

City of Fircrest

2017

Fircrest Pool

and

Roy H. Murphy Community Center

Survey Results

Respectfully submitted to the City of Fircrest, the Fircrest City Council and the Citizens of Fircrest, WA
by
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on behalf of
the City of Fircrest Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
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Introduction

The Fircrest Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee was formed by Mayor Matthew Jolibois and Councilman Blake Surina in Fall 2016 with the mission statement: "With appropriate levels of community input, prepare a development plan and implementation strategy for fiscally responsible, centralized recreational facilities that will serve Fircrest for the next fifty years."

1. The primary focus of our work will be the Fircrest Pool and Roy H. Murphy Community Center.
2. The target audiences for our end product will be the Fircrest City Council and Fircrest residents.

2017 Advisory Committee Members

Chair: Matthew Jolibois, Mayor

Vice Chair: Blake Surina, Councilman

Brett Wittner, Councilman

Rick Rosenblatt, City Manager

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Patti Betzendorfer

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The 2017 City of Fircrest Pool and Roy H. Murphy Community Center Survey was designed and developed by the Advisory Committee with the specific goal of soliciting the input of Fircrest residents regarding the importance of the Fircrest Pool, Roy H. Murphy Community Center and the Fircrest Park facilities and activities to Fircrest residents.

Thus, community input as represented in the survey results, will be available to serve as the initial stage in developing plans for the future of these facilities, and related capital funding strategies, to meet the goals and needs of the community. The survey was developed by the Advisory Committee. The final survey questionnaire, cover letter and distribution plan were approved by the Fircrest City Council on January 17, 2017.

Survey methodology used:

Internet, Mail, and Mixed-Mode Surveys, 4th edition. (2014) by D. A. Dillman, J. D. Smyth, L. M. Christian; New Jersey: John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

Dillman's survey research methodology, developed at Washington State University, in Pullman, WA by Don A. Dillman Ph.D., has been widely used in recent decades at the national level by organizations such as the Gallup Poll and the U.S. Census Bureau, as well as in academic, community, government and professional survey research. Further information about Dillman's survey methods can be found at <https://sesrc.wsu.edu/about/total-design-method/> and <https://www.sesrc.wsu.edu/dillman/default.html>.

Survey Distribution Plan (February/March 2017):

Multi-stage (pre-notices, survey distribution, reminders) , mixed mode (primarily mail and email, with public hard copies and web link availability of survey questionnaires):

Pre-notices: 3 mail, web and public reader board)

Survey distribution: email, mail and web site questionnaire links

Reminders: 2 public reader board reminders, 2 web-based reminders

Thank you notice- City of Fircrest Newsletter- April 2017

City of Fircrest Survey Pre-notices, Web Links and Reminders:

Survey Pre notice #1 City Parks and Recreation Winter and Spring 2017 Activity Guide

Introduction

The City of Fircrest is a special place to live, work and play. The Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to serve the community with a wide array of leisure and recreational activities. We offer a robust youth sports program which includes basketball, baseball, football, soccer, tennis and a variety of sports camps. The Parks and Recreation Department staff takes great pride in being able to provide these sports programs, and many other activities, in our very own parks and at the Community Center. Our youth sports programs, community events and activities would not exist without the support and dedication of members from the City of Fircrest Council.

Recent engineering assessments of the Fircrest Pool and Roy H Community Center indicate that both facilities are in need of repair, remodel or replacement if they are going to continue serving Fircrest going forward. A committee has been formed by the Fircrest City Council to explore options for both facilities. The input of Fircrest residents will assist in shaping the decisions that need to be made for the future of these facilities. Therefore, a survey is being distributed to all Fircrest households to complete, so that in planning for the future, our city government officials will understand what our residents value about these facilities in our unique community. The results of this survey will be used to guide planning the future of the Fircrest Pool and the Roy H. Murphy Community Center.

In this activity brochure you will find a wide variety of programs and community events, for all ages. We hope you will include some of these activities as part of your winter plans.

Be well,

Jeff Grover, Parks & Recreation Director

City Officials

Fircrest City Council

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Winter/Spring Hours

Monday-Thursday	8 AM - 9 PM
Friday	8 AM - 10 PM
Saturday	9 AM - 5 PM



Cover Photo Contest

If you have a photo of a Fircrest event you'd like to see featured on the cover of our next brochure, please submit a high resolution file to jgrover@cityoffircrest.net.

For more information contact Jeff Grover at (253) 238-4160.

Important Numbers

City Hall	253-564-8901
Public Works	253-564-8900
Police Non-Emergency	253-565-1198
Fire Non-Emergency	253-564-2581
Municipal Court	253-564-8922
Community Center	253-564-8177
Pool	253-564-8188

253.564.8177

Survey Pre notice#2- City Facebook and City website- posted on Thursday, February 9th:

2017 City of Fircrest Pool and Roy H. Murphy Community Center Survey
All Fircrest households will receive the official 2017 City of Fircrest and Roy H. Murphy Community Center Survey in mid-February with your March utility bill. This is an anonymous survey about Fircrest resident's preferences for the future of the Fircrest Pool and Roy H. Murphy Community Center.

Your input is needed to assist our city leaders in shaping the decisions that need to be made for the future of our unique park facilities.

You can return hard copies of the surveys with your utility bill, drop it off at City Hall, the office of Parks and Recreation in the Roy H. Murphy Community Center or, download the survey at www.cityoffircrest.net after February 14th. Hardcopies are also available at City Hall and Rec Center. The survey will close Friday, March 17th. The survey results will be published in the bi-monthly Fircrest Newsletter and posted on the city of Fircrest website when completed. Thank you in advance for your participation in this important community survey, and for helping us shape the future of Fircrest. If you have any questions, please call the Fircrest Parks and Recreation Department at 253-564-8177.

Survey Pre-notice #3- City reader board on Regents Blvd- posted on Wednesday, February 15th:

WATCH FOR POOL & REC CENTER SURVEY IN YOUR UTILITY BILL



Survey questionnaire web link #1- City Website- posted on Friday, February 16th:

Insert full text of Survey Cover letter with hyperlink to 2017 Fircrest Pool and Recreation Center Survey- FINAL-WEBSITE VERSION.pdf file with instructions to please download, print and return hard copy, or obtain a hard copy at City Hall or Parks and Recreation Dept. office at Roy H. Murphy Community Center.

Survey questionnaire web link #2: 2/14/17 City of Fircrest Facebook page:

Roy H. Murphy Community Center Survey

All Fircrest households will receive the official 2017 City of Fircrest and Roy H. Murphy Community Center Survey in their February utility bill. This is an anonymous survey about Fircrest residents' preferences for the future of the Fircrest Pool and Roy H. Murphy Community Center.

Your input is needed to assist our city leaders in shaping the decisions that need to be made for the future of our unique park facilities.

Survey Reminder Notice #1 – City reader board on Regents Blvd

Please post on reader board Friday, February 24th : WANNA SAY? RETURN YOUR POOL & REC CENTER SURVEY TODAY!



Survey Reminder Notice #2-City Facebook page and City Website- posted on Monday, February 27th:

City of Fircrest Survey Reminder

All Fircrest households should have received the 2017 City of Fircrest Pool and Roy H. Murphy Community Center Survey with your March utility bill. As a resident of Fircrest, your input will help our city officials in planning for the future of the Fircrest Pool and Roy H. Murphy Community Center.

If you have not yet completed the survey please do so today, and return with your utility bill, drop it off at City Hall, the office of Parks and Recreation in the Roy H. Murphy Community Center or, download the survey at www.cityoffircrest.net. The survey will close Friday, March 17th. Please note: All results will be confidential and anonymous, and used only in a summary report.

If you have any questions, please call the Fircrest Parks and Recreation Department at 253-564-8177.

2/28/17 City of Fircrest Facebook page

Parks & Recreation: 2017 City of Fircrest Pool and Roy H. Murphy Community Center Survey
All Fircrest households should have received the 2017 City of Fircrest Pool and Roy H. Murphy Community Center Survey with your March utility bill. As a resident of Fircrest, your input will help our city officials in planning for the future of the Fircrest Pool and Roy H. Murphy Community Center

Survey Final Reminder Notice #3- City reader board on Regents Blvd

Please post on Friday, March 3rd : TELL US HOW YOU REALLY FEEL! POOL & REC CENTER SURVEYS DUE 3/17



Final reminder- 3/8/17 CITY OF FIRCREST – FACEBOOK PAGE

There is still time to complete the Fircrest Pool and Recreation Center Survey

Please click this link http://www.cityoffircrest.net/uplo.../Rec_17Survey-WEBSITE.pdf, print and complete the survey.

YOUR OPINION REALLY MATTERS.

[See More](#)

www.cityoffircrest.net

Thank you notice- City of Fircrest Newsletter April 2017

Serving the community since 1925

Community Survey



Thanks to all who completed and returned the survey that went out with your utility bills or was emailed to you regarding the Community Center, pool and activities. After staff and the Council appointed Community Center and Pool Advisory Committee review the surveys, they will share the compiled information and comments with the Councilmembers and residents. The results will be posted on the City's website in late spring or early summer. Your responses will be used by the City Council to provide guidance as we look at the future of the pool and Community Center. Both are in need of remodeling or replacing and the Council values your input to help them plan future directions.



Passport Processing At City Of Fircrest

Individuals can apply for a passport at the City of Fircrest. The Municipal Court, located in City Hall at 115 Ramsdell, takes applications during the following hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
10:00 am—3:00 pm
Wednesday 1:00 pm—3:00 pm

Passport applications can be picked up at City Hall or go to www.travel.state.gov.



Survey Cover Letter and 2–page questionnaire:



THE CITY OF FIRCREST

115 RAMSDELL STREET • FIRCREST, WASHINGTON 98466-6999 • (253) 564-8901 • FAX (253) 566-0762

February 14, 2017

Dear Fircrest Household:

The Fircrest Pool and Roy H. Murphy Community Center have served the Fircrest community for more than 50 years. Recent engineering assessments indicate that both facilities are in need of repair, remodel or replacement if they are going to continue serving Fircrest going forward. Specifically, it is estimated that the Fircrest Pool will require major renovation or new construction in the next few years, or it may need to be closed due to its age-related deterioration.

The input of Fircrest residents will assist in shaping the decisions that need to be made for the future of these facilities. Therefore, this survey is being distributed to all Fircrest households to complete, so that in planning for the future, our city government officials will understand what our residents value about these facilities in our unique community. The results of this survey will be used to guide planning the future of the Fircrest Pool and the Roy H. Murphy Community Center.

You may return your completed questionnaire with your utility bill payment, or you may drop it off at City Hall or the Community Center. Your responses will be kept completely confidential and anonymous, and included in a summary report only. The survey results will be published in the bi-monthly Fircrest Newsletter and posted on the City of Fircrest website when completed.

If additional members of your household wish to complete a separate survey, please visit www.cityoffircrest.net for a downloadable survey, or request a printed copy of the survey at City Hall or the Fircrest Parks and Recreation Department office in the Roy H. Murphy Community Center.

If you have any questions, please call the Fircrest Parks and Recreation Department at 253-564-8177. Thank you for your participation in this important community survey, and for helping us shape the future of Fircrest.

Very Sincerely,

Matthew Jolibois
Mayor

Jeff Grover
Parks and Recreation Director

2017 CITY OF FIRCREST POOL AND ROY H. MURPHY COMMUNITY CENTER SURVEY

This is an **ANONYMOUS** survey about Fircrest residents' preferences for the future of the Fircrest Pool and Roy H. Murphy Community Center. Your complete responses are important. Please return this survey to the Fircrest City Hall by **March 17, 2017**. Questions? Call the City of Fircrest Parks and Recreation Dept. at 253-564-8177.

