



Village of East Aurora

Hamlin Park Future Use Survey



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Welcome!

This survey is being offered by the Hamlin Park Planning Committee as a convenient option for the community to share their ideas on the future of Hamlin Park. We encourage participation from everyone ... neighbors, residents of the Village and Town, current and future users, visitors, individuals, businesses, etc. All ideas will be considered, so please be honest and sincere with your responses. This survey only takes 5 minutes to complete and will be available until May 20, 2016.

Thank you for your time and involvement!



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Hi there, tell us a little bit more about yourself

...

Who are you answering this survey on behalf of?

- Myself
- My family
- My business
- Other (please specify)

Where are you located?

- Neighbor (address is within 1 block of the park)
- Village (address is within the Village of East Aurora)
- Town (address is within the Town of Aurora)
- Visitor (address is outside the Town of Aurora)

How old are you?

- 20 or younger
- 21 - 40
- 41 - 60
- 61 or older

Are there children in your household?

- No
- 0 - 5 years old
- 6 - 10 years old
- 11 - 15 years old
- 16 - 18 years old



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Tell us about how you use the park

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How often do you go to the park?

	Never	Once Per Month	Once Per Week	Every Day
Summer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Spring	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fall	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Winter	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Why don't you come to the park more often?

- Circumstance (i.e. my schedule, the weather)
- Park conditions
- The park is too busy
- No activities are scheduled
- Parking concerns
- Distance
- Other (please specify)

What areas of the park do you use?

- Playground
- Swings
- Handicap Accessible Play Areas
- Aurora Players Theater
- Picnic Tables
- Covered Pavilions
- Baseball Field
- Track
- Tennis Courts
- Open Lawn
- Basketball Court
- Shaded Areas
- Sunny Areas
- Soccer/Football Fields
- Volleyball Courts
- Restrooms
- Concessions
- Other (please specify)

What time of day do you use the park?

- If it were allowed, I'd be there before sunrise
- Early Morning (sunrise - 8am)
- Morning (8am - 11am)
- Mid-Day (11am - 1pm)
- Afternoon (1pm - 4pm)
- Late Afternoon (4pm - sunset)
- If it were allowed, I'd be there after sunset

What areas are most important to you?

	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Very Important
Playground equipment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Open green space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Shaded green space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sports fields/courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Quiet spaces (for reading, conversations, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gathering spaces (for picnics, movies, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

What events do you attend in the park?

- Church in the Park
- Children's Recreational Programs
- 4th of July Fireworks
- Other (please specify)

Overall, do you feel:

Yes

No

that the park is safe?

that the park is clean?

that the park is too noisy?

that the park is well maintained?

Please use the space below to elaborate on any of the above.



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Tell us what the park should look like in the future

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What do you like most about the park?

What do you like least about the park?

Is there anything that you think should be added to or removed from the park?



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Thank
you!

We appreciate your time and ideas ... thanks for sharing!

The committee will be working on a Master Plan for the park based on these comments. While we want to pull this together quickly, we also want to be thorough so that the park is a featured community space within the Village. We appreciate your patience and look forward to releasing the results of this survey later this summer.

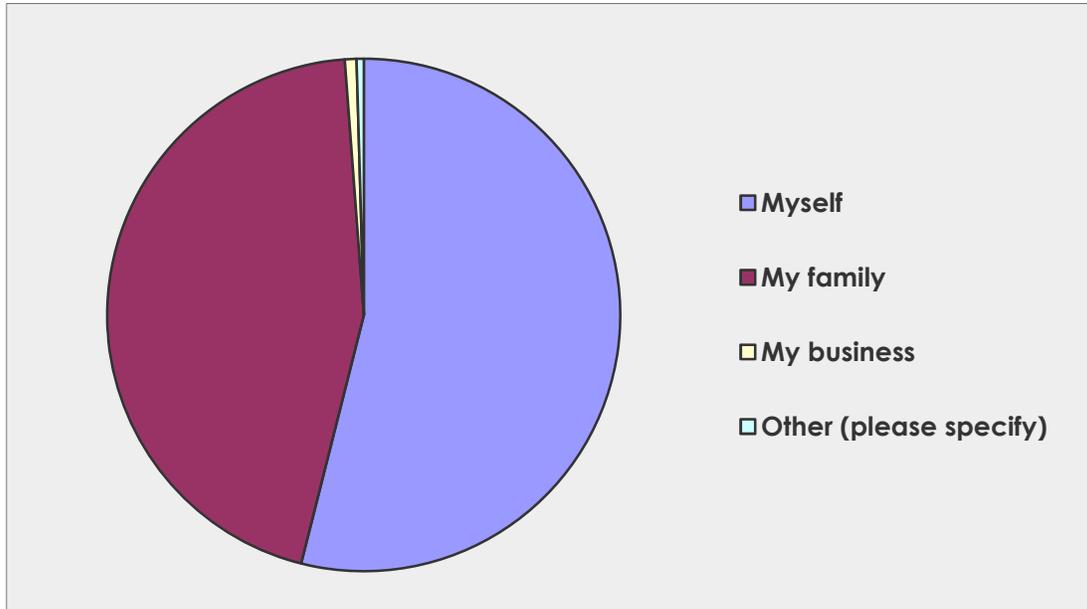
For additional information about the planning process or the committee, please contact the Village Administrator (Bryan Gazda at 716.652.6000, extension 220) or attend the Public Meeting (check the Village website for the announcement in May).

Would you be interested in completing a follow-up survey, if requested, to assist the planning committee? If so, please provide your email address below.

Email Address

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Question 1 :: Who are you answering this survey on behalf of?

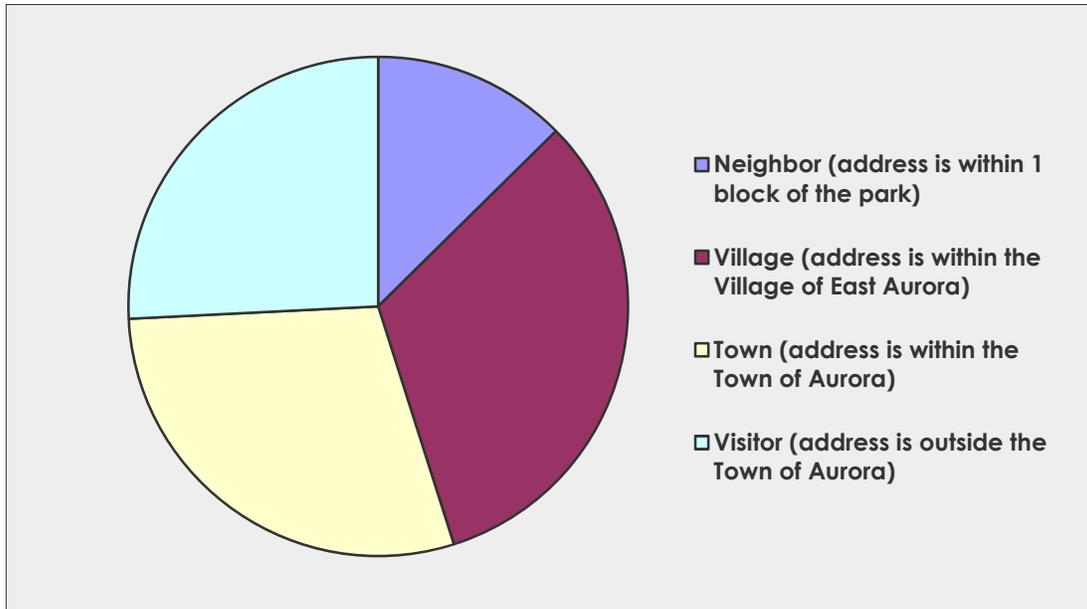


Who are you answering this survey on behalf of? (select one)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Myself	53.9%	590
My family	44.9%	491
My business	0.7%	8
Other (please specify)	0.5%	5
<i>answered question</i>		1094
<i>skipped question</i>		2

Other (please specify):
All of the above
Involved with Aurora Players
East Aurora Little Loop
Our business and our young family
Every future east aurora child

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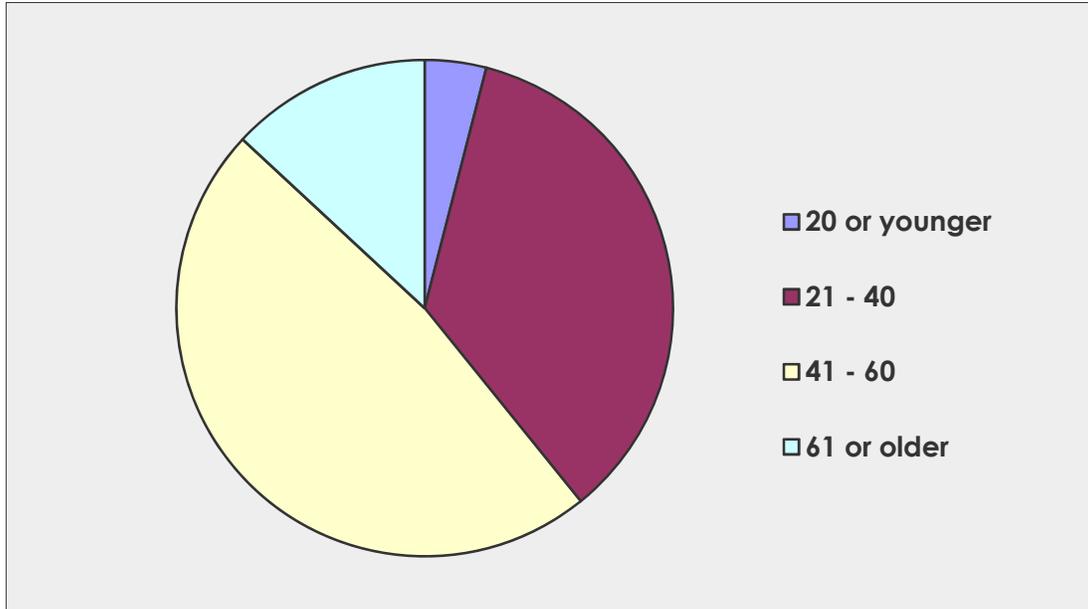
Question 2 :: Where are you located?



Where are you located? (select one)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Neighbor (address is within 1 block of the park)	12.6%	137
Village (address is within the Village of East Aurora)	32.5%	355
Town (address is within the Town of Aurora)	29.1%	318
Visitor (address is outside the Town of Aurora)	25.8%	281
<i>answered question</i>		1091
<i>skipped question</i>		5

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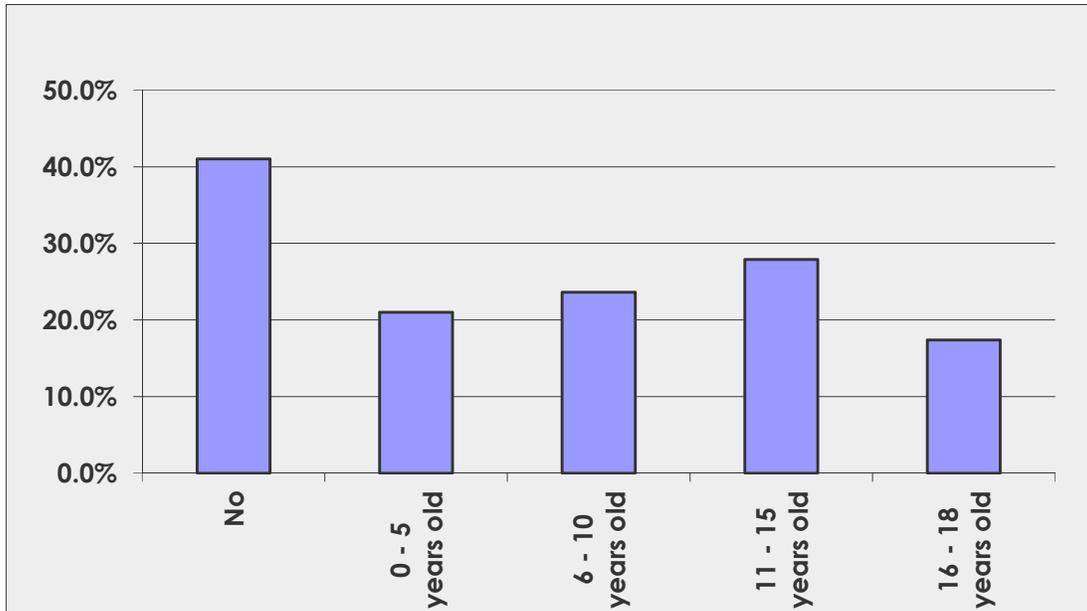
Question 3 :: How old are you?



How old are you? (select one)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
20 or younger	4.0%	44
21 - 40	35.2%	384
41 - 60	47.7%	521
61 or older	13.1%	143
<i>answered question</i>		1092
<i>skipped question</i>		4

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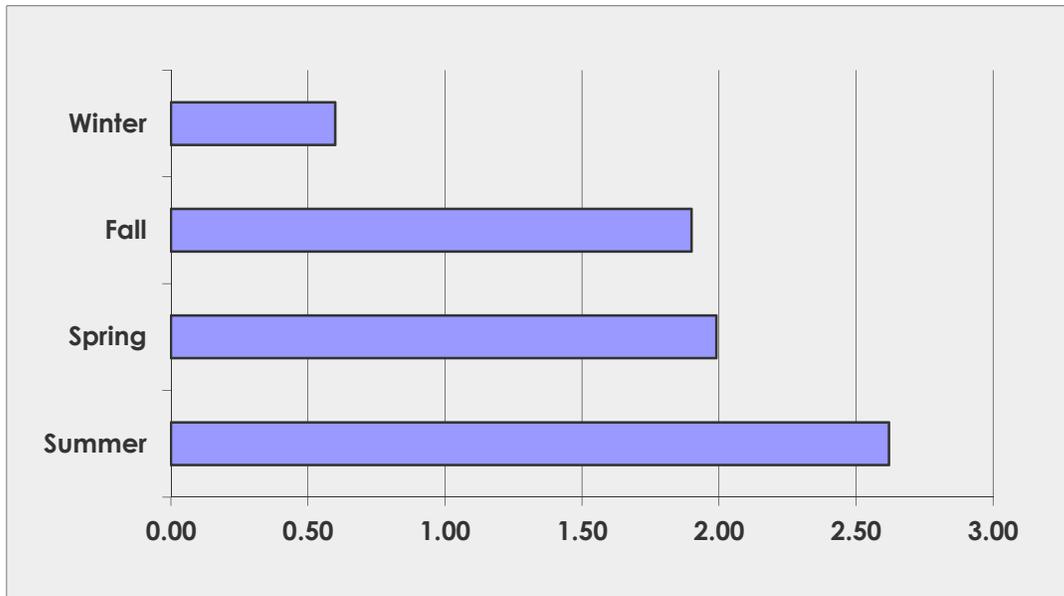
Question 4 :: Are there children in your household?



