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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Oak Lawn Park District contacted Illinois State University's School of Kinesiology and Recreation to assist the District with an assessment of community needs and recreation planning. Focus group interviews with Oak Lawn Park District staff were conducted to assist in the development of a community-wide needs assessment questionnaire. Researchers within Illinois State University's School of Kinesiology and Recreation worked alongside Oak Lawn Park District staff to develop an online questionnaire that met the needs of all parties. Once developed, a link to the online questionnaire was mailed to every household within the Oak Lawn Park District. The intent of the questionnaire was to gather residents' opinions, attitudes, and preferences regarding Oak Lawn Park District's park areas, programs, and facilities.

A mailing of approximately 22,972 postcards that included a link and QR code to the online questionnaires was sent to residents during the month of October 2021. A link to the questionnaire was also shared on the District's website and social media sites. A total of 866 usable (completed) questionnaires were obtained during the months of October and November 2021. The questionnaires were analyzed for the development of the report during the month of December 2021.

Objectives for the study were established during the initial stages of the project by the Oak Lawn Park District in cooperation with the Illinois State University Project Team. Questions in the survey were developed to meet the following objectives:

- **Objective #1:** The residents' current patterns of participation with existing parks, programs, and facilities.
- **Objective #2:** The residents' satisfaction with current parks, facilities, operations, maintenance, and staff.
- **Objective #3:** The residents' attitudes and preferences with the District's marketing and publicity methods.
- **Objective #4:** The residents' opinions concerning equity, conservation, and health & wellness initiatives and opportunities within the District.
- **Objective #5:** Obtain feedback from residents on the future recreation needs (i.e., expansion or development of new parks, programs, and/or facilities) within the District.
- **Objective #6:** Obtain general demographic characteristics of the District's residents.

The following is a brief overview of the results of the data analysis regarding the objectives.

RESIDENTS' CURRENT PATTERNS OF PARTICIPATION

Key findings from the study include:

- During the past year, 84.4% of the households had visited a park area within the Oak Lawn Park District at least one time during the past 12 months. Furthermore, nearly 1/3 of the households had visited a park more than 25 times in the past year.
- 71.2% of the households had visited a District facility within the last 12 months.
- 56% of the respondents participated in at least one recreation program offered by the Oak Lawn Park District during the past year. It is worth noting that this figure represents a particularly high number considering the pandemic's impact during the past 12 months.

RESIDENTS' SATISFACTION WITH DISTRICT SERVICES

Key findings from the study include:

- 93.2% of households expressed an overall satisfaction (satisfied or very satisfied) with the Oak Lawn Park District.
- An overwhelming majority of residents (at/above 90%) are satisfied with the Oak Lawn Park District's programs, facilities, and park areas.
- Nearly 90% of residents are satisfied with the operational activities within the Oak Lawn Park District.
- Household satisfaction levels with park maintenance are very strong with all items receiving satisfaction levels (very satisfied or satisfied) at/above the 90% level.
- Household satisfaction with District staff was also very high (near/above 95%). In particular, District staff received the highest satisfaction levels compared to all other satisfaction areas (facilities & park areas, operations, and maintenance). The data suggests staff are a core strategic asset for the District. These exceptionally strong ratings are commendable considering the unique circumstances and evolving responsibilities that have faced staff during the pandemic.

RESIDENTS' PREFERENCES WITH THE DISTRICT'S MARKETING/PUBLICITY

Key findings from the study include:

- The Oak Lawn Park District website (41.2%) is the most widely utilized method to learn about recreation programs and services.
- It also appears the community is utilizing other online marketing outlets as the District's digital brochure (34.3%), email (33.5%), and social media accounts (19.5%) were identified as popular marketing/publicity methods for households.
- When asked to identify possible reasons for not utilizing the District's services, nearly ¼ (23%) of respondents indicated nothing is keeping them from utilizing these services. 22.2% of the respondents did indicate "services do not work with my schedule." Another significant reason that prevents households from utilizing the services is that they are unaware of the services (17.4%).

RESIDENTS' OPINIONS CONCERNING EQUITY, CONSERVATION, AND HEALTH & WELLNESS INITIATIVES

Key findings from the study include:

- 79.1% of households support the District's efforts to expand and improve the community's native areas and 73.8% of households agree or strongly agree that the District should expand access to native areas through paths, piers, and rock outcroppings.
- It is worth mentioning that each of the equity, conservation, and health & wellness initiatives received very low percentages of respondents disagreeing or strongly disagreeing with the District's work in these areas. With some initiatives, however, a modest number of households indicated that they "don't use/don't know" about these initiatives.
- Taken collectively, the findings suggest the District has a high level of support for their equity, conservation, health, and wellness initiatives with potential opportunities to consider how to generate a bit more awareness for some of these efforts throughout the community.

FUUTRE INTERESTS WITHIN THE DISTRICT

Key findings from the study include:

- A very strong majority of households feel the District has been effective performing key management-related functions or they were unsure (i.e., “don’t know/don’t use” rating). As an example, 65.8% of respondents felt the District was effective or very effective at offering quality programs and special events (28.6% were unsure) while 61.7% of respondents didn’t know if the District was working cooperatively with local athletic organizations. Taken collectively, the results suggest the District is highly effective with only a very small percentage feeling the District is ineffective across these functions. However, the data also suggests there are some areas where the community may simply be unaware of some of these efforts and initiatives.
- 93.9% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that the Oak Lawn Park District is important to the Oak Lawn community.
- When asked to identify marketing methods their household would prefer in the future, 41.3% of respondents identified emails as their top choice, followed by the District’s website (40.8%), print copy of brochures (38.3%), and digital copy of brochures (35.1%).
- Nearly 1/3 of households (30.6%) identified adult fitness and wellness programs as their household’s first, second, third, or fourth choice for a new/expanded program within the District. The second most popular recreation program choice was senior programs with 16.1% followed by youth sports programs (15.4%) and adult educational opportunities (15.3%).
- 27.7% of the respondents identified walking/biking trails as their household’s first, second, third, or fourth choice for future facility development or enhancement. The next most popular facility needs were nature center & trails (24.6%) followed by indoor swimming pool (22.3%).
- Approximately two-thirds of the households (69.1%) identified indoor fitness and exercise areas as their first, second, third, or fourth choice for a facility amenity within a new community center. Other popular facility amenities include multi-purpose rooms with 58.3% followed by a senior center with 47.2%.
- When asked to identify projects their household would support, 38.7% identified additional walking/biking trails and 26.8% supported updates to existing parks and facilities. The next most supported projects included the development of an indoor aquatic complex (21.8%) and the development of a senior center (21.6%).

INTRODUCTION

OVERVIEW

The provision of recreational services is recognized as an essential component of a community's strategic plan. Residents want opportunities for participation in quality recreation services, attractive parks, and modern recreation facilities. Only through local government provisions can recreation truly be made available to all residents. Local government sponsorship provides the major opportunity for many people and the only opportunity for some people, to have access to recreational facilities, parks, and programs.

The Oak Lawn Park District, like many other communities, is most important to residents who view recreation as a fundamental part of daily living, rather than a fringe consideration. A recent study discovered that the average U.S. citizen has approximately 34 hours available for recreation each week. Using this figure as a base, one can estimate that the +56,000 residents within Oak Lawn alone have over 1.9 million hours available for recreation each week, or more than 99 million hours per year. This tremendous pool of hours available for recreation, coupled with the increased expectations placed by residents (particularly during the COVID pandemic), has created a heightened demand for long-range planning in the operations of the Oak Lawn Park District's programs, facilities, and parks.

In response to this need, the Oak Lawn Park District collaborated with the School of Kinesiology and Recreation at Illinois State University to assist with a localized assessment of the District's parks, programs, and facilities.

PURPOSE

The Project Team assisted the Oak Lawn Park District in developing and administering a community-wide needs assessment study. The purpose of the study was to assess residents' attitudes, priorities, & future interests for the Oak Lawn Park District's services. Furthermore, the results of the study seek to provide the Oak Lawn Park District with accurate information that can be used in their short-term and long-range planning efforts.

OBJECTIVES

Based on the purpose of the study, the following objectives were established:

To design, develop, and administer a community-wide needs assessment survey to assess the Oak Lawn Park District's park and recreation services. It is expected that the study will provide insight into the following areas:

- The residents' current patterns of participation with existing parks, programs, and facilities.
- The residents' satisfaction with current parks, facilities, operations, maintenance, and staff.
- The residents' attitudes and preferences with the District's marketing and publicity methods.
- The residents' opinions concerning equity, conservation, and health & wellness initiatives and opportunities within the District.
- Obtain feedback from residents on the future recreation needs (i.e., expansion or development of new parks, programs, and/or facilities) within the District.
- Obtain general demographic characteristics of the District's residents.

STUDY PROCEDURES

Each of the 22,972 households in the Oak Lawn Park District were selected to participate in the study. The primary data collection instrument for the study was an online needs assessment questionnaire. Detailed information regarding the study population, questionnaire development, and response rate is presented in the following sections.

QUESTIONNAIRE DEVELOPMENT

A 21-item questionnaire was developed to collect information to meet the study's objectives. The Project Team worked closely with the Oak Lawn Park District in developing the questionnaire to ensure the needs of the agency were addressed. A detailed overview of the specific procedures is provided in the following sections.

INITIAL MEETING(S)

Oak Lawn Park District administrators met with the Project Team to discuss the agency's interests. In an effort to address the Oak Lawn Park District's needs, the Project Team partnered with the agency to identify the specific purpose, techniques, and procedures of a community-wide needs assessment survey to obtain a clear planning direction for the future recreational services for the Oak Lawn Park District.

FOCUS GROUP/STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS

The Oak Lawn Park District administration worked with the Project Team to identify seven focus groups that were interviewed (via zoom) by the Project Team. In particular, the following focus groups were established:

- Oak Lawn Park District Administration (1 group/meeting)
- Oak Lawn Park District Community Pavilion Staff (1 group/meeting)
- Oak Lawn Park District Ice Arena Staff (1 group/meeting)
- Oak Lawn Park District Maintenance Staff (1 group/meeting)
- Oak Lawn Park District Oak View Center Staff (1 group/meeting)
- Oak Lawn Park District Racquet, Fitness & Gymnastics Center Staff (1 group/meeting)
- Oak Lawn Park District Stony Creek Golf Course Staff (1 group/meeting)

The purpose of the focus group meetings were to collect background information on current issues, anticipated needs, and future trends impacting the community. The interviews were structured in nature with a predetermined list of questions for each stakeholder. The structured list of questions included:

1. What words do you feel best describe the history of the Oak Lawn Park District?
2. Describe current communication (and/or marketing) strategies utilized by your agency (if applicable) and the Oak Lawn Park District to promote the services and

- activities within the community. If no strategies exist, can you provide any suggestions?
3. In your opinion, what is the core purpose of the Oak Lawn Park District today?
 4. What are the Oak Lawn Park District's greatest strengths right now?
 5. What are the Oak Lawn Park District's areas of concern? Challenges?
 6. What recreation program(s), facility feature(s), and/or parks are needed in the community that are not currently available?
 7. Are there any areas within the Oak Lawn Park District that need improvement? Describe.
 8. In your opinion, what is the most important priority for the Oak Lawn Park District right now?
 9. What is your opinion about how the Oak Lawn Park District's services should be funded in the coming years?
 10. What are some issues or trends that are, or will be, affecting the community and the Oak Lawn Park District?
 11. Do you have any thoughts you would like to express that have not been discussed in this interview/focus group session?