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS BY SELECTING THE BEST RESPONSE FOR EACH ITEM

1. How important were the Fircrest Parks and Recreation facilities in your decision to live in Fircrest?	NOT IMPORTANT <input type="checkbox"/>	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT <input type="checkbox"/>	NO OPINION <input type="checkbox"/>	IMPORTANT <input type="checkbox"/>	VERY IMPORTANT <input type="checkbox"/>
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2. How important are the following recreational facilities to your household today?:	NOT IMPORTANT <input type="checkbox"/>	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT <input type="checkbox"/>	NO OPINION <input type="checkbox"/>	IMPORTANT <input type="checkbox"/>	VERY IMPORTANT <input type="checkbox"/>
Fircrest Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roy H. Murphy Community Center	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fircrest Pool	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fircrest Wading Pool	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. As you look into the future, how important are the following activities to your household?	NOT IMPORTANT <input type="checkbox"/>	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT <input type="checkbox"/>	NO OPINION <input type="checkbox"/>	IMPORTANT <input type="checkbox"/>	VERY IMPORTANT <input type="checkbox"/>
Fircrest Park activities:					
Organized community events (Fun Days, Movies in the Park, Fircrest Car Show, National Night Out, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Organized adult softball	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outdoor youth sports (tee ball, softball, soccer, flag football)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
General family activities (picnics, pick-up activities, playground, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Fircrest Park activities (please describe):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fircrest Pool activities:					
Swim team and swim meets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lap swim sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Open swim sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Swim lessons	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family swim sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Children's wading pool	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pool rental (birthday parties, other events)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other pool activities (please describe):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roy H. Murphy Community Center activities:					
Organized indoor youth sports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Organized indoor adult sports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Roy H. Murphy Community Center activities:	NOT IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NO OPINION	IMPORTANT	VERY IMPORTANT
Open/pick-up youth sports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth after school activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Summer youth (>8yrs) drop in day camp	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth programming (art, fitness, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adult programming (social, fitness, art, trips, tours, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community events (holidays, bazaar, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Book exchange	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Service group meetings (Kiwanis, Rotary, community-based card groups, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Facility event rental (birthday parties, family events, community/business events, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Rec Center usage (please describe):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. Do any members of your household use the outdoor facilities at Fircrest Park?

____ Yes No ____ If yes, approximately how many times per year? _____

If no, why not? _____

5. Do any members of your household use the Roy H. Murphy Community Center?

____ Yes No ____ If yes, approximately how many times per year? _____

If no, why not? _____

6. Do any members of your household use the Fircrest Pool during the summer season?

____ Yes No ____ If yes, approximately how many times per year? _____

If no, why not? _____

7. Do any members of your household use the children's wading pool during the summer season?

____ Yes No ____ If yes, approximately how many times per year? _____

If no, why not? _____

8. What changes or suggestions would increase the value and/or importance of the Fircrest Pool and Roy H. Murphy Community Center facilities to our community? _____

9. What other activities, programs, or events would your household like to see in the future at the Fircrest Pool and Roy H. Murphy Community Center? _____

10. Are you a current resident of Fircrest? ____ Yes No ____ If no, please enter your zip code: _____**11. How many members of your household are in the following age groups:**

0-18 years: _____ 19-34: _____ 35- 64 years: _____ 65 years or older: _____

Thank you for taking the time to complete this important community survey. Please return the survey to Fircrest City Hall by March 17, 2017. Questions? Call the Fircrest Parks and Recreation Dept. at 253-564-8177.

Survey Distribution:

The survey cover letter and questionnaire was distributed to 3185 households with mail and electronic utility bills February 2017. Electronic (City website) and hard copy questionnaires (City Hall, Parks and Recreation Dept. office) were also available to the general public.

Survey Distribution Sources on returned surveys	Number	Percent
First Class Mail	401	90
Email version with electronic billing	21	5
Rec Center	12	3
Downloaded from city web site	8	2
City Hall	2	1
Total	444	100

Survey Results:

- 343 respondents were needed to achieve +/-5% margin of error (based on DA Dillman's completed sample size formula for population size and characteristics for +/-5% level of precision) for survey results as representative of all Fircrest households: 343
- 444 completed surveys returned between 2/15/17-5/4/17 (439 Fircrest residents, 5 non-residents); completed surveys were reviewed for any duplicates.
- Comments and suggestions written in by 80% of respondents (for facilities, activities, and general feedback).
- All survey data was entered in IBM Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) 19.0 and Microsoft Excel for analysis and presentation in this report.

Survey Respondents:

Current Fircrest resident?	Number	Percent
Yes	433	99
No	5	1
Total	438	100

Household members age 0-18 years: number in household reported by respondents	Number	Percent
0	292	67
1	60	14
2	53	12
3	14	3
4	10	2
5	3	1
6	2	0
Total	434	100

Household members age 19-34 years: number in household reported by respondents	Number	Percent
0	337	78
1	56	13
2	36	8
3	4	1
4	1	0
Total	434	100

Household members age 35-64 years: number in household reported by respondents	Number	Percent
0	177	41
1	111	26
2	144	33
3	2	0
4	0	0
Total	434	100

Household members age 65 years or older	Number	Percent
0	235	54
1	123	28
2	75	17
3	1	0
Total	434	100

Survey respondents' household members by age group: 434 households	Number	Percent of households with members in age group
Household members age 0-18 years	142	32%
Household members age 19-34 years	97	22%
Household members age 35-64 years	257	59%
Household members age 65 and older	199	45%
Total	695	

**Summary of Key Results: Importance of Facilities and Activities to Current Households
(combined results of Somewhat Important and Important responses):**

Importance of Fircrest Parks and Recreation facilities in decision to live in Fircrest	Number	Percent
No Opinion	19	4
Not Important	54	12
Somewhat Important	72	16
Important	111	25
Very Important	186	42
Total	442	100

Fircrest Park and Recreation Facilities	Currently Important & Very Important to Households
Fircrest Park & outdoor facilities	76%
Roy H. Murphy Community Center	65%
Fircrest Pool	64%
Fircrest Wading Pool	51%

Fircrest Park Activities	Currently Important & Very Important to Households
Organized community events	73%
General family activities	67%
Outdoor youth sports	58%
Other activities (dog walking, walking, etc.)	32%
Adult softball	21%

Roy H. Murphy Community Center Activities	Currently Important & Very Important to Households
Organized indoor youth sports	58%
Youth after school activities	57%
Youth programming	56%
Adult programming	55%
Community events	55%
Facility event rental	54%
Summer youth drop-in camp	53%
Open pick-up youth sports	51%
Service group meetings	46%
Organized indoor adult sports	41%
Book exchange	35%
Other rec center usage	24%

Fircrest Pool Activities	Currently Important & Very Important to Households
Open swim sessions	62%
Swim lessons	61%
Family swim sessions	57%
Children's wading pool	54%
Pool rental	42%
Lap swim sessions	41%
Swim team & swim meets	39%
Other Fircrest Pool activities to households	28%

All survey comments were entered verbatim, exactly as written, with occasional [added text] to clarify the context of comments.

All comments are presented with the composition of respondent's households by age group(s). At the request of the Advisory Committee, all comments have been organized by household adult age group.

Summary of Survey Comments	
Comment Type	Number of Comments
General Comments	63
Fircrest Park	
Facilities	54
Importance of Activities to Households	47
If Park not used, why not	70
Activity Suggestions	26
Other Comments	36
Total	233
Roy H. Murphy Community Center	
Facilities	116
Importance of Activities to Households	20
If Center not used, why not	91
Activity Suggestions	81
Other Comments	20
Total	328
Fircrest Pool	
Facilities	149
Importance of Activities to Households	23
If Pool not used, why not	111
Activity Suggestions	47
Other Comments	37
Total	367
Fircrest Wading Pool	
If Wading Pool not used, why not	184
Other Comments	21
Total	205
Total Number of Survey Comments	1197

1. General Survey Comments

Question 11: Other General Comments with Respondents' Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
"No opinion" [in survey responses] is not meant as middle of the road vote; it is truly "no opinion". Thank you! Develop a community spirit/objective, frame it as a goal-setting objective: (ie get healthy/stay healthy). Exemplify sustainability, we REALLY NEED to go there! Do your marketing research. Make it artful and attractive to everyone (brides and grooms, people w/kids, adult women-who outnumber men by how much info?)			X	
A new mayor		X		X
All [activities] are important as we watch young families in Fircrest. Living on and up on Alta Vista Place- when we sell our house we are going to advertise "water view" because we can see the pool :) Our street is getting younger- families with kids moving in to be close to the parks and activities and police.				X
Everything going on now is great. There is something for everyone.			X	
Facilities must pay for itself. Fircrest offers very low cost to outside fircrest population payed for on the back of Fircrest Taxpayers!			X	
Fircrest is the sweetest place to raise kids!			X	
Get rid of the mayor		X	X	
I don't use the facilities but I'm happy to see it for others in the community.				X
I enjoyed he many activities when our children were growing up. I feel you have done a great job in the past and will continue to in the future.		X	X	X
I have lived in Fircrest for over 50 years. I took swim lessons here and my son also learned how to swim here. We live in a area with lots of water and swimming and life saving classes are more important than people can imagine. I moved to Fircrest for the great community and park system.			X	X

Question 11: Other General Comments with Respondents' Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
I think they are good for the community without them we would be like a part of Tacoma. We want to attract families to our community-living wage for a balanced community.		X		
I'm 90 years old and live alone.				X
Let's start by getting rid of the current mayor!		X		X
Let's stay away from changes and leave Fircrest the family oriented town it is that offer much to their youth.			X	
My sons are grown up now, our family used the pool, rec center and outdoor parks and fields everyday. I have lived in Fircrest for 68 years.				X
My husband's and my family used the pool and sports fields when our children were young. We don't use them now, but HIGHLY value the for the Fircrest Community. We SUPPORT renovation and/or new pool complex.				X
My kids grew up at the park and pool; great!!			X	X
Neighborhood garden next to Tot Lot			X	X
Note: hard working maintenance is much appreciated! Always eager to help out.				X
Now retired-but [recreational facilities] was important to 2 children growing up. We have lived here for 40 years and a great job is continuously done!				X
Our famly moved to Fircrest in 1988. Our 2 children played soccer and were on swim team as soon as they were old enough. Both have grown up, graduated from college and have moved away from the Fircrest/Tacoma area. Between 1988 and 2010 our family used the rec center, the pool and the Whittier Park almost daily. What a great place it was to raise children.				X
Overall the facilities are still important. They will bring young families to the area to keep (Fircrest) a great place to live.				X
Park activities for my 4 kids were very important. Several of our grandchildren took swimming lessons and played at the rec center.				X

Question 11: Other General Comments with Respondents' Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 - 64 Years	≥65 Years
Please make the Fircrest Park and Rec Center the jewel again		X	X	
Since I am older I do not use the facilities like I would have in the past but think they are very valuable for younger families and am grateful they are available.				X
Someone should have kept it going-increase size and usage. Shame on our Mayor Vifafore he let it go down.		X		X
Thank you for asking and involving the community in the re-visioning of the community center. What a great opportunity for Fircrest! I love what you do with and for the community, especially at the parks and community center. I live across the street from the central park, so its success is both blessing and curse (parking, noise) to me, but I count only the blessings.			X	X
The community center and pool, build community, promote positive socialization, concrete activities, I love local youth activities, love open park space. Thank you for asking			X	
The Fircrest Park, Community Center, Pool and Wading Pool should be important to encourage families to live in Fircrest.				X
The park sytem is the main thing that makes Fircrest special.			X	X
The pool and community center are a wonderful asset.				X
The pool and rec center is what makes Fircrest. Fix the pool first before it closes for good.			X	
To be able to drive 5 minues or less to have all of this available is very much a positive for our community. We have this now, please keep community involved to keep it.			X	
Upgrading the facilities to make them more appealing to the community and other outside organizations to support.		X	X	X
Value Fircrest residents vs outside. People should have resident identification NOT grandparents, aunts, uncles.			X	X
Walking the park			X	X

Question 11: Other General Comments with Respondents' Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
We are "senior citizens" who have lived in Fircrest for 40 years! We don't use the facilities any longer except events in the park. We are not good judges of Fircrest's "needs" any longer.				X
We are 70s and 80s year olds. Lived here for 53 years. Interested in continued opportunities.				X
We are in our late 70's. When we were younger we used all these wonderful facilities. They were important, and still are for younger residents and especially those with children.				X
We are older and don't use the facilities that much, but our community to getting younger and it is important that these faculties are available to them. These faculties need to remain. It is what makes us unique.				X
We are older with no children at home. The center, pool etc, were extremely important when my son was growing up.			X	X
We believe these facilities & activities important even though we do not participate.				X
We do love Fircrest/great Swim team-built house and good we like not being Tacoma polities here.				X
We feel it is important to have vibrant park and pool opportunities and at the same time to balance the cost of such a project. How does one manage the costs(for residents & taxes) and also keep it manageable in terms of usage opportunities for residents and the immediate surrounding communities?				X
We have lived in Fircrest over 50 years. Our three children used the pool, played in the sports programs and husband played soft ball. Hope these activities all are here for the kids growing up here now.				X
We loved the facilities when we were younger but our family has grown and moved. I think the parks and pool are important for a safe place for children and their parents.			X	X
We used the park system extensively when my children were young and all through high school.			X	

