobile device ready. If you have questions feel free to contact me. Paulacastellanos.mn@icloud.com
184. I think a few more ice rinks at local parks might be great for neighborhood families to go skating during the winter.
185. I think Lake Phalen should have a permanent stage for performances.
186. I think maintenance is key. I think we have enough park area, but some are a little run down. I especially like native plantings such as those around Lake Phalen. Trees are not well cared for - too many have injury from weed whips which is so sad because they are very expensive to replace.
187. I think many St. Paul parks features such as Battle Creek water park have all of the necessary amenities but are not advertised well. Como Park is near-perfect as a land feature, given the zoo,

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conservatory, walking paths and such, but the water itself gets a tad too smelly. There are Parks and Rec centers such as the one in Frogtown that are just falling apart. The Mississippi River remains virtually inaccessible in St. Paul -- it's solitary, secluded and there's no obvious place to rent a boat or a canoe or a guided tour. Walking paths down by the river lack shade and commercial or pedestrian activity and they're scary to jog down. I'd love to see more free activities at the Harriet Island bandshell. I feel like Lake Harriet in Minneapolis hosts multiple free concerts and movies all the time. Does the Harriet Island bandshell? If so, I never hear about it. And when it is "activated," there's a steep entry fee to get in, such as the failed Taste of Minnesota which was ridiculously overpriced both in terms of entry fee and in terms of food "samples" that were priced like whole entrees. That was not family friendly at all.

188. I think Palace Rec Center needs a splash pad, lots of young children and no pool or splash pad in the neighborhood
189. I think the community centers are very hit and miss. Some are beautiful like Palace, Highland, Arlington Hills. Others have a ton of kids pass through and are in rough shape- Dayton's Bluff, W. Minnehaha. I also think there could be more mentoring of staff to support better interactions with kids and the community. Staff are great, but could be better with a little more support. I think a lot of staff working with youth are teens and just need some coaching, mentoring and clear expectations on how to discipline and create an environment that supports learning and engagement vs. "just hanging out"
190. I think the outdoor pools could use a big slide or two. It definitely kept us from getting our season pass this year. All other pools have slides. However not all other pools have the extensive climbing walls and diving boards and zipline that my kids love oh and not to mention the wonderful amount of actual swimming space. We love that as well about highland and como!!
191. I think the playground at Marydale could use some updating. Also, regularly clearing some of the underbrush around the lake as was done last year, so that you can see the lake from the walking trail.
192. I think there should be more splash pad/wading pool free for kids to use in the hot summer months!!!!
193. I think we need another outdoor pool (at least one more), and more outdoor water play features at our parks. At many of the Minneapolis parks they have small wading pools or splash pads. Those would really be appreciated at both our city parks and our passive parks. I think some of our passive parks are also in need of an update (such as Marydale).
194. I think we should develop for rejuvenation through quiet natural space, trails and move a little bit away from the team sport model.
195. I use a green space near a Parks and Rec facility for soccer in the summer (although the grass is often too long) and would love to see a hockey rink there in the winter. There used to be one but the city stopped maintaining it.
196. I use the off leash dog park daily and there is no lighting. This makes the park unusable and a waste of space in the winter. Lighting the main trails should be a priority
197. I visit the dog parks regularly, it seems that these are not maintained like other parks even though they have a very high rate of use.
198. I wish that Como golf course was filled with trees and biking trails. There is room for a paved trail as well as mountain-biking. The number of people that would use the biking amenity versus the golfers would not even be comparable. In addition the cost of maintaining the golf course and chemicals used to keep it "green" are too high and too much. Get rid of the golf course and give us mountain biking.
199. I wish the exercise facility (North Dale) was open earlier in the morning so I could exercise before going to work.

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200. I wish the Groveland rec center was open most of the day on school release days and more daytime hours during the summer for kids to play basketball inside, etc.
201. I wish there were more interesting playground equipment, ie. "natural" structures at Tamarack Nature Center, and I wish there were bathrooms at all parks. Even porte-potties.
202. I would like an official off-leash dog area near my home in the Hamline Midway area.
203. I would like outdoor handball courts. There were some at Phalen, but they were removed. I think handball courts would get people of all ages active in the outdoors. I think handball courts are a good investment.
204. I would like to have more opportunity for lap swim with lane lines (indoor and outdoor pools).
205. I would like to see an outdoor ropes and climbing course. This course can be moderated or watched by park staff on a seasonal basis. I would expect it to have a fee like a public pool and possibly a free time for those who can not afford the fee.
206. I would like to see better hours at the Rec Centers on the weekends,
207. I would like to see better landscaping, maintenance for passive parks/green spaces.
208. I would like to see more drinking fountains with dog access.
209. I would love lighted parking lots, with surveillance cameras to discourage theft. Also water spigots in the dog parks.
210. I would love to have an off-leash dog park (even if it is small) up in the grand hill/summit university area. Also, more interesting playground equipment.
211. I would love to see public exercise equipment - I've seen this in many cities around the world and it would be great to have some of this very low-cost, low-maintenance equipment in some of our city parks. Encouraging public health and activity is a win/win all around.
212. I would really appreciate someone looking in to rebuilding the Margaret Rec center that was torn down. It would be nice to have a fitness center in it and a basketball court. It concerns me that only the nice community centers are in the better parts of St. Paul, when I pay my tax dollars the same as everyone else.
213. I would really like to see a off leash dog park that is big enough to actually take a walk with your dog and not up against a swamp.
Central Park in Roseville needs more night time lighting. The walking path around the baseball fields don't have any lights!
214. I'd like some unpaved trails to run on
215. I'd love to see a large, open, polished concrete space usable for many different events - sports, conventions, receptions, etc. This need used to be served by the St Paul National Guard armory, but they've remodeled and narrowed use by the public
216. Ice rink at Baker Park, please!!
217. Ice skating rinks with more availability for family ice skating, not hockey
218. If the stream can be more re-established in Swede Hollow.
219. Improve the quality of the hockey rinks at North Dale - especially the ice conditions!!!!
220. Improved bike trail surfaces.
221. In Cherokee Park, I'd love a sidewalk along Annapolis Street. Right now people walk on the street or the grass to make a loop around the park. When I walk with my grandma, the grass is too uneven for her, but the street has a decent amount of traffic so it's not the safest.
222. In my opinion, Saint Paul has lovely parks.
223. indoor basketball for old people
224. Indoor play area (gym) for young kids < 10 yo and toddlers.
225. Indoor playground equipment and splash parks
226. Irvine Park - the fountain water seems to off this summer and it's causing the metal fountain to rust. Seems like chemical balance is way off. The parks employee that retired last did a good job

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- keeping the fountain in good order. Possibly reach out to him to understand what needs to be corrected
227. It seems like we have to go to the suburbs to find a nice indoor park / play area for kids especially in the winter
228. It would be fun to have a parcourse to promote exercise, but just a wish list item. I do calisthenics anyway using park benches and tables, but I do see people doing these things also and think they would be utilized.
229. It would be great if Highland Park had a splash pad
230. It would be great if many of the playgrounds and picnic areas could have more shade, either with trees or structures.
231. It would be great if we had more dog park options. The ones we have now require driving from most neighborhoods. It'll be fantastic if we could walk, just like people parks are scattered that most homes have park options within an easy stroll from their homes.
232. It would be great to have Sunday hours at the rec centers so parents can play basketball with their kids.
233. It would be nice to have fenced in off-leash areas in city parks.
234. It would be nice to offer more activities for parents that work full-time to have more options of activities at night and on the weekends that you offer during the week in the morning. I think it would be a good idea so people can have more access to the facilities.
235. It would be nice to see more things for people with disabilities to enjoy
236. It would be wonderful if there were more flowers and if trash was cleaned up better from the green spaces. I would love it if the public bathrooms were all at the quality of some of the new buildings that have gone up. Splash pads and exploratory equipment at all the playgrounds would be amazing. Picnic areas with more comfortable seating would get me using them.
237. It'd be nice to have more / another larger dog park. Meeker Island is nice, but it's very small. Also, playground at Hillcrest in Highland floods and needs upgrades. And, the open space by Highland Senior Highland (the soccer/baseball fields) have standing water even days after a rain. Would be nice to tile that area / improve drainage.
238. Its hard to find small poils or sprinkler parks for my kids to get cooled off
239. Just remember using a double stroller and having difficulty maneuvering it from sidewalk at Kenneth and ford pkwy to sidewalk entering hill rest park. Had to enter parking lot and lift stroller on sidewalk.
240. Kayaking canoeing sup from Lake Phalen
241. Keep restrooms unlocked, more port a potties on trails, enforce off leash dogs
242. Kiddie Pools or Splash pads
243. Lack of staff
244. Lack of trash cans. No skating rinks in the winter
245. Lake Phalen Beach needs an upgrade in its facilities, which are shabby
246. Langford park ball fields need improvement
247. lap swimming pools, outdoor hot tubs, windsurfing storage lockers for summer
248. Legitimate baseball fields
249. Less dirty. Safer equipment
250. Living in the city of St. Paul and having spent many years in the suburbs with sons playing traveling teams for baseball and football. Lack of fields for a lot of the sports they played was also frustrating. The upkeep of the parks/fields we did have in our area was, very dissatisfying with how often we as a community had to come out and maintain the baseball/football fields because of the lack of enough Parks & Rec employees allotted for this work.
251. Longer access to public restrooms. More bike fixing stations.

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252. Longer hours and improved safety at recreation centers and tot lots.
253. Maintenance
254. Maintenance/upkeep of the grounds and equipment
255. Man made snow for cross country skiing. Also need to invest in security known issue at phalan, crosby and battle creek
256. Many of the smaller neighborhood parks could use more garbage and recycling bins and for those with grills, containers for hot coals. In addition, would like to see outdoor ice skating on local lakes (e.g. Lake Como).
257. Maps
258. Mattocks park needs bathroom facilities. I live a mile from there and often took my small son. It was awful when he was toilet trained and he had to use the toilet urgently.
259. MAYBE BIGGER GRILLS?
260. Merriam Park needs a lot of stuff. Very old playground.
261. Minneapolis has such great little splash pools at many of their parks - StP should, too! Also, little areas of sand on playgrounds for digging are great but having almost the whole playground sand is extremely messy and often gets dug so deep that dirt and concrete bases are exposed (especially at Mattocks). The sand is always spread all over the sidewalks which makes them very slippery for children and bikers. Foam/spongey playground surface is a MUCH nicer option w/just a small sand pit for digging is really great (like in the new Wabun playground in Minnehaha Park).
262. Missing activities to draw in seniors. We were very involved in local comm centers when we had kids, but now there doesn't seem to be structured means to include us (as seniors).
263. Missing: Pleasant and clean restrooms, especially outdoor access restrooms. And... In years passed when we used Rec Centers more with our kids, City Park Recreation staff often appeared unmotivated and lacked energy and creativity to make Rec Centers a fun and safe place to draw families and kids. Facilities are great, but need to work on Rec Center staffing!!! Hire motivated folks who believe in what they do and work hard. This seems to be lacking at many centers I have visited. Investing in facilities is not worth it unless they are staffed with motivated people.
264. More access to outdoor skating rinks
265. More activities for families on weekend or weekday evenings.
266. More activities for teens.
267. More activities: kayak rentals, nature center with programming, swimmable beaches, cafe/restaurant
268. More activity at community centers
269. More actual WILD space. There is too much mown grass and too little real wilderness -- not enough bushes, not enough trees, not enough birds. If you modeled the whole of Como Park north of Como Avenue out of plastic, no one would know the difference!
270. More and better walking and biking trails.
271. More Basketball hoops, mountain bike trails!! and unique, fun play equipment
272. more bathroom facilities
273. More bathroom options on trails
274. More bathrooms, please. Port-a-potties are not fun with potty training kids (ahem, Mattox Park)
275. More benches, especially in shady areas
276. More bike trails and hiking/running trails that interconnect with existing trails. Better signage.
277. More bike trails connecting parks around the city. Swing maintenance. Outdoor refrigerated ice should be better around the edges and ready to go earlier in the morning. Different tiers available for rec sports depending on experience(that was provided this year in soccer and allows for more competitive games).
278. More bike/ped trails, and connections between them!

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279. More biking trails connecting different parks throughout the city
280. More community engagement
281. More decent bathrooms. Either fix the tennis courts or get rid of them. Better signage in the parks, especially smaller ones.
282. More diaper changing tables
283. More dirt/mulch trails. There are too many paved trails. It is very hard to find unpaved trails for walking and exploring with my kids.
284. more diversity
285. More dog parks and services at said dog parks.
286. More dog parks, smaller neighborhood parks
287. More facilities for youth, ages 12-16
288. more fitness in the parks
289. More food options would be nice, especially in the summer.
290. More funding to keep garbage and refuse cleaned up
291. More green space and utilization of the space. I feel like spaces go to waste. I would like to move more to a Minneapolis system and have a thriving park spaces.
292. MORE GREEN SPACE...less patrol cars rolling through the sidewalks
293. more greenspace and bike racks. less space for parking lots to encourage people to walk or cycle to the parks.
294. More helpful and knowledgeable staff
295. More lit trails would be nice
296. more litter containers, better upkeep, more staff to monitor
297. More mountain biking opportunities.
298. More music/ festivals in the parks
299. More naturalist-led classes and workshops
300. more neighborhood off leash dog parks or options to have times set aside for off leash
301. More of a security presence. As a female runner, I find that running on some of the trails can be a bit scary.
302. More off leash areas
303. More off leash areas - and more attention to the current off leash areas cleanliness and safety
304. More off leash areas with access to water
305. more off leash dog parks that are completely enclosed
306. More off leash dog parks with varied terrain. More off street bike paths. More trash and recycling and more pickup. More restrooms and Biffs. More sports tams in each sport and More sports opportunities for 11-16 year olds.
307. More off-leash dog areas. None of the many parks I use regularly have one.
308. More opportunities for recycling
309. More outside water fountains with water bottle filling stations.
Dog waste bags and or deposit places. Maybe more people would pick up waste.
310. More parks & activities in my Greater Eastside neighborhood! It seems as if everything is across town in the "wealthier" neighborhoods! (Perhaps that is why I use Maplewood parks so much more than Saint Paul parks--even though I live in Saint Paul!)
311. More people! We are so lucky to have easy access to these wonderful spaces.
312. More picnic benches close to each other or should I say closer for big families.
313. More playground equipment for smaller kids and more diverse equipment for older kids, like a Climbing wall. Longer open and family swim hours. More running tracks. Adult exercise equipment at parka and playgrounds, like chip up bars or other circuit or strength training fixtures.

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314. More playground equipment. Excellent picnic facilities in St. Paul for hosting Graduation parties, etc.
315. More police presents. Many parks are unusable because of gangs and drug sales.
316. More port-a-potties along the Mississippi River Boulevard trail near Ford Pkwy, more security measures at the parking lot on MRB just south of Ford Pkwy
317. More programming at community centers. More invasive species control at Regional parks. More and larger dog parks. A safer system of biking trails between parks and in general in st paul, especially through downtown st paul.
318. More promotion of "greenness" -- gardening, sustainability, cycling and education about these things. I have no doubt the man-made climate change is the story of the century, and it's not possible to educate too much about things we can all do, and parks and public space can play big role.
319. More recycling and trash receptacles would be nice. I see lots of trash on trails and the spaces are beautiful, and should be kept that way.
320. More restrooms, some parks have aging playground equipment, tennis courts need to go (no one uses them!).
321. more routine maintenance on playground equipment, more trash receptacles to help with litter
322. More run off water conservation ponds
323. more safe walking areas!
324. More sand areas (with clean sand).
325. More Sand Volleyball COurts
326. More sculpture and art installations!!!
327. More shade if trees are not involved.
328. More shade over children's playgrounds and equipment.
329. More shore fishing areas for kids and families
330. More signage (e.g. how to turn on the splash pad at Lewis Park). Signs that show a space is a public park space (e.g. the big water feature by Upper Landing Park, Chestnut Plaza-- it looks like its part of the apartments). Sometimes it's hard to know if a playground or green space is a public one or not. Consistent signage City-wide would be really helpful. If each sign had a map of the space, that would be the best! That way, people would know what to look for in the park (e.g. Hidden Falls... it's hard to find the falls if you don't have someone with you who knows where they are). I'd love to be able to take a picture of a big map with my phone each time I enter a park.
331. MORE SKATE PARKS IN A NATURAL LANDSCAPED SETTING
332. More skateboard parks, bike paths that are maintained, better playground equipment
333. More skateboarding parks
334. More skateparks
335. More small neighborhood green spaces. Friendlier employees at the Highland Park Community Center.
336. More smaller, local parks for young families.
337. More space for community activities.
338. More splash pads or pools
339. More splash pads. Indoor playground
340. More splashpads! The revitalization of Como has been excellent.
341. more splashpads/wading pools in parks for children
342. More staff cleaning up garbage and more over site of parks. My neighborhood park my family can barely use summer because of lots of unsupervised older children behaving badly and acting like they own the place. When they tore down the rec center it became much worse!!! No adults!!!
343. More swings
344. More swings, expanded playground equipment. Would love more splashpads!!!

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345. more trash bins or recycling bins
346. More trash bins, recycling bins
347. More trash cans and benches along the walking/biking paths at both Phalen and Como
348. More trash cans and recycling options, sometimes. Updated playground equipment in some places.
349. More trash cans; fewer homeless camping there.
350. More unprogrammed/nature play type spaces. Similar to Ramsey County's Tamarack Park/preserve.
351. More walking trails
352. More water fountains would be nice.
353. More water parks for kids like Wabun in Minneapolis. Also-less sand parks and more like the one on Hague near the Hamline bridge but with bathrooms.
354. More/better trash and recycling cans. Truly public pools, etc. - where patrons do not have to pay a fee for use!
355. mountain bike trails
356. Mountain/fat bike rental is worth a try, partner with a local retailer
357. multi-language signage, more uniqueness for their neighborhood context
358. My biggest issue is that it is difficult to get folks to obey the rules like bikes running down walkers
359. Native flora and fauna - doing good work but more investment in ecological restoration
360. Natural areas, native plants, nature walks
361. natural climbing areas, logs, etc.
362. Natural play areas (like the play space at Ramsey Co's Tamarack Nature Center)
363. Nature play areas
364. Nature play areas
365. Nature play areas or more naturalized and restored areas, more food/gathering areas and opportunities (love the Red River Kitchen!), love the investment in the river, would love an urban nature center (Ford site??!). Keep me in the city versus heading to the burbs for recreation!
366. Need many more lap swim opportunities (locations, hours) both indoors and outdoors. Need a running track that can be used by the community (most school tracks are off-limits). Make well-maintained paved bike trails a top priority! Build a place for outdoor skating for fitness, like the Roseville speedskating oval (hockey rinks are too small).
367. Need more parking at Como for concerts, or a shuttle from more remote areas
368. Need More splash pads/water play areas, many have no bathrooms/Porto potty
369. need plenty of bathrooms
370. Need to think about those with physical limitations: more benches, place to rest that encourage everyone to get out and walk. This is needed along parkways and blvds as well, not just within existing parks. I know so many people who are forced to drive because there are inadequate 'resting' places on the way. Lets encourage our citizens to walk more!!!!!!!!!!
371. Need updated outdoor sporting areas. Ex. Soccer, softball, football fields.
372. Not enough open gym time at community centers, especially for middle schoolers.
373. Not enough picnic tables outside of shelters. There are no lone sitting benches, either.
374. Not enough small neighborhood parks / open green space.
375. Not enough trash and recyclable containers.
376. Not really, and I do feel that city parks, and parks/rec as a whole, is valued in our community. My 'dissatisfied' remarks really just stem from the fact that I think some community centers (and playgrounds) need updating; that said, some will always need updating!
377. Not the parks, but some of the cities rec centers could use upgrades. Como and Hazel Park are two that come to mind.

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378. NW COMO REC CENTER IS GETTING REALLY RUN DOWN. I WAS AT BATTLE CREEK RECENTLY AND WAS SHOCKED AT HOW NICE IT WAS COMPARED TO COMO. IT SEEMS LIKE THERE IS A BIG DIFFERENCE IN WHERE MONEY IS SPENT. IS THAT BECAUSE BATTLE CREEK IS CLOSER TO THE SUBURBS?
379. NW Como Recreation Center needs to be rebuilt. The playground needs an expanded area for toddlers. Rest rooms are needed in Como Park.
380. Off leash dog park in Midway neighborhood
381. Off leash dog parks. There are none in the Midway area
382. on the East Side, we have lost community centers. I am satisfied with community centers that exist, but dissatisfied with the lack of centers on the East Side.
383. ongoing maintenance, open hours
384. Open Highland outdoor pool on May 01st and close on Oct 01st. Please extend the season to reflect the warmer weather.
385. Open restrooms at Phalen for use by public
386. Open waterways, free of log jams
387. Our nearest park has only a playground but no water source, no bathroom, no indoor facility. Taylor Park.
388. Our neighborhood athletic fields @ HPCC are in horrible condition (huge holes and rocks make it hazardous most of the time, while drainage issues render them useless especially in the early spring or after any substantial rainfall). The playground equipment is outdated and rusty and the tennis courts are in very poor condition too. We have a beautiful community center in HPCC, with a sad surrounding recreational landscape.
389. Our small community rec center used to have a lot of activity which we were promised would continue. That was not true. We were not able to keep our t-ball, soccer, or other programs to introduce children to activities, and the next closest rec center wasn't able to fill teams, so the activities are simply no longer available to the children in our neighborhood. People must have given up on rec sports and moved to other programs and it is a shame.
390. Outdoor adult fitness equipment (pull up bars, balance beams, etc.). "Core Valley" in Eagan is a great example of a wonderful space for kids and adults to get fit and have fun. Wish we had more of that in the St. Paul area.
391. Outdoor drinking fountains would be great
392. Outdoor exercise equipment. I have seen this at suburban parks.
393. outdoor handball courts
394. outdoor ice rinks, park clean-up (lots of litter around)
395. Outdoor pools are too crowded to safely use with my children, we gavel to suburban areas for a much better experience and for less money
396. Outdoor skating rink, off leash dog area.
397. outdoor water fountains for drinking
398. Outreach
399. Outside Cell phone charger stations that could charge residents/visitors for use. Daily cop patrols at troubled Rec. Centers. Sell regular soda and have coke fill machines to increase profits/commissions. Allow rental of sports equipment for term use like the library does books. Charge at Como zoo for adults to provide more funding for other park amenities.
400. Overall satisfied, but facilities need to be maintained and clean. Beaches and parks can get rundown and littered with trash. I also feel rec center restrooms should be accessible year round 7 days a week. Tennis courts need attention.
401. paid parking

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402. Palace Recreation Center needs much better hours - there are lots of stay-at-home parents in the neighborhood with young children that could use a tot-time like the other rec centers have. It's a shame to have such a beautiful building open such limited hours. It also seems to prioritize older children over young kids and seniors, which doesn't really reflect the neighborhood needs.
403. Park employee presence
404. Parking
405. Parking lot security, emergency call phone
406. Parking space at Como
407. parking, more outdoor/indoor places to swim.
408. Parks are lovely, homeless people or those who litter NOT so lovely.
409. Parks on the east side of St Paul are under-represented. I live by Lake Phalen, which has some nice features during daylight and peak periods. I do not feel safe walking alone or using the local parks by myself. Sometimes I hear gun shots in my neighborhood and a lot of police sirens in the area on a regular basis, doing their jobs, of course, but it doesn't make neighbors want to use local parks if disturbances like this are common. Parks are very barren during wintertime. There' s nothing to do unless the Winter Carnival has active programs scheduled in parks on the East Side. The light show drive fundraiser in Lake Phalen only appeals once, since it never varies.
410. Parks should always be open and accessible
411. Parks we frequent have high utilization but nearby residential and businesses already have limited or no parking which decreases accessibility for our family. More parking is necessary in almost all regional parks and parks w community centers.
412. Parks with playground equipment for seniors; places for teens to go even if they don't play a sport; places for adults to play like bocce ball or boule like I saw I in the center of Paris. Something to get people outside and connecting. The Building near the highland golf course should rent Nordic skis in the winter to expand access to the sport.
413. Parks with playground equipment for seniors; places for teens to go even if they don't play a sport; places for adults to play like bocce ball or boule like I saw I in the center of Paris. Something to get people outside and connecting. The Building near the highland golf course should rent Nordic skis in the winter to expand access to the sport.
414. Passive parks should have high level of maintenance and charcoal grill amenities. Dog parks should not be let to go to bare ground/mud/dust. Local communities should not bear sole responsibility to maintain passive parks, i.e. Mears and Wacouta Parks.
415. Phalen Beach is always filled with cigarette butts and trash. Could use a daily scrub and lots of reinforcement of no smoking regulation on the beach. It's pretty gross.
416. places to sit, community boards to post community info
417. Plaques about the plants - herbs, fruit trees
418. Play equipment that is suitable for BOTH young and old children.
419. play ground for both younger and older children
420. Playground equipment that is functional and safe. Particularly at Mary dale park the equipment has peeling paint and is not very functional or safe. Also, shade trees or canopies. Mary dale park is barely even useable on hot days due to lack of shade.
421. Playground equipment is broken and some paint chipping
422. playground equipment needs updating. longer hours or open hours for bathrooms when younger children would be using the play equipment.
423. Playground equipment; year-round bathrooms
424. Playgrounds with unique or creative features.
Walking distance and safe route to a playground for all neighborhoods.
Playground safety, lighting, and litter maintenance.

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- 425. please keep maintaining bike trails well
- 426. Please swap out the sand at playgrounds for mulch. I take my kids to Roseville parks for this reason even though we live by 2 St Paul parks. The sand is filthy & disgusting. Also please consider adding more splash pads, not the 2 small scale ones that are currently available. We have to drive to the suburbs to find a decent free splash pad.
- 427. Police presence at Raspberry island to deter loitering/drug dealing
- 428. Policing so they are safer
- 429. Port a potty at high bridge dig park
- 430. Porta potties
- 431. Possibly water fountains on walking/biking paths and tennis courts. I am unaware if there are fountains by the restrooms as I usually run or bike through the parks and don't use restrooms.
- 432. Protected bike lanes to get there/back home
- 433. Publically forage-able fruit and berry trees.
- 434. Quality green space. Ball fields are not cared for and the grass is dried out.
- 435. Reasonably sized parking spaces (MS River Ford Dam Overlook), cameras or other security facilities at parks/parking spaces, more frequent bathrooms (even port-a-potties) especially along the River's trails
- 436. Rebuild Merriam Park
- 437. Recently moved here so no familiar with most facilities
- 438. Recreation centers are lacking equipment and are either mismanaged or understaffed. This last year was particularly frustrating trying to help coach baseball, with poorly prepared fields, poorly prepared equipment, and poor communication with Rec Staff.
- 439. Recycling bins
- 440. Recycling bins next to trash cans
- 441. Recycling bins, garbage bins
- 442. Recycling containers and terrible tennis court at Highland Community center...playground could use an update!
- 443. Recycling receptacles anywhere there is a garbage can
- 444. Recycling. There at usually garbage cans, but little to no recycling. So wasteful.
- 445. Regular maintenance and security. I live in the city and work in the suburbs (teacher)...the difference in parks is striking. St. Paul's broken equipment, trash, tagging graffiti--I could go on. Unresponsive rec center staff who should be enthusiastic and athletic. Please get off the iPhones and show some pride in customer service and your rec center! The athletic fields need TLC, someone to take ownership of their condition daily. There is no reason why they can't look better and play better (fewer bad hops, etc.) Youth in St. Paul deserve better, and they will respond to and care for fields that are maintained regularly.

The illicit activities that occur at Crosby Park--right in front of my family the last time I was there, when two random men met from two different cars and walked directly into the woods...but could be observed exchanging drugs and cash (other men meet for random sex)----are widely known to police and city staff. Why hasn't there been a more determined effort to eradicate this activity? In my opinion, Crosby is a jewel, and has the potential to be an outstanding park facility.

- 446. regular maintenance at Harriet Island. weeds and plants are overgrown. I don't like the use of Round Up to battle weeds
- 447. Reopening the Vento trail would be great
- 448. Restroom access, fruit trees or veggie gardens for common consumption, and better drinking fountains.
- 449. Restroom hours are not long enough. Often have to take children home to use the bathroom.