QUESTIONNAIRE

Based upon the information collected during the meetings with the Oak Lawn Park District administrators and focus group sessions, a questionnaire was developed to collect information that would meet the stated objectives of the study. The initial draft was submitted to the Oak Lawn Park District for review. Based upon the feedback obtained from the Oak Lawn Park District administration, a final online questionnaire was developed.

DATA COLLECTION

The data collection involved mailing a postcard to each of the 22,972 households within the Oak Lawn Park District. The postcard informed the household of the online survey and provided a direct link and QR code scan for direct access to the survey. In addition to the postcard mailing, a link to the survey was also shared on the District's website and social media sites. A link to the survey was also emailed to all of the households who had an email address on file with the District. Finally, hard copies of the survey were also made available at District facilities. Data collection occurred during the months of October & November 2021. Data collection was terminated on December 1, 2021. Once the questionnaires were received, the Project Team checked the data for completeness and accuracy prior to analysis.

QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES

Following the procedures outlined above, 866 usable questionnaires were submitted. This response rate was slightly higher compared with studies that utilize similar data collection methods.

STUDY FINDINGS

The findings of the study are reported in this section. The findings are organized into the following sections:

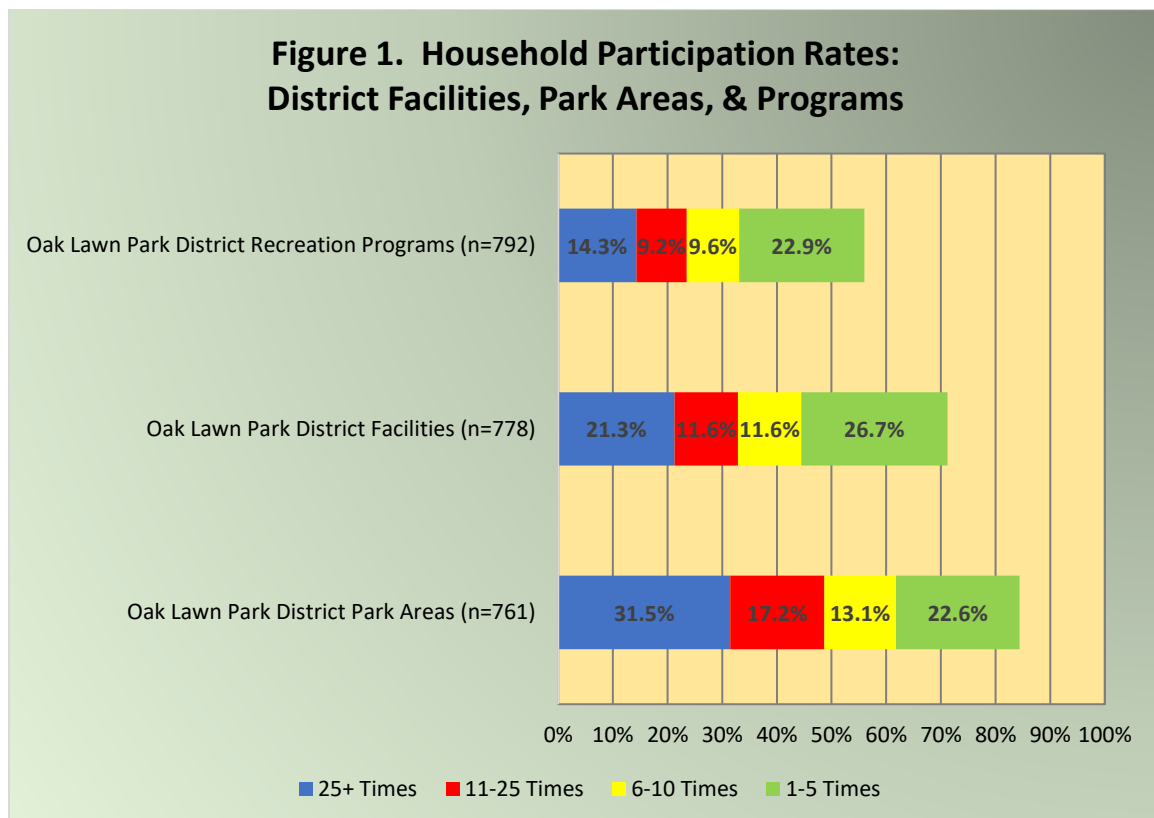
- The residents' current patterns of participation & attitudes with existing parks, programs, and facilities.
- The residents' feedback on the future recreation interests within the community.
- Demographic characteristics of the Oak Lawn Park District's residents.

CURRENT PATTERNS OF PARTICIPATION & ATTITUDES

HOUSEHOLD PARTICIPATION RATES: RECREATION PROGRAMS, DISTRICT FACILITIES & PARK AREAS

Respondents were asked, “During the last 12 months, approximately how many times have you or members in your household visited or participated in the following: Oak Lawn Park District Recreation Programs, Facilities, and Park Areas?” The respondents were asked to select from one of the five categories: none, 1-5 times, 6-10 times, 11-25 times, or more than 25 times.

84.4% of the respondents had visited a park area within the Oak Lawn Park District at least one time during the past 12 months. Furthermore, 31.5% of respondents had visited these parks more than 25 times in the past year. 71.2% of households had visited a District facility during the past year. Finally, 56.0% of the respondents participated in at least one recreation program offered by the Oak Lawn Park District. It is worth noting that this figure represents a particularly high number considering the COVID-19 pandemic’s impact during the past 12 months. Complete results are provided in Figure 1.