Question 11: Other General Comments with Respondents' Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
While it may look like I don't care about the future of the rec center or pools, that couldn't be further from the truth. I'm just at a time in my life with no children, and to be honest, I'm not interested in the adult things right now as I'm still working. However, I grew up on Woodlawn St. just north of 19th. My sister and I took swim lessons at the pool in the summer and had many picnics afterwards in the park (mid 60's!). In 1989, my husband (now ex) and my son (then 4) moved to Fircrest because that's where I knew I wanted to live. My son played rec soccer, basketball, and even tried the swim team one summer. He went to teen nights and enjoyed meeting his friends at the park. I feel that the Fircrest park, rec center and pools were very important in my childhood as well as my son's. I hope you are able to keep the tradition going for other families. I still do enjoy going to Fircrest Fun Days if I'm available or the Bazaar in November .Thanks for being what I consider the greatest city to live in!			X	
You guys are rocking it!			X	
I may not use the facilities very much. However I believe they are a major contributor to the quality of life of living in Fircrest. I have no problem paying to support the great programs the city provides. Thank you.	X	X	X	
More adult activities (not teen and not "silver sneaker" stuff)	X	X	X	X
Resident since 1977.	X		X	
Thank you!	X		X	
The asset the pool and [rec] center play to Fircrest are integral to the community.	X	X	X	
We enjoy living in Fircrest for many reasons, but the park, playgrounds, pool and youth activities are a big part of it!	X	X		
Fircrest Park and Pool facilities: Love the exercise and sense of community. Brings people together.	X		X	X

Question 11: Other General Comments with Respondents' Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
I would urge the city government to make the center and park safe & usable without raising taxes to make the center look cooler or make cosmetic upgrades that have little bearing on actual value to the Fircrest resident. If Fircrest residents are going to pay for this they need to be able to use it before others who don't live here.	X		X	
Love ALL the City and Parks Dept. do for our city. So glad we live in Fircrest!	X	X	X	
Moved here in June 2016. We would like to experience all events. As new residents, we look forward to taking advantage of as many as possible before we can fully decide what is missing.	X		X	
I would like there to be programs for kids older than 10 yrs. old	X		X	
The value placed on recreation and community events is what drew us to Fircrest when we were looking for a house. Increased communication about events and services would be my only suggestion.	X		X	
It is hard for me to respond to the survey as we are now "senior citizens", however when we moved into our home in 1983, the park was a great calling card for us. Our daughters used the pool and also did some of the sports were were offered. I do miss the "hunk" of the diving boards! And, we have enjoyed or view. I feel that having the park, pools and community center is a great asset to younger families moving into Fircrest. The park is a place that is easily accessible for most everyone in Fircrest. You can walk or ride bikes and is plenty of parking if you drive. It is a great meeting place for families, with plenty of activities for them, I have enjoyed the book exchange. I trust hat the city will be able to more forward in creating even better facilities of the Fircrest resident.	X	X	X	
I love the community aspect of the children's sports. Thanks for opening this up to our community!	X	X	X	

Fircrest Park Survey Response Data

Importance of Fircrest Park to households	Number	Percent
No Opinion	14	3
Not Important	44	10
Somewhat Important	51	12
Important	131	30
Very Important	204	46
Total	444	100

Members of household use Fircrest Park outdoor facilities	Number	Percent
No	139	32
Yes	292	68
Total	431	100

Importance of Fircrest Park organized/public community events to households	Number	Percent
No Opinion	18	4
Not Important	43	10
Somewhat Important	58	13
Important	139	32
Very Important	20	41
Total	436	100

Importance of Fircrest Park organized adult softball to households	Number	Percent
No Opinion	122	28
Not Important	187	43
Somewhat Important	34	8
Important	57	13
Very Important	33	8
Total	433	100

Importance of Fircrest Park organized outdoor youth sports to households	Number	Percent
No Opinion	45	10
Not Important	92	21
Somewhat Important	48	11
Important	108	25
Very Important	141	33
Total	434	100

Importance of Fircrest Park general family activities to households	Number	Percent
No Opinion	30	7
Not Important	68	16
Somewhat Important	45	10
Important	146	33
Very Important	149	34
Total	438	100

Importance of other Fircrest Park activities to households	Number	Percent
No Opinion	91	39
Not Important	56	24
Somewhat Important	13	6
Important	23	10
Very Important	50	22
Total	233	100

Fircrest Park Survey Comment Data

Question 8: Park Facility Suggestions with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 - 64 Years	≥65 Years
Grass at park is too water saturated. Awful to walk				X
None				X
More outdoor music concerts				X
Nothing				X
Bike or walking trails			X	
Community garden space at the park			X	
I would like to see more restrictions on non-resident use. The outside pavilions are also overrun by people renting for family reunions, etc. during the summer.			X	
More mid-age adult exercise classes-like miracle miles fit walking			X	
Needs updating although I don't use, I feel is an asset to community			X	
Nothing comes to mind at this time.			X	
Spend the money improving the lawn and sidewalks around the park.			X	
Teach/incorporate community sculpture/arts.			X	
Dog park			X	
More parking. Put a parking lot across the street where the house used to be at. A running track in the park.			X	
More/additional hiking trails			X	
Outdoor exercise equipment for adults and seniors.			X	
Would be awesome to have community family board night for all ages (age groups)			X	
Outdoor basketball court covered (like at Whittier) covering outdoor would facilitate more activities in inclement weather.			X	X
Farmers Market? Need to reach out to get more interesting vendors for Fun Days.			X	X
Develop Fox Property-picnic area. Off leash?			X	X
Pay attention to deteriorated tot lot first. (Most used all year)			X	X
When walking around park you really notice the sad condition of the park, Cracked broken curbs, weeds of all kinds growing everywhere! TLC is needed also so called plant by pool.			X	X
Volleyball courts, move Basketball hoop options.		X		

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Concerts outside, Craft fairs, art shows, quilt shows, pet shows		X	X	
It would be cool if the fenced, concrete hockey court could be covered in field or astro-turf for indoor soccer, I think it would get significantly more usage.		X	X	
More concerts, perhaps farmers market.		X	X	
I love the park the way it is.		X	X	
Plus an outdoor/park bathroom		X	X	
Please repair Whittier tennis courts	X		X	
Less "outside" kids/thugs playing on basketball courts. Maybe more exercise areas outside (monkey bars, slides, workout area) LIGHTENING	X		X	
Better drainage for parks- probably impossible	X		X	
Maybe a skate park?	X		X	
team benches on lighted field or baseball/softball. Benches for both ballfields for observers.	X		X	
A skateboard park would be nice	X		X	
Basketball court outside would be used more if upgraded (tennis courts too)	X		X	
Farmers Market	X		X	
More music concerts	X		X	
Need outside access to the restrooms in the park.	X		X	
Outdoor workout machines- bathroom at Thelma Gilmur Park. Fix baseball field at Whittier so easier to use, and Whittier shelter	X		X	
Restrooms at Fircrest Park available when building not open. Swings, updated play structures field with proper drainage.	X		X	
Badminton for kids	X		X	
Sad to not use the park when it's so muddy!	X		X	
Outdoor batting cage	X		X	
Keep up the good work, I already love what you here.	X		X	X
More of the same	X		X	X
It would be nice to have bathrooms for the baseball fields. When the rec center is closed there is no place for kids to use the bathroom. Please replace/repair big toy by the baseball fields.	X	X		

Question 8: Park Facility Suggestions with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 - 64 Years	≥65 Years
It would be nice to have bathrooms for the baseball fields. When the rec center is closed there is no place for the kids to use the bathroom. Please replace/repair big toy by the baseball fields.	X	X		
More programs for younger kids (ages 3+) that are offered at different times of day.	X	X		
The playground could be updated and swing set added. Maybe a track could be added too,	X	X		
More Garage Sales for the Community	X	X		X
Turn hockey court into turf soccer court. Relevel outdoor basketball court and get new hoops, fence in courts.	X	X	X	
The park at the big field could be updated. More parking for the Tot Lot.	X	X	X	
Some sort of Food and Beverage Festival				
Add swingsets in main park, pickle ball court, more trees along perimeter of park				
Question 3: Other Park Activity Comments with Respondent's Household Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 - 64 Years	≥65 Years
Picnics and rental facilities		X		
Still new to area. Enjoy family activities.	X	X		
Tot Lot	X	X		
Dance, geo-caching (GIS/treasure hunt), concerts/plays/garden shows/yoga (ie something for women and teens)			X	
Like to see concerts in park, wine tasting, antique shows			X	
National night out very important. I would like more bike trails and bike lanes			X	
Rental			X	
Fircrest Fun Days	X		X	
Tennis courts	X		X	
Tennis Courts	X	X	X	
Tot Lot	X	X	X	
Any kid or family organized activities			X	
Tree Lightening			X	
Tree lighting event			X	
Walking			X	
Walking around park to exercise			X	
Walking only. Exercise and walking around it			X	

Question 3: Other Park Activity Comments with Respondent's Household Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 - 64 Years	≥65 Years
Ability to use park as seen fit- toss baseball, football, etc.	X		X	
Fircrest rubber golf, Frisbee golf	X		X	
Tree Lighting	X		X	
Family Ball Games	X		X	
Need a beer garden @ fun days!	X		X	
Youth baseball	X		X	
Annual car show	X	X	X	
Soccer	X	X	X	
Any event that keeps Fircrest a place where neighbors know and care about each other		X	X	
Being able to walk there				X
Renting outdoor park shelter for family events				X
Renting outdoor shelter for family events				X
Tennis Courts				X
Tennis courts				X
We walk our dog at the park				X
Tot Lot	X	X		X
Keeping Fircrest beautiful			X	X
Tennis courts, play summer & fall.			X	X
Just having a safe place for our community is nice	X		X	X
Walking around park, horseshoe pit, picnicking			X	X
Car show				X
Love the Tot Lot				X
Senior activities				X
Tennis Courts maintain nets.				X
Tree Lightening -Bizarre				X
[Use] gazebo				X
Use park for dog walking				X
Covered picnic area and tot lot	X		X	X
Baby park				
Easter egg hunt				

Question 4: If No Park Use, Why Not with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 - 64 Years	≥65 Years
78 years old and also travel and am gone alot				X
Age related				X
I enjoy my home and do not need "outside" entertainment				X
I'm 86 year old widow				X
I'm single and don't have a reason to				X
just me				X
Kids have relocated				X
N/A				X
No children at home and I am old				X
Old widow				X
Our family used facilities when they were young				X
over age of 90				X
Retired, our children did when young and their grandchildren				X
Too old				X
Too old and children grown-married-gone				X
Too old and disabled				X
Because we are retired			X	X
Children all grown			X	X
Kids gone			X	X
Kids grew up			X	X
No children			X	X
no need			X	X
Not interested			X	X
Old Age			X	X
Too busy		X	X	X
Aged out of most activities Younger relatives are too busy-working		X	X	X
Age				X
Age				X
Age and disabilities				X
Children are adults now, not living in Fircrest. We are blessed to have a large yard and pool				X
No children				X
No need				X
Not age related				X
Not much meets our needs, affordability				X

Question 4: If No Park Use, Why Not with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 - 64 Years	≥65 Years
Our kids are grown-moved away, but then our grandkids came- now our 2 great grands come				X
Recreation time spent at beach cabin				X
Too crippled				X
Too old				X
Too old!				X
We are 80 and 80 in age				X
We are both in our seventies				X
We are retired- adult children live in other areas				X
We are retired but raised our sons here who lives in Fircrest.				X
Too old			X	X
Specifically thinking of the picnic shelters, hope to use in future	X		X	
Going to use this year with new child	X	X	X	
Just found [park] last summer	X	X	X	
son to young to go there alone	X		X	
Just for sports not rental	X		X	
Nothing is available for my Family	X		X	
When weather isn't nice. Sad not to use the park when it's so muddy!	X		X	
No need		X		
Adult children live out of state			X	
All my recreation is at the YMC			X	
I use a gym for fitness and travel to use enjoy being outside.			X	
No need			X	
No reason to			X	
no reason to			X	
Not at this time-Nothing planned			X	
Not Needed			X	
Nothing of interest			X	
Retired. Children Grown			X	
This aging community does not play soccer.			X	
Too busy all the time			X	
Too busy, nothing available for women my age (50-60)			X	
Unable			X	
Children grown			X	
just moved here			X	