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450. restrooms
451. restrooms and water fountain at every playground
452. Restrooms at downtown parks (Rice and Mears)
453. Restrooms at neighborhood parks!!!!
454. restrooms available when park buildings are closed
455. Restrooms in Mattocks Park, more mountain bike trails or rustic trails, and better connection from Highland to Hidden Falls (make sure this is in the Ford Development Plan)
456. Restrooms when rec centers are closed
457. Restrooms where there are no restrooms, not portapotties
458. Restrooms, wading pools, splash pads,
459. Restrooms, water
460. Restrooms. Porta-johns
461. Restuarants in Phalen Park, besides golf or swim beach, like Mps has
462. retail concessions
463. Revenue generating (pay) parking like in Minneapolis. Better bike infrastructure to get to parks so you don't have to drive. An off-leash dog park in Midway neighbor.
464. rooms for clubs/neighborhood groups to meet that are not expensive
465. Safer parking lots, more surveillance cameras
466. safety and security
467. Safety and Security. Lots of graffiti, damaged playground equipment. General upkeep like having enough trash cans and emptying them regularly.
468. Safety at Como pool was at an all-time low this summer on weekends. It felt overcrowded and the some of the people were violent and foul-mouthed!
469. Safety for pedestrians on the walking path of Mississippi River Blvd.
470. Safety. Make sure parks are patrolled and maintain a family friendly environment.
471. Saint Paul needs splash pads for little kids. Palace is being remodeled why no splash pad, even a small one. Minneapolis has them all over, Saint Paul is a big disappointment.
472. Sand Volleyball courts with high quality beach sand
473. Sand volleyball courts with nets and court boundary lines. I only know of two in the entire SP system: the two at Phalen.
474. Satellite toilets are too few and far between. One in particular, none at park on Shephard Rd/Chestnut. None between bottom of hill at Hidden Falls and Summit monument.
475. Seasonal porta potties and drinking fountains
476. security
477. Security
478. Security/supervision at off-leash dog parks.
479. See answer 1
480. Seems like we are short on grass soccer fields and indoor basketball courts
481. Shade
482. Shade trees, bathrooms or bathrooms with diaper changing, drinking fountains
483. Shade trees, parks with benches, green space, tables.
484. shade, drinking fountains, neighborhood outdoor music venues
485. signage - get a volunteer group to go around and fresh them up! - Don't pay city staff for that job - very expensive - find enegage - eagle scout projects - youth group project
486. Signage and landscaping
487. Single-track off-road bike trails. Winter fat-tire bike trails. Paved bike trails that connect and that are easily accessible (it is getting better, whenever the plans are complete). Year-round water or restrooms, especially during warm weeks in the fall and spring.

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488. Skateboard parks and biking trails.
489. Small parklet-sized, multi-use neighborhood park where you can run and play with your dog
490. small sailboat rental
491. small wading pools like Mpls has in there parks
492. Smaller but busy and well used passive parks could really benefit from having more park staff working and engaging with youth. In the summer, these parks become hang-out spots for unsupervised youth. The parks can become unsafe (or be perceived as unsafe) and intimidating to families. If there were proactive, culturally competent youth workers staffing these parks and setting up informal recreation opportunities with low barriers to entry, the parks would become more welcoming for all and also more safe. In my neighborhood, Hamline-Midway, the rec center is not in the same location as our busiest passive park, Hamline Park, and this disconnect is just silly and a wasted opportunity. The Hancock rec center should have staff there at the rec center building AND at the park, every afternoon and all summer long. This staff should be well trained, culturally competent, and able to work with youth workers from the police department's Ambassador Program. The development of a program like this (pushing rec center youth workers out into the neighborhood passive parks) could be a part of a new initiative from the city-- aimed at proactively and positively engaging youth in out of school time and decreasing crime and violence.
493. smooth paths- too many rough spots!
494. Snow making ability for Nordic Skiing at Battle Creek.
495. Snow making capabilities for the cross country ski areas.

Phalen has a lot of untapped potential for paddling, especially given all of the connecting waters, which would be great if the weeds were removed.

Work with the National Park Service to encourage more canoeing/kayaking on the Mississippi. I love the rent a canoe/nice ride partnership idea.

With Como Dockside drawing more people to the lake, there is an increased need for a safe way to people to cross Lexington by the golf course to the pavilion. I know there is a bridge farther south, and a cross walk farther north, but people still try to walk across.

Also, the old Highland Park pool building is falling apart. Can't something be done to preserve it?

496. Snow making for nordic skiing
497. Soccer fields and futsal courts
498. Soccer fields with nets.
499. Soccer goals in the off season - spring and summer
500. Some amenities (rec centers, bathrooms, warming houses) are understaffed, under-maintained and have sporadic open hours. Also, I would love skating rinks to be maintained more frequently and longer in winter, although maybe that's impossible due to global warming. I would pay higher taxes for better parks.
- I don't play frisbee golf but I think they are an asset to our parks.
501. Some are better than others
502. Some have less trash and recycling containers and pick up; some need better lights for safety; and some need patrol at peak times
503. Some kind of water feature would be really nice at the smaller parks, even just a fountain for kids to run through when it's really hot outside.
504. Some need drinking fountains
505. Some need more shade

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506. Some parks are at elementary schools and get used a lot but not maintained well at all.
507. Some parks are unusable by families because they are used as meet-up places for gangs and men looking for sexual partners. Really. We wish these parks could be re-claimed for family use. Thanks.
508. Some parks lack shade or play equipment for small children (1-4 years old).
509. Some parks overall need actual bathrooms, a lot of the smaller parks don't have any or just had a port-a-potty. Additionally, it would be great to see some more port-a-pottys + water fountains across the Mississippi River. One last thing, we frequent quite a bit the Wabun Picnic area in Minnehaha Regional Park / MPLS. We greatly appreciate that it's has numerous picnic tables, and we love the kids wading pool.
510. Some passive parks I am not satisfied with. They are broken and unkempt. It would always be nice to have more playgrounds in the neighborhood.
511. Some passive parks with playground have no toilets.
512. Some regional parks could use better maps/trail signage
513. some sort of emergency alert system
514. Some walking paths are in rough shape at Crosby Farm Park.
515. Someone to pick up the broken glass and trash. Seriously, Duluth & Case always has broken beer bottles all over.
516. Sometimes restroom facilities are locked. It would be nice to have more restroom options along walking trails.
517. Sometimes trash pickup could be better.
518. Splash pad
519. Splash pad at Palace Community Center would be great!
520. splash pad park
521. SPLASH PAD! St Paul parks are lacking a good (and free) splash pad or kiddie pool
522. Splash pad/exploratory water features, dynamic playground equipment, shaded spaces for playground/more trees
523. Splash pads
524. Splash pads
525. Splash pads
526. splash pads / community gathering space
527. splash pads and outdoor basketball courts
528. Splash Pads are much more prevalent in the west metro than they are in the east metro. I'd love to see another destination splash pad in St. Paul!
529. Splash pads for kids, usable bathrooms, outdoor movies, music,
530. Splash pads for kids. We have to drive to Minneapolis or a suburb for a good splash pad. The other thing missing is decent basketball courts
531. Splash pads in parks such as the green space parks and the rec centers
532. Splash pads or wading pools for summer. Regular skating rinks for winter that keep in mind many families and children LEARN how to skate at parks. Minnesota has a long winter and not everyone wants to play hockey. Along with metro-wide investment in stadiums the St. Paul parks have forgotten about plain, old ice skating in favor of hockey. We have long winters here and a healthy park system — and a healthy city population means that all different kinds of people can use the parks year-round.
533. Splash pads, kiddie pools or some type of water feature. Wouldn't have to be at every park, but Minneapolis has so many of these and they are so nice for kids from 1-10+. I believe it is the most popular and used feature in Minneapolis and we and other friends from St. Paul will get in the car to DRIVE to a park in Minneapolis (even though we are within walking distance of 3 parks form our

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home) because they have that available and it would be so wonderful to have them in our own community.

534. Splash pads, nature-based play space/natural playground amenities
535. splash pads, restrooms in passive parks
536. Splash pads, shade at playgrounds, baby changing stations in bathrooms, native vegetation, nature center and nature play areas, water features at playgrounds (like a hand pump for wet sand play), recycling bins, park maps/wayfinding in larger parks (for example, Murphy-Hanrehan in Dakota County has printed trail maps available with hiking trails available in a post next to the parking lot - that would be nice for Hidden Falls, Lilydale, Crosby and nearby bike trail system). Also parks seem to be maintained inconsistently with some maintained at higher levels than others. We have learned to avoid certain parks due to hazards such as broken glass on the sidewalks, also overflowing portapotties in winter. It was hard to rate parks and amenities in the questions above because some facilities are stellar and others leave a lot to be desired. I split the difference.
537. Splash pads/wading pools. Resurfacing tennis courts
538. St Paul
539. St Paul has more households with dogs than with children. More off leash dog spaces, please!
540. St. Paul parks need wading pools! Most of MPLs parks have them, and there isn't one wading pool in St. Paul! I drive across the river frequently to use Mpls parks for pools and for children's summer camps/programs because St. Paul parks doesn't have them.
541. Staff
542. Staffing to monitor the area. The only real complaint I have is due to loud, rude, messy visitors who are littering, creating graffiti, damaging property, smoking marijuana...
543. stop being stingy with basketball courts
544. Supervision from parents
545. Tennis courts
546. The amount of fishing poaching that is going on, at Lake Phalen for example year round, is disturbing.
547. The baseball fields are sparse, poorly kept and not accessible enough to those teams that would like to be able to play summer and fall ball in the city.
548. the city definitely needs more off leash dog parks, particularly in district 1.
549. The city parks with recreation / community centers are lacking ways to keep cool in the summer such as swimming pools, wading pools, and splash pads. Additionally, there is a lack of programming during the week for kids who are toddlers to age . There also needs to be a much better marketing strategy to make people aware of programming that happens and to get feedback from those who live near each particular community center.
550. The crosswalks and pedestrian safety to get to neighborhood parks is a big problem. Also, other than regional parks (very well maintained) we frequent neighborhood parks that are also very well maintained, but the condition of neighborhood parks in less affluent areas do not seem as well maintained.
551. The dog parks would benefit from rules being posted and a contact at the city if questions arise.
552. The east side south/east side of St. Paul needs an outdoor and indoor pool and larger or another Community Center to give the children more to do to keep out of trouble. Crime has risen in that area
553. The fields at Groveland and Edgcumbe need to be upgraded-all the upgrades seem to be in the neighborhoods that are lower income rates- the people paying the highest taxes should have the same quality of space and equipment
554. The fields in which sports are played on, need a lot of improvement. They are filled with weeds vs. grass that would hold up much better to sport traffic and not be dirt fields by the end of summer. Invest in some weed control and grass seed.

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555. The great regional biking trails should be MUCH BETTER integrated into regular civic bike infrastructure. Connect trails to bike lanes and transit (rather than to parking lots) In general st Paul is way behind in bike infrastructure for commuting to work, to commercial areas, and to parks. It's highly dangerous. This could be improved by making the connections to the bike trails better and better signed. I often use the river bikeways, summit avenue, and the midtown greenway, as sort of safe biking freeways, but I think it would be a terrific asset to have a St. Paul - Minneapolis bike beltway for safely moving across and around the Metro Area. I would gladly bike a few extra miles to go around dangerous and busy intersections to get across town. While I would love more off road bike trails --like the gateway trail connecting to other cities, suburbs and beyond.
556. The Hamline-Midway area is in desperate need of a dedicated off-leash dog park. There are supposedly more dogs in these neighborhoods than children, and yet there are loads of regularly vacant or nearly-vacant parks in the area. Adding more off-leash dog parks increases neighbor interaction, community-building, and safe places to exercise our animals without endangering children.
557. The importance of having a safe place for the kids to go and play with other children.
558. The lack of attention (and funding) paid to parks and community centers located on St. Paul's east side is depressing. Facilities are poorly maintained, out of date, and offer little programming for residents.
559. The loss of youth sports at neighborhood rec centers has been a HUGE loss for the sense of community in neighborhoods. Less than ten years ago Griggs would have 4 teams at a time on a summer night playing T-ball and baseball with only two fields, then there'd be soccer and every kid in the neighborhood participated whether they were big athletes or not. Now the only options for sports are the much more competitive programs or programs further from home.
560. The majority of ice rinks have been removed. I would appreciate seeing a few come back instead of having to go to Minneapolis, Mendota Heights, etc.
561. The Northwest Como Recreation Center needs to be updated. It serves a vibrant community of parents and children and the building/center itself is a striking example of how not to invest in communities equally. While other communities have new, large, community centers, Northwest Como has a couple of outdated rooms and a gym. The families and neighborhood that Northwest Como serves deserve better.
562. The one thing we repeatedly think of is that we wish we came across water fountains more often. And, one of the soccer goals at McMurray Fields on W Jessamine is pretty torn up.
563. The park system in the Twin Cities is absolutely amazing. We were considering moving to Indianapolis and went for a trip there. One of the things that made the idea of moving there unbearable was the lack of parks and community facilities. The parks here not only keep people happy, and keep them from leaving. The only thing I'd change is the restaurant at the Como Golf Course. The food is just terrible. You should let Como Dockside run that site too.
564. The parking lot at Highland Rec Center is dreadfully small, often filled, and must drive through it to park on street near library. Also, it is gravely wrong that the women's shower areas in many of the Park Rec Centers don't have locked doors; dreadful lack of personal security.
565. The parks I visit do not seem to be serviced on a regular/frequent basis.
566. The rec centers in the "wealthy" areas of St. Paul seem to be priorities for the city, with lovely facilities. My neighborhood (Hamline Midway) does not have an active rec center my family can access without crossing a state highway (Snelling/2). Griggs has a new play space, but no programming.
567. The satisfaction of these different things varies from park to park. Some parks have good playgrounds, others need to be updated and not satisfactory. This survey seems a bit too broad.

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568. There are almost no off-leash dog parks in St Paul - I only know of one. Having more than one would be good - more - great!
569. There are barely any parks in St. Paul!! The parks within walking distance of my house aren't good. No wading pools in the summer. I want what Mpls has. Parks in every neighborhood and wading pools.
570. There are no city parks with a community center or even a bathroom in reasonable walking distance of my house.
571. There is a lot of variation in the different parks and rec centers throughout the city. Some have really nice, updated equipment, clean facilities and good hours, while others are in terrible shape with old equipment and bad hours.
572. There needs to be more open gym times at rec centers. Also, reopen Orchard rec for public use or put a rec center in Como Park. Children need active play year-round!
573. There needs to be more well maintained picnic areas.
574. There should be more(any) wading pools for small children and more updated play equipment.
575. there should be opportunities to rent equipment such as bike carts where families can bike together like Mpls does
576. There wasn't a place to put this, but we have loved swimming lessons at the Great River Water Park. We just did a dance class for our 3 year old at Highland, and it was a bad experience. The instructor cancelled 3 sessions. We were not informed ahead of time - we showed up to find out it was cancelled, and then had a disappointed child. The instructor said we'd have a final performance, but there never was one. In fact, the last session, which was a make up since she had missed 2 others, was one she was not able to make it. It was extremely disappointing and a waste of money. I was so surprised, since our swimming lessons have been handled professionally. It's made me hesitant in signing up for any other program.
577. Thing for adults like horse shoes and volley ball bochy ball
578. things are not missing. It is very important to maintain our parks to the highest level.
579. This is a hard to survey o answer as there are large discrepancies between facilities within the city. Some parks/amenities are in great shape, while others are not. For example, we went to Sunray recently, and library as well as the new play area with the splash pad are sparkling new and great, while the adjacent rec center had a broken door and was very run down. I would love to see improvements to the locker room situation at Oxford. The family locker room is too crowded, and the way it was designed with only two toilets that are inside changing areas (and the only changing areas with diaper stations) makes for an impossible situation.
580. This is hit of miss... some parks/rec centers are great! Others are in terrible need of updating. So, these general questions are not super helpful.
581. This survey is somewhat misleading as it asks for a generalization of satisfaction with rec facilities however there is a gap in how facilities are improved. It seems everywhere in the city there have been significant investments except in Highland, Groveland and Edgumbe. These facilities are grossly outdated yet never talked about. Also, you ask about ice rinks and satisfaction, where you allow the others to maintain the facilities they are excellent, where left to staff, well, don't bother. Athletic fields are weed gardens with poor maintenance, if any at all.
582. Toddler friendly play equipment...garbage removal and park clean up
583. Toddler friendly splash pads
584. Too much graffiti on east side. Specifically battle creek. Big boulders to climb
585. Tot spaces, not enough dog parks, Hamline Park needs a new playground!
586. Trails that connect neighborhoods and better youth sports fields
587. transportation to the parks that is free or nominal cost (e.g. 2c)
588. Trash can on west side of College Park!

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589. trash clean up from water - specifically in fishing areas.
590. Trash containers. Benches. Interpretative signs.
591. tree trimming, daily clean up, signage-rules & regulations, communications, history signagwe
592. Trees that provide shade for playgrounds.
593. Unique play equipment, something new or a throwback type of playground.
594. Unique play structures, gardens with flowers in more than one park (como only?), lighting on trails for winter, better maps/signage/ mile markers on golf course cross country ski trails, dog poo bag dispensers on trails, safety call boxes on isolated trails.
595. Unpaved, natural-style trails. Not everything needs to be paved.
596. Update our community center carpets, especially Hancock. Been supporting that center for more than 13 years and only in the last year have improvements been made to the building. We love our center and our rec specialist! Also, replace the furniture in the teen areas. At Dale, change the lighting.
597. updated and wider variety of ages appropriate equipment
we recently visited the Hancock Rec Center and compared to centers in other neighborhoods it looks pretty trashy and uncared for. Sadly, it could really be a nice community space but it is so dingy I don't think anyone considers it.
598. Updated playground equipment and an outdoor ice rink.
599. updated playground equipment at some of the parks in the poorer neighborhoods, basketball hoops!!
600. Updated playground equipment, indoor pools
601. Updated playground equipment, indoor pools
602. Updated restrooms and tennis courts
603. Upgrade playground equipment
604. use mpl's parks as a model. ford site as green space.
605. Vandalism - need an easier way to report it
606. Vegetable and fruit plants or pea patches
607. Visible walk through or drive through of a peacekeeper. Nothing out to keep away mosquitoes. Sometimes properties look rundown. Also advertisement signs would be nice or a radio announcement, news blurb would be nice about upcoming events or reminders.
608. Wading pools
609. wading pools
610. Wading pools and more splay pads
611. wading pools and splash pads
612. Wading pools like in Minneapolis, More tot spots/parks with Shade.
613. wading pools like Minneaolis has
614. Walking and biking paths connecting parks and green spaces to one another.
615. Walking and biking trails don't have enough litter and recycling barrels.
616. Walking trail maintenance could be improved. Trim back overhanging vegetation, eliminate poison ivy beside trails, level uneven and crosswise sloping trials. Use signage to remind bicyclists to share the trails with pedestrians, and make the walking trails safer for walkers from bicyclists.
617. Walking/Biking Paths are frequently narrowed by untrimmed bushes and trees
618. Water access from a faucet (for filling buckets/pitchers)
619. Water and rest room stops
620. Water at dog park
621. water fountains
622. water play
623. We could use water pads in the summer for the kids. Install at Linwood Rec, Palace and Edgcomb.

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624. We live near the Mississippi River, and while the walkways along the river are very nice, yet the parks near/on the river are either closed or offer very little "true" recreation. We have Hidden Falls, for instance, but what is its purpose? A boat launch? If you want a picnic - with no view of the waterway - you can go there, but what's the point? Doesn't do anything to preserve the beauty of the area, or provide any sense of learning or adventure. Just a plot of land. You call it a regional park, but it's really just a glorified boat ramp with run down parking lots.
625. We love going to the parks and use them daily. I am very disappointed in the community center on Maryland and Payne. I can no longer bring my children there because there are always fights, poor language, and a threatening environment. I wish the city could work together to make it a usable and safe space for everyone to use. It's a beautiful space with a wonderful library and park. It would be nice to use it.
626. We love Mattock's park. It would be amazing to have a permanent bathroom facility there.
627. we need a better dog park
628. We need more free splash pool!!!!
629. We need more off leash dog spaces! Parking meters are needed, generous ones but meters are needed.
630. We need more signs to make sure people pick up after their dogs and more no smoking signs in the park itself. Children should not have to deal with either.
631. we need more wading pools/outdoor swimming pool options in St. Paul - Cherokee park would be an awesome location for this!!
632. We need more wilderness area. Less developed area. Maybe just rough walking trails through natural (wilderness) areas.
633. We need something like a Splash Pad at Palace Community Center. There are so many kids in this area that would benefit from this. The new building is very nice but needs outdoor play and water areas added.
634. We very much enjoy the many lovely city parks and green spaces in the Metro areas.
635. We visit Phalen Lake quite often and live nearby, it would be nice if there were more community events and activities held there. Phalen Lake has a lot of potential but it needs more investment.
636. We would appreciate more space for skateboarding and better/more plentiful/better maintained fishing docks.
637. Weekend bathroom availability at parks with centers.
638. Well cared for athletic fields. Athletic fields, there are not enough, and those that there are are in poor, very poor, condition.
639. well maintained tennis courts; a community/rec center in my neighborhood
640. Why can't St. Paul parks have free outdoor swimming pool like some MPS parks?
641. wild flowers Native Plants
642. With reference to our local community center, the West Seventh location, we wish there were more children and family resources and activities inside the center.
643. Work to keep water fountains on as long as possible along biking/walking trails - they're important for thousands of runners and we use the trails year-round. Plowing the trails quickly is important to us and you generally do a good job with that but we definitely notice when that's not the case.
644. would be great if Harriett Island had a water taxi to cross the river, and a ice cream/coffee type of food cart (both private businesses would be great).
645. Would be nice to have a beach at Como Lake
646. Would like to see more local (smaller if needed) rec centers rather than larger centralized ones that are not as accessible. Comparing bike trails/paths/lanes to Minneapolis is night and day. 90% of my biking is in Minneapolis and the 10% I need to do in St. Paul is to get to Minneapolis.

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647. Yes -the Parks along the Mississippi River (Crosby and Hidden Falls) have so much potential that is completely ignored -kayak and canoe rental, restaurants, education center, need a connection from the neighborhood to these parks. Need to make the area along Shepard Road in Highland Park accessible to pedestrians
648. Yes , I can visit n not think so missing from the parks. I think not sure depend on the vehchile check up the park , if see towing.
649. Yes I think Merriam Park could use new playground equipt., splashpad and a revitalized Rec Ctr. There is so much potential there and it is SO under-used! A community bread oven? Ceramics studio? All-gender dance classes for kids? Better advertised bball court/gym time?
650. Yes--No way for older people or people with disabilities or little children to easily get to the River. Please start working closer with National River Passage people to recognize this treasure and it's place in creating the City of St. Paul.
651. Yes! Many areas of the city would more fully use the park amenities mentioned in this survey if there were free shuttles from the neighborhoods surrounding. It's time to bring the people to the park areas. Do you want to spend an hour waiting for, and riding a bus from an Eastside neighborhood, then walking another 10 min. to get from an to get to Lake Phalen from Maryland? Now imagine that with a couple of little kids. It's time for free shuttle buses as a part of the park amenities.
652. Yes. More indoor walking space for seniors with cafe's to socialize in the winter on the West Side of St. Paul. Also an outdoor swimming pool on the West Side of St Paul.
653. Yes. I think every park and parkway throughout the Twin Cities need to have at least two pet waste disposal stations with bag dispensers to cut down on the amount of dog waste left on the parkways. I also believe every park and parkway need to have a sign indicating the fine for littering -- and that law enforcement needs to actively enforce this law. I clean Furness Parkway on a nearly daily basis while walking my dog and am astounded by the amount of trash I collect every time. Many people simply don't think about how litter impacts the beauty of our city and we need to change that.
654. Yes. No place for roller skating. We need an indoor roller rink. We also should build an outdoor banked track for roller skating/inline racing and fitness. No more skateboard facilities (only serves young men) unless you first build a roller rink for use by all ages. Also, add fitness equipment - there are only two ellipticals at Jimmy Lee, and people have to wait a long time to use them. We need to add at least one more elliptical machine. More low-cost yoga and pilates classes (\$ maximum price for drop-in). Keep bicycle and walking paths clear in winter. Allow some gyms to be used for roller skating during off-peak hours. Reserve some time at larger tennis courts for roller skating. Use Como Pavilion for roller skating. There should be disc golf at Como.
655. yoga yoga and more yoga!
656. zip line like at West park in WBL, better older adult seat closer to the kids playgrounds at parks for seniors. Bathrooms

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11. If nobody in your household participates in Parks and Recreation programs, why not?

1. Work too many hours
2. We're booked with other activities, previous programs didn't offer much content for the time commitment.
3. We wind up doing things at the ymca or through school in a different district
4. We went with a non-city program for soccer b/c Orchard park was more convenient, and switched from community ed for swimming lessons because a private program better suited our needs, but every parks and rec program we have done in the past has been wonderful for what we wanted at the time.
5. we send ours to falcon heights or roseville
6. we prefer club teams in the Highland /Mac groveland area because the quality of the spaces and mgmt is much better
7. we participate in n'hood / club org sports
8. We participate a lot throughotu year but online registration could be improved!
9. We participate
10. We haven't looked into it
11. we have used them when our children were younger, but not in the past year
12. We have to find age appropriate programs and then it has fit into our schedule.
13. we have other fitness options which are preferable
14. We have found Park & Rec programs in surrounding communities to be far more organized and professionally run.
15. We have a new baby. We will participate in a year or two.
16. We are participating in other structured programs (Community Ed, YMCA, high school sports)
17. We already have full schedules with Roller Derby
18. Use programs in own community
19. Unsafe, and parks do not clean up trash left behind, especially in ball fields.
20. Too busy, no time.
21. too busy with other commitments
22. Too busy with other activities
23. Too busy
24. Too busy
25. Too busy
26. Would like more outdoor recreational programs offered - not just sports activities
27. Tend to fill up fast
28. the website is almost impossible to navigate to find activities for my children
29. The signups are ridiculously early.
30. we do participate as often as we can. I think their should be more options for scholarship requests. Such as online. Also, i have 2 kids, so i try to schedule them in the same activities,so i pay double. The second child should have a discount. If you want to limit scholarships to a certain dollar amount why dont you go by the amount of classes the recipient actually attends. If you have someone with multiple children that make it to every class, then perhaps they should get additional funding. I havent applied for it but i would if i didnt have to go to the rec center to apply. I dont necessarily want to disclose such personal information to random people. i feel online is more private. Maybe making a family membership and people can take several classes. or a discount the more classes your family takes per year. especially the classes you do not have any

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- overhead costs other than instructor. Also, your online registration system is confusing and is frustrating and i know people that choose not to participate due to the difficulty they have with it.
31. Participating in programs elsewhere
 32. Our children are too young to participate in a lot of the programs that we would want -- sports, tech/building programs
 33. Some sites are inconvenient from my house or workplace. Plus, my work schedule is so varied that I find it hard to attend one even close to me. I appreciate the variety SPPR offers, though!
 34. online registration is very tedious! it is hard to find things. I find paper copies are easier to sift through.
 35. busy schedule
 36. My schedule interferes
 37. Programs are typically offered at rec centers across the city from us, making it impossible for us to participate.
 38. Our recreation center offers nothing for children under 5 years old.
 39. too many of the programs we have signed up for in the past have been canceled
 40. Not enough preschool athletics
 41. i'm not very good with planned group stuff.
 42. they're mostly for children
 43. We often don't find out about the activities until it is too late. Advertisement is limited.
 44. not geared for young adults >18yr
 45. Disorganized from registration to participation, and not enough available on weekends!
 46. No relevant to us (adults) or our interests
 47. Cost/timing
 48. Closest facility doesn't offer much for programming, don't want to travel across town
 49. Age
 50. Adult sports leagues are not well organized and run
 51. The programs are not offered in my neighborhood.
 52. Security of kids are a concern
 53. Not always age appropriate options that are interesting... preteen age group
 54. Other providers provide a better experience
 55. Not enough adult activities
 56. Not enough evening hours
 57. What programs?
 58. Not enough teen programs
 59. The facilities and fields are not up to our standards
 60. Swimming classes are good but there were too many children
 61. St. Paul is a dirty, crime-ridden city.
 62. Some of the programs that are offered are not well planned or staffed. The cost does not help either.
 63. Some are filled before we consider a class. Sometimes forget timeframe.
 64. schedules need to come out way sooner
 65. To expensive for low income should be scholarships for them
 66. So often, interesting classes offered near my home are cancelled last minute. That's really frustrating to plan for/get kids geared up and then it's cancelled. As a result, I tend to look at other programming opportunities for my family.
 67. programs are generally low quality
 68. organization could improve in a general nature.
 69. Offerd only at certain rec centers.

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70. Not a lot of options for adults without kids.
71. Frustrating that summer classes (for preschoolers) are often cancelled for low enrollment and we don't know until we show up the first day. Very frustrating.
72. online catalog is confusing
73. Quality of instruction on youth team is not good
74. program times are limited
75. Poorly ran Municipal athleticssa.
76. participating in other structured activites.
77. Our kids have outgrown their desire to play Rec league.
78. Our kids are aging out of Parks and Rec programs (used to play soccer and t-ball). The grown-ups in the house are currently very busy keeping up with the kids. We are HEAVY users of park space - trails, etc. No need for structured activities at this time.
79. Our church uses the facilities and I don't know other programs etc. that they use.
80. Our child is still too young
81. Older child
82. Older adult no kids, we walk and bike
83. Often filled, no space.
84. Not the right mix of activity, convenience & price
85. Not offered
86. Not able to attend events on Saturdays during day (I work)
87. None at our local comm center
88. no told when they are
89. No time and kids are grown
90. no children in our family
91. no children in household
92. Never looked into them because we didn't have room in the schedule.
93. we consider several options, and just haven't made a park program top priority. Happened more with younger kids in our house.
94. we are retired
95. Timing
96. Our kids are grown. We participated ALOT when tgey were growing up.
97. only one person in household - me
98. Kids are grown up
99. I just haven't looked into it, I'm sure they're great.
100. I have friend networks I rely on for hiking, biking, walking etc. But I'd be interested in activities such as: naturalist led hikes/ walks to learn things; into to climbing (aimed at fit, but older people; birding--thinks that lead to deeper appreciation and understanding of the natural world even in teeny parks.
101. What are they?
102. Honestly, we just don't know much about them.
103. Few located in our area/for older school-aged children
104. Busy with school activities
105. Busy with other things
106. AGE WISE
107. Age of household members
108. My teens have aged out since they don't play basketball or baseball.
109. My kids were in the programs for years, they are now grown . I have taking fitness classes but am not at this time.