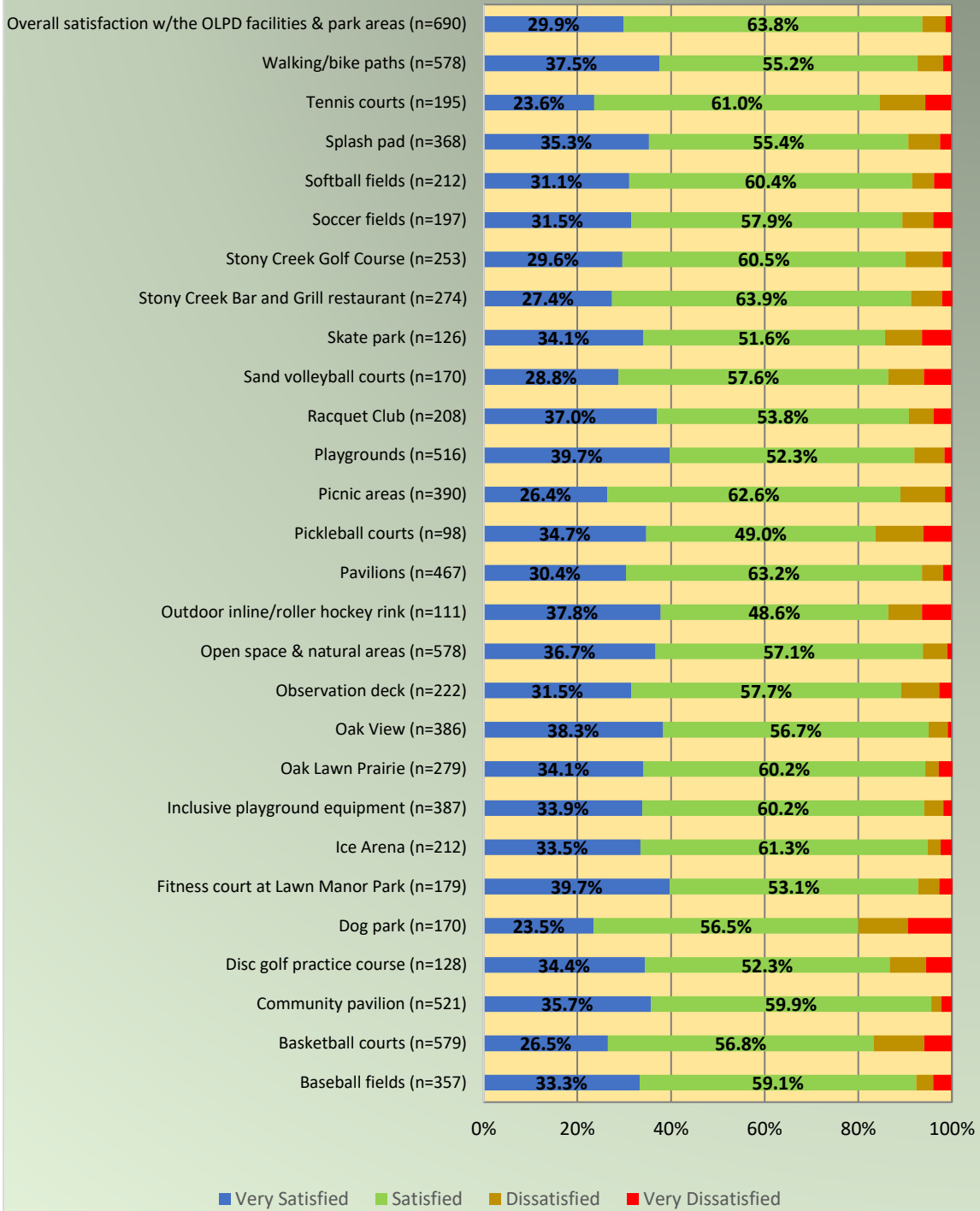


SATISFACTION WITH THE DISTRICT'S MAINTENANCE, STAFF, OPERATIONS, FACILITIES & PARK AREAS

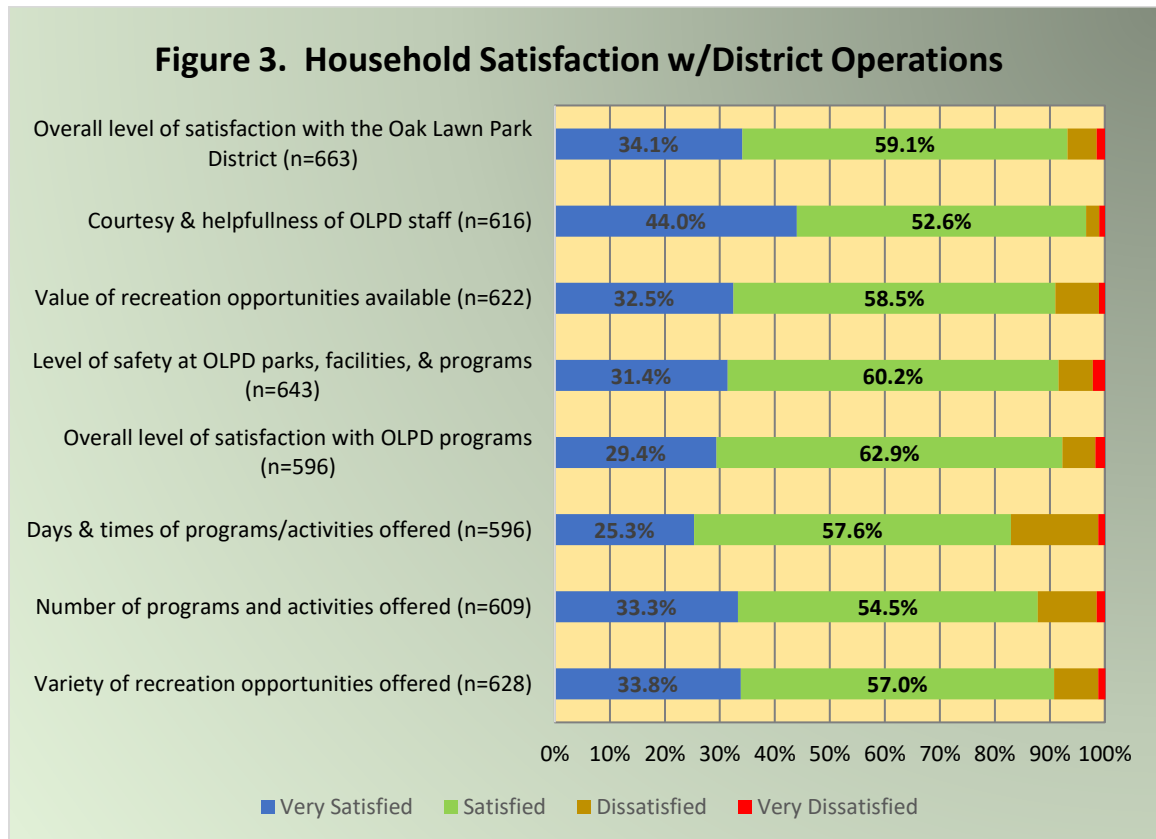
A series of questions on the survey asked respondents how satisfied their household was with the District's facilities, park areas, operations, maintenance, and staff. Twenty-eight items were used to assess the District's facilities & park areas; eight items were used to assess the District's operations; six items were used to assess the District's maintenance, and; eleven items were used to assess staff. Respondents rated each item on a 5-point satisfaction scale (1=very satisfied, 2=satisfied, 3=dissatisfied, 4=very dissatisfied, and 5=don't use/don't know). For the purpose of presentation, the respondents selecting, "don't know/don't use" were removed from the analyses. The following sections summarize the key findings:

Twenty-eight items assessed households' satisfaction with the Oak Lawn Park District's facility and park areas. Overall, households expressed very strong satisfaction levels across each facility and park area. Nearly 90% of respondents were satisfied or very satisfied with each of the facility and park areas. Furthermore, 93.7% of households expressed an overall satisfaction with the District's facilities and park areas. Complete results are provided in Figure 2.

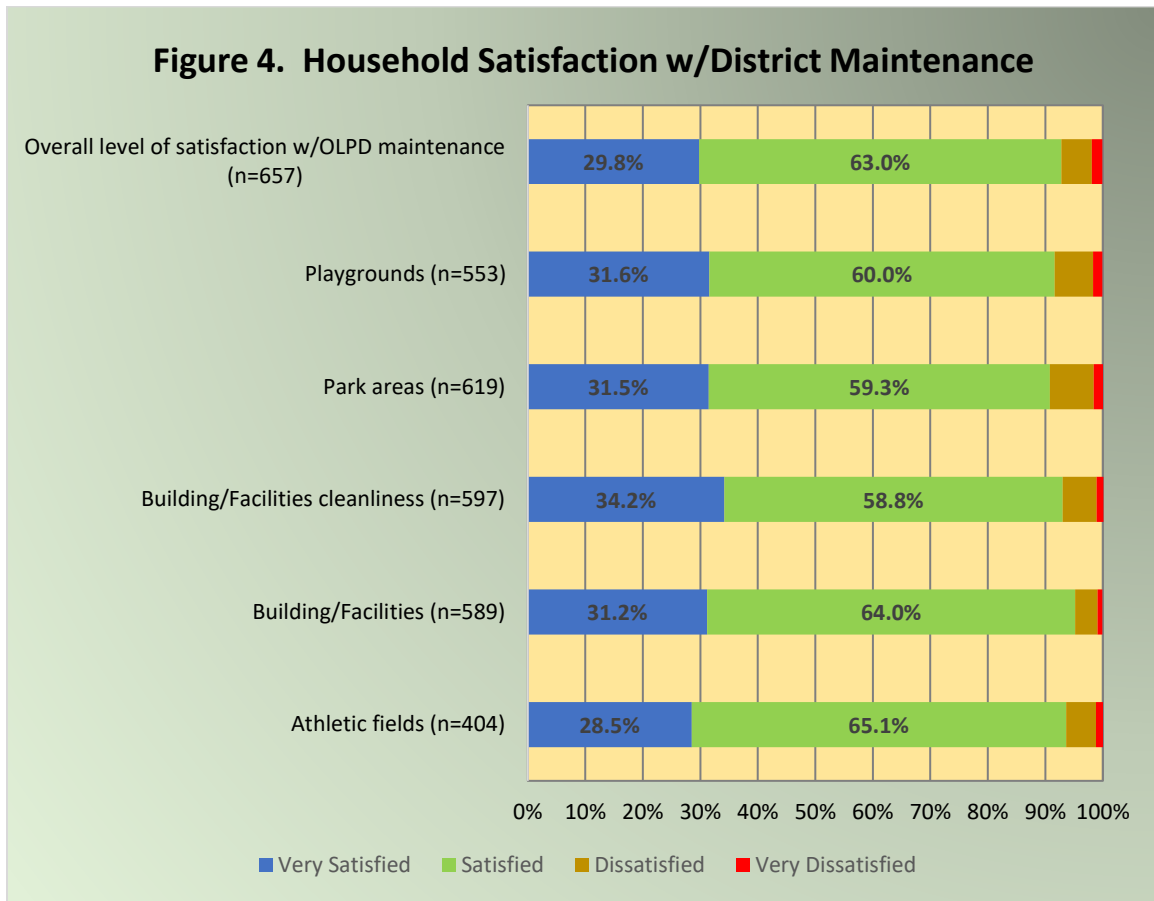
Figure 2. Household Satisfaction w/District Facilities & Park Areas



Satisfaction levels towards the District’s operations were also very strong. In particular, nine of the eleven items received satisfaction levels (very satisfied/satisfied) at/above 90%. The other two items received ratings above 80% (“Number of Programs and Activities Offered for Me and Members of My Household” = 87.8% & “Days and Times of Programs and Activities Offered” = 82.9%). Complete results are provided in Figure 3.

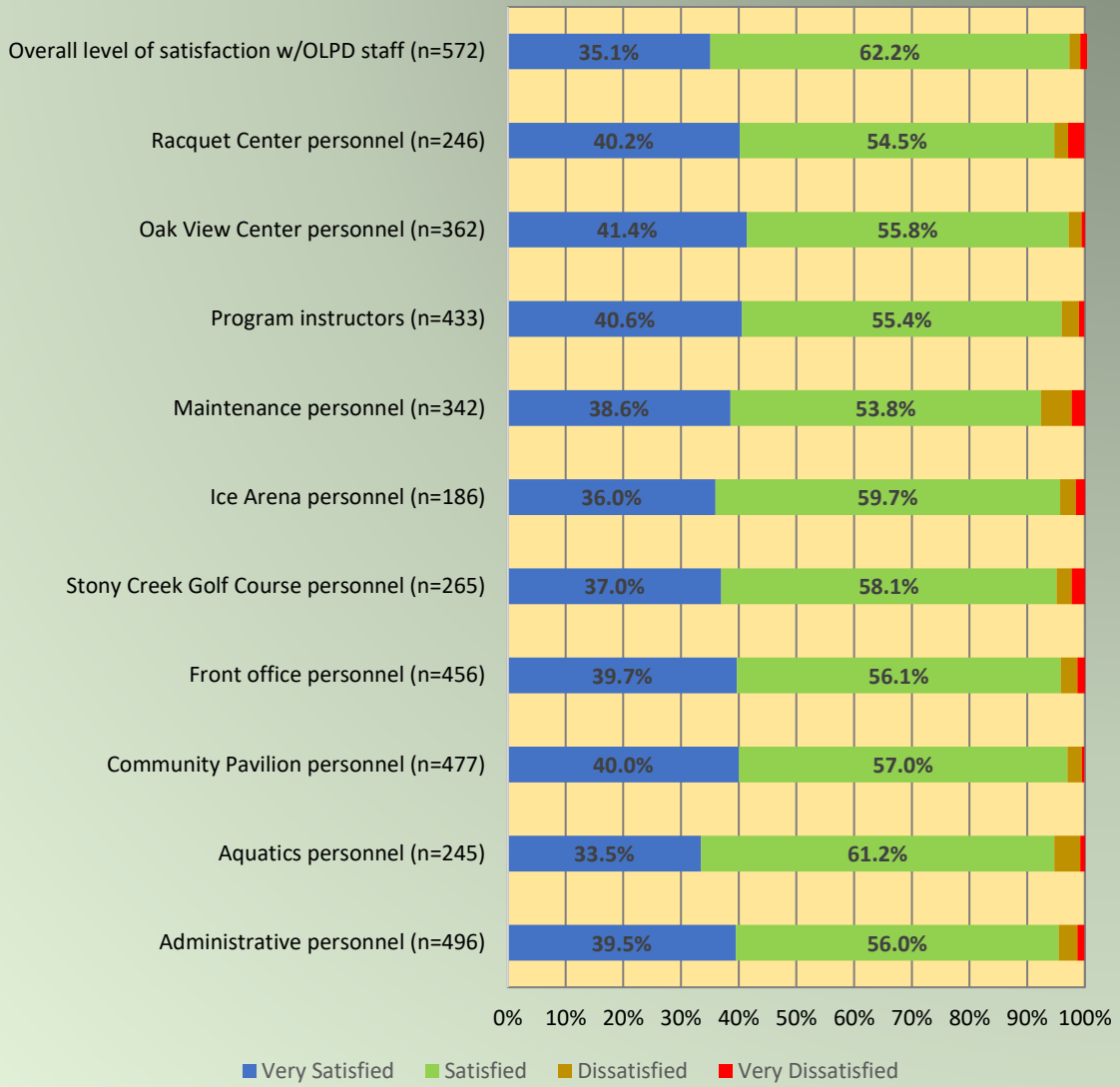


Consistent with the previous satisfaction items, park maintenance scores were very strong with all items receiving satisfaction levels (very satisfied or satisfied) at/above the 90.0% level. Complete results are provided in Figure 4.



