



# FRIENDS OF KENEY PARK

## Youth Data Analysis

### Abstract

*This is a summary analysis of the responses to the “Friends of Keney Park Youth Survey”.*

Advocacy to Legacy, Inc.

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## Results of the Friends of Keney Park Community Survey

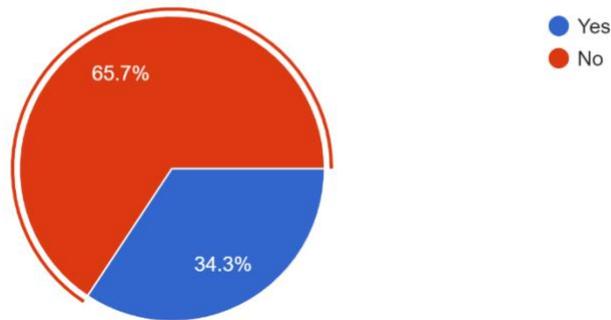
One hundred three (103) surveys were completed and returned. Twenty-nine (29) respondents were from Ebony Horsewomen and the rest were completed by students or friends of Blue Hills Civic Assoc and Advocacy to Legacy, Inc. electronically. In the following breakdown of results, you will see that the total number of people who responded to each question did not equal 103. People chose not to answer every question on their surveys, but every question was answered by at least one-person per.

### Recognition of Friends of Keney Park

Only thirty-four people had heard of Friends of Keney Park (33.4%). Most of the young people who completed the survey had not heard of Friends of Keney Park (65.7%, N=67).

Have you heard of Friends of Keney Park?

102 responses



People who had heard of Friends of Keney Park were asked which activities they had heard of. Most people had heard of Clean Up Activities (70%, N=28), Movies in the Park (55%, N=22), Park Music Activities (37.5%, N=15) Advocate for Keney Park (30%, N=12), Pond House Rental (30%, N=12), Karaoke in Keney Park (17.7%, N=7).

### Participation in Park activities

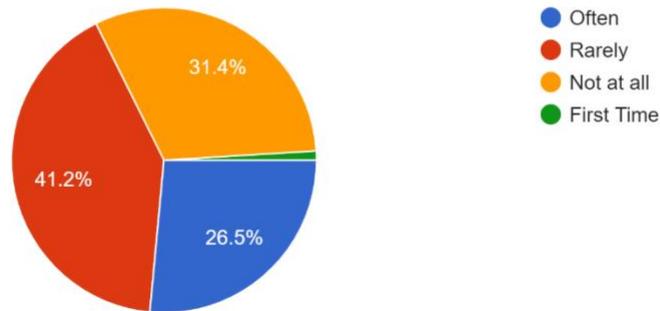
Respondents were asked which activities they had participated in. People had participated in all of the listed. Responses were: Ebony Horsewomen (47.5%, N=28), Pool (47.5%, N=28), Dept of Consumer Protection- Playground (40.7%, N=24), Rented Pond House (33.9%, N=20), Picnics (32.2%, N=19), Dept of Consumer Protection – Basketball (30.5%, N=18), Music In the Park (28.8%, N=17), Movies in the Park (25.4%, N=15), Dept of Consumer Protection – Walking Trails (23.7%, N=14), Golf Course (20.3%, N=12), Sustainability Project (10.2%, N=6), Cricket (1.7%, N=1).

## Frequency of visits to the Park

When asked how often do they come to Keney Park, most respondents rarely visited the park (41.2%, N=42), 31.4% not at all (N=32), 26.5% visited often (N=27), and 1% came for the first time or only once (N=1).

How often do you come to Keney Park?

102 responses

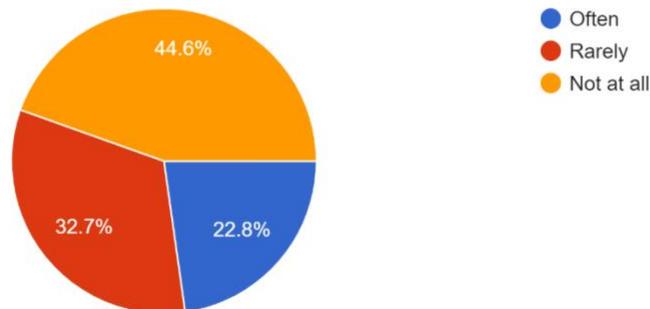


## Participation in recreational activities

Most respondents had not participated in any park activities (44.6%, N=45), 32.7% rarely participated in recreational activities (N=33) and 22.8% participated often in activities (N=23).