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110. My kids have played young youth sports at north dale. Very poor communication with staff, lack of coaches, very disorganized! Have decided to pay the extra
111. My husband won't join me in activities I've seen offered.
112. My family lives outside of Saint Paul, but I teach there and use a rec/park daily with my students
113. My children are still babies
114. My child has a disability and most activities are not disability-friendly
115. Most community center programs end for kids older than 12, and my kids are teens now.
116. More convenient alternatives
117. Merriam Park Facilities are an embarrassment
118. Limited opportunities offered for teenagers.
119. lap swimming
120. lack of time in my schedule
121. Kids too young at this point
122. Kids too young
123. Kids older
124. Kids not old enough yet.
125. kids in sports which take up majority of their time
126. Kids in HS sports now, busy
127. kids are too young
128. Kids are older now
129. kids are now older and activities radiate from other orgs: Fred Wells Tennis, Highland Ball, SPPS
ComEd and private lessons also high school teams
130. Just moved here
131. just busy with other choices for now
132. Physical injury prevents me from enjoying many of the outdoor activities I love.
133. It would be nice if they were walkable for our children instead of requiring getting in the car.
134. There are almost NO programs offered for young children at my neighborhood rec center in Hamline-Midway (Hancock). I share a car with my husband and most of the time I am not able to drive to far off rec centers for a short children's program. We would participate in more programs if they were offered in our neighborhood.
135. involved in other non-parks programs
136. involved in other activities
137. Insurance pays for membership to JCC. Plan to take some art classes.
138. Injured. Can't play right now.
139. I'm a college student and am short on time. I'm sure I'll use them after graduation though.
140. I marked question 11 as a yes, but in hindsight I don't think anyone in our house did participate this year. Less because of the programs themselves, but more because of the ages of our kids and in some cases they moved out of parks/rec programs (dance, soccer) and into private programs.
141. I live alone and am retired. Use the walking paths
142. I hear they're cancelled at least half the time, so no point signing up
143. I haven't looked into parks and recreation programs.
144. I have other activities that I do.
145. I have gotten negative feedback from friends who have tried things.
146. What programs? Community Ed does a great job at getting the word out, but I don't know much about the city parks & rec programs.
147. Very limited spaces available. Basketball sign up was filled the first day. VERY disappointed

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148. Program quality really varies. We participated in sports and camp 2 years ago and still now participate in environmental education programs. Summer camp seemed disorganized. Athletic program quality depended on the coach. Nature programs at Crosby and Phalen are great.
149. Major flaw in Registration is that enrollment is way too early. This excludes many people. For instance, youth softball registration is in February! Most people are not interested in softball in February! Have registration no more than 1 month before season opens.
150. It is completely insane to have sports registration start 3 months before the activity. NO parent is thinking about Fall sports at the end of the school year. Please fix the staff organization to go back to the previous system of 2 months.
151. Not a lot of programs for adults I am aware of
152. no programs downtown that I know of...
153. No longer have children in the household. Not sure where to find scheduled programs for older adults.
154. new in town, don't know about programs
155. My kids have outgrown them
156. I am not familiar with Parks and Rec Programs - are there adult programs?
157. I don't see them advertised
158. I don't have children whom more often would use, and I have a gym membership that I mostly use.
159. I do other activities not related to Parks/Recreation programs
160. I am retired and living alone, most of my participation was when there was family with me.
161. Haven't really looked into them much as of yet. Will happen more as my children get older.
162. Haven't looked into programming yet
163. Haven't had a chance yet
164. Had other activities to do.
165. Facilities stink
166. Don't like crowds
167. daughter is too young for most of them
168. current life circumstances & children now adults
169. We would do more if they were cheaper/more affordable
170. Too expensive, and, not enough combination of varying time slots, day and early evening.
171. They limit the numbers so if you are not early to register, your kid won't get in. Even if there are enough kids for a whole other team the inflexibility of the staff or the system won't allow more students to take part. This is ongoing and very frustrating.
172. Some rec centers don't have the same equipment or funding as other rec centers-- The bigger fancier rec center also charge more money to participate in sports and then treat the sport as if it is in a higher class it's terrible-- so then not enough kids can participate in youth programs or the rec centers don't offer sports like Arlington huge nice new center and no sports offered in a place that is over populated with children
173. Didn't have time to this year
174. children have "aged out," nothing else has interested us lately
175. Children are grown and play in an Affiliated Agency program (HGRA)
176. Busy year of house construction
177. Busy with other activities
178. All the good activities are on the other side of the city (West!)
179. Activities were canceled due to low interest
180. active in club sports

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14. What programs, activities or services would you like to see offered at your City Parks/ Recreation Centers?

1. I enjoy the "music in the parks" program. Thank you.
2. It would be great in the summertime to expand on the movies in the park. Also, I think that there needs to be a lot more publicity about what an incredible deal some of your programs are. There are amazing programs offered for an affordable price but people don't know about that. Also people should know more about your facilities that you have for rental including rooms in the community centers that can be rented out for an affordable price
3. "Camping in the Park" Supervised family or kid's camp-outs.
4. "Town Hall"-style community meetings.
5. 50 and over basketball
6. 60+ fitness programs, T'ai Chi and other arts, Bocce
7. A larger variety of art courses for adults.
A couples beginning painting class evening would be a popular and fun idea.
8. A lot hinges on the facilities and what we have is not bad, but could be improved. Mainly speaking from our local experience, and the staff is great, facilities are decent and programs have been very nice to introduce our kids to sports. Having the gym, skating rinks, park, play area, tennis courts is great. Please keep this up and where possible make improvements. The Jimmy Lee, Great Rivers Water park is nice and I think we need a few more rec centers like this
9. A lot of our bike trails desperately need maintenance
10. Abundance of walking and biking trails
11. Activities for young families evenings and weekends
12. Activities that are coordinated so that parents can do activities/sports at the same time as their kids are doing a different - supervised - youth activity at the same rec center/park
13. additional exercise classes
14. Adult fitness
15. Adult and kids' obstacle courses!
16. Adult and Young/little kids' s art and sports programs.
17. Adult beginners ballet, open gym times for kids 5 & under that occur in AMs, not during 1-3pm nap times
18. Adult drop-in basketball in late evening during winter, more movies in the parks
19. Adult exercise options for after work hours (between 6p and 8:30p)
20. Adult fitness
21. Adult fitness classes before/after work & weekends
22. Adult fitness classes in evenings for people who work during the day
23. Adult fitness with childcare or fitness for parents with their children, one day a week after school program for preschoolers for parents that need a break but don't need daily care.
24. Adult fitness--weight lifting, aerobics, yoga, tai chi, etc; Adult basketball; Adult or family badminton; ice skating; walking group; biking group (like you had for Fitness in the Parks this summer. Again, all those biking activities were on the other side of town! I'm not going to load my bike in my car to travel across town for a bike ride when there are places to bike closer to home! Ditto with the the Yoga & Tai Chi in the parks--I wish it was offered closer to home than across town!) How about something on the Gateway Trail in Saint Paul? Or the Vento trail? Or on the new Trout Brook trail?
25. Adult fitness, family art classes and youth sports.
26. Adult gymnastics for fitness
27. Adult kick ball league or adult wiffle ball league
More summer programs during the week days for ages 12-17 that are within walking distance or on a

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bus line so kids can get there on their own. Kids this age need more summer activity options.

Summer employment opportunities for teenagers. I know there is a program for low income families, but kids in middle income families need income, too and all kids need job experience and to develop job skills.

28. adult open volleyball, exercise equipment room,
29. Adult soccer at Langford park
30. Adult sports
31. Adult team sports
32. Adult ultimate frisbee league
33. Adult volleyball leagues
34. Adult Women Soccer, youth karate, day camps for young kids
35. adult yoga and pilates
36. Adventure play! (Unstructured preschool and school age kid driven play with random households objects such as cardboard and duct tape)
37. Affordable Music program (Music Together is expensive!)
38. Affordable youth art programs
39. African Dance for both adults and children together. My daughter and i can't find any dance classes that we can do together.
40. After school help with homework.
41. after school programs
42. After school programs need to be drastically increased in the Como neighborhood.
43. Afternoon senior exercise programs - yoga type programs
44. Afterschool activities, especially physical sports, dance, open gym, etc.
45. Afterschool programs
46. All the programs listed in the books. Hayden Heights community does not received quality program nor qualified instructors. Those in these positions have the heart for the work yet lack resources and better facilities
47. All-day Pre-K for areas where schools don't offer it (Randoph Heights)
48. American Indian activity
49. Animal/nature related
50. Anything promoting education about and awareness of various green issues: gardening, sustainability, cycling etc.
51. Archery
52. Archery
53. Archery
54. Art Making/Education
55. Art: Refurbishing old furniture, Home-improvement focused DIY projects
56. Arts and theater for young kids ,,,
57. Arts, music
58. As noted above, better access to benches / seating for those with limited endurance / mobility. Also yoga, Tai Chi, games (not sports)
59. At lake Phalen I'd love to see new picnic tables at the park (the current picnic tables look very old and run-down) Also, the beach area is so small, I would expand the swimming area (it gets very cramped when it's a nice day out) Also, I have heard you can rent paddleboats and such, but have no idea where from, maybe have a sign posted that people walking around the lake can see with prices and where to go? That would be great. Also a mommy and me swimming lesson in the lake for toddlers would be great. Maybe open up the picnic shelter more often too, I see it open once a year literally. (for water fest, that's it)

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60. Athletic fields in Highland need significant improvements. Softball fields are unplayable because they are not watered or maintained in any way. Park and Rec softball needs to be turned over to community based programs like Highland softball however we need improved ball fields. Neighboring suburban communities have quality ball fields. We deserve these in Highland!
61. Athletic teams- soccer and bball specifically
62. Baby and toddler activities. Date nights.
63. Back to nature programs
64. Baseball fields
65. Baseball, softball, tennis, and any sport that attracts a measurable number of kids to participate.
66. Basket ball youth programs run during week day evenings
67. basketball youth, more sports program
68. Bathrooms should be open during the summer
69. Before school programs for late start elementary schools (content based classes versus day care)
70. Beginner sports of all types.
71. better baseball programs.
72. better dance classes for kids since Miss Amy left it isn't the same
73. Better food at Como Dockside
74. Better instruction for youth sports- either staff-led or better training for parent volunteers
75. better integration of all services; finish the brick yard trail. keep connecting the various trails along the rivers. engage seniors in supporting parks activities thru. There is such a wealth of time and talent which could be harnessed!
76. Better outdoor ice for skating. It would be nice if school bus stops could be at rec centers so kids wouldn't have to wait outside. Too bad the small rec centers are being used by other organizations and unavailable to neighbors.
77. Better quality sports teams and activities for the neighborhood kids that doesn't require driving to different parks all over town
78. Better youth sports programs. With the current set up of letting whatever coach volunteers be in charge, the programs can be so varied.
79. Bicycle education and group rides.
80. Bigger/more fitness rooms
81. Bike safety for adults and kids.
82. Bike safety for kids and adults
83. Biking for preschoolers and young kids. Basics, safety for riding in the city, and beginning race or fitness training for young kids. I also think the city needs to do a better job of educating all citizens about bike etiquette and laws. Our drivers' education courses are not cutting it. Signage, billboards, a general education campaign to help people see cyclists and understanding the rules of the road could assist us all (cyclists, pedestrians and motorists) to live better together and be safer.
84. Birding outings, naturalist programs
85. boating safety / canoe / kayak introduction / lock & dam safety
86. Botchey ball, volleyball. Horse shoes
87. Boxing, gymnastics, archery more football and baseball.
88. boys volleyball, year-round volleyball & basketball for youth and adults
89. Boys youth volleyball and kickball
90. camping lessons and etiquette
91. Can't think of anything that is missing from my life
92. Children being encouraged to participate in becoming conservationists.
93. Clean-up days. There is lots of trash everywhere in the city. Maybe you can organize clean-up days and get volunteers involved.

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94. Climbing, kayak rentals
95. Comm events that include seniors, for everyone
96. Community Ed class for MN DNR Hunters safety course
97. community games / neighborhood connections
98. Community gathering events. Like booyas block party
99. Community gatherings, Current Event talks, More Teen discussion and event planning
100. Community Singing with the talented Dan Chinard (sp?) like he does in Loring Park--
101. Community theatre
102. Computer literacy
103. Computer Training, specifically programming. More obscure art training
104. Conservation, outdoor skills, team building, community gatherings, concerts
105. Continue fitness in parks--it is a great way to be outside! Love it-
106. Converting park land that benefits pollinators.
107. Cooking classes offering healthy tips; sewing basics; basic tool use/ home repair classes; art classes including stained glass, wood working, water color, and metal working; soap making and other household cleaner/product making.
108. Cross Country Ski Trails, would love to have snow making at Battle Creek park for Cross country skiing. Please strongly consider this sport for winter recreation and health, and consider offering cross country ski lessons for families/kids.
109. Cultural education/history around our vibrant immigrant/refugee communities
110. Current ones
111. dance aerobics classes, healthy cooking classes, financial responsibilities classes for teenagers and young adults
112. Dance and yoga classes
113. dance exercise, yoga
114. Dance, gymnastics, art, homeschool programs, wellness classes
115. Daycare for pets. Useful for residents and could be a teaching/learning opportunity for youth to be involved with in the summer or on weekends.
116. Daytime toddler activities
117. different fitness in the parks times/days, more events, e.g., movies, music, seasonal celebrations
118. Distance Running programs
119. Diving
120. Do not know.
121. Dog parks through-out the City.
122. Dog waste disposal stations. Also, regular neighborhood cleanup initiatives -- not just once or twice a year -- so everyone who lives in our beautiful city is actively involved in preventing and picking up litter.
123. DON'T KNOW
124. Drama and Music Lessons
125. Drawing for 12-14 year old fantasy fans.
126. Drop in after school programs
127. drop in fitness classes during winter months - more fitness options that start later in the evening
128. drop-in Neighborhood relaxation wellness yoga taichi type stuff would be fun to get people together
129. Earlier hours for fitness centers in the winter --Edgcumbe Rec. Center specifically-- so we could support community programs with our exercise dollars rather than joining a private gym. Ideal hours for parents with young children would be to open at 5 AM sharp so we could work out before the kids

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- wake up and before we have to get ready for work. The equipment would also have to be updated (it's sorely out of date at ERC) and the exercise room expanded if the City would want to explore this.
130. EDL at Galtier elementary--robotics and other offerings
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 132. Educational programs on environmental issues - provided outdoors
 133. Environmental protection programs, less pesticides !!!
 134. Equipment rentals (skies, skates, bikes). Expanding Rec Center activities and hours. More regular programming for toddlers/young children. More outreach from rec centers to the community to welcome people in. Updated playgrounds, rec centers, signage (make them shine). New water features. More shade trees. Improved walking access (less emphasis on parking lots).
 135. Evening adult fitness classes
 136. evening mat pilates
 137. Excellent variety offered.
 138. Exercise classes, fixit clinics
 139. Exercise classes, volleyball
 140. expand movies-in-the-park, maybe have a dedicated rec center in each area that has a movie every Friday night. Would love children's painting classes.
 141. Expand types of youth sports offered along with more variety to allow youth to try all types of activities including science and technology.
 142. Expanded hours at Recreation Centers
 143. Expanded offerings for younger teens (12-15 year olds)
 144. Expanded sports for youth including times and locations plus paid staff to ref and coach.
 145. Fall Softball / Baseball
 146. Family events
 147. Family exercise classes like yoga. Other family education events.
 148. Family friendly: Kite flying, "get started fishing" with young kids; better maintenance of neighborhood parks and better signage in the parks; post park rules/hours/who to call at neighborhood parks; a kiosk or board on the bathroom or other buildings to post info about programs would be VERY helpful! Heavy duty outdoor trash cans throughout the neighborhood parks instead of flimsy white barrels that blow over in storms. Use QR codes to pull in younger people & get them involved. Create an interactive treasure hunt at parks & have people use their phones - some version of "Pokeman for City Parks"?
 149. Family programs during the school day
 150. Family things, I like movies in the park, that kind of stuff
 151. Field hockey, lacrosse
 152. First aid training/CPR certification classes for adults and children.
 153. First Aid, water safety, babysitting, CPR
 154. Fitness (non-sport) opportunities for 12-18 years old
 155. Fitness Barre courses
 156. Fitness center, regulation courts, space for youth programming
 157. Fitness in Frogtown
 158. fitness program for youth with aspergers syndrome and other special needs
 159. flexible and quality varieties of sport offered and high technology after school classes for both youth and adult.
 160. food trucks and music in some neighborhood parks on a regular basis throughout summer;
 161. free bicycle maintenance course, and an open shop at rec centers for bicycle servicing, where we pay for parts and materials and perhaps a small fee to keep it staffed, maintained, and to buy equipment and tools.

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162. Free group fitness classes in the winter
163. Free neighborhood splash pads/swimming pools like they have in Mpls.
164. Free pool access. I wouldn't mind paying a dollar or two, but there should be a discount if your a St. Paul resident, and a resident of the zip code of the pool should be free. I already have to get in my car and drive over a mile to get to the closest (extremely outdated) park, at least let me in the pool cheap/free. I drive into Minneapolis to access family fun parks. Really, golf courses are not a park. They are marketed towards a certain segment of the population. And I could never bring my 3 children (ages 7 and younger) to run wild on the course.
165. Free splash pools!!!!
166. Free Swimming camp
167. Free year-round outdoor fitness classes-- maybe not yoga- but the aerobic ones could work.
168. free Yoga in parks, music in neighborhood parks, climbing wall in neighborhood parks and climbing classes, bike fixing workshops, movies in parks, outdoor art festivals, music festivals in parks, outdoor theater
169. Full day programs for school days off
170. Fun programs to do with your dog; outdoor yoga; arts programming; pop-up programming with music and food; unexpected pop-up programs - adult games like kickball and kick the can
171. Further family-oriented programs, particularly low-cost or volunteer opportunities. Anything that encourages families or individuals to be in touch with nature and take advantage of our impressive local ecology and green spaces.
172. Getting to know/make friends with people our age through events, classes like REI offers, health fairs, festivals, music, food, cultural awareness events, getting to know Saint Paul for new (and old) residents
173. greater availability of after-school (Rec Check) programs; addition of BEFORE School (rec check-like) programs!!! *Desperately* need affordable before- and after-school childcare options for working parents.
174. Green space along public areas such as the Green Line/University Avenue
175. Gymnastics, language classes
176. GYMNASTICS!
177. Gymnastics. Skating lessons. Swimming lessons.
178. have some things available at wilder
179. Health education; partnership with public transportation options and help community access and understand options available.
180. History hikes -- staff or community members hired to lead walks around park areas and talk about the history of the areas.
181. Hockey and or ice skating
182. Home improvement classes
183. How do categorize the music in the park series? We keep a pulse on that - and enjoy the Como venue..... in one trip a family can do multiple things: walk, eat, listen. Nice!
My answers above are based on current stage of life in our family. We used to use youth programs so often/happily. Kids now older - so not as high priority - and because we are mobile adults, we do not rely on the facilities for our programming. Attention to elderly and good access are important as St Paul does future planning. I enjoy the Como Lake area for walks. Food is good.
Cleanliness and good maintenance of facilities - IMPORTANT!
I also work in a SPPS high school - - - I think there are MANY kids in our city who could benefit from expansion of jobs/service as provided through Right Track. While I appreciate that it focuses for students from low income families, I know of so many "kids in the middle" who could really benefit from Right Track kinds of jobs..... they don't need summer school, they are 14-16 years old - so a

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little tricky to find "productive" things to do in summer, students may not qualify for Right Track based on family income

184. I am a musician and I would like the booking person to get back to me re: playing music in the park. We attend often; but we'd like to play.
185. I am happy (for the most part) with what is currently being offered.
186. I appreciate our great parks. I do think that the athletic fields at the rec centers are not well maintained and should be improved.
187. I have worked in Muslim countries where dogs are viewed with fear and disgust. I have noticed that some of my Muslim neighbors are afraid of my dogs when we walk by. I would like to see a program for people to learn about dogs as pets and get a chance to overcome their fears. I would like such a program welcoming and fun for our new community members.
188. I like more general and everything.
189. I like the programs you have
190. I really think the free exercise programs is top notch and should be a high priority. Judging from my personal response to them, they must have a huge positive impact on community health, recreation and peace of mind that can only come from exercising in nature.
191. I think Merriam Park rec does a good job
192. I think there is good variety.
193. I think there needs to be more outreach to underserved communities to get them to participate in programs. My little brother through Big Brother Big Sister could really take advantage of programs.
194. I think what is offered good, always pushing for longer hours, especially for tweens and teens==their opportunities are more limited, but so important to engage them
195. I want the East Side to have the same beautiful facilities that other parts of the city have. I would like a swimming pool ANYWHERE on the east side. Please take back Eastview park and rec center, and start community programming there.
196. I would like the Como Golf Course to be closed and turned into a Wildlife preserve.
197. I would like the Dunning Rec Center to be re-opened to all. If this were the case and Parks/Rec would if not sponsor, facilitate programs, we would take advantage of more programs, such as Community Ed.
198. I would like the trails to improve. An exceptional amount of weeds on the edges
199. I would like to see a more intuitive web-site to purchase a season pass for Highland Pool.
200. I would like to see a punching bag at the Oxford Community Center.
201. I would like to see a re-investment in the overall park space at the former Sylvan and Front recreation sites.
202. I would like to see a Tai Chi program for seniors
203. I would like to see adult programs offered at the same time and location as youth programs. For example Water aerobics during swim lessons. I often do not get to work out because I don't have a place for my kids to go.
204. I would like to see connections between the biking/walking trails and better maintenance. I would also like to see more outdoor skating rinks. Como used to be a wonderful place to skate.
205. I would like to see more adult/family indoor winter gatherings - book clubs, card clubs and activities in evenings for connecting neighbors - not only focused on seniors and massive parties. We need regular manageable gatherings to get to know one another better. Also, I want to make sure to say that I don't know what other neighborhoods have or don't have. I live in a very fortunate area between northdale and como. I think it is very important that all neighborhoods have nice facilities!
206. I would like to see more ice rinks.
207. I would like to see more kids learning about people and making friends.

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208. I would like to see more of everything offered at parks and recreation centers on the east side of St. Paul, especially camps and educational programs for school age children, which are typically concentrated on the other side of the city from us.
209. I would like to see more programming for families and young children at my neighborhood rec center, Hancock, as well as continued investment in programming for older youth. It should truly be a community center, and is not. The center is in pitiable shape and it is so small there isn't room for very much. The disparity between a facility in Highland Park like their community center and our rec center is just appalling. There is no high quality rec center in easy biking/walking distance for people in my neighborhood, many of whom are low income and rely on bikes, bus, or getting around on foot. It doesn't matter that there is a great rec center at North Dale or Highland when it is just too far for folks without cars to get to easily.

I would also like to see more programming in passive parks like Hamline Park, like I suggested above. The rec center should "push out" into Hamline Park with well trained, culturally competent "play workers" who can facilitate informal and attractive recreation opportunities for kids and teens. This would be a HUGE service to the youth that hang out in passive parks who many times have nowhere else to go. The youth workers from Parks & Rec could have close working relationships with ambassadors from the police dpt who get to know kids, build them up, engage them positively, build trust, and help high-risk youth avoid encountering the juvenile justice system.

Finally, for residents of Hamline Midway, there is not an affordable outdoor water feature. City pools are cost prohibitive for many families, and the free beaches are a good ways away if you don't have a car. The city should invest in a beautiful wading pool and splash pad, similar to what is at Wabun Park, in either Frogtown or Midway, preferably where there is a high need for more green space and playground equipment. (Near a high-rise or other concentration of low income housing?)

Thank you!

210. I would like to see more programs offered on the East side
211. I would like to see Palace Rec Center open at least 1-2 days a week during the daytime hours. An open gym/tot time would be well attended by stay at home parents of toddlers. I would love to use this facility with my 2 year old but the time I want to use it is week day mornings and it doesn't open until 3pm.
212. I would like to see Park & Rec prioritize purely recreational sports for children ages 3 all the way through 8th grade. To explain "purely recreational": Private clubs and organizations for soccer, baseball, etc. require high-commitments of 2-3 times per week as well as high prices. Again, healthy people, healthy city sometimes means just trying out basketball once per week for a season and I'd like to see that possibility in St. Paul beyond preschool age group. I hear many families voice this same dilemma, that they'd love for their children to play sports but feel a 2-3x per week commitment is insane for a 3rd grader!
213. I would like to see parks where children and adults can be active and learning and working together.
214. I would like to see the fitness in the parks continue throughout the year, but being this is MN we need to move it indoors.
215. I would like to see the organization of existing youth sports programs be drastically improved. We have signed up only to find that one child's team has been moved across town (at the same time as another child's practice) with no notice. We have also participated in a youth team where there was no coach. That was just our experience with THIS season's t-ball and Nearball. Our kids love playing

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- sports, but unless organization drastically improves we will no longer participate with St. Paul parks and rec.
216. I would like to see the quality of youth programs improved. I currently choose to send my children to programs run by other organizations because the quality is better and staff are better trained, but I would happily sign up for Parks programs if quality improved.
217. I would like to see the outdoor lights left on longer during the skating season so people can enjoy the outdoor rinks longer in the evening. I would like to see employees get better training at effectively managing unruly behavior at rec centers. I would like to see a teen space exclusive for older kids to have a place to hang out. There are many older kids with nothing to do near Edgumbe rec center. I think the fact that kids are fed in the summer is fabulous! Thanks for caring about needy children!
218. I would love a consistent belly dance class and consistent, affordable tabata. Also a tae Kwan do that was less crowded would be nice.
219. I would love to have yoga in my neighborhood (Payne Phalen)
220. I would love to see added dog parks.
221. I'd like the sledding hill at Como Golf course to be moved so that the kids don't sled into cross country ski traffic. It is very dangerous to the children and skiers.
222. I'd like to see more on the east side in particular battle creek.
223. I'd like to see more times
224. I'd rather see money put into more basic infrastructure (like bike paths and safe lighting) than expensive services and facilities. That seems like poor mileage for the expense it incurs.
225. I'm disappointed this survey didn't include natural areas. I value the parks where I can get away from the city and enjoy nature the most. We don't need more ball fields or rec centers, we need places families and children can learn about nature. The city's natural areas should be maintained and improved. Also, why doesn't the city have a nature center? It should!
226. I'm happy with the current selections
227. I'm satisfied with the programs
228. I've enjoyed the nature awareness and preservation programs.
229. I've noticed with the redesign of several of the rec centers they have become less of a place where kids can just hang out, I think that it is important to keep the centers as a place where kids can be and use some of the facilities without being signed up for a program.
230. Ice skating, dance, soccer, baseball, art, gymnastics, tennis, swimming, nature activities
231. If a program is planned you need to honor it and STOP cancelling camps, programs etc. It is a cycle that needs to stop. Residents no longer sign up for P&R activities because they have been cancelled to many times. Start utilizing community resources to help promote activities. Gain more community input, etc.
232. Improved bike and walking trail surfaces. Winter sport facilities including snow making.
233. Improved playground and ball fields at HPCC. The condition of both is very poor, although the building is very nice.
234. improved playground equipment like that found in many minneapolis parks!! our local (walkable playground)- Merriam Park has sadly aged equipment. small splash pads at city parks would also be a welcome improvement
235. Indoor adult fitness
236. Indoor fitness, educational and entertainment programs and activities during the winter months.
237. Indoor Fitness/wellness program inside/ outside swimming
238. Indoor racket ball, swimming lessons for youth and adults
239. Indoor walking tracks. Fitness centers.
240. Intergenerational programs - we need more adults engaged with youth

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241. It would be great to see some more port-a-pottys + water fountains across the Mississippi River. Additionally, we frequent quite a bit the Wabun Picnic area in Minnehaha Regional Park / MPLS. We greatly appreciate that it's has numerous picnic tables (shaded / not shaded), and we love the kids wading pool.
242. Just make sure there are always plenty of All-Ages MN history/natural science hikes. "Parks After Dark" series is one of my favorites. Faith Krogstad and her team are doing a great job.
243. Just wanted to leave a suggestion about the programs offered ~ it seems like Parks & Rec and Community Ed sometimes overlap in offerings. Do these areas collaborate at all? I prefer the P&R brochure to finding out about offerings through the online registration page ~ I've found it to be kind of 'clunky' in terms of searching for times/locations, and getting a sense of what is offered and when.
244. karate class
245. Karate, Art for adults, after school programming
246. KAYaking and SUP at Lake phalen
247. kayaking classes, outdoor recreation, hiking
248. Kids basketball courts draw large crowds. so we need more. open more hours
249. Kids programming in summer/after school, classes, and toddler tones
250. Kids yoga, kids music programs, tennis, soccer,. Pool at El rio, Wading pools at Cherokee and Harriet Island, splash pad at prospect. Outdoor pool at Baker.
251. Knitting
252. Lacrosse for older kids, more year round soccer. swim team other than Star, tried that hated coaching.
253. Language
254. Language classes
255. Language classes for adults and children
256. Language learning
257. Later evening fitness classes for adults.
258. learn how to skate, tai chi,
259. Line dance
260. Live Performances
261. Local adult softball league on the West Side, Baker Park. 14U Girls Slow Pitch Softball (outreach needed) - This is where is I think the current early registration is very damaging.
262. Longer beach hours. I would like to be able to go to Phalen Beach before lunch.
263. Lots more cooking classes, or are those comm ed?? More individual swim lessons for older kids that never got great at swimming but their parents want them to but they're too embarrassed To be in a group class. Tennis for kids that's not one hour per week - my kids need at least a half day to make it worthwhile for me to get them there and leave them alone for part of the day. More loose, adventurous. Wandering around the city exploring kinds of youth teen camps. Get them out and see done stuff by bus or light rail, taking pictures, eating at different kinds of restaurants, learning random life skills.
264. Love the fitness in the parks program!!
265. Low cost (\$5/class) yoga and pilates, both weekdays and weeknights. Use gyms and tennis courts for roller skating. There is no roller rink in St. Paul. Also use space in Como Pavilion for roller skating. Make that space public again. Private business should not be programming publicly owned space like the Como Pavilion. Better maintenance of fitness equipment at Jimmy Lee, and add another elliptical machine. Add disc golf at Como.
266. low cost TaiChi classes or drop in; low cost Yoga or drop in; more low cost exercise programs with low cost Drop In option, versus Registered. I generally find Rec Center staff to be indifferent, non-

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- communicative. Why don't you create Give Opinion Forms that could be filled out and given to Desk Staff? There should not be ANY Charge/fee to make use of the Walking Tracks.
267. lunch hour fitness classes; Aqua Zumba
 268. Make the Como ski program more affordable, more biking trails connecting our parks and amenities.
 269. Martial arts, tai chi, silversmithing, lapidary, coding at a reasonable price, "shop" type classes on how to make furniture or household/garden items out of wood and metal using tools. Morning or evening boot camp type fitness classes that are fun! Classes in how to be heard as a city citizen, visited by council member, state rep and senator at least....
 270. Master's swimming team/training
 271. Maybe longer hours, more activities for active, not senior, adults. The parks are pretty good.
 272. Maybe more winter activities that aren't necessarily sports.
 273. MMA youth class (mixed martial arts)
 274. More "free" pools/splash pads in parks...like they have in Minneapolis.
 275. More access to sports fields
 276. more acrobats/tumbling classes for youth doing the year.
 277. More activities and engagement in the natural areas. Nature photography, plant ID walks, natural history hikes, volunteer opportunities to restore natural areas, etc.
 278. More activities for children
 279. More activities for children under age 5 - after 5pm or on weekends
 280. more activities for kids age 3
 281. More activities for kids on the Eastside . Last year I signed my son up for four different activities all over St. Paul. All of them were cancelled due to not enough registration .
 282. More activities for special needs children and their families.
 283. More activities for those under 3.
 284. More activities offered for those over 60 yrs of age
 285. More adult activities including athletics, educational programs. Also, I'd like to see the city parks/recreation centers online registration system offer more gender options in their demographic section. The system also assumes you are registering children for activities. This is not helpful or sensitive for people without or who cannot have children.
 286. more adult exercise classes, more bike racks
 287. More adult fitness at North Dale such as Pickle Ball, Zumba, different yoga instructors
 288. More adult fitness classes
 289. More adult fitness classes - early in the AM like 6:00
 290. More adult fitness classes.
 291. more adult lap swimming, tai chi classes every Sunday
 292. More adult programs throughout the day.
 293. More adult sport leagues - not enough variety
 294. More adult sport programs, especially soccer
 295. More adult sports leagues offered at more locations
 296. More adult tennis programming and sports for older people.
 297. More adult things to do.
 298. More affordable hockey choices.
 299. More after school activities, and more summer programs for kids that are on their own on summer vacation.
 300. More after school programs for all ages.