Are there children in your household? (select all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
No	41.0%	447
0 - 5 years old	21.0%	229
6 - 10 years old	23.6%	257
11 - 15 years old	27.9%	304
16 - 18 years old	17.4%	190
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<i>skipped question</i>		5

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Question 5 :: How often do you go to the park?

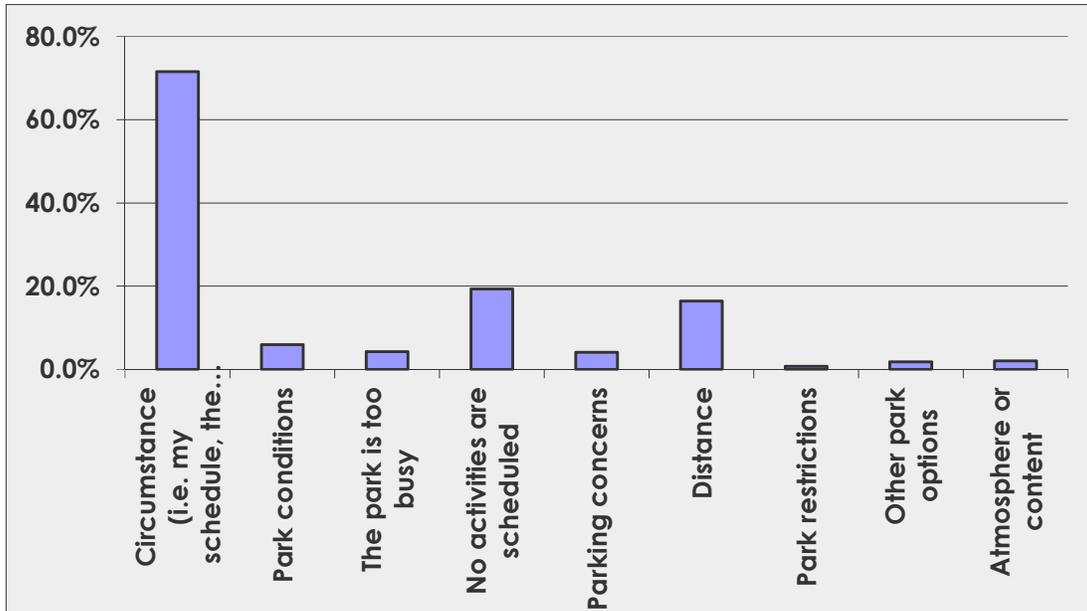


How often do you go to the park? (select one for each season)						
Answer Options	Never	Once Per Month	Once Per Week	Every Day	Rating Average	Response Count
Summer	28	275	423	149	2.62	875
Spring	74	360	343	52	1.99	829
Fall	102	370	296	64	1.90	832
Winter	445	256	55	8	0.60	764
<i>answered question</i>						881
<i>skipped question</i>						215

Weighted response values:	
never	0
once per month	1
once per week	3
every day	5

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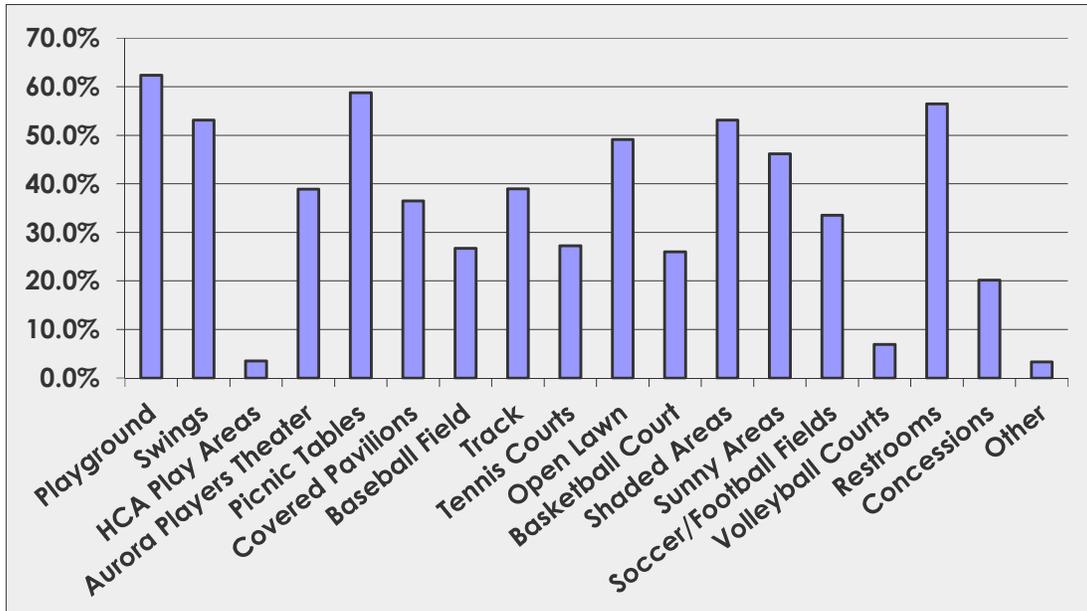
Question 6 :: Why don't you come to the park more often?



Why don't you come to the park more often? (select all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Circumstance (i.e. my schedule, the weather)	71.6%	590
Park conditions	5.9%	49
The park is too busy	4.2%	35
No activities are scheduled	19.3%	159
Parking concerns	4.1%	34
Distance	16.4%	135
Park restrictions	0.7%	6
Other park options	1.8%	15
Atmosphere or content	2.1%	17
<i>answered question</i>		824
<i>skipped question</i>		272

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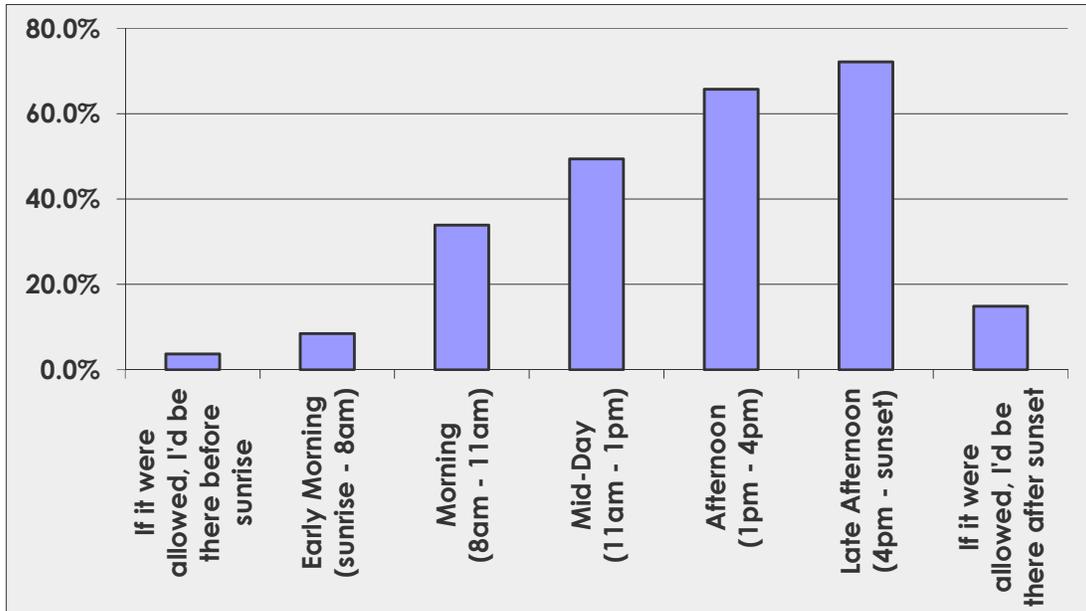
Question 7 :: What areas of the park do you use?



What areas of the park do you use? (select all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Playground	62.4%	547
Swings	53.1%	466
HCA Play Areas	3.5%	31
Aurora Players Theater	38.9%	341
Picnic Tables	58.7%	515
Covered Pavilions	36.5%	320
Baseball Field	26.7%	234
Track	39.0%	342
Tennis Courts	27.3%	239
Open Lawn	49.1%	431
Basketball Court	26.0%	228
Shaded Areas	53.1%	466
Sunny Areas	46.2%	405
Soccer/Football Fields	33.5%	294
Volleyball Courts	7.0%	61
Restrooms	56.4%	495
Concessions	20.2%	177
Other	3.3%	29
answered question		877
skipped question		219

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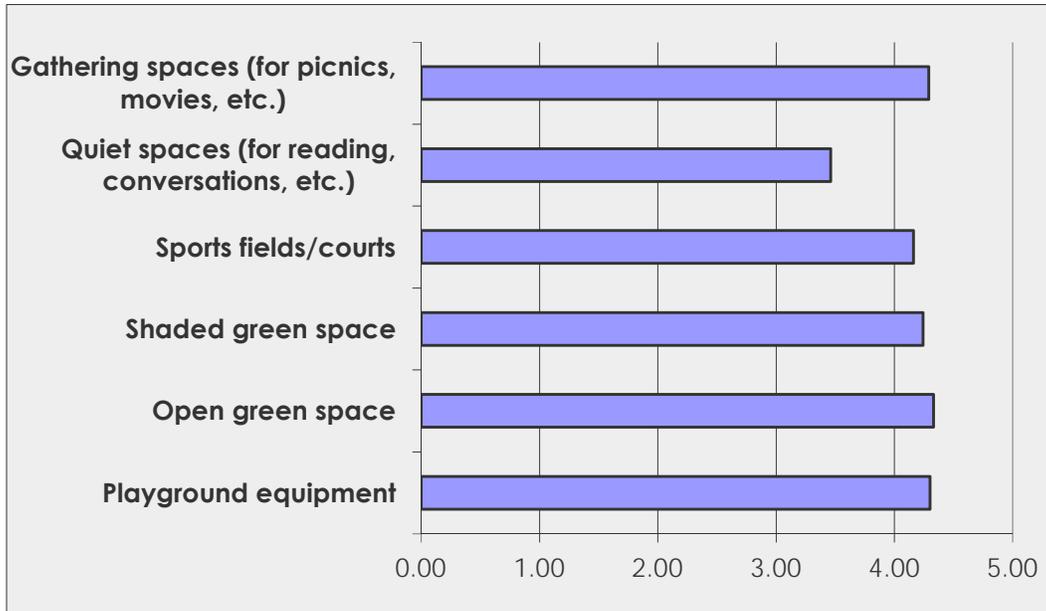
Question 8 :: What time of day do you use the park?



What time of day do you use the park? (select all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
If it were allowed, I'd be there before sunrise	3.7%	32
Early Morning (sunrise - 8am)	8.5%	74
Morning (8am - 11am)	33.9%	295
Mid-Day (11am - 1pm)	49.4%	430
Afternoon (1pm - 4pm)	65.8%	573
Late Afternoon (4pm - sunset)	72.2%	629
If it were allowed, I'd be there after sunset	14.9%	130
<i>answered question</i>		871
<i>skipped question</i>		225

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Question 9 :: What areas are most important to you?