How often do you participate in recreational activities in the Park?

101 responses



## Increase Park Use

Respondents were asked for suggestions on the best way to increase park use. Eighty-eight (88) respondents provided suggestions. The most suggested item was more activities/events or new things (34% of respondents mentioned something on this topic). This included items such as more community or social events consistently, especially those that engage the whole community, families, teens and kids. Some suggestions were: free events, arts & craft lessons,

water activities especially on hot days and weekly events. The second most suggested item was cleanliness, having the Park as clean as possible. Safety also had a high response rate (add more lights, surveillance near the playground, blue light towers for emergencies). Advertise had the 4<sup>th</sup> highest response, e.g. putting up flyers about the Ebony Horsewomen events.

### **Desired Changes**

Respondents were asked what some desired changes to the Park are that they would like to see. Eighty-eight (88) people answered this question. The number one category was add, upgrade or maintain equipment (approx. 38%). Some responses were: add items for older kids, water sprinklers, bean bag games, volleyball nets, fix tennis courts, more swings (for smaller and larger kids), and update playscape. More benches or places for people to sit was mentioned. Youth asked for charging stations and to add more color to the park like murals. For younger kids, more activities and locate their activities closer to Park entrances. About 20% respondents mentioned cleanliness: again, the bathrooms were the #1 item specifically discussed (clean, add more bathrooms and more indoor bathrooms vs port-a-potty). Two items that were added was a cleaning section or equipment where kids or park goers could wash their hand and a way to address the bird poop (geese). Safety was mentioned again with suggestions being police on foot or bikes and park rangers.

Many of the answers to this question were similar to the answers in the last question about how to increase Park use. Many respondents wanted to Keney Park to increase the number and type of activities that are held in the Park.

### **Needed Facilities in the Park**

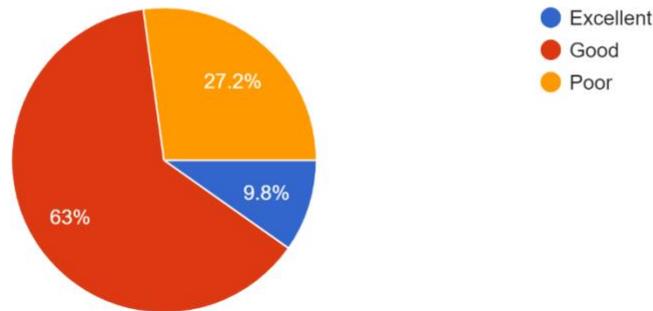
Respondents were asked what facilities are needed at the Park; seventy-eight (78) people answered the question. Overwhelmingly, the answer was bathrooms (26%) – both the addition of more bathrooms and better maintenance of the ones that are already at the Park. Additional suggestions include having more space for physical activity/exercise (track, walking, volleyball, soccer field, tennis court, cross country skiing and animal sports) Need for facilities included: (facilities for animals, arts & crafts, cultural events, & community service). Amenities would include phone charges, snack shop and water fountains and water stations. Some other requests included soccer field, place for more horses and an animal farm. Again security (camera, limit loitering, guards) and cleanliness was mentioned. It was suggested that Friends look at Elizabeth park...mirror those amenities (benches along the trails, landscape, pond there compared to Keney Park's).

## Park Maintenance

When asked how they would rate the maintenance of the Park, most of the respondents said the maintenance was good (63%, N=58), 27.2% felt the maintenance was poor (N=25), and 9.8% reported that the maintenance was excellent (N=9).

How would you rate the maintenance of the Park?

92 responses

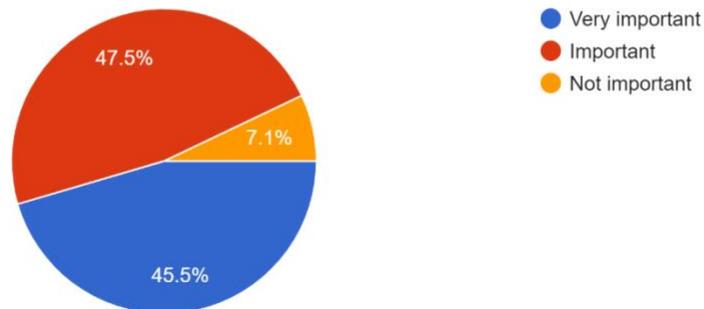


## Importance of the Park

Most felt the Park was important (47.5%, N=47), 45.5% felt the Park was very important (N=45) and 7.1% responded that the park was not important (7).

