

APPENDIX A - COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

1) Do you live, work, or go to school in the City of Longview? (Please select all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I live in Longview	69.4%	510
I work or go to school in Longview	47.8%	351
Neither	12.8%	94
answered question		735
skipped question		4

2) Please choose the section/neighborhood in which you live: (Click here for a Neighborhood Map)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Out of Longview City Limits	26.9%	181
Downtown	1.6%	11
Broadway	1.0%	7
Third Avenue	0.6%	4
Industrial & California Way	1.2%	8
Old West Side	8.9%	60
New West Side	3.7%	25
Columbia Heights	6.1%	41
Cascade/City View	5.5%	37
Northlake/Corman	1.6%	11
Olympic East	4.0%	27
Olympic West	5.5%	37
St. Helens	3.3%	22
Mint Farm	0.9%	6
Memorial Park	0.4%	3
Mint Valley	3.6%	24
Columbia Valley Gardens	5.9%	40
Glenwood	1.3%	9
Hillside Acres	1.8%	12
West Longview	12.9%	87
Barlow Point	0.3%	2
Highlands	2.8%	19
answered question		673
skipped question		66

3) How long have you lived in Longview?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I do not live in the city limits	16.7%	113
Less than 1 year	1.8%	12
1 - 5 years	9.7%	66
6 - 10 years	10.6%	72
11 - 15 years	10.6%	72
More than 15 years	50.5%	342
answered question		677
skipped question		62

4) Counting yourself, how many people live in your household?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
1	9.1%	65
2	30.0%	214
3	19.5%	139
4	25.9%	185
5	9.8%	70
6	3.2%	23
7	1.7%	12
8	0.3%	2
9	0.4%	3
20	0.1%	1
answered question		714
skipped question		25

5) In your household, how many people fall into the follow categories?							
Number of each age group							
Answer Options	1	2	3	4	5	6	Response Count
Under 5 years	127	43	9	2	0	0	181
5 - 9 years old	132	37	6	0	0	0	175

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10 - 14 years old	97	39	8	1	0	0	145
15 - 19 years old	101	27	3	0	0	0	131
20 - 24 years old	37	16	1	0	0	0	54
25 - 40 years old	90	230	6	0	0	0	326
41 - 60 years old	123	166	2	1	0	0	292
Over 60 years	86	107	4	0	0	1	198
<i>answered question</i>							716
<i>skipped question</i>							23

6) What is your total annual household income?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I would rather not answer	18.2%	125
Under \$25,000	5.1%	35
\$25,000 - \$49,999	14.7%	101
\$50,000 - \$74,999	20.6%	141
\$75,000 - \$99,999	16.4%	112
\$100,00 or above	25.0%	171
<i>answered question</i>		685
<i>skipped question</i>		54

7) Which THREE City of Longview Parks do you visit most often?				
Answer Options	Most Visited	Second Most Visited	Third Most Visited	Total Responses
Altrusa	4	2	2	8
Archie Anderson	2	8	7	17
Bailey Park	2	1	3	6
Cloney Park	4	11	12	27
Gerhart Gardens	6	21	18	45
Community Garden	0	2	7	9
John Null	23	51	42	116
Kellogg	1	1	1	3
Lake Sacajawea	369	86	38	520
Mark Hoehne	9	4	6	19
Mint Valley Golf	25	32	21	78
R.A. Long	5	24	32	61
Rotary	6	11	5	22
Roy Morse	48	39	38	125
7 th Avenue	17	51	40	108
Vandercook	13	45	38	96
Victoria Freeman	3	8	14	25
Windemere	2	8	8	18
<i>answered question</i>				566
<i>skipped question</i>				173

8) Approximately how often do you and/or your family visit City of Longview parks each year?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Never	0.2%	1
1 - 5 Visits	11.7%	67
6 - 10 Visits	13.2%	76
11 - 20 Visits	16.7%	96
20+ Visits	58.2%	334
<i>answered question</i>		574
<i>skipped question</i>		165

9) Please choose the Top 3 park amenities in the City of Longview that you and/or your family look for when visiting a park?				
Answer Options	1 st Choice	2 nd Choice	3 rd Choice	Total Responses
Adult Softball Fields	32	15	3	50
Boat Launch Facility	9	11	11	31
Disc Golf Course	7	5	9	21
Football/Lacrosse/Field Hockey	1	2	1	4
Golf Course	29	16	13	58
Gymnasium	2	3	0	5
Indoor Swimming Pool	18	15	12	45
Indoor Tennis Court	3	2	4	9
Community/Neighborhood Park	34	19	24	77
Community Center	4	6	5	15
Natural Area/Wildlife Habitat	55	37	42	134
Off Leash Dog Area	18	14	16	48
Outdoor Sports Court	5	12	14	31

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Performing Arts Facility	10	11	10	31
Picnic Shelter/Area	15	43	55	113
Playgrounds	146	51	37	234
Skate Park	1	1	2	4
Restrooms	22	61	67	150
Soccer Fields	17	18	11	46
Teen Center	1	0	0	1
Walking Biking Trail	120	88	62	270
Youth Baseball/Softball	23	16	15	54
answered question				573
skipped question				166

10) What are the primary reasons you use the City of Longview Parks system?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Enjoying being outdoors in nature	70.7%	411
Run or bike for exercise	41.0%	238
Play unorganized sports	13.6%	79
Play organized sports	26.7%	155
Attend special events/concerts/movies	43.5%	253
To walk trails and paths	69.9%	406
To play on playgrounds	46.0%	267
To picnic or gather with family	38.2%	222
I seldom use City of Longview Parks	3.6%	21
Other (please specify)		54
answered question		581
skipped question		158

Fishing, kayaking, and enjoying the 4th of July activities at the lake with grandchildren
golf
We live on the Kalama River.
fish
Golf
Walk dogs, visit with friends
We enjoy Mint Valley Golf Course - only blocks away.
Walk my dog
Play golf
Running events
Senior Center
Watch organized sports
Mint Valley tennis
to walk my dog & talk to others walking theirs; to meditate; to kayak on the lake;
Dog park
Fishing
Children's activities
To golf
watch grandkids play baseball
Walk dog
go 4th is Amazing!!!
Bike track
Kids love to play!
dog park.
Girl Scout meetings or activities done outside
exercise my dogs
walk my dog
family gatherings
Let the dogs run
We play pickle ball at Vandercook park.
Play the TDN games
watching people begging
photography
Play Golf at mint Valley
kid friendly biking
Tennis!
Walk the dog
church and shopping
Launch boat at GG park
Golf

Golf
Sit and enjoy the river
Pickleball
walk/bike/walk dog etc.
We are members of the Mint Valley Tennis club as well.
Art in the Park and fun runs!
Play ball with friends
baseball
To walk my dogs
To get kids away from the T.V.
Exercise the dogs
Metal detecting
walk with my dog
Walk the dog

11) If you seldom use or never use City of Longview Parks, what are your reasons for not doing so?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Does not apply - we use them	75.6%	301
Don't know whats available	1.3%	5
Not interested/no time	1.8%	7
Lack of facilities	3.8%	15
Too far away/not conveniently located	2.5%	10
Don't know where they are	0.3%	1
Feel unsafe	7.5%	30
Poorly maintained	6.3%	25
Too crowded	0.8%	3
Don't have transportation	0.3%	1
Other (please specify)		32
answered question		398
skipped question		341

Busy. Gravel hard on knees and back.
Too far away
we do not live in Longview, we live in Castle Rock area
bathrooms are locked or filthy. no soap smell of urine
I live in Woodland
The bathrooms are gross and full of druggies.
not enough shaded walking/biking trails
Longview parks are not appealing
Feel unsafe and they are very poorly maintained (includes restrooms)
poor bathrooms
bathrooms!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! not open or clean
I live outside the city.
There are many obvious signs of drug use in our area parks
homeless/bums
We have found the bathrooms to be disgusting and do not use them. We have also found needles and a meth pipe, and that concerns me re: my daughter's safety
Drug Users
beggars
gross unsafe bathrooms
Busy, not all are appealing, access can be difficult or awkward
Lack of RV/Camping near the River
Bathrooms seldom open unless it's sports season - no bathrooms at Victoria Freeman Park.
Drug paraphernalia
no outdoor pool in lonview or kelso
Restroom cleanliness and safety
Play equipment in poor repair, dog crap
Bathrooms are scary
uncovered play area...rain
Worry about homeless/drug users and needles
Dont like the way its ran
Other dogs in the park which are off leash are a danger to my little beagles
Baseball/softball fields need to be taken care of
Bathrooms are horrible and it doesn't feel safe.

12) Overall, how would you rate the physical condition of the City of Longview Parks you have visited?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
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Excellent	17.8%	104
Good	55.5%	324
Fair	23.1%	135
Poor	3.6%	21
answered question		584
skipped question		155

13) How would you rate the importance of natural open space to the community?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Very Important	74.4%	431
Important	20.0%	116
Somewhat important	4.7%	27
Not important	0.9%	5
answered question		579
skipped question		160

14) Listed below are potential improvements that could be made to the City of Longview Parks. Please choose your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd priorities you would most like to see implemented?				
Answer Options	1 st Priority	2 nd Priority	3 rd Priority	Total Responses
Artwork-Sculptures	7	4	12	23
Benches/Picnic Tables	34	39	36	109
Drinking Fountains	19	27	18	64
Outdoor Basketball	6	10	8	24
Outdoor Tennis	7	7	8	22
Outdoor Volleyball	5	1	9	15
Park Lighting	40	48	45	133
Parking	6	6	13	25
Picnic Shelters	16	22	31	69
Additional Park Restrooms	55	34	23	112
Upgrades to Park Restrooms	119	76	57	252
Upgraded Sports Fields - Synthetic Turf	55	20	20	95
Walking/Biking Trails	95	55	37	187
Band Style Shelter	14	21	16	51
Disc Golf Course	7	8	10	25
Outdoor Fitness Equipment	11	21	16	48
Outdoor Interactive Water/Spray Park	25	21	29	75
Natural/Nature Playground	44	49	48	141
answered question				566
skipped question				173

15) The following are a number of possible actions the City of Longview has viewed as possible actions to take to improve and expand park and recreation facilities. For each action, please indicate your level of support.					
Answer Options	Don't Know	Not Supportive	Somewhat Supportive	Very Supportive	Response Count
Acquire and develop river shoreline property	75	82	180	224	561
Acquire properties for developing new parks/open space	47	85	223	205	560
Develop a band style shelter at Martin's Dock for concerts/community events	47	94	236	186	563
Develop a community center with multiple recreation amenities	46	91	208	208	553
Develop an aquatic facility with water slides, zero-depth/walk in entry, lap lanes, spray features	41	126	145	252	564
Develop additional off leash dog areas	96	186	166	107	555
Develop multipurpose bike/walking trails	29	42	188	294	553
Develop neighborhood community buildings or gyms	67	169	194	125	555
Upgrade existing neighborhood parks	27	38	226	260	551
Develop a multi-generational sports complex with synthetic turf fields	94	161	134	168	557
Upgrade existing playgrounds and picnic shelters	31	53	243	232	559
Develop an RV and Camping Park	111	268	111	64	554
Upgrade or install park restrooms	16	31	185	332	564
answered question					573
skipped question					166