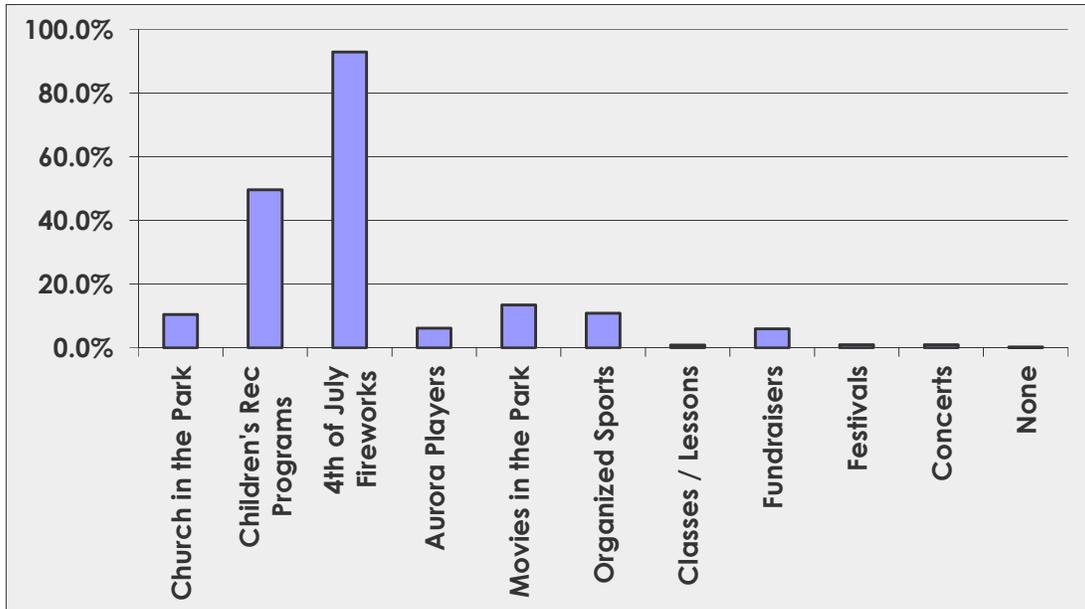


What areas are most important to you? (select one for each area)					
Answer Options	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Very Important	Rating Average	Response Count
Playground equipment	50	193	595	4.30	838
Open green space	31	218	582	4.33	831
Shaded green space	33	246	539	4.24	818
Sports fields/courts	66	207	538	4.16	811
Quiet spaces (for reading, conversations, etc.)	161	286	342	3.46	789
Gathering spaces (for picnics, movies, etc.)	31	234	564	4.29	829
<i>answered question</i>					876
<i>skipped question</i>					220

Weighted response values:	
1	not important
3	somewhat important
5	very important

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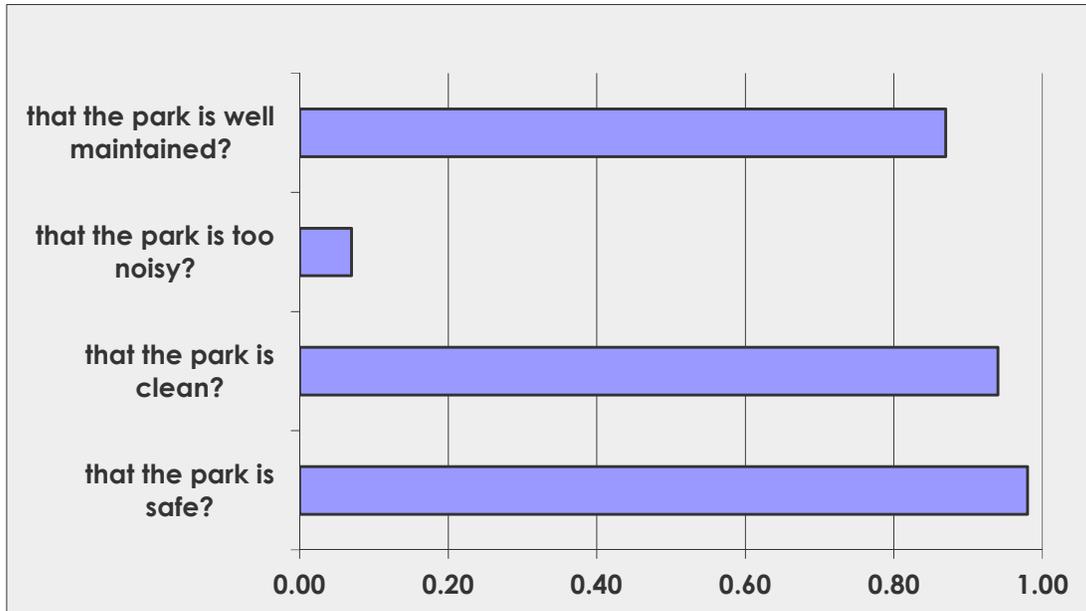
Question 10 :: What events do you attend in the park?



What events do you attend in the park?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Church in the Park	10.5%	88
Children's Rec Programs	49.6%	417
4th of July Fireworks	92.9%	780
Aurora Players	6.2%	52
Movies in the Park	13.5%	113
Organized Sports	10.8%	91
Classes / Lessons	0.8%	7
Fundraisers	6.0%	50
Festivals	1.0%	8
Concerts	1.0%	8
None	0.2%	2
<i>answered question</i>		840
<i>skipped question</i>		256

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Question 11 :: Overall, do you feel:



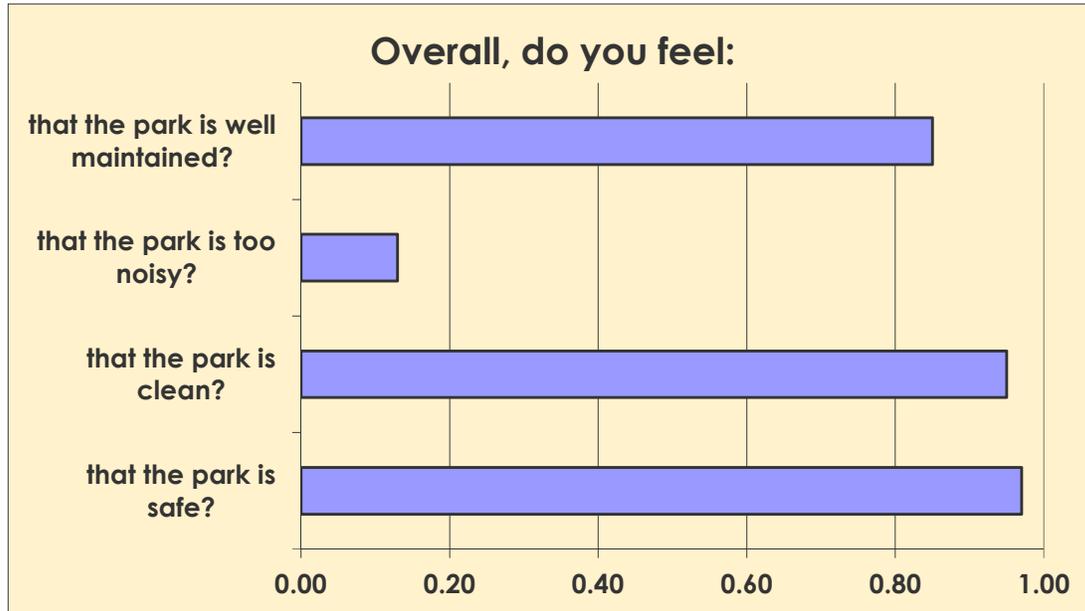
Overall, do you feel: (select one for each question)				
Answer Options	Yes	No	Rating Average	Response Count
that the park is safe?	857	21	0.98	878
that the park is clean?	821	56	0.94	877
that the park is too noisy?	61	801	0.07	862
that the park is well maintained?	752	116	0.87	868
<i>answered question</i>				881
<i>skipped question</i>				215

Weighted response values:	
1	yes
0	no

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**** PARK NEIGHBOR RESPONSE ****

Question 11 :: Overall, do you feel:



Overall, do you feel: (select one for each question)				
Answer Options	Yes	No	Rating Average	Response Count
that the park is safe?	115	3	0.97	118
that the park is clean?	112	6	0.95	118
that the park is too noisy?	15	101	0.13	116
that the park is well maintained?	99	18	0.85	117
<i>answered question</i>				118
<i>skipped question</i>				19

Weighted response values:	
1	yes
0	no

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<p>When given an opportunity to comment, 408 people had positive comments on the general condition & content of the Park:</p>
Meeting friends there
Its beautiful trees Its many uses
It is welcoming in its layout. It's a great place for families. It's a great place to watch kids playing. It's a great place for sports.
The accessibility for kids to ride their bikes to practices/games in the park. The fact that this is a community-supported place to carry on traditions that have existed for decades.
It is important to me to see families with young children using the park in the way that I have memories of doing so. I believe it was such an important part of being a kid in EA. It was a place to gather even in high school. The size and multi use of the park, across all ages.
Activities How lucky we are to raise our kids in such a safe environment!!
It's beautiful
Open to a variety of activities Day camp uses it Available for sports teams to use it
Nothing compares to the joyous sounds of kids playing at the playground or the crowds cheering at baseball and football games. Hamlin Park is very much the center of our town and its use should be encouraged by all.
Its beauty The trees
The variety of things it offers and supports
The multiple uses
Access to the park
Seeing everyone from the town
Knowing my kids have a safe place to play. We love the park and mostly use it for sporting events and leisure activities. My kids often meet their friends after school for pick up games and cook hotdogs.
The space is available for all.
Green space
The park should be enjoyed by everyone. Parents and families socialize and enjoy the park.
Picnic area
The beautiful trees...and the spaciousness!!
The green spaces
Community activities
Amenities
The open space
Everyday retreat.
How large it is

positive comments on the general condition & content of the Park:
I grew up in a town that didn't have a centrally located park and I really appreciated having Hamlin Park to take my own children to. I appreciate being able to enjoy it now.
The old growth trees The hilly terrain
Tradition of open space in the heart of the village for everyone's use with minimal rules. The sound of people enjoying the outdoors is wonderful.
The busy activities
The park should remain a park for everyone to enjoy. How beautiful it is Lovely trees Great place for everyone in the village to enjoy - families, kids, couples, friends - people looking for a nice spot to enjoy our village.
Kids are able to practice sports like cheerleading and lacrosse safely.
The park is fairly clean. Ability to have a meeting space with friends
Overall, I feel that Hamlin Park is well taken care of and not too noisy. I love the picnic tables around there, so that we can have lunch or dinner there.
Large trees
The picnic tables
Shade
The trees Grass areas The people
It is a community space that is available to diverse individuals and groups for a wide variety of activities.
Hamlin Park has served us well over the years with its beautiful trees, clean and well maintained picnic areas, clean and well-stocked restrooms, and activities for children and adults of all ages. The variety of activities offered, the playground, the sports and the beauty of them all coming together in such a safe and wholesome environment.
It's a nice place to bring my grandson when he is visiting. I just think it's a nice place to spend some time.
The quiet grove.
It is a central location for friends and family to enjoy the beauty and tradition of East Aurora. It is where some of my greatest memories come from.
Variety of spaces and functions
Tons of activities for the residents
That it is available to the community
The sense of "home" that it brings to everyone who grew up in or around EA
Open grass Hamlin park is essential to the youth and the adults of our community. It allows anyone to exercise or practice any particular sport. It also is wonderful amusement and exercise for children, as well as an aid to the social life of young children.
A place to hang out with friends
Always something I can do
The vibe
Great place to walk
The fact that they offer so many rec activities for children
The open green spaces and all the activity that's going on at any given time.

positive comments on the general condition & content of the Park:
Family atmosphere
The atmosphere
Hanging out with friends
It brings back so many memories, and is a great place for my kids to relax and have fun.
People
We are all so fortunate to have this wonderful park for our children, and a gathering place for our community!!!
I love the fact that the community can gather there. It is part of the unique character of EA. I love the family activities there.
I love the activity of the park. To think that it has been used for team-building sports and recreation in our little village since the late 1800s...and is still thriving today...is a great source of pride. I have lived all over the world and trust me, Hamlin Park is a gem. A place for kids to play, engage in healthy activity, and for families to get to know one another as they watch sports events, plays, or fireworks is the stuff that classic American neighborhoods are made of.
All the great activities there
Its versatility
The trees
Old trees
The huge trees, the squirrels that scurry among them, and the open fields are all essential to a community park
Nostalgia from my own childhood
Just a nice space in a great location
That the kids are safe there!
Quiet
Green
Peaceful
Trees
Range of activities available for a range of people
The size is perfect
Community gathering place
Activities for kids
Open space
History
Beautiful focal point in the village
It's part of the beauty of EA
Lots of choices/play areas
I love that it's so safe and green!
Accesibility
Quaintness
History
I love the open space and the feeling of welcomeness.
The diversity and open space.
Family environment
Activities
The multiple activities
Reading spaces

positive comments on the general condition & content of the Park:
The varied uses within its boundaries
Open spaces for general use
Clean and well-maintained
A nice spot to sit and read or relax
A safe, clean, fun place to bring my grandchildren
Pavilions Beautiful place Open space Buildings available for events It could very easily be the center for many town-wide activities throughout the year.
Safe environment for kids and adults. So much for the community to enjoy with family and friends.
Great atmosphere!
Open green space Picnic tables
It really seems to bring the community together. I go with my wife and two young children to play at the playground, but we love seeing others in the park for organized or recreational sports and it really makes us feel like we are a part of a community.
Activities
I feel the park is clean. I like all the different activities that it offers.
The park is very safe. I am not nervous that my son going to get hurt.
A safe, open space for people of all ages to gather.
All the activities that are available to the children of East Aurora
I like that a bunch of groups are able to use it, yet it's still available to just run over and have fun with the kids.
Quiet area to have lunch during the workday
Its safety Its accessibility Its utility This is a beautiful park!
A great place for kids and events
Accessibility Assortment of available space and activities, both scheduled and non-scheduled.
Like the availability. Like to walk with my grandbaby there. Remember going there all the time with my friends growing up.
It provides a safe, supervised area for kids to learn and play sports
The beauty of the park
It is a park of the community
Open space
Accessibility for the community
I love how it's laid out.
The many uses Nice green space It is a great place for kids to play and to picnic.
Green space

positive comments on the general condition & content of the Park:
Great facility for families
Hamlin Park is my family's favorite local place to walk. The park is very clean. The restrooms are clean and functional.
It's a fun place for the whole family
It's used by young families
It's a great representation of the village. Clean, fun, and family friendly
Having a park for the entire community to enjoy
It's a nice park in the middle of the village within walking distance for most everyone. It provides a nice green space.
Activities Comfort Multi-use Ease of use Variety of usage That it's public/free of charge Clean Open'ness
Vibrancy Mixed use
Trees
My kids ride their bikes there every weekend to meet their friends.
The children have a safe place to play
The openness The size
History Trees
Trees
It is a multi-use park
The trees
Variety of shaded and sunny areas
Trees
Clean Well-maintained
It is our park
Clean Safe Community oriented
Spacious It is a park that all ages can enjoy!!!
Shady space Taking my grandchildren to play where I did over half a century ago!
It is safe. The police are seen there often.
All the different things to do
Green space
Clean
Open space