How important is the Park to the community?

99 responses



## Other Comments

Respondents were asked if there was anything else they would want to comment on. Sixty-three (63) people choose to respond. Of those, most wrote that they did not have a comment. Again some wrote about items discussed earlier: cleanliness (pond should be cleaner, dog owners pick up after their dogs), safety (men sitting in cars watching children that are not theirs, illegal activity, need park rangers to patrol, keep walking trails safe and leaves not clutched together)

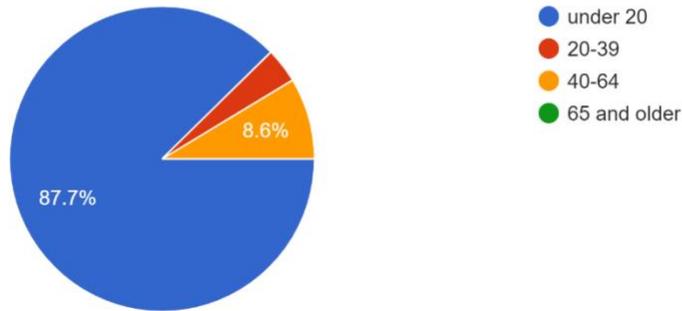
and more activities (more Horse shows). Some positive comments were: “Thanks for fixing the basketball courts” and “*The park is beautiful and has great impact on the community*”

## Respondents

103 surveys were completed. Of the people who completed the survey, 87.7% were under twenty (N=71), 3.7% were 20-39 years old (N=3), 8.6% were 40-64 (N=7), and the remainder (8.6%) were 65 or older (N=7). Twenty-two (22) did not answer this question.

What is your age?

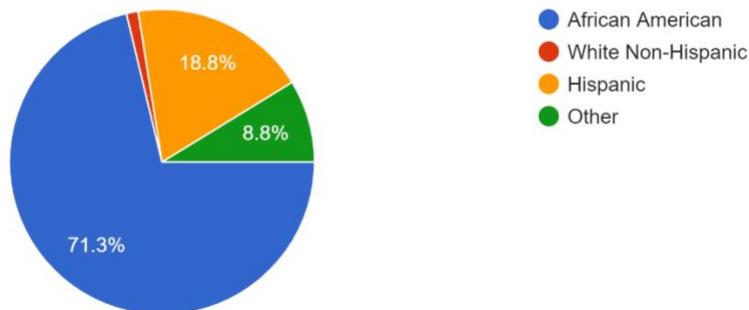
81 responses



Most of the people who completed the survey were African American (71.3%; N=57). (18.8%, N= 15) identified as Hispanic, 8.7% identified as Other (N=7) and 1.2% identified as White Non-Hispanic (N=1). Twenty-three respondents did not respond to this question.

What is your ethnicity?

80 responses



## Narrative Responses to Questions

### What is the best way to increase Park use?

Keep it cleaner

Making sure it's clean or as clean as possible adding new things

The best way to increase park use is bring more activities to the park where the youth would like.

Talk to your community

Have something for the older kids like bigger swings

put more stuff on the playground an get an indoor bathroom!!

More horses.

Safety in the park

Park clean up

signs

safety .

Fixing the playground and making it safer .

Having people clean up after themselves

More festivities

Allow vehicles to have their own trail and get them off the streets.

Probably add more lights to the park and a little more surveillance near the play ground

More benches , pools , bigger playground, nice basketball courts

Making sure the park is clean and safe for people

keeping it clean

Basketball court

More activities.

Clean, safe, blue light towers for emergency. More activities that engage all communities young adults, young parents, single parents, teens, preteen, music and art.

Keep it clean and safe.

Keeping it clean and making it kid friendly

Redo the park

The best way to increase park use have security, have organization and have more events

Put more attraction activity clean the park

Make it a safer environment and make sure the swings are working along with a bigger playground

Renovate the courts & clean up the park

The best way to increase park use by having events and community activities

Design park for social gatherings ,

We could use more horse shows and do more events for the community.