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301. more all-day low-cost or free activities for school-age kids, especially on no-school days...
Edgcombe should go back to all-day BLAST programs!
302. More art and music For kids
303. More art in the parks (plays, shows, etc)
304. More arts and performance arts programs
305. More arts classes.
306. More basketball courts
307. more basketball courts
308. More beginning "learn to skate" programs with specific outreach to communities that are not usually involved in skating programs
309. More better basketball courts.
310. more casual "classes" in the parks -
311. More citizen science and school inquiry interactions with the large Rd open spaces.more engagement in clean up, not one day a year but 365 days.
312. More classes for preschoolers/elementary kids on weekends
313. More community activities like outdoor movies, etc.
314. more concerts at Harriet Island
315. More concerts at Lake Phalen Ampitheater
316. More crafts such as snowshoe making, canoe or small boat building, drones, aerial photography, etc.
317. More dance and gymnastics classes at convenient times. Outdoor pools at parks like Minneapolis.
318. More day to day programming - dances, parties, casual sport opps
319. More daytime activities for toddlers and preschool age children.
320. More dog parks
321. More engagement for teens. Not just always playing Basketball More expectations of teens that they will contribute at the rec center- clean up, work with small children etc.
322. More environmental education - all ages; day camps that focus on the outdoors, parks, the environment.
323. more evening events
324. More evening working out in the parks or group exercises in the evening.
325. More events for teens
326. More events, music in the parks, nature based exploration, candlelight ski programs, seasonal events
327. More family events, music and art classes for youth, events connecting nature learning to the parks
328. more family fun nights
329. More family oriented activities
330. More family programs. More nature in the city.
331. More family yoga or kids yoga classes - drop in would be nice. Also judo or akido in the highland area
332. more fencing summer classes, carpentry, blacksmithing, fishing, knitting, bicycle maintenance
333. More fitness classes in the parks
334. More for 5 year olds.
335. more for toddlers
336. More free exercise/wellness programs for Seniors, especially those with arthritis which can limit their ability to participate in the current cardio programs.
337. More free or inexpensive programs and activities for TEENS.
338. More free programs for teens and tweens.

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339. More free programs for teens and tweens.
340. More free programs/events/camps for children and youth (Sanneh Foundation with registration through the SP Parks & Rec website is great for sports camps, and library programs for kids are great too). Two of my children have disabilities so they cannot go to school or sign up for after-school programs, but they like to participate with other kids in shorter (less than 3 hour) events with no food (due to allergies). However, costs for almost all of your programs are very high with only one income. I think there are LOTS of single parents in St Paul or even dual income families barely making rent and expenses who might appreciate free programs too. It was so exciting when we moved here last year to see the newsprint magazine cataloging all the program options offered, but a little heart-wrenching to see how these lovely government programs are really only available to wealthy families. Those targeted demographics seem to live either in suburbs outside St Paul or, if in the city, to the west of Frogtown (at least according to rent and house prices on trulia.com). The other half (!) of the city is low to moderate income, and it would be nice to see programs targeting us; I would suggest, even MORE important for a public entity to prioritize, since people like us can't afford all the other cool camps offered by the marvelous museums and other institutions in the area. I understand you may be charging so much because you need to recoup costs since programs are expensive to run, or even perhaps because you'd like to weed out "undesirables" since low-income kids can present more challenges (it is dreadful to suggest that govt entities are prejudiced to the public, but I'm guessing you are human too and make mistakes you are unaware of). Of course, "beggars can't be choosers" implies that the current pay-to-play system eliminates the right to speak out on Parks & Rec policies if you don't pay, but cost is the overriding concern for why we choose to opt out. By the way, another way to consider the politically silent "greater east side" is that we are contributing taxpayers, not beggars. I realize kids on free lunch can get into some rec programs for \$20, but that's still quite high if you have more than one kid (which you probably do if you get free lunch), or would like to attend more than one activity. I would never "beg" to get anything for free, but you ASKED what would be helpful, so I am suggesting you visit with Sanneh and SPPL as models for free programs. We moved from a rural area where we were used to making our own fun, so no loss for us without your programs, just a minor annoyance that the "official" local govt position is that poorer kids don't matter so much, which I'm sure is not your position, but that's how it can come across. I don't mean to complain, merely to suggest opportunities for growth in different areas, because St Paul Parks & Rec seems very well-run: it is on top of most maintenance, and has beautiful parks and walking trails, which we very regularly enjoy. Thank you for all the beautiful amenities overseen from your department and the hard work of your employees cutting grass, shoveling snow, and doing all the maintenance you do.
341. More gardening programs- waling programs
342. More group exercise classes, more kids group classes
343. More hands-on practical skills programs for teens, things like photography, print making, cooking, etc.
344. More health and exercise programs for adults over 55 in the NW area of St. Paul
345. More Hip Hop classes for youth
346. More hours. Frequently, particularly on Sundays in the winter, my son would like to play basketball but the rec center is closed. Weekends are a time when parents can participate with their kids, but there isn't a space to do that in winter.
347. More ice rinks, bathrooms, splash pads, stage for music
348. More inclusion efforts.
349. More inclusion in regular programs for children with disabilities
350. More indoor play time in winter. Bike maintenance lessons for kids and adults.
351. More indoor yoga classes, more outdoor yoga classes.

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352. more introductory sports programs for young children (e.g. 3-year-olds)
353. more kids/youth programming
354. more low-cost fitness classes for working adults. Really appreciated youth programming when kids were younger.
355. more middle school/tween programs for after school, summer, and non-school days
356. More music in the parks! Raspberry island!!!
357. More music or movies in the park
358. More nature based activities. More hikes for little kids. More connecting kids with nature.
359. More nature programs
360. More nature walks
361. More nature-based learning programs for adults (e.g. tree identification, learning how to determine soil type, bird identification, fish identification). I would also like more educational classes about different professions (e.g. landscape architect, budget analyst, youth services worker, IT manager, recreation programs planner, maintenance worker).
362. more neighborhood pools like Minneapolis has
363. More neighborhood-based events geared toward community building. North Dale does a good job with the community events they offer - would be good to spread the word to a broader cross-section of the community.
364. More night programming for teenagers
365. More off-leash dog parks for big dogs. I wish we could walk to one, and it will be a consideration for the next house we buy. It would be great if there were a dog park on the Mississippi, similar to Minnehaha Dog Park. Or one at Indian Mounds Park, which we are near.
366. More ongoing nature activities, small size class for skateboarding and teachers with experience teaching children and more sports and dance classes for small children (starting at 3 maybe 2)
367. More open gym for families - especially in winter!
368. more open gym hours for kids to have free play
369. More open gym times for youth in summer for other youth who aren't involved in summer blast. Some kids in the neighborhood would like to play but can't because of kids in programs. I would like more opportunities for kids in the neighborhood to meet in the gym and also it advertised in the rec center as welcoming opportunity.
370. More open gym times. Open gym times usually are not convenient for after school kids who get out after 2 or 3pm.
371. more open water swimming in the summer
372. more options for younger kids and kids with siblings close in age. more classes on the weekends similar to those for stay-at-home parents.
373. More organized sports (intra-mural type, non-professional) that inspire fitness and get people to meet one another.
374. More organized sports/fitness options for younger children
375. more outdoor music festivals like there used to be.
376. More outside workouts!
377. More parking at Como Park, FIX THE PARKING LOT AT HILLCREST
378. more pilates/yoga
weights/exercise for adults
379. More places to roller skate and bike!!
380. More preschool activities in late afternoon/evening and weekends. More yoga.
381. More preschool and family programs
382. More preschool and school age options (Hancock Rec)

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383. More preschool programs that are not in the middle of the day but evenings and weekends. It's hard to take advantage of them while working.
384. More programs and sports opportunities for youth ages 12-16
385. More programs at Eastview
386. More programs for grandparents with grandchildren younger than 6 years old.
387. More programs for young children, a weekday Tot Time at the Palace Rec Center, more evening yoga programs
388. More programs for younger kids (toddler to preschool) that are on weekends
389. More quality structured affordable programs in to assist: lower income neighbors, busy single parents, struggling families, folks who probably wouldn't have access to this email or survey. Those are the folks who I'd like to see my tax dollars helping, not squeaky wheels and special interest folks. Quality afterschool programming & youth fitness is what I would like to see, but if that's not what families want well...
390. more rec check spots
391. More refrigerated ice sheets and better maintenance of them
392. More robotics and lego league stuff
393. more senior programs
394. More skating-style cross country ski trails
395. More Snowshoeing and winter outdoor activities
396. More soccer programs, weekend hours
397. more social get togethers for seniors
398. More splash pads and more indoor facilities like the ones that exist in the suburbs. Books, tunnels, and indoor gyms
399. More sports and art programs for kids of all ages and backgrounds stop taking away rec centers with parks and put money and effort into existing ones . They should all be treated the same way
400. More stuff with Legos for kids
401. More summer camp options for kids as well as year-round outdoor/nature-related programs to decrease indoor and screen time.
402. more summer camps and urban tennis
403. More summer enrichment youth programming on the east side - Phalen, Duluth and Case, Hayden Heights, etc.
404. More summer programs for school age kids at Phalen Rec
405. More summer programs for younger children. Also, we tried to get our 14 year old into softball but there weren't enough girls signed up to get a team going.
406. More swimming and biking programs, more performing arts and community theater
407. More swimming availability, Como pool is WOEFULLY undersized, hence too crowded to use.
408. More teen youth programming that empower and offer training or work
409. More things like Yoga, Qigong, Ayurveda, more holistic Classes on Wellness
410. More thoroughly vet any 3rd parties that offer classes through the rec centers--we've had good experiences and bad.
411. More to engage teenagers
412. More toddler activities
413. More toddler and preschool programs both sports and arts
414. More training on a verity of sports
415. More trash cans along walking trails. Faster cleanup of broken bottles and trash left by Friday and Saturday night partiers in the park. Cut back of vegetation and branches that clog the trails and walking paths. Attempts to eliminate invasive vegetation. Education of park maintenance workers

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regarding identification of native plants vs. invasive species, so they can be more selective when they trim and mow.

416. More turf or actual grass for fields instead of untreated weeds
417. more unusual sports (like archery, diving classes, unicycle, etc...)
418. More use of dance studios, programs for inner city youths
419. More use of dance studios, programs for inner city youths
420. More variety of lesser known sports or activities. Sampler classes/showcases of more varied athletic/activity options for students. Most kids know about basketball and baseball, but giving them a chance to try out some of the lesser known options already available might garner more interest and broaden horizons.
421. More vegetable gardening, more nature programs, more biking/outdoor recreation.
422. more VOLLEYBALL
423. More wellness/fitness programs :)
424. More wilderness area (undeveloped). More passive green space (without landscaping).
425. more yoga
426. More yoga : 0)
427. More yoga, kettlebells, tai chi at my local center
428. More Yoga, skiing lessons, outdoor basketball and tennis courts,
429. More Yoga, Weight Lifting Classes etc.; also sports for men
430. More yoga, zumba, core programs
431. More yoga/Pilates. More teen options
432. More youth and teen programming, affordable adult fitness programs
433. More youth sports
434. Mote adult fitness classes offer at more rec centers and at better times for working parents (early in the morning or after supper time)
435. Move volleyball
436. movies for families
437. Movies in the park; live music; cultural events; opportunities for neighbors to come together.
438. Movies, dances, meeting single events, writing classes, salon dissucssion groups on global warming, Islam, political events, philosophy.
439. MTB facilities like a pump track or perhaps some single track trails
440. mtb trails at como
441. Music, theater, movies, neighborhood picnics/parties
442. My child has used the volleyball, tennis and como ski/snowboard programs. We would recommend them to others and wouldn't be opposed to more options like these.
443. My kids would participate in sports clinics (short-term committment, focused) if they were offered more regularly. Rather than a full-season or many sessions of a sport, just a one or two day clinic could be helpful. Also, in the winter, I find myself wanting to just have "Open Gym" time where I can go shoot hoops with my son, or otherwise run around a Rec Center gym, but its difficult to figure out when those times might be available. We've tried many times in the past to do that, with very limited success.
444. N/A
445. NA
446. Naturalist classes, TaiChi
447. naturalist program, evening programs, not just at big parks, see Three Rivers programming-- accessible, interesting, relevant, updated, new options, incorporate art, partner with other orgs
448. Nature hikes / city bike rides.

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- 449. Nature hikes, volunteer service outings, cooking classes, community building open to adults not just families
- 450. Nature programs, how to have habitat in the city, environmental, how to live in city and not adversely impact air, water.
- 451. Nature programs, youth programs, updated play equipment
- 452. Nature walks
- 453. Neighborhood events or a meet your neighbor thing. There is no neighborhood feeling and I would like to see something that brings everyone together or at least something for kids in the neighborhood so my son (who attends private school) could meet other kids. Some type of security or knowing who to call would be great. I have seen people in the playground equipment by our house doing drugs, committing sexual acts, and doing other unsafe things. I never know who to call or what to do and it feels like it isn't an emergency.
- 454. Neighborhood farmers markets where neighbors can bring produce to swap and/or buy
- 455. New tennis courts in White Bear Township
- 456. Nice variety offered
- 457. No additional
- 458. None
- 459. None
- 460. None
- 461. None that I can think of
- 462. Nordic ski, skate, soccer, baseball, tennis, gymnastics, fitness classes
- 463. Not sure
- 464. Not sure
- 465. Not sure as I do not know what is offered compared to what I want. Due to not actively looking at this time not for lack of information available.
- 466. nothing in particular comes to mind
- 467. Nothing specific that isn't already happening comes to mind. I think anything that builds the neighborhood around the rec center (and an updated rec center would go a long way towards this) is good.
- 468. Nutrition and cooking
- 469. Off leash dog park. More outdoor swimming pools, canine agility course
- 470. Off leash dog training
- 471. Offer higher level sports options (like area traveling teams the kids can tryout for)
- 472. oh I believe anything for children is the best but for me, maybe crocheting classes or that kind of stuff
- 473. Open gym times daily, in evenings and on weekends. More nature instruction - my son really enjoyed a program on finding bugs in Lake Como and if more of that kind of science program were available we'd go to more.
- 474. Open Gym, indoor fitness in winter
- 475. open more for free use and classes
- 476. open the rec centers (Eastview)
- 477. Open Water Swim training
- 478. Organized bicycle tours and clinics for kids and adults
- 479. Organized sports for more youth and adults and seniors
- 480. other ethnic sports programs
- 481. Outdoor fitness groups
- 482. Outdoor hockey league, trash service, off leash dog areas.
- 483. outdoor ice rink at Homecroft or Hillcrest

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484. Outdoor ice skating at lakes (e.g. Lake Como)
485. Outdoor rinks turned into wiffle ball fields in summer like Eagan does.
486. Outdoor yard games, photography, gardening, organized bike rides, community gatherings.
487. Partner/adult dance programs on the weekend.
488. Partnerships with Seamstresses, Tailors, the Craft stores to offer classes at the center for \$5 to \$10.
489. Passive park use for walking and exercising
490. Performance/theatre arts
491. Perhaps more nature learning/walks
492. Piano lessons
493. Picnic shelters that are available without a charge. For example, the covered picnic shelter on the west end of the Harriet Island park space is always locked. I have never seen it in use during the week, only on weekends. The picnic tables nearby are in full sun so are virtually unusable on a hot, sunny day. Seems like a waste.
494. Please buy land at the Ford Development and build soccer fields with a concessions/restroom facility where our growing immigrant youth populations can play.
495. Please offer some programming for young kids ON WEEKENDS! It's silly that we are shut out of so much simply because we work full time and don't want to keep our 2-year-old up until 8:30 at night on weekdays.
I would also like to see more investment in access for disadvantaged groups, instead of fees at "public" facilities that are too high to be affordable for families in most of St. Paul.
496. Pre school programs
497. Pre-school activities/classes that would be available evenings and weekends, rather than only during the day.
498. pre-school and youth gymnastics and team sports, adult yoga, community gatherings, seasonal celebrations, movies in the park/rec center
499. Pre-school programs
500. Preschool dance and art
501. Preschool Dance with a Good teacher & good plan, not been good since Miss Amy left!
502. Programming at Griggs Rec Center
503. Programs and open gym for toddlers and preschoolers
504. Programs for 13+ yrs olds, programs seem to stop at that age for teens.
505. Programs for kids from toddlers to 5 year old during the weekDAY i.e. mornings / mid-day. More sports other than football. Stop privileging football over all other sports! So sick of that.
506. Programs for lower functioning autistics.
507. Programs for Seniors
508. programs for teens other than sports. There was no mention of Como Zoo in the survey. It is the most used Parks amenity by our family and we would highly prioritize investment in it.
509. Programs for young children, to get families back to our center
510. programs the whole family can enjoy
511. Promote speed skating, figure skating, hockey. Kids need more reasons to get out of the house. The warming houses should not be closed when it is cold outside. Kids and adults should have space to play a game of cards or other game with family and friends.
512. Puppetry shows and puppet making
513. Ramp Up Pawnee
514. Rec check at Northwest Como
515. restroom at the playground, summer lunch program in neighborhood
516. ReUpholstery lessons

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517. Revitalize the skiing at Phalen Golf course and make it similar to Como. Have winter programs at more than one site.
518. Right now, our needs are served by other entities (public schools, Community Ed). But in the future I can imagine needing seniors programming (sports, wellness).
519. Robotics, Fitness,
520. Safe bike riding
521. Safe environment with loosely structured low-cost, drop-in activities for youth during out of school-time with senior focus during days.
522. sailboat rental
523. Salads & wraps on menu at swimming pools
524. Science programs, sculpting, ceramics!
525. Science/engineering, yoga, gymnastics programs on the EAST side. Youth soccer more often!
526. See my previous request for outdoor handball courts. With courts, programs could be developed to promote and stimulate this life-long activity.
527. See response to #7
528. Self Defense Classes, More Athletic Type Programs for Adults, Cooking
529. Senior exercise programs in the afternoon
530. Services: prompt removal of debris from under raspberry island bridge to avoid unsightly accumulation that is costly to remove and impedes water travel, more monitoring of Harriet island and raspberry island at night to maintain safety. Theft and loud mufflers have become a big problem this year, making these lovely park areas much less attractive to the public.
531. Services: Safety at City Parks; nature programs, music/performances, preschool free play, after school programs, family programs; more cooperation with school (public, charter, parochial, private). I believe Parks staff think they are doing a better job than they could be doing. The administration is out of touch with their staff and the community.
532. Sewing
533. Sewing for kids
534. Shuttle buses from neighborhoods
535. Simply: Better youth sports on better-maintained fields and a safe Crosby Park
536. Skateboard camp
537. Skateboard Park at Cherokee Park
538. Skateboarding lessons, hockey lessons, ice skating lessons...
539. Snow making for cross country skiing
540. Snow-making at Battle Creek
541. Soccer youth and teen
542. Social Dancing lessons/groups for adults
543. Social. latin and ballroom dance classes and dances; belly-dance classes; poetry and literature classes, poetry readings and events; painting, drawing, and other arts classes;
544. Specific times for teens/older kids to come do activities in the rec centers, and events that the whole family can do.
545. Spiritual/meditation, NO high school sports
546. Splash Pad at Palace Community Center. More/varied adult fitness classes. Also - more skills development classes - knitting, woodworking, basic car maintenance, etc.
547. Splash pad for the kids
548. splash pads
549. Splash pads
550. Splash pads and fountains; more off-leash dog parks, especially agility training facilities; universally accessible playgrounds; theater for kids

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551. Splash pads, more outdoor basketball courts
552. Sports and other programs for teens, age 13-17
553. St Paul
554. St Paul Community Ed offer nice walking tours and classes, is this partnership unofficial or included in Park and Rec program planning?
555. Star gazing.
556. STEM programs for kids, dog park(s).
557. Stranger Danger, first aid training
558. Students need help developing respectful behavior. Their parents don't seem to be able to help with this... sad.
559. Stuff to keep children busy / off-leash dog park.
560. summer programming for teenagers and jobs
561. Summer youth programs
562. Supervised activities and more positions for recleader jobs
563. Swim / Lifeguard training (it may already be offered); Vinyasa Yoga (yoga is offered).
564. swim classes
565. Swim lessons, preschool programs
566. Swimming lessons
567. swimming pools or those water pads
568. Swimming, children's programs
569. T-Ball, Swimming, Golf, Skiing
570. Teen yoga, meditation and more teen classes offered, particularly in the summer when they need structure.
571. tennis leagues or get togethers; volleyball
572. the ability to maintain existing facilities, not go beyond purpose of that
573. The classes are good, it is the time that is difficult when you have children and are trying to organize schedules.
574. The FREE exercise classes are great!
575. The hours are terrible. Why in the world are the rec centers closed on Sunday and Saturdays. During the week 9-5 is great for little kids and seniors, if you want to engage the rest of us please consider opening on the weekends so we can meet friends to play basketball or use the gym.
576. The older Rec Centers need a face lift. The staff works so hard but there is only so much they can do.
577. The park director needs to be responsive, and accountable to the citizens...and in past 15 years, they have chosen not to care about the poor neighborhoods of st. Paul; just Highland Golf Course
578. The rec center programming isn't convenient for someone who works full time.
579. The summer camps actually happening (often cancelled without notice).
580. Theater for kids
581. There is a good amount of offerings right now.
582. They offer more than we have time for! We love our new palace rec center!
583. Toddler / preschool programs. Also Zumba and yoga.
584. Toddler open gym time on the weekend
585. Traditional arts, music, and crafts.
586. trail grooming of cross country ski trails, weather permitting
587. Trail running/hiking, etc.
588. Tweets classes- scrapbook inch, cooking. After school homework help.
589. Ultimate Frisbee, programs for high school youth

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590. Unicycling, ways for individuals to unite to do things together without costs such as walking, running, biking clubs, nature tours more often
591. unsure
592. Upgrade the bike path on Miss. River Blvd. Also offer one going north.
593. Upgrades to the HPCC athletic fields, tennis and basketball courts and playground equipment.
594. Visual and fine arts
595. volleyball, basketball, softball (not traveling)
596. Volunteer city lakes clean up.
597. Volunteer opportunities to help take care of our parks
598. Volunteer programs for invasive plant removal and native plant re-introduction
599. Voter Registration
600. walking club learn to knit crochet garden tips. High school age activities non sports team.
601. Walking club?
602. walking clubs during the evening
603. Walking groups, book groups
604. water exercise
605. We are a licensed child care so we look for the children's programs during the day.
606. We are far enough away and have other option in our city so we only plan to take advantage of Como Pool.
607. We are thrilled by the variety of programs offered. We encourage the City to continue its wonderful and strong efforts to make all programs accessible, not just through scholarships and publicity, but also through transportation.
608. We have done some after school programs at Groveland in the past, but only if they are of interest - tennis and an arts camp in the 2014/2015 school year but nothing caught our interest last school year.
609. We need soccer fields!! These are great because they can be cross-purposed with other sports/activities. Please get rid of the antiquated, unused baseball in-fields. It's ridiculous! No one wants to play on hard clay!! You can't use it for anything other than baseball or softball! What a waste of space! Also, increase the budget for proper field maintenance, Fields of knot weed is not acceptable, either.
610. We would like to see more and better maintained soccer fields.
611. web page showing week/month events..and showing if participant openings.
612. weekly swim lessons; this is the second summer we had to skip swim lessons because we couldn't find a two week block that our daughter was free that lined up with the two week blocks of lessons offered at Como. Would be great if you could sign up for a week at a time.
613. Weight training for adults through the ages, even more importantly update the aerobic equipment at Jimmy Lee and North Dale rec. Centers (cross trainers are very old and not enough at Jimmy Lee, recumbent bikes don't work well, would also like to see a personal trainer that members could hire for reasonable costs at both centers). Also, maintain the equipment better!
614. windsurfing classes and rentals, skateboard parks that connect to paths
615. wish Joy Laine had larger space for her yoga classes. I stopped going because they were too crowded.
616. Would weight watchers be an option? Also, the Special Olympics Youth programs need space.
617. Writing, drawing, book group programs for teenagers.
618. yoga
619. yoga
620. yoga
621. Yoga

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- 622. Yoga
- 623. Yoga and t'ai chi in fall/winter/spring. Bird-watching walks, year round.
- 624. yoga in the park at Phalen...
- 625. Yoga in the park is super cool and we'd love to see stuff like that more often.