16) Of the 21 neighborhoods located within Longview City Limits, which neighborhoods do you and your family think are under-served by park facilities or recreation programs: (Click here for a Neighborhood Map)

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Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Highlands	27.4%	114
Third Avenue	10.1%	42
New West Side	7.2%	30
Northlake/Corman	4.8%	20
St. Helens	13.2%	55
Mint Valley	9.6%	40
Hillside Acres	5.5%	23
Downtown Longview	26.7%	111
Industrial/California Way	15.6%	65
Columbia Heights	23.1%	96
Olympic East	5.0%	21
Mint Farm	11.3%	47
Columbia Valley Gardens	13.9%	58
West Longview	23.3%	97
Broadway	8.9%	37
Old West Side	7.0%	29
Cascade/City View	10.6%	44
Memorial Park	6.7%	28
Glenwood	5.8%	24
Barlow Point	12.0%	50
Olympic West	8.9%	37
answered question		416
skipped question		323

17) If given the opportunity to specify the exact parks your tax dollars could improve upon and enhance, which parks would your household choose?				
Answer Options	1 st Choice	2 nd Choice	3 rd Choice	Total Responses
7th Avenue Park	22	38	29	89
Altrusa Park	2	2	6	10
Archie Anderson Park	31	23	16	70
Bailey Park	7	4	7	18
Cloney Park	20	16	15	51
Gerhart Gardens Parks	28	28	27	83
Community Garden Plot- 32 nd Ave	9	15	13	37
John Null Park	9	15	13	37
Kellogg Park	3	3	2	8
Lake Sacajawea Park	232	74	36	342
Mark Hoehne Park	8	6	7	21
Mint Valley Golf Course	16	18	18	52
R.A. Long Park	11	26	29	66
Rotary Park	7	10	8	25
Roy Morse Park	50	31	39	120
Vandercook Park	18	29	22	69
Victoria Freeman Park	10	13	17	40
Windemere Park	3	7	9	19
answered question				566
skipped question				173

18) Please utilize the comment section below to add any thoughts, ideas, and/or concerns about PARKS? (243 Responses)
I love our parks & what they mean to the community. Thank you for all you do.
Thinks of those who don't know how to exercise their rights! Thank you!
Adding the new frisbee game at Roy Morse was a great addition. Thank you. Secondly, I was appalled by the lack of care for the Babe Ruth fields at Roy Morse. The Parks Department Advisory Committee needs to sit down and have a discussion with the Babe Ruth organization about a plan for improvement of that area. After many years at John Null, we were very disappointed to see such a state of disrepair for the fields, grass (with large holes), and need for paint and upgrade of the area.
Adding biking trails along the riverfront (or elsewhere?) so families can ride bike without traffic concerns would be nice.
Paving the paths at the lake would be helpful for walkers and bikers.
I think an RV park would be great as long as it did not turn into a junky trailer park. Somewhere people could stay while visiting family or a person could go to get a quick getaway.
I think that infra structure issues like water system and retaining wall at Mint Valley Golf need to be addressed - the only park that makes money!
Sorry, we are just not good people to ask to participate in this survey for reasons given. We think Lake Sacajawea is beautiful and well-maintained.
Longview could connect the parks and dike trails for hikers and bicycles much like the trails in Yakima or Vancouver or the rail trails around the state like the trails in Lacey. There are a lot of local walkers and we are limited to the lake Sacajawea area or a few trails along the canals. Each walk is two or three plus miles. Connecting these areas over time would increase the number of miles and would be beneficial to our current population and would attract newcomers who enjoy longer natural trails outdoors. A connected trail system could be used for

nature education and jogging and walking events. Longview has an abundance of water, nature and a unique dike system with a beautiful lake park? Why not make all of these attributes work together?
I know it is a never ending battle with bathrooms, but having cleaner and nicer bathrooms would be lovely. I understand that it is difficult to implement this due to negligent use by some users.
I don't know how this would work, but better enforcement for dogs ON leashes. I know its a city ordinance to have dogs on leash at the Lake, but it's not followed or enforced. I keep my dog on leash for a reason. If an off leash dog runs up to my dog and she doesn't like it, she might bite.
I think parks have been well-maintained and I greatly appreciate them and the work that goes into each.
Installing or upgrading restrooms at Lake Sacajawea should be top priority. We have so many beautiful, historic, well-maintained parks here, it's a shame the restrooms continue to be a problem. Members of my extended family, plenty of friends and community members share the same viewpoint. we would frequent community events much more often if clean restrooms were accessible.
Longview really needs a water type park. The rivers are unsafe for swimming and the old outdoor pool has been replaced with a dysfunctional sprinkler park in need of repairs. It would be great to have a water park like the one in Ephrata or Quincy, WA. They are so much fun and the kids enjoy them so much.
We need an indoor area for dogs to play and additional outdoor dog parks.
I believe a more supervised and expanded water park would benefit our area for families not only in Longview, but the surrounding Cowlitz county areas. I am satisfied overall with the parks that my family does visit. I would also like to see more variety offered in classes/events for younger children (ie pre-k and under).
Activity center for young adults. To give them opportunity for growth. Adding more reasonable cost activities for children to encourage aptitude growth. Increasing the academic level of the community. Which in turn would discourage the status quo we have in some areas. I don't know that there is a really good answer to develop those who live off of social resources by choice.
Why is there not option on question 14 for Mint Valley Golf course?
BATHROOMS, LIGHTS ,SAFETY NEED MORE UP KEEP ON CLEANLENESS
We need a turf soccer field. We need parks that are age specific. Toddler areas vs. Teen areas. We need a community pool similar to the one in Chehalis. We need things for our children and teens to do! Area sucks for teens. Batting cages ect. I would pay for my children to use new facilities. Look around at others cities. They do a better job! All sports teams (soccer/baseball/softball) all travel out of the area to play! Lets get a better place around here so team want to come here and play.
We have a beautiful park at lake Sacajawea. Except for the bathrooms. I have spent several hours and years at this park. I think keeping up with the bathrooms are so important. Having soap to wash your hands would be appreciated.
I enjoy your recreation running events and the friendly folk who organize and manage them.
I think that improving what we already have is preferable to purchasing more properties creating even more to maintain.
There are many Cities around us that have sport complexes. City of Kalama has built a new complex, turf would be nice as the complex could get used year around but a place where we could bring in outside cities for tournaments among other things would really help our community. Kelso Youth Baseball and Basketball are really pulling away from us because they have the facilities.
Working in tourism we could really use an RV park/Camping for our visitors. As a parent we could really us a recreation center with trampolines and other things for kids to do
I would love to see bike paths. Longer than what the lake provides.
15 Other: update the senior center.
Baily Park could use some dog waste bags, few it seems pick up after their dogs.
The bike trail at Cloney Park rarely seems like it is improved or maintained and after a winter of heavy rains it is full of potholes and large rocks.
I am too new to the area to know which neighborhoods are underserved or which parks need upgrades. But I think that parks and open space are very important to the community.
I can't stress enough how important it is for our youngest generation of citizens to have access to recreation. If you hope to keep them as citizens after high school grads disperse to college, you need to plant the seeds of community attachment and involvement quite early. There must be "things to do" here for kids and especially teens if you hope for the youth with the most potential to make Longview great again to stay as young adults. I think the city should focus on youth in discovering the best use of resources. When I was a teen and still today, it seems that most of the offerings for young people are geared toward teens with low income or social resources, and while these resources should absolutely be available to those kids, I think we need to be creative so that kids from all backgrounds feel comfortable participating. That all aside, I personally think you should capitalise on Longview's natural assets, specifically its beautiful natural landscapes, to meet that end. I would love to see a nature playground (and an outdoor school!) In this community. But I'm not a teenager anymore, lol. Best of luck.
Please improve Willow Grove Boat Launch it needs (pet poop bags) more waste cans and signs to please pick up after yourself and pets.
Have longer running trails. They have such a great running program of 5k's and I hear will be doing more 10k's
For #12 would rate senior center as poor
The new "plastic" playground features are a bit sad. They're not very functional or entertaining. Some of the features are not utilizing the space ideally, some things seem to be a waste of space. Make the playgrounds more fun!
Many people from rural surrounding areas trek in to walk the lake, shop, and end enjoy the parks. Allowing a few mobile food/espresso stands, limiting size, number of mstands and hours of operation per section of the lake may be a good way to increase some revenue at and for the lake. No more than 2 per section. Lighting at dusk is an issue as well as access to clean bathrooms, but I know that is a constant fight with vandalism.
The trash(used needles) around the parks is a constant concern.
Please consider closing underutilized parks to save money
I would love to see the city utilize the unused train track paths by turning them into walking/ biking paths as so many other communities have done. I would also love to see a rental building/refreshment center in the sunken garden by the hospital offering paddle boats, canoes, fishing gear, life jackets ect... I have seen this in Eugene Oregon. I know that the roaming boat rental has not been super successful, but I truly think that because it's not a building with hours of operation and it is forgotten about. We really need properly working drinking fountains, and cleaner/ nicer bathroom facilities at every park. Half the time bathrooms are locked or super gross which leads us to go home sooner