Tell others and go to events happening at the park more.

By keeping it clean.

More horse shows and more children to participate in our program.

Promote the park more

More events

The way to increase park use is to close the park earlier than usually.  
Add new things and make it more interesting  
Having more community events in the park.  
To run and play in the park.  
By keeping things clean and organize  
Go there more often even if I'm with Ebony Horse Women.  
Cleaning up the area  
Moves in the park  
Clean it up...then advertise park offerings.  
The best way to increase Park use have more events and activities.  
We should stop the violence and we should have the park look more presentable.  
Keep Pool open 24 hours  
Having community events allowing people to see the park  
More  
More Activities For Kids  
Pick up trash  
Redo the place scape. Make it bigger and fun but safe.  
Add thing that would interest teens  
Make it more well known, have more special events.  
Clean up the park insert a bar/restaurant. Full the rangers.  
more activities  
Put up sings flyers have ebony horse women offer events.  
hold more events there  
Having activities  
Animal exhibits  
By cleaning and sprucing up the basketball court and making a more coordinated and well kept space to practice playing with a football. A lot of kids go to the park to practice their art.  
Especially as you grow older, you stop caring about the monkey bars and slides and start caring about your craft, and finding a good place to put that craft to use. Keney park would be very good if it started to highlight more on the aspects of the teens that go there, and less on the aspects of the uncaring kids that use to.  
Less people or no people  
Doing good so far  
Having events at a park  
stop the violence and stop throwing trash on floor  
More events so more people come together.  
Install more stuff that people our age will be interested in  
Better the quality of jungle Jim's and clean up more trash  
Donations  
Better advertisement .More community events  
Having the park open , clean and less dangerous .  
Clean up the full park

Maintain cleanliness, accessibility to park equipment (slides, swings, etc.), social community weekly events

Doing free things or things that are cheap & fun. Do things for school.

make events every few meets that will attract people.

Pools, more water activities, especially during the hot days

More safety and protection as well as cleanliness

Advertising the park as an asset to the community

fix the basketball courts

Playground

## **What are some desired changes to the Park?**

New basketball courts

More swings more thing for the little kids but also things for the big kids they would appreciate

The desired changes I want is to make the park more safe with an safe environment and clean space.

The ground a little to lumpy to me

More things to do

Make the park closer to the entrance so we don't have to walk that far to get to the playground, an more swings!

Trash on ground.

Safer, clean areas.

New place gate

no garbage

no wood chips on playground. regular clean up of playground. updated playscape .

New swings .

I don't know

Clean up

The water sprinkles to cool down the people on a hot summer day.

Update the playground and refurbish it

Nice places for people to sit

We should add more things like activities for kids such as bean bag games

fixing it up

To make the basketball court nicer

Safety more active police on foot and bikes

Keep the water clean

A cleaning section were kids can wash their hands

Add more things to the park , make new benches, redo the basketball court

Some desired changes to the park is that we need clean, build more things for kids so they can have fun

Add the extra gym materials

More bigger playground. It needs to be a little closer to the entrances

New hoops

Some of my desired changes to the park is to always make the park clean and stable so that people will want to come  
Good facilities can provide services that help everyone  
Maintaining the equipment at the park  
More events and add more colors (aka morals of people or special events)  
The trash clean up  
To make sure people in the park are safe.  
Make up to date activities  
The Pond House  
To make the playground bigger than it is  
All of it needs to be new for the little kids to have fun on  
cutting down the trashes near the basketball courts more often & making the pool a safe place to go for kids again.  
To go to the park and have fun.  
Never been there.  
The golf park and the way the trail is when you're walking there.  
Rebuild the playscape  
Stop the loitering/hanging out of men with their cars near the cricket field.  
Desired changes to the park is that we need to more cleans up, we should fix up the pool Area and the fix up the basketball court. Build a tennis court.  
My desired changes are to have more people from Ebony Horse Women.  
To keep the pool open longer. Get a volleyball net and a sand box.  
Basketball courts  
More events and having people feel safe  
Change Basketball Courts  
To clean up the graffiti  
Cut down some of the trees to make it look presentable.  
phone chargers, stores, and bathrooms  
Take trips to other parts of the park.  
The park needs park rangers.  
more play grounds  
The swings.  
None  
fix the swings. or add more active things for the kids in the park area. maybe fix up the basketball area  
get it redone  
Not sure, never been  
Desired changes got the park is the set up  
fighting.  
Less trash on the ground.  
More swings, another play scape  
Less trash  
Indoor and outdoor pools, basketball court, test horses swimming in horse pool.