St Paul bike trails need better maintenance and connections, especially the 35-E trail

- 626. yoga, group bike outings
- 627. Yoga, Pilates and other relaxation activities
- 628. You guys do great with programs. Can't think of any programs that would be necessary / useful to add.
- 629. You offer a lot, but it's more a matter of offering more free programs with more variation in scheduling. For example, summer programs are currently most fitting for parents with flexible schedules who can transport their children to and from 1-3 hour activities. Need even more programs, with out of school learning structure for at least 6 hours. Need more cultural enrichment programs too. Maybe solicit program ideas and help from community partners.
- 630. Youth and child yoga class
- 631. Youth and teen programs
- 632. youth arts classes (ceramics, painting, cooking, dance - but a more updated + all genders style of dance classes, nit traditional girls' ballet as only offering.)
- 633. Youth arts, dance, computer classes, civic engagement
- 634. Youth athletics, open gym time for youth
- 635. Youth athletics.
- 636. Youth baseball
- 637. youth basketball
- 638. Youth bike clubs/groups
- 639. Youth fitness
- 640. Youth softball offered on the West side neighborhood (Local, Non-travelling team)
- 641. Youth sport programs
- 642. Youth sports
- 643. Youth Sports played at Conway.
- 644. youth sports/clubs
- 645. Youth Wrestling
- 646. Zumba / aerobics

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Question 13: How do you learn about the City's parks, trails, programs and activities? Other: _____

1. Banner on park backstop
2. Community Center staff
3. email from city
4. facebook
5. Facebook
6. Facebook
7. Facebook
8. Facebook
9. Facebook
10. Facebook (City of St. Paul Posts)
11. Facebook and Twitter
12. Facebook page for Como Pool
13. Facebook pages and groups
14. facebook posts
15. Facebook, ECFE
16. interest in finding Sailing Lessons
17. Library, District Council, community 5
18. live in area
19. Lower Phalen Creek Project & Urban Roots
20. Other online sources
21. parks and trails through google maps- dog parks are poorly identified through this avenue
22. Social media
23. Social Media
24. social media
25. Social media
26. social media
27. Social media
28. Summer park exercise events were publicized by the YMCA. The program is fantastic!
29. Visiting
30. working there and participation of family members
31. Activity catalog sent to all
32. Being onsite
33. By visiting
34. Center Signs
35. City and Park Facebook pages
36. City mailing list
37. Como Conservatory
38. Council 10 announcements
39. D2 Community Council e-Newsletter
40. District 10 email
41. district 10 emails
42. District Council
43. don't hear about them
44. Don't know much about them.
45. ECFE
46. exploratiom

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47. Facebook
48. Facebook
49. Facebook
50. Facebook
51. Facebook
52. Facebook
53. Facebook
54. Facebook pages
55. Family members, including one who works with P&R
56. FB community sights
57. Google
58. Google maps: turn on "bike path options"
59. Google/Facebook
60. Grew up going to them on a daily basis.
61. I don't hear about them.
62. I don't. Are they listed in the Semi annual Community ed brochure ? I thought that the various library offerings , community ed and parks programs were all in the semi annual community ed catalog. If ithey're not, they should be! A few libraries and rec centers are starting to be better integrated. that should definitely be the trend!
63. I don't. I hate the parks because they do not clean up after themselves, and do not plan for parking.
64. I greatly appreciate the emails. They and the website are my go-to source for activities.
65. Internet
66. Landmark center info desk
67. Library
68. Library
69. Live by one
70. looked for sailing program in twin cities
71. Maps
72. neighborhood facebook page
73. None
74. Parks and rec emails
75. Parks social media accounts
76. Personal experience
77. Personal experience
78. Posted on signs outside of parks and rec.
79. Signs on the comm center fence
80. Social Media
81. Social media
82. Social media posts by sport club/group
83. Social media sites
84. Social media, primarily Facebook postings
85. Twitter
86. we do not
87. We don't
88. Web pages
89. word of mouth in Highland

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Question 14: What programs, activities or services would you like to see offered at your City Parks/ Recreation Centers?

1. "Camping in the Park" Supervised family or kid's camp-outs.
2. "Town Hall"-style community meetings.
3. 50 and over basketball
4. 60+ fitness programs, T'ai Chi and other arts, Bocce
5. A larger variety of art courses for adults.
A couples beginning painting class evening would be a popular and fun idea.
6. A lot hinges on the facilities and what we have is not bad, but could be improved. Mainly speaking from our local experience, and the staff is great, facilities are decent and programs have been very nice to introduce our kids to sports. Having the gym, skating rinks, park, play area, tennis courts is great. Please keep this up and where possible make improvements. The Jimmy Lee, Great Rivers Water park is nice and I think we need a few more rec centers like this
7. A lot of our bike trails desperately need maintenance
8. Abundance of walking and biking trails
9. Activities for young families evenings and weekends
10. Activities that are coordinated so that parents can do activities/sports at the same time as their kids are doing a different - supervised - youth activity at the same rec center/park
11. additional exercise classes
12. Adult fitness
13. Adult and kids' obstacle courses!
14. Adult and Young/little kids' s art and sports programs.
15. Adult beginners ballet, open gym times for kids 5 & under that occur in AMs, not during 1-3pm nap times
16. Adult drop-in basketball in late evening during winter, more movies in the parks
17. Adult exercise options for after work hours (between 6p and 8:30p)
18. Adult fitness
19. Adult fitness classes before/after work & weekends
20. Adult fitness classes in evenings for people who work during the day
21. Adult fitness with childcare or fitness for parents with there children, one day a week after school program for preschoolers for parents that need a break but dont need daily care.
22. Adult fitness--weight lifting, aerobics, yoga, tai chi, etc; Adult basketball; Adult or family badminton; ice skating; walking group; biking group (like you had for Fitness in the Parks this summer. Again, all those biking activities were on the other side of town! I'm not going to load my bike in my car to travel across town for a bike ride when there are places to bike closer to home! Ditto with the the Yoga & Tai Chi in the parks--I wish it was offered closer to home than across town!) How about something on the Gateway Trail in Saint Paul? Or the Vento trail? Or on the new Trout Brook trail?
23. Adult fitness, family art classes and youth sports.
24. Adult gymnastics for fitness
25. Adult kick ball league or adult wiffle ball league
More summer programs during the week days for ages 12-17 that are within walking distance or on a bus line so kids can get there on their own. Kids this age need more summer activity options.
Summer employment opportunities for teenagers. I know there is a program for low income families, but kids in middle income families need income, too and all kids need job experience and to develop job skills.

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26. adult open volleyball, exercise equipment room,
27. Adult soccer at Langford park
28. Adult sports
29. Adult team sports
30. Adult ultimate frisbee league
31. Adult volleyball leagues
32. Adult Women Soccer, youth karate, day camps for young kids
33. adult yoga and pilates
34. Adventure play! (Unstructured preschool and school age kid driven play with random households objects such as cardboard and duct tape)
35. Affordable Music program (Music Together is expensive!)
36. Affordable youth art programs
37. African Dance for both adults and children together. My daughter and i can't find any dance classes that we can do together.
38. After school help with homework.
39. after school programs
40. After school programs need to be drastically increased in the Como neighborhood.
41. Afternoon senior exercise programs - yoga type programs
42. Afterschool activities, especially physical sports, dance, open gym, etc.
43. Afterschool programs
44. All the programs listed in the books. Hayden Heights community does not received quality program nor qualified instructors. Those in these positions have the heart for the work yet lack resources and better facilities
45. All-day Pre-K for areas where schools don't offer it (Randoph Heights)
46. American Indian activity
47. Animal/nature related
48. Anything promoting education about and awareness of various green issues: gardening, sustainability, cycling etc.
49. Archery
50. Archery
51. Archery
52. Art Making/Education
53. Art: Refurbishing old furniture, Home-improvement focused DIY projects
54. Arts and theater for young kids ,,,
55. Arts, music
56. As noted above, better access to benches / seating for those with limited endurance / mobility. Also yoga, Tai Chi, games (not sports)
57. At lake Phalen I'd love to see new picnic tables at the park (the current picnic tables look very old and run-down) Also, the beach area is so small, I would expand the swimming area (it gets very cramped when it's a nice day out) Also, I have heard you can rent paddleboats and such, but have no idea where from, maybe have a sign posted that people walking around the lake can see with prices and where to go? That would be great. Also a mommy and me swimming lesson in the lake for toddlers would be great. Maybe open up the picnic shelter more often too, I see it open once a year literally. (for water fest, that's it)
58. Athletic fields in Highland need significant improvements. Softball fields are unplayable because they are not watered or maintained in any way. Park and Rec softball needs to be turned over to community based programs like Highland softball however we need improved ball fields. Neighboring suburban communities have quality ball fields. We deserve these in Highland!

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59. Athletic teams- soccer and bball specifically
60. Baby and toddler activities. Date nights.
61. Back to nature programs
62. Baseball fields
63. Baseball, softball, tennis, and any sport that attracts a measurable number of kids to participate.
64. Basket ball youth programs run during week day evenings
65. basketball youth, more sports program
66. Bathrooms should be open during the summer
67. Before school programs for late start elementary schools (content based classes versus day care)
68. Beginner sports of all types.
69. better baseball programs.
70. better dance classes for kids since Miss Amy left it isn't the same
71. Better food at Como Dockside
72. Better instruction for youth sports- either staff-led or better training for parent volunteers
73. better integration of all services; finish the brick yard trail. keep connecting the various trails along the rivers. engage seniors in supporting parks activities thru. There is such a wealth of time and talent which could be harnessed!
74. Better outdoor ice for skating. It would be nice if school bus stops could be at rec centers so kids wouldn't have to wait outside. Too bad the small rec centers are being used by other organizations and unavailable to neighbors.
75. Better quality sports teams and activities for the neighborhood kids that doesn't require driving to different parks all over town
76. Better youth sports programs. With the current set up of letting whatever coach volunteers be in charge, the programs can be so varied.
77. Bicycle education and group rides.
78. Bigger/more fitness rooms
79. Bike safety for adults and kids.
80. Bike safety for kids and adults
81. Biking for preschoolers and young kids. Basics, safety for riding in the city, and beginning race or fitness training for young kids. I also think the city needs to do a better job of educating all citizens about bike etiquette and laws. Our drivers' education courses are not cutting it. Signage, billboards, a general education campaign to help people see cyclists and understanding the rules of the road could assist us all (cyclists, pedestrians and motorists) to live better together and be safer.
82. Birding outings, naturalist programs
83. boating safety / canoe / kayak introduction / lock & dam safety
84. Botchey ball, volleyball. Horse shoes
85. Boxing, gymnastics, archery more football and baseball.
86. boys volleyball, year-round volleyball & basketball for youth and adults
87. Boys youth volleyball and kickball
88. camping lessons and etiquette
89. Can't think of anything that is missing from my life
90. Children being encouraged to participate in becoming conservationists.
91. Clean-up days. There is lots of trash everywhere in the city. Maybe you can organize clean-up days and get volunteers involved.
92. Climbing, kayak rentals
93. Comm events that include seniors, for everyone
94. Community Ed class for MN DNR Hunters safety course

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95. community games / neighborhood connections
96. Community gathering events. Like booyas block party
97. Community gatherings, Current Event talks, More Teen discussion and event planning
98. Community Singing with the talented Dan Chinard (sp?) like he does in Loring Park--
99. Community theatre
100. Computer literacy
101. Computer Training, specifically programming. More obscure art training
102. Conservation, outdoor skills, team building, community gatherings, concerts
103. Continue fitness in parks--it is a great way to be outside! Love it-
104. Converting park land that benefits pollinators.
105. Cooking classes offering healthy tips; sewing basics; basic tool use/ home repair classes; art classes including stained glass, wood working, water color, and metal working; soap making and other household cleaner/product making.
106. Cross Country Ski Trails, would love to have snow making at Battle Creek park for Cross country skiing. Please strongly consider this sport for winter recreation and health, and consider offering cross country ski lessons for families/kids.
107. Cultural education/history around our vibrant immigrant/refugee communities
108. Current ones
109. dance aerobics classes, healthy cooking classes, financial responsibilities classes for teenagers and young adults
110. Dance and yoga classes
111. dance exercise, yoga
112. Dance, gymnastics, art, homeschool programs, wellness classes
113. Daycare for pets. Useful for residents and could be a teaching/learning opportunity for youth to be involved with in the summer or on weekends.
114. Daytime toddler activities
115. different fitness in the parks times/days, more events, e.g., movies, music, seasonal celebrations
116. Distance Running programs
117. Diving
118. Do not know.
119. Dog parks through-out the City.
120. Dog waste disposal stations. Also, regular neighborhood cleanup initiatives -- not just once or twice a year -- so everyone who lives in our beautiful city is actively involved in preventing and picking up litter.
121. DON'T KNOW
122. Drama and Music Lessons
123. Drawing for 12-14 year old fantasy fans.
124. Drop in after school programs
125. drop in fitness classes during winter months - more fitness options that start later in the evening
126. drop-in Neighborhood relaxation wellness yoga taichi type stuff would be fun to get people together
127. Earlier hours for fitness centers in the winter --Edgcumbe Rec. Center specifically-- so we could support community programs with our exercise dollars rather than joining a private gym. Ideal hours for parents with young children would be to open at 5 AM sharp so we could work out before the kids wake up and before we have to get ready for work. The equipment would

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also have to be updated (it's sorely out of date at ERC) and the exercise room expanded if the City would want to explore this.

128. EDL at Galtier elementary--robotics and other offerings
129. EDL at Galtier elementary--robotics and other offerings
130. Educational programs on environmental issues - provided outdoors
131. Environmental protection programs, less pesticides !!!
132. Equipment rentals (skies, skates, bikes). Expanding Rec Center activities and hours. More regular programming for toddlers/young children. More outreach from rec centers to the community to welcome people in. Updated playgrounds, rec centers, signage (make them shine). New water features. More shade trees. Improved walking access (less emphasis on parking lots).
133. Evening adult fitness classes
134. evening mat pilates
135. Excellent variety offered.
136. Exercise classes, fixit clinics
137. Exercise classes, volleyball
138. expand movies-in-the-park, maybe have a dedicated rec center in each area that has a movie every Friday night. Would love children's painting classes.
139. Expand types of youth sports offered along with more variety to allow youth to try all types of activities including science and technology.
140. Expanded hours at Recreation Centers
141. Expanded offerings for younger teens (12-15 year olds)
142. Expanded sports for youth including times and locations plus paid staff to ref and coach.
143. Fall Softball / Baseball
144. Family events
145. Family exercise classes like yoga. Other family education events.
146. Family friendly: Kite flying, "get started fishing" with young kids; better maintenance of neighborhood parks and better signage in the parks; post park rules/hours/who to call at neighborhood parks; a kiosk or board on the bathroom or other buildings to post info about programs would be VERY helpful! Heavy duty outdoor trash cans throughout the neighborhood parks instead of flimsy white barrels that blow over in storms. Use QR codes to pull in younger people & get them involved. Create an interactive treasure hunt at parks & have people use their phones - some version of "Pokeman for City Parks"?
147. Family programs during the school day
148. Family things, I like movies in the park, that kind of stuff
149. Field hockey, lacrosse
150. First aid training/CPR certification classes for adults and children.
151. First Aid, water safety, babysitting, CPR
152. Fitness (non-sport) opportunities for 12-18 years old
153. Fitness Barre courses
154. Fitness center, regulation courts, space for youth programming
155. Fitness in Frogtown
156. fitness program for youth with aspergers syndrome and other special needs
157. flexible and quality varieties of sport offered and high technology after school classes for both youth and adult.
158. food trucks and music in some neighborhood parks on a regular basis throughout summer;

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159. free bicycle maintenance course, and an open shop at rec centers for bicycle servicing, where we pay for parts and materials and perhaps a small fee to keep it staffed, maintained, and to buy equipment and tools.
160. Free group fitness classes in the winter
161. Free neighborhood splash pads/swimming pools like they have in Mpls.
162. Free pool access. I wouldn't mind paying a dollar or two, but there should be a discount if your a St. Paul resident, and a resident of the zip code of the pool should be free. I already have to get in my car and drive over a mile to get to the closest (extremely outdated) park, at least let me in the pool cheap/free. I drive into Minneapolis to access family fun parks. Really, golf courses are not a park. They are marketed towards a certain segment of the population. And I could never bring my 3 children (ages 7 and younger) to run wild on the course.
163. Free splash pools!!!!
164. Free Swimming camp
165. Free year-round outdoor fitness classes-- maybe not yoga- but the aerobic ones could work.
166. free Yoga in parks, music in neighborhood parks, climbing wall in neighborhood parks and climbing classes, bike fixing workshops, movies in parks, outdoor art festivals, music festivals in parks, outdoor theater
167. Full day programs for school days off
168. Fun programs to do with your dog; outdoor yoga; arts programming; pop-up programming with music and food; unexpected pop-up programs - adult games like kickball and kick the can
169. Further family-oriented programs, particularly low-cost or volunteer opportunities. Anything that encourages families or individuals to be in touch with nature and take advantage of our impressive local ecology and green spaces.
170. Getting to know/make friends with people our age through events, classes like REI offers, health fairs, festivals, music, food, cultural awareness events, getting to know Saint Paul for new (and old) residents
171. greater availability of after-school (Rec Check) programs; addition of BEFORE School (rec check-like) programs!!! *Desperately* need affordable before- and after-school childcare options for working parents.
172. Green space along public areas such as the Green Line/University Avenue
173. Gymnastics, language classes
174. GYMNASTICS!
175. Gymnastics. Skating lessons. Swimming lessons.
176. have some things available at wilder
177. Health education; partnership with public transportation options and help community access and understand options available.
178. History hikes -- staff or community members hired to lead walks around park areas and talk about the history of the areas.
179. Hockey and or ice skating
180. Home improvement classes
181. How do categorize the music in the park series? We keep a pulse on that - and enjoy the Como venue..... in one trip a family can do multiple things: walk, eat, listen. Nice!
My answers above are based on current stage of life in our family. We used to use youth programs so often/happily. Kids now older - so not as high priority - and because we are mobile adults, we do not rely on the facilities for our programming. Attention to elderly and good access are important as St Paul does future planning. I enjoy the Como Lake area for walks.

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- Food is good.
Cleanliness and good maintenance of facilities - IMPORTANT!
I also work in a SPPS high school - - - I think there are MANY kids in our city who could benefit from expansion of jobs/service as provided through Right Track. While I appreciate that it focuses for students from low income families, I know of so many "kids in the middle" who could really benefit from Right Track kinds of jobs..... they don't need summer school, they are 14-16 years old - so a little tricky to find "productive" things to do in summer, students may not qualify for Right Track based on family income
182. I am a musician and I would like the booking person to get back to me re: playing music in the park. We attend often; but we'd like to play.
183. I am happy (for the most part) with what is currently being offered.
184. I appreciate our great parks. I do think that the athletic fields at the rec centers are not well maintained and should be improved.
185. I enjoy the "music in the parks" program. Thank you.
186. I have worked in Muslim countries where dogs are viewed with fear and disgust. I have noticed that some of my Muslim neighbors are afraid of my dogs when we walk by. I would like to see a program for people to learn about dogs as pets and get a chance to overcome their fears. I would like such a program welcoming and fun for our new community members.
187. I like more general and everything.
188. I like the programs you have
189. I really think the free exercise programs is top notch and should be a high priority. Judging from my personal response to them, they must have a huge positive impact on community health, recreation and peace of mind that can only come from exercising in nature.
190. I think Merriam Park rec does a good job
191. I think there is good variety.
192. I think there needs to be more outreach to underserved communities to get them to participate in programs. My little brother through Big Brother Big Sister could really take advantage of programs.
193. I think what is offered good, always pushing for longer hours, especially for tweens and teens==their opportunities are more limited, but so important to engage them
194. I want the East Side to have the same beautiful facilities that other parts of the city have. I would like a swimming pool ANYWHERE on the east side. Please take back Eastview park and rec center, and start community programming there.
195. I would like the Como Golf Course to be closed and turned into a Wildlife preserve.
196. I would like the Dunning Rec Center to be re-opened to all. If this were the case and Parks/Rec would if not sponsor, facilitate programs, we would take advantage of more programs, such as Community Ed.
197. I would like the trails to improve. An exceptional amount of weeds on the edges
198. I would like to see a more intuitive web-site to purchase a season pass for Highland Pool.
199. I would like to see a punching bag at the Oxford Community Center.
200. I would like to see a re-investment in the overall park space at the former Sylvan and Front recreation sites.
201. I would like to see a Tai Chi program for seniors
202. I would like to see adult programs offered at the same time and location as youth programs. For example Water aerobics during swim lessons. I often do not get to work out because I don't have a place for my kids to go.

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203. I would like to see connections between the biking/walking trails and better maintenance. I would also like to see more outdoor skating rinks. Como used to be a wonderful place to skate.
204. I would like to see more adult/family indoor winter gatherings - book clubs, card clubs and activities in evenings for connecting neighbors - not only focused on seniors and massive parties. We need regular manageable gatherings to get to know one another better. Also, I want to make sure to say that I don't know what other neighborhoods have or don't have. I live in a very fortunate area between northdale and como. I think it is very important that all neighborhoods have nice facilities!
205. I would like to see more ice rinks.
206. I would like to see more kids learning about people and making friends.
207. I would like to see more of everything offered at parks and recreation centers on the east side of St. Paul, especially camps and educational programs for school age children, which are typically concentrated on the other side of the city from us.
208. I would like to see more programming for families and young children at my neighborhood rec center, Hancock, as well as continued investment in programming for older youth. It should truly be a community center, and is not. The center is in pitiable shape and it is so small there isn't room for very much. The disparity between a facility in Highland Park like their community center and our rec center is just appalling. There is no high quality rec center in easy biking/walking distance for people in my neighborhood, many of whom are low income and rely on bikes, bus, or getting around on foot. It doesn't matter that there is a great rec center at North Dale or Highland when it is just too far for folks without cars to get to easily.

I would also like to see more programming in passive parks like Hamline Park, like I suggested above. The rec center should "push out" into Hamline Park with well trained, culturally competent "play workers" who can facilitate informal and attractive recreation opportunities for kids and teens. This would be a HUGE service to the youth that hang out in passive parks who many times have nowhere else to go. The youth workers from Parks & Rec could have close working relationships with ambassadors from the police dpt who get to know kids, build them up, engage them positively, build trust, and help high-risk youth avoid encountering the juvenile justice system.

Finally, for residents of Hamline Midway, there is not an affordable outdoor water feature. City pools are cost prohibitive for many families, and the free beaches are a good ways away if you don't have a car. The city should invest in a beautiful wading pool and splash pad, similar to what is at Wabun Park, in either Frogtown or Midway, preferably where there is a high need for more green space and playground equipment. (Near a high-rise or other concentration of low income housing?)

Thank you!

209. I would like to see more programs offered on the East side
210. I would like to see Palace Rec Center open at least 1-2 days a week during the daytime hours. An open gym/tot time would be well attended by stay at home parents of toddlers. I would love to use this facility with my 2 year old but the time I want to use it is week day mornings and it doesn't open until 3pm.
211. I would like to see Park & Rec prioritize purely recreational sports for children ages 3 all the way through 8th grade. To explain "purely recreational": Private clubs and organizations for soccer, baseball, etc. require high-commitments of 2-3 times per week as well as high prices.

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Again, healthy people, healthy city sometimes means just trying out basketball once per week for a season and I'd like to see that possibility in St. Paul beyond preschool age group. I hear many families voice this same dilemma, that they'd love for their children to play sports but feel a 2-3x per week commitment is insane for a 3rd grader!

212. I would like to see parks where children and adults can be active and learning and working together.
213. I would like to see the fitness in the parks continue throughout the year, but being this is MN we need to move it indoors.
214. I would like to see the organization of existing youth sports programs be drastically improved. We have signed up only to find that one child's team has been moved across town (at the same time as another child's practice) with no notice. We have also participated in a youth team where there was no coach. That was just our experience with THIS season's t-ball and Nearball. Our kids love playing sports, but unless organization drastically improves we will no longer participate with St. Paul parks and rec.
215. I would like to see the quality of youth programs improved. I currently choose to send my children to programs run by other organizations because the quality is better and staff are better trained, but I would happily sign up for Parks programs if quality improved.
216. I would like to see the outdoor lights left on longer during the skating season so people can enjoy the outdoor rinks longer in the evening. I would like to see employees get better training at effectively managing unruly behavior at rec centers. I would like to see a teen space exclusive for older kids to have a place to hang out. There are many older kids with nothing to do near Edgcombe rec center. I think the fact that kids are fed in the summer is fabulous! Thanks for caring about needy children!
217. I would love a consistent belly dance class and consistent, affordable tabata. Also a tae Kwan do that was less crowded would be nice.
218. I would love to have yoga in my neighborhood (Payne Phalen)
219. I would love to see added dog parks.
220. I'd like the sledding hill at Como Golf course to be moved so that the kids don't sled into cross country ski traffic. It is very dangerous to the children and skiers.
221. I'd like to see more on the east side in particular battle creek.
222. I'd like to see more times
223. I'd rather see money put into more basic infrastructure (like bike paths and safe lighting) than expensive services and facilities. That seems like poor mileage for the expense it incurs.
224. I'm disappointed this survey didn't include natural areas. I value the parks where I can get away from the city and enjoy nature the most. We don't need more ball fields or rec centers, we need places families and children can learn about nature. The city's natural areas should be maintained and improved. Also, why doesn't the city have a nature center? It should!
225. I'm happy with the current selections
226. I'm satisfied with the programs
227. I've enjoyed the nature awareness and preservation programs.
228. I've noticed with the redesign of several of the rec centers they have become less of a place where kids can just hang out, I think that it is important to keep the centers as a place where kids can be and use some of the facilities without being signed up for a program.
229. Ice skating, dance, soccer, baseball, art, gymnastics, tennis, swimming, nature activities
230. If a program is planned you need to honor it and STOP cancelling camps, programs etc. It is a cycle that needs to stop. Residents no longer sign up for P&R activities because they have been cancelled to many times. Start utilizing community resources to help promote activities. Gain more community input, etc.

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231. Improved bike and walking trail surfaces. Winter sport facilities including snow making.
232. Improved playground and ball fields at HPCC. The condition of both is very poor, although the building is very nice.
233. improved playground equipment like that found in many minneapolis parks!! our local (walkable playground)- Merriam Park has sadly aged equipment. small splash pads at city parks would also be a welcome improvement
234. Indoor adult fitness
235. Indoor fitness, educational and entertainment programs and activities during the winter months.
236. Indoor Fitness/wellness program inside/ outside swimming
237. Indoor racket ball, swimming lessons for youth and adults
238. Indoor walking tracks. Fitness centers.
239. Intergenerational programs - we need more adults engaged with youth
240. It would be great in the summertime to expand on the movies in the park. Also, I think that there needs to be a lot more publicity about what an incredible deal some of your programs are. There are amazing programs offered for an affordable price but people don't know about that. Also people should know more about your facilities that you have for rental including rooms in the community centers that can be rented out for an affordable price
241. It would be great to see some more port-a-pottys + water fountains across the Mississippi River. Additionally, we frequent quite a bit the Wabun Picnic area in Minnehaha Regional Park / MPLS. We greatly appreciate that it's has numerous picnic tables (shaded / not shaded), and we love the kids wading pool.
242. Just make sure there are always plenty of All-Ages MN history/natural science hikes. "Parks After Dark" series is one of my favorites. Faith Krogstad and her team are doing a great job.
243. Just wanted to leave a suggestion about the programs offered ~ it seems like Parks & Rec and Community Ed sometimes overlap in offerings. Do these areas collaborate at all? I prefer the P&R brochure to finding out about offerings through the online registration page ~ I've found it to be kind of 'clunky' in terms of searching for times/locations, and getting a sense of what is offered and when.
244. karate class
245. Karate, Art for adults, after school programming
246. KAYaking and SUP at Lake phalen
247. kayaking classes, outdoor recreation, hiking
248. Kids basketball courts draw large crowds. so we need more. open more hours
249. Kids programming in summer/after school, classes, and toddler tones
250. Kids yoga, kids music programs, tennis, soccer,. Pool at El rio, Wading pools at Cherokee and Harriet Island, splash pad at prospect. Outdoor pool at Baker.
251. Knitting
252. Lacrosse for older kids, more year round soccer. swim team other than Star, tried that hated coaching.
253. Language
254. Language classes
255. Language classes for adults and children
256. Language learning
257. Later evening fitness classes for adults.
258. learn how to skate, tai chi,
259. Line dance

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260. Live Performances
261. Local adult softball league on the West Side, Baker Park. 14U Girls Slow Pitch Softball (outreach needed) - This is where I think the current early registration is very damaging.
262. Longer beach hours. I would like to be able to go to Phalen Beach before lunch.
263. Lots more cooking classes, or are those comm ed?? More individual swim lessons for older kids that never got great at swimming but their parents want them to but they're too embarrassed To be in a group class. Tennis for kids that's not one hour per week - my kids need at least a half day to make it worthwhile for me to get them there and leave them alone for part of the day. More loose, adventurous. Wandering around the city exploring kinds of youth teen camps. Get them out and see done stuff by bus or light rail, taking pictures, eating at different kinds of restaurants, learning random life skills.
264. Love the fitness in the parks program!!
265. Low cost (\$5/class) yoga and pilates, both weekdays and weeknights. Use gyms and tennis courts for roller skating. There is no roller rink in St. Paul. Also use space in Como Pavilion for roller skating. Make that space public again. Private business should not be programming publicly owned space like the Como Pavilion. Better maintenance of fitness equipment at Jimmy Lee, and add another elliptical machine. Add disc golf at Como.
266. low cost TaiChi classes or drop in; low cost Yoga or drop in; more low cost exercise programs with low cost Drop In option, versus Registered. I generally find Rec Center staff to be indifferent, non-communicative. Why don't you create Give Opinion Forms that could be filled out and given to Desk Staff? There should not be ANY Charge/fee to make use of the Walking Tracks.
267. lunch hour fitness classes; Aqua Zumba
268. Make the Como ski program more affordable, more biking trails connecting our parks and amenities.
269. Martial arts, tai chi, silversmithing, lapidary, coding at a reasonable price, "shop" type classes on how to make furniture or household/garden items out of wood and metal using tools. Morning or evening boot camp type fitness classes that are fun! Classes in how to be heard as a city citizen, visited by council member, state rep and senator at least....
270. Master's awimming team/training
271. Maybe longer hours, more activities for active, not senior, adults. The parks are pretty good.
272. Maybe more winter activities that aren't necessarily sports.
273. MMA youth class (mixed martial arts)
274. More "free" pools/splash pads in parks...like they have in Minneapolis.
275. More access to sports fields
276. more acrobats/tumbling classes for youth doing the year.
277. More activities and engagement in the natural areas. Nature photography, plant ID walks, natural history hikes, volunteer opportunities to restore natural areas, etc.
278. More activities for children
279. More activities for children under age 5 - after 5pm or on weekends
280. more activities for kids age 3
281. More activities for kids on the Eastside . Last year I signed my son up for four different activities all over St. Paul. All of them were cancelled due to not enough registration .
282. More activities for special needs children and their families.
283. More activities for those under 3.
284. More activities offered for those over 60 yrs of age

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285. More adult activities including athletics, educational programs. Also, I'd like to see the city parks/recreation centers online registration system offer more gender options in their demographic section. The system also assumes you are registering children for activities. This is not helpful or sensitive for people without or who cannot have children.
286. more adult exercise classes, more bike racks
287. More adult fitness at North Dale such as Pickle Ball, Zumba, different yoga instructors
288. More adult fitness classes
289. More adult fitness classes - early in the AM like 6:00
290. More adult fitness classes.
291. more adult lap swimming, tai chi classes every Sunday
292. More adult programs throughout the day.
293. More adult sport leagues - not enough variety
294. More adult sport programs, especially soccer
295. More adult sports leagues offered at more locations
296. More adult tennis programming and sports for older people.
297. More adult things to do.
298. More affordable hockey choices.
299. More after school activities, and more summer programs for kids that are on their own on summer vacation.
300. More after school programs for all ages.