than we planned.
I am very concerned about how many homeless people are camping in the bathrooms usually taking up the only large open bathroom so people like me that walk their grandson 5 days a week at the Lake can't use the restroom. I have found and disposed of more needles than I can count over the many years I have walked at the lake. Now that it's getting dark earlier I would love to see more lighting for those of us that walk after work. Maybe some police presents more often in the evening hours. Lately there have been a large group hanging out under the covered picnic area in the evening making me feel uncomfortable. They need a place to go but it shouldn't be right next to a playground or walking path that families use. I have issues constantly with people that think the leash laws don't apply to them. Maybe if there were more dog parks people would quit treating the parks with leash laws as their dog parks. I have one dog I can no longer take walking because of a dog attack. She is so fearful she cries if she is in the car and we even drive close to the lake and I got her just to be my walking dog! I see a lot of smoking and drinking there too. These are areas we should be able to take out kids without worry. Maybe if the bathrooms were more like those with stalls and community sinks the drug attacks wouldn't be able to lock themselves in and use in private. That could be a great deterrent to those using the sink to use drugs and you may be able to leave them unlocked later!
I think the restrooms should go back to being an open walk in with stalls. This is how they do it at the Seaside, Long Beach and in PDX and Seattle. There should be public restrooms located downtown. This would cut down on the amount of transients urinating and defecating in the alleys. Bailey Park Needs parking, at least 1 restroom and a fence to go up around the park. I think Bailey is the most debilitated park in Longview. Harry Anderson is probably the best maintained park because of government grants.
The dike walking paths that go from 30th ave to 52nd are wonderful...EXCEPT they do not connect...why? because the mint valley golf course in the middle of them and access to the existing path is blocked. EASY FIX seems to me.
what is the park by the library? I think that one needs improvement
The city does an excellent job in maintaining the aging trees that are an integral part of Longview.
I walk at Lake Sacajawea almost every weekday morning, starting at 5 AM. I sometimes need to use a rest room. For almost a year it has been hard to find an open restroom even by 6:30 AM. In the last several weeks, however, all 3 restrooms at the lake have had 1 or more unlocked stalls at 5 AM. I know this requires some effort and maybe some expense, but I think it significantly enhances the usability of the park, and brings it in line with parks in cities I visit. Thank you, Longview Parks!!
I almost always go to Lake Sacajawea park so I don't feel I can comment on the needs of other parks. An affordable indoor pool in Longview would be most needed and most supported by everyone I should think. The YWCA pool isn't adequate and has many issues. Your summer concerts is a grand idea but are getting somewhat out of control because the crowd is split into two categories. Some are coming for a quiet relaxing time while others are coming for a noisy exuberant experience. The two just don't mix. Surely other parks have figured out how to serve the community needs. Good luck with that one. I appreciate how well the lake park is maintained and how beautiful it is. If you had a "Friends of the Park" group, maybe you do, I believe you could get money donated. Charging for some of the summer concerts and selling wine and food might be a draw. We don't expect everything to be free.
Acquire more areas that are woodsy in nature with hiking and biking trails.
I think the park restrooms could be better maintained and/or monitored. Really annoyed when I take my kids to the park and bathrooms are either locked or dirty.
Too much drug items at parks. Move the bums out.
Lack of bathroom facilities at Vandercook is a deterrent for families. Young children can't always hold it!
I don't know the other parks by name so can't answer all the questions.
Field lighting for 7th Ave is critical. This would allow for more play and tournaments all year.
i have lived in cowlitz county for 30 years and LOVE lake sacajawea for running, biking and walking. I STRONGLY feel that gravel paths should be replaced with black top or sports track. The cost would out weigh the constant maintenance of replacing gravel and fixing ruts. It gets muddy in fall/winter and in summer when sprinklers are running. Bathrooms are also a concern. Even at high peak hours there is only 1 bathroom stall open at every rest area. Why is this when there are several locked? They also need to be better maintained. They are dirty, smelly and usually out of toilet paper.
We love the idea of developing more fun family activities for kids and family's such as more of the movie night at the lake. Live kid friendly performances would be wonderful too. Also a few upgrades to parks including safe kid friendly equipment nice bathrooms well lit areas, summer time water fun that is safe. Any kind of roller rink area would also be a plus. Thank you.
No water fountain or bathroom by vandercook.
Truly enjoy the lake concerts and the movies, but there needs to be more handicapped Parking, because this area has a large Senior population.
Please fix the walkways in the Lake Sacajawea park by adding more gravel. They get muddy after rain. Also please finish up the bridge construction work along the Wash. way!
Bathrooms when open are still terrible. No one can wipe walls and ceilings down from spiders and dirt...really? I think it is terrible that events have to rent bathrooms because ours are locked.
I would like to see an expanded restaurant facility at the Mint Valley golf course, some fountains in the water hazards, cleaner water features, updated landscape. I would like to see miles and miles of bike paths, we need to get our children and adults moving, I also believe that nice bike paths would bring visitors to our beautiful city, like it does in Longbeach with their Discovery Trail.
Increased number of homeless walking around Lake
Need bathrooms open in early am for we that walk early!
I take my grandson to the park on louisiana. Its our favorite, but it can be gross. I don't know what the name is. Benches are bent and disintegrating, bad words spray painted...I have pictures
Lake Sacajawea is a wonderful asset to the community, the restroom situation is my only big complaint, at times there are security concerns.
We love the parks. We would be grateful for bathrooms with soap and hand dryers and seat covers.
need to have more times or morning and afternoon classes for people with kids who work
Thank you for taking our input into consideration.
I do not like the lack of restroom facilities at vandercook park! Not even a portable?
the bathrooms at the lake horrid and it makes it hard to even want to take your kids there to play, you just cross your fingers and hope they don't need to use them! It would also be nice if the bathrooms were cleaner and had soap or hand sanitizer and a place for you to tie hot dog

in them !
safety first most important I do like the indoor water park idea
I was thinking about the recurring vandalism in the bathrooms at the Lake Sacajawea park, and I was thinking that it might be an idea to have to pay a quarter or something to use the bathroom...people who know would gladly pay a quarter to use a clean always open bathroom. As it is...half of the time they aren't open anyway, and if there is any vandalism, the quarters would go toward fixing it.
Concerns- The amount of needles found near the current spray park in Longview. Better lighting and fenced in area may help, the bathrooms are disgusting and closed off. All the bathroom at the lake are so completely unsanitary and 99% of the time have no toilet paper or soap or toilet seat covers. Gerhart gardens park is full of garbage and condoms. Better lighting at ALL of the parks I FEEL will help with crime(drugs, vandalism) creating a safer place for kids to play the next day. Over all,organize community clean ups. Volunteers can go and clean up at a certain time of day organized by somebody of the city. Just an idea.
I think a total rebuild of the dirt jump track turning it into a really usable space maybe a pump track and jump lines that are spaced closer together. I've got no doubt that if this was pursued there could be plenty of help from the community (myself included) and you can do it with the existing dirt! Getting some flyers in the local bike shops about it and I'm sure you would have plenty of help in getting this done!
Restrooms are an issue but there really is no easy solution to that problem.
I think you should have Shakespeare in the Park performances
Really need to solve the restroom condition and availability at Lake Sacajawea Park - it is horrid for an otherwise beautiful and widely used facility. Vandalism, Safety, and Sanitary all are issues with a solution.
There is a real problem with wasps building nests in and around the play structures.
Our softball fields for both adults and youth are horrible. The tennis courts are dilapidated, and our restrooms are in huge need of replacement.
Synthetic turf would be amazing....I own a non-profit, amateur football team, and we are very interesting in competing in this county!!
I love our parks. Keep up the great work!
I would love to see more off leash areas, that are fenced. the city of vancouver has off leash areas that are fenced but not really maintained just a wildlife area, with longview even a pay to use the restroom system would be acceptable. it seems like every time my kids have to use the restroom it is locked, so we leave. super sad. lighting at the dog park would be nice! :)
The City of Cehalis has the most amazing parks department. They have spaces that citizens can rent indoor space for a low fee of \$30 for four hours, great for baby showers, birthdays, etc. I find most of Longview rents buildings (not shelters) are expensive. Additionally Chehalis runs a Scout Lodge. Which is a beautiful building that houses local community groups; Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Civil Air Patrol. This meeting space is free and allows Troops to do more community geared work with a free access location to hold meetings/store supplies and has been a staple in the community for years and years. There are also well used trails for hiking and outdoor space around the lodge too, encouraging local park use verses going out of town. I would LOVE to help Longview Parks secure a grant for a project like this. With over 200 Girl Scouts alone in the Longview-Kelso area, imagine the community positive impact. Also, any plans for the island at the front of Lake Sacajawea? I'd love to have a service project of building a bridge and making a neat animal habitat by scouting.
A spray park similar to the one at Catlin but set inside a building so it can be utilized year round would be wonderful!
I'd love to see more of the dog water fountains like they have on the corner of Louisiana and Kessler. I'd also like to see more off-leash areas.
I took my kids to Lake Sacajawea last weekend and the park was awesome, maybe a fence along the busy road would be ideal. Walked around the lake and there were drug needles, not sure if I will walk with the kids again!
I would like to see access to the dike between 42nd Ave and 38th Ave. This would allow access all the way into town from West Longview away from traffic. Now to run, walk or ride you have go onto Pacific Way or Ocean Beach Hwy. Also turf soccer fields would be a huge upgrade for our soccer players.
Anything to keep tweakers out of the parks, more night lighting locking of any bathrooms
I'd like to see the city encourage walking/running/cycling by developing trail routes that serve as safety zones on existing roads/routes through town. For example, Laurel road has inadequate sidewalks; Madrona has none. Columbia Heights Road is a pedestrian disaster. Lake Sacajawea is lovely, but I don't like to drive there just so I can walk. And even at the lake, the restroom facilities are discouraging. Finally, a water park or spray park might be fun, but what we could really use is a full aquatic center, with a decent pool as well as water-play facilities.
Would be nice to expand your planning to provide areas for equestrian trails. There is a large population of horse ownership in Cowlitz County (enough to support 5 feed/farm stores in this county). This is a severely underserved recreation group in the Longview area.
We are in desperate need of a community recreation center that will include an aquatics center. Very similar to the ones in Chehalis/Centralia
The parks need to be kept cleaner.
More of the parks need fences around them. Parks also really need to be cleaned at least everyother day
Hope to see something short and safe for the younger kids at least some toddlers friendly areas. They like to play, learn, and explore too. Think of the baby's not just the kids please. Baby changing stations in parks is a must! I was shocked to see we don't have any at all. Wood chips cause splinters. Try track mats or recycled tire rubber. Thank you for your time.
Bathrooms maintained daily, add child table for diaper changing ,Better lights, check them say 8am noon.... 7pm.....
A procedure that is troublesome is when parks are mowed, they run over aluminum cans. The cans then are shredded and become very sharp which can inflict cuts to children and pets.
Leave the RALong bust where it is. Restore this area to original plan and leave it alone. No gazebo. Spend money on restrooms at lake. They are gross. Not a good first impression for visitors.
We all need safe, accessible, inviting areas to get our exercise! We all need to move more, and neighborhood parks and community buildings open to all ages is a great strategy to meet this need. Thanks!
I think lake sacejewa is my main focus.. I've always gone there an it's always a pleasure to be there.
lake needs a fountain on north end
I think the biggest problem is a community problem. The people of the community dont/won't do their part in caring for the facilities and parks we have now. There is too much ignoring of drugs deals in our parks as well as the vandalism that happens.
Need to support boat launch on Columbia
I live in the Beacon Hill area but use the Longview parks for walking and the playground with my granddaughter so I appreciate what you