Better cleanliness and try to limit loitering

The cleanliness , and there should be a bathroom house or something . Because the port-a-potty's are nasty.

More playgrounds for kids and also fix the tennis court.

Community events, cleanliness

More things to do for children.

Things need to get fixed

More events

More water activities

More playground space for kids(more swings, more playing materials) as well as things for older kids

Make sure our park is as MODERNIZED as any other park in Hartford with a care analysis and evaluation of Hartford parks

Birds waste needs to be cleaned.

swing

### **What facilities are needed in the Park?**

Newer bathrooms

It depends

The facilities that are needed in the park is like an animal facility , an arts and craft facility and community service facility.

More bathrooms

Another riding arena.

Outdoor activities, fishing, animal sports, etc.

security

bathroom .

Neat clean bathrooms.

Clean water fountains close to the courts.

maybe a water station

Water fountains

A soccer field not only a pool, playground and basketball field.

garbages

golf course

Bathrooms, tennis courts, skiing cross country events.

More activities for kids

Indoor bathroom

Swings

The facilities we need are more security and police

Cut the grass in the fields add water fountains and more gym supplies

A pool and indoor restrooms

Workout facility?

Clean environment, safe, install camera

Walking path, public art, a lot of nature, cultural events, cleanliness  
More places for the horses.  
more bathrooms  
A gym.  
More hoses.  
Real bathrooms  
There should be more bathrooms  
Cleaning the park often  
Less mess  
Some facilities that are needed is more energy.  
gang control  
More plants/ trees  
Look at Elizabeth Park...mirror those amenities. Benches along the trails...landscape. Look at the ponds at Elizabeth, then visit the ponds at Keney. No comparison!  
Security  
We need more community service to make it look nice.  
Bathroom  
Snack shop and indoor bathrooms  
Gym  
I don't know sorry  
Nothing really  
phone chargers, stores, and bathrooms  
I don't know.  
Park rangers, medical station.  
I can't think of one  
Bathroom.  
More recreational activities  
I'm not sure  
A clean working bathroom system.  
Not sure, never been  
Clean bathrooms  
guards.  
more horse shows  
Bathroom  
Public bathrooms  
Pool, golf, more horse stables for more horses.  
The bathroom house .. and just other activities other than golf .  
track for walking and running, volleyball net  
A bathroom.  
an animal farm, circus  
Tables and seats and cleaner restrooms facilities  
Let's update what we have...  
fences

### **Is there anything else you would like to comment on?**

I don't know if I actually know the park

There isn't anything else I would like to comment on.

the pond can be cleaner.

I would like more Horse Shows.

We should keep the walking trails safe and not the leaves clutched together

Thanks for fixing basketball fields.

The park is beautiful and has a great impact on the community.

I want to go I've never been there sounds fun.

I would like to see people or myself to keep spotless like Elizabeth Park.

