

# Parks and Trails Planning Survey-2009

## How often do you use the park?

Never 1 Rarely 4 Once a Month 7 Once a Week 17 More than that 35

## What activities or amenities in the park do you and or members of your family currently enjoy?

- Seeing how much users enjoy our park; waterfalls; the bridge; serenity; trees, shrubs & flowers; concerts; fireworks; tennis court; tables with back for seating; Halloween Party; Church steps; scenery; Easter Egg Hunt; Paths when lit for events; rose garden' well used playground basketball court & Sand volley ball court
- I walk in the park 4 mornings a week. Early-7ish
- Playground, walking path, variety of flowers, feeding the fish
- Walking
- My family & friends really enjoyed the fireworks display on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. We have the best view from the back yard. They were more than we expected. GOOD SHOW!
- Tennis court, walking trail, sit by pond, 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks show, movies in the park
- 3<sup>rd</sup> of July, walking, flowers, lake, wildlife, basketball court, pavilion
- Walking, Picnicking
- Playground, black top for bike riding
- Walking paths
- Walking
- Walking, sitting, Basketball court
- Tennis, walking, swimming, volleyball
- Walking, playground
- Walking, playground
- Walk in the park

- Quiet walks, family get-togethers
- Tennis Court, Walking Path
- July fireworks, Occasional stroll around the lake
- Walk around the lake, feed the fish
- Walking the dog & playing with the grandbabies on the playground. We love the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration & the motor boat races-very fun for the kids.
- Walking, doing “nature hikes”, feeding fish, fishing, playground, picnicking, “sandbox”, family reunion, bird watching, geo-caeheing (sp).
- 3<sup>rd</sup> of July, Easter Egg Hunt, USO Dance, Halloween Party
- Playground, lake, field, pavilion, gazebo
- Lake, play area, walking path
- Walking paths, including Nature Trail through woods, concerts, USO Dance, July 3<sup>rd</sup> music & fireworks, tennis courts, lake, waterfall & landscaping beauty, cleanliness, quiet time.
- Walking path, have attended special events from time to time, 3<sup>rd</sup> July and anniversary dinner
- When I have guests w/small children we play on play ground equipment
- The lake, playground and basketball court
- Walking in the woods & around pond
- Scenic setting. Pavilion and benches. Lake
- Walking, 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks, Halloween, USO Dance
- Walking , whenever there are any events
- Walking
- Jogging Path, Pavilions, Volleyball Court, and again the Jogging Path!!
- Walking, flower bed work (Volunteering)
- Walking and using the playground with grandchildren. 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks
- Walking
- Walking, movie in park, Fireworks, Picture taking & just enjoying the beauty

- Daily dog walks, 3<sup>rd</sup> of July celebration, Tennis
- Lake
- Events and occasional walks
- Playground-when grandchildren visit. Walking around the lake admiring & enjoying trees & flowers
- Walk, playground, picnic
- Playground, Lake, pavilion, track
- Walking – Sitting by the lake to meditate, take children to playground, most park events
- Walk on path around pond, sit on benches, gazebo, enjoy waterfall
- Fireworks/concert by Fanfare, Easter Egg Hunt, Boat Races
- The cabana, playground, volleyball court, feeding the fish, the fireworks, Halloween Night
- Walking
- Taking Grandkids to playground & seeing fish in the lake
- Mostly the playground & pavilion for parties
- I run through the park several times a week and enjoy the landscape including the pond area. It's an Oasis!
- The gazebo, the trails, the pond are all places we use.
- Walking, Playground
- Walking
- The Pond, waterfall, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, walking around the pond.
- Walks around the lake
- Walking paths, pavilion, playground equipment for Grandchildren, benches
- Feeding the fish, walking the dog, young grandchildren playing on equipment
- Walking path & playground
- Playground & fish area
- The pond, the walkway around pond