positive comments on the general condition & content of the Park:
Open space
Well-maintained. It seems as if the village takes great pride in it.
Hasn't changed since I was a child - memories!
I like the trees
Community use
Proximity Open space Gathering spot
Lots to keep a family busy
Lawn I think that the trees should be preserved and cared for, they are a treasure to the community.
The variety of spaces/settings, from the open fields to the treed hill area
Trees Picnic tables
A great place to gather
A peaceful place in the middle of the village It helps define our village
Beautiful
Knowing it's full of people I knew as a kid, plus people from all over the area (for special events).
The mixed-use
Access Open areas Especially the trees I like that there are restrooms on both sides.
Safety
That it gets used by a variety of people for a variety of reasons.
Great family atmosphere
It's natural, classic look (i.e. not too much of a bright, plastic look)
Lots of trees
Friendly environment
It always seems well maintained Wholesome with family activities Safe Availability Accessibility
The trees The nature it brings and keeps
The space Areas in shade and sun Seating Good environment and atmosphere for kids and families
The trees The diverse uses
Has a little bit of everything It's safe and clean
Big trees!!! Picnic tables

positive comments on the general condition & content of the Park:
It's a nice, relaxing public park
It's the heart of the community Safe Inviting
Easy to use Convenient Good size It has areas for activities for all ages.
Young kid friendly No dogs allowed
Safe Clean
I think in general, the park is in great shape. I like the green space
The beautiful, large trees in the park
The park offers a quiet respite at any time. It's a great place to congregate with family and friends.
It is easily accessible. It has different areas for different uses.
Lots of sports and activities
Grassy areas
Good place for kids to play in town
Safe place for children to play
Lots of green space and trees
Seems safe and clean whenever I am there
All of the different activities that are there for the kids
Beautiful trees Shade
Cleanliness
Accessible
Very well maintained Very safe
I like the huge old trees that offer shade to readers and loungers.
I LOVE the big trees. It's easy to walk to. It's a great place for my daughter to run around.
It's a place for residents to meet, gather, play, and relax.
The trees
Very kid friendly
It's available to be used by everyone
It's beautiful! Such wonderful people Lots of open space to kick a soccer ball around or play There's something for everyone.
Big and open Lots of space Options for sports

positive comments on the general condition & content of the Park:
It's well maintained
The openness
Something for everyone Community
Wide open space that is publicly available for outdoor recreation
Easily accessible Has everything there for kids
Rustic look Shaded areas Safe feeling
I like the amount of events like picnics, sporting events and the theater. The park seems to bring a great community closer together. It's a great place for close friends and family to meet.
I like the beautiful green space!
The beauty of the park Enough space so you can converse without everyone hearing you.
The grove of trees with places to sit
The ability to have so many different events going on at once
I love that we can be watching baseball or football and the other children can play on the playground at the same time.
There is so much to do! It's so big and open!
A public and full-use park is a vital part of our community.
The open space Seeing everyone enjoying the park
It is family friendly for all ages.
The size Convenience Accessibility Green space Available to be used by everyone
I love the activities The accessibility of the park
Kids' activities
There is space for everyone, no matter what their needs are.
It's a pretty park that is used for its intended purpose.
Convenient Good amount of activities for kids
There are a lot of different things for the kids to do.
It's a nice place for the kids to meet with friends.
Lots of friends Trees
Variety of uses
It's a nice place to sit and read while the kids play.
I like the variety of spaces/uses that provide opportunities for community involvement.
Kids' activities

positive comments on the general condition & content of the Park:
The park is a huge asset to the village. We walk and ride our bikes there, bring picnics there, and meet friends there. It's a space that encourages people to un-plug from electronics and socialize face to face. The park also promotes physical activity.
The park is an option for children at surrounding home schools, and catholic school to use for recreation/recess.
Versatility for activities for those of all ages
Family friendly Sports and recreation for the children
I like that I can walk to it. More importantly, that my children can walk to it.
Open space
Spots to picnic
It is a community gathering space. It is a place for organized and spontaneous recreation.
The surrounding homes make it safe
I love that's it's a safe place that our family can walk or ride bikes to.
Variety of amenities
The green space
Open space Recreational activities that are open to the community The fact that our kids could walk to school/summer functions, sports, playground, etc. was a huge quality of life factor.
It's a recreational and cultural gathering place for the residents of the Village of East Aurora and the Town of Aurora, as well as surrounding towns including Hamburg, Wales, Elma, etc.
Diverse areas (open space, tennis, ball diamond, playground, picnic areas, track)
All the different things going on
It's pretty It's a nice for kids and families
Open green space in the village A place for kids and families to spend quality time outdoors It builds a sense of community (sports, rec program) It promotes healthy lifestyles
The tall trees!!!!
Community gathering place Safe For the most part, clean
This is good for kids under 10
The hills
Activities The amazing people in my town that go there Clean Welcoming
The open space Different areas that can be used by residents
Safe play space
Openness
Kids playing

positive comments on the general condition & content of the Park:
Meeting with friends and socializing while kids have a safe place to run around and play
I love the beautiful trees!
Trees
Accessibility Close walking distance
The multiple spaces Picnic areas
The huge trees
Shade/trees Seeing friends/neighbors
I like the proximity of the park to our neighborhood. I like the quaintness of the park.
Variety of landscapes
It can be very peaceful.
Its many uses Beautiful treed areas
Lots of green space
Open space to sit and relax or run or hike
The mixed use
There is something for everyone to enjoy!
Versatile Natural Structures blend in with surroundings
Variety of activities
I love the sense of community that the park provides
I enjoy that my children always find friends to play with when we go there.
Meeting other people
This is a great large green space in the center of Town.
Meeting place for kids and families Great location for town events
The trees Open spaces Facilities
Green space Fun things for kids
Many activities offered there Good atmosphere for children
The old trees
Trees
I like that it's free and open for the use of everyone.
Multi-use Areas that can be reserved
Nature Atmosphere
Lots of trees Nice environment to read in

positive comments on the general condition & content of the Park:
The atmosphere
Large size Variety of activities
I like that there are a lot of different areas. Everyone can find a place where they are comfortable
I believe the grounds are well maintained
Green space Shady and sunny areas
Great setting in a busy village
The park has seemed clean whenever we've been there.
I like the friendly people who go there.
There is always something to do
Its varied use
We like the multifaceted aspect of the park.
Great meeting spot It's great for people of all ages
Large trees
Size Slight hills Memories
I love the open space.
It's beauty Safety
Accessibility
I love the atmosphere of the park. It's a nice place to bring my family.
The family atmosphere The freedom of space
It's a wonderful asset. It's a great community activity/meeting place.
I run into everyone there. It is a great excuse to get outside and play.
Lots for my grandkids to do Room to run & play
Picnic area
Clean
Just sitting for a bit to enjoy the trees The mixed use is a relaxed combination of all types of areas - from the playground to the fields/courts to the theatre A great blend of new and old History - Village/Roycroft (and mine as I raised my kids here!)
Green space Picnic tables Pavilions
The history I have many fond memories
Community activities
History

positive comments on the general condition & content of the Park:
Open space Room for children to explore and play
I like that it's still a recognizable park.
Safe place for kids
I like the life, history and community energy of the park.
Mature trees Picnic areas I like that the kids can walk to sports, the playground, and recreational programs. I also love that there is plenty of space to get some solitude or participate in community events.
Convenience Variable activities Trees
Mature trees
It's a great gathering place for residents and visitors alike...right in the middle of the village!
I like that the park can be utilized for so many different activities!!!
I like that the restrooms are real restrooms; not port-a-potties.
Overall, I feel the park is well maintained. I like that there are many choices for the kids.
Cleanliness
Free to everyone
Nice for everyone to use
Clean Family-friendly spot to have fun
Various activities available
Childhood memories Clean Large Lots of fun Unique - not like other cookie-cutter parks
Calm Peaceful
The big trees
It's clean
Trees
I like that it has such a large, open field away from the road where kids can run and play (baseball outfield area).
Large space Able to accommodate many village activities
Variety of things to do
Space for my kids to run around and play
Memories of days gone by The Home Town feel
The trees
It is perfect for the little children
Availability
All the trees

positive comments on the general condition & content of the Park:
Feeling that it ties the village together Gathering spaces
Public activity and green spaces are one of the most important cornerstones of community.
It is a safe place for my kids to gather and attend Aurora Town Rec events.
Cleanliness
A place for everyone to come together
The big trees
I like how it looks.
I love the atmosphere! It is so nice that the park is within walking distance of everything.
It's kid, teen and adult friendly.
It feels really safe.
Perfect spot to keep kids off the xbox
The huge old trees are wonderful. It is a beautiful mix of open space, shaded space and areas to meet and recreate. The buildings have a vintage charm. The park is easily accessible from anywhere in the village.
I like the flexibility of use for all community members.
I like the fact it is there for our community! It is a beautiful space that our family has used for years.
Great meeting space
Lots of trees
Small size
History Activities for the village Irreplaceable
Its just a nice place to be in the middle of the village.
Green spaces History The park atmosphere has been mostly unchanged over many decades.
A true traditional village park
Hanging out with friends
Areas for children
Trees Paths
Open space Memories of fun with family, friends, relatives, neighbors, etc.
Trees
The shaded grove of trees There seems to be a fairly good balance of availability for everyone to enjoy the park now.
Majestic trees Spend time with friends
Large green space in the middle of town Available for all residents to use and benefit from
Multi-use History

positive comments on the general condition & content of the Park:
Memories of growing up there
We love seeing the park being well used. This park allows kids to be kids. We love all the activity within it.
I like just hanging out there. It was a destination for me and my brothers from when we were old enough to ride our bikes there. I believe it is really a special place for people of all ages.
Versatility to accommodate various activities for all ages
Green spaces Quiet spots
I like the mix of beautiful shady areas and the children's playground.
Watching kids play
The size, it's huge!
The green space It is so large Varied between sunny and shaded areas
The sprawling size
The trees The memories associated with the park
I like that the park was maintained, clean, and safe. It's just a nice, peaceful place for kids to play.
Size
Nice area
I enjoy the park atmosphere - the quiet as well as the community noise. The park is a community center.
Nicely located Very open space
I love the fact that the park transforms itself for each event....Saturday sports, a village BBQ, the Aurora players, summer camps, and family picnics. Bravo to the parks people for doing a great job with limited resources.
I like the public space within the Village.
I love the large trees. The space is great for my kids to gather with their friends.
It's one of the few green spaces in East Aurora. The park has been here for all my 83 years. I love to see all the children's activity there.
Convenient Safe area Variety of spaces available for different activities - taking kids to the playground, walking with a friend, running the track, relaxing under a tree
Shaded areas for reading
Maintenance
Gathering place for families and activities It's walkable for village residents
Size Variety of offerings
It is historic space in the village.

positive comments on the general condition & content of the Park:
I love having the park for my family to use. I appreciate and enjoy all aspects of the park.
Friendly people Generally speaking, the park is beautiful and well maintained.
Peaceful Quiet Safe It's a beautiful place. It's nice and quiet [at the upper area of the park] away from the playground.
Trees
The shady wooded area The ability to gather for community events
Hub of the village
Activity Tradition
I like all the active, happy people playing sports or enjoying recreation.

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When given an opportunity to comment, 122 people had positive comments on the playground at the Park:
Playground
Playground
The playground
Playground
Playground
The playground is clean.
The quality playground
I take my grandchildren to the playground often.
I like the playground space for my kids and spots for me to sit & watch them.
Playground
The playground
I love being there and seeing kids on the playground.
My kids love the playground.
The playground
Playground
I liked HOP and the current playground. We spend many days playing on the playground.
The playgrounds
Playground
Playground
I love the swings there.
My kids loved the playground when they were younger.
Playground
We use the playground the most.
The playground
My kids love the tire swing and playground. They love chasing squirrels too :)
Playground
Playground
Playground
Playground
Public playground
Wonderful playground
Great playground for when our kids were younger.
Playground
The playground
The playground is the best in our area.
Great playground
We like the children's play area.
Playground
The playground
Playground
Playground
Playground

positive comments on the playground at the Park:
Playground
Playground
The playground
Playground
Playground
Playground
My son and now my grandchildren enjoy the playground.
The children's play area
Playground
Playground
Playground
The playground
Playground
Playground
The playground is great!
The recreational equipment seems to be in good shape and usage seems to be appropriate.
I liked the HOP when I was a kid.
Playground
Great playground equipment
The playground
Playground
The playground
The playground area
Playground
Playground
Playground
We use the playground.
This is the best playground in the Village.
Playground
The playground
The playground
Playground
Playground
Safe play set for kids
Special needs swings
Playground for kids
Playground
Playground
Playground
Playground
The playground

positive comments on the playground at the Park:
Playground
The playground is nice.
Nice playground
Playground
Playground
The playground was always great.
Playground
The playground is well maintained.
Playground
I love the playground.
Playground
I like the opportunities for my 1-1/2 year old to play on. He can utilize the small playground set and swings which is exactly what he likes.
I love the playground.
I like the size of the playground.
Playground
I always loved playing on the playground.
The playground
I like the very large playground for the kids.
I like that the playground is located near picnic tables and shady areas.
The playground is great for kids.
Playground
I like the playground.
Playground
The playground
Big area/playground for my kids to play
Big playground for the kids
Playground
My kids like to use the slides.
Playground
Play space
Overall, it's a safe play set.
I like the play area for small children.
Great playground
My kids enjoy the playground immensely.
The playground

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When given an opportunity to comment, 27 people had positive comments on the Aurora Players & Rotary Stage in the Park:
Aurora Players
Aurora Players
Plays
We spend many days dancing on the stage.
The stage
The theater
The stage
Sitting on the bandstand
Aurora Players
Aurora Players theatre and STAR in the park
Aurora Players
Aurora Players (a 'treasure')
Theater
Aurora Players
Theater
I loved the Aurora Players since the day I arrived.
Theater
Aurora Players
I love that we have a beautiful venue for our community theater.
The theater
The theater
Theater
Aurora Players
Aurora Players
Theater
I love the Aurora Players.
Theater