Question 4: If No Park Use, Why Not with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 - 64 Years	≥65 Years
Kids grown up- out of house			X	
No children yet. Work too much but plan to use in future.				
Question 9: Park Activity Suggestions with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 - 64 Years	≥65 Years
Tennis courts valuable				X
How about a community picnic where neighbors get together and set up a table with food at park. Bring in food trucks with live music Jazz or Blue Grass weekend. Look to other communities and see what they are doing to generate community involvement.			X	X
We are very satisfied with current offerings.	X		X	X
Keep youth activities going. It is healthy for all of us retired or not who live in Fircrest.				X
No suggestions				X
[Use park for] car show, bazaar, walking, garage sale				X
Farmers Market	X	X		
Dance, geo-caching (GIS/treasure hunt), concerts, plays, garden shows, yoga, (ie something for women and teens)			X	
More outdoor adult activities (wine tasting, antique shows, concerts in the park)			X	
Other possibilities include a bigger, better advertised community yard sale to draw in people from outside of Fircrest. Invite concert promoters.			X	
Change or add vendors to the sponsored activities during the summer- National Night Out- Fircrest Fun Days etc	X		X	
Organized activities for teens would be great- capture the flag, flashlight tag etc. A live music event or regular 'music in the park' nights throughout the summer would be awesome.	X		X	
We enjoy all activities offered	X	X	X	
Any activities in summer months are good with kid[s] out of school and nothing to do.			X	
Continue to keep programs as is			X	
Garden event/awards, dog fun run, allow non-senior adults to participate in bridge; adult tennis lessons, game nights/tournaments, technology allows for video game tournament, Superbowl Party for community, "How To" Home Builder --> Teach us to keep Fircrest beautiful			X	

Question 9: Park Activity Suggestions with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 - 64 Years	≥65 Years
We enjoy all the events that are planned.			X	
Improved Fun Days or combine National Night Out and Fun Days to one nice event. Move Fun Days to Derby Days weekend and put alot of effort it into it- rides and competitions w/carnival feel	X		X	
Life skills classes for youth-hosted by local Fircrest resident Chris Paschal	X		X	
Updates to the outside basketball & tennis courts so they are better quality.	X		X	
Youth Lacrosse	X		X	
Events @ the park involving food trucks and beer from various local breweries.	X		X	
Lacrosse	X		X	
Select Soccer	X		X	
Fircrest Olympics-member of the community compete in a summer tournament of all kinds to replace Fun Days.	X		X	
More concerts and kid performers				

Other Fircrest Park Comments with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 - 64 Years	≥65 Years
Grandkids in parks including self		X		
Park is good for the community as a whole		X		
[Use park] all the time!	X	X		
[Use FircrestPark] all the time when the weather is nice	X	X		
[Use park] all summer long and 3 days/week in winter	X	X		
[Use park] all spring/summer and occasional parks in fall	X	X		
[Use park] all the time	X		X	
[Use] playground and shelter rental	X		X	
Activity? Find ways to cut taxes. Not a particularly radical activity.			X	
Right now our family enjoys soccer, I am sure baseball will become important soon.	X	X	X	
Ultimate Frisbee, concerts in the park/talent shows, concerts inside, more youth nights.	X		X	
[Use park] all summer most spring	X		X	

Other Fircrest Park Comments with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 - 64 Years	≥65 Years
I would like there to be programs for kids older than 10 yrs. would like to see more sports for teens. We were told to go to UP when the kids were 10 because Fircrest had no baseball or soccer for that age group & older. I would also suggest better lighting so park could be used more during winter months	X		X	
Use daily when the weather is nice	X		X	
[Park use:] usually, just the car show.			X	
[Use the park] all the time			X	
[Using park] depends on year.			X	
Attend Movie Nite Out, Strawberry Feed, etc.			X	
Enjoy for exercise multiple times weekly			X	
If walking/playing with dog in park is a yes then yes [my household uses Fircrest Park]			X	
Use park for sports parties			X	
Use park daily to walk dog, over the summer for softball		X	X	
[Use park] when weather is nice	X			X
[Use park only for] car show				X
[Use park] many times during good weather				X
[Use park]-spring, summer alot				X
[Use park] almost daily, definitely weekly	X		X	X
[Family uses park for] soccer practice, games, recreation	X		X	X
[Use park for] tennis			X	X
[Park not used because] we are retired- adult children live in other areas. However it is still important to the area.				X
[Use park] daily				X
[Use park] too many [times] to count!				X
Keep the park the same wonderful atmosphere that it is now!				X
So glad these [Fircrest Park activities] are here--Hopefully activities can be continued for the current generation and beyond!				X
We believe the play fields and community activities are vital to the community.				X
[Use Fircrest Park] all year at playground.	X		X	X

Roy H. Murphy Community Center Survey Response Data

Importance of Roy H. Murphy Community Center to households	Number	Percent
No Opinion	29	7
Not Important	56	13
Somewhat Important	66	15
Important	129	30
Very Important	153	35
Total	433	100

Members of household use Roy H. Murphy Community Center	Number	Percent
No	197	46
Yes	228	54
Total	425	100

Importance of Roy H. Murphy Community Center organized indoor youth sports to households	Number	Percent
No Opinion	52	12
Not Important	90	21
Somewhat Important	44	10
Important	125	29
Very Important	125	28.7
Total	436	100

Importance of Roy H. Murphy Community Center organized indoor adult sports to households	Number	Percent
No Opinion	83	19
Not Important	111	26
Somewhat Important	64	15
Important	111	26
Very Important	66	15
Total	435	100

Importance of Roy H. Murphy Community Center open/pick-up youth sports to households	Number	Percent
No Opinion	71	17
Not Important	89	21
Somewhat Important	49	12
Important	128	30
Very Important	88	21
Total	425	100

Importance of Roy H. Murphy Community Center youth after school activities to households	Number	Percent
No Opinion	54	13
Not Important	84	20
Somewhat Important	48	11
Important	145	34
Very Important	97	23
Total	428	100

Importance of Roy H. Murphy Community Center summer youth (>/=8yrs) drop in day camp to households	Number	Percent
No Opinion	69	16
Not Important	93	22
Somewhat Important	39	9
Important	143	34
Very Important	81	19
Total	425	100

Importance of Roy H. Murphy Community Center youth programming to households	Number	Percent
No Opinion	54	13
Not Important	88	21
Somewhat Important	43	10
Important	153	36
Very Important	85	20
Total	423	100

Importance of Roy H. Murphy Community Center adult programming to households	Number	Percent
No Opinion	65	15
Not Important	67	15
Somewhat Important	64	15
Important	138	32
Very Important	99	23
Total	433	100

Importance of Roy H. Murphy Community Center public/community events to households	Number	Percent
No Opinion	56	13
Not Important	65	15
Somewhat Important	71	17
Important	132	31
Very Important	102	24
Total	426	100

Importance of Roy H. Murphy Community Center book exchange to households	Number	Percent
No Opinion	115	27
Not Important	101	24
Somewhat Important	60	14
Important	97	23
Very Important	50	12
Total	423	100

Importance of Roy H. Murphy Community Center service group meetings to households	Number	Percent
No Opinion	98	23
Not Important	85	20
Somewhat Important	49	11
Important	126	29
Very Important	71	17
Total	429	100

Importance of Roy H. Murphy Community Center facility rental for private/business/community events to households	Number	Percent
No Opinion	64	15
Not Important	83	19
Somewhat Important	54	13
Important	139	33
Very Important	88	21
Total	428	100

Importance of other Roy H. Murphy Community Center usage (activities, events) to households	Number	Percent
No Opinion	92	45
Not Important	55	27
Somewhat Important	7	3
Important	21	10
Very Important	28	14
Total	203	100

Roy H. Murphy Community Center Survey Comments

Question 8: Roy H. Murphy Community Center Facility Suggestions with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
A pictorial display of what the old lake and homestead looked like back in time- permanent display- historical				X
Any upgrades would be beneficial to alot of people. However I don't want anything that would increase my costs to live in Fircrest.				X
Exercise equipment				X
Free Senior Programs-Acupuncture, Massage, Exercise, Art				X
I think updating is always important for the community so especially children have a nice place to go to.				X
Increase programs for Seniors and middle age adults.				X
Question 8: Roy H. Murphy Community Center Facility Suggestions with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
Lived here since 1956. NO changes as far as I'm concerned!				X
More evening classes				X
More parking and better lighting after dark in and around building				X
N/A-In my opinion deferred maintenance is not a reason for removing or replacing anything.				X
No comments				X
Tour trips for sight seeing & visiting Seattle, tulips etc.				X
Unknown				X
Increase historical displays		X		X
Update it Please	X	X		X
Floor in gym needs to be replaced.			X	X

Question 8: Roy H. Murphy Community Center Facility Suggestions with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
I'm sorry I don't know. Have not used since 1990's with grandchildren and great grandchildren.			X	X
I know the rec center needs to be updated. I sense your concern for the prospect of increased costs for the center no matter which way it goes, bigger, the same, or torn down completely. I urge you to embrace the opportunity here and go bigger and better. The community center itself seems very functional and I hope it remains.			X	X
Re-do it- it's old			X	X
Restore or replace			X	X
A larger/updated media/facility for renting out space/venue.	X		X	X
Being larger	X		X	X
Repair the community center building if not too expensive.	X	X	X	X
Upgrade/enlarge indoor basketball courts	X	X	X	X
Question 8: Roy H. Murphy Community Center Facility Suggestions with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
Would like to see other types of activities brought in to the center, especially during the holidays. Everything is always the same. Holiday bizarre is very dated and mostly older people with crocheted hats and hot pads.			X	X
Concession stand to raise money	X		X	X
We would support the remodeling of or replacement of the facility with new construction.	X		X	X
Would be in favor of renovating other facilities	X		X	X
?				X
BOOKS				X

Question 8: Roy H. Murphy Community Center Facility Suggestions with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
Classes for adults -Computer, Cell Phones etc, Language classes, Adult ballroom classes.				X
Community dances				X
Current facility seems dark and dated with not much room to really do much				X
Don't know				X
Enlarge the gym				X
N/A				X
Need[s] to be updated for future generations				X
Not sure				X
Our facilities are the best we would not think of living anywhere else.				X
Remodel/update/enlarge				X
Replace with brand new pool and facilities				X
Updating or rebuilding might bring in new home owners. Could be rented out for weddings and other events.				X
We have a smaller community and don't want to lose the family/nostalgia feel. If things needed to be updated, how about keeping the shell of the building for the history?				X
Question 8: Roy H. Murphy Community Center Facility Suggestions with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
I like it as is- fine.	X			X
Addition of a physical fitness room like the one at Steilacoom			X	X
Gym in rec center is rarely used (Just fix what needs to be fixed)			X	X
Informal places for socializing, group fitness classes for all levels, indoor track, indoor dog park.	X	X	X	X

Question 8: Roy H. Murphy Community Center Facility Suggestions with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
More adult classes	X	X	X	X
Build a new one				X
Continue high quality of staff and appearance of facilities		X		
I think they [pool and rec center] are fantastic as they are		X		
larger facilities. Seating is limited for youth indoor sports. Larger gym. Better open gym times (family oriented) that are not overrun by teenagers. Staff could better manage this.		X		
Modernization of facilities, larger gym, exercise/weight room		X		
General "facelift" updates	X	X		
Updated facilities	X	X		
Update community center	X	X		
When I have gone in I feel lost. [Suggest] a reception desk/greeter to answer questions or guide you in the right direction.	X	X		
Just some general aesthetic updates	X	X		
A updated room for rental-parties, events etc.	X	X		
Fitness activities for adults and classes like yoga			X	
Question 8: Roy H. Murphy Community Center Facility Suggestions with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
I think a new facility and pool is of importance to our community. I grew up in Fircrest, moved to the Northend and now I am residing in Fircrest. I spent many days as a child/teenager at the pool and community center.			X	
Mid Adult activities, not only retired seniors			X	