301. more all-day low-cost or free activities for school-age kids, especially on no-school days...
Edgcombe should go back to all-day BLAST programs!
302. More art and music For kids
303. More art in the parks (plays, shows, etc)
304. More arts and performance arts programs
305. More arts classes.
306. More basketball courts
307. more basketball courts
308. More beginning "learn to skate" programs with specific outreach to communities that are not usually involved in skating programs
309. More better basketball courts.
310. more casual "classes" in the parks -
311. More citizen science and school inquiry interactions with the large Rd open spaces.more engagement in clean up, not one day a year but 365 days.
312. More classes for preschoolers/elementary kids on weekends
313. More community activities like outdoor movies, etc.
314. more concerts at Harriet Island
315. More concerts at Lake Phalen Ampitheater
316. More crafts such as snowshoe making, canoe or small boat building, drones, aerial photography, etc.
317. More dance and gymnastics classes at convenient times. Outdoor pools at parks like Minneapolis.
318. More day to day programming - dances, parties, casual sport opps
319. More daytime activities for toddlers and preschool age children.
320. More dog parks
321. More engagement for teens. Not just always playing Basketball More expectations of teens that they will contribute at the rec center- clean up, work with small children etc.

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322. More environmental education - all ages; day camps that focus on the outdoors, parks, the environment.
323. more evening events
324. More evening working out in the parks or group exercises in the evening.
325. More events for teens
326. More events, music in the parks, nature based exploration, candlelight ski programs, seasonal events
327. More family events, music and art classes for youth, events connecting nature learning to the parks
328. more family fun nights
329. More family oriented activities
330. More family programs. More nature in the city.
331. More family yoga or kids yoga classes - drop in would be nice. Also judo or akido in the highland area
332. more fencing summer classes, carpentry, blacksmithing, fishing, knitting, bicycle maintenance
333. More fitness classes in the parks
334. More for 5 year olds.
335. more for toddlers
336. More free exercise/wellness programs for Seniors, especially those with arthritis which can limit their ability to participate in the current cardio programs.
337. More free or inexpensive programs and activities for TEENS.
338. More free programs for teens and tweens.
339. More free programs for teens and tweens.
340. More free programs/events/camps for children and youth (Sanneh Foundation with registration through the SP Parks & Rec website is great for sports camps, and library programs for kids are great too). Two of my children have disabilities so they cannot go to school or sign up for after-school programs, but they like to participate with other kids in shorter (less than 3 hour) events with no food (due to allergies). However, costs for almost all of your programs are very high with only one income. I think there are LOTS of single parents in St Paul or even dual income families barely making rent and expenses who might appreciate free programs too. It was so exciting when we moved here last year to see the newsprint magazine cataloging all the program options offered, but a little heart-wrenching to see how these lovely government programs are really only available to wealthy families. Those targeted demographics seem to live either in suburbs outside St Paul or, if in the city, to the west of Frogtown (at least according to rent and house prices on trulia.com). The other half (!) of the city is low to moderate income, and it would be nice to see programs targeting us; I would suggest, even MORE important for a public entity to prioritize, since people like us can't afford all the other cool camps offered by the marvelous museums and other institutions in the area. I understand you may be charging so much because you need to recoup costs since programs are expensive to run, or even perhaps because you'd like to weed out "undesirables" since low-income kids can present more challenges (it is dreadful to suggest that govt entities are prejudiced to the public, but I'm guessing you are human too and make mistakes you are unaware of). Of course, "beggars can't be choosers" implies that the current pay-to-play system eliminates the right to speak out on Parks & Rec policies if you don't pay, but cost is the overriding concern for why we choose to opt out. By the way, another way to consider the politically silent "greater east side" is that we are contributing taxpayers, not beggars. I realize kids on free lunch can get into some rec programs for \$20, but that's still quite high if you have more than one kid (which you probably do if you get free lunch), or would like to

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attend more than one activity. I would never "beg" to get anything for free, but you ASKED what would be helpful, so I am suggesting you visit with Sanneh and SPPL as models for free programs. We moved from a rural area where we were used to making our own fun, so no loss for us without your programs, just a minor annoyance that the "official" local govt position is that poorer kids don't matter so much, which I'm sure is not your position, but that's how it can come across. I don't mean to complain, merely to suggest opportunities for growth in different areas, because St Paul Parks & Rec seems very well-run: it is on top of most maintenance, and has beautiful parks and walking trails, which we very regularly enjoy. Thank you for all the beautiful amenities overseen from your department and the hard work of your employees cutting grass, shoveling snow, and doing all the maintenance you do.

341. More gardening programs- waling programs
342. More group exercise classes, more kids group classes
343. More hands-on practical skills programs for teens, things like photography, print making, cooking, etc.
344. More health and exercise programs for adults over 55 in the NW area of St. Paul
345. More Hip Hop classes for youth
346. More hours. Frequently, particularly on Sundays in the winter, my son would like to play basketball but the rec center is closed. Weekends are a time when parents can participate with their kids, but there isn't a space to do that in winter.
347. More ice rinks, bathrooms, splash pads, stage for music
348. More inclusion efforts.
349. More inclusion in regular programs for children with disabilities
350. More indoor play time in winter. Bike maintenance lessons for kids and adults.
351. More indoor yoga classes, more outdoor yoga classes.
352. more introductory sports programs for young children (e.g. 3-year-olds)
353. more kids/youth programming
354. more low-cost fitness classes for working adults. Really appreciated youth programming when kids were younger.
355. more middle school/tween programs for after school, summer, and non-school days
356. More music in the parks! Raspberry island!!!
357. More music or movies in the park
358. More nature based activities. More hikes for little kids. More connecting kids with nature.
359. More nature programs
360. More nature walks
361. More nature-based learning programs for adults (e.g. tree identification, learning how to determine soil type, bird identification, fish identification). I would also like more educational classes about different professions (e.g. landscape architect, budget analyst, youth services worker, IT manager, recreation programs planner, maintenance worker).
362. more neighborhood pools like Minneapolis has
363. More neighborhood-based events geared toward community building. North Dale does a good job with the community events they offer - would be good to spread the word to a broader cross-section of the community.
364. More night programming for teenagers
365. More off-leash dog parks for big dogs. I wish we could walk to one, and it will be a consideration for the next house we buy. It would be great if there were a dog park on the Mississippi, similar to Minnehaha Dog Park. Or one at Indian Mounds Park, which we are near.

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366. More ongoing nature activities, small size class for skateboarding and teachers with experience teaching children and more sports and dance classes for small children (starting at 3 maybe 2)
367. More open gym for families - especially in winter!
368. more open gym hours for kids to have free play
369. More open gym times for youth in summer for other youth who aren't involved in summer blast. Some kids in the neighborhood would like to play but can't because of kids in programs. I would like more opportunities for kids in the neighborhood to meet in the gym and also it advertised in the rec center as welcoming opportunity.
370. More open gym times. Open gym times usually are not convenient for after school kids who get out after 2 or 3pm.
371. more open water swimming in the summer
372. more options for younger kids and kids with siblings close in age. more classes on the weekends similar to those for stay-at-home parents.
373. More organized sports (intra-mural type, non-professional) that inspire fitness and get people to meet one another.
374. More organized sports/fitness options for younger children
375. more outdoor music festivals like there used to be.
376. More outside workouts!
377. More parking at Como Park, FIX THE PARKING LOT AT HILLCREST
378. more pilates/yoga
weights/exercise for adults
379. More places to roller skate and bike!!
380. More preschool activities in late afternoon/evening and weekends. More yoga.
381. More preschool and family programs
382. More preschool and school age options (Hancock Rec)
383. More preschool programs that are not in the middle of the day but evenings and weekends. It's hard to take advantage of them while working.
384. More programs and sports opportunities for youth ages 12-16
385. More programs at Eastview
386. More programs for grandparents with grandchildren younger than 6 years old.
387. More programs for young children, a weekday Tot Time at the Palace Rec Center, more evening yoga programs
388. More programs for younger kids (toddler to preschool) that are on weekends
389. More quality structured affordable programs in to assist: lower income neighbors, busy single parents, struggling families, folks who probably wouldn't have access to this email or survey. Those are the folks who I'd like to see my tax dollars helping, not squeaky wheels and special interest folks. Quality afterschool programming & youth fitness is what I would like to see, but if that's not what families want well...
390. more rec check spots
391. More refrigerated ice sheets and better maintenance of them
392. More robotics and lego league stuff
393. more senior programs
394. More skating-style cross country ski trails
395. More Snowshoeing and winter outdoor activities
396. More soccer programs, weekend hours
397. more social get togethers for seniors

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398. More splash pads and more indoor facilities like the ones that exist in the suburbs. Books, tunnels, and indoor gyms
399. More sports and art programs for kids of all ages and backgrounds stop taking away rec centers with parks and put money and effort into existing ones . They should all be treated the same way
400. More stuff with Legos for kids
401. More summer camp options for kids as well as year-round outdoor/nature-related programs to decrease indoor and screen time.
402. more summer camps and urban tennis
403. More summer enrichment youth programming on the east side - Phalen, Duluth and Case, Hayden Heights, etc.
404. More summer programs for school age kids at Phalen Rec
405. More summer programs for younger children. Also, we tried to get our 14 year old into softball but there weren't enough girls signed up to get a team going.
406. More swimming and biking programs, more performing arts and community theater
407. More swimming availability, Como pool is WOEFULLY undersized, hence too crowded to use.
408. More teen youth programming that empower and offer training or work
409. More things like Yoga, Qigong, Ayurveda, more holistic Classes on Wellness
410. More thoroughly vet any 3rd parties that offer classes through the rec centers--we've had good experiences and bad.
411. More to engage teenagers
412. More toddler activities
413. More toddler and preschool programs both sports and arts
414. More training on a verity of sports
415. More trash cans along walking trails. Faster cleanup of broken bottles and trash left by Friday and Saturday night partiers in the park. Cut back of vegetation and branches that clog the trails and walking paths. Attempts to eliminate invasive vegetation. Education of park maintenance workers regarding identification of native plants vs. invasive species, so they can be more selective when they trim and mow.
416. More turf or actual grass for fields instead of untreated weeds
417. more unusual sports (like archery, diving classes, unicycle, etc...)
418. More use of dance studios, programs for inner city youths
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420. More variety of lesser known sports or activities. Sampler classes/showcases of more varied athletic/activity options for students. Most kids know about basketball and baseball, but giving them a chance to try out some of the lesser known options already available might garner more interest and broaden horizons.
421. More vegetable gardening, more nature programs, more biking/outdoor recreation.
422. more VOLLEYBALL
423. More wellness/fitness programs :)
424. More wilderness area (undeveloped). More passive green space (without landscaping).
425. more yoga
426. More yoga : 0)
427. More yoga, kettlebells, tai chi at my local center
428. More Yoga, skiing lessons, outdoor basketball and tennis courts,
429. More Yoga, Weight Lifting Classes etc.; also sports for men
430. More yoga, zumba, core programs

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- 431. More yoga/Pilates. More teen options
- 432. More youth and teen programming, affordable adult fitness programs
- 433. More youth sports
- 434. More adult fitness classes offer at more rec centers and at better times for working parents (early in the morning or after supper time)
- 435. Move volleyball
- 436. movies for families
- 437. Movies in the park; live music; cultural events; opportunities for neighbors to come together.
- 438. Movies, dances, meeting single events, writing classes, salon discussion groups on global warming, Islam, political events, philosophy.
- 439. MTB facilities like a pump track or perhaps some single track trails
- 440. mtb trails at como
- 441. Music, theater, movies, neighborhood picnics/parties
- 442. My child has used the volleyball, tennis and como ski/snowboard programs. We would recommend them to others and wouldn't be opposed to more options like these.
- 443. My kids would participate in sports clinics (short-term commitment, focused) if they were offered more regularly. Rather than a full-season or many sessions of a sport, just a one or two day clinic could be helpful. Also, in the winter, I find myself wanting to just have "Open Gym" time where I can go shoot hoops with my son, or otherwise run around a Rec Center gym, but its difficult to figure out when those times might be available. We've tried many times in the past to do that, with very limited success.
- 444. N/A
- 445. NA
- 446. Naturalist classes, TaiChi
- 447. naturalist program, evening programs, not just at big parks, see Three Rivers programming--accessible, interesting, relevant, updated, new options, incorporate art, partner with other orgs
- 448. Nature hikes / city bike rides.
- 449. Nature hikes, volunteer service outings, cooking classes, community building open to adults not just families
- 450. Nature programs, how to have habitat in the city, environmental, how to live in city and not adversely impact air, water.
- 451. Nature programs, youth programs, updated play equipment
- 452. Nature walks
- 453. Neighborhood events or a meet your neighbor thing. There is no neighborhood feeling and I would like to see something that brings everyone together or at least something for kids in the neighborhood so my son (who attends private school) could meet other kids. Some type of security or knowing who to call would be great. I have seen people in the playground equipment by our house doing drugs, committing sexual acts, and doing other unsafe things. I never know who to call or what to do and it feels like it isn't an emergency.
- 454. Neighborhood farmers markets where neighbors can bring produce to swap and/or buy
- 455. New tennis courts in White Bear Township
- 456. Nice variety offered
- 457. No additional
- 458. None
- 459. None
- 460. None

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461. None that I can think of
462. Nordic ski, skate, soccer, baseball, tennis, gymnastics, fitness classes
463. Not sure
464. Not sure
465. Not sure as I do not know what is offered compared to what I want. Due to not actively looking at this time not for lack of information available.
466. nothing in particular comes to mind
467. Nothing specific that isn't already happening comes to mind. I think anything that builds the neighborhood around the rec center (and an updated rec center would go a long way towards this) is good.
468. Nutrition and cooking
469. Off leash dog park. More outdoor swimming pools, canine agility course
470. Off leash dog training
471. Offer higher level sports options (like area traveling teams the kids can tryout for)
472. oh I believe anything for children is the best but for me, maybe crocheting classes or that kind of stuff
473. Open gym times daily, in evenings and on weekends. More nature instruction - my son really enjoyed a program on finding bugs in Lake Como and if more of that kind of science program were available we'd go to more.
474. Open Gym, indoor fitness in winter
475. open more for free use and classes
476. open the rec centers (Eastview)
477. Open Water Swim training
478. Organized bicycle tours and clinics for kids and adults
479. Organized sports for more youth and adults and seniors
480. other ethnic sports programs
481. Outdoor fitness groups
482. Outdoor hockey league, trash service, off leash dog areas.
483. outdoor ice rink at Homecroft or Hillcrest
484. Outdoor ice skating at lakes (e.g. Lake Como)
485. Outdoor rinks turned into wiffle ball fields in summer like Eagan does.
486. Outdoor yard games, photography, gardening, organized bike rides, community gatherings.
487. Partner/adult dance programs on the weekend.
488. Partnerships with Seamstresses, Tailors, the Craft stores to offer classes at the center for \$5 to \$10.
489. Passive park use for walking and exercising
490. Performance/theatre arts
491. Perhaps more nature learning/walks
492. Piano lessons
493. Picnic shelters that are available without a charge. For example, the covered picnic shelter on the west end of the Harriet Island park space is always locked. I have never seen it in use during the week, only on weekends. The picnic tables nearby are in full sun so are virtually unusable on a hot, sunny day. Seems like a waste.
494. Please buy land at the Ford Development and build soccer fields with a concessions/restroom facility where our growing immigrant youth populations can play.
495. Please offer some programming for young kids ON WEEKENDS! It's silly that we are shut out of so much simply because we work full time and don't want to keep our 2-year-old up until

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8:30 at night on weekdays.

I would also like to see more investment in access for disadvantaged groups, instead of fees at "public" facilities that are too high to be affordable for families in most of St. Paul.

496. Pre school programs
497. Pre-school activities/classes that would be available evenings and weekends, rather than only during the day.
498. pre-school and youth gymnastics and team sports, adult yoga, community gatherings, seasonal celebrations, movies in the park/rec center
499. Pre-school programs
500. Preschool dance and art
501. Preschool Dance with a Good teacher & good plan, not been good since Miss Amy left!
502. Programming at Griggs Rec Center
503. Programs and open gym for toddlers and preschoolers
504. Programs for 13+ yrs olds, programs seem to stop at that age for teens.
505. Programs for kids from toddlers to 5 year old during the weekDAY i.e. mornings / mid-day. More sports other than football. Stop privileging football over all other sports! So sick of that.
506. Programs for lower functioning autistics.
507. Programs for Seniors
508. programs for teens other than sports. There was no mention of Como Zoo in the survey. It is the most used Parks amenity by our family and we would highly prioritize investment in it.
509. Programs for young children, to get families back to our center
510. programs the whole family can enjoy
511. Promote speed skating, figure skating, hockey. Kids need more reasons to get out of the house. The warming houses should not be closed when it is cold outside. Kids and adults should have space to play a game of cards or other game with family and friends.
512. Puppetry shows and puppet making
513. Ramp Up Pawnee
514. Rec check at Northwest Como
515. restroom at the playground, summer lunch program in neighborhood
516. ReUpholstery lessons
517. Revitalize the skiing at Phalen Golf course and make it similar to Como. Have winter programs at more than one site.
518. Right now, our needs are served by other entities (public schools, Community Ed). But in the future I can imagine needing seniors programming (sports, wellness).
519. Robotics, Fitness,
520. Safe bike riding
521. Safe environment with loosely structured low-cost, drop-in activities for youth during out of school-time with senior focus during days.
522. sailboat rental
523. Salads & wraps on menu at swimming pools
524. Science programs, sculpting, ceramics!
525. Science/engineering, yoga, gymnastics programs on the EAST side. Youth soccer more often!
526. See my previous request for outdoor handball courts. With courts, programs could be developed to promote and stimulate this life-long activity.
527. See response to #7
528. Self Defense Classes, More Athletic Type Programs for Adults, Cooking

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529. Senior exercise programs in the afternoon
530. Services: prompt removal of debris from under raspberry island bridge to avoid unsightly accumulation that is costly to remove and impedes water travel, more monitoring of Harriet island and raspberry island at night to maintain safety. Theft and loud mufflers have become a big problem this year, making these lovely park areas much less attractive to the public.
531. Services: Safety at City Parks; nature programs, music/performances, preschool free play, after school programs, family programs; more cooperation with school (public, charter, parochial, private). I believe Parks staff think they are doing a better job than they could be doing. The administration is out of touch with their staff and the community.
532. Sewing
533. Sewing for kids
534. Shuttle buses from neighborhoods
535. Simply: Better youth sports on better-maintained fields and a safe Crosby Park
536. Skateboard camp
537. Skateboard Park at Cherokee Park
538. Skateboarding lessons, hockey lessons, ice skating lessons...
539. Snow making for cross country skiing
540. Snow-making at Battle Creek
541. Soccer youth and teen
542. Social Dancing lessons/groups for adults
543. Social. latin and ballroom dance classes and dances; belly-dance classes; poetry and literature classes, poetry readings and events; painting, drawing, and other arts classes;
544. Specific times for teens/older kids to come do activities in the rec centers, and events that the whole family can do.
545. Spiritual/meditation, NO high school sports
546. Splash Pad at Palace Community Center. More/varied adult fitness classes. Also - more skills development classes - knitting, woodworking, basic car maintenance, etc.
547. Splash pad for the kids
548. splash pads
549. Splash pads
550. Splash pads and fountains; more off-leash dog parks, especially agility training facilities; universally accessible playgrounds; theater for kids
551. Splash pads, more outdoor basketball courts
552. Sports and other programs for teens, age 13-17
553. St Paul
554. St Paul Community Ed offer nice walking tours and classes, is this partnership unofficial or included in Park and Rec program planning?
555. Star gazing.
556. STEM programs for kids, dog park(s).
557. Stranger Danger, first aid training
558. Students need help developing respectful behavior. Their parents don't seem to be able to help with this... sad.
559. Stuff to keep children busy / off-leash dog park.
560. summer programming for teenagers and jobs
561. Summer youth programs
562. Supervised activities and more positions for recleader jobs
563. Swim / Lifeguard training (it may already be offered); Vinyasa Yoga (yoga is offered).
564. swim classes

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565. Swim lessons, preschool programs
566. Swimming lessons
567. swimming pools or those water pads
568. Swimming, children's programs
569. T-Ball, Swimming, Golf, Skiing
570. Teen yoga, meditation and more teen classes offered, particularly in the summer when they need structure.
571. tennis leagues or get togethers; volleyball
572. the ability to maintain existing facilities, not go beyond purpose of that
573. The classes are good, it is the time that is difficult when you have children and are trying to organize schedules.
574. The FREE exercise classes are great!
575. The hours are terrible. Why in the world are the rec centers closed on Sunday and Saturdays. During the week 9-5 is great for little kids and seniors, if you want to engage the rest of us please consider opening on the weekends so we can meet friends to play basketball or use the gym.
576. The older Rec Centers need a face lift. The staff works so hard but there is only so much they can do.
577. The park director needs to be responsive, and accountable to the citizens...and in past 15 years, they have chosen not to care about the poor neighborhoods of st. Paul; just Highland Golf Course
578. The rec center programming isn't convenient for someone who works full time.
579. The summer camps actually happening (often cancelled without notice).
580. Theater for kids
581. There is a good amount of offerings right now.
582. They offer more than we have time for! We love our new palace rec center!
583. Toddler / preschool programs. Also Zumba and yoga.
584. Toddler open gym time on the weekend
585. Traditional arts, music, and crafts.
586. trail grooming of cross country ski trails, weather permitting
587. Trail running/hiking, etc.
588. Tweets classes- scrapbook inch, cooking. After school homework help.
589. Ultimate Frisbee, programs for high school youth
590. Unicycling, ways for individuals to unite to do things together without costs such as walking, running, biking clubs, nature tours more often
591. unsure
592. Upgrade the bike path on Miss. River Blvd. Also offer one going north.
593. Upgrades to the HPCC athletic fields, tennis and basketball courts and playground equipment.
594. Visual and fine arts
595. volleyball, basketball, softball (not traveling)
596. Volunteer city lakes clean up.
597. Volunteer opportunities to help take care of our parks
598. Volunteer programs for invasive plant removal and native plant re-introduction
599. Voter Registration
600. walking club learn to knit crochet garden tips. High school age activities non sports team.
601. Walking club?
602. walking clubs during the evening

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603. Walking groups, book groups
604. water exercise
605. We are a licensed child care so we look for the children's programs during the day.
606. We are far enough away and have other option in our city so we only plan to take advantage of Como Pool.
607. We are thrilled by the variety of programs offered. We encourage the City to continue its wonderful and strong efforts to make all programs accessible, not just through scholarships and publicity, but also through transportation.
608. We have done some after school programs at Groveland in the past, but only if they are of interest - tennis and an arts camp in the 2014/2015 school year but nothing caught our interest last school year.
609. We need soccer fields!! These are great because they can be cross-purposed with other sports/activities. Please get rid of the antiquated, unused baseball in-fields. It's ridiculous! No one wants to play on hard clay!! You can't use it for anything other than baseball or softball! What a waste of space! Also, increase the budget for proper field maintenance, Fields of knot weed is not acceptable, either.
610. We would like to see more and better maintained soccer fields.
611. web page showing week/month events..and showing if participant openings.
612. weekly swim lessons; this is the second summer we had to skip swim lessons because we couldn't find a two week block that our daughter was free that lined up with the two week blocks of lessons offered at Como. Would be great if you could sign up for a week at a time.
613. Weight training for adults through the ages, even more importantly update the aerobic equipment at Jimmy Lee and North Dale rec. Centers (cross trainers are very old and not enough at Jimmy Lee, recumbent bikes don't work well, would also like to see a personal trainer that members could hire for reasonable costs at both centers). Also, maintain the equipment better!
614. windsurfing classes and rentals, skateboard parks that connect to paths
615. wish Joy Laine had larger space for her yoga classes. I stopped going because they were too crowded.
616. Would weight watchers be an option? Also, the Special Olympics Youth programs need space.
617. Writing, drawing, book group programs for teenagers.
618. yoga
619. yoga
620. yoga
621. Yoga
622. Yoga
623. Yoga and t'ai chi in fall/winter/spring. Bird-watching walks, year round.
624. yoga in the park at Phalen...
625. Yoga in the park is super cool and we'd love to see stuff like that more often.

St Paul bike trails need better maintenance and connections, especially the 35-E trail

626. yoga, group bike outings
627. Yoga, Pilates and other relaxation activities
628. You guys do great with programs. Can't think of any programs that would be necessary / useful to add.
629. You offer a lot, but it's more a matter of offering more free programs with more variation in scheduling. For example, summer programs are currently most fitting for parents with flexible schedules who can transport their children to and from 1-3 hour activities. Need even more

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programs, with out of school learning structure for at least 6 hours. Need more cultural enrichment programs too. Maybe solicit program ideas and help from community partners.

- 630. Youth and child yoga class
- 631. Youth and teen programs
- 632. youth arts classes (ceramics, painting, cooking, dance - but a more updated + all genders style of dance classes, nit traditional girls' ballet as only offering.)
- 633. Youth arts, dance, computer classes, civic engagement
- 634. Youth athletics, open gym time for youth
- 635. Youth athletics.
- 636. Youth baseball
- 637. youth basketball
- 638. Youth bike clubs/groups
- 639. Youth fitness
- 640. Youth softball offered on the West side neighborhood (Local, Non-travelling team)
- 641. Youth sport programs
- 642. Youth sports
- 643. Youth Sports played at Conway.
- 644. youth sports/clubs
- 645. Youth Wrestling
- 646. Zumba / aerobics

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Question 15: Which City Parks/Recreation Centers do you and members of your household visit most often?