have to offer.
Less parks so others can be much more improved deal with the homeless/bums
Since my family doesn't use all of the parks I can't honestly answer which ones I think are underserved. I do think we need a large indoor or covered area so children have a place to run around and play during inclement weather.
We'd like to see more pickle ball courts added, both outdoors and in an indoor facility.
The bathrooms at Lake Sacajawea are horrendous. I often notice people sleeping in them and doing drugs/sexual things in them. I like to run early in the morning and very often I do not feel safe at the park.
My husband and I deeply appreciate all of the work it takes to maintain the Lake park in the manner it is maintained. We try to comply with leash laws, pick up all our dogs messes and in general, try to show our appreciation.
We were so happy you started the movies at the lake but it sure would help to wait another hour for darker conditions to see the screen better. Kids are out of school and one night going to bed late isn't going to matter. The Sound of Music next year. Thank you.
having bathrooms in locations is always great...even better if they're unlocked when the children need to use them; especially if sports are being performed/practiced
Did you distribute info about this survey door to door in the neighborhoods near each of these parks?
Finding a place for an 18-hole disc golf course would be excellent. The most recent tournament at Roy Morse brought in almost \$1800 in registration fees alone, but was limited due to the size of the course at 9 holes. The same event on an 18-hole course could have brought in up to \$2700 in registration fees alone, not to mention the additional income into the community from people coming from out of town for events at a well-designed, 18-hole disc golf course.
enforce leash laws
Upgrade the restrooms
I encourage a regional kelso/longview athletic center. With synthetic turf. Interchangeable multi use fields.
Other cities have synthetic turf recreational facilities and they are wonderful for every family. They bring in major revenue.
I would like to see baby swings installed at neighborhood parks. I personally live on 33rd ave and we don't have one so I can't let my little ones swing so we have to go across town just to let the swing. Please install one.
We have many parks, however, most of them haven't been updated or well maintained. It would also be really wonderful if we could connect with, and obtain the resources for a Kroc center. This community deserves something better than a dingy and run down YMCA.
I think safety needs to be improved at Archie Anderson. Drug use/exchange, violence, litter, etc are present all the time at the park. I no longer take my children there because it always has negative activity.
diagonal parking around RA Long park instead of the inside lane which is worthless.
There needs to be a place for kids to roller skate (covered area) with maybe an arcade/obstacle course.
Needle disposal units
-Covered playground @ Sacajawea -hard surface of the flat area from hemlock st to the walking bridge -some paths more ADA friendly
Check out parks in meridian/Boise Idaho for some family friendly activity parks. Bocce ball courts, indoor water parks, love the availability of concessions at lake and movie nights
I would love to see more jogging/walking trails and increased lighting around the lake. While I am not sure it would work, I wonder if putting more "safe needle drops" would decrease the number of used needles in the parks. I wish this area had more swimming opportunities, so a community rec center would be amazing.
Upgrade the existing spaces. Make the lake even better. Truth be told, that is the crown jewel of Longview, keep it nice and add more there. Do not focus on neighborhoods such as the Highlands; this area does not serve the people that are actually paying the taxes for these projects. Make going to the lake more walkable. Add a spray park next to the lake. Make the lake more amazing! That is where people love to go. It truly is the nicest part where all the family people want to be and go to.
Puddles at the lake in winter....dust at the lake in summer...dog crap and beggars...FUN
I do not believe that there is a reason to duplicate potential parks when the ones we currently have are not the highest quality that they could be. For example, I do not think that Longview Parks and Rec should look at shoreline/additional properties because Cowlitz County and the Port of Longview are already developing/improving those locations. We already have a spray/water park nearby and despite the long hot summer this year, the likelihood of our community needing two spray parks is low. Rather than building a new community gym, why not partner with Youth and Family LINK to promote and utilize their gym, or any of the local churches. I do not support the creation of a multi-sport complex when our existing sites are being torn down due to neglect and misuse (Archie Anderson). We have amazing parks that simply need some TLC. If you have money to spend, please use it to upgrade, improve and clean up some of our existing sites.
Bathrooms are scary to use and need to install sharps containers for drug addicts so maybe they will stop hiding them everywhere like the dog bag dispensers. Install more lights so women don't have to fear rape or murder or flashers just trying to jog or take the kids out. More drinking fountains like portland has that are self cleaning. Anywhere to cool off would be great especially the spray parks which people need to feel safe at. It's hugely utilized so it needs to be maintained and kept safe.
The City of Longview needs to upgrade and maintain (well) the properties they have now before they go looking for/create new parks - some of the ones you have now are not very welcoming
I wish there was a park with rubber ground instead of bark.
Roy Morse is poorly configured and under maintained, need a better large sports complex
#14. 1st priority: Mint Valley G.C. Why isn't the golf course listed? The city only has 1 or 2 parks that generate income - Think improving those would be the best way to start.
For question 14, 1st priority would be to update Mint Valley Golf Course. The 2nd crown jewel of Longview is the Mint Valley Golf Course. Why not take care of it??
I believe our community could benefit from more organized events held in our parks.
As I no longer have children in my household, there are probably programs for them that I am unaware of. But I think safe activities, organized or informal, at community parks within walking distance of most of our population, are crucial to maintaining a sense of belonging and investment in the community.

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Longview in general is not a safe place to walk or bicycle. I would love to see improvements made on roads and sidewalks. Also, more encouragement for people to walk & bike.
Please make Lake Sacajawea Park clean and safe. Cleanliness and safety should be the priorities for ALL our parks. I keep hearing there is a lack of resources. Consider an adopt-a-park (or section of a park) program like adopt-a-highway.
Bathrooms need to be safe and as clean as possible.
I'd love to see part or all of the lake paved!
yes, yes, yes!! on adding an aquatic center!
Developing an indoor soccer arena/sports complex would be fantastic. Developing the diking area for more walking/biking paths would also be great. Develop the walking/biking paths that can also be used for small kids with scooters (ie: paths that are not paved.)
Covered play structures, natural or otherwise. In this corner of the world we have rain and intense sun, covered playgrounds just make good sense.
Clean and accessible restrooms are extremely important to our family. With small children that have need help getting on and off the toilet they are bound to touch something and there have been multiple occasions in which I have encountered feces, urine, alcohol bottles and other garbage in park bathrooms. There have also been times that all bathrooms are closed and my child(ren) have had accidents or had to be taken home early. We visit parks at least once per week and want better restrooms!
River access to the Columbia is the most important thing that Longview can do to attract more families and tourists.
The city of Longview recreational programs are to expensive; it less expensive to go to Vancouver, they have much better facilities and programs. I feel the City is failing their youth, there really isn't any real focus on things for them in this city.
The city needs to develop a sports complex that will be a facility that can be located in a nice part of town that can be a show piece for events and can still be close to the freeway. Stop putting money into parks and structures near the less desirable areas, there is very little pride of facilities in those areas and are constantly vandalized. If the city wants to clean up the parks they must first clean up the rotten culture that is bred within the less fortunate community.
We would love to see Willow Grove developed. It has so much potential to be an incredible draw for our town. A water park with wading pool and spray options would be really great. We would love to see more indoor facilities too. It has enough land to have the pool and water features as well as an indoor sports complex with soccer fields, basketball courts, indoor rock wall, skating rink and indoor track. We would pay or even buy a membership to this and use it all the time!
I visit very few parks so it is difficult to make recommendations for other parks.
I'm not sure which Neighborhoods are underserved or which ones need more help. More bathrooms need to be unlocked at Lake Sacajawea. Needles laying around are unacceptable, but how do you fix that?
I don't live in Longview, but I work here 5 days a week. I know that my tax dollars are not contributing, but I am so glad to be able to use the parks in the area. I do live in the county. Is there anyway that Longview Parks & Recreation could be absorbed by the county? It seems that there could be a possibility for added financial support and energy.
It would be nice to have more areas in West Longview. It's a long drive to get to the majority of the parks
Lake Sacajawea needs better security monitoring to deter transients, drug activity, vandalism and other malicious activity
Look to link parks, communities and green space with trails. Convert Patriot Railroad to trail. Walking and bicycling in some places of longview/kelso feels unsafe and only homeless walk or bike places. Health of community needs attention. More small Basic facilities (trails, greenspace, restrooms, pocket parks, shoreline areas) will help more than a few huge expensive facilities like sports park or swimming pool. Partner with LCC for any large facility.
A community center with localized service would be a valuable asset to this community! Centralized location, with transportation access, and coordinated activities for all members of a family.
The City needs to focus more money on the softball fields at Roy Morse Park. The proper upgrades and attention has not happened like it should throughout the years. It is sad that Roy Morse used to be one of the top complexes in the state back in the 80's and 90's and now it is a struggle to even get each league full for summer. Things need to change quickly otherwise people will play elsewhere and we shouldn't have to. Adult sports matter too!!!!
As an RV owner and avid Boater/Fisherman we would like to see a place to camp and have river access to fish. GG Park would be a perfect place to do this, even though the launch is limited. Rainier and Willow Grove launch are close enough to use, but the ris no location to RV in proximity to these activities.
My wish is that all parks are safe and clean to use, including the restrooms.
The City of St Helens, across the river, has no Parks and Recreation department for community activities for children. To find year round enrichment opportunities, you are one of the sources we consider because of your proximity to us.
Bathrooms NEED UPDATED in all parks. Doors often locked, when open some doors don't open well which makes taking young children in a hurry difficult. Would be awesome to have soap, and hand dryer, or paper towels. Most bathrooms are not ADA accessible or have diaper changers that are much needed.
Improve food vendors at roy morse. Improve officiating crew for adult activities
Restrooms. Water.
We have some nice trails. They need to connect.
Safe bathrooms would be great. An aquatic park would be awesome!
Please make our parks safe. I would love to walk the lake after dusk or before full sunrise. It is just not safe.
The survey wasn't loading properly after multiple attempts. When asked my top three, only one option was available to enter. I entered my top answer for each.
My daughter's family lives in Cedar Park TX. They have an indoor recreation center that serves all generations. There is a walking track that looks down on 2 courts that is used for basketball and volleyball.
Please look into more potential parks in West Longview. Windemere Park is not really convenient for those of us who live near the golf course, the golf course is of little use to anyone who doesn't play golf, and I don't imagine it's very tenable to convert some it into a regular park. It would be nice to have one somewhere in the area between Pacific Way, Ocean Beach Highway, 46th and 42nd.
all the out door swim ares are gone but willow grove which I do not consider safe
The bathrooms at the parks are disgusting and scary. Not safe for kids at all. Please address this issue asap