Question 8: Roy H. Murphy Community Center Facility Suggestions with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
Needs updating although I don't use, I feel is an asset to community			X	
New facilities. Remodel and add on to existing facilities.			X	
None			X	
Not functional as is. Dated. Outside restrooms. Bleachers for gym athletics,			X	
Overall ambience of clubhouse and pool. They are old and make our community look bad. Let's update them!			X	
Pursue LEEDS standards (NOT certification) in any construction, build it smart to provide long-term ROI (rather than short term). Use high efficiency fixtures and other construction components; recycle what is torn down. Incorporate community sculpture/arts.			X	
Update			X	
Yoga, Marshal Arts			X	
Add climbing wall, weights/fitness equipment.	X		X	
Larger area for gym (out of bound lines are too close to walls) Updated display board for community events and contact/hours information.	X		X	
I don't know		X	X	
Bigger gym	X	X	X	
Keep it clean, safe and open. Don't need anything fancy.	X	X	X	
Adult Tai chi or Yoga			X	
Question 8: Roy H. Murphy Community Center Facility Suggestions with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
An espresso stand			X	
Beautification and update of grounds and interior. Sterile and uninviting. However it is clean.			X	

Question 8: Roy H. Murphy Community Center Facility Suggestions with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
Enhanced design to increase informal socialization in community center, more windows and more open design.			X	
For years its been the same thing. Metro parks offers much more. Don't plan to use			X	
Is there a stage available indoors?			X	
Make improvements as needed- great just the way it is!			X	
More indoor space- bigger basketball court. ?Maybe indoor shuffleboard- indoor/outdoor bocci courts			X	
New construction- let's make it last, no more bandaids!			X	
Please update all facilities so the next generations of families can enjoy as we have for many years			X	
To not patch but replace			X	
Update bathrooms and gym and rooms for rental			X	
Weight room or exercise room, climbing wall. Keep large indoor courts and event rooms.			X	
Built in seating in gym,	X		X	
Larger indoor court area for more concurrent court sport and activities.	X		X	
Larger, more modern facilities	X		X	
Mother-son dance was really nice	X		X	
New community center!	X		X	
Rock climbing	X		X	
something for special needs kids-a PE class or movement class of some kind	X		X	
Update the gym floor	X		X	
Question 8: Roy H. Murphy Community Center Facility Suggestions with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
Weight room, library	X		X	

Question 8: Roy H. Murphy Community Center Facility Suggestions with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
Expand the gym to include bleachers, update the kitchen, add audiovisual. Gym feels dingy and old. Need outside access to the restrooms in the park.	X		X	
Full size basketball court, better non slip floor,	X		X	
Kids yoga	X		X	
Larger gym w/spectator seating	X		X	
Our boys basketball team plays and practices elsewhere now	X		X	
Create a nice event center for meetings, weddings and small catered dinners	X		X	
Keep them going [pool and rec center]	X		X	
None. Maybe only cosmetic. The plan "they" have for it is ridiculous and no benefit to Fircrest people. Waste of \$\$ that's been saved for decades.	X		X	
Snack bar during basketball games	X		X	
Bigger gym to host more competitive sports,	X		X	
A new gym or even just a hard wood floor would be nice		X	X	
Re: Pavilion similar to Pioneer Park would be very versatile for events open air use if and when weather is good or not		X	X	
Ping pong lessons/games for young people-teens	X	X	X	
An overall upgrade of or replacement of both facilities is needed. The current facilities are showing their age.	X	X	X	
I would love to see the bathrooms remodeled, they are severely overdue	X	X	X	
A full remodel of rec center-it is older and not functional any more		X	X	
Please keep both! Update both as needed to remain for community use		X	X	
Try to maintain or replace community [center]!	X	X	X	
Workout room with weights, treadmills, etc.				

Question 3: Other Roy H. Murphy Community Center Activity Comments with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
Classes offered at rec center				X
Volley Ball open				X
I miss the shuttle which used to take us to out/town events			X	X
Just having a rec center for daily general use is nice	X		X	X
Bridge Tournaments				X
Rental of rec hall				X
Educational presentations			X	
More adult social events			X	
Over 55+ activities			X	
Daddy -Daughter Dance and Mom/Son	X		X	
Community Meetings			X	
Photo contest, baking classes, adult classes, craft sale			X	
Daddy Daughter Dance	X		X	
Special events/dances	X		X	
Super important for a safe supervised place for middle school/hs kids to hang out -Thank you	X		X	
Vendor lease-coffee shop social gathering spot	X		X	
Meeting Space	X		X	
Toddler gym time	X		X	
Classes, Craft fairs etc.	X		X	
Using gym during off hours for kids to play in				
Question 5: If No Roy H. Murphy Community Center Use, Why Not, with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
Age- don't play cards				X
Age related				X

Question 5: If No Roy H. Murphy Community Center Use, Why Not, with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
Haven't ever used the center in the 24 years of living here. Not involved there.				X
I am thinking about use of the kitchen/meeting room				X
I did when there were evening classes but not currently				X
If there was a hot tub or exercise equipment yes				X
Just haven't				X
Just me here				X
N/A				X
No children at home and I am old				X
No interesting activities				X
No need				X
Only when meeting or gathering are held there.				X
Over age of 90				X
Too old				X
Too old				X
Too old and disabled				X
Because we are retired. We travel frequently.			X	X
No need			X	X
No need			X	X
No need			X	X
Old Age			X	X
Only because kids grew up and out			X	X
Too busy		X	X	X
Age				X
Age				X
Age and disabilities				X
Belong to a yoga studio and don't participate in other activities in Fircrest.				X

Question 5: If No Roy H. Murphy Community Center Use, Why Not, with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
Belong to other fitness clubs, but go to bazaar.				X
Busy on own				X
Classes and events do not appeal to us.				X
Jus not the right ages at this time				X
No reason				X
Not much meets our needs, affordability				X
Nothing appeals to us				X
Too old				X
We are 80 and 80 in age				X
We are retired- adult children live in other areas.				X
We go to a gym 3 times a week				X
Not needed, outside activities are best		X		X
No need		X		X
Too old			X	X
No need at this time	X		X	X
Want more adult activities	X	X	X	X
Haven't needed to but like that I could.		X		
I haven't visited yet,-bought a house and have been remodeling often.		X		
Our son is only 2 so he doesn't participate in youth activities yet.	X	X		
Shy. New to area and haven't attended anything yet.	X	X		
Adult children live out of state			X	
No kids			X	
No need			X	
No need			X	
No reason to			X	
No reason to			X	

Question 5: If No Roy H. Murphy Community Center Use, Why Not, with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
No reason to go			X	
Not needed			X	
Nothing of interest			X	
Retired. Children Grown			X	
Too busy all the time			X	
Unable			X	
Used bathroom one time			X	
Why?			X	
Stay busy outside of house		X	X	
Going to use this year with new child	X	X	X	
Never been there	X	X	X	
No children yet. Work too much but plan to use in future.	X	X	X	
I don't know what is there	X	X	X	
Busy schedule. Plan to use more in future.			X	
Children gone			X	
Have no need personally.			X	
Just moved here			X	
Many activities are scheduled during my work hours			X	
No evening or weekend activities for adults			X	
No kid now. But we did when they were young.			X	
Take up too much parking and make it hard for people to park near their homes.			X	
Timing			X	
Work-No programs of interest and time I can attend			X	
Have not joined any groups	X		X	
Have not signed up for classes	X		X	
There are no programs or social interests for us currently	X		X	

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Activities scheduled do not work for our family's schedule	X		X	
Maybe in the future as our kids get older for the sports.	X		X	
Too old now	X		X	
Used to be important but our boys don't get to play there any more (basketball age 10)	X		X	
We are plenty involved in other groups	X		X	
We haven't used it yet- we just recently moved to Fircrest.	X		X	
Just for sports not rental	X		X	
Nothing is available for my Family	X		X	
Not aware of the schedule	X		X	
Children aged out-no longer need	X	X	X	
Never make time for activities in center		X	X	
Question 9: Roy H. Murphy Community Center Activity Suggestions with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
Can't think of any.				X
Lots of senior trips (day trips) Maybe one to Oregon Shakespeare Festival for a few days?				X
More adult classes				X
More balance and yoga classes for seniors				X
More exercise classes at low cost				X
More trips for seniors!				X
Movies, self help programs				X
N/A				X
None				X

Question 9: Roy H. Murphy Community Center Activity Suggestions with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
Offer lessons on bridge. I went once to the Thursday group- very small and not welcoming. Bird -nature classes, bridge lessons to community so more people are involved.				X
Sewing/quilting classes				X
Since the people of Fircrest would be paying for the proposed changes, the people using it that don't live in Fircrest should be charged a high fee to help maintain the facilities. More classes, more trips.				X
Special senior trips				X
Tour trips for sightseeing and visiting Seattle, tulips, etc.				X
More senior activities, a better van for trips		X		X
Better senior bus and better trips			X	X
Continue classes Especially shuttle bus to out of town evens (resume please) the current annual events. Thank you			X	X
More assertive marketing to programs and events that might be overlooking Fircrests as a resource could help with the costs of these resources.			X	X
N/A			X	X
More classes offered with a variety of topics.More organized activities in the rec center like adult basketball.	X		X	X
Would like to see more senior activities	X		X	X
When our 5 children were young it was the place to be-now we are thinking more for future grandchildren and an active updated community center is important	X	X	X	X
More diverse senior activities			X	X
Concession stand to raise money	X		X	X
Very happy with existing programs and activities	X		X	X

Question 9: Roy H. Murphy Community Center Activity Suggestions with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
We are very satisfied with current offerings.	X		X	X
Children and adult classes/activities				X
Collectible/antique show/sale, tax prep for seniors, update or purchase a newer Fircrest bus/van				X
I would like to see classes for Seniors-Computer, Smart Phones, I pads, etc.				X
Keep operating as it has in the past. Keep youth activities going. It is healthy for all of us retired or not who live in Fircrest.				X
More for senior citizens during day time				X
N/A				X
No suggestions				X
Oil painting classes				X
Silver Sneakers opportunities for exercise classes				X
The current youth activities are good and so are the senior activities,				X
Silver sneakers programs, Sr. Fitness, broader range of community class offerings i.e.: cooking classes, gardening & pruning, much broader offering of art , craft, dance classes: id pottery, ballroom dance, watercolor, or oil painting, spaces for book clubs etc.	X	X	X	X
More bazaars and activities for young adults		X		
More exercise classes or even a strength training facility		X		
Farmers Market	X	X		
Increase after school hours/activities; more movie nights; kids' activities	X	X		
More movie nights during the summer	X	X		
Open longer hours	X	X		

Question 9: Roy H. Murphy Community Center Activity Suggestions with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
Programs for toddlers on weekends or in the afternoon, not during the work week hours. I would love to have my son join in the fun, but the only thing I could find for his age was scheduled during the day while my husband and I are at work.	X	X		
We don't use the indoor adult sports but see value for those who do! Community events, book exchange, and service group meetings are not relevant for us but important to us for others to be able to enjoy! Continued youth programs-soccer, basketball, baseball, maybe add football	X	X		
More evening fitness classes; love to see yoga offered in the evening and maybe some running groups organized to start from the community center.	X	X		
Additional adult activities/exercise classes in the evening			X	
More engaging adult programs, more adult social events			X	
New entrance off electron would relieve parking/traffic congestion on Contra Costa. Parking would make it more Intune with today's idea of a rec center.			X	
Teach and incorporate community sculpture/arts.			X	
A stronger website that allows payments for rentals online or program payments. We use UP Play for summer youth drop in activities.	X		X	
Kite flying contest. Regulate non residents more in gym and wading pool. They take it over!	X		X	
Fitness classes such as Zumba, yoga, weight-bearing exercise. What about a preschool? Take a look at Norpoint, StarCenter and Federal Way Community Center for programs they offer. Thank you!	X		X	

Question 9: Roy H. Murphy Community Center Activity Suggestions with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
Currently: good use.		X	X	
We enjoy all activities offered	X	X	X	
Music lessons would be great, as well as dance lessons for older kids.	X	X	X	
Any activities in summer months are good with kid[s] out of school and nothing to do.			X	
Continue to keep programs as is			X	
Evening adult classes like yoga so working people can attend			X	
Evening and weekend courses for working adults. Photography, arts, etc. There is a systemic gap in activities for people who aren't senior citizens or youth. Your taxpayers!			X	
Indoor fitness room for residents in future.			X	
Mother and son dance, more movies in the park			X	
Perhaps more adult activities during the evening hours			X	
The weekly ski bus to return, day time adult classes, craft etc.			X	
We enjoy all the events that are planned.			X	
Wine tasting, cooking classes, art classes for adults			X	
A vendor service of food/beverage associated with community center that could contribute back to pool in revenues would be awesome.	X		X	
Gym, yoga	X		X	
More adult (50 y/o +) activities (basketball, fitness/exercises, dances, etc)	X		X	
More adult fitness classes	X		X	
Pickleball, badmitten, other indoor court sports.	X		X	
Some kind of art classes, drawing or painting (acrylic) Inexpensive yoga classes would be nice.	X		X	