## **What improvements or changes would you like to see made within the existing parks and why?**

- Re-do Autumn Leaf Entrance w/ lights for safety, buy leased land & buy adjoining land to increase size of park, upgrade sink w/motion soap & water dispensers & paddle faucets for handicapped, dredge upper lake deeper to eliminate weeds & algae, bring back a small fountain in deep end of lake for looks, add focus areas for teens & seniors to give all ages active use areas, post signs on bulletin board inviting the many photo takers to enter park photo contest
- In the lake all the growth at the east end, continue to keep the Canadian geese away! If possible, more walking paths.
- Try and remove unsightly growth on top of pond, dig up old mulch in playground, flatten and re-mulch
- The pond is brown & cloudy. It would be better to have the fountain ready to go early spring & remain there until late October.
- More frequent patrols by police, clean trash out of lake & park areas more frequently, install lighted water fountains.
- Restore the fountain in the large pond. How about running those feeder lines thru either PVC or galvanized conduit so the logger heads (snapping turtles) can't chew through them.
- None
- Add more bird feeders to enhance bird watching
- Re-install water fountain in lower part of lake
- Leave it alone
- Stop renting it to non-residents-leave it as a peaceful walk-in park for this community
- Open bathrooms all day and all night or until midnight
- Replace playground and have a different fall surface
- Path from behind Church for strollers or wheelchairs. A path into the park from behind the Church to the steps. The pond in better shape, maybe a fountain in the middle.
- We think the park is beautiful the way it is.
- Fountain back by gazebo, lighted path off Autumn Leaf
- Does the Big Bend Entrance (Boly) Qualify as park land? The Birnamwood's sign is outdated & ugly. Cracks in tennis court repaired, resurfaced, combination lock/key to prevent teens from damaging w/bikes & skateboards
- Nothing comes to mind
- Stock the pond with fish for children

- None-I think it looks great
- I've seen some improvements lately which I think have been beneficial i.e. clearing of select trees to allow growth of others, additional weeding, etc. I'd like to see more substantial/better drainage material for playground surface-H2O play added to equipment. Also, more erosion control & permanent path lighting on Autumn Leaf.
- I would like to see the playground have rubber matting as the mulch sends us home muddy every time. Add extra pavilion
- Reduce smell from restrooms, put water fountain back in lake, tennis court—more plants.
- Could use some additional handicapped parking at east end, more assessable for elderly to use park. Would like to see the planting area improved by the first condos on Autumn Leaf next to the entrance to the park-and the hillside terraced to stop erosion on the South side of the path there.
- It looks fine to me, great for walking
- Putting green would be nice!
- Please don't remove any more trees or wooded areas
- Vegetation to screen boundaries, at west end at Golden Oak backyards and at east end of Highway 141
- Would like to see fountain brought back
- One or a couple of benches along the paths leading into the park
- Add a drinking fountain
- Improve Path lighting
- Clean the pond. If algae & whatever continue to grow, it will kill the fish. Contact Mo Dept of Conservation for further info. Use less plantings that tend to create a problem (such as dropping leaves)
- Widen Paved entrance (black top area) at Autumn Leaf Dr. Entrance
- Lighting along path from Autumn Leaf to the park-very dark at night. Aqua Shade for water. Environmentally friendly prevents grass & algae from growing. Lovely blue-green color! I'd like to see the fountain at the west end fixed/replaced
- None
- Since I don't use the park on a regular basis, I'm not in a position to comment on improvements, but it's a lovely area, and we're fortunate to have it.

- Maintain plantings that are currently in place. New playground equipment is needed. Clear the lake of vegetation. Add limited annuals for color to flower beds, consider path lighting for dawn & dusk periods-not all night
- Lake-clean grass out of lake and repair the fountain in the lake
- I love the park – I would like to see the up keep of what we have. The playground is rusty in spots and earlier this year so many mud areas-the children could not play.
- Really miss the fountain-would love to see it return. Concerned that pond be maintained. One bench is right by pump-noisy-could be moved or put another bench in quiet area. Lights on waterfalls.
- City Hall moved from First Bank to Park
- Fix the fountain because it adds to the aesthetics of the pond & park; more trails & areas to hike.
- I would like the playground equipment updated. I would love to see a better surface than mulch.
- Some kind of monitoring of water fowl in the park. It is a wonderful habitat for them, some way to keep them safe from “poachers” or cultures who might use them for food.
- Nothing, the park is beautiful
- Go back to free concerts during the summer, free food by local restaurants. Lake is crowded with water plants look dirty.
- Better maintenance of existing beds thru out park. STOP planting any new plant material-we can't maintain what we already have.
- Additional BBQ pits & tables allow for more picnics. Walking trails.
- More landscaping and better lighting
- Put in Martin houses, Bat houses near trails, Improve habitat for ducks (especially babies). More butterfly and humming bird plants, Bullfrogs!
- Workout trail & longer walking trails
- Clean bathrooms
- Bigger pond, more walking space, more scenic areas

**What types of events would you like to see planned for the park?**

- Monthly concerts w/perhaps vendors selling food, volleyball nights, some kind of happy hour
- Like the Easter & Halloween Parties. Keep them.
- Some kind of contest for amount of weeds/trash collected from the park.