1. A lot of them hayden heights(which we love) Arlington , Phalen Battle Creek just to name a few
2. A lot. It varies.
3. ahcc
4. Aldine park, Dunning, Hillcrest, others in Merriam Park/Highland/MacGrove
5. All Regional parks
6. All the spots along the river, Highland pool
7. Arlington
8. Arlington Arkwright Dog Park.
9. Arlington Heights
10. Arlington Heights
11. Arlington Hills
12. Arlington Hills
13. Arlington Hills
14. Arlington Hills
15. Arlington Hills
Eastside Heritage
Wilder
Duluth Case
16. Arlington Hills and Wellstone Center
17. Arlington Hills Community Center
18. Arlington Hills, Lake Phalen
19. Arlington hills, Newell park, Aldine park, rice street rec, north dale rec.
20. Arlington Hills, Phalen
21. Arlington Hills, Wilder Park, Swede Hollow Park, Como Park, Lake Phalen, Bruce Vento trail, Mears Park, Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary, Martin Luther King Rec Center, Arlington Hills Rec Center, Battle Creek Regional Park
22. Arlington Hills, Wilder, Phalen
23. Arlington Off-leash Park, Highland park, Central Village park, Boyd Park, Harriet Island.
24. Arlington Payne and Maryland
25. Arlington Rec & Phalen Rec
26. Arlington rec center
27. Arlington rec Center
28. Arlington Rec. center, Phalen and Como, Lake Elmo Park Reserve
29. Arlington, Hayden Heights, Phalen
30. Baker Park
31. Baker Rec, Highland Park and CC, Crosby, Prospect park, St. Clair Rec
32. Baker, Cherokee, harriet
33. Baker, Como, Cherokee and Riverview.
34. Batte creek and phalen
35. Battle Creek
36. Battle Creek
37. Battle Creek
38. Battle Creek
39. Battle Creek
40. Battle Creek Conway
41. Battle creek (but not the building) i go there for skiing, hiking and walking; Como - for skiing and I do go in the center there cause I bring people there to rent skis. I go to phalen for walking, biking , swimming and kayak rental. I walk, bike, ski or hike the lilydale trail 2-3 X/ week. I cant wait until the brickyard trail is opened!
42. Battle Creek & Como
43. Battle Creek although Conway is closest to our home.
44. Battle Creek and Jimmy Lee
45. Battle Creek Area

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46. Battle Creek Area
47. Battle Creek Comm, Maplewood Comm, Como Park
48. Battle Creek Dog Park, Conway park
49. Battle creek Oxford Conway Linkwood central
50. Battle Creek Park
51. Battle Creek Park
52. Battle Creek Park in St. Paul, smaller city parks in St. Paul such as Boyd Park, Summit Ave Park, Como Park
53. Battle creek rec
54. Battle Creek Rec and Park, Indian Mounds Park, Old Margaret Rec Center that got bulldozed. Dayton's Bluff, Conway Rec Park
55. Battle Creek Rec Center, Como Park
56. Battle Creek Rec Center. Battle Creek Regional Park (Water Park, Dog Park, Walking Trails, Bike Trails). Crosby Farm Regional Park. Como Regional Park. But we also leave the city to visit parks in Woodbury (Lookout Ridge Indoor Park), Minneapolis (Minnehaha Park, Lake Hiawatha Park/Splashpad), and Stillwater (Teddy Bear Park).
57. Battle Creek Recreation Center
58. Battle Creek Regional Park
59. Battle Creek Regional Park, Dunning.
60. Battle Creek Regional Park, Maryland Ave and Highbridge Offleash dog parks, Highland Community Rec Center, Hidden Falls, and Mississippi River Blvd
61. Battle Creek, Como Park
62. Battle Creek, como park, upper landing
63. Battle Creek, Conway, Samuel Morgan Trail
64. Battle Creek, Crosby Farm
65. Battle Creek, Crosby, open green space
66. Battle Creek, Harriet Island, Crosby/Hidden Falls
67. Battle Creek, Highland Park, Edgcumbe
68. Battle Creek, Lake Phalen
69. Battle Creek, Mississippi River near downtown St. Paul, both sides of river
70. Battle Creek, trails along the Mississippi, Conway Rec Center (soccer fields)
71. Battle Creek; Jimmy Lee/Oxford Rec Center; Mississippi River trail;
72. BattleCreek,MoundsPark,McDonough,MartinLK,HarrietIsld.
73. Beaver Lake Park
74. Beltrami
75. Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary, Como Woodland Outdoor Classroom, Crosby and Hidden Falls Regional Parks.
76. Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary, Swede Hollow Park
77. Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary, Trout Brook Nature Canctury, Crosby, Hidden Falls, Como
78. Carty, Jimmy Lee, Tot Lot, playground next to Y on Selby, playground next to Obama elementary
79. Central Square Community Center
80. Chelsea heights
81. Cherokee and Como, pool, park, zoo, concervatory--all of it.
82. Cherokee Heights, Como, Oxford
83. Cherokee Park
84. cherokee park
85. Cherokee Park / Edgcumbe Rec Center / Linwood Rec Center
86. Cherokee park, Harriet island
87. Cherokee Park, Lake Phalen
88. Cherokee Park, Prospect Park, Baker Community Center.
89. Cherokee, Baker, Crosby/Hidden Falls, Lilydale, Smith Ave dog park, various walking and biking trails
90. Cherokee, Highland Aquatic
91. Cherrokee
92. Clean ones. If the,sand isn't clean, we leave
93. Cochran park, Nathan Hale, Summit overlook, mcquillan park

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94. College Park, Langford Park, Como Park/Pool/Zoo, McMurray Fields, Monkey Island
95. Como
96. Como
97. Como
98. Como
99. como
100. Como
101. como
102. Como
103. Como
104. Como
105. Como
106. Como
107. Como
108. Como
109. Como
110. Como
111. como
112. Como
113. Como
114. Como
115. Como
116. Como
117. Como
118. Como
119. Como
120. Como (zoo, pool, playground, outdoor classroom), Griggs, Phalen, Hidden Falls, Crosby, Horton, Orchard, Newell, Hancock
121. Como & Cherokee
122. Como & North Dale
123. Como and Edgcumbe
124. Como and Frogtown Farm
125. Como and Hazel Rec centers and Como Park. Also use Rio Vista, Martin Luther King, Battle Creek during sports.
126. Como and Jimmy Lee. We also visit a variety of the centers when our daughter participates in soccer and volleyball.
127. Como and phalen
128. Como Area facilities
129. Como area, Little Bohemia area
130. Como daily, prospect, Harriet island
131. Como Lake
132. como lake
133. Como Lake and Oxford Rec Center
134. Como lake area.
135. Como Lake, North Dale Rec Center
136. Como Park
137. Como park
138. Como Park
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144. Como Park
145. Como Park
146. Como Park

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147. Como Park
148. Como park
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152. Como Park
153. Como Park
154. Como park
155. Como Park
156. Como Park
157. Como Park
158. Como park
159. Como Park
160. Como Park (daily), Como Pool, Highland Pool, Langford Park, movies in the park at various locations, Rice Park, Linwood, Mears,
161. Como park & zoo
162. Como Park and Conservatory. I am spoiled by them, and by the offerings at the Como Pavilion. The Dockside Cafe is a bonus. ;-)
163. Como Park and Lake, Lilydale, bike paths
164. Como Park and McMurray fields
165. Como Park and pool, Highland Aquatics Center, Oxford pool
166. Como Park and Pool.
167. Como park rice park North dale rec center
168. Como Park, Ingerson Park, Lake Josephine and Lake Judy
169. Como Park, Central Park, Battle Creek park.
170. Como park, como pool, como zoo
171. Como Park, Crosby Farms, Highland Park
172. Como Park, Edgcumbe, Jimmy Lee, Palace, McMurray
173. Como Park, Griggs Park, Hamline Park, Newell Park, River Road bike trails
174. Como Park, Griggs, North Dale
175. Como Park, Groveland Rec Center, Battle Creek Rec Center
176. Como Park, Hancock Rec Center
177. Como Park, Harriet Island, Lilydale Park, Linwood Rec Center
178. Como Park, Hillcrest Rec Center
179. Como park, HPCC
180. Como Park, Jimmy Lee Rec Center/Oxford
181. Como park, Langford park
182. Como Park, Lilydale Park, Crosby Farm Park
183. Como Park, Linwood Rec Center, North Dale Rec Center
184. Como park, Linwood skate rink, my neighborhood green spaces because there isn't a Rec center near me. ,
185. Como Park, Marydale, Battle Creek
186. Como Park, mostly. We go out of the city to visit Lake Elmo Regional Park. We've gone to outdoor concerts at Hamline Park. We've biked and jogged and caught Pokemon in the parks, too.
187. Como Park, Nathan Hale Park, Holly Tot Lot, Cochran Park, Lookout Park, Mears, Rice, Wacounta Commons, Harriet Island, McQuillan, and more...
188. Como park, North Dale Center
189. Como Park, North Dale Park, Oxford Community Center
190. Como Park, North Dale Rec Center, Orchard Park
191. Como park, North Dale, Jimmy Lee, Northwest Como, Orchard
192. Como Park, North Dale, Northwest Como, Highland Pool, Como Pool, Harriet Island, Great River, Crosby Farm and Hidden Falls.
193. Como Park, NorthDale and McMurray
194. Como Park, Northwest Como Rec Center
195. Como Park, Northwest Como Rec center, McMurray Fields

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196. Como park, NW
197. Como Park, NW Como Rec Center, North Dale Rec Center
198. Como Park, Orchard Park, Hidden Falls, Harriet Island
199. Como Park, Orchard Rec Center, Northwest Como/Chelsea Heights Rec Center, Langford Park Rec Center, North Dale Rec Center
200. Como Park, Oxford Pool, and Newell Park
201. Como Park, Oxford Rec, Trout Creek trail, Lilydale Park trails, Battle Creek, Snail Lake, Long Lake, Bruce Vento Trails, North Dale Rec.
202. Como Park, Stinson Park, Dale Rec, Highland Park
203. Como Park; Crosby Farm Park and Hidden Falls
204. Como Park; Marydale Park.
205. Como Park; North Dale; Como Swimming Pool
206. Como park. Northdale
207. Como Pool
208. Como pool, Great River pool/rec, Crosby Farm, Griggs, Horton
209. Como Pool, North Dale, Northwest Como
210. Como Pool, various playgrounds throughout Saint Paul, Conway Rec Center
211. Como Regional Park
212. Como Regional Park
213. Como regional park
214. Como Regional Park
215. Como Regional Park; Northwest Como Rec Center
216. Como regional, Langford, home croft, north dale rec, highland, hidden falls.
217. Como Regional, Trout Brook Sanctuary.
218. Como Zoo/Conservatory
219. Como, Como Rec, North Dale
220. Como, Battle Creek, Linwood
221. Como, BattleCreek
222. Como, Chelsea Heights Rec Center
223. Como, Cherokee Heights, Baker, Harriet Island, Battle Creek
224. Como, dog parks
225. Como, Dunning, Jimmy Lee, Hague Tot Lot
226. Como, Harriet Island, we use a lot of bike trails and walking trails.
227. Como, Highland Park, Oxford community center, great river park,
228. Como, Highland pool, Jimmy Lee center/Oxford, Phalen, Crosby Farms, Groveland, various trails, neighborhood parks.
229. Como, Highland, Great River Water Park
230. Como, Highland, Linwood, Phalen, Crosby Farm, River Rd., Hidden Falls
231. como, horton, griggs - there is no rec center in my neighborhood
232. Como, Langford, College Park
233. Como, Linwood, Crosby
234. Como, Mary Dale, phalen, north Dale, Edgecumbe
235. Como, McMurray, Dunning, Arlington Dog , Phalen
236. Como, Merriam Park, Langford
237. Como, Merriam Park.
238. Como, Merriam, Hillcrest, Groveland, Desnoyer, Mattocks, Langford, North Dale
239. Como, Mississippi River Blvd, Groveland Rec Center, Crosby, Mattocks Park,
240. Como, mounds, all river edge parks
241. Como, mounds, all river edge parks
242. Como, Newell, Phalen, Hidden Falls
243. Como, Nokomis, Harriet, Hidden Falls
244. Como, North Dale
245. Como, North Dale, Great River
246. Como, North Dale, Griggs, Orchard
247. Como, northwest, dale
248. Como, NW Como Rec Center, N. Dale Rec Center

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- 249. Como, Palace Community Center
- 250. Como, Phalen
- 251. Como, Phalen
- 252. Como, Phalen
- 253. Como, Phalen
- 254. Como, Phalen
- 255. Como, Phalen, Crosby Farm, Oxford Community Center, High Bridge Dog Park
- 256. Como, Phalen, Keller, Gateway Trail, Bruce Vento Trail, Bruce Vento Sanctuary
- 257. Como, Phalen, Saint Paul River walk, Duluth Case playground, Palen Corridor, Dayton's Bluff, Smallparks along Phalen Corridor.
- 258. Como, places I can kayak, places I can bike - not indoor facilities
- 259. Como, Rice, Mears, Mounds
- 260. Como, Summit
- 261. Como; St. Anthony (Pilates Class); Highland Park 9 Hole
- 262. Como. Hidden falls
- 263. Como/Northwest Como
- 264. Conway (not run by city anymore, but you still own the land there, I think), and Hazel Park
- 265. Conway. Battle Creek, Dayton's Bluff
- 266. Crosby & Hidden falls
- 267. Crosby & Hidden Falls
- 268. Crosby Farm
- 269. Crosby Farm Park
- 270. Crosby Farm Park, Mattocks Park, Swede Hollow
- 271. Crosby Farm Park, Mears Park (primarily music performances)
- 272. Crosby farm regional park
- 273. Crosby Farm, Hidden Falls, Highland Picnic Pavilion (not sure if that's the name)
- 274. Crosby Farm/Hidden Falls, Edgumbe
- 275. Crosby Farms, Lilydale
- 276. Crosby hidden falls. Highland pool
- 277. Crosby Park, Highland Community Center
- 278. Crosby Park, Victoria Park, Highland Park, Como Park
- 279. Crosby, Como, Como Pool, Jimmy Lee Rec Center, Highland Pool, Highland golf course,
- 280. Crosby, Hidden Falls, Linwood, Palace
- 281. Crosby, Mattocks, Highland Park Library / Hillcrest, Harriet Island, Hidden Falls
- 282. Crosby, Phalen
- 283. Crosby. Hidden Falls.
- 284. Crosby. Hillcrest Rec & Library
- 285. Dale Rec Center, and Jimmy Lee Rec Center (swimming in the winter)
- 286. Dayton's Bluff
- 287. Dayton's Bluff
- 288. Dayton's Bluff
- 289. Dayton's Bluff Rec and Como Pool
- 290. Dayton's Bluff Rec Center, Battle Creek Rec Center
- 291. Dayton's Bluff/ Arlington/ Hayden Heights
- 292. Desnoyer
- 293. Desnoyer Park
- 294. Desnoyer Park, Merriam Park, Highland Park, Como Park
- 295. Disc golf courses and bike trails
- 296. dodge nature center in west st paul
- 297. DON'T KNOW
- 298. Douglas Park
- 299. Douglas Park, Hillcrest
- 300. Driftwood, Silverwood,
- 301. Duluth & Case
- 302. Duluth & Case, Phalen

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- 303. Duluth & Case, Phalen Lake
- 304. Duluth and Case Rec Center
- 305. Duluth and Case Recreation Center, Phalen Regional Park, Bruce Vento Nature Area, Como Park
- 306. Duluth and Case, Battle Creek, Hazel Park
- 307. Duluth/Case, Phalen, Como
- 308. Duluth&Case, Phalen Ctr & Regonal, Como
- 309. Dunning Field, Cherokee Park, Harriet Island
- 310. Dunning Fields, Linwood Rec, Raspberry Island, Kellogg Park, CHS Field
- 311. Dunning, Hague Tot Lot, Jimmy Lee
- 312. dunning, jimmy lee, mlk
- 313. Dunning, Jimmy Lee/Oxford.
- 314. Dunning, Merriam Part
- 315. east area parks
- 316. East side. Conway/Haden Heights
- 317. East View Playground
- 318. Eastview
- 319. Eastview, Crosby, Hidden Falls, Battle Creek
- 320. Edgcumbe
- 321. Edgcumbe
- 322. Edgcumbe
- 323. Edgcumbe
- 324. Edgcumbe
- 325. Edgcumbe
- 326. Edgcumbe
- 327. Edgcumbe and Highland
- 328. Edgcumbe and Highland Park
- 329. Edgcumbe and Linwood
- 330. Edgcumbe and Linwood and highland
- 331. Edgcumbe highland and Merriam Park
- 332. Edgcumbe is our neighborhood rec center. We have also visited Linwood, Highland, and West 7th.
- 333. Edgcumbe Rec Center
- 334. Edgcumbe rec center
- 335. Edgcumbe Rec Center, Highland Rec Center, Linwood Rec Center
- 336. Edgcumbe Rec Center, Linwood Rec Center, Hamline, Griggs, Como, Como Pool, Highland park.
- 337. Edgcumbe Rec, Hidden Falls, Highland Park, Maddox Park, Como Park, Sylvan Park, Both Summit Parks, Linwood Rec.
- 338. Edgcumbe Rec; Edgcumbe South (Highland Park Picnic Shelter); Mattocks Park
- 339. Edgcumbe,
- 340. Edgcumbe, Battle Creek, North Dale, Oxford-Jimmy Lee El Rio Vista Rec Centers; Cherokee and Como Parks
- 341. Edgcumbe, groveland
- 342. Edgcumbe, Groveland, Crosby and Great River Water Park
- 343. Edgcumbe, Groveland, Highland
- 344. Edgcumbe, Groveland, Mattocks, highland park
- 345. Edgcumbe, Hidden Falls, Como
- 346. Edgcumbe, Hidden Falls, Minnehaha Falls,
- 347. Edgcumbe, highland, groveland elementary (skating), and hidden falls (not as much though, due to its anonymous sex-hookup reputation)
- 348. Edgcumbe, Highland, Mattocks
- 349. edgcumbe, linwood, highland
- 350. Edgcumbe, Linwood, Highland
- 351. Edgcumbe, Oxford, Highland, summit overlook (fitness)
- 352. Edgcumbe; Maddocks; Mississippi River bike trails; Holly Tot Lot; Highland Park

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- 353. Edgcomb Rec Center
- 354. Edgcombe
- 355. Edgcome
- 356. Edgcomb
- 357. Edgcomb, Hillcrest and Groveland.
- 358. Edgcumbe
- 359. Edgcumbe
- 360. Edgcumbe
- 361. Edgcumbe
- 362. Edgcumbe
- 363. Edgcumbe and Como
- 364. Edgcumbe and North dale rec
- 365. Edgcumbe and Palace
- 366. Edgcumbe Hillcrest Highland Pool Oxford Pool Hidden Falls Homecroft
- 367. Edgcumbe park & community center, Como Park, Highland Pool, Hidden Falls, Lake Phalen
- 368. Edgcumbe Rec Center
- 369. Edgcumbe Rec Center, Highland and Como pools
- 370. Edgcumbe, Crosby Park, Hidden Falls, Como, Highland Pool
- 371. Edgcumbe, High Bridge Dog Park, Mattocks Park
- 372. Edgcumbe, Highland Park, Groveland
- 373. Edgcumbe, Langford, Palace, Highland
- 374. Edgcumbe, Linwood
- 375. Edgcumbe, Linwood and Highland. Sometimes North Dale.
- 376. Edgcumbe/Highland
- 377. Edgcumbe/Jimmy Lee/ North Dale/ Northwest Como Centers- Cherokee and Highland parks
- 378. El rio , baker
- 379. El Rio Vista
- 380. El Rio Vista and Arlington Recreation Centers, Cherokee Park, Mears Park, paths/trails along the river.
- 381. El Rio Vista, Baker Playground, Harriet Island, Cherokee Park, Minnehaha, McMurray, Oxford, Rice Arlington Sports Complex,
- 382. El Rio Vista, North Dale, MLK, Jimmy Lee
- 383. El Rio, Linwood, Baker
- 384. El Rio. But more NEIGHBORHOOD centers should be available. Kids cannot safely walk to El Rio from West Side area.
- 385. Elementary, Junior and Senior High education enhancement
- 386. Entertainment - music venues
- 387. For work, I visit all of them
- 388. Furness Parkway
- 389. Great River water park, North West Como, North Dale
- 390. Great River, Highland Pool, Como Pool, Cherokee Park
- 391. Great Rivers, Highland, Homecroft Tennis Courts
- 392. Griggs park near Griggs/Hewitt.
- 393. Griggs Park, Como Regional Park.
- 394. Griggs, Chelsea heights, Langford
- 395. Griggs, Como pool
- 396. Griggs, Stinson
- 397. Groveland
- 398. Groveland
- 399. Groveland
- 400. Groveland
- 401. Groveland and Edgcumbe
- 402. Groveland and Highland
- 403. Groveland and Minnehaha

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- 404. groveland park
- 405. Groveland Park and Orchard
- 406. Groveland S'more Fun (summer kid care); Highland Pool
- 407. groveland, como
- 408. Groveland, Como, Edgcumbe
- 409. Groveland, Hidden Falls, bike trails, Como
- 410. Groveland, Highland Park, Como, Orchard
- 411. Groveland, Highland, Como, ..and the ?District? Parks on the river, like Hidden Falls
- 412. Groveland, Highland, Jimmy Lee,
- 413. Groveland, Highland, Jimmy Lee/Oxford
- 414. Groveland, Highland, Mississippi River Walk/Bike trail
- 415. Groveland, Mattocks, Hidden Falls, Minnehaha Falls Dog Park, Hillcrest, Highland
Library/Rec Center, HGRA Soccer Fields across from CDH
- 416. Groveland, Merriam Park
- 417. Groveland, McMurry fields, R and A, Hidden falls, Crosby, MRB overlooks, Highbridge
dog park, Sam Morgan trail, Cherokee park, Bruce Vento, Lillydale park, Harriette island.
- 418. Groveland/Hillcrest/Desnoyer/Merriam/Linwood
- 419. Hamline Hancock since Griggs closed.
- 420. hamline park and jimmy lee
- 421. Hamline Park, Como park
- 422. Hamline park, hamline recreation center
- 423. Hamline Park, Hancock Rec, Jimmy Lee
- 424. Hamline Park, Newell Park, Hancock Rec
- 425. Hamline, Como, Orchard,
- 426. Hamline, newell, battle creek dog park
- 427. Hamline/Midway neighborhood
- 428. Hancock
- 429. Hancock
- 430. Hancock / Highland
- 431. Hancock and Highland Community center
- 432. Hancock Rec
Hamline Playground
Como Park
Newell Park
- 433. Hancock rec center after school program. Great program but the facility is unacceptable
in terms of repair and investment
- 434. Hancock Rec Center, Como Park
- 435. Hancock Rec Center; Battle Creek Dog Park
- 436. Hancock Rec, Newell Park, Hamline Park
- 437. Hancock, dale, como, highland golf
- 438. hancock, north dale,
- 439. Hancock, NWC, Langford, Griggs, North Dale
- 440. Hancock/Jimmy Lee/Highland Pool/Como Pool/Edgecumbe Rec
- 441. Harriet Island
- 442. Harriet Island
- 443. Harriet Island
- 444. Harriet island
- 445. Harriet island regional park and lily dale park.
- 446. Harriet Island, Cherokee park
- 447. Harriet Island, Como, North Dale, Sylvan
- 448. Harriet Island, Como, Phalen, Lilydale
- 449. Harriet Island, Crosby, Pike, Como Park
- 450. Harriet Island, El Rio Vista, Como Park, Cherokee Park, Phalen
- 451. Harriet island, El Rio, Baker, Cherokee, Prospect,
- 452. Harriet Island, Lilydale, Cherokee, Raspberry Island, Linwood, Bruce Vento, El Rio Vista,
Battle Creek

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- 453. Harriet Island, Upper Landing
- 454. HARRIETT ISLAND REGIONAL PARK, MEIRS PARK
- 455. Hayden Heights
- 456. hayden heights
- 457. Hayden heights
- 458. Hayden Heights
- 459. Hayden Heights and Battle Creek
- 460. Hayden Heights and Hazel Park
- 461. Hayden Heights and Phalen Park and Lake.
- 462. Hayden Heights and Prosperity Heights
- 463. Hayden Heights Recreation Center. Phalen parks and rec.center. phalen lake park.
- 464. Hayden heights, phalen
- 465. Hayden Heights, Phalen, Prosperity Heights
- 466. Hayden Hts.
- 467. Hayes Community Center, Apple Valley, MN
- 468. Hazel Park
- 469. Hazel park
- 470. HAZEL PARK OR BATTLE CREEK
- 471. Hazel Park, Rice, Keller Lake, Lake Phalen
- 472. Hidden Falls
- 473. hidden Falls Como Highland Community
- 474. Hidden Falls Regional Park, Highland Recreation Center
- 475. Hidden Falls, bike trails, trails along Mississippi River, Como, Highland Pool
- 476. Hidden Falls, Crosby Farm, Como, Highland Community Center/Library
- 477. Hidden Falls, Crosby Farm, River Blvd/Shephard Rd Trail
- 478. Hidden falls. Newell
- 479. High Bridge Dog Park, Mattocks Park, Como Park, golf courses
- 480. Highland
- 481. Highland
- 482. Highland
- 483. Highland
- 484. highland
- 485. Highland
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- 496. Highland
- 497. Highland - but I haven't used it much at all.
- 498. Highland and Groveland
- 499. Highland area rec centers
- 500. Highland area: Hidden Falls, Crosby, Como Lake, Highland Rec But we make a point to travel to visit many of the parks and libraries in St Paul - Battle Creek, St Anthony, Cherokee, Harriet Island, downtown St Paul walking/bike trail next to river
- 501. Highland Community Center
- 502. Highland Community Center
- 503. Highland Community Center, Mattocks Park and Outdoor Pools
- 504. Highland Community Center; Highland Park and Highland Golf Courses
- 505. Highland como pool, como park, groveland rec center. soccer fields, aldine, merriam park
- 506. Highland Mac Groveland parks

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507. Highland or Groveland
508. Highland Park
509. Highland Park
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515. Highland Park
516. Highland Park
517. Highland Park
518. Highland Park
519. Highland Park (Hillcrest)
520. Highland Park (hillcrest)
521. Highland park (with small open pavillion), Hidden Falls, Battle Creek Dog Park
522. Highland Park / Palace
523. Highland Park and Edgecumbe rec center
524. Highland Park and MacGrove
525. Highland park aquatic center, Oxford, Linwood, como
526. highland park area- all of them
527. Highland Park CC
528. Highland Park Community Center
529. Highland Park Community Center
530. Highland Park Community Center
531. Highland Park Community Center
532. Highland Park Community Center, Hidden Falls, Crosby Farm
533. Highland park community center, mattocks park, edgecumbe Rec center, Linwood rec center, Crosby park
534. Highland park on Snelling, highland comm center, homecroft (which, technically isn't even a park but it's the closest to me... But my kids have to cross a 4 lane divided street/off ramp to get there). My kids have also found glass multiple times in the sand at homecroft and reported it and nothing has been done.
535. Highland Park outdoor pool / Oxford Pool
536. Highland park rec center
537. Highland Park Rec Center, Groveland Rec Center, Edgecumbe Rec Center, Highland Park
538. Highland Park Rec Center, Groveland, Edgecumbe,
539. Highland Park Rec Ctr
540. Highland Park Rec, Highland Park pool
541. Highland Park, Crosby, Hidden Falls, Mattocks
542. Highland Park, Edgcumbe, Palace and Groveland
543. Highland Park, Edgecumbe, Groveland
544. Highland Park, Hancock
545. Highland Park, Hidden Falls, Crosby Farms
546. Highland Park, Jimmy Lee
547. Highland Park, Mac Groveland, Edgecumbe
548. Highland Park, Mattocks, Edgecumbe, Groveland, Oxford, plus Ford Fields (little league) and several softball fields in the area (adult softball), plus Highland National and Highland 9 golf courses. Also the park/green space at Highland Park Elementary and Horace Mann schools are frequented by our kids and many others in the neighborhood so to build over these with school additions would be completely irresponsible by the SPPS.
549. Highland Park; Hillcrest Community Center; Merriam Park; Como Park;
550. highland pool
551. Highland Pool
552. Highland Pool - Como pool - McMurray - Merriam - Battle Creek - Conway
553. Highland pool, Groveland

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554. Highland pool, Groveland rink, highland Nordic skiing, Crosby farm,
555. Highland pool, Groveland rink, highland Nordic skiing, Crosby farm,
556. Highland pool. Highland community center.
557. Highland Rec Center
558. Highland Rec Center
559. Highland Rec Center, Highland Pool, Como Park and Pool, Groveland Rec Center,
Minnihaha park, the all abilities park, we also use the library system extensively
560. Highland Rec Center, Highland Pool, Highland Park, Groveland Rec Center, Mattocks
Park, Como Park
561. highland rec center, mattocks park, crosby farms park, hidden falls park
562. Highland Rec Center/Library, Como Park, Linwood Park
563. Highland Rec, Edgcumbe Park, Highland Park playground, Highland Pool, Oxford Pool,
Como Pool
564. Highland ref center
Highland pool
Highland park
565. Highland, Baker (not sure if baker is through parks and rec or st paul schools)
566. Highland, Edgcombe, Groveland
567. Highland, Edgcombe, and West 7th
568. Highland, Edgcombe, Great Waters indoor pool, Crosby Park
569. Highland, Groveland
570. Highland, Groveland, Crosby, Como
571. Highland, Groveland, Mattocks,
572. Highland, Hillcrest, Palace, Edgcombe, Linwood, Mounds, Lilydale,
573. Highland, Langford, Edgcomb...
574. Highland, Linwood, Oxford
575. Highland, McMurray, como, summit overlook, rice, mississippi river parks, regional parks,
most bike paths, crosby, etc.
576. Highland, Orchard, McMurray
577. Highland, Oxford-for Great River Water Park
578. Highland, Oxford, Como, Linden Hills
579. Highland.
580. highland/hillcrest
581. Highland/hillcrest, edgcombe
582. Highlands, edgcombe and west 7th
583. Highland
584. Hillcrest, highland park
585. Hillcrest, Palace, Edgcombe
586. Hillcrest
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594. Hillcrest
595. Hillcrest - Highland Park
596. Hillcrest / Highland (close to our house). Will use Highland Elementary & old Nova
Academy fields a bit too.
597. Hillcrest /Highland Park Recreation Center, Highland Park Aquatic/Pool, Como Park,
Groveland Park, Edgcombe Park, Merriam Park, Jimmy Lee Aquatic Center, Highland Skating
598. Hillcrest Knoll & Frost Lake (for walking); Como Outdoor pool (during the summer);
Maplewood Community Center or John Glenn Middle School (for swimming and water aerobics
during the winter); Wakefield Park (in Maplewood--for skating and snowshoeing in the winter);
Gateway Trail (mostly in Maplewood --for biking)