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When given an opportunity to comment, 66 people had positive comments on the organized events held at the Park:
Movies 4th of July
Annual fireworks show ToyFest Park and pool day in middle and elementary school Summer tennis lessons throughout high school
Fourth of July
Movies
Community events
Should be used for events!
Church in the Park and Movies in the Park are great assets to our community.
Community activities
Movies in the Park Fireworks Church in the Park Chicken BBQ
Movies in the Park
The Fourth of July fireworks!
Events
I love the 4th of July fireworks there
3rd of July
4th of July
Events
I believe Hamlin Park should be open to all of the events that are there now (Aurora Players, Children's activities, Sporting Events, Community Events including the fireworks, Church in the Park, Movies in the Park, Kiwanis events). It is a community park and should be used as such.
4th of July
Recreational activities by the Town Friday night movie nights
Center for community events
Great for events like the fireworks
Community events
I have always felt it should be used for all kinds of community events.
Community events and activities
Chicken BBQ
Events
We love the fireworks Movies in the Park The chicken bbq
Community events
Public events
Events
Spot for community events
Events that bring people in

positive comments on the organized events held at the Park:
Festivities like the 4th of July
I love the annual fireworks now.
4th of July Chicken BBQ Toyfest (many years ago!) Other community events
4th of July Chicken bbq
Watch family movies THE BEST fireworks in WNY!!
I love that we are able to enjoy the events there!
We like the activities they have - like Movies in the Park.
Full use by all ages and different events
Events
Movies in the Park
Events Activities for all to enjoy at various times
Great variety of events/activities
July 3rd
I like the organized events, like 4th of July and chicken bbq.
Extra events
We like all of the activities offered in the summer.
The activities
Independence Day celebrations
Concerts
I always loved attending the Fisher Price and July 4th events.
Great programs for families and children
Planned festivals/activities
Organized activities and events
4th of July
Summer carnivals
The activities
The community activities
Watching the 4th of July fireworks Attending the chicken barbecue Going to numerous carnivals
Movies in the Park 4th of July fireworks ToyFest
3rd of July celebration Chicken BBQ
July 3
I especially enjoyed the times spent with family at the 3rd of July fireworks.
I like the movie nights.
Community events

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When given an opportunity to comment, 60 people had positive comments on the organized sports held at the Park:
Summer rec
I like to stop by and see a spring baseball game during the week or a little loop football game on the weekend.
Sporting events
Sporting events
I like the kids' sports activities that are there.
We mostly use it for sporting events and leisure activities.
The sporting events are great assets to our community.
Rec Department programs
I enjoy watching sporting events.
I love being there and seeing kids on the basketball court, baseball diamond, etc.
I have enjoyed many activities at Hamlin Park with my children, including many baseball games, soccer games, and tennis club matches.
I enjoy watching a ball game when I have a chance.
My children go to Hamlin park Day camp and use many areas of the park when they are there.
I like that the kids have such a wide array of sports to participate in.
Lacrosse
Sports
Team-building sports and recreation
I enjoy watching kids today be able to participate in the same sports programs I did when I was young.
We have gone to all my children's sports activities and now my grandchildren's activities.
Sports
I love being able to gather with football families where our kids can play and thrive in a healthy and safe environment.
It is a great place for youth sports.
Sports activities
Space for kids to play organized sports Summer camp
We love that the kids play football there.
I like the Little Loop football.
Great summer camps
Sports
We've done the summer program for the last 5 years.
When my children were small, we stood in long lines to enroll them in all the very well-managed and well-staffed programs.
Sporting events
The recreation department programs
Youth sports
Little Loop
Most important to me is the fall football season when I get to see my two grandsons play football and enjoy the great fall outdoors.
I like to see the kids playing sports there.

positive comments on the organized sports held at the Park:
Concessions
I like the rec activities they have at the park.
The sports
Athletic events
It's a great place for organized recreation.
Sporting events
The summer programs for kids
Sports
Day camp
It's a place for children to enjoy all types of sports!
Little Loop football
I like that baseball is there to watch.
Baseball
Little Loop Football
Summer rec programs
I enjoy the summer rec programs.
Town-sponsored youth programs
I enjoyed playing football and baseball for EAHS and the summer leagues.
Football & soccer games
Children's recreation
I love the continued Little Loop program and the concessions on Saturday mornings.
Baseball games
I like watching my children grow by playing organized sports through the recreation department and through East Aurora Little Loop Football.
I love attending all-day football when East Aurora is in town for their games.

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When given an opportunity to comment, 67 people had positive comments on the sport facilities of the Park:
Fields
Basketball courts Baseball field
Pickup basketball
Sports fields
Tennis courts
Tennis courts
Athletic fields
I like that kids are able to practice sports like cheerleading and lacrosse safely.
Tennis courts Basketball courts
Volleyball courts Track
Tennis courts
We spend many days running the bases.
Baseball field
I like the ability to play basketball there.
Volleyball nets
It's a nice place to play sports.
Tennis courts
I like that it has the sports fields.
The athletic fields are the most important to me.
I like the track and the courts.
Baseball Basketball
The track
Football field Baseball field
Basketball court
Track
Track
I like the wonderful sporting areas for soccer, football, basketball and tennis.
It's a great place for recreational sports - football, basketball, and track.
Sports
Athletic areas
I like walking on the track.
It's a great place for sports.
Baseball field
Tennis courts
Courts
Basketball court Baseball field Tennis courts
Running track

positive comments on the sport facilities of the Park:
Tennis Track
Football field Baseball field
Sports facilities
Track Baseball field Football field Tennis courts
Playing fields for kids
Track
I like that all the sports for the kids are in the same area.
Baseball diamond Basketball court
We like to use the track.
Track
I like the sports fields and courts.
Football field
Baseball Football Soccer Volleyball
Track
I like using the tennis courts.
I like the sports fields and track.
The track
Baseball Soccer Tennis Volleyball
I love the track.
I love the tennis courts.
Space for athletic events
Basketball courts I always loved running on the track.
Tennis courts
Best football field in the area - far superior to the high school field
Ice skating Baseball Tennis Track Football
Areas for sports
Tennis courts
We like to play on the athletic fields.
The track for walking or running
Sports areas

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When given an opportunity to comment, 213 people had negative comments on the general condition & content of the Park:
Too much group/sport activity
I hear it can be a 'hang out' after dark.
Perhaps the picnic benches could be renovated, as some of the wooden ones are old and splintering. It appears to be a little difficult to maneuver if you are physically handicapped (i.e. the stone gravel).
Trim some of the large overhanging tree branches near the pavilion so there is a better view of the outdoor activities. Add more benches and tables for picnics.
The grass is usually really long. There should be lights for sports activities at night.
I don't like what I've heard goes on after dark.
Sometimes the gangs of teenagers in the evenings make my small children nervous.
I think a brick-paver-type walkway should be added from South Grove.
Adding more tables/benches might be nice.
It's just a typical park. There's nothing fancy about it and nothing that sets it apart from other similar parks in the surrounding areas.
I think the park is maintained at a bare minimum. It is a gem that should be better taken care of.
I have heard that the park is not maintained as well under the highway dept. because they give it the same care as a parks' employee did. I hate that people don't clean up after themselves. I think there should be more police patrols.
I think dogs should be able to walk through the park on leashes.
The park needs more activities!
I don't like that teens tend to come to the park at late hours and do illegal things.
There should be more shaded areas to sit.
The garbage cans could be updated. I dislike the teenagers that misuse the park. I dislike people who smoke at the park, especially near the playground.
Walking along the paths to the playground, with an infant and toddler, can be difficult and awkward. Add more benches in the shade.
The branches should be trimmed or removed when necessary after storms. More night patrols should be added to keep the vandals away. Add security cameras!
There's too much activity sometimes. The noise levels from the speaker system have lessened, but it's still loud.
I do not like the fact that the park closes at night - a lot of people go there to star gaze, or enjoy the night skies in general.
At night, you have to be careful with teenagers around.
I don't like that I can't walk the dog there.
I don't like that I can't go there at night to see stars legally.
Sometimes, I don't like the East Aurora Police department.
The tables in the outdoor pavilion are in poor condition.
The park is not as welcoming as it could be.
I don't like the rock paths.
I don't like that dogs are not allowed.

negative comments on the general condition & content of the Park:
I don't like that dogs aren't allowed. There are thousands of registered dogs in the village alone - let them enjoy the park too.
The park needs some upkeep work - fences, equipment, etc. Add more seating areas.
I don't like people that patrol the park on their own accord in pursuit of enforcing their own interests.
I don't like the bees. Add more benches.
I don't like the tree roots.
The park needs more seating.
Add better lighting
I dislike the commercialism, over the years, of the park. It should be preserved as opposed to being made new.
Bees
Add more patrols in the evenings to deter bad conduct. The basketball courts and surrounding area attract some sketchy people who are smoking (including pot), swearing, and generally not being courteous.
Lots of teens sometimes makes it uncomfortable Rumors of drug dealings Too many skateboarders Not senior citizen friendly
I don't like that dogs aren't allowed.
I think it would have better appearance if the walkways were newer.
Add a few more picnic tables.
I don't like the lack of pet access.
I worry about the activities that happen after dark and what's left in the AM when the kids come to play.
I would suggest adding a fence around the playground.
I don't like those that abuse the park.
The park needs more lush grass in some areas and some colorful flowers should be added.
Paving is needed - the driveway to the Pavilion, as well as walkways throughout. Additional lighting would be good - at minimum, along the driveway up to the Pavilion; as well as in/around the various walkways throughout the park.
Sometimes teens act up at night a bit, but the police respond promptly. I think it would be nice to allow people to leash-walk their dogs. If they fail to clean up after their dogs then the privilege goes away. (Might be worth a try.) I think people are more conscious about dog poop clean-up than they used to be.
I don't like the teenagers at night.
Perhaps add some benches in unexpected spots.
I don't like that the park is a skateboard hang-out.
The stone paths leading to the playground from the sidewalk on Prospect could use paving to make it easier for strollers and wheelchairs to access the park. There's not enough policing after dark.
My son was approached by someone selling drugs once. Add more visible (friendly) walking patrols.
I am concerned about the loss of trees in recent years and am hoping that there is plan to maintain the Grove area for the future.
Bumpy grass
The park could use more attention from the maintenance crew.

negative comments on the general condition & content of the Park:
Add sidewalks/paved walkways so the park is more easily accessible to those who have difficulty walking/pushing wheelchairs & walkers on uneven/grassy surfaces. Specifically near the youth athletic fields, it can be a long walk across the fields for those who have trouble on those surfaces.
Bees
Condition
The walk to the theater from the parking lot can be treacherous in the winter.
The park can get very dirty with litter and even natural waste (twigs, leaves, stones, etc.). The pavilion has a lot of graffiti and needs repair. The walkways have potholes and the driveway to the pavillion has lost a lot of stone.
I think the park should be carry in/carry out, instead of having trash cans. I dislike the over-use of the Grove area and the lack of grass.
The hours should be extended past sunset, especially during early spring and fall.
Allow dogs but have enough signage, dog bag/garbage posts so people respect the 'rules for bringing your dog into the park' and fine those not in compliance. It works at Knox; Why can't it work here?
I dislike that the trash cans are put away in winter.
At times, I worry about the people lingering because I know what they are doing. I've just had to make the choice for my family to stay away.
Remove any distraction that takes away the ambiance of relaxation and beauty. But continue to designate and maintain areas for sports and leisure.
I'd love to see more areas for picnicking, reading, and enjoying the entire park. There's a small shaded section for this by the stage, but it could be expanded into other areas of the gorgeous park.
Maintaining the older trees is very important. New ones can be planted, but they won't mature to the gentle giants that we have in our lifetime. Hire an arborist for a professional assessment of the park's current stock of trees and develop a maintenance and future planting plan.
Instead of having a general noise restriction, maybe just enforce it between, say, 11:00 pm and 8:00 am.
I don't like that it closes so early in the summer. More trees should be planted where older ones fell or were removed.
Maintenance
The park could be better maintained overall. Add better landscaping.
I suppose ideally the lawn would be more lush.
There are always dogs in people's backyards barking at my kids. I have been worried that they will get out from some of the delapidated gates/fences.
I don't like the fact that people use it to do recreational drugs. Remove and prevent people from going there to do recreational drugs.
Teens loitering
I don't like the unsupervised and disrespectful kids.
Maintenance It's dirty The grass is full of weeds. The baseball diamond could use some chalk lines. Add picnic tables.
Sometimes muddy
The two paths from the corners into the park could use some work. They should be a little bit more stroller, bike & wagon friendly seeing that is mostly the age group I see using that area of the park.
I dislike the walk down to the playground equipment.