Question 9: Roy H. Murphy Community Center Activity Suggestions with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
More youth activities on weekends and evenings	X		X	
Lacrosse	X		X	
More kids' physically active programs	X		X	
55+ activities		X	X	
Men's night hoops or Sunday morning/afternoon hoops		X	X	
I think the rec program/events are at full capacity; I love what they do		X	X	
No opinion on that		X	X	
More adult activities in the early evening	X	X	X	
Music lessons				
Other Roy H. Murphy Community Center Comments with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
[Use rec center for] basketball, t-ball				X
[Use Rec Center] one time- National Scrapbook Day				X
I am 90 years old and do not use the community center				X
It makes Fircrest "a community"				X
Meeting practice to develop at new club for dog walkers			X	X
The pool and rec center were very important when our kids were young.			X	X
[Family uses rec center for] basketball practice and games	X		X	X
[Family uses] rec center for basketball teams	X		X	X
[Use rec center for] senior footcare, book exchange				X
[Use the rec center] occasional[ly] for indoor youth sports	X	X		

Other Roy H. Murphy Community Center Comments with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
[Use rec center for] indoor soccer	X	X		
Use Rec Center during basketball season	X	X		
Pay for use by those who use- not more taxes.			X	
[Use rec center for] rentals and exercise programs.	X		X	
Right now our family enjoys basketball	X	X	X	
[Rec center use:] very infrequent- holiday bazaar.			X	
[Use rec center] all the time			X	
Have no need personally. Want it there for other families. I believe it is good for Fircrest.			X	
Occasionally rent out			X	
Love the photography contest and car show.	X	X	X	

Fircrest Pool Survey Response Data

Importance of Fircrest Pool to households	Number	Percent
No Opinion	29	7
Not Important	80	18
Somewhat Important	48	11
Important	102	23
Very Important	179	41
Total	438	100

Members of household use Fircrest Pool	Number	Percent
No	220	51
Yes	208	49
Total	428	100

Importance of Fircrest Pool swim team and swim meets to households	Number	Percent
No Opinion	105	25
Not Important	118	28
Somewhat Important	32	8
Important	86	20
Very Important	80	19
Total	421	100

Importance of Fircrest Pool lap swim sessions to households	Number	Percent
No Opinion	100	24
Not Important	114	27
Somewhat Important	34	8
Important	94	22
Very Important	81	19
Total	423	100

Importance of Fircrest Pool open swim sessions to households	Number	Percent
No Opinion	44	10
Not Important	80	19
Somewhat Important	39	9
Important	115	27
Very Important	152	35
Total	430	100

Importance of Fircrest swim lessons to households	Number	Percent
No Opinion	43	10
Not Important	91	21
Somewhat Important	32	8
Important	108	25
Very Important	154	36
Total	428	100

Importance of Fircrest Pool family swim sessions to households	Number	Percent
No Opinion	51	12
Not Important	100	24
Somewhat Important	33	8
Important	104	25
Very Important	137	32
Total	425	100

Importance of Fircrest Pool rental for private events to households	Number	Percent
No Opinion	87	21
Not Important	112	27
Somewhat Important	47	11
Important	95	23
Very Important	80	19
Total	421	100

Importance of other Fircrest Pool activities to households	Number	Percent
No Opinion	83	36
Not Important	74	32
Somewhat Important	9	4
Important	32	14
Very Important	33	14
Total	231	100

Fircrest Pool Survey Comments

Question 8: Fircrest Pool Facility Suggestions with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
?				X
Any upgrades would be beneficial to a lot of people. However I don't want anything that would increase my costs to live in Fircrest.				X
Bathrooms and changing rooms				X
Being larger	X		X	X
Build a new one				X
Close the pool.	X	X	X	X
Covered Pool-ADULT swim-Good dressing facilities, lockers, showers, year round water aerobics, concession machines for bottled water, soda, snacks				X
Covered tables for shade and snack bar	X		X	X
Do not use the Pool			X	X
Don't know				X
Early lap swim	X	X	X	X
Fine as is				X
Hot tub				X
I know it would be a cost-but has anyone considered making the pool covered for year around use?	X	X	X	X

Question 8: Fircrest Pool Facility Suggestions with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
I know pool needs to be upgraded. Tacoma recently lost a huge community asset in its 50 meter pool. A 25 meter pool in Fircrest would bring back that asset, in a form acceptable and useful to recreational and competitive swimmers in that area. My swim club has had to go to outdoors pools outside of Pierce County. The current Fircrest pool is great for kids and their parents who want to splash around in it, but even though I live literally across the street, it's not a resource for me because it really doesn't work for adult swimmers. It's too small and full of kids. I love the resource for the kids, but would love to have a swim myself. A small pool for locals to bring their kids is probably not much of a revenue maker, but a larger pool that could support meets and adult swimmers from the surrounding area might be better able to support itself. And, as much as I am not a fan of sticking a corporate name on a public resource, maybe some form of corporate name on a public resource, maybe some form of corporate sponsorship would ease the cost of construction, maybe from smaller local companies. Perhaps even Tacoma would have an interest in recreating this resource for its citizens.			X	X
I like it as is- fine.	X			X
I support continued facilities and a repaired/upgraded pool for our young families. It is (they are) a wonderful addition to Fircrest.			X	X
I think having the outdoor pool is extremely important. But as far as wading pool, it could be replaced with a splash area instead.				X
I think updating is always important for the community so especially children have a nice place to go to.				X
Indoor pool to use year round!	X	X	X	X
Keep the pool it's a big part of Fircrest	X		X	X
Larger pool, expand and improve showers. So important to have a pool. Kids need the exercise and to learn how to swim. Brings community together provides activities for families	X		X	X
Lived here since 1956. NO changes as far as I'm concerned!				X

Question 8: Fircrest Pool Facility Suggestions with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
Lower Taxes!				X
Make sure there is warm water at all times for the shower & washing. Otherwise very happy with program and facility.				X
Most important part of park				X
N/A				X
N/A- In my opinion deferred maintenance is not a reason for removing or replacing anything.				X
Need[s] to be updated for future generations				X
No Comment				X
No comments				X
No current suggestions				X
no ideas				X
No suggestions				X
None		X	X	X
Not sure				X
Only Fircrest residents can use the pool-not outside living in Tacoma etc.				X
Our facilities are the best we would not think of living anywhere else.				X
Put a "cover" on it so we can use it year round	X			X
Re-do it- it's old			X	X
Remodel/update/enlarge				X
Repair or replace pool (not in summer!)			X	X
Replace with brand new pool and facilities				X
Restore or replace			X	X
Seem pretty busy now. Continue				X
Slide or diving board	X		X	X
Spend money on the pool and keep the ...Roy H. Murphy!				X
Spray park, replace kids pool, less liability			X	X
Unknown				X
update and repair			X	X
Update it Please	X	X		X
Update. Pool need to continue. Defines Fircrest				X
Updating or rebuilding might bring in new home owners.				X

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Upgrade pool and wading pool				X
Upgrade the pool as needed.				X
We would support the remodeling or replacement of the facility with new construction. We would like to see a diving board come back or a slide.	X		X	X
Works good				X
Would be in favor of renovating pool	X		X	X
A full remodel of pool-it is older and not functional anymore		X	X	
A rebuild or major reconstruction of the pool infrastructure is encouraged.	X	X	X	
A well supervised pool is a treasure for Fircrest. If the facility needs an upgrade I am in support of that project.	X	X	X	
Add soaking or hot tub for non-swim time.	X		X	
Add spray park but wading pool would take priority, slides to go into pool, basketball hoop for pool, access to bathrooms from pool area without having to walk all the way around rec center				
Add tables with shade to wading pool. Swimming pool dressing rooms need updates.	X	X	X	
Adult lap swim (more)			X	
An overall upgrade of or replacement of both facilities is needed. The current facilities are showing their age.	X	X	X	
At the end of summer before you empty the pool, you should have a dog day for them to swim in the pool		X		
Bathroom shower upgrades		X	X	
Beautification and update of grounds and interior. Sterile and uninviting. However it is clean.			X	
Bigger pool	X	X	X	
Change pool to a less chlorinated option (i.e. saltwater or light sterilization) Indoor option would-be great for year-round access.	X		X	

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Changing facilities/locker rooms are gross. Snack bar at pool side. Rebuild wading pool sprinkler play area across the street in vacant lot and attached with better bathroom/changing room. Connect with tot lot. Put snack bar/tables where old [wading] pool is.	X		X	
Combine wading pool with main pool. Also, adding other water related activities.	X		X	
Combined wading pool with main pool.	X		X	
Continue high quality of staff and appearance of facilities		X		
Enforcing resident only time	X		X	
Enlarge pool- add back dive boards or platform- add fun feature to large pool and wading pool- NO SPRAY PARK	X		X	
Extended swim season-indoor pool?	X		X	
Family bathrooms, online registration to sign up for swimming lessons etc.	X		X	
Fine the way it is			X	
Functional new pool, better locker room and shower facilities,	X		X	
General "facelift" updates	X	X		
Get rid of pool and turn it into a splash pad.	X	X	X	
Get the remaining houses to expand the park-Plan for long term		X	X	
Hard to say because we have yet to take advantage but we are having a child in June and plan to use both with him.	X	X	X	
I have read in the recent newsletter that the pool is in need of repair, remodel or replace- which I support.			X	
I think a new facility and pool is of importance to our community. I grew up in Fircrest, moved to the Northend and now I am residing in Fircrest. I spent many days as a child/teenager at the pool and community center.			X	
I think they [pool and rec center] are fantastic as they are		X		

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I would love for my older kids to be able to move between the big pool and wading pool without going through the center. If you build a new pool, it would be nice to have a separate lesson area.	X	X	X	
I would love to see the changing rooms remodeled, they are severely overdue	X	X	X	
I would use more but condition of locker room is so bad. Pool locker rooms need to be upgraded.	X		X	
If it was opened all year-covered			X	
If the pool is remodeled, consider a 0-entry design for small children and those with mobility issues. Incorporate a spray ground and possibly a slide or other "novelty" such as Stewart Heights, Kandle and Federal Way CC have.	X		X	
If we, as residents, are going to support the pool and park facilities, more restrictions on non-residents' sue plus visiting grandchildren.			X	
Improving the pool facilities would continue to keep people and activities in Fircrest (as opposed to YMCA, Curtis Pool, Community Centers, etc) and continue to draw new residents with young families to our town.	X		X	
Just some general aesthetic updates	X	X		
Keep it clean, safe and open. Don't need anything fancy.	X	X	X	
Keep the temperature of the pool warmer!	X		X	
Keep them going! [pool and rec center]	X		X	
Larger pool area with more room for families to sit on chairs.	X		X	
Larger pool at least 25 yard/meter. Tacoma recently lost its beloved outdoor 50m pool, a huge loss to this area. A 25 yard would make the Fircrest Pool much more attractive and useful to area swimmers, adults and kids. Right now it is just a kid pool.			X	
Larger wading pool and new changing rooms.	X	X		
Larger, more modern facilities	X		X	
Leave the pool as is, don't need to increase taxes.			X	

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Make improvements as needed- great just the way it is!			X	
Maybe incorporate a spray park		X	X	
Modernization of facilities		X		
Monitoring how many kids are allowed in the wading pool. It is always too busy, which I think is unsafe.	X		X	
More "resident only" time in wading pool. (pool gets very crowded) Better supervision of wading pool. (no big kids allowed) This rule was almost never enforced and resulted in my 3 year old daughter refusing to play in the wading pool)	X	X		
More consistent heater	X		X	
Music played at the pool and nice tables, chairs, and umbrellas to sit.	X		X	
Needs updating although I don't use, I feel is an asset to community			X	
New construction- let's make it last. No more bandaids!			X	
New pool! A bubble for year round use would be great! A climbing wall or ? at the deep end	X		X	
None			X	
None. Maybe only cosmetic. The plan "they" have for it is ridiculous and not benefit to Fircrest people. Waste of \$\$ that's been saved for decades.	X		X	
Nothing, it could go away It hold no value to me			X	
Open the pool earlier for open swim	X	X	X	
Overall ambience of clubhouse and pool. They are old and make our community look bad. Let's update them!			X	
Perhaps indoor pool facilities			X	
Please close the wading pool. Daycares outside of Fircrest use it and pay "in Fircrest" price. Check ID for all pool members. We know people outside of Fircrest are asking Fircrest residents to buy their membership.	X	X	X	