- Summer concerts, fall event, i.e. pumpkin carving, etc. Christmas Caroling
- Band Concerts and not always Rock Bands – How about Concert Bands EVEN classical String Ensembles
- Social Gatherings
- July 3<sup>rd</sup> Fireworks
- Zero-NONE
- What we have is sufficient
- Concerts-Again
- Christmas Lights, Hayride in fall
- Love the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration movies in the park are good
- Dog show
- An occasional band concert
- Fireworks only event of interest
- More social gathering with entertainment-like it use to be
- Fireworks, family fun day, calendar photo contest, family movie night, USO Dance. I think these existing events are plenty w/ an occasional “special event”
- More nighttime kids movies, bands with dancing (including families). It seems most things aren’t for everyone, just older couples
- Concerts: jazz, folk, standards, pop, light classic. Plays.
- Catered picnic or BBQ dinner, fund raising event for circle of concern
- Continue Family Day, Fireworks, Egg Hunt, Halloween with the Police
- Monthly music like we used to have, Spring to Fall
- Same as now
- Picnics-especially when shared dishes and recipes are exchanged
- Never stop doing the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July fireworks show from the park. It’s great!
- Please be sure all movies are “family friendly”. The language from “He’s just not that into you” was offensive & the subject matter wasn’t the quality I would expect from our Village. Thanks for trying though!
- A meet & greet-get to know your neighbors function

- Leave as is
- Concerts-something involving music would be wonderful!
- More Concerts!
- Music Concerts
- I have loved all the events in the park—keep it up!
- Really enjoyed movies, dance, bands & dinner in park
- Same
- Band/music festivals, sand volleyball leagues, more kids events like boat racing & fishing, carnivals & face painting
- I like any that include all the family
- Events for teenagers/preteens
- Concerts, community garage sales, Free Recycle for electronics
- Kite flying
- Neighborhood block parties

**What months of the year would you prefer events be planned?**

- May-Sep & Easter & Halloween
- Any, even winter
- Summer & Fall Months
- June-Aug with special events in Oct & December
- May through Early October
- Spring, Summer & Fall
- July
- Zero-None
- No Change from present
- All Summer Long
- Spring & Fall
- Spring & Fall

- May & September
- Doesn't matter
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Fall & Spring
- Summer & Fall
- May-Sept
- Mid-May to Mid October and not too close to other holidays
- Spring & Fall
- All year is OK with me. Liked the USO fund raiser and of course July 3<sup>rd</sup> music and fireworks.
- May-June, July 4<sup>th</sup> only, Sept-Oct.
- Summer
- Late spring, summer , fall
- Something "through-out" the year as is currently being done-just great load up events in April/May & Sept/Oct when foliage is at its best.
- Summer, Spring, Fall
- Spring and Fall
- Enjoy the summer events but maybe something new for the fall season
- Same
- April –October
- Any time except July & early August
- Autumn
- Fall & Spring
- Any
- Fall
- Spring, Summer, Fall
- Warmer weather months
- Warm, coolish
- Spring (May-June) & fall (Aug – Oct)

- Fall

	YES	NO
I would like to see the addition of a small spray park added to the playground area.	<u>20</u>	<u>28</u>
I would like to see the addition of a small spray park in a separate area of the park.	<u>19</u>	<u>26</u>
<i>Woodland Garden/Trail</i> -a garden/trail in a shaded area, which hosts shade tolerant plants and seating along the trail.		
I would like to see the addition of a woodland garden built along the existing trail within the denser woods at the east end of the park behind the basket ball courts.	<u>31</u>	<u>17</u>
I would like to see the addition of a woodland garden/trail created at the west end of the park along the trail connections from the neighborhood.	<u>25</u>	<u>22</u>
I would like to see more playground equipment for toddlers.	<u>14</u>	<u>29</u>
I would like to see one piece of playground equipment that incorporates both toddlers and older children.	<u>17</u>	<u>28</u>
I would like to see funds spent improving the pond to include stocking, plantings and more landscape.	<u>29</u>	<u>17</u>
I would like to see more plantings in various areas of the park.	<u>26</u>	<u>19</u>
I would like to see improvements done to already-built areas of the park such as the basketball courts, tennis court, playground, pavilion and gazebo.	<u>24</u>	<u>21</u>
I would like to see more seating in the park.	<u>23</u>	<u>21</u>
I would like to see more bike racks in the park.	<u>12</u>	<u>33</u>
I would like to see updates/improvements done to the restrooms.	<u>37</u>	<u>8</u>
I would like to see the walkways of the park lighted.	<u>33</u>	<u>18</u>
I would like improvements done to the Golden Oak park entrance.	<u>14</u>	<u>29</u>

I would like improvements done to the Autumn Leaf park entrance.	<u>25</u>	<u>24</u>
I would like to see more plantings/landscape at the church steps.	<u>16</u>	<u>28</u>
I would like to see more erosion control addressed.	<u>38</u>	<u>8</u>

Surveys as of 08-26-09