negative comments on the general condition & content of the Park:
The fence on the south side is in poor shape and should be repaired. There needs to be more signage indicating dogs are not permitted. There needs to be more patrols during sporting events - specifically football, which seems to draw the largest crowds. I have seen people during football games and practices damaging trees and trespassing. Additionally, there always seem to be many, many dogs in the park during football games.
I miss the trees that were there throughout my childhood. Some replanting has taken place, but the center section of the park, near the old restrooms, needs more trees.
Lack of grass on the hill
Heavy use in summer
Size Lack of shaded gathering areas
Sometimes when crowds of kids/teens are there, it makes me a bit more cautious.
Maybe more benches/chairs could be arranged for conversations or reading.
More tables or benches should be added throughout the park.
Far too much of the area is dedicated to organized sports. Add casual recreation (i.e. paths, trails, benches) around the sports fields to create a more complete park. Add access from Griggs Rd. (Residents on the south side of the village have to walk parallel to the park on a side street to get to the playground; Or try to push a stroller over the grass.) Trail networks within the park need to be installed. Evening hours need to be extended past dusk. This park belongs to the residents of the village and they should be allowed to enjoy the park at reasonable hours (i.e. close at 11pm). Add a perimeter trail that is lit for evening strolls. Line the trail with some benches and trees and you'll have a beautiful destination for village residents. This would bring in a whole new demographic of people. Evening lighting is inadequate.
Litter
Since the walkways are not paved, there aren't a lot of places to walk for person who is disabled. We used to use the park more when the kids were little. Now there isn't a lot for us to do there.
Add more lights.
The kids that go there at night should be more strictly monitored.
I dislike the disrespectful kids that hang out.
It's not adult friendly ... I feel strange going there by myself.
I dislike the unsupervised older children later in the day just "hanging out" and sometimes intimidating the younger children.
Some of the very large old trees should be checked out. It would be disastrous if one should come down either in a storm or simply because of age.
It can get crowded
It's not too welcoming for seniors.
The lawn is mowed too short and the mowing is unsafe because the mower throws rocks!! I feel the park is somewhat safe, but I have seen a lot of things happen in the park. (Police patrols have increased over the years which is good.) I don't feel that the park should be used after dark, except for the fireworks.
The garbage cans attract bees like crazy. I would like to see that addressed.
There seems to be some muddy areas that could either use a gravel path or grass.
Music should be allowed at the park for activities.
The park needs more aesthetic areas to enjoy (i.e. flowers, nice benches for reading, etc.)

negative comments on the general condition & content of the Park:
Garbage cans are not emptied frequently enough, and the bees are horrible as a result. I have personally gone and purchased wasp spray to keep the yellow jacket population in check during football home games for EALL. Add better seating and more covered/shaded areas.
It's too small.
I dislike the smokers. The police building should be replaced.
It needs some TLC from years of use.
There's only limited lighting in the evening. Add more grass.
Any trees that are removed from the north end should be replaced with ones that will grow to match their predecessor.
I know everyone tries to keep the park safe and clean, but unless something is done with the teens and young adults, it won't be.
Maintenance
It seems very old
The park isn't used as much or maintained as well as it was 20 years ago.
The teenagers can be very obnoxious. The sounds of kids playing are great. The sounds of teenagers swearing, not so much. The park often has trash lying around. The picnic tables are in dire need of either sanding, painting, or both. I think that the park should be patrolled much more frequently.
Bees
I dislike the teenagers who hang around and smoke.
Use or remove the police satellite station.
No dogs allowed
It would be nice if the trash was emptied more frequently, as they are usually swarming with bees or flies. I'd love to see a few more picnic tables.
I've seen smokers in the park.
I dislike the drug use in the evening.
I dislike the old picnic tables,
I strongly wish there was at least a dog park section of the park. Another possibility would be to just allow dogs. I am a very conscientious dog owner and would pick up after my dog and keep him on leash. Maybe if there were special trash cans and baggie dispensers for people, those who are not so conscientious would also clean up.
I dislike the young boys on skateboards.
The park needs to be cleaned up more frequently, as there is always trash, cigarette butts and empty beer cans all over.
Maybe update some of the benches. The wood gets a bit splintery.
The park is OK-maintained. It's clean enough but not as clean as it could be. It could be more landscaped/beautiful.
I dislike the issues with not-so-desirable people hanging out who are up to no good.
I've had concerns about questionable activities going on around the theater area, and at times I won't allow my kids to go there. Just maintain it!
Maybe add more picnic tables.

negative comments on the general condition & content of the Park:
There are not enough trash cans. The facilities could use a little more upkeep.
No dogs allowed
I dislike the old teenagers skateboarding. Add more trees.
Add more pavilions for rentals.
I dislike the degenerate kids hanging out there.
The baseball field is too close to the pavilions.
Punks/drugs after hours
This is an area used for drugs. It has been for many years and is not being addressed. I live within one block of the park and it IS a local issue. It's over-regulated for community use.
It's not really welcoming for seniors to sit and relax.
Dogs should be allowed in the park.
I dislike the teenagers who smoke around the playground where young kids are.
I do think the evening curfew hours need to be enforced better, as there are many teens in the park after dark.
The buildings look shabby. I dislike the garbage that is strewn everywhere after the 3rd of July.
I would like it to be more lush. Add an area that is more garden-like.
I wish there were a few more picnic tables.
The cops always kick the older kids/adults out of the park or do unnecessary searches for usually no reason saying they're too old to be there.
Add more trees. Remove the dirtballs who don't like kids playing in the park.
Litter
I think people may perceive it as messy because the squirrels make a mess with the garbage cans. Maybe the garbage could be emptied more often. I dislike people who don't acknowledge the no smoking signs. The entire park should be no smoking! I dislike the loitering after dark.
I dislike the bees near the trash cans.
There's nothing to do at the park.
The park is too small for all the use. Some events held there are too big & noisy and I'm concerned that may damage the old trees.
There are too many troubled teens at night. Nicer and more picnic tables should be added.
Add more shelters with grills.
Church in the park is way too loud - terrible singers too!
Vandalism
It's not as user-friendly as it could be.
I dislike the potential for after-hours mischief.
Can more benches/tables be added?
Add more picnic tables in the shaded area near the playground.
I would like to see the concession stand open more (i.e. when there aren't scheduled events).
I dislike that dogs aren't allowed in the park, but I understand why.

negative comments on the general condition & content of the Park:
Add more access to water in the grove.
The concession stand should be open in the summer.
Add more benches and picnic areas.
I dislike when it gets really busy. Add more covered seating.
No alcoholic beverages
It is not well-groomed.
There's not much for older kids to do. I dislike that some of the buildings had to be removed.
I dislike the older kids and their language so close to the playground.
I feel that there could be more of a police presence during the evenings and at night.
I would like to see more enforcement of the non-smoking area.
I think the snow hill behind the theater should be maintained in the winter. I dislike the people using our yard for access.
Can't walk your dog
Dogs should be allowed
We need better pathways in the park. The walkway to the Aurora Players Pavillion needs to be made more accessible.
More TLC is needed for the paths. The ground underneath the trees seems very compacted.
The garbages are often overflowing.
Aging infrastructure
Add more picnic tables.
I dislike the younger generation of users who do not treat the park (or the people who maintain it) with the respect to clean up after themselves.
I dislike the kids hanging out to cause trouble.
Increase TLC to keep it in great condition. Add more trash cans.
Personally, I don't like to see so much use by special-interest groups who ignore park rules.
Some minor maintenance issues
I dislike the park's reputation for drug dealing and usage. As such, I can't say that I feel confident that it is "safe" after dark. Dogs are not allowed. Lack of landscaping & foliage
I wish I could bring my dog on a leash in there.
There's not much at the park for people my age to do.
I wish I could walk through the park along the paths with my dog on a leash.
Add better lighting, preferably solar powered, to prevent vandalism. Pave the walkways. Move the light poles in the parking area.
It's not maintained as it should be - garbage over flowing especially on weekends or after children's recreation. Replace the garbage cans with some that can be closed to keep out the bees.
I dislike the noise at night from older teens, typically near the basketball courts, using bad language. Add better lighting and improve the walkway from the street to the Aurora Players building.
Smokers

negative comments on the general condition & content of the Park:
At night, it can become a hang-out for high-school-age kids and they can be loud. I also see garbage on the ground after a nice busy day at the park. But that is not because of the town's maintenance; It's because people lack common sense to clean up after themselves. There should be more of a police presence at night.
I have often seen small groups of younger adults smoking at picnic tables during the afternoon. If few others are in the part at these times, I turn around and go home.
The park is lacking an artistic touch. There are no murals, gardens or sculpture. There is no art or color (the primary colors of the playground are not enough). In this creative town, that should not be.
I think more money should be allocated for maintenance, since it is such a heavily used place. In the past, I know there have been problems with teens in the evening. I think we need to make sure there are things for them to do and things for others to do in the park so that folks who are looking to create problems have difficulty finding the place to do it.
I dislike the distance from the parking to the playground.
There is always garbage to pick up. It's usually juice boxes/water bottles that are left by children whose parents aren't keeping watch. There are spray-painted and sharpie-written spots all over the playground - nothing disturbing - that should be cleaned up. The size could be bigger and have more options. There should be more usable picnic tables and a few more trash cans.
When I walk my dog past the park, I notice people in the park with their dogs. I don't understand why they don't read the signs and abide by them. We have a beautiful dog park at Knox Park.
It could use new sod. More benches are always nice.
I would appreciate it if there were a dog-assessable area, but I understand why there is not. I dislike those in the community who do not respect and vandilize the park.
Add a few more tables and benches.
I dislike the unruly and rude teens.
The picnic shelters could use a little spiffing up.
There should be more picnic tables. The garbage cans need to be emptied more frequently during the summer months to control the bees. I would love additional tables and garbage cans at the upper area of the park.
It could use more seating.

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When given an opportunity to comment, 53 people had negative comments on the playground at the Park:
Add a better playground.
Something like the state parks in Ithaca or the new playground on the Outer Harbor would be nice to have here. They have such creative designs and their shaded areas are very nice.
More safety wood chips should be added to the playground.
I see the need for the handicap swings, but I feel there too many and can cause injury to children.
The playground is NOT small child friendly. Add a better playground for the children.
Replace some of the playground equipment.
I would like to see a bigger playground (for all ages) with more interactive things.
Add more handicap accessible play spaces.
It would be nice to have a larger playground for the younger kids.
Add some more things that the little babies can climb on and be more independent while playing.
I dislike the lack of shade by the playground.
It's frustrating when high schoolers (and older) are on the playground because, without meaning to, they are being unsafe for the little ones while chasing each other, shouting out, etc.
I really miss the old wooden playground!
Add to the playground. It's rather small.
I prefer former versions of the playground. The current configuration doesn't promote a flow for games of tag, nor does it have enough climbing features or height to provide a true sense of adventure for children.
The basketball court, where older kids hang out, is too close to playground, where little kids are.
Older kids/teens on the playground equipment make it harder for the younger kids to play.
A fence around the playground area, like Warren park, would be nice so that when your child is momentarily out of sight, you know she's not running to the street.
It would be great to have a larger toddler area to play on... The large equipment is challenging to use with small children ...
Add more baby swings and a larger play area for the very little kids.
Replace the playground wood chips with a soft solid surface. Adding a wading pool (similar to Williamsville's with lifeguards) near the playground would be amazing!
Kids who are too old for the playground make it very difficult to keep little ones safe. Some sort of space for 12-year-olds and up would be nice. There should be more playground equipment for 2/3/4-year-olds than just the one piece.
I wish the playground was a little more exciting and cool. I grew up on the 'hop' playground and it was awesome. I feel like our playground now is nothing special and I would love to see something a bit more unique to match out town.
I dislike that the old wooden playground has been replaced.
I don't like that the older kids take up space from younger kids on the playground.
Add more tables near the playground itself.
Please keep updating the playground.
Add a few more baby swings.
Add more seating around the playground.
I dislike the teenagers on the playground equipment when there are many little ones there.

negative comments on the playground at the Park:
I dislike the older kids misusing the playground equipment (climbing up slides, jumping off the top, throwing mulch, etc.).
I like to take my daughter (who cannot walk or talk) to use the swings for special needs kids, but every time we go, they are broken (the straps, etc.) because kids that do not need them ruin them. Please add more special needs equipment.
The playground often has too many older kids that dominate the equipment. Adding more playground toys would be nice.
We need to keep the big kids away from the playground area. The playground is for smaller children, not for teens to be running around.
The playground could be updated. Remove the strange swings.
Add a playground that is unique, like the old wooden one. More swings (maybe a couple over by the soccer fields) would be nice.
There could be a few more seating areas around the playground for parents. There are already a number of them, but it couldnt hurt to have additional! This is such a strange thing to bring up, but in the set of swings where there is every other a traditional swing and handicap accessible, I'd move those around so there is a set of two traditional, set of two handicap and then a set of one of each. Having every other swing be one or the other makes it hard for all types of pairs of kids to swing next to one another.
I think there should be more playground equipment - it does get very crowded in the summer.
Bring back the big wooden playground.
The playground space is more aimed at older/school-age children. This size of equipment can be tough for small children. A play space for younger kids should be added. Also, there are some blind spots that make supervising multiple children difficult.
Bigger playground
I feel that this playground is a bit too dangerous ... There are many open areas that are very high and I worry about the kids falling out of these openings that aren't connected to a slide. Because of this, we don't go if it's busy because kids can easily bump into each other, trip, etc... I miss the wooden playground very much. I know it was a safety hazard, but the new one seems to not be as well planned out.
Sometimes there is a lot of garbage around the play area. I'd like to see more mulch under the teeter totter, as the kids get big mud splashes there now. Shade is important for me at the playground - both to keep the kids safe from too much sun and because the equipment gets hot! Often there are no seats left near the play equipment. It would be nice if more could be added.
I would like to see something more ADA compliant - some play equipment that's easy for people with disabilities to access.
Fencing around child play areas
The playground is quite chincy compared to what it used to be. It's small and gets old quickly. There's so much more that could've been done to improve it!!
I do wish the park had more options for kids under the age of two. There are only two bucket swing, but they're usually in use during nice weather and are beginning to crack. The little play set is only suitable for a couple kids to play on at a time and the entire playground is very crowded during nice weather. The swings by the baseball field are WAY to high. As an adult, I have a hard time getting up there, let alone a child. All of the swings need more mulch, since most of it has been kicked away. Often older teens are running around the big play set, ruining the experience for the little ones. Last summer/fall, we left several times a week because of this (usually around 3/4 pm, after school lets out).

negative comments on the playground at the Park:
More swings
I miss the old playground.
I dislike that the wooden playground by replaced by the current plastic one.
A toddler zone would be nice. Small children cannot play with the bigger kids running around the main playground.
A few pieces of playground equipment could use some repair. Sometimes it's very hard to find shade near the playground.
Sometimes older kids take over the playground. The profanity on the slides needs to be cleaned up. We would love more swings.