We need to have the community come together

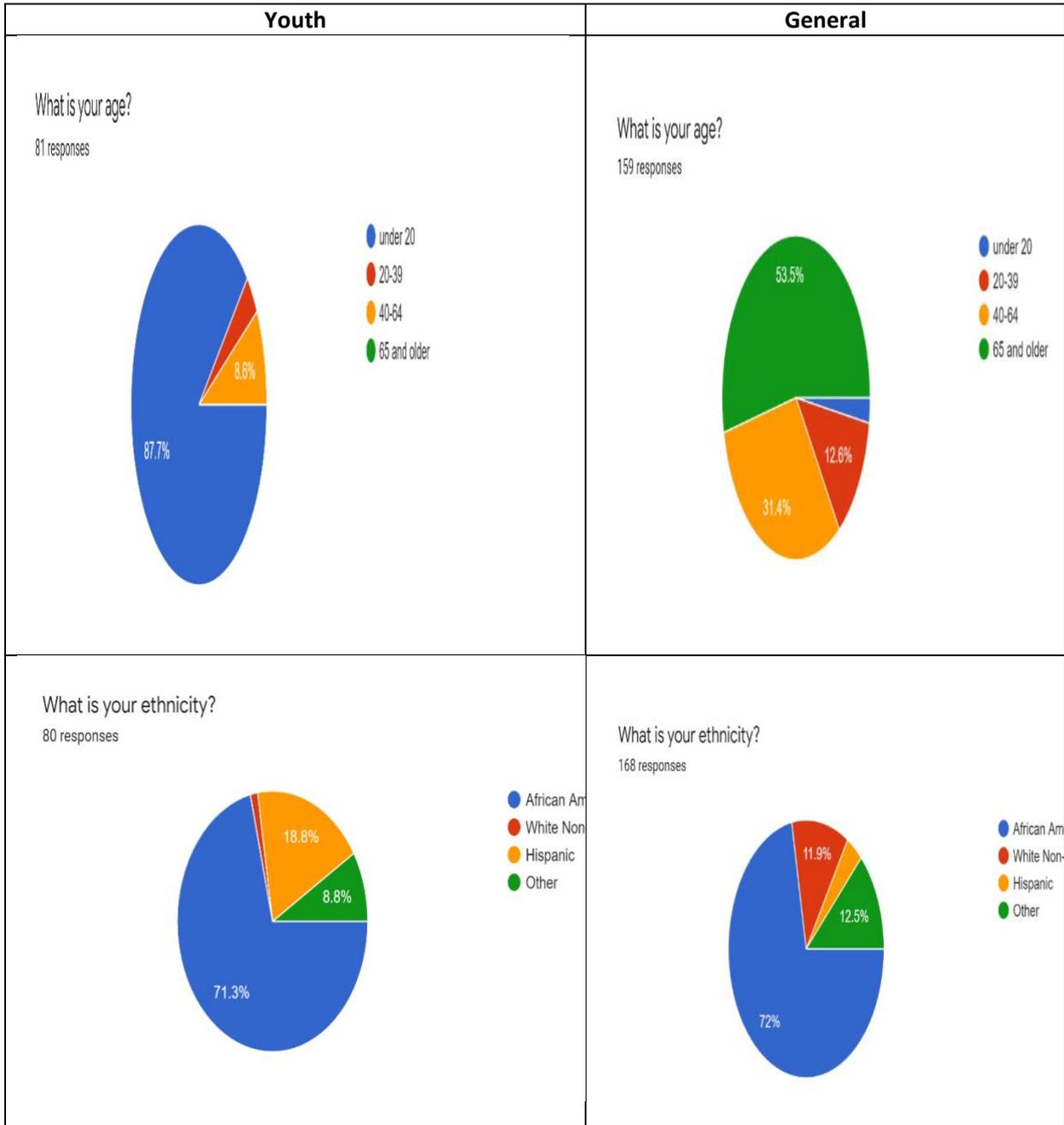
I would like to comment it on the illegal things that happen in the park.

The amount of men there will just be sitting in the cars watching children that's not even theirs.

Need park rangers to patrol it well.

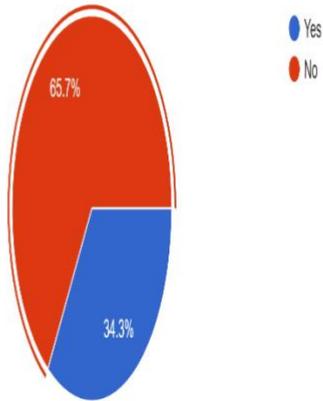
Make dog owners pick up their dog's waste.