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Please keep both! Update both as needed to remain for community use		X	X	
Please keep outdoor pool and wading pool. A tremendous asset for our children and now our grandchildren from lessons to swim team to recreation.		X	X	
Please retain the pool and wading pool. Spray grounds are ok, but not fun for the whole family	X		X	
Please revamp pool/showers. PLEASE keep the pool and wading pool!! Its Fircrests heartbeat in the warmer months! It just need some serious love and thought out planning if it will be revamped. Especially the shower areas. No Spray Park!	X		X	
Please update all facilities so the next generations of families can enjoy as we have for many years			X	
Possibly new pool	X		X	
Pursue LEEDS standards (NOT certification), in any reconstruction, build it smart to provide longterm ROI (rather than short term); use high efficiency fixtures and other construction components; recycle what is torn down.			X	
Re-do/remodel the pool. Upgrade.			X	
Remove the basketball from the pool because the older kids many times do not share and seem to hog the ball	X		X	
Satisfied with the facilities as long as they are in good, functioning condition. I have heard that the pool needs to be repaired or re-done completely and I very much support that.	X		X	
Slide/diving board @ pool	X		X	
Specially use the showers after swimming. Use a lot for swim team and open swim. Updated showers/locker rooms nicer seating,/tables/lounges/umbrellas for pool. Hot tub/Jacuzzi. Snack shack for pool area.	X		X	
Spray park/spray play in the wading pool area; more seating and/or table in the wading area	X		X	
Start charging a small fee for the wading pool.	X		X	

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The pool could be used all year.			X	
The pool should be upgraded for safety and improved access			X	
This small community is family oriented. We need a safe & useable facility for kids, teenagers and families.			X	
To not patch but replace			X	
Try to maintain or replace pool!	X	X	X	
Two deep ends in order to play water polo! Standard # of lanes /width/length to host official swim meets	X		X	
Update			X	
Update lockers, showers & increase lounge areas.		X	X	
Update the pool- zero entry, splash pad, slide, snack bar, better entry and locker rooms.	X		X	
Updated facilities	X	X		
Upgrade restrooms	X	X		
Upgrade the pool	X		X	
Water slide or long river	X	X	X	
We need to ensure the pool is available for Fircrest Residents. Outside users should pay for the privilege to use the pool. Fircrest residents have priority.	X	X	X	
Question 3: Other Fircrest Pool Activity Comments with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
Nice deck area				X
Hawaiian Party			X	X
Kids fishing				X
Part of Fun Days				X
Love our pool very important	X		X	X
Volleyball	X	X		
Adult swim			X	
Adult swim time			X	
Water meets, game days or hours, polo, water aerobics for seniors			X	
Hawaiian Pool Party	X		X	
Pool party			X	
Water aerobics			X	

Question 3: Other Fircrest Pool Activity Comments with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
Water aerobics			X	
Movie in pool, Annual pool party	X		X	
Would like to see a water polo component	X		X	
Ability to bring own pool toys, not family swim	X		X	
Hawaiian Pool Party	X		X	
Pool party- adult swim times	X		X	
[Use pool] daily in summer	X			X
Other related water activities i.e.; Spray park	X		X	
Other water related activities ie spraypark	X		X	
Community building, ie Pool Party		X	X	
Basketball hoops				
Question 6: If No Fircrest Pool Use, Why Not with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
78 years old and also travel and am gone alot				X
Age				X
Age				X
Age related				X
As a senior- don't swim now				X
Do not swim				X
Don't swim				X
Don't swim any more				X
Elderly				X
I'm 86 year old widow				X
It's just me...				X
N/A				X
No children at home				X
No children at home and I am old				X
NO room for adults to swim				X
Over age of 90				X
Too crowded				X
Too many kids				X
Too old				X
Too old and disabled				X
Age			X	X
All grown and have a swimming pool			X	X
Do not swim much			X	X
Don't like to swim			X	X

Question 6: If No Fircrest Pool Use, Why Not with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
Grandchild too you at moment			X	X
I go to LA Fitness			X	X
I'm too old and fat			X	X
Kids grew up			X	X
Not now, grandchildren are grown up; great grands & families use their local places			X	X
Not swimmers			X	X
Too busy		X	X	X
Family gone and I don't swim			X	X
age				X
Age				X
Age and disabilities				X
Do not swim in public! Retired! Children grown!				X
My husband barely walks				X
No kids				X
[Pool not used because] we are retired- adult children live in other areas. However it is still important to the area.				X
Senior citizens				X
To old (Seniors)				X
Too old				X
Used to when I had kids				X
We are 80 and 80 in age				X
We are old timers				X
We both are seniors and do not use.				X
We do not know how to swim				X
We have a cabin at Hood's Canal and spend our recreation time there.				X
We have a pool on our property				X
Too Old			X	X
Use LA Fitness [pool]			X	X
We swim at Fircrest Golf Club	X		X	X
Don't swim		X		
No need		X		
Not old enough-still use wading pool	X	X		
Not old enough-we still use wading pool	X	X		
Adult children live out of state			X	
Aged out but it is perfect for family and kids.			X	

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Don't swim			X	
Don't swim			X	
I swim at the YMCA			X	
LA Fitness			X	
no children			X	
No interest			X	
no need			X	
No swimmers in household just us now.			X	
No time for adults only			X	
Non-swimmer			X	
Not interested			X	
Not interested			X	
Retired. Children Grown			X	
Too busy all the time			X	
Too crowded. Too many children			X	
Too many people (too much pee!)			X	
Too young	X		X	
Have own pool		X	X	
Going to use this year with new child	X	X	X	
Just found [pool] last summer	X	X	X	
My son has now outgrown it this year however	X	X	X	
No children yet. Work too much but plan to use in future.	X	X	X	
Not yet because I have 2 littles that use the wading pool	X	X	X	
Busy schedule. Plan to use more in future.			X	
But we will with grandkids			X	
Children gone			X	
ext. summer we hope to. (grandkids)			X	
Have no need.			X	
It's a great place for kids. Too busy for someone my age.			X	
Just moved here			X	
Kids gone			X	
Lack of interest			X	
No adult only hours during "warm" time of day			X	
No Children			X	
No kids			X	

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No swimmers no kids			X	
One child used it weekly during childhood			X	
they have pool at my gym better sizes and indoors.			X	
Too crowded for us old folks			X	
We lived there when kids were in home, but will be with soon to be grandkids			X	
We're not pool people most of the time			X	
It's an important community asset, we just don't swim.	X		X	
Kids too young	X		X	
We have our own pool and our boys were never able to pass test for deep water end (but are capable swimmers)	X		X	
My kids moved		X	X	
No interest in swimming		X	X	
our son has grown up but we want to bring family w/kids		X	X	
Little interest in swimming in little kids' pee	X	X	X	
When kids were young on swim team & open swims	X	X	X	
Would like more open swim time.	X	X	X	
Older children don't want to swim		X	X	
Have a neighbors pool that is much more convenient	X	X	X	
But we want to use it		X	X	
Question 9: Fircrest Pool Activity Suggestions with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
Adult only swim times				X
Have adult only times				X
I am a single senior and currently have no household members who make regular use of facilities. Grandchildren may occasionally use tot lot, wading pool, pool.				X
N/A				X
None				X

Question 9: Fircrest Pool Activity Suggestions with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
Since the people of Fircrest would be paying for the proposed changes, the people using it that don't live in Fircrest should be charged a high fee to help maintain the facilities.				X
Time everyday for kids out of pool and seniors hours daily				X
Would like to see weekend swim classes for children				X
Adult only lap swim time - no lifeguards necessary?			X	X
But I definitely agree, the pool is valuable to many folks & families & should stay.			X	X
N/A			X	X
More activities around use of the pool.	X		X	X
When our 5 children were young it was the place to be-now we are thinking more for future grandchildren and an active updated pool is important	X	X	X	X
We are very satisfied with current offerings.	X		X	X
Life Saving classes				X
N/A				X
No suggestions				X
Perhaps a better way for signing up for swimming lessons.				X
Better shallow area in Fircrest pool would make it a better option for families who have young and older children.		X		
Lap swim for adults		X		
Increase pool hours/activities	X	X		
Longer hours at the pool	X	X		
More pool time that allows floaties so younger kids can swim	X	X		
Open longer hours, more open swim	X	X		
Swimming lessons are absolutely the best around!	X	X		
I would like to see more restrictions on non-resident use. At the swimming pool, no IDs are checked to see if a resident or not. It's not enforced. I know by my visits and what I have observed.			X	

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Swimming lessons for youth.			X	
Water meets, game days or hours, polo, water aerobics for seniors			X	
Loved the luau (or Hawaiian?) themed pool night last year.	X		X	
Synchronized swim club for girls- deep end of pool- encourage more girls to swim. Regulate non residents more in gym and wading pool. They take it over!	X		X	
Possibly limit the number of kids and/or people at a time. Often very crowded. [Pool activities] currently: good use.		X	X	
Stop family swim or make it only 1 day/week, not twice	X	X	X	
We enjoy all the activities offered	X	X	X	
Any activities in summer months are good with kid[s] out of school and nothing to do.			X	
Continue to keep programs as is			X	
Family swim lessons-don't like exclusion or that a parent has to be IN the pool. Family swim- like the ability fo family to use their water toys but do not like limitation to family swim.	X		X	
Lap swim would be great. Year round lesson program/swim team.	X		X	
Diving boards and slides for the pool. Get rid of the "swamp" on the soccer filed. And more outside basketball hoops covered.	X		X	
Late night swims till 9:30-10:00	X		X	
Swim Team	X		X	
Adding other wather related activities ie spray park	X		X	
Let the kids use flotations and toys in all open swims, not just family swims.	X		X	
Private swim lessons for those that can't make it to the regular swim lessons	X		X	
Family multipass so 1 family w/8 or more members can use a family pass. Make it start out at \$150 for the summer. Friday or Saturday late night swim from 6-10pm	X		X	

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Better Organization of pool time	X	X	X	
The non-resident fees need to be raised, the pool needs to be used for residents of the community, not overcrowded as the pool gets with non-residents!	X	X	X	
Keep check of people using for free				
Other Fircrest Pool comments with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
Grandkids in pool including self		X		
I plan to use it this summer		X		
Pool is good for community as a whole		X		
[Use pool] for swimming lessons, open swim, and family swim- we love the pool!	X	X		
[Use pool] 1-2 times a week for family swim	X	X		
[Use rec center] during basketball season	X	X		
[Use pool] for swim team and rec swim	X		X	
[Use pool] too many to count, swim lessons the whole season for 4 years	X		X	
Use pool almost every day in summer	X		X	
[Use pool] every day in summer	X		X	
[The pool is] important for young families with kids.			X	
Pay for use by those who use- not more taxes.			X	
Please keep the pool	X	X	X	
Use pool 100%, every day	X	X	X	
[Use pool} any day not raining!	X	X	X	
The pool and the proximity of these activities are one of the main reasons we do not want to move out of Fircrest. If the pool closes, we would be much more open to moving to a new area.	X	X	X	
[Use] pool every day it's open usually	X		X	
This will be our first year because our little one is old enough	X		X	
[Use pool for] lessons and swimming all summer	X		X	
Use pool every day in summer	X		X	
[Use pool] all summer every day!	X		X	
[Use pool} whenever open			X	

Other Fircrest Pool comments with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
Grandkids use pool			X	
Have no need. Great for kid[s]/families. willing to pay so it [is] available for other families.			X	
No interest in swimming, but still believe it is important for the quality of life in Fircrest		X	X	
Please check ID every time a day care uses pool Check ID for all pool members. We know people outside of Fircrest are asking Fircrest residents to buy their membership.		X	X	
[Use pool] daily in summer	X			X
[Use pool] maybe 5 times				X
Grandchildren [use pool] 1-2x's a year				X
The pool has long been great for Fircrest children to learn to swim and cool off on hot summer days.				X
Keep the pool open! It is very important to our community	X		X	X
I should say that for me and my mother, the Fircrest pool is not an important issue now, as she is 89 and I am not much of a swimmer anymore. My parents first bought a home in Fircrest in 1957, and my siblings and I all learned to swim at that pool. My brother went on to train in the Tacoma Swim Club and at Wilson High, earning All American and a full swimming scholarship to college. He went on to receive an MBA and had a very successful career. If that pool had not been so close to our house or had not been there at all- perhaps things would have turned out differently. Whether the pool is still relevant part of children's lives, only young parents can say. I am very glad we had it when we were young.			X	X
The pool and rec center were very important when our kids were young.			X	X
[Family uses] pool all summer: lessons and family swim	X		X	X
Use pool-all summer, season passes and lessons.	X			X
[Use pool] all summer!				X
[use Fircrest Pool] all summer outdoor pool.	X		X	X