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599. Hillcrest Rec Center
600. Hillcrest Rec Center
601. Hillcrest Rec. Center, Hayden Heights Rec. Center, Great River Water Park, Highland Pool, Como Pool, Palace Rec. Center, Como Park and Zoo, Rice-Arlington Batting Cages.
602. Hillcrest, Como Park and Como Pool, Mississippi River Boulevard trails
603. Hillcrest, Crosby, Highland golf course and pool
604. Hillcrest, Crosby, Mears, Rice, Highland
605. Hillcrest, Edgcumbe, Groveland
606. Hillcrest, Edgcumbe, Highland Park, Mattocks
607. Hillcrest, Edgcumbe, Jimmy Lee, Highland pool
608. Hillcrest, Edgcumbe, Linwood
609. Hillcrest, homecroft, river road, Shepard, hidden falls
610. Hillcrest, Phalen, Palace, Edgcumbe and Groveland
611. Hillcrest; Highland Pool; oxford pool;
612. Hillcrest/Highland, Groveland, Edgcumbe, Hidden Falls, Como, Jimmy Lee/Great River Water Park, Highland Pool
613. Homecroft
614. Homecroft, Hillcrest
615. Homecroft, Hillcrest,
616. Honestly, we do more Parks & Rec in Roseville
617. HPCC, then Groveland
618. I don't know the names except Irvine park, and others by St Clair Ave.
619. I live across from Hayden Heights but no programming for my age group.
620. I live right across the street from Hayden Heights Park. I am interested in working for the park. I am retiring in the spring of 2017 and would very much like to help change things for the better.
621. Ice rinks smoother in the winter.
622. In order: Baker Park, Harriet island, Douglas Park, Prospect Park, West 7th rec center library park, Linwood park and rec center, como park
623. Indian Mound Park, Dayton's Bluff Rec/Park, Bruce Vento Trail, Como Lake & Pavilion,
624. Indian Mound, Como, Hamline, Desnoyer, Hidden Falls, Crosby,
625. Indian Mounds Park, Bruce Vento Trail
626. Indian Mounds Park, Como Park, Highland community center, Hidden Falls, Crosby Farm, Phalen, Raspberry Island
627. Indian Mounds Park, Harriet Island, Raspberry Island, Bruce Vento Nature Preserve, Swede Hollow
628. Irvine Park
629. Irvine park
630. Jimmy Lee
631. Jimmy Lee
632. jimmy lee
633. Jimmy Lee
634. Jimmy Lee
635. Jimmy Lee
636. Jimmy lee
637. jimmy lee and como
638. Jimmy Lee and Merriam park
639. Jimmy Lee and north dale
640. Jimmy Lee Rec Center
641. Jimmy Lee Rec/Oxford, North Dale Rec
642. Jimmy lee, Aldine, Crosby farm, hidden falls, merriam park
643. Jimmy Lee, Como Park, Highland Disc Golf course, small neighborhood parks throughout Hamline Midway neighborhood.
644. Jimmy Lee, Dunning, Merriam Park, Linwood, Hague Tot Lot
645. Jimmy Lee, Edgcumbe
646. Jimmy Lee, McMurry Fields, Outdoor Pools, Linwood, Hamline Hague Tot Lot

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- 647. Jimmy Lee, North Dale
- 648. Jimmy lee. Linwood
- 649. Jimmy Lee/Oxford Community Center
- 650. Jimmy Lee/Oxford, Como, Hamline Park, and Griggs
- 651. Jimmy Lee/Oxford, Linwood, Dunning
- 652. Kaposia Park , Battle Creek Park
- 653. KELLER LAKE REGIONAL PARK
- 654. Lake Como
- 655. Lake Phalen
- 656. Lake Phalen boat house and beachand path, West 7th Community Center library
- 657. Lake Phalen and Harriet Island.
- 658. Lake Phalen, Como Park
- 659. Lake Phalen, Como Park, Keller Park, Harriet Island, Lilydale Park
- 660. Lake Phalen, Phalen rec., Central High school for gymnastics, Johnson High for swimming lessons.
- 661. Lake Phalen.
- 662. Landford Park, College Park
- 663. Langford
- 664. Langford
- 665. Langford
- 666. Langford
- 667. Langford
- 668. Langford
- 669. Langford
- 670. Langford
- 671. Langford
- 672. langford
- 673. Langford park
- 674. Langford Park
- 675. Langford Park
- 676. Langford Park
- 677. Langford Park
- 678. Langford Park
- 679. Langford Park
- 680. Langford Park and Rec Center; Como Park; Rice Park
- 681. langford park, great river water park
- 682. Langford Park, Minnehaha, Lake Harriet and Parks, Langton Lakes fields, Saint Anthony Park, Lake Johanna, Lake Nakomis, Central Park
- 683. Langford Rec
- 684. Langford, College Park, Como
- 685. Langford, college park, Como pool
- 686. Langford, Desnoyer, College, south Saint Anthony Park
- 687. Langford, griggs park, newell park, hamline
- 688. Langford, Jimmy Lee, NW Como
- 689. Langford, Jimmy Lee, Phalen
- 690. Langford, Merriam
- 691. Langford, North Dale
- 692. Langford, North Dale, A/A
- 693. Langford, North Dale, Oxford
- 694. Langford, Oxford pool (Jimmie Lee)
- 695. Langford, Oxford, Tilden, Como
- 696. Langford, South St Anthony, Como Park, Lake Harriet
- 697. Lee Center off Lexington
- 698. Lilly Dale
- 699. Lily dale, Como
- 700. Lily dale, Como

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- 701. Lilydale, Como
- 702. Lilydale; Cherokee, Como
- 703. Linwood
- 704. Linwood
- 705. Linwood
- 706. Linwood
- 707. Linwood
- 708. Linwood
- 709. Linwood
- 710. linwood
- 711. Linwood
- 712. Linwood and Como
- 713. Linwood and Edgcumbe
- 714. Linwood and Edgcumbe
- 715. Linwood and Edgcumbe
- 716. Linwood and Highland Rec Centers, Highland golf course, Mattocks park Como park
- 717. Linwood and Palace
- 718. Linwood and Palace Rec Centers
- 719. Linwood community center
- 720. Linwood Park & Rec Center, Como Park, Harriet Island
- 721. Linwood Rec Center
- 722. Linwood Rec Center
- 723. Linwood Rec Center
- 724. Linwood Rec Center, Edgcumbe Rec Center, Cherokee Park, Douglas Park (needs improvements and updates!), Harriet Island park area
- 725. Linwood Rec Center, North Dale Rec Center
- 726. Linwood Rec Center.
- 727. Linwood rec center. Play equipment is awful though.
- 728. Linwood Rec, Midway baseball, Hamline/Hague playground, Como
- 729. Linwood, Jimmy Lee
- 730. Linwood, Battle Creek
- 731. Linwood, Crosby Park, Palace Rec
- 732. Linwood, Dunning Fields, Edgcumbe, Jimmy Lee
- 733. linwood, edgcumbe
- 734. Linwood, Edgcumbe, highland, Hamline/Hancock, north como
- 735. Linwood, Edgcumbe, Highland
- 736. Linwood, Edgcumbe
- 737. Linwood, Edgcumbe, Highland
- 738. Linwood, Highland
- 739. Linwood, Highland
- 740. Linwood, Highland Park
- 741. Linwood, Highland Park, Groveland
- 742. Linwood, Highland Pool,
- 743. Linwood, Highland Rec, Central HS tennis courts, Edgcumbe tennis, Groveland, Mears Park, Rice Park, Como
- 744. Linwood, Highland, MLK, Minnehaha, Edgcumbe, Crosby Park, Mattocks playground, Obama playground, Hidden Falls Park, Aldine playground, Newell park, Carty park
- 745. Linwood, Lilydale, Como, Lookout Park, Nathan Hale park, all the Mississippi river ones (Crosby Farm, Harriet Island, Hidden Falls)
- 746. Linwood, Mattocks, Dunning, Merriam Park
- 747. Linwood, Palace
- 748. Linwood, Palace, Edgcumbe
- 749. Linwood, West Minnehaha, Jimmy Lee
- 750. Longfellow
- 751. Longfellow and Brackett
- 752. Luxton park, prospect park

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- 753. Lynwood
- 754. Lynwood Rec., West 7th comm. ctr., Como Pool, Oxford Com. Ctr., Hillcrest, Crosby Farm, all of the riverfront, particularly the river front bike trails.
- 755. Mac-Groveland
- 756. Mac-Groveland
- 757. MacQuillian Park; Holly Tot Lot (w/ my dog); Summit Lookout Park; Parklet w/ dog fountain on Summit, near Lookout Park
- 758. Maddox
- 759. Maddox
- 760. Margaret
- 761. Marydale almost daily, Como a couple times a month, Harriet Island a few times a year.
- 762. Mat ticks
- 763. Mattocks and Groveland and Highland
- 764. Mattocks Park
- 765. Mattocks Park
- 766. Mattocks Park
- 767. Mattocks Park, Highland Community Center park, Highland pool
- 768. Mattocks Park, Highland Park Community Center, High Bridge Dog Park, Crosby Farm Park
- 769. Mattocks Park, Highland Rec Center, Highland Park, Crosby Farm Park, Ford Pkwy Scenic Overlook, Como Park
- 770. Mattocks Park, Highland, Edgcumbe, Island, Holly Tot Lot,
- 771. Mattocks Park, Holly Tot Lot, Desnoyer Park, Groveland Park
- 772. mattocks park, langford community center
- 773. Mattocks Park, Linwood Park, Groveland Park, Jimmy Lee Rec
- 774. Mattocks Park; Highland Rec (library)
- 775. Mattocks, Highland CC, Groveland
- 776. Mattocks, Highland, Edgcumbe, MRB trail, Groveland ice rink
- 777. Mattox, Edgcumbe,
- 778. McMurray broomball rinks
- 779. McMurry for adult softball and youth soccer, Como and highland pool a couple times in the summer (wish there were better bus access, esp highland), Como lake, Aldine park is our neighborhood park - 11 yo friends hang out sometimes and 14 yo has played walk on bb with the adult men a couple times and we used to visit more when the kids were younger
- 780. Mears, Rice, Highland
- 781. Median Park and Highland Park and Oxford
- 782. Merriam Park
- 783. Merriam Park
- 784. Merriam Park
- 785. Merriam Park
- 786. Merriam Park
- 787. Merriam Park
- 788. Merriam Park
- 789. Merriam Park
- 790. Merriam Park and Arlington Hills
- 791. Merriam Park and Dunning
- 792. Merriam park and Edgcumbe rec
- 793. Merriam Park and Highland Park Rec Center
- 794. Merriam park and highland pool. Also Como and Mattocks.
- 795. Merriam Park Community Center
- 796. Merriam park playground, Aldine park playground, Como park, highland park rec center & playground, Minnehaha Falls, Wabun splash pad & playground,
- 797. Merriam park Rec Center
- 798. Merriam park, como park, aldine park
- 799. Merriam Park, Como Regional Park
- 800. Merriam Park, Highland

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- 801. Merriam Park, Highland Park
- 802. merriam park, indoor pool at marshall/lexington, Mississippi River bikepath
- 803. Merriam Park, Linwood Groveland
- 804. Merriam Park, Newel Park, River Road
- 805. Merriam Park, Phalen, Como, Newell
- 806. Merriam Park, So St Anthony
- 807. Merriam park,south Saint Anthony, Oxford,como park,Newell park,desnoyer park...
- 808. Merriam Park; Groveland.
- 809. Merriam, Groveland, Mattocks, North Dale, Oxford, Como
- 810. Miers Park, CHS dog park, river walk-ways in st paul
- 811. Minnehaha
- 812. Minnehaha Falls park
- 813. Minnie and dale
- 814. Mississippi River Blvd.
- 815. Mississippi River, Crosby, Hidden Falls, Swede Hollow, Meeker Island, Shadow Falls, Como, Mounds Park, Rice Park, Mears Park, Lowertown, Homecroft,
- 816. MLK
- 817. MLK
- 818. MLK ; Langford
- 819. MLK Rec Center and park, McQuillan Park, Carty Park, Boyd Park, Webster Park, Como Park, Meeker Island
- 820. MLK, Oxford Pool, Jimmy Lee Center
- 821. MLK, Phalen, Jimmy Lee
- 822. Mounds Park
- 823. Mounds Park, Margaret Street
- 824. multiple
- 825. My daughter attends MLK for Summer Blast and after school program. We have also used Battle Creek for dance classes. We go to the pool at Como and at Jimmy Lee.
- 826. N/A
- 827. NA
- 828. NE Como, North Dale, Langford
- 829. Neighborhood house
- 830. neighborhood house
- 831. Neighborhood house, what used to be the Baker Community Center, Linwood,
- 832. neighborhood parks (cathedral hill), como park
- 833. Neighborhood parks, Highland pool, Edgecumbe rec center, city parks for music
- 834. neighborhood playgrounds
- 835. Newell
- 836. Newell Park
- 837. Newell Park, after dark so I can let my dog run off leash without fear of being ticketed.
- 838. Newell Park, Como Park
- 839. Newell Park, Como Park, Griggs rec center, College Park
- 840. Newell Park, Como Park, Hamline Park
- 841. Newell Park, Hamline Recreation Center
- 842. Newell Park, Hancock Rec, Langford Rec, Merriam Park & Rec,
- 843. Newell Park, Highland Park Community Center
- 844. Newell park, May park, Cato park
- 845. Newell park, Oxford comm ctr
- 846. Newell park, Oxford comm ctr
- 847. Newell, Como
- 848. Newell; Great River/Jimmy Lee
- 849. No centers
- 850. Nokomis Park, Keewaydin Recreation Center, Walking/biking paths by Minnehaha Creek, Minnehaha Falls
- 851. None
- 852. None

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853. none
854. North Commons
855. North Como rec, North Dale, Como park
856. North Como Recreation Center, Como Park
857. North Como, Como Park, Newell Park
858. North dal Rec center
859. North dale
860. North Dale
861. North Dale
862. North Dale
863. North Dale
864. NORTH DALE
865. North Dale
866. North Dale
867. North Dale
868. North dale
869. North Dale
870. North Dale
871. North Dale
872. North Dale - Spend money in neighborhoods that own and pay their taxes!
873. North dale and also Mary dale park
874. North Dale and Como Park
875. North Dale and Northwest Como
876. North Dale and NW Como
877. North Dale for skating, Oxford for swimming, Griggs playground and fields when it was a city rec center, Como Regional park for walking and biking, and many playgrounds.
878. North Dale Rec Center for messing around, playing tennis, SPUT; Como Park, several times a week for walking, jogging, biking; Gateway, River Road, Hidden Falls, Minnehaha Parkway, Crosby Farm, roads with bike lanes, for biking; Eastview currently for soccer for school
879. North Dale Rec Center, Como Park and Pool, Great River, Highland Pool
880. North Dale Rec Center, Hazel Park Rec Center, Groveland Park Rec Center, Battle Creek park
881. North Dale Rec Center, Marydale park, Rice St. park.
882. North Dale Rec Center, Northwest Como Rec Center, Como Lake Area
883. North Dale Rec; Phalen Rec. & Como Park
884. North Dale, Chelsea Heights
885. North Dale, Como Park
886. North Dale, Como Park, Phalen.
887. North Dale, Como, Jimmy Lee, Como Pool, Highland Pool, Phalen
888. North Dale, Hayden Heights and sadly North End/Rice Street largely stripped of programming.
889. North Dale, Langford and Northwest Como.
890. North Dale, Lilydale, and Swede Hollow open space.
891. North Dale, Merriam Park, Highland,
892. North Dale, North West Como, Linwood, Como
893. North Dale, NW Como
894. North Dale; Como Park
895. North Dale...but only because I vote there
896. North west como, Langford rec center
897. North West Como, McMurray Athletic Fields, Como Park, Como Park Pool, Tilden Park
898. North West Como, N. Dale, Langford Park
899. North West Como/North Dale
900. Northdale
901. Northdale and Como are top.
902. Northdale, McMurray Ball Fields,
903. Northwest come rec center

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- 904. Northwest Como
- 905. Northwest Como
- 906. Northwest Como
- 907. Northwest Como
- 908. Northwest Como
- 909. Northwest Como
- 910. Northwest Como
- 911. NorthWest Como moving to closer rec either Groveland Highland or Edgcumbe
- 912. Northwest Como Rec Center;
- 913. Northwest Como Rec. Center
- 914. Northwest Como, Langford
- 915. Northwest Como, North Dale
- 916. Not many, they aren't that nice. We live near Jimmy Lee Rec but we don't really like it.
We've lived here for years, we homeschool, we don't feel like it is a facility for "us".
- 917. NW Como
- 918. NW COMO
- 919. NW Como and Groveland
- 920. NW Como and North Dale
- 921. NW Como Rec Center
- 922. NW Como Rec Cntr and playground
- 923. NW Como Recreation Center and Como Park
- 924. NW Como, Como Park
- 925. NW Como, Como Park, Crosby Park, Hidden Falls, Horton Park, Greggs Park, Newell
Park, Chelsea Heights
- 926. NW Como, Dale, Jimmy Lee, Como Pool, Highland Pool
- 927. NW Como, Edgcumbe, Tilden, North Dale, Battle Creek Dog Park, Langford, Como Pool,
and Great River Water Park @ Oxford
- 928. nw como, north dale, como
- 929. NWC, N Dale, Oxford, Palace
- 930. NWComo
- 931. Oakdale
- 932. Oakdale nature preserve
- 933. Off leash dog park, hiking trails. bike trails, fitness center
- 934. Orchard, north dale, north Como, como regional
- 935. Outdoor play structures and bike paths
- 936. Oxford
- 937. Oxford
- 938. Oxford
- 939. Oxford , Edgecombe
- 940. Oxford and Highland; and Palace;
- 941. Oxford Community
- 942. Oxford Community Center
- 943. Oxford Community Center, Highland Park Rec Center
- 944. Oxford Community Center. Maddox park. Como Park
- 945. Oxford Pool, Linwood Rec Center, and W Seventh
- 946. Oxford pool/Jimmy Lee, Wellstone/El Rio Vista, Cherokee Heights, Battle Creek, Smith
bridge dog park
- 947. Oxford, Arlington, Phalen
- 948. Oxford, como
- 949. Oxford, highland community center. Como park and pool
- 950. Oxford, North Dale, West Minnehaha
- 951. Oxford, Palace, Hillcrest, Merriam, Scheffer, Minnehaha, El Rio, Como & Highland&
Great River Pool and Phalen Beach, Highland Golf Course
- 952. Oxford, rice Arlington, Dale, como
- 953. Oxford; Como Lake
- 954. Palace

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- 955. Palace
- 956. Palace
- 957. Palace
- 958. Palace
- 959. Palace
- 960. Palace and 860 St. Clair
- 961. Palace and Edgcumbe
- 962. Palace and Edgcumbe
- 963. Palace and lindwood
- 964. Palace Community Center
- 965. Palace Community Center
- 966. Palace Community center, Crosby
- 967. Palace Community Center. Also - the High Bridge Dog Park. The level of weeds on each side of the main path is out of control this summer. Hard to see dogs and see if/what they are getting into. I don't remember it being so bad last summer. Can we please get them mowed down regularly?
- 968. Palace Park
- 969. Palace Park, trails along Mississippi
- 970. Palace REc
- 971. Palace Rec
- 972. PalAce rec and edgcumbe
- 973. Palace Recreation Center
- 974. Palace Recreation Center; West 7th Community Center
- 975. Palace, como park, crosby
- 976. Palace, Edgcumbe and Highland
- 977. Palace, Edgcumbe, Como, Crosby, Highland, Oxford, Hamline
- 978. Palace, Highland, Linwood and Oxford - in that order.
- 979. Palace, Jimmy Lee
- 980. Palace, Linwood, edgcumbe
- 981. Palace, Linwood, Edgcumbe
- 982. Palace, Oxford
- 983. Park by VH fire station and Kohler Park
- 984. Parks with nature trails that aren't trashed.
- 985. Phalan
- 986. Phalen
- 987. Phalen
- 988. Phalen
- 989. Phalen
- 990. Phalen
- 991. Phalen
- 992. phalen
- 993. Phalen
- 994. Phalen
- 995. Phalen
- 996. Phalen
- 997. Phalen
- 998. Phalen
- 999. Phalen
- 1000. Phalen
- 1001. Phalen
- 1002. Phalen
- 1003. Phalen
- 1004. Phalen (beach, bike/walking path, playgrounds, Dragon Park, open spaces for kites, ...), Margaret Park, Mounds Park (playground).
- 1005. Phalen & Como
- 1006. Phalen and Arlington

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- 1007. Phalen and Duluth & Case Rec. Phalen Park
- 1008. Phalen Lake and Arlington Hills
- 1009. Phalen Lake Park and Como Park, we used mostly Arlington Recreation and Phalen Lake Recreation Center.
- 1010. Phalen North, Duluth & Case, Newell
- 1011. Phalen Park
- 1012. Phalen park and
- 1013. Phalen Rec
- 1014. Phalen Rec
- 1015. Phalen Rec Center
- 1016. Phalen Rec Center & Phalen Park
- 1017. Phalen Rec Center, but not in past 5 years.
- 1018. Phalen rec center, North Dale rec center
- 1019. Phalen Regional Park
- 1020. Phalen Regional Park
- 1021. Phalen Regional Park
- 1022. Phalen Regional park, keller regional park, como park, mc carroon park, gateway trail...
Arlington skateboarding park, front skateboarding park...
- 1023. Phalen, Battle Creek, como, keller little canada
- 1024. Phalen, Battle Creek, Rice Park, Conway, and Como
- 1025. Phalen, Como
- 1026. Phalen, Como
- 1027. Phalen, Como/Dale Rec Center, Palace for outdoor skating, Highland/Como for summer swimming. Jimmy Lee Rec for indoor swimming
- 1028. Phalen, Crosby Farm, River Parkway, Battle Creek
- 1029. Phalen, Dayton's Bluff, Como
- 1030. Phalen, daytons bluff
- 1031. Phalen, daytons bluff
- 1032. Phalen, DC rec
- 1033. Phalen, Duluth & Case
- 1034. Phalen, Edgescumb, Linwood, Highland
- 1035. Phalen, Groveland, Mattocks, Harriet Island, Cathedral Hill, North Dale, Como
- 1036. Phalen, Indian Mounds, Battle Creek
- 1037. Phalen, off-leash parks
- 1038. Phalen.
- 1039. Pioneer Park, Little Canada - Central Park, Roseville, Como Park - music programs
- 1040. playgrounds
- 1041. Pools
- 1042. pools, dog parks,
- 1043. Pools! Como Park.
- 1044. Prospect Park, Harriet Island, Crosby Farm, El Rio Rec Center
- 1045. Prosperity park
- 1046. Prosperity Park, Hillcrest, Phalen, Conway (for splash pad), Heritage
- 1047. Raspberry island and Harriet island. Means park, rice park.
- 1048. Raspberry island, Harriet island, Kellogg park, bike trails, walking trails, mountain bike trails (battle creek and crosby farm), meers park, rice park
- 1049. Raspberry Island, the bike trail along Mississippi, Mears Park
- 1050. Regional parks, hiking trails, biking trails
- 1051. Reservoir woods, Central Park,. Park on Lexington and B, boat launch area on Lake Josephine(throwing the ball for the dogs)
- 1052. Rice
- 1053. Rice and Arlington
- 1054. Rice and Arlington, Dunning
- 1055. Rice Recreation
- 1056. Rice Street and North Dale
- 1057. River Park, Harriet Island, Lilydale Regional Park, Battle Creek Regional, Rice Park

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1058. River, Harriet Island, Merritt, Mears, Rice
1059. Run weekly on the Mississippi River Boulevard trails
1060. Saint Paul
1061. Saint Paul
1062. Shoreview
1063. shoreview community center
1064. Silver Lake, Lake Johanna, Long Lake
1065. South St Anthony Park, Coming, Harriet Island
1066. South Valley
1067. St Anthony Park, Hidden Falls
1068. St Clair Recreation Center and playground
1069. St Paul
1070. St Paul parks -- many
1071. St. Clair Community Center/Library/play area. Palace Rec. when not being remodeled.
Awaiting for the play ground to get finished
1072. St. Paul
1073. Summit Overlook, Minnehaha, Edgumbe, Linwood
1074. Summit Overlook, pocket parks in the Cathedral Hill neighborhood, Irvine Park, Mears
Park.
1075. Swede Hollow Park; Battle Creek Rec Center, Dayton's Bluff Rec Center, Bruce Vento
Nature Sanctuary
1076. swimming pools and the dog park.
1077. Tilden north dale
1078. Tot time, playgrounds, walking and biking paths
1079. Trout Brook Sanctuary, Como
1080. Upper Landing Park, Samuel Morgan Trail
1081. Used to be NW Como when our kids were young. Now they don't have a lot of events
that bring us there. Sometimes we go to N Dale events. I used to go to Arlington for exercise
classes, then Central. I wish they'd bring back exercise and other classes at NW Como - don't
think they've had them for 25 years. Since I now have to drive a long way, I often sign up at
Fairview Comm Center in Roseville, since that's the same distance.
1082. Used to go to Como a few times a week. Volunteered many hours for tree planting,
shoreline restoration. I went there to go to a park and enjoy the lake, quiet, nature. I do not go
now as the destination restaurant and entertainment concessions are too intense of a use and
undermine the restoration and habitat. The trails have become unsafe with the pedicabs (I've
seen dramatic near misses, not before the changes) and folks are overrunning the shoreline
which stresses what wildlife had been establishing itself. Also, due to the restaurant and
entertainment focus, it is hard to park there now. Please reconsider making parks and
entertainment venue. It seems my and others' work has been discounted for increased revenue.

Also, I live in a rather park poor area- summit to Selby, Snelling to Hamline. Nothing in walking
distance. It seems like park acquisition and some existing in the area are only playing fields, not
open green spaces for all that foster urban habitat. We don't all play soccer. Perhaps multiuse
fields would be better land use. And, it seems only folks in programs can use them as they are
booked often.

Summit is nice, but really still a median in traffic. Please look at Ayd Mill park as a regional
asset, especially with the overly dense housing in the area (extant and planned) which does not
have attendant great space and thus what does exist is private or overused by increasing
population who, often have to travel to it. It is a great opportunity to connect bike and walk trails
(green way and river) and serve many neighborhoods.

I am commenting much here since I did not see a place to do it elsewhere in the survey. This
survey seems to emphasize amenities and recreation facilities. I'm more interested in less
developed, unstructured places that don't require expensive infrastructure and upkeep.

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I would also like to see an independent park board separately funded and run with elected members who have interest, experience and expertise.

- 1083. Various
- 1084. Various
- 1085. Vento trail, Phalen, archery range
- 1086. W 7th st. Clair playground
- 1087. Wacuta commons & meadows park
- 1088. Walk almost daily at either Phalen or Como
- 1089. Walton Park, Battle Creek Park, Como Park
- 1090. We are at NW Como Rec on a daily basis with our preschool aged kids! We also spend a lot of time at Como Park, zoo, conservatory, picnic grounds, playgrounds, and Como Town.
- 1091. We are often at Palace, Edgumbe, Highland Rec Centers. We are often at Mattock's Park.
- 1092. We live in Highland Park in St. Paul and use the Highland Park Recreation Center, which is woefully outdated and embarrassing, particularly for the amount of taxes we pay. We do not have a viable recreational option near our home, while other communities (El Rio, Palace, etc.) have exceptional facilities or are being upgraded. Oh. I forgot. We have a new library no one uses.
- 1093. Wellstone
- 1094. West 7th
- 1095. West 7th Community Center and Linwood Rec Center
- 1096. West 7th community center, St. Claire ball park, Pleasant Place, Highland Park
- 1097. West 7th Playground/Library, Hillcrest Library, Mattocks Playground, Big Slide playground on Montreal/Edgumbe, Holly Tot Lot, Hamline-Hague playground
- 1098. West 7th, Baker,
- 1099. West 7th; Linwood; Como; Edgumbe; Cherokee
- 1100. West Minnehaha
- 1101. West Minnehaha; Dale;
- 1102. west seven community center
- 1103. West Seventh and Passport
- 1104. West Seventh Community Center
- 1105. West Seventh, Palace
- 1106. West side
- 1107. When our kids were young, Groveland . Now that they are older, we never go back to Groveland
- 1108. Wherever there is summer youth programs
- 1109. White Bear Lake
- 1110. Wilder on Case and York
- 1111. Wilder Rec Center, Arlington Hills Rec Center, Duluth Case Rec Center, Phalen Regional Park and Rec Center
- 1112. Woodbury