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We are fortunate to have the variety and high quality of park and recreational facilities that currently exist. Continued quality maintenance will sustain use. The parks are essential for physical, mental and emotional health of our citizens. Keep looking at new ideas and opportunities.
I'd love to see an indoor facility with play structure and options for babies through K as well as older kids.
Many people choose to leave this area due to poor field conditions
Only have GREAT parks, not just a lot of poor ones
The bathrooms at the Lake park are frequently locked making it very difficult if you have small children. We regularly use and enjoy the parks. The addition of the shaved ice at the Lake this year was great. We also enjoyed the outdoor movies that were available. Additional vendors and events would be wonderful.
We really need somewhere safe for bike riding.
Pickleball courts, bike trails
Given the location and traffic/safety issues of RA Long park in the civic center, I believe it would be foolish, dangerous and problematic to make the park attractive to children and young families by adding any amenities beyond landscaping.
I feel the parks that are in the city should be improved, instead of creating new parks. the city has many satellite parks, I feel upgrading/maint. the parks we currently have is the best solution.
I am very interested in an affordable multi-use athletic facility closer to down town. I am very interested in swimming for exercise, but class times start too early for me. I work until 5:30 each day.
We need indoor play space for birth to 5, and for older as well, but there is so little to do here on a rainy day with littles. Vancouver has so many more options: great library, indoor pools suited to water exploration - 0 depth, indoor play at community centers, etc.
I would LOVE to see a park in the Cascade Way neighborhood. We don't have anything within walking distance and we pay high property taxes to live up here. Also, the restrooms at the Lake are quite scary! I know the police and parks dept can't babysit the restrooms to keep riff-raff away, but I cringe when my kids say they need to go when we are at the park. I very much appreciate that the "Pirate Park" is enclosed with a fence! I would love to see more fenced in areas at parks for safety. Thanks for reaching out and seeking citizen input on parks! Overall, you guys do a great job! The parks always look beautiful; please thank your grounds crew for a job well done!
I hate the fact that fresbee golf is in the middle of a soccer field if I get hit because of some stupid guy insisting he had a right to play when I was there first I will go to the Emergency room for treatment due to being hit buy the guys at Roy Morse Park.
Need a playground COVERED for toddlers like we cover the eating areas. We have no place to take them outdoors in inclement weather.
Please no food stalls in our parks!
I like the ideas here, but unless you fix the major problem of people whom use drugs entering these facilities, nothing will improve. If you do decide to make an amazing pool facility, this needs to be a pay to use facility for all. As you look at the YMCA in town you may notice how SOME people that do not pay do not take good care of the facility. Charging is also a way of only having the people, like myself, that want to use the facility pay for the facility. This is where using tax dollars becomes unfair to those that do not benefit, but have to pay. I am all for the upkeep of green space and parks with tax dollars, but not big facilities.
With regards to developing sports complexes/community gyms - this should not be a priority of the City. Between Youth and Family Link, school programs and the YMCA, it certainly seems like the community has a proper level of service in these areas already. Develop the outdoor spaces.
It would be great to see the city look into space for another, maybe larger, disc golf course. We have a 9-hole course, but an 18-hole course, well-designed, would be highly utilized by the local disc golf community, and could greatly increase tourism into the area as the sport just continues to grow.
The bathrooms at the lake are bad. Lots of transients cause destruction for fun.
I think the trail along the dike by Pacific Way needs to be opened to public behind the golf course. If concerned with safety put a high fence to catch balls. The dike is publicly owned and maintained, we should have access to it.
Definitely want more connected trail throughout the city. Would like to be able to take an uninterrupted trail all through the city. And outdoor exercise equipment. Pull up bars etc.
The restrooms are a problem as transients use them and destroy them regularly.
Our biggest concern is that out children may be picked by a needle either in the bushes, restrooms or playgrounds at the lake.
The dike trail between 38th & 42nd needs to be opened. City needs to get out of the golf business, it' a proven waste of tax dollars, and the property should be opened to the public. A perfect existing environment to develop an aquatics center and community center as well as open spaces, off leash dog areas, multi generational sports complex, etc., without having to spend any tax dollars aquiring additional property. Golf should be funded privately by golfers. Private courses.
You need to attract young families. This community had an extremely under supported activities for youth & teens. It's a waste to put into flowers or new flower bedazzled trees etc..., when we need to invest in our children & families that keep this town flourishing. Time for change!
Get a multi use sport's facility and ask weycio it jh Kelly to sponsor it... Even Medford Oregon has a terrific mutil sport complex.
The restrooms are usually either locked out gross they need to not be
Improve feild conditions at roy morse park softball feilds. Open the park up for renting feilds for tourneys.
spend money on youth outdoor sports.put turf at roy morse babe ruth fields then tournaments and fundraiser could be held that would bring people from out of town to spend money on food and lodging. stop waisting money on adult softball. those people have jobs and can pay and volunteer to have there own leagues ran by member of their board. spend the money your waisting. at archie anderson park and the adult softball leagues and use it for the youth at jon null and the babe ruth fields. close the dog park at gearhadt gardens that i never see anyone at and fix the boat launch there.
Allowing seasonal vendors and events along Lake Sacajawea with enhanced walkways, restrooms, trails, etc. An improved Lake entrance/sign is very badly needed.
I would really like to see my tax dollars serve my interests as well as my childrens'. Upgrading the play structures should be routine procedure after as given number of years. Upgrades to adult play fields have been lacking real service for too .
The Rotary Spray Park in Kelso sure gets a lot of use on hot summer days. Does Longview have such a park. If not, I would support adding such a facility.

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An indoor climbing wall would be fantastic. More trails available for recreation.
I think turf fields would be a great idea to expand the softball leagues around here plus you could play year round.
Softball is a very hard league to run due to lack of money and lack of volunteer work. There is a very small window for a league make money, and with the condition of the ball park it is also getting harder and harder to maintain it. The fields have been improved greatly over the last couple years, however the rest of the facility is 30 years old. the fences are falling apart, bleachers are falling apart, building gets vandalized, ect... With turf fields at LGSA that would allow the league to play longer, have Fall and Winter Leagues, bring in bigger tournaments like State, Regionals, Nationals, and even college exposure tournaments. the fields right now are not in the condition to host any of these big tournament and/or extra seasons...
Building a shell at Martin's dock for concert or summer theatre would be a great idea.
We need more indoor play areas for kids. We live in Washington so it rains a lot. I'm always taking my kids out of town to do fun indoor activities. Lake Sacajewia playgrounds are often crowded.
INDOOR!! wishing for any indoor type recreational place to take kids year round to play. Indoor playground or gym or community place. Membership or fees with paid admission. Safe for toddlers.. children's museum type play.
There are a lot of middle-high school-age kids that utilize the parks after dark. On several occasions, I have found condoms and graffiti in Rotary Park. It would be nice to have the playgrounds better lit to make it feel safer, but my concern is that more teenagers will use the park after hours, to do inappropriate things. A natural playground area would be fantastic!
Make the fields at Roy morse playable and people would be happy to play here. Parking, amenities and hotels are available. We need fields!
Cleaner bathrooms with soap.
Would like to see safer parks for our kids. Often have questionable characters or drug/alcohol evidence in parks.
Parking at 7th Ave. softball should be primary! There is plenty of space between the equipment building and the dike. A gravel parking area would be a great start.
We need to have a bigger sports complex for the area, that would encompass more of the fields. We have too many sports fields all spread out. That way the fields could also be well taken care of instead of a lot of fields slightly maintained and managed.
Pocket parks for little kids could increase access to parks and make neighborhoods more family friendly so people don't have to drive to a park for their kids to play. R.A. Long Park could do a lot more than it does, with the closure of the useless inside traffic lane, and improvements such as those you see at Esther Short park in Vancouver. Trimming the tall trees at RA Long park would open it up and let people see the Monticello sign again.
you need more amenities for preteens and young children in this community to keep them off the path of drugs and violence
If there were any way to connect the Pacific way trail sections together by going through or around the Mint Valley Golf Course, I would HIGHLY support using tax dollars to do that. I don't know if that counts as a 'parks' improvement or not. I also wish we had more waterfront access--and waterfront parks would be a huge asset for our family and community.
It would be great if we had a location for additional vending within our parks, Portland style. As long as it was tasteful and helped enhance our parks. Food trucks, concerts, etc
I think the main focus needs to be creating spaces where families (Grandparents to toddlers and everyone in between) can safely and cost effectively enjoy their time. Lake Sacajewia is a good example of this, but a few things Longview should strongly consider to help in this area are more family friendly walking paths, an indoor pool and/or outdoor water park style pool (similar to Chehalis), and family centered exercise and hobby classes with hours that accommodate both working and non-working parents.
I just want a place where we feel safe and that's clean. We frequently go to the park off Kalama river rd due to its cleanliness and natural beauty. I would love to see Longview choose a site similar to this.
dog poo law's
Please use money to upgrade and implement drugs and vice watch at Archie Anderson park. The drugs drugs and crimes that take place there. They need patrols to watch. This whole street has dealers selling to kiddos.
We need an indoor/outdoor pool that doesn't make a person pay to "belong". Water slides or an aquatic center. Just to keep up with at least Chehalis. Chehalis has pool, roller skating, miniature golf..and other activities. Stop contributing to those at Love Overwhelming, and use our tax dollars for our future generation.
Would love to see more playgrounds aimed at preschool ages. Also would love to see safer parks. I often see broken glass and have a fear of drug needles at places my children play. John Null park often has weirdos who seem like they are on drugs hanging around and that is the closest park to my house. Also would love to see an indoor play option since it rains so much here.
Longview needs a indoor pool.
Over the past 10 years the city has made several improvements to the lake and left the youth organizations to fend for themselves causing them to deteriorate
Get rid of the junkies
More areas for dog bags so I can pick up after them not enough
The number one thing I would love to have and would get the most use out of year round is an indoor facility that has activity options for young children. The outdoor Parks are great during the less rainy months, but the majority of the year when it is raining, there are no local indoor play spaces to take children.
Bailey park is within walking distance of our home, however the equipment is in such poor repair I do not allow my children to play there. As a parent, hazardous waste is a big concern so our children rarely play on city playgrounds. We enjoy the west side bike paths frequently.
It would be very helpful if the restroom facilities at Lake Sacawagea (sp?) could be open earlier. There have been several times I've been for a walk/run and the restrooms have not been open early. Also, the open/close hours are not always consistent and that has been very frustrating to me in the past.
Gerhart has a lot of potential, if it can be cleaned up and the parking area can be reconfigured. This would make a good riverfront park if there were better trails and the big, old parking lot was scaled back. More trails would be welcome in most parks. Lighting needs to be improved at Gerhart, and there are times where it seems like all of the attention is focused on Lake Sacajewia while other parks are sometimes neglected looking.
There are so many positives about the Longview Park System. Unfortunately, they are overshadowed by the rampant transient population. Along with finding needles and other drug paraphernalia. At times it seems dangerous to go to a public park in Longview.

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Beyond that the restrooms are the most important factor in my opinion. Only the restrooms at lake Sacajawea are open and only a few at one time. The ones that are open are disgusting for lack of a better word.
Install restrooms without full length solid doors so the bums can't hide out in them and the police can see nefarious activity happening inside them.
I would really like to have an indoor outdoor swimming center with arcade or teen center inside. You could have a very nice place for people to stay local and have a nice safe facility for kids year round. It will also have an employment opportunities for teens during the summer time.
I primarily use Lake Sacajawea and there is a need for more and improved restrooms and more garbage cans located around the walking path.