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When given an opportunity to comment, **4 people** had **negative** comments on the **Aurora Players & Rotary Stage** in the Park:

Improve the stage - It's such a great spot!

The side/stage-door entrance to the Pavilion has been having water/freezing issues - to assist in remedying the problem, extend the roof over the doors/brick pad to avoid roof water hitting it directly, and dig out/lower the brick pad down such that when there is freezing [from the water draining down the hill] it lifts the bricks tho NOT past the doors themselves - in this way the doors can be used year'round. Additionally, the front entrance door's brick-pad area has been having issues that need to be addressed; damage from plow, water in/around posts. For safety, the handicap ramp and entrance on the park'side of the Pavilion needs a roof over it - to keep water, snow, leaves, etc. off the ramp.

The stage area looks so run down.

The appearance of the Aurora Players building is a little sad. It looks like a closed up box, and kind of an eye sore in an otherwise beautiful park.

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When given an opportunity to comment, 57 people had negative comments on the organized events held at the Park:
Toyfest should happen again in the park.
Toyfest
Fireworks
Bring back Toy Fest!
Add more activities
I dislike that there are not more kid programs for after school.
There are not as many activities as I would like.
I dislike that the 4th of July is so crazy.
I think Church in the Park is a poor use of town property.
Bring in more activities. Bring the 4th of July Beer Tent back!
Add more village events and music. It's SILLY to be in a parking lot for village concerts - and dangerous.
Not enough events
Noise during Moves at the Park
Fourth of July fireworks are too loud and disruptive to young children and pets. Move it to Knox.
I wish there were more community events at the park.
I have no complaints other than the 4th of July fireworks are very loud when you live on the block.
4th of July fireworks
I dislike when we restrict usage. I was so disappointed that Toyfest was moved in its last year because of the wear on the grass (as one of the reasons).
I miss the concerts.
There could be more events.
Please make more use of it.
There's not enough space during the Fourth of July.
Add more functions that utilize the park.
I hate the Movies in the Park!!! I can't even hear my own TV without turning the volume up real loud. We often leave home that evening because of it!! The kids and teens on the playground area and basketball courts during the movies need to stop.
Add more recreational activities for kids/families.
I dislike that it isn't utilized as much as it could be.
Not a lot of community events are scheduled there.
Remove the Sunday morning loudness of the church. Turn it down.
Bring back the things that have gone away over the years.
I wish they still did the 4th of July carnival.
I dislike the NOISE from the Church.
I'd like to see the toy festival return.
The carnival should be brought back.
I think the Forth of July celebrations have gotten out of control. It would be nicer if it was a smaller community event. The fireworks should be moved to a larger space like Glead or Knox Farm.
July 3 overcrowding
I dislike that there aren't more fun events scheduled there. Why not more fundraisers? We love the chicken bbq!

negative comments on the organized events held at the Park:
Bring back youth sports and festivals, please.
Bring back Toy Fest and the Carnival.
I dislike that the park is so crowded on the 4th of July - I worry about the grass and tree roots.
There used to be many more evening activities in the summer (in the 70s and 80s). Basketball leagues, music that was fun for teens e.g. Bob Sowyrda and Roger Kowerko, and The Shack. It was a great place to hang as a teenager. I'm sad that my kids don't have that.
I dislike Church in the Park. We walk by with our dog and it is so very loud. I do not think it is appropriate for a public park.
Movie nights are very loud and last late into the night. I understand that they need to start after dark, but maybe the speakers should be on top of the hill facing down - rather than facing the street - to try to contain the sound.
We wish it would have even more organized activities!
I think that neighbors should be allowed to put out blankets and chairs for the 4th of July.
There's not as much activity for older teens during the summer anymore. I strongly feel that Toy Fest should be brought back. Those were some of my best memories growing up.
Bring back a summer weekend event like they used to do around Toyfest.
I'd support having more community gatherings at the park. Concerts, festivals, and picnics would be very enjoyable, although I know many neighbors would not agree.
I believe that most groups that use the park are conscientious when it comes to noise and picking up after their events. One notable exception is The Wesleyan Church. Trash bins have been filled to overflowing the morning after a Movies in the Park event. Vehicles are driven on to and parked on the grassy areas that surround the Pavilion. The volume is set well above the level needed for the movie goers. At times, the audio track can be heard more than a block away. I find Movies in the Park to be a highly obtrusive event. Another repeating event hosted by the Wesleyan Church that I consider to be far too loud is Church in the Park. The volume level of the amplified music during this event has a negative impact on my Sunday mornings in August. The Grove is a very important and beautiful part of the park and should be protected from abuse and maintained for the health of the remaining trees. If that means limiting the number of events held there I would advocate strongly for review each permit application with this in mind.
Remove the Church services.
Bring back the 4th of July carnival and beer tent, and ToyFest!
Bring back Toy Fest!! :)
Remove the Church in the Park.
While we no longer have a big company to organize a Toyfest weekend for us, it seems to be a worthwhile tradition to pick up the torch and carry it on. It may not be fair but it doesn't help the park live up to people's expectations.
Bring back the outdoor concerts.
I'd love to see the 4th of July Carnival come back and add more family activities.
I think more things should be scheduled for the park.
We wish there were more free family activities there. We miss Toyfest terribly!

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When given an opportunity to comment, 16 people had negative comments on the organized sports held at the Park:
The park appears to be monopolized by certain groups.
I dislike Pee-Wee football.
More sporting events and activities should be added. Anything that draws our community to the park is beneficial.
Some of the children's sports are not about the kids anymore. It's heartbreaking to see. What's the point of having a great park if it's not for the kids?
I'd like to see announcements made and music played during the little loop games. There is nothing more exciting for young athletes than to hear their name called over the speaker after a good play, or to practice the routine that you've been preparing for competition, to music, in front of your hometown crowd.
Add lights on the athletic fields and tennis courts for evening use.
Add music for football games.
I never like to see concession stands, as they create litter.
I dislike the crowds on days when practice is happening.
There should be more young adult sports leagues.
Little Loop is annoying and I can hear it a mile away at my house. I would support the neighbors who want to see it moved to Knox if possible.
I dislike the NOISE from football. Do they really need to announce EVERY friggin' play?
The football games are too loud. The speakers aren't really necessary.
I do not like the speaker system for football games. When my sons played, they did not have a speaker system and we all knew what was going on. It's just too loud.
I believe the use for sports is at a maximum level.
I dislike the fact that football practice monopolizes so much of the open part of the park in late Summer and Fall.

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<p>When given an opportunity to comment, 115 people had negative comments on the sport facilities of the Park:</p>
<p>The track is not well maintained. I think the tennis courts are in deplorable condition and should be completely rehabbed. Tennis could be so popular in EA if there was a nice facility for the residents. The current conditions of the courts make the place look like a total dump.</p>
<p>The tennis courts are in need of upgrading. It would be nice to have soccer and lacrosse goals.</p>
<p>The cinder track should be replaced with a better material.</p>
<p>I would like to use the tennis courts, but they have been so bad for almost 20 years, since I was a kid. I wish the village would work on them.</p>
<p>The tennis courts are in bad shape.</p>
<p>The tennis courts are wasted space because they are in such disrepair. Please fix them or make them into something more usable, i.e. a lacrosse field. Maybe resurface only 2 courts? Add better bleachers at the football field.</p>
<p>The playing fields need better drainage.</p>
<p>The tennis courts need to be updated. They are in very poor condition.</p>
<p>We would use the park more often if the tennis courts were redone and playable. They are dangerous to play on in their current condition.</p>
<p>The track needs maintenance. There are low spots where water stands and in general it is shrinking due to grass growing over the cinders. It's also hard to use the track when baseball and other games are in progress.</p>
<p>People would play tennis if the court was useable.</p>
<p>Just remove the tennis courts.</p>
<p>Next to the Roycroft Shipping and Receiving Building, the tennis courts are the biggest embarrassment to our community. There is no reason that a community like East Aurora should have neglected something for so long that its disrepair renders it so unattractive and virtually unusable. It's no wonder hardly anyone plays tennis there... assuming Foss Field is busy, local tennis players generally rather drive up to the high school, or over to Chestnut Ridge Park to play. I might recommend resurfacing them as 2-3 tennis courts and use the balance of the surface for a pickle ball court, which is becoming wildly popular at the Boys & Girls Club, not to mention the YMCA and other locales. Once repaired, please disallow abuse of the tennis court fencing from soccer and lacrosse balls!</p>
<p>New volleyball nets would be nice to replace the old ones that are currently installed.</p>
<p>I'd like to see the tennis courts be fixed up.</p>
<p>I dislike the type of track. I would rather have a track of a different material. I think the basketball court and hoops should be updated.</p>
<p>I would use the tennis courts if they were better maintained.</p>
<p>The tennis courts are in need of repair.</p>
<p>I dislike the fact that music can't be played at football games.</p>
<p>Another basketball court should be added.</p>
<p>We need more permanent lacrosse nets for kids to practice on their own time. Lacrosse is growing rapidly in EA - there are 120-150 kids and coaches involved in the summer program through East Aurora Lacrosse Association. This new equipment should also be maintained regularly.</p>
<p>Tennis courts</p>
<p>The baseball field needs to be maintained better.</p>
<p>I would like to see more and better basketball courts.</p>
<p>The condition of the tennis courts and track need improvement.</p>

negative comments on the sport facilities of the Park:
I dislike the poor condition of the basketball court. New basketball hoops and field goal posts should be added.
Tennis courts
I think it'd be really cool if the bleachers at the baseball field were rebuilt to look like the original design.
The tennis courts should be improved!
I think the baseball field and track could be maintained better.
The track conditions need improvement.
Resurface the tennis courts.
The tennis courts should be fixed or removed.
It's a shame that the tennis courts were allowed to deteriorate over the years. There are so many tennis players in East Aurora, and we play all the time, but always go to other courts because the ones at Hamlin Park are in such bad shape.
The tennis courts need to be fixed.
Relocating the basketball area would create less noise conflict with the grove.
The track needs attention. The tennis courts are in bad shape - they could probably go.
The tennis courts are in horrible shape. I wish there were two basketball courts - one for older kids and one for younger.
The basketball and tennis courts need to be updated.
I was there this past week and the tennis courts were a bit dangerous. The fence is coming down!
I dislike the poor track conditions.
The basketball court is in rough condition.
The basketball court and hoops are a mess - and they've gotten continually worse over the past 5 years. It would be nice to add a second court that could be specifically designated for the "little guys."
I would love to see the tennis courts re-habed with Pickleball courts as well!
The condition of the tennis courts is disappointing.
It's so sad to see the conditions of the tennis courts.
Please fix the tennis courts!!!
I hate to see the poor condition of the tennis courts.
The tennis courts need work.
I dislike the condition of the tennis courts.
Adding a small grandstand to the ball diamond would be excellent; directly behind homeplate as it once was!
Upkeep for the tennis courts is a must!
I dislike the poor condition of the courts.
The tennis courts are a mess.
The basketball nets and court are in sad shape.
The tennis courts are in need of repair.
I would like to see one more basketball court - the current one is always busy.
When teams are playing baseball, they monopolize a large part of the park space.
I would like to see a better track.
Tennis courts could be reduced in number, rarely are there more than two courts in use.
New benches should be added at the baseball field.
The basketball courts and backboards need an upgrade.
The tennis courts are pathetic.

negative comments on the sport facilities of the Park:
I wish the basketball court was down by the tennis courts.
The tennis courts need resurfacing and to be fixed up a bit.
The baseball diamond needs more upkeep - primarily better dirt in the infield and consistent mowing in the outfield. The park's history of baseball is pretty impressive, including a large seating pavilion a long, long time ago. A nicer, larger, permanent set of bleachers or seating would be a nice improvement.
It would be nice to move the ball field so the park could be used more for family gatherings. Unless that field is important to the community, then keep it the way it is.
I wish the track was paved.
Keep everything but improve it all.
I would like to see more bleachers for the football field spectators.
The basketball and tennis courts need to be resurfaced. Their current conditions are limiting their use!
The ball diamond and track need updating.
A multi-use area could be created to encourage new activities in the park.
The tennis courts are in pretty bad shape.
The baseball diamond is not a first-class facility like it should be. The tennis courts are in poor condition.
The tennis courts are in poor shape. What happen to the soccer goals??
I think that a softball diamond should be added for equity between girls and boys athletics. The track is also in dire need of repair.
I'd like to see more volleyball courts.
The tennis courts need to be maintained.
There's not enough shade near the sports fields. I never see people using the tennis courts.
Although I like the track, it would be better if it wasn't gravel. I always get stones in my running shoes.
I played baseball there for 10 years. The batter's box was always in poor shape, the pitching mound was never high enough, and the grass was always too long and not manicured. I loved playing there for the atmosphere, but the field was terrible! The cinder track was horrible.
Fix the tennis courts!!
Tennis courts are a bit run down.
Remove the baseball field. The track and tennis courts are in such disrepair.
The tennis courts are beat.
The track could be improved to promote walking and jogging.
Please fix the basketball and tennis courts.
Tennis courts
The tennis courts are in such poor shape. Maybe fix the courts for multi-use. I'd like a nicer track.
I would like to see the basketball court looking good again. I see alot of kids playing there, but it's an eyesore for the park. It's not fair to the teenagers to have to play on such a rough area.
Resurface the tennis courts.
I would like to see the basketball courts off to the side instead of right in the center of the park.
The park needs better up-keep of the baseball field - and all sports fields!
I dislike the condition of the track.

negative comments on the sport facilities of the Park:
Obvious repair is needed on the tennis courts.
The tennis courts need repair.
The tennis courts need to be resurfaced.
I'd love it if the track had a bit more cover, so there were fewer puddles. My little daughter (7) likes to play basketball, but often the court is being used by big kids. Maybe a little kid area or second court could be added.
I wish the track was better! The gravel gets into shoes when running/walking and is very uncomfortable.
The tennis courts are horrible - I wish they could be redone.
The fields and tennis courts need to be kept-up better. There's a lack of shaded seating near the fields.
The tennis courts are awful. The basketball courts aren't much better.
The tennis courts are in terrible shape.
We need to improve the tennis courts!!!
I would like to see the tennis courts be resurfaced.
The tennis courts need to be repaired.
The tennis courts have been neglected. Either maintain the courts or remove them!
Please, please, please fix the tennis courts!
The tennis courts should receive the repair they so desperately need.
I believe the football field could use an update and a new scoreboard.
The track is in terrible shape. The tennis courts should be turned into sport courts since they are used that way anyway. They are in terrible condition!
The tennis courts need to be resurfaced.
The tennis courts need repair.
Fix the courts!!