Inspection of the eleven items measuring households’ satisfaction with District staff also yielded strong ratings. In particular, District staff received the highest satisfaction levels compared to all other satisfaction areas (facilities & park areas, operations, and maintenance). The data suggests District staff are a core strategic asset for the District with satisfaction levels (very satisfied or satisfied) near/above 95% for each department/unit. These exceptionally strong ratings are commendable considering the unique circumstances and evolving responsibilities that have faced staff during the pandemic. Complete results are provided in Figure 5.

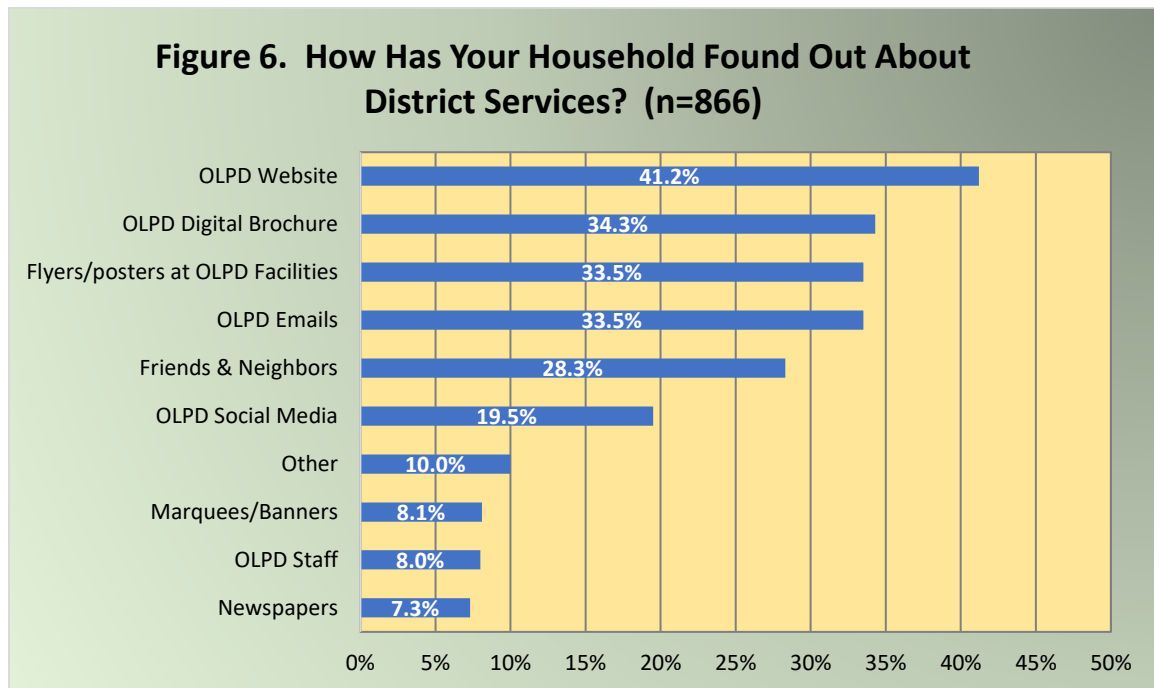
Figure 5. Household Satisfaction w/District Staff



OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT MARKETING & PUBLICITY METHODS

The next question on the survey asked respondents about the marketing and publicity methods of the Oak Lawn Park District. From a list of ten options, respondents were asked to indicate all of the ways they have learned about the District’s programs and services. The following summarizes key findings:

The Oak Lawn Park District’s website (41.2%) is the most widely utilized method for learning about the District’s recreation programs and services. However, it also appears the community is reliant on the online marketing outlets as the District’s digital brochure (34.3%), email (33.5%), and social media accounts (19.5%) are reaching an increasing number of households in the community. In addition, the traditional flyers and posters (33.5%) are also important in reaching the community. Lastly, friends & neighbors (28.3%) turned out to also be a strong promoter of the District’s services. Respondents were also presented with an option to select “other” method and asked to specify the marketing method. Complete results are provided in Figure 6.



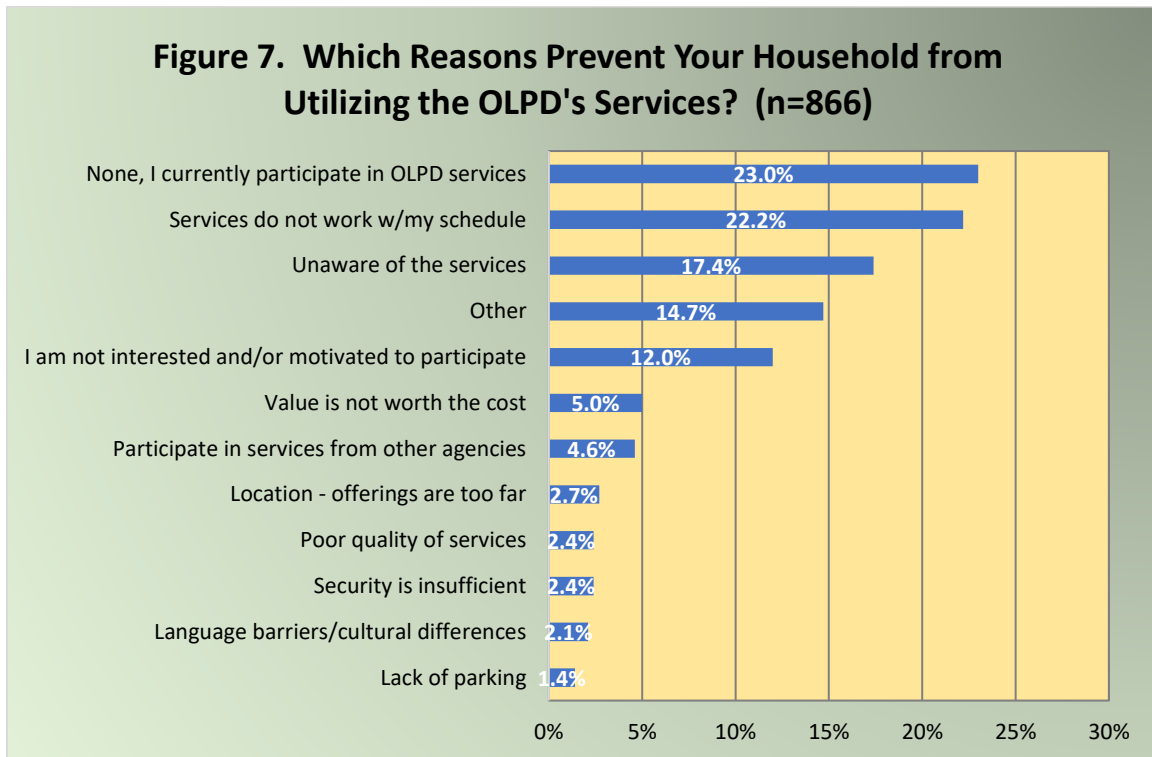
Given 10% of respondents selected “other”, additional analyses were conducted on their specific responses. In particular, their responses underwent a thematic analysis resulting three categories/themes that each received at least five responses. The three most popular themes included:

1. Paper Brochure (Mail) (n=41)
2. Uninformed/Unaware (n=9)
3. Social Media (Facebook & Google) (n=5)

PARTICIPATION CONSTRAINTS/BARRIERS

Respondents were asked to share any barriers or constraints keeping them from utilizing the Oak Lawn Park District's services. Respondents were presented with a list of twelve barriers or constraints and asked to indicate all of the reasons that have prevented them from utilizing the District's services. The following summarizes key findings:

According to the response, 23% of respondents responded "none" as they currently participate in the District's services while 22.2% of the respondents responded "services do not work with my schedule." Another significant reason that prevents households from utilizing the services is that they are unaware of the services (17.4%). Complete results are provided in Figure 7.



Given nearly 15% of respondents selected "other", additional analyses were conducted on their specific responses. In particular, their responses underwent a thematic analysis resulting two categories/themes that each received at least five responses. The two most popular themes included:

1. COVID-19 (n=32)
2. Older Age and/or Health Concerns (n=7)

FUTURE RECREATION NEEDS & INTERESTS

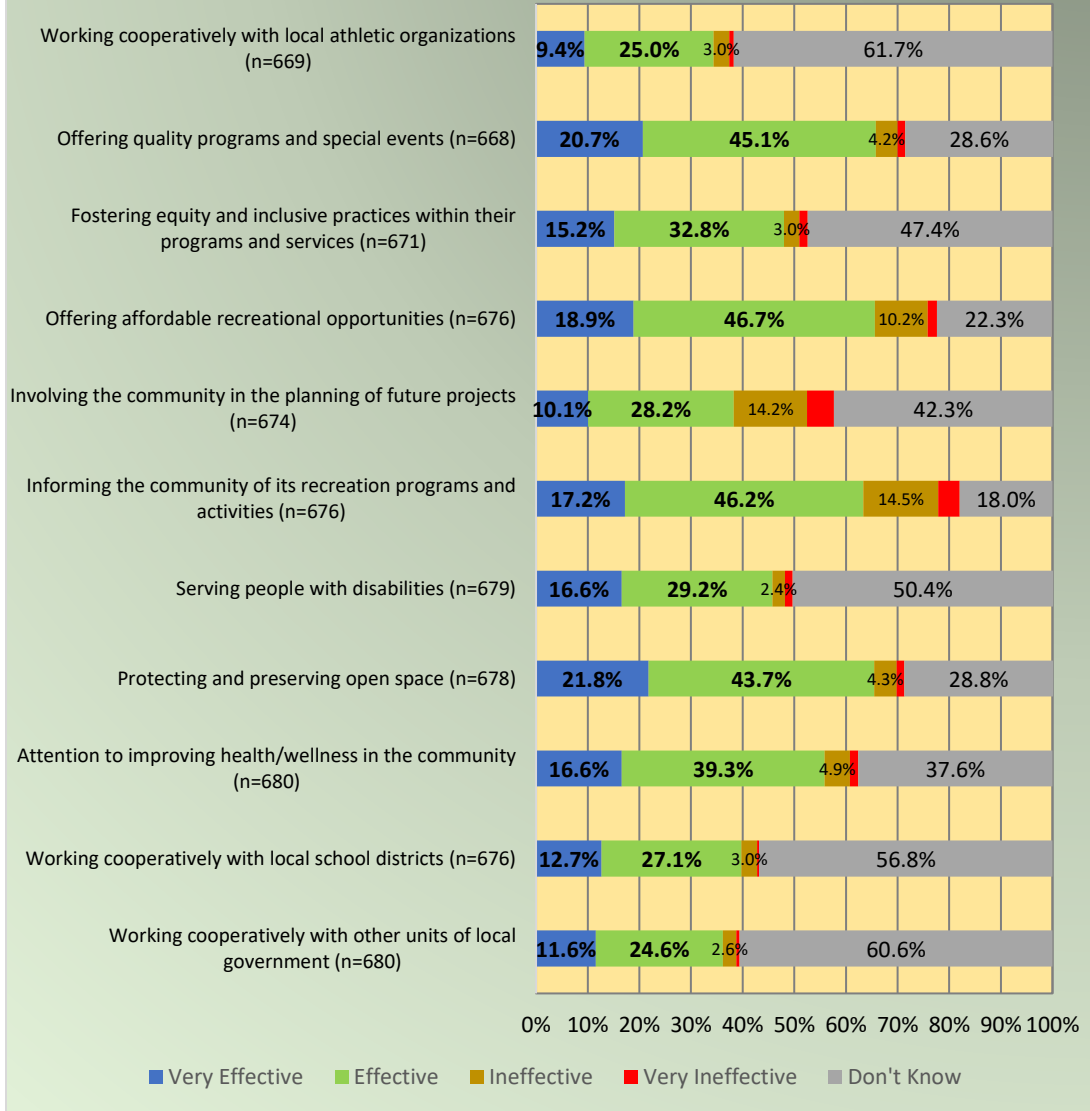
Respondents were asked to share their rankings on the District's effectiveness within a variety of management functions as well as their opinions concerning recreational opportunities, in general, and facility and programming interests, in particular, within the community. To assess the residents' feedback in these areas, a series of questions were developed. The results of these questions are presented in the following sections.

OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT'S PERCEIVED EFFECTIVENESS

Eleven items were developed in an effort to measure the District's effectiveness performing various management-related functions. In particular, respondents were asked, "How effective is the Oak Lawn Park District as it relates to:" Respondents were then presented with eleven statements and asked to rate the District's effectiveness for each statement on a 5-point scale (0=don't know, 1=very ineffective, 2=ineffective, 3=effective, and 4=very effective).

According to the findings, a large number of respondents (+85%) felt the District was effective across most of the various management-related functions or they were unsure (i.e., "don't know" rating). For instance, 65.8% of respondents felt the District was effective or very effective at offering quality programs and special events (28.6% were unsure) while 61.7% of respondents didn't know if the District was working cooperatively with local athletic organizations. Taken collectively, the results suggest the District is highly effective with only a very small percentage feeling the District is ineffective across these opportunities. However, the data also suggests there are some areas where the community may simply be unaware of some of these efforts and initiatives. Complete results are provided in Figure 8.

Figure 8. How Effective is the District as it Relates to...



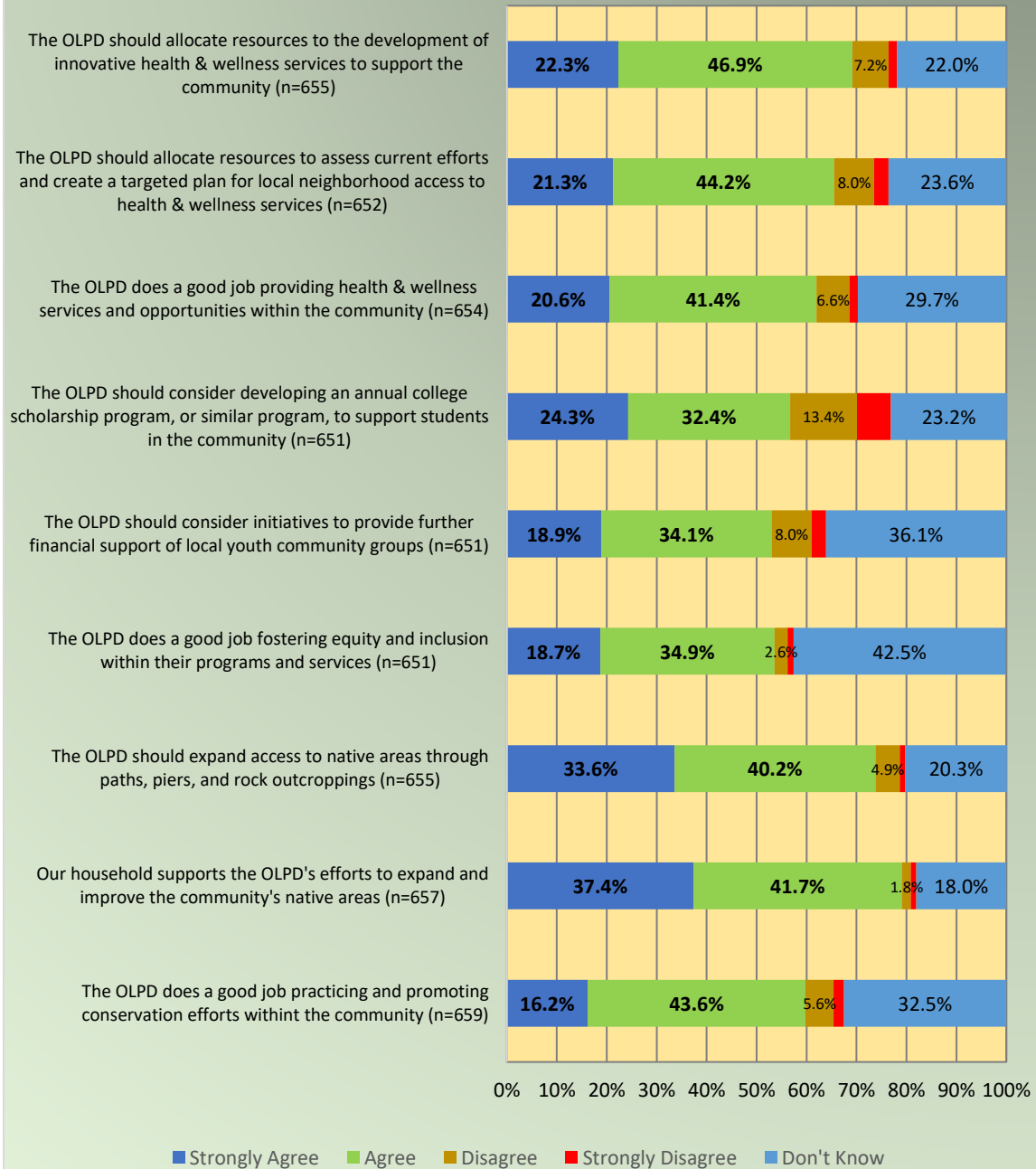
EQUITY EFFORTS & INITIATIVES WITHIN THE DISTRICT

The Oak Lawn Park District survey also sought to obtain feedback from households on their opinions concerning equity, conservation, and health & wellness initiatives and opportunities within the Oak Lawn Park District. The results of these survey items are presented in the following section.

Respondents were asked, “What is your household’s opinion on the following conservation, equity, and health & wellness efforts and initiatives by Oak Lawn Park District?” Respondents were presented with a list of nine initiatives and/or efforts and asked to indicate their level of agreement with each statement on a 5-point agreement scale (Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree, and Don’t Use/Don’t Know).

Two items that received the highest level of agreements pertain to native areas. 79.1% of households support the District’s efforts to expand and improve the community’s native areas and 73.8% of households agree or strongly agree that the District should expand access to native areas through paths, piers, and rock outcroppings. It is worth mentioning that each of the nine initiatives also received very low percentages of respondents disagreeing or strongly disagreeing; rather, a strong majority of those respondents who did not select “agree” or “strongly agree” selected “don’t know/don’t use”. Taken collectively, the findings suggest the District has a high level of support for their equity, conservation, health, and wellness initiatives with potential opportunities to consider how to generate a bit more awareness for these efforts throughout the community. Complete results are presented in Figure 9.

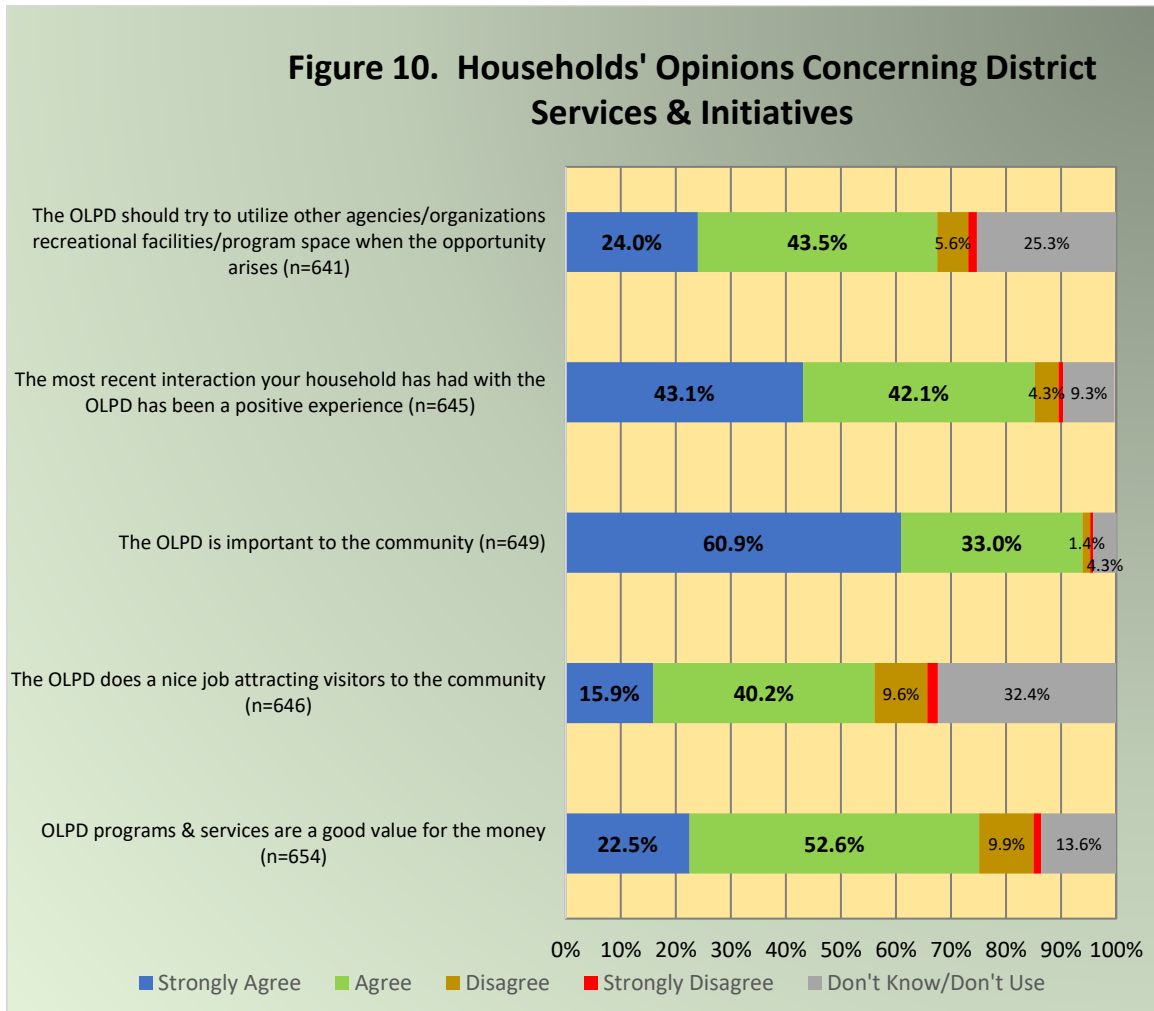
Figure 9. Household's Opinions Concerning Conservation, Equity, and Health & Wellness Efforts & Initiatives within the District



OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT'S SERVICES AND INITIATIVES

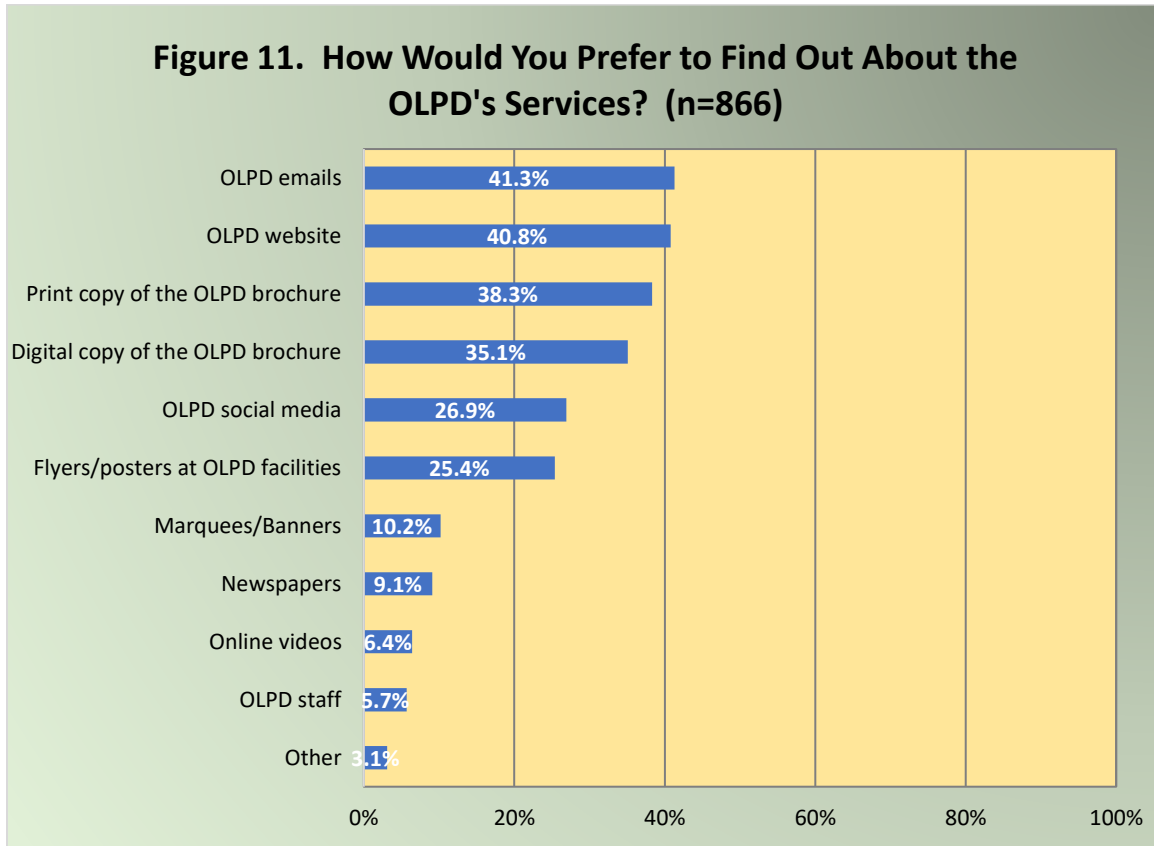
Five items were developed in an effort to ascertain households' opinions on Oak Lawn Park District. Respondents were presented with five statements and asked to indicate their level of agreement with each statement on a 5-point agreement scale (Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree, and Don't Use).

Similar to the District's effectiveness findings, a majority of households agreed, strongly agreed, or did not use the services presented in the five items. As an example, 93.9% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that the Oak Lawn Park District is important to the Oak Lawn community while 32.4% of respondents didn't know whether the Oak Lawn Park District does a nice job attracting visitors to the community. Complete results are presented in Figure 10.



MARKETING METHOD PREFERENCES

Households were asked for their preference in finding out about Oak Lawn Park District's programs and services and were provided with eleven items. 41.3% of respondents prefer emails as their top choice, followed by the District's website (40.8%), print copy of brochures (38.3%), and digital copy of brochures (35.1%). Complete results are presented in Figure 11.

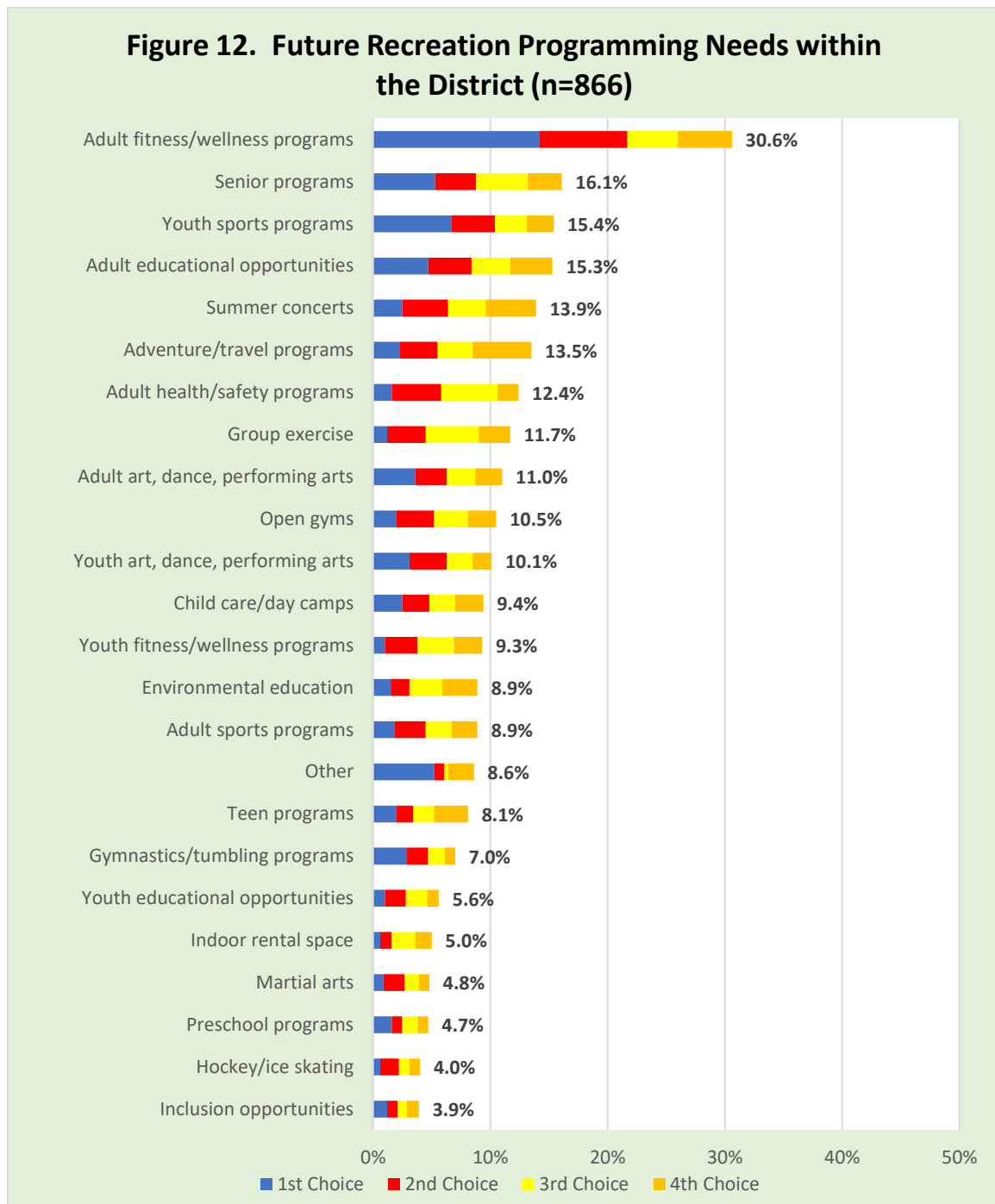


FUTURE PROGRAMMING INTERESTS WITHIN THE DISTRICT

An item on the community-wide recreation interests survey asked households to identify and prioritize programming needs within the Oak Lawn Park District. Respondents were presented with twenty-four programming options and asked to identify which ones their household would most like to see developed/enhanced. Specifically, respondents were asked to rank the top four programs they felt were the most needed for their household.

30.6% of the respondents identified adult fitness/wellness programs as their household's first, second, third, or fourth choice for future programming development/enhancement. A considerable gap was found between adult fitness/wellness programs and the next most

desired program, senior programs (16.1%). Complete aggregate results are provided in Figure 12.