19) Approximately how often do you and/or your family members take part in City of Longview Recreation activities each year?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Never	7.7%	42
1 - 5 times a year	52.9%	287
6 - 10 times a year	15.8%	86
11 - 20 times a year	9.8%	53
20+ times a year	13.8%	75
answered question		543
skipped question		196

20) What are the primary reasons that you take part in City of Longview Recreation Programs?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
For exercise or get healthy/healthier	56.9%	302
Participate in family activities	47.5%	252
Play unorganized (drop in) sports	9.0%	48
Play organized sports	21.5%	114
Attend special events/concerts/movies	56.1%	298
To learn something new	27.5%	146
To create new memories	23.7%	126
To rent facilities	6.2%	33
I seldom use City of Longview Recreation Programs	9.6%	51
Other (please specify)		31
answered question		531
skipped question		208

I use the Kelso Senior Center rather than the Longview Center for activities such as Bingo and club meetings. Longview's Center is not very welcoming.
love the soap making class!
Programs for out of school - summer camps etc.
interactive time for my children with others
I used it more when my kids were younger -- not so much now that they are pre-teens
live out of town
Pet exercise
Again, I am too new to have strong input.
Runs
to enjoy the outdoors
not enough times offered
daughter attends "Boulevard" for teens most days!
Before school care
Get those dance classes on a different night than Tuesday!
All geared toward scouting
because they are fun
Photograph the beauty of the Lake during different seasons and watch the ducks.
father-daughter ball annually
To attend community events
poorly organized...wasted money
Play Golf at Mint Valley
To expensive
Out of town relatives LOVE the Lake.
My domestic partners plays drop-in volleyball on Tuesday nights. I'm not sure of location.
GG park for boat launch access.
Golf
fishing at the lake
Although we have gone to more competitive sports not so much parks and recreation anymore...
a boat launch would get lots of use.
to educate my kids (music, art, dance, etc.)
Community Gardens

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21) If you seldom use or never use City of Longview Recreation Programs, what is the reason?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Does not apply - we use them	60.6%	241
Don't know what's available	5.3%	21
Not interested/no time	8.0%	32
Lack of facilities	3.0%	12
Too far away/not conveniently located	3.5%	14
Too Crowded	0.5%	2
Don't have transportation	0.0%	0
Fees are too high	5.3%	21
Program of interest not offered	5.5%	22
Program times are not convenient	8.3%	33
Registering for programs is difficult	0.0%	0
answered question		398
skipped question		341

22) Please rate your satisfaction with the following recreation services:

Answer Options	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Don't know	Response Count
Conditions of Indoor Facilities	26	153	192	56	9	84	520
Ease of Registering for Programs	116	202	118	22	9	52	519
Ease of Renting Facilities	30	96	145	13	12	213	509
Fees that are Charged for Recreation Programs	53	197	149	40	25	52	516
Helpfulness of Staff	143	171	118	21	7	57	517
Marketing, Publicity, Promotion of Programs	97	179	135	53	18	36	518
Quality of Instructors	79	163	157	17	7	91	514
Overall Satisfaction	70	249	132	23	7	33	514
answered question							527
skipped question							212

23) Listed are various programs and activities available either within the City of Longview or in nearby communities. As a household, how many times do you participate in the following:

Answer Options	10+ times a year	5 - 10 times	1 - 5 times	Never	Response Count
Adult Classes (art,cooking,dancing,etc)	13	8	154	325	500
Adult Fitness/Aerobics/Weight Training	54	21	102	315	492
Adult Organized/Unorganized Sports	59	27	75	321	482
Attend Community Special Events/Performances	26	127	272	71	496
Disc Golf	13	7	47	405	472
Boating/Fishing	51	46	102	286	485
Golfing/Tennis	66	34	88	292	480
Recreational Swimming	58	46	99	276	479
Running, Biking or walking	260	107	87	52	506
Hiking	92	89	114	193	488
Senior Citizen Programs	14	12	31	423	480
Skateboarding/BMX/Ski Sports/Extreme Sports	14	17	35	410	476
Teen Programs	8	16	34	422	480
Visiting Natural Areas/Wildlife Observing	87	83	140	175	485
Youth Before & After School Programs	33	20	35	392	480
Youth Organized/Unorganized Sports	81	36	70	297	484
Youth Classes (dance, art, science, etc)	23	40	96	325	484
answered question					531
skipped question					208

24) Please check all the ways that you learn about City of Longview Parks and Recreation activities?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Cable Television	4.3%	23
Flyers	40.4%	216
Newspaper	45.9%	245
Parks & Recreation Website	49.3%	263
Parks & Recreation Quarterly Brochure	50.9%	272
Radio	19.7%	105
Visited/Called the Parks and Recreation Office	9.9%	53
Word of Mouth	43.1%	230
School Flyer	15.0%	80

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Email/Newsletter	40.3%	215
Facebook	27.0%	144
Other (please specify)		16
answered question		534
skipped question		205
work		
running event websites		
other		
signs around town		
Bugler, Colombia River Reader, NOT TDN... don't pay for tdn! not worth it		
when you have classes for children 95% of them are all morning classes. some variety would be nice. not all people prefer mornings. id love to see some more summertime afternoon choices.		
Need better communication.		
Though other GS volunteers		
tdn.com		
none- never hear about activities		
Head Start		
beggars		
Please promote your programs earlier & more often. Sometimes i dont fi d out until the week of.		
Dr's Office		
I don't know much about them		
lived in area over 40 years		

25) Please utilize the comment section below to add any comments, thoughts, ideas, concerns about Recreation: (88 Responses)

Create more after school or week end programs for those who's work is not 9to5.
I would like to see more available for my "tween" seems the classes are up to 12 or starting with 18year olds. My 14 year old loves art. Also, I am finding it difficult to get tennis lessons for both kids. I would like to see tennis instructors for the winter season to keep them moving.
I have met many of my best friends in the community through City of Longview Recreation programs. We have learned about French, history, pottery, genealogy, and wills through these programs, and we really enjoyed them. it seems that there is somewhat less variety in the programs recently so we have participated less.
For the most part, our parks are safe and accessible. Restrooms are a problem. Because of vandalism the general population is locked out of the facilities at the lake. There is usually one stall available that is not pleasant and the rest of the doors to the public bathroom is locked. I have no solution to this problem but am sure many of the walkers would appreciate an accessible public restroom.
Your staff is so wonderful and all your hard work shows. The new director, Jennifer Wills, is doing so many great things for the community. I do miss seeing the pretty girl named Trisha that used to work up front, she was wonderful!
I am very computer-literate and patient person but the Longview Rec website is horrendous. It is not user-friendly and has a silly log-in/registration process. I greatly appreciate having local events and enjoy supporting them but there have been a few times that I have very nearly not bothered to sign up to do a 5k because it was hard to find, there were so many steps, my "pin" or whatever had to be emailed to me and then I did not receive it the first time I tried to register. It's 2015, the website should not be so terrible. (ps., Hi Natalie Richie!)
That' Shawnee Randolph in the front office is very helpful.
This town needs a community swimming pool and facility. We're doing our kids a dis-service by not providing them water and swimming opportunities.
Many times a class has been canceled that we enrolled our son in due to low enrollment. This shouldn't happen so often. Here and ther I understand, but multiple times is kind of ridiculous. So maybe you should consider this before offering a class or change # of kids required to run the class.
I see lists of programs in the Daily News, which indicates there are multiple programs available; I believe Parks & Rec is proactive in offering useful classes for all age groups.
We are thankful for LV Parks & Rec and have used many programs over the years.
No comment.
BATHROOM IMPROVEMENTS
would join YMCA but cant afford it
Keep the running events. I enjoy them enough to drive up from Portland.
More advertisement for events and cheaper prices would draw more people to the programs offered.
Baily Park could use a bbq grill, and another picnic table.
My son is 14. There seems to be a gap in the teen years where not many activities are offered. Please offer more for these between years!
I have only been in Longview 6 months, but I have not heard of any recreational classes.I think partnering with the hospital might be a good idea (I work there).
Idea: When I lived in Montana across from the hospital was a vacant lot. They transposed into a exercise trails and about four different trail color coded with colored arrowsfor each trail. Depending on the trail you took, you burned so many calories. It was It was rustic with long grass and some bushes. There were hills and wholis and at the end you could look at a large posted sign explaining each note and the calories burned for the amount of time it took to complete each course. It was so fun because you could challenge yourself each time, beat your family, friends and your own times.
For # 19 use senior center 3x per week if that counts. Need a bigger senior center.
I wish some of the community events didn't cost so much and that they were more kid friendly.
I appreciate all that you do for the community. Please keep up the good works.

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We need more parking for Senior Center.Or newer building with better parking.
My grandson is only 15 months but later we will be using more of the park and rec facilities.
We enjoy swimming but there really are no facilities other than the YMCA and they keep their pool to cool for us. Would LOVE to see a Roller Skating rink back in town. Longview has 4 Roller Derby teams that go back and forth between Centralia and/ or Portland for practice. The old Skateworld was located in an out of the way place that was not on a bus line. I am 53 and commute to Centralia every month to go skating. Many people I know do the same.
I would be happy to work with anyone to connect the dike trails.
I would like to see the Thursday concert series expanded.
Rather than add something new (other than a pool) I'd like to be sure that the city has enough money to maintain well what is in place. Taxpayers just don't have enough money to support new programs. Quality programs insures that community support will be high.
Where are the areas for hiking?
My children play soccer and softball at 7th ave, but not through parks and rec. The prices of the various sports activities and children's classes are pretty high. It should not cost more than \$5 per hour for an activity for a preschooler when the parent must remain there for supervision.
Would be nice to have a skating rink (all generations, not like a skate park) and public swim pool at reasonable costs, again. And more options for theater that are affordable - not just kelso...
Marketing is key. Not enough promotion goes into the services. We have signed up for a class and was told later that it has been cancelled due to lack of participation.
What this area sorely needs is a swimming lake in the summer.
several times I have signed up my son for a program and it was cancelled due to low enrollment which is dissappointing
We are in need of an athletic facility in the down town core area.
I would like to see updates to our golf course, love the friendly staff there. We really really need more bike paths for those of us that don't really want to bike in traffic.
like i said more variety and times
safety is very important I would walk the lake more if I felt safer Really like the idea of indoor swimming
I'm out of town much of the week right now, but next year I will have more time to be involved in taking classes. I always look to see what's offered.
Please arrange dance lessons for other than /in addition to Tuesdays. Did I mention the Lake Sacajawea bathrooms are gross and grossly in need of improvement?
I think using Facebook as a paid advertising platform would increase participation in your programs.
I have actually gone into the Parks Dept inquiring about a youth class, class got canceled, i left my name and number and asked them to call me if another class gets offered. I feel there should be a better system for keeping track of that info. local dance studios manage to do it. the times and dates of some of the stuff offered is too hard with working parents.
I added most in previous comment field, would love to do a partnership for Girl Scout activities in the Longview publications cheaper fees for kids classes may draw more people in. I have 3 kids and cannot afford to put all 3 in sports.
It would be great if you could select which activities you wanted to get emails on, or a once a month. Sometimes, it seems like we get more emails than are needed in a given month.
keep doing what you can, this is a good start
I think if costs were a bit less there'd be more families joining.
Bring the Lake up to date with vendors, activities etc like other citys.
would love to be more involved with the run/walk events; however, always occur at the same day/time as soccer games or other sporting events on Saturdays. Maybe try holding on Sundays? or a little later in the days on Saturday?
Find a space for an 18-hole disc golf course. The two 9-hole courses we have in the area are nice, but an 18-hole course would open up a huge opportunity for tourism, events, and opening Longview up to a rapidly growing sport.
You need some type of water exercise program year around for Adults who work. Early or Late during the week.
I would like to see Mark Morris pool open for lap swimming at a reasonable price and various times.
Rec league volleyball needs power net and beginner net so all can enjoy
More baby swings
While this doesn't apply to me now, I often wished that there were more toddler activities to sign my daughter up for.
No more taxing. You get a good amount all ready. Use wisely.
when city workers are doing a project...four stand around and 1 works.
Upgrade the outside seating area at Mint Valley Golf (expand) -- Add cart bays to accommodate 50+ more carts.
See number 18!!
I think we have a huge need for a community aquatic center, preferably one with an outdoor pool (or indoor/outdoor pool) that provides a safer place to swim than the rivers in summer. The YMCA has a good pool system for year-round use, but not everyone can afford to join. Still, perhaps we only need outdoor pools for summer use, but the need is there.
I'd love to see kids reading/story time programs at different times for working moms.
very happy overall with parks and rec. Once I rented the covered picnic area at the lake though, and the restrooms were locked and nobody came to unlock them for us in a timely enough manner.
In county should be able to use facilities at the same rates as in city. Especially when facilities are only available in city and not in county.
I think this city is not very bike-able or walk-able. I don't have all the answers how to change that, but perhaps education about sharing the roads with bikes, incentives to businesses/employees that commute via bike would help. It would be great to have a safer way to get around the city by bike or walking (such as a dual purpose trail system). Bike lanes disappear without warning; on Ocean Beach Hwy. the bike lane is the bumpy sidewalk that also disappears without warning. I'm not sure how wheelchair bound people can manage some of the sidewalks.
I would like to see weekend classes for young children at earlier times (8 or 9), or classes offered after normal work hours during the week (530).