Fircrest Wading Pool Survey Response Data

Importance of Fircrest Wading Pool to households	Number	Percent
No Opinion	45	10
Not Important	121	28
Somewhat Important	47	11
Important	81	19
Very Important	137	32
Total	431	100

Members of household use Fircrest Children's Wading Pool	Number	Percent
No	310	73
Yes	117	27
Total	427	100

Importance of Fircrest Wading Pool activities to households	Number	Percent
No Opinion	56	13
Not Important	99	23
Somewhat Important	44	10
Important	99	23
Very Important	131	31
Total	429	100

Fircrest Wading Pool Survey Comments

Question 7: If No Wading Pool Use, Why Not, with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
Adult				X
Grandchildren are older and use pool.				X
Have no children				X
I'm 86 year old widow				X
Kids are gone				X
N/A				X
n/a				X
no babies				X
No children				X
No children				X
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No children				X
No children				X
No children				X
No children				X
No Children				X
No children at home and I am old				X
No children at home now				X
no children in household				X
no children in household				X
No grandchildren yet				X
No kids				X
No kids				X
No one that young				X
No small children				X
No youngsters in household				X
None this young				X
only senior in household				X
Our local grandchildren are pretty much grown up				X
Too old				X
Too old		X		X
0 small children			X	X
Adult			X	X
Age			X	X

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No children			X	X
No kids			X	X
No kids			X	X
No little children			X	X
No small children or grandchildren in household			X	X
Not now, grown up			X	X
once or twice a week			X	X
No small children	X		X	X
No Small Children		X	X	X
Don't have small children			X	X
no small children		X	X	X
I have no small children yet			X	X
Age				X
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Age and disabilities				X
Children too old				X
No children				X
No children				X
No children here!				X
No children or grandchildren				X
No eligible little children				X
No little ones				X
no young children				X
No Young Children				X
Not age appropriate				X
Older now				X
Our grandchildren are not in the area.				X
Senior citizens				X
Too old (Seniors)				X
Too old				X
Too old				X
Too old				X
Too old for pool				X
We are 80 and 80 in age				X
When grandkids visit.				X
No need		X		X

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Age			X	X
No children			X	X
Too old			X	X
No children at this time	X		X	X
Too old!	X	X	X	X
No children		X		
No Children		X		
No kids		X		
No need		X		
We don't have kids		X		
Have a 6 year old now but used it often when he was younger	X	X		
Hope to [use wading pool] this summer.	X	X		
Adult children live out of state			X	
Kids are too old, but when we have grand kids we will use it			X	
Question 7: If No Wading Pool Use, Why Not, with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
Kids grown			X	
Kids too old			X	
No children			X	
No children			X	
No children			X	
No children			X	
No children			X	
no children			X	
no children			X	
no children			X	
No children in household			X	
No children in household			X	
no children in my household			X	
No kids			X	
No kids			X	
No kids in my life			X	
no need			X	
No toddlers here!			X	
no toddlers in house			X	

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No young kids			X	
Older community are strapped to pay for other's use.			X	
Too busy all the time			X	
Too old			X	
Did until my son outgrew the [wading] pool	X		X	
My son is officially too big but we used it all season and occasionally still do for friends.	X		X	
No little children	X		X	
Not anymore	X		X	
Not currently; kids too old, but when they were little, every day!	X		X	
No children of that age	X		X	
Have own pool		X	X	
[Used wading pool] when they were little but they're teens	X	X	X	
Going to use this year with new child	X	X	X	
Do not have small children	X	X	X	
We went 1 time last year b/c babies really small. Will go more this year at least 1 per week.	X	X	X	
Question 7: If No Wading Pool Use, Why Not, with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
No children yet. Work too much but plan to use in future.	X	X	X	
No young children		X	X	
Children gone			X	
Next summer we hope to. (grandkids)			X	
Grandchildren will use next summer			X	
Hopefully will use wading pool when grandbabies move close			X	
It's a great place for kids..too busy for someone my age.			X	
Just moved here			X	
Kids gone			X	
Lack of interest			X	
N/A			X	
Never like seen kids w/diapers & don't think it clean or sanitary.			X	

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No Children			X	
No children in household bu grandkids in another Fircrest household use it!			X	
No kids			X	
No kids of that age but would use if grandkids were here.			X	
No small children in the family			X	
No swimmers no kids			X	
No young children			X	
No young children in household at this time.			X	
No younger kids, But grandkids soon will.			X	
Not often			X	
Not yet but maybe with grandkids hope so			X	
The kids are too old now but used it lots before			X	
We might with grandkids			X	
Kids are older now	X		X	
Kids are too young	X		X	
No toddlers in house currently	X		X	
Our kids are all grown, but still an asset to our community!	X		X	
Teenager	X		X	
We did when our child was younger	X		X	
Age	X		X	
Question 7: If No Wading Pool Use, Why Not, with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
Children are too old but did use in the past.	X		X	
Children are too old to use wading pool	X		X	
Children too old	X		X	
Kids are over age limit	X		X	
No children of age	X		X	
no, but we did when our children were smaller, its vital to Fircrest	X		X	
Outgrew it	X		X	
They are too old now. We used it a lot when they were young.	X		X	
Too old	X		X	
Too old	X		X	
Too old	X		X	

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Too old now	X		X	
Too old-but used daily when younger	X		X	
We've outgrown wading pool	X		X	
Kids are too old for wading pool	X		X	
They are too old	X		X	
Old enough for pool	X		X	
We used to until the kids got old	X		X	
Kids aged out	X		X	
My kids are too old.	X		X	
No Kids that young.		X	X	
No one young enough		X	X	
not that age		X	X	
Please close it- daycares outside of Fircrest use it.		X	X	
Kids to old	X	X	X	
No Children that age	X	X	X	
No little kids in household	X	X	X	
When kids were young	X	X	X	
Kids are teenagers, but looking into the future, I would use with grandkids	X	X	X	
No young kids in household	X	X	X	
Age		X	X	
I have no little ones		X	X	
No young children		X	X	
Our kids are grown		X	X	
Question 7: If No Wading Pool Use, Why Not, with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
No little children-but we have 2 new grand daughters		X	X	
Too OLD				
Other Wading Pool Comments with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
Wading pool is good for community as a whole		X		
Use wading pool all summer long, 3-5x/week	X	X		
We love the wading pool!	X	X		
We love the wading pool!	X	X		

Other Wading Pool Comments with Respondent's Household Member Age Group(s)	≤18 Years	19 - 34 Years	35 -64 Years	≥65 Years
I would like to see more restrictions on non-resident use. The wading pool is overrun during the summer. At the wading pool, no IDs are checked to see if a resident or not. its not enforced. If we, as residents, are going to support the pool and park facilities, more restrictions on non-residents' use plus visiting grandchildren.			X	
Use pool almost every day in summer	X		X	
[Wading pool is] best ever!	X	X	X	
[Use wading pool] any day not raining!	X	X	X	
The wading pool is very important with young kids.	X	X	X	
Grandkids use wading pool			X	
Outgrew it- but LOVED it at the time!	X		X	
Yep this will be our first year	X		X	
[Use wading pool] off and [on] through summer	X		X	
Use wading pool nearly every day in summer	X		X	
Please check ID every time a day care uses wading pool. Out of town day cares are using it and paying "in Fircrest" price.		X	X	
The wading pool is perfect! I've seen other facilities bring in a spray park but they were never as good as our simple wading pool. The size is right and the walk in shape is great for babies.	X	X	X	
[Use wading pool 10-15 times not that my son has grown older. I still go there with friends.	X		X	X
[Family uses] wading pool after swim lessons and 3-4 days/week	X		X	X
[Use wading pool] lots! With grandkids!				X
Grandkids [use wading pool]	X			X
[Use wading pool] all summer at wading pool	X		X	X

Social capital: understanding the value of parks and recreation facilities and activities in building community

The concept of “social capital” was first used in 1916, by L. Judson Hanifan to capture “ the need for and importance of renewed community involvement to sustain democracy and development”. (2) More recently, social capital was well-discussed by Robert Putnam in his book “Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community” (3). This concept offers an interesting perspective on the role of parks and recreation facilities and activities at the community level. Further information about social capital can be found at <http://bowlingalone.com/>

Types of Social Capital	Definition
Formal Social Capital	Activities/facilities have official membership requirements ie; dues, regular meetings, (clubs & associations)
Informal Social Capital	Non formal gatherings like pick up games, meetings at bars etc.
Thick Social Capital	Closely woven groups that might work, play and worship together
Thin Social Capital	Individuals who are acquaintances and share few friendship groups
Inward looking Social Capital	Groups that support material, social or political interests of it's members. Private clubs
Outward looking Social Capital	Groups that are interested in public goods like environmental groups
Bridging Social Capital	Social networks that bring people together who are unlike one another.
Bonding Social Capital	Social networks that bring people together who are alike one another: race, gender, religion

The social capital perspective of Fircrest Park, Roy H. Murphy Community Center, and Fircrest Pool (suggested, not conclusive) to consider

2017 City of Fircrest Pool & Roy H. Murphy Community Center Survey: Social Capital Analysis of Activities by Facility Type									
<i>Facilities:</i>	Formal social capital	Informal social capital	Thick social capital	Thin social capital	Inward looking social capital	Outward looking social capital	Bridging social capital	Bonding social capital	Total # Types of Social Capital
Fircrest Park	x	x					x		3
Roy H. Murphy Community Center	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	7

Facilities:	Formal social capital	Informal social capital	Thick social capital	Thin social capital	Inward looking social capital	Outward looking social capital	Bridging social capital	Bonding social capital	Total # Types of Social Capital
Fircrest Pool	x	x	x	x			x		5
Fircrest Wading Pool		x		x			x		3

Fircrest Park activities:	Formal social capital	Informal social capital	Thick social capital	Thin social capital	Inward looking social capital	Outward looking social capital	Bridging social capital	Bonding social capital	Total # Types of Social Capital
Organized community events (Fun Days, Movies in the Park, Fircrest Car Show, National Night Out, etc)		x		x		x	x	x	5
Organized adult softball	x		x	x				x	4
Outdoor youth sports (tee ball, softball, soccer, flag football)	x			x				x	3
General family activities (picnics, pick-up activities, playground, etc)		x		x				x	3
Fircrest Pool activities:	Formal social capital	Informal social capital	Thick social capital	Thin social capital	Inward looking social capital	Outward looking social capital	Bridging social capital	Bonding social capital	Total # Types of Social Capital
Swim team and swim meets	x		x					x	3

<i>Fircrest Pool activities:</i>	Formal social capital	Informal social capital	Thick social capital	Thin social capital	Inward looking social capital	Outward looking social capital	Bridging social capital	Bonding social capital	Total # Types of Social Capital
Lap swim sessions		x					x		2
Open swim sessions		x					x		2
Swim lessons	x							x	2
Family swim sessions		x						x	
Children's wading pool		x						x	2
Pool rental (birthday parties, other events)				x				x	2
<i>Roy H. Murphy Community Center activities:</i>	Formal social capital	Informal social capital	Thick social capital	Thin social capital	Inward looking social capital	Outward looking social capital	Bridging social capital	Bonding social capital	Total # Types of Social Capital
Organized indoor youth sports	x		x					x	3
Organized indoor adult sports	x		x					x	3
Open/pick-up youth sports		x		x				x	3
Youth after school activities		x	x	x	x		x	x	6
Summer youth (≥8yrs) drop in day camp	x			x				x	3
Youth programming (art, fitness, etc)	x			x				x	3
Adult programming (social, fitness, art, trips, tours, etc)	x			x			x	x	4

<i>Roy H. Murphy Community Center activities:</i>	Formal social capital	Informal social capital	Thick social capital	Thin social capital	Inward looking social capital	Outward looking social capital	Bridging social capital	Bonding social capital	Total # Types of Social Capital
Community events (holidays, bazaar, etc)		x		x				x	3
Book exchange									
Service group meetings (Kiwanis, Rotary, community-based card groups, etc)	x		x		x			x	4
Facility event rental (birthday parties, family events, community/business events, etc)			x	x				x	3

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