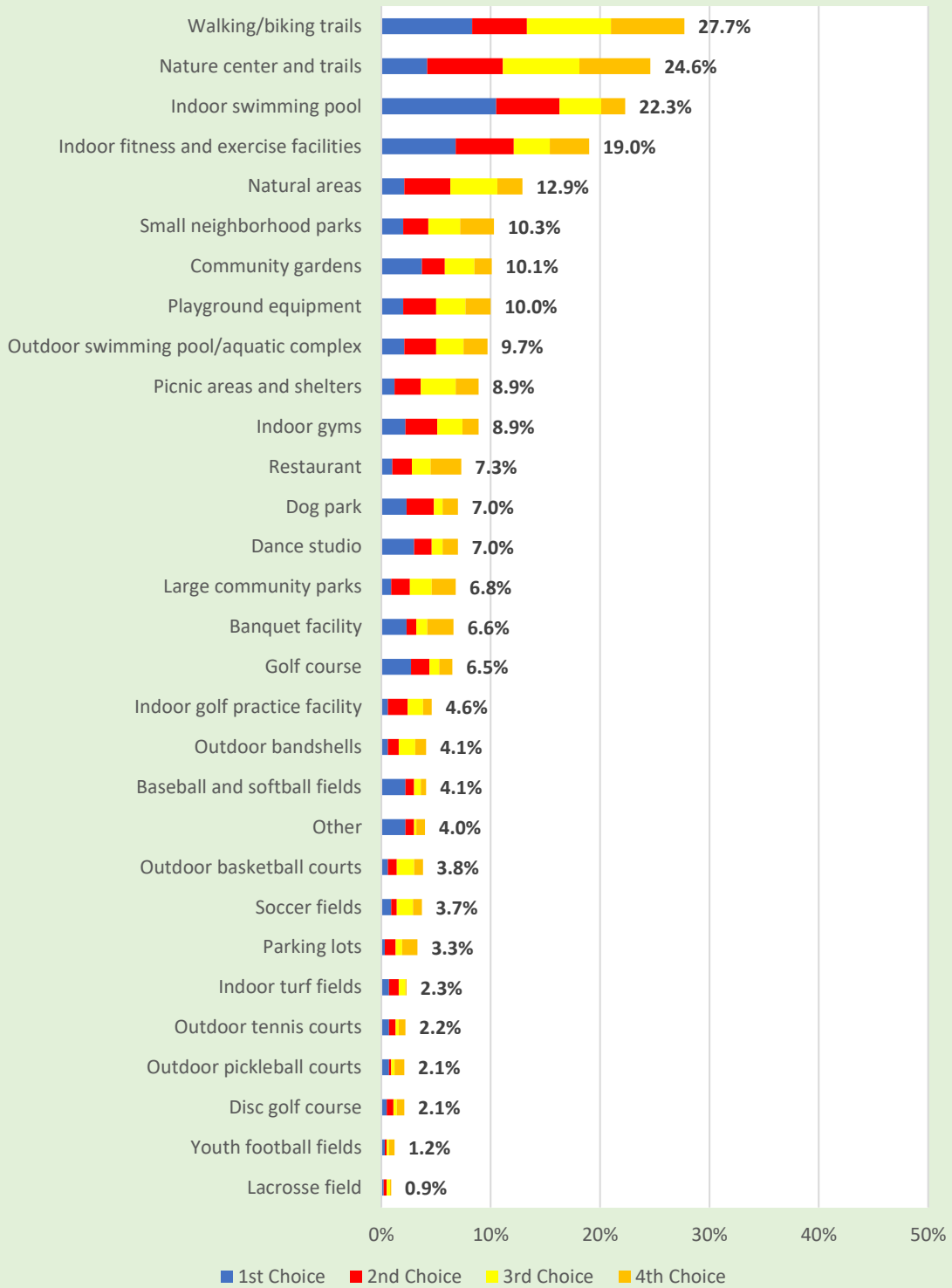


FUTURE FACILITY INTERESTS WITHIN THE DISTRICT

An item on the community-wide recreation interests survey asked households to identify and prioritize facility amenity needs within the Oak Lawn Park District. Respondents were presented with thirty facilities and/or amenities and asked to identify which ones their household would most like to see developed/enhanced. Specifically, respondents were asked to rank the top four facilities and/or amenities they felt were the most needed for their household.

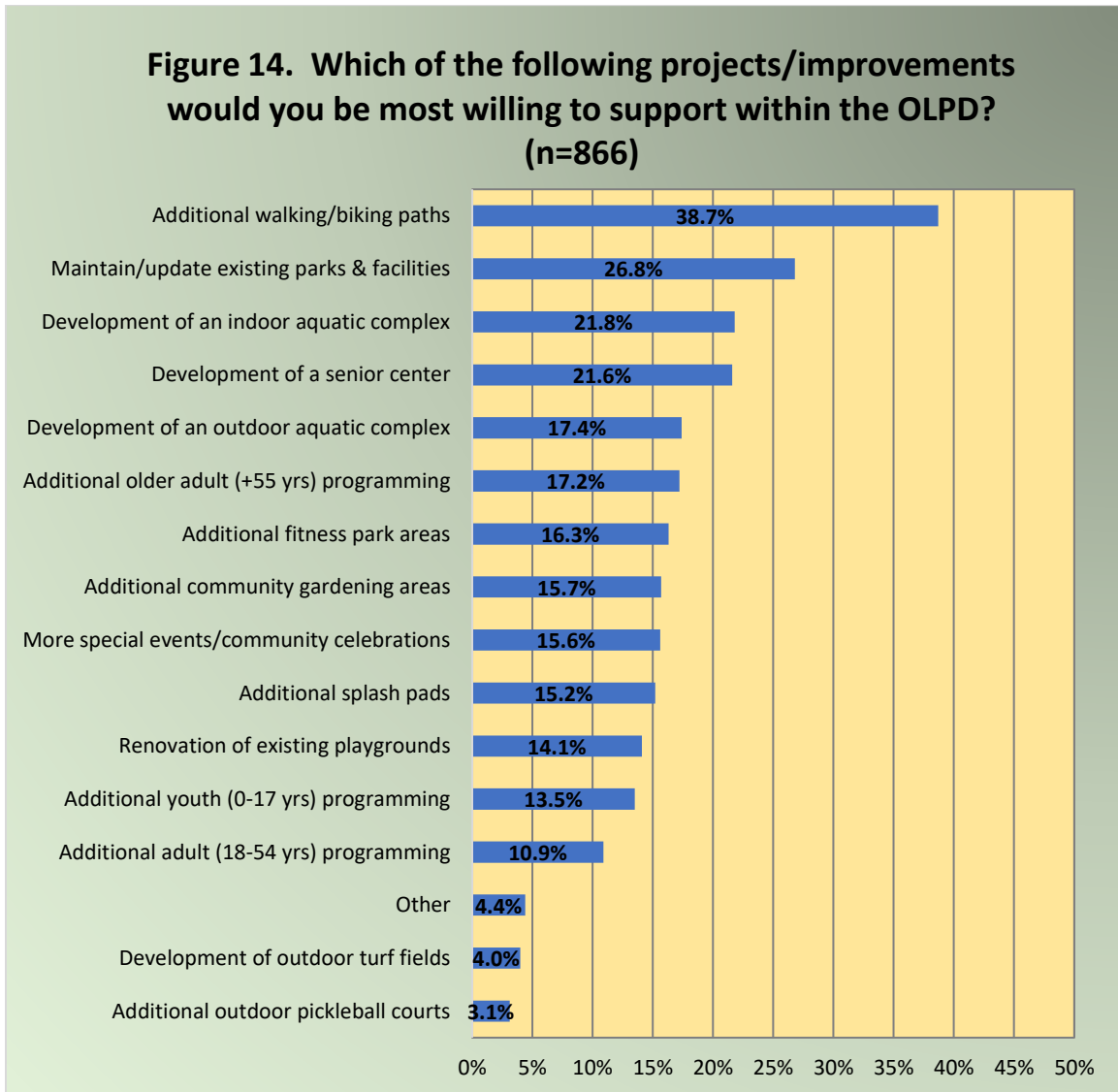
27.7% of the respondents identified walking/biking trails as their household's first, second, third, or fourth choice for future facility development/enhancement. The next highest was nature center & trails (24.6%) followed by indoor swimming pool (22.3%). Complete aggregate results are provided in Figure 13.

**Figure 13. Future Facility Needs within the District
(n=866)**



SUPPORT FOR FUTURE PROJECTS/IMPROVEMENTS

Households were presented with seventeen different projects or improvements and an additional one item being “none” and were asked which of the following projects or improvements would they be most willing to support. Respondents could select multiple projects or improvements. 38.7% of respondents indicated their household would be most willing to support additional walking/biking trails. In addition, 26.8% of households would be most willing to maintain or update existing parks and facilities, followed by the development of an indoor aquatic complex (21.8%) and the development of a senior center (21.6%). Complete results can be found in Figure 14.



DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

The final section of the survey assessed residents' demographic characteristics. Six items were developed within this section: gender, age, race, family unit, age of children, and years lived in the Oak Lawn Park District. These characteristics are provided in Table 1.

Table 1. Household/Respondent Characteristics

	Respondent/Sample Value
Which best describes you? (n=634)	
Female	71.3%
Male	18.9%
Prefer not to answer	2.1%
What year were you born? (n=578)	Mean = 55 years of age
How would you best describe yourself? (n=638)	
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.6%
Asian	1.5%
Black or African-American	2.3%
Hispanic or Latino	11.1%
White	54.6%
Other	3.6%
Which best describes your family unit? (n=625)	
Single, no children	16.3%
Married/Couple, no children	14.2%
Single, with children	10.1%
Married/Couple, with children	59.4%
If you have children living in your home, please indicate the number of children you have under each category. (n=770)	
Under 2 years old	Mean = 0.83
Preschool age	Mean = 0.91
K - 2nd Grade	Mean = 1.01
3rd - 5th Grade	Mean = 1.19
Middle School	Mean = 1.00
High School	Mean = 1.05
Over 18 years old	Mean = 1.50
How long have you lived within the area serviced by the Oak Lawn Park District? (n=619)	Mean = 21 years

**APPENDIX A: COMMUNITY-WIDE RECREATION
INTERESTS SURVEY**

Dear Oak Lawn Park District resident:

The Oak Lawn Park District is conducting a survey to discover the present and future needs for programs, park areas and facilities as identified by residents within the Oak Lawn Park District. Only through your input can the Oak Lawn Park District truly provide facilities and services which are suitable to your leisure interests. Participation in this study is completely voluntary and only data in grouped form will be published. Since the accuracy of the findings depends on a high rate of response from the population, we urge you to take time to complete the questionnaire by **November 30, 2021**.

All participating households will be entered into a raffle, and five (5) \$100 park district gift cards will be awarded to survey participants. Personal information will be used for the SOLE purpose of the raffle. Survey responses are kept anonymous, and personal information will be deleted after raffle winners are determined. *Entering the raffle is OPTIONAL.*

If you have any questions, please email us at Admin@olparks.com or by calling the Park District's office at (708) 857-2225. We appreciate your time and assistance.