Longview P&R offers excellent programming for all ages at excellent prices.
The Women's building that we went to for a ballet class was pretty terrible. Parents had to sit on the floor in the room across the hall and were shut out of the class. Chairs at least, would be nice. You should have a new parks and rec building that can house your offices and the classes you provide.
I registered for a class this past summer but it got cancelled because not enough people signed up. I might try again next summer.
I would really like to see an indoor pool at Archie Anderson park. Most of the people who live in the Highlands cant afford to use the pool at the YMCA. Even their lower income programs are too expensive.
More basic facilities and natural areas for simple (low cost) use and less high-cost, high maintenance buildings, fields, pools etc. Partner for the big expensive facilities (with county, Kelso, High School, or LCC). More trails,. Convert Weyco Railroad to trails. Link communities with trails.
An qualit Rv park is needed to meet the exploding generation of Baby Boomers and other demographic groups that are looking for quality spaces to recreate and spend tourism dollars as they travel.
Thank you for caring for our parks. We feel safe at every park in town. Unlike certain areas in Portland or Seattle. It's so nice to feel safe and let our kids have fun.
Your website is not user friendly.
I would like to see better fishing in the lake and a better swing hole than willow grove. It is too dangerous .. The only good places to swim are on the Lewis river.
Play areas for children must be maintained for safety, you can not just put a OUT OF SERVICE sign on damaged area
My family loved the outdoor movies and attended all of them. They monster truck event was a hit with my family and hope to see both of these events continue. Thank you Longview.
Please consider bringing back the Zumba class at the MAC at 5:30 or 6:00pm start time. My husband & I enjoyed that class.
I repeatedly hear that people don't know what is available in town. Our MOPs group is trying really hard to help people connect in with activities, and so often people haven't heard of things. There are many, many families that have transplanted to the area who don't have school aged children, and the community is hard to connect into. I wish we had a better way of communicating within the community.
There to be more and better bike lanes and paths
I would love more activities for the toddler preschool age in the morning hours of the day. I know quite a few stay at home mom's in the area that would participate. We love what you offered this year. I wish I could participate in KT Blues class, however, the time of day and having more than one child has made this impossible. The music class is great, something else would be nice as well. We also cannot participate in swimming because we have more than one child. How about a morning gymnastics, dance, crafting, open gym time, or something else for the young age children while others are at school. Thanks!
Regarding disc golf, the city needs to utilize the local disc golf community more in the organization of events. It is a very different sports community than what they are used to, and so far, their attempts at running disc golf events WITHOUT the disc golf community hasn't done very well. This is because the disc golf community, the ones we want to encourage to bring tourism dollars to the city, are different than a lot of the other sports. The disc golf community is ready and willing to run these events, if the city is willing to let them handle them.
In classes that are being offered, the instructors should ask for feedback from their students/parents. The instructor's personality greatly influences the experience (positively or negatively).
Get a rubberized path around the lake to improve safety for seniors; disabled; bikes and strollers... Oh yes runners too!
to many drugies in the parks. my 13 yr old boy found a needle while fishing at lake sacajawea, he and his friends are no longer allowed to go there. Sad, Sad, sad.
City needs to put more money back into the youth sports leagues before they lose them.
I wish I had more time to enjoy the programs you have.
I am limited about the recreation department. If I had to give a letter grade it would be a C-. I read in the paper we got a new director. I hope this new director adds value to our community and is not just another body in an office.

26) If a bond issue was levied and went to a community vote for support, what would your family be willing to vote for to fund capital improvement projects for parks and recreation facilities?

Answer Options	Not Supportive	Somewhat Supportive	Supportive	Very Supportive	Rating Average	Response Count
\$0.10 on every \$1,000 of property tax for park and recreation facilities	44	88	136	193	3.04	461
\$0.25 on every \$1,000 of property tax for park and recreation facilities	108	104	122	117	2.55	451
\$0.50 on every \$1,000 of property tax for park and recreation facilities	200	77	77	96	2.15	450
answered question						487
skipped question						252

27) Please rate your level of support for each of the follow park improvements that members of your household would be willing to support with their TAX dollars?

Answer Options	Very willing to support	Somewhat supportive	Not willing to support	Response Count
Acquire and develop river shoreline property	147	176	145	468
Acquire properties for developing new parks/open space	123	216	126	465
Develop a band style shelter at Martin's Dock for concerts/community events	110	201	153	464
Develop a community center with multiple recreation amenities	139	193	134	466

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Develop an aquatic facility with water slides, zero-depth/walk in entry, lap lanes, spray features	172	144	152	468
Develop additional off leash dog areas	90	138	234	462
Develop multipurpose bike/walking trails	211	163	91	465
Develop neighborhood community buildings or gyms	99	201	161	461
Upgrade existing neighborhood parks	205	218	47	470
Develop a multi-generational sports complex with synthetic turf fields	144	142	180	466
Upgrade existing playgrounds and picnic shelters	175	231	58	464
Develop an RV and Camping Park	60	114	286	460
Upgrade or install park restrooms	237	176	55	468
Upgrades to Mint Valley Golf Course	69	131	258	458
answered question				480
skipped question				259

28) If funding were available, through grants or partnerships (potential partial funding by matching grants using tax payer dollars, which of the follow facilities do you see as the highest priority for the City of Longview?

Answer Options	1 st Priority	2 nd Priority
Indoor Pool	76	40
Outdoor Spray Park	26	17
Community Center	49	47
City Wide Trail System	80	53
Off Leash Dog Areas	12	14
RV or Camping Area	9	15
Synthetic Sports Fields	67	26
Better River Access	35	37
Upgraded Park Restrooms	84	75
More Picnic Shelters	5	14
Additional Community Gardens	4	16
Outdoor Sports Courts	8	15
Large Community Events	12	24
Golf Course Upgrades	17	11
answered question		484
skipped question		255

29) Which would you rather support with your family's TAX Dollars?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I would support upgrading, updating, or retrofitting current parks and recreation facilities	31.5%	154
I would support new installation or construction of parks and recreation facilities	7.0%	34
I would support both updating and new installation	58.9%	288
I would support neither updates or new installation	2.7%	13
answered question		489
skipped question		250

30) OTHER than City of Longview Parks and Recreation Facilities, please check all the facilities that members of your household use for park and recreation programs?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Churches	36.5%	185
Homeowners Association/Apartment Complex	3.7%	19
Lower Columbia College	34.5%	175
Neighboring City Parks and Trails	50.3%	255
Longview Country Club/Three Rivers Golf Course	17.4%	88
State or National Parks	60.0%	304
Private Clubs (tennis/health/fitness)	18.9%	96
Private Schools	5.7%	29
Public Schools	40.6%	206
YMCA	33.5%	170
Youth & Family Link	13.6%	69
Youth Sports League Associations	24.5%	124
None: Do Not Use Other Facilities	5.9%	30
Other (please specify)		14
answered question		507
skipped question		232
Columbia River and other rivers throughout the area		
Gaither pool		
Longview Library		
Riverside park in Lexington.		

LV Kelso Library
evergreen ballet
Stageworks Northwest Theatre, Columbia Theatre
Girl Scout properties: Evergreen Day Camp
Private facilities, Cowlitz County fairgrounds
rent from other organizations
Mint Valley Racquet & Fitness
Academy of Kung Fu
supplying money to muggers
Mint Valley Golf Course

31) Compared to other recreational opportunities, are our prices higher, lower, or about the same?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Quite a bit higher	3.5%	18
Somewhat higher	9.0%	46
About the same	37.0%	189
Somewhat lower	12.3%	63
Quite a bit lower	1.2%	6
Don't know	37.0%	189
answered question		511
skipped question		228

32) How likely is it that you would recommend Longview Parks & Recreation to a friend or colleague?

Answer Options	Not at all likely - 0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Extremely likely - 10	Response Count
	8	4	10	25	20	59	47	92	72	48	122	507
answered question												507
skipped question												232

33) How did you hear about this survey?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
City of Longview Website	3.4%	16
Email/E-Newsletter	61.9%	294
Seasonal Brochure	1.3%	6
Word of Mouth	6.3%	30
Parks and Recreation Website	1.9%	9
Facebook	17.7%	84
Community Forum	2.1%	10
The Newspaper	5.5%	26
Other (please specify)		50
answered question		475
skipped question		264

Library
Melissa Harbour is pushy! (In a good way.)
Longview Senior Center
Senior Center
Daily News
Senior Center
Flyer at the lake
LV Senior Center
other
Senior Center
A flyer was on the bathroom at the lake.
radio
Ken Botero's column in the Chamber newsletter
Flyer posted on restroom at Lake Sacajawea!
when looking for Turkey Trot info which I still haven't found
Longview Outdoor Gallery
Twitter
Also Facebook
panhandlers
Cowlitz On The Move
Nick
Mint Valley Golf course
Library
Senior Center
Library

Church @ McClelland Ctr.
board member
word of mouth
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34) Please utilize the comment section below to add any additional thoughts, ideas, or concerns you might have: (92 Responses)

A city wide trail system for hiking and biking would benefit multiple generations.
We see the Parks and Recreation in Longview as a positive and vital force for the community. Keep up the good work.
Rebuild the jump track for the bike park so it rides nicer. It has no flow at this point.
I love you guys, keep up the amazing work! I know some people always have negative things to say, but Longview Parks and Recreation is such a bright light in the community. Keep shining! P.S. bring back that pretty Trisha girl!
Would like to see a life saving course
I see City of Longview vehicles all over, doing various jobs to keep our city clean and in good repair. They seem very capable and proactive in this work. I'd like to see a restaurant at Mint Valley Golf Course, not unlike that at Woodland's Riverside course. I believe, if done right, it would draw additional patrons to the course such that they could also enjoy the beautiful scenery. Also, we need a walking/biking trail system that avoids busy roads - we should be able to utilize the diking system we have in our city (open that which borders Mint Valley Golf Course).
Just a general comment. Our community has so much potential, that improving access to education and social activities is key in building a good community. Education is a chosen thing and many choose to live below that potential because priorities may be misplaced. You guys do a great job.
It would be great to have a County wide trail system
BATHROOMS
Senior Center should be moved to the old Elks building for better parking & more room to grow.
Please make some improvements!
lower prices would bring more people!
I think instead of dog parks - bike paths ect -- if funds are available -- how about upgrading or replacing the Longview center for seniors? That building is HOW old?
For #26-29: Live in woodland, can not vote.
I am on a fixed income so that limits what I can spend. What about starting a fruit tree park where any one can take some fruit when it gets ripe or donate that fruit to food banks?
Need larger building with parking for senior center.
Again....trails...connect them...easy and should be inexpensive to do.
Most everyone knows that any grants or perhaps other monies the department receives is not going to be free. It will cost taxpayers money at some point. It would not be good policy to overbuild or over extend community resources. Do make good use of incoming money.
I don't support camping and RV areas in the city as they may encourage transients and squatters that could potentially increase the risk of more burglaries and thefts; also upgrades to bathroom facilities could have the potential to encourage people to hang around that may not be willing to look for more permanent places to go.
It would be an idea to install sharps containers or have people examining the parks in the mornings before children play on them. I get that there are homeless who may have diabetes or that it could be drug related needles. Either way, the city needs to find a way to keep the parks free of such waste.
Lots of questions are too general. Would I support... well that depends! Ask about each park, not just generic "parks" in the town. Some need upgrades, some don't. Also, lots of my answers would depend "at what cost" etc.
Glad your reaching out to the public. ♥
When I was walking the Lake Sacajawea paths this week at dusk, I felt the lighting was not adequate on the paths.
As I said earlier please fix the walkways in Sacajawea Park by adding more gravel. They get muddy in too many places. Also please finish