## Youth Survey Compared to General Population Survey



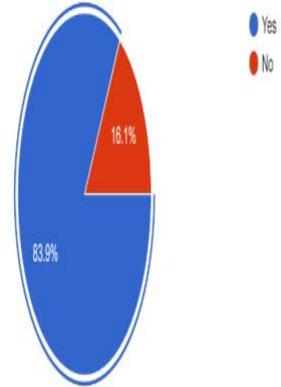
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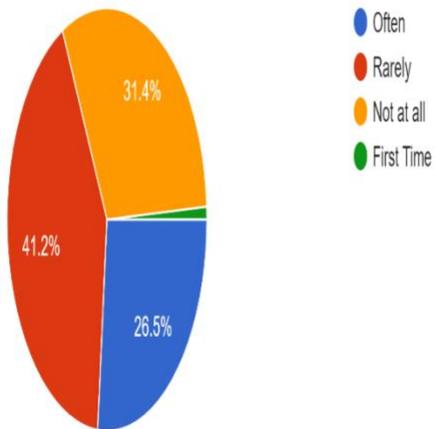
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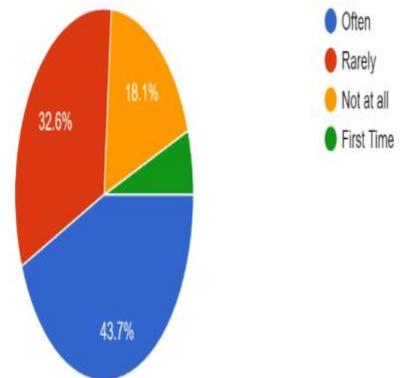
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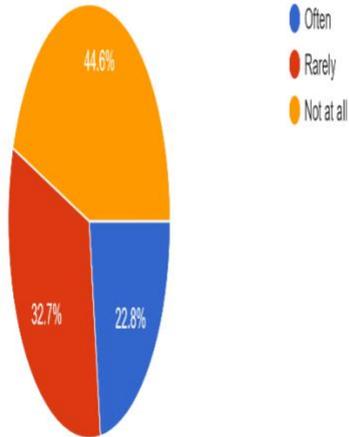
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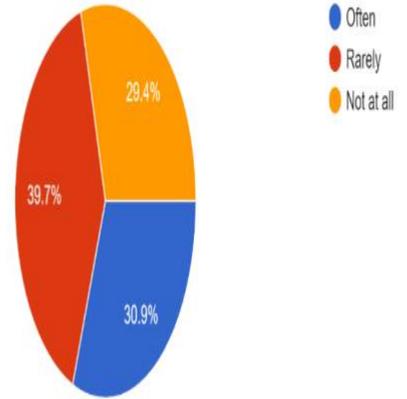
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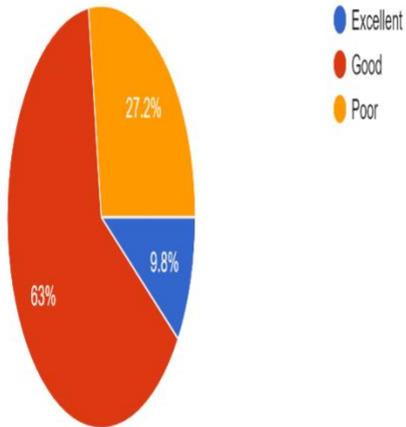
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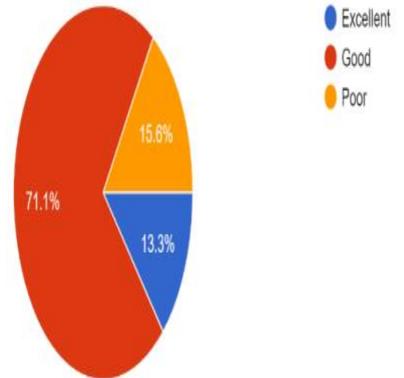
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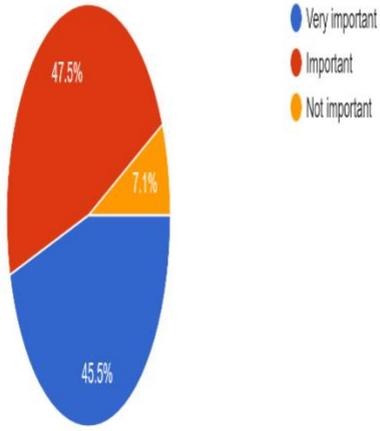
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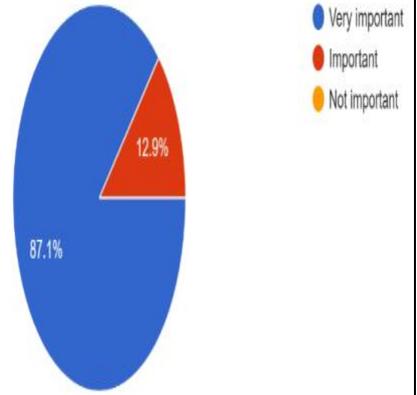
99 responses



Youth

How important is the Park to the community?

186 responses



General