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When given an opportunity to comment, 48 people had negative comments on the parking around the Park:
Parking
Not enough parking
Parking should be added
Parking with toddlers/infants can be cumbersome
Parking
Parking is limited
Parking
Parking
Not much parking
Needs better parking
Parking
Parking is terrible for football games.
The parking
Lack of parking
Not enough parking
Parking
Limited parking on busy days
Parking
Could have more parking
Parking
Better parking lots
Tough to park for special events
I wish we had more parking
I wish there was more parking, but only at perimeter locations like along the northern and southern ends. I would not impede on any of the open space for a new parking lot.
Parking
Not enough parking during events
Parking
Parking
Small parking lot
Lack of parking
Small parking lots when park is busy
Remove the utility poles along parking on S. Grove. There are lots of accidents.
Possibly easier access to parking near the playground
Lack of parking spaces
Parking during busy events
Additional parking
Parking
Parking
Lack of available parking
The parking is getting too old
Remove the covered bus stop
Parking during events, especially the fireworks in July, is difficult.

negative comments on the parking around the Park:
More parking for events
Parking
Parking! But I'd rather park further away than see any of the park converted to parking.
Parking
Parking for football games on Saturday
Lack of parking at times

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When given an opportunity to comment, 126 people had negative comments on the restrooms / water fountains at the Park:
I dislike that the restrooms are only open during the summer.
The bathroom conditions need attention.
The bathrooms could really use improvement.
The bathrooms in the park are very dirty and not well maintained.
The bathrooms are terrible.
Add water fountains that are in decent working condition.
I don't like the location of the bathrooms.
I dislike that the restrooms are not open in the winter.
The restrooms need much updating and cleaning.
The restrooms need improvement.
The park needs one additional set of bathrooms.
Improve the bathroom accessibility. Add working water fountains.
Bathrooms
Add a bathroom closer to the playground.
New bathrooms are needed.
Bathrooms
The rest rooms are outdated.
Nicer bathrooms would be appreciated.
I dislike the lack of restroom facilities. Add more bathrooms and drinking fountains.
The bathrooms are gross.
The bathrooms could be cleaner.
The bathrooms are not well maintained.
Bathrooms
The availability of rest rooms could be improved.
Add more bathrooms.
Update the bathrooms.
Fix the bathrooms.
More bathrooms should be open.
More bathrooms should be added.
Better bathrooms....cleaner.
The park could use better restroom facilities.
The bathroom closest to the theater needs improvement.
Closer bathrooms would be nice.
Bathrooms
Bathrooms
I feel the bathrooms could be kept cleaner.
The bathrooms seem to be open arbitrarily, which can be very frustrating.
The bathrooms could be a bit more accessible.
The bathrooms.
We need more bathroom/water fountain areas.
I would improve the restrooms.

negative comments on the restrooms / water fountains at the Park:
The restrooms should be open more, and consistently, during the day/evening.
I dislike the closed bathrooms.
Bathrooms
Bathrooms
I dislike the limited access to restrooms off season.
Are there any water fountains in the park?
The restrooms could use an upgrade.
I dislike that the restrooms are not always available.
The restrooms are a little gross.
The bathrooms are always in need of upkeep.
I don't like the old bathrooms.
Bathrooms
There needs to be better lighting in the bathrooms. The bathrooms just need to be updated overall. Add a bathroom closer to the playground.
I don't like that the bathrooms are closed (even now, April 21).
I think there should be restrooms closer to the playground area.
I'd like to see the restrooms either be replaced entirely or at least remodeled.
Bathroom facilities
Restrooms
It would be nice to have more centrally located bathrooms.
The bathrooms can be kind of dirty sometimes.
I dislike the dirty restrooms and the fact that they're often locked.
The bathrooms need to be maintained better.
Bathrooms
Cleaner bathrooms would be appreciated.
Add restrooms closer to the playground equipment.
The restrooms need work and their availability should be improved.
The bathrooms are rarely open and usable - this is a big problem when you have small children.
Fix the bathrooms and keep them open.
There should be more water fountains.
I wish the bathrooms could be cleaner/updated.
I think the restroom building is an eyesore. It detracts from the look of the park.
The bathrooms are an issue.
The bathrooms could have more stalls.
The restrooms can sometimes be lacking in supplies.
The bathroom facilities are almost always dirty.
The restrooms, when open, are absolutely disgusting.
The water fountain is usually not working well.
The bathrooms are sometimes open; sometimes closed.
The restrooms could be cleaned a bit more often.
RESTROOMS
The bathrooms could be cleaner.
It would be nice to have bathrooms near the playground.
The public restrooms need to be cleaner.
The bathrooms should be open whenever the park is open.

negative comments on the restrooms / water fountains at the Park:
The bathrooms could use an upgrade, if funding allows.
Bathrooms
Better restrooms should be installed.
The bathrooms should be fixed up.
The restrooms are in pretty rough shape and don't seem to be open as often as they could be. It would also be really helpful for parents if there was a bathroom closer to the playground!
The bathrooms should be open more often.
The bathrooms could be nicer.
There should be a water fountain in the park. (Is there still one?)
There should be bathrooms at both ends of the park.
Restrooms
The bathrooms could be cleaner.
The bathrooms could be updated.
Add drinking fountains.
The bathrooms are in rough shape.
Bathrooms
The restrooms need updating, but that's tough to justify if the vandalism continues.
Bathrooms
I would like to see some attention go to the little loop building and restroom area.
The restrooms could be cleaner.
The restrooms are not that close to the playground. Even though it isn't far, young kids sometimes have trouble making it to them in time. They are also pretty old looking, not in a good way. Adding restrooms closer to the playground would be a great idea.
The bathrooms are never open.
The bathrooms are too far from the playground.
The bathrooms could be kept up better.
I dislike the old restrooms.
Add more bathrooms closer to the playground.
The bathrooms need improvement.
Bathrooms
The bathrooms need a renovation.
The restrooms could be kept a little cleaner, with more regular upkeep.
The bathrooms seem to be an issue - sometimes locked and they seem a little dingy.
Bathrooms
The bathrooms need to be improved.
The bathrooms are SO far away from the playground. Let's face it, you often see kids peeing on or behind trees because "they have to go NOW" or parents can't gather all their kids together to get to the bathrooms in time and you don't want to leave any kid unattended.
The drinking fountains and bathrooms are in poor condition.
The restrooms should be open in the winter for sledding.
The restroom buildings are not well maintained and rarely open.
Restrooms
The bathrooms need to be redone.
More water stations are needed throughout the park.
Something more of a changing area in the bathrooms would be nice for athletes in the park.
Improving the lighting in the bathrooms would be nice.

negative comments on the restrooms / water fountains at the Park:

I do wish that the bathrooms at the park were more readily available. The bathrooms near the track/concession stand should be open for use during the day.

The bathrooms could be cleaned more consistently and should be kept open for use.
The bathrooms are too far from the playground and are sometimes not open.
The water fountain is often off or not working.

Clean up the drinking fountains.
We would love it if the bathrooms were open year round.

The bathrooms aren't always open.

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When given an opportunity to comment, 82 people had suggestions of new features that should be added at the Park:
Teaching pros could make arrangements to hold private and small group tennis lessons for children. Tennis leagues could be formed for adults.
The park appears to be monopolized by certain groups. With the other parks in the town and village, it would make sense to try and utilize those facilities whenever possible. I would like to see a few more passive areas available for family picnics, etc. without the excessive noise.
Add a splash pad.
Add a merry-go-round.
Do you still have an outdoor rink in the winter? Add outdoor floor hockey at the basketball courts.
Add free Wi-fi for village residents.
Add a splash pad!!
Maybe add a playground for older kids that combines fitness and fun - i.e. a simple version of America Ninja Warrior, or some outdoor "gym-type" equipment - something for the 12 and older crowd.
Add a skateboard park. For example, there is a very nice one in Medina, NY.
Add water sprinklers for the kids.
Add an area for dogs.
An additional swing set, maybe near the football field, would be great!
Add a pool, and some shops.
A stone wall border could be added to match other EA locales.
Swings could be added for older people, away from the playground so adults can use them.
Someone should be hosting yoga or tai chi sessions in the park.
A miniature soccer field should be added.
An adult jungle gym, for anyone to openly exercise on, would be a positive addition. I think some sort of tribute, in wood, maybe a Roycroft style art piece, would be nice.
Bring back outdoor skating!
I would love to have art or craft activities in the park.
Add a Disc Golf Course.
Add water activities!
A big tire swing should be brought back into the park. There should be more free activities for younger kids - like a daycare for the little ones to interact with each other.
Recycling bins for plastic waste, such as water bottles, would be a nice touch!
The Bocce court from long ago should be brought back!
Add a natural flower garden.
Fitness stations should be added.
Maybe a dog-friendly area could be added.
The park could be an arboretum of beauty!
It would be great to have adult league tennis and utilize the courts more. We used the covered picnic area for a reunion BBQ but there really wasn't anything to do but stand there. It could be even more fun if there were areas for games ... a horseshoe pit, little areas/props for bag throwing games, etc.
Add photos of the park from the 20's and 30's to show visitors what it once looked like.
A better sound system for the parks dept would be nice.

suggestions of new features that should be added at the Park:
I would like more nature themed things, like bird houses in the quiet areas and picnic spaces.
I think that adding a skate park would give the youth a place to go instead of hanging out on the stairs, courts, etc. Also, more programs like an art wall, open mic, youth music, movie nights, star gazing, drama circle, as well as areas for activities such as LLEgo blocks, board game tables, ping pong, and wall ball would be great additions.
Add a snack stand.
I think the park would benefit from having some type of conversational or gathering area. Maybe an area around a water feature or garden for sitting, reading, etc.
Add a sand volleyball court.
A splash pad water area would be AMAZING... So would any sort of water feature...
Create a water park for the summer.
Bring back the free outdoor ice rink in the winter.
We would love to see a water feature added to the playground for the summertime.
A splash pad should be added.
We would love a splash pad, but maybe that is more of a community pool effort.
Add a paved path around the park.
A pool would be lovely, but we can totally live without it!
Add a nicely paved track for rollerblading, powerwalking, etc (like the West Seneca soccer complex but paved better). It would be a nice activity area for people who are there by themselves.
Create an area where kids can play hockey so they don't use the tennis courts.
A small area near the edge of the park with a bench, so I could rest as I walk my dog past the park, would be very nice. I feel I cannot even step on the grass there now.
We would love a skatepark!!
I've always hoped for a water spray fountain.
Add a sand volleyball court.
Add a training center.
Add a fenced area to allow dogs to run/play without bothering the children.
It would be nice to have a wooded space for play.
Add a splash pad.
Add a water and juice vending machine.
Make a skate park.
Bring back the skating rink! It was special and fun and something everyone looked forward to each year. The new one is great and all, but the one at the park was like Christmas snow...
Frisbee golf! It's a great new game that attracts lots of people.
Add a climbing web.
Add pop machines.
Add small shelters for picnics.
This town needs a public concrete skatepark!
Plant new trees and restore the fountains.
We could add a nice bike trail. It would be nice to be able to take your dog too - we would clean up!!
Add an area for street hockey.
Add night-time cameras and motion lights so we can increase the evening use of the park.
Add a splash pad!
Maybe there's space for one more small pavilion.
I think more things could be added for older kids/ young adults. This would help keep them busy and out of trouble.

suggestions of new features that should be added at the Park:
Add Adirondack chairs.
Add a "common area."
Having small water features could be fun for kids to interact with in the summer. A small library like the one at Knox park would be a lovely addition!
Add a splash pad.
Bring back the wading pool!
Add a sprinkler pad.
Add a skateboard ramp area, which is secure, fenced in, and away from the rest of the children in the park.
Concessions would be nice during set hours on weekdays and weekends. (We often have to leave to go get "supplies" and snacks when playground stays are extended.)
I miss the open air ice skating rink. I would love to see that return. I would like to see the DMV Road Test moved to another part of the village.
Add a dog park area.
Add a badminton net.
Add more adult exercise options.

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Summary Take-Aways

near 50/50 split on FAMILY to INDIVIDUAL users

near 50/50 split on VILLAGE to NON-VILLAGE users

majority of users are 20 - 60 YEARS OLD (working adults & empty-nesters)

60% of users have CHILDREN

WEEKLY use in summer / MONTHLY in fall & spring

no significant DETERRENT to use

majority of use is in the AFTERNOON

highest areas of use are PLAYGROUND , OPEN FIELDS and PASSIVE AREAS

presence of RESTROOMS is valued

SEASONAL EVENTS draw peak crowds

most frequented events are the CHILDREN'S REC PROGRAMS

NOISE is not a major concern (even to immediate neighbors)

MAINTENANCE, CLEANLINESS, AND SAFETY are acceptable