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construction of the Washington way bridge! Thank you!
Because of bathrooms I don't go as often I I would like.
Good questions
like the indoor swimming sounds like a safe and fun place to be
Offer more adult enhancement programs - music, crafts, cooking.
The bathroom situation is just plain scary. I don't let me kids use them at the lake. Yuck. I know they are cleaned to the best of the abilities of the parks department employees but they are still sketchy. I appreciate the parks and recreation department and all they do to get the community up and active and participating in healthy activities. Thank you!
I live in Rainier.
I think it is great that you are doing this survey and polling the public for their wishes and willingness to support different ideas. Looking forward to seeing what comes of this - it would be reat if results could be communicated to the public via newsletter, newspaper, and/or email.
With the exception of improving river access, I oppose acquiring land for new parks because we need to maintain and improve the ones we have.
KEEP DOING WHAT YOUR DOING, AND MAYBE RESEARCH WHAT OTHER COMMUNITIES IN BIGGER CITIES ARE DOING FOR FRESH IDEAS
It is hard to gauge the dollars needed with out a knowledge of your current income.
A lot of people don't pick up after their dogs.
34 questions takes more than 10 minutes. You also had several questions that asked almost the same thing.
good idea goodinput
Safety is a big concern in this day and age. The Rotary Spray Park is a great place but unfortunately without a fee and supervision, bad things have happened there which all of our community is aware of. Sadly, middle and upper class families are steering clear of that park now. We are concerned for our children's safety. If the safety was to be increased, somehow and more people would choose to us it, it would also be nice if there were more sheltered areas and benches. Thank you for all that you do for our community!
I did not vote in the area of "Where would I want my tax dollars to go" because I am outside the city. Thank you for allowing me to fill this survey.
Out of City Limits fees much higher, wish they were the same costs.
18-hole disc golf course. Portland had the World Championship for disc golf because it has multiple 18-hole disc golf courses. Other cities that have 18-hole disc golf courses can bring in up to 80-90 people an event for tourism dollars at least a couple of times a year. With registration between \$25-\$115 dollars depending on the size and coverage of the event, as well as opportunities for local business to feed, house, and provide for those visitors, there is a huge opportunity there.
A lot of Castle Rock residents also pay to participate in Longviews Recreation Program
The grounds crews do a great job!
Kids need a place to be active, get involved on our community, and get help with homework. We need one large facility that would accommodate families...larger then the YMCA but lower cost or same cost with more to do
The park section was hard to answer since I didn't know which parks were which and had to look them up. The issue of safety in the parks is a big concern that should be addressed.
more money is WASTED by the city than the fucking government
Thank you for conducting this survey. I appreciate you taking the time to find out what the community wants.
Lots of things to do and not much money to work with. Tuff Job.
For question 30...Other: Special Olympics
I live barely outside the city limits but my work and activities are inside the city. I love Longview and hope to see many improvements. Let's show our pride!
Castle Rock's Bike Skills park is unbelievable. Kids and families on bikes practicing bike skills is really amazing.
More walking/jogging/stroller friendly trails, healthy cooking classes, additional times for infant/toddler programs, additional fun run/5k's and farmers maket/festival type events that give a sense of community. We travel to Bend, Oregon a lot and one of the things I love about that city is that it just seems healthy. There a lot of outdoor (and some indoor!) activities with trails, hiking and water sports. Some of this is because of the weather and location, but I would love to see this mindset instilled in our community! Overall, people seem happier and seem live better. Cheers to making Longview a healthier place!
The Golf course should not rely on citizen funds, it should be kept up with the fees collected from golfers.
Instead of hitting tax payers for more money you should seek GRANTS. Yes easier said than done but there are LOTS of taxpayers that would have to pay higher property taxes who would not utilize the benefits of the parks. The parks are an "extra", something nice for Longview to have, but they are not so necessary as to increase taxes. If you can find private funding, sponsors, or grants I think that would be the best. I would rather put an increase in tax dollars to the schools the next time they have to ask for a tax increase.
Our family loves the parks for our kids to play in. One concern we have is about hazardous, drug use, waste. We always check the areabefore we let them play, but are still concerned about what might be there and hidden. We support better lighting to make parks less attractive for drug activity. We are members of the Y and wish the P and R could cooperate with them to make use of that facility for everyone.
The city mismanages what existing resources it has. Pull in the recourses back in and regroup. Lets get our facilities up to par and make it profitable to support other facilities that might be needed or remodeled.
Special focus might be a children's program at community house
If a spay park is made, maybe it should indoors with a pool and slides, etc. to avoid the needle problem.
Work with partners: county, Kelso, Castle Rock, Kalama, schools on big facilities. Trails to link communities not just within city.
Thank you & Best Wishes!
RV Tourism is an untaped vehicle for tax revenue for the general fund helping ease the tax burden for the citizens of Longview in addition to providing a locationf to draw tourist and generate dollars for local businesses.
I did not vote on the tax issues because I don't live in Longview and don't think it would be fair to speak to such a subject.

Keep up the good work, Jennifer. Your enthusiasm and knowledge are a real bonus for Longview!
PLEASE put restrooms at Victoria Freeman park, and upgrade at the all other parks.
there is too many resources spent at lake. There need to be better facilities for youth/adult sports
Please no new taxes. Every bill keeps getting raised. I will loose my home it this continues.
Reduce the number and size of existing parks, maintain the one left to a equal high standard
The city is running people out of town for youth and adult sports due to the unwillingness to spend money on field upgrades
We love the parks. We have young children and we have utilized some rec activities for our kids. We were not very impressed with the teacher as far as being age appropriate. I know it is difficult to find people to lead the activities but the teacher seem disengaged.
I think Jennifer Wills is the perfect person to get Longview headed in the right direction. I really wish her well, I believe she has her work cut out for her in this community.
guide in the newspaper is helpful.
on the previous page the very supportive column on a funding question was suddenly on the opposite side that it was for other questions. might skew results as I almost clicked in the wrong column. I would love to have better trail connectivity and a community center with indoor play space and a zero depth entry pool. See Mt Scott in Portland and Firstenburg in Vancouver. This is a hard town to have little kids in, and that hurts us as a community. We don't even have any for profit indoor play spaces that are common in larger communities. My friends drive so often for play (Kline line in Vancouver, zoo, children's museums, indoor pools, indoor play etc.)
again I feel updating what the city has, rather than adding. What exists needs to be taken care of, before more is added. If not, it usually includes a tax increase to support it. I think we are taxed out.
If a spray park is on the horizon, let's learn from Kelso's issues; it needs to be safe and secure from late night/day drug activity.
We need an outdoor water park like they have in chehalis with slides.
Again, I am not a supporting of the constant taxiing of people that work. I think if you can seek private donations and have wonderful fundraisers this would be a better avenue. I never see anything about great fundraisers, dinners, actions... Get the people that want to be involved and want these great things involved!
If you look at the growth patterns of Disc Golf as a sport (currently being considered for inclusion in the Olympics), it would be worthwhile to look for an area for a new park that could facilitate a larger, 18-hole disc golf course... Preferably something partially wooded.
You are doing a great job, keep up the good work. For the top 3 questions, my phone only allowed me to select one.
There should be a cap on spending limits for proposals and value being created.
It's no secret that the portable toilets and restroom facilities around town are frequently visited by drug users. While visiting parks near Lake Sacajawea, my family and I have seen two syringes in two different park locations (near 15th St & Nichols and the fenced-in park at 21st & Kessler) over the course of two months. I'm not sure how to address the problem or solve the problem. It is disturbing to me, however, that young children are sharing restrooms with people who are using needles. I'm weary to use the park restrooms and/or to let my family members use park restrooms around town. I avoid visiting parks farther from home for long periods of time, so that my friends and family don't have to use the park restrooms. I have to admit that I'm embarrassed to have to tell my family members, who visit from out of town, to keep an eye out for syringes when taking my daughter to the park....sheesh! I realize that this problem is widespread in Longview/Kelso, however, brainstorming ideas to decrease the presence of needles in public parks could be a good start. Thank you!
Use the grant money for roy morse park.
do something about the drugs, vandalism, and theft. the parks are not safe enough for my kids to use the parks with their friends.
Need to put money back into our youth fields
Again, it would be nice to have an indoor play area for kids..playground, sport turf fields...something fun for young kids and teenagers.
We need a modern sports complex like city of Centralia. That seems to be what we are missing. The revenue that brings in up there is significant.
I think there is an attitude that this community doesn't deserve a pool or an indoor sports complex or childrens museum like other cities have but I don't recall ever being asked to vote over something like that. I would love to see leadership in pitching these ideas to voters again. At least make the case and ask the voters what they want to support every once in awhile. Without asking the question we have no idea what people are desiring, what they would support with their taxes. I personally think an aquatic center could do great. I would also like to see a children's museum. The public facilities district or public development agency should be working on building a children's museum.
An indoor playground would be amazing for kids in the winter time.
Security and safety are very important to my family
Building too many outdoor picnic buildings & such is a great thing however ...we do not want to add places for all the drug addict/homeless to get high at & run off the families.
Heard about survey in the newspaper
We need an indoor outdoor aquatic center that could be open year round. This would also provide jobs for local teens for summer jobs. This would make kids happy, healthy and have a safe area for everyone to come together. Thank you very much!
I would support improving the current park system only. It seems there are already areas that are not being maintained. The park maintenance crew seems to be slacking on basic maintenance. Instead focusing on "projects" at the expense of basic issues. For example, uncovered in ground utility boxes at Archie Anderson, ankle breaker. Bare sand area at Vandercook, could some topsoil be put there and gras planted please. RESTROOMS!!!!!! I have actually watched city employees not use the open restrooms and use "private" or non public ones. City Hall, Lake Sacagawea, Library, and Civic Circle all seem to have irrigation except there are huge areas that do not get irrigated. Lastly, spraying the curb edge with roundup or something looks tacky and unprofessional. I could go on and on about how our current parks could be improved.