Sincerely,

Tom Hartwig
Executive Director, Oak Lawn Park District

Oak Lawn Park District COMMUNITY WIDE SURVEY

Section 1: Current Participation Patterns & Attitudes

1. During the last 12 months, approximately **HOW MANY TIMES** have you or members in your household visited or participated in the following: **(Please check the box that best applies for each service area)**

Household Participation	+25 times	11-25 times	6 – 10 times	1 – 5 times	None
Oak Lawn Park District Recreation Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oak Lawn Park District Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oak Lawn Park District Park Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. How **SATISFIED** is your household with Oak Lawn Park District’s facilities & park areas? For each of the following statements, please indicate your household’s level of satisfaction. **(Check one box for EACH statement)**

Oak Lawn Park District Facilities and Park Areas	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Don't Use/ Don't Know
Baseball fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Basketball courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Pavilion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disc golf practice course	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dog park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fitness court at Lawn Manor Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ice Arena	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inclusive playground equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oak Lawn Prairie	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oak View	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Observation deck	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Open space & natural areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outdoor inline/roller hockey rink	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pavilions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pickleball courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Picnic areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Playgrounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Racquet Club	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sand volleyball courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skate park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stony Creek Bar and Grill restaurant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stony Creek Golf Course	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soccer fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Softball fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Splash pad	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tennis courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Walking/bike paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>What is your overall level of satisfaction with the Oak Lawn Park District's Facilities & Park Areas?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. What is your household's **SATISFACTION** with the Oak Lawn Park District's operations? For each of the following statements, please indicate your household's level of satisfaction. **(Check one box for EACH statement)**

General Statements about the Oak Lawn Park District	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Don't Use/ Don't Know
Variety of recreation opportunities offered for me and members of my household	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Number of programs and activities offered for me and members of my household	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Days and times of programs and activities offered	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overall satisfaction with programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Level of safety at Oak Lawn Park District parks, facilities, and programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Value of recreation opportunities available	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Courtesy and helpfulness of Oak Lawn Park District staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>What is your overall level of satisfaction with the Oak Lawn Park District?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. How **SATISFIED** is your household with Oak Lawn Park District's maintenance? For each of the following statements, please indicate your household's level of satisfaction. **(Check one box for EACH statement)**

Oak Lawn Park District Maintenance	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Don't Use/ Don't Know
Athletic Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Building/Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Building/Facilities Cleanliness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Park Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Playgrounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>What is your overall level of satisfaction with the Oak Lawn Park District's Maintenance?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. How **SATISFIED** is your household with Oak Lawn Park District's staff? For each of the following statements, please indicate your household's level of satisfaction. **(Check one box for EACH statement)**

Oak Lawn Park District Staff	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Don't Use/ Don't Know
Administrative personnel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aquatics personnel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Pavilion personnel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Front office personnel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stony Creek Golf Course personnel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ice Arena personnel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintenance personnel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Program instructors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oak View Center personnel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Racquet Center personnel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>What is your overall satisfaction with the Oak Lawn Park District staff?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. **HOW** have you or members of your household found out about the programs and services offered by the Oak Lawn Park District? **(Please check ALL that apply)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Flyers/posters at Oak Lawn Park District Facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Oak Lawn Park District Emails |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friends & Neighbors | <input type="checkbox"/> Oak Lawn Park District Social Media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marquees/Banners | <input type="checkbox"/> Oak Lawn Park District Staff |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspapers | <input type="checkbox"/> Oak Lawn Park District Website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oak Lawn Park District Digital Brochure | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____ |

7. Which of the following reasons **PREVENT** your household from utilizing the Oak Lawn Park District’s services? (**Please check ALL that apply**)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I am not interested and/or motivated to participate | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor quality of services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of parking | <input type="checkbox"/> Services do not work w/my schedule |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Language barriers/cultural differences | <input type="checkbox"/> Security is insufficient |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Location – offerings are too far | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaware of the services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> None, I currently participate in the District’s services | <input type="checkbox"/> Value is not worth the cost |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in services from other agencies | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____ |

Section 2: Future Participation Needs & Interests

8. How **EFFECTIVE** is the Oak Lawn Park District as it relates to: (**Please check one box for EACH statement**)

Statement	Very Effective	Effective	Ineffective	Very Ineffective	Don't Know
Working cooperatively with other units of local government	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Working cooperatively with local school districts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attention to improving health/wellness in the community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protecting and preserving open space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Serving people with disabilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Informing the community of its recreation programs and activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Involving the community in the planning of future projects	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Offering affordable recreational opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fostering equity and inclusive practices within their programs and services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Offering quality programs and special events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Working cooperatively with local athletic organizations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. What is your household’s opinion on the following **CONSERVATION, EQUITY, and HEALTH & WELLNESS** efforts and initiatives within the Oak Lawn Park District? (**Please check one box for EACH statement**)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Use/Don't Know
The Oak Lawn Park District does a good job practicing and promoting conservation efforts within the community.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Our household supports the Oak Lawn Park District’s efforts to expand and improve the community’s native areas (i.e., wetlands, plantings, prairie, etc.).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Oak Lawn Park District should expand access to native areas through paths, piers, and rock outcroppings.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Oak Lawn Park District does a good job fostering equity and inclusion within their programs and services.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Oak Lawn Park District should consider initiatives to provide further financial support of local youth community groups.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Oak Lawn Park District should consider developing an annual college scholarship program, or similar program, to support students in the community.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Oak Lawn Park District does a good job providing health & wellness services and opportunities within the community.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Oak Lawn Park District should allocate resources to assess current efforts and create a targeted plan for local neighborhood access to health & wellness services.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Oak Lawn Park District should allocate resources to the development of innovative health & wellness services to support the community.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

10. What is your **OPINION** regarding the following? (Please check one box for EACH statement)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Use/Don't Know
Oak Lawn Park District program & service fees are a good value for the money.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Oak Lawn Park District does a nice job attracting visitors to the community.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Oak Lawn Park District is important to the Oak Lawn community.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The most recent interaction your household has had with the Oak Lawn Park District has been a positive experience.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Oak Lawn Park District should try to utilize other agencies/organizations recreational facilities/program space when the opportunity arises.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

11. How would your household **PREFER** to find out about the Oak Lawn Park District's programs and services? (Please check ALL that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Flyers/posters at Oak Lawn Park District Facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Oak Lawn Park District Social Media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marquees/Banners | <input type="checkbox"/> Oak Lawn Park District Staff |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspapers | <input type="checkbox"/> Oak Lawn Park District Website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Print Copy of Oak Lawn Park District Brochure | <input type="checkbox"/> Online Videos |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Copy of Oak Lawn Park District Brochure | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oak Lawn Park District Emails | |

12. Are there **PROGRAMS** at the Oak Lawn Park District that you or members of your household feel should be **DEVELOPED OR EXPANDED**? Indicate which programs your household would like to see developed or expanded. Please **RANK THE TOP 4 PROGRAMS** you feel are most important to your household. (Using the space next to each program, place a "1" next to your top choice; "2" for your 2nd choice; "3" for your 3rd choice, and; a "4" for your 4th choice.).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult art, dance, performing arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor rental space |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult educational opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> Martial arts instruction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult fitness/wellness programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Open gyms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult health/safety programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Preschool programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult sports programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adventure/travel programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Summer concerts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child care/Day camps | <input type="checkbox"/> Teen programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental education | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth art, dance, performing arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Group exercise | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth educational opportunities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gymnastics/tumbling programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth fitness/wellness programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hockey/ice skating | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth sports programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inclusion opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____ |

13. Are there **FACILITIES** within the Oak Lawn Park District that you or members of your household feel should be **DEVELOPED OR EXPANDED**? Indicate which facilities your household would like to see developed or expanded. Please **RANK THE TOP 4 FACILITIES** you feel are most important to your household. (Using the space next to each facility, place a "1" next to your top choice; "2" for your 2nd choice; "3" for your 3rd choice, and; a "4" for your 4th choice).

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Banquet facility | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature center & trails |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball and softball fields | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor bandshells |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community gardens | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor basketball courts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dance studio | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor pickleball courts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disc golf course | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor swimming pool/aquatic complex |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog park | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor tennis courts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Golf course | <input type="checkbox"/> Parking lots |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor fitness and exercise facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnic areas and shelters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor golf practice facility | <input type="checkbox"/> Playground equipment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor gyms | <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor swimming pool | <input type="checkbox"/> Small neighborhood parks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor turf fields | <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer fields |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lacrosse field | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking/biking trails |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large community parks | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth football fields |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Natural areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____ |

14. **WHICH** of the following projects or improvements would you be most willing to **SUPPORT** within the Oak Lawn Park District? **(Please check ALL that apply)**

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional community gardening areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Development of an outdoor aquatic complex |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional fitness park areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Development of indoor turf fields |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional splash pads | <input type="checkbox"/> Development of outdoor turf fields |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional walking/biking trails | <input type="checkbox"/> Development of a senior center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional outdoor pickleball courts | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain/update existing parks & facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional adult (18-54 yrs) programming | <input type="checkbox"/> More special events/community celebrations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional older adult (+55 yrs) programming | <input type="checkbox"/> Renovation of existing playgrounds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional youth (0-17 yrs) programming | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Development of an indoor aquatic complex | <input type="checkbox"/> None – our household is not interested in supporting any additional projects/improvements at this time |

Section 3: Demographics

The following information is helpful in providing us with the ability to describe different groups of households so that better management and planning can be made. Your answers will be used for statistical purposes and will not be identified with you personally.

15. Which best describes you? **(Please check one)**

- Female
- Male
- Non-binary
- Prefer not to answer

16. What year were you born? **(Fill in the blank)** _____

17. How would you best describe your race? **(Check ALL that apply)**

- American Indian and Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African-American
- Hispanic or Latino
- White
- Other

18. Which best describes your family unit? **(Please check one)**

- Single, no children
- Married/Couple, no children
- Single, with children
- Married/Couple, with children

19. If you have children living in your home, please indicate the number of children you have under each category.

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Under 2 years old | <input type="checkbox"/> Middle School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preschool age | <input type="checkbox"/> High School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> K – 2 nd Grade | <input type="checkbox"/> Over 18 years old |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd – 5 th Grade | |

20. How long have you lived within the Oak Lawn Park District? **(Fill in the blank)** _____ years

21. Please share your name and address if you would like to be entered into the raffle. *All personal information will be kept strictly confidential.*

(Insert name and address) _____

Thank you for your input!
Please feel free to use the space below to share any additional feedback: