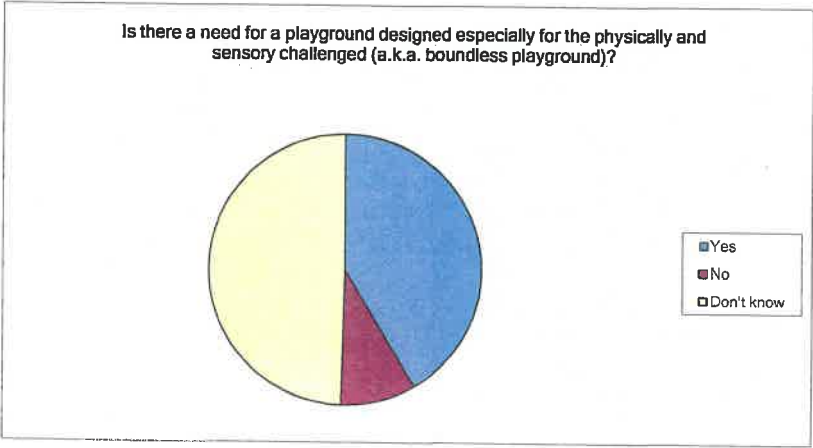


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Is there a need for a playground designed especially for the physically and sensory challenged (a.k.a. boundless playground)?

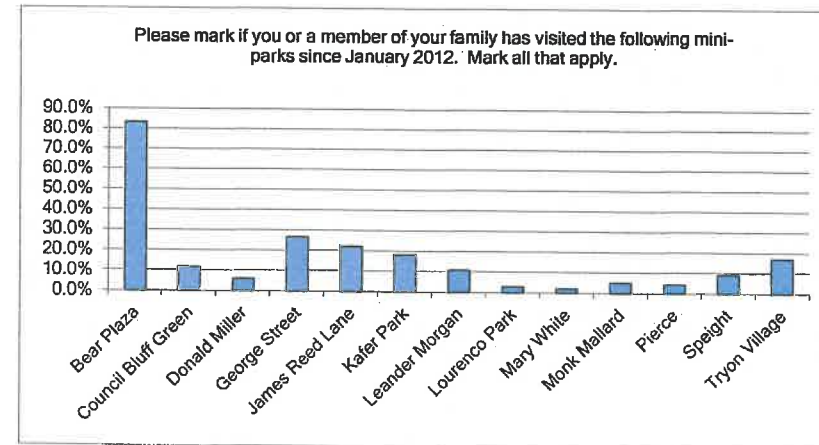
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	41.5%	211
No	8.9%	45
Don't know	49.6%	252
answered question		508
skipped question		55



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Please mark if you or a member of your family has visited the following mini-parks since January 2012. Mark all that apply.

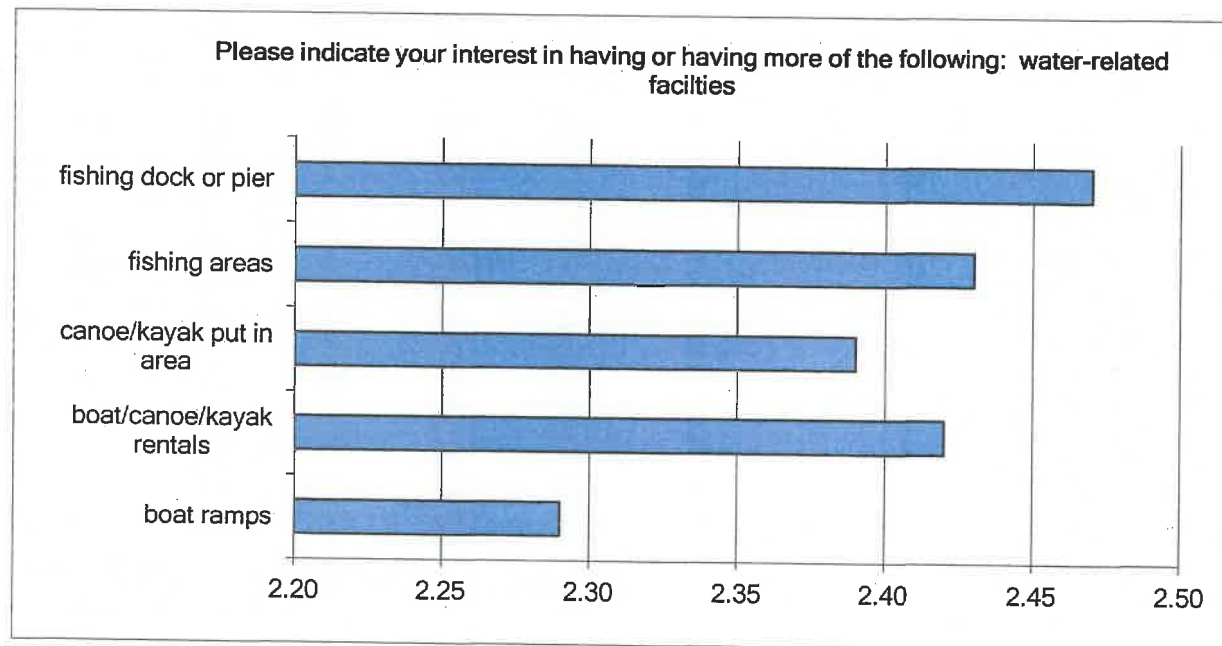
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Bear Plaza	83.2%	328
Council Bluff Green	11.7%	46
Donald Miller	6.1%	24
George Street	26.6%	105
James Reed Lane	22.1%	87
Kafer Park	18.0%	71
Leander Morgan	10.7%	42
Lourenco Park	2.8%	11
Mary White	2.0%	8
Monk Mallard	5.1%	20
Pierce	4.3%	17
Speight	9.1%	36
Tryon Village	17.0%	67
<i>answered question</i>		394
<i>skipped question</i>		169



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Please indicate your interest in having or having more of the following: water-related facilities

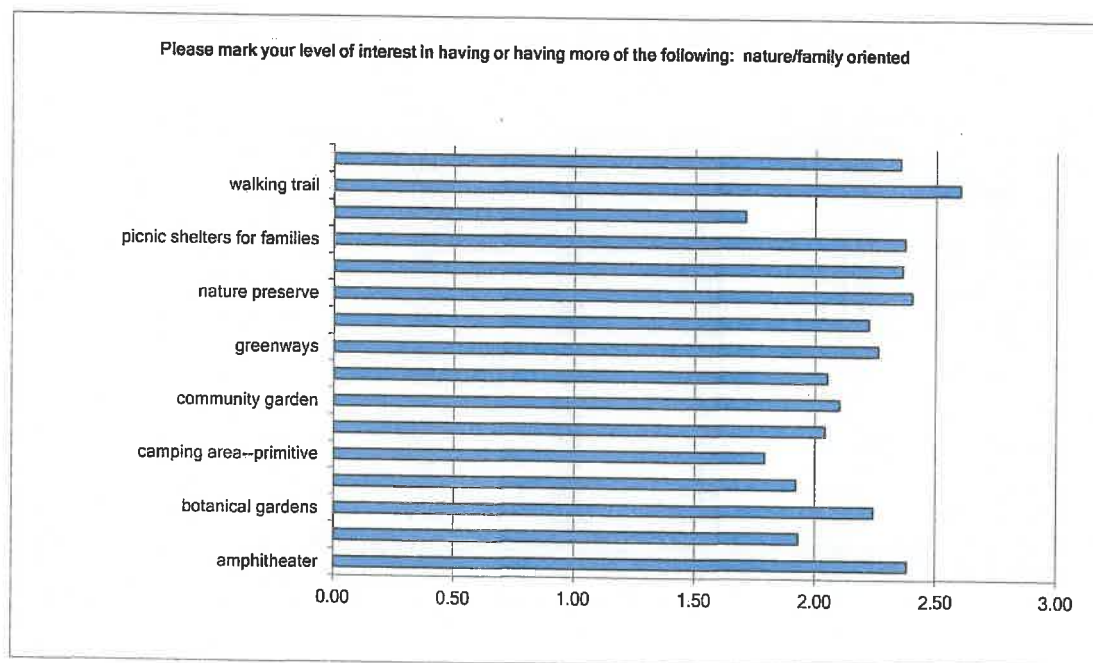
Answer Options	No interest	Some interest	Most interest	Rating Average	Response Count
boat ramps	74	143	194	2.29	411
boat/canoe/kayak rentals	47	152	228	2.42	427
canoe/kayak put in area	55	148	223	2.39	426
fishing areas	54	141	239	2.43	434
fishing dock or pier	47	139	251	2.47	437
<i>answered question</i>					492
<i>skipped question</i>					71



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Please mark your level of interest in having or having more of the following: nature/family oriented

Answer Options	No interest	Some interest	Most interest	Rating Average	Response Count
amphitheater	33	201	196	2.38	430
bird watching areas	120	178	94	1.93	392
botanical gardens	66	194	170	2.24	430
camping area--hook ups	135	140	103	1.92	378
camping area--primitive	151	119	79	1.79	349
dog park	112	165	130	2.04	407
community garden	92	201	133	2.10	426
gazebo	92	203	113	2.05	408
greenways	70	177	182	2.26	429
large group picnic area	66	205	159	2.22	430
nature preserve	44	176	219	2.40	439
open green space	41	195	196	2.36	432
picnic shelters for families	38	207	205	2.37	450
sunbathing area	168	101	69	1.71	338
walking trail	21	157	314	2.60	492
wildlife viewing area	45	171	186	2.35	402
				<i>answered question</i>	543
				<i>skipped question</i>	20

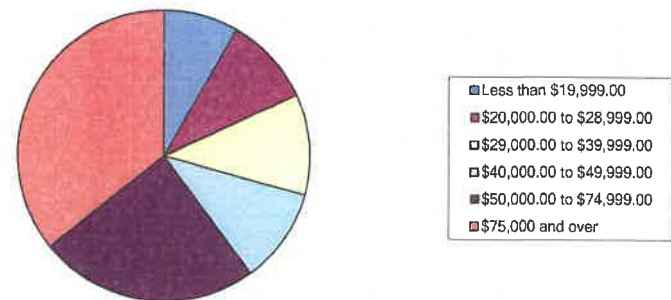


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Your estimated household income for last year (all money combined) please check:

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Less than \$19,999.00	8.2%	40
\$20,000.00 to \$28,999.00	9.8%	48
\$29,000.00 to \$39,999.00	11.2%	55
\$40,000.00 to \$49,999.00	10.6%	52
\$50,000.00 to \$74,999.00	24.3%	119
\$75,000 and over	35.8%	175
<i>answered question</i>		489
<i>skipped question</i>		74

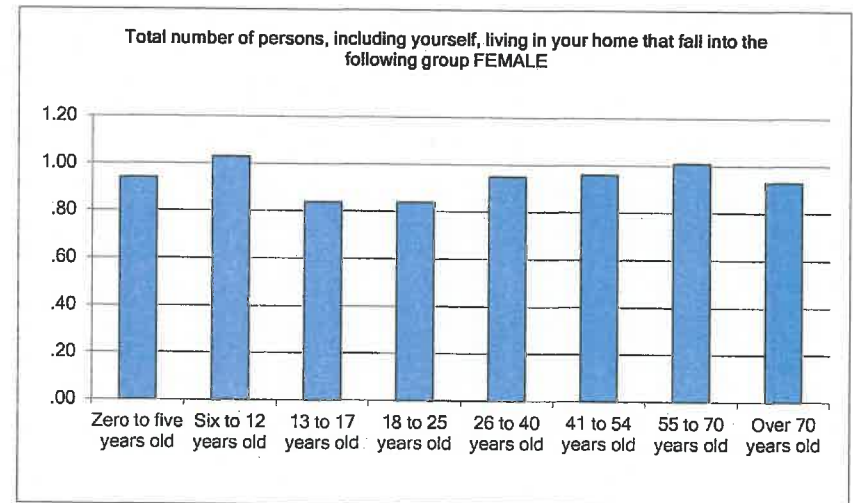
Your estimated household income for last year (all money combined) please check:



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Total number of persons, including yourself, living in your home that fall into the following group
FEMALE

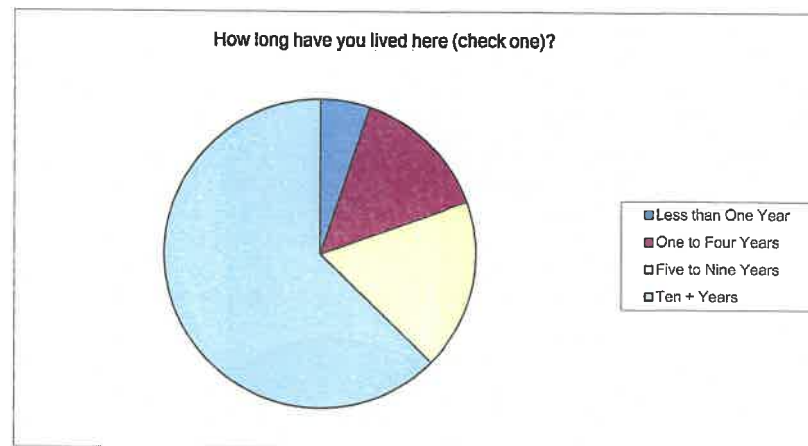
Answer Options	Response Average	Response Total	Response Count
Zero to five years old	.94	47	50
Six to 12 years old	1.03	62	60
13 to 17 years old	.84	32	38
18 to 25 years old	.84	37	44
26 to 40 years old	.95	103	108
41 to 54 years old	.96	120	125
55 to 70 years old	1.01	198	197
Over 70 years old	.93	101	109
<i>answered question</i>			519
<i>skipped question</i>			44



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How long have you lived here (check one)?

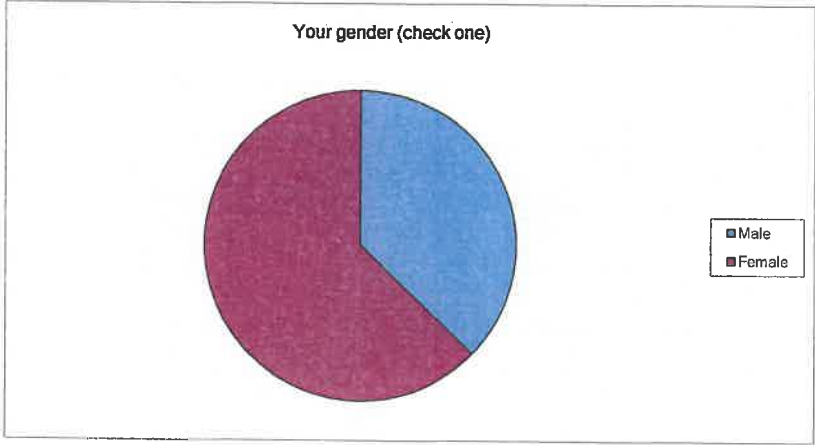
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Less than One Year	5.1%	27
One to Four Years	14.3%	76
Five to Nine Years	17.9%	95
Ten + Years	62.6%	332
<i>answered question</i>		530
<i>skipped question</i>		33



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Your gender (check one)

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Male	37.2%	204
Female	62.8%	344
<i>answered question</i>		548
<i>skipped question</i>		15

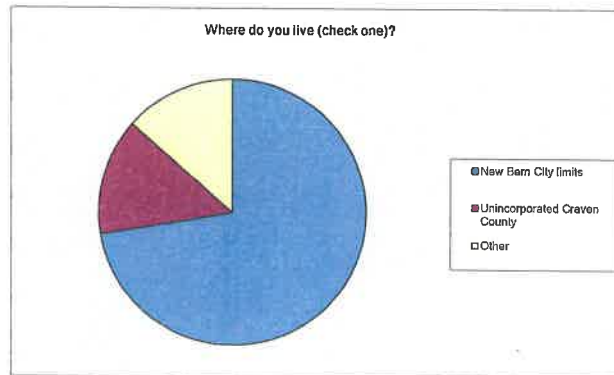


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Where do you live (check one)?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
New Bern City limits	72.3%	407
Unincorporated Craven County	14.2%	80
Other	13.5%	76
Other (please specify)		56
answered question		563
skipped question		0

Number	Response Data	Other (please specify)	Categories
1	Oct 28, 2013 8:56 PM	Fairfield Harbour	
2	Oct 24, 2013 8:32 PM	James City	
3	Oct 24, 2013 8:23 PM	Trent Woods	
4	Oct 24, 2013 7:47 PM	trent woods	
5	Oct 23, 2013 2:39 PM	River Bend	
6	Oct 23, 2013 7:13 AM	Emul, but spend most leisure time in New Bern	
7	Oct 22, 2013 1:26 PM	Trent Woods	
8	Oct 22, 2013 12:28 PM	Trent Woods	
9	Oct 18, 2013 7:19 PM	River Bend	
10	Oct 18, 2013 2:45 PM	Trent Woods	
11	Oct 18, 2013 2:43 PM	Trent woods	
12	Oct 17, 2013 1:32 AM	James city	
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14	Oct 15, 2013 8:17 PM	Trent Woods	
15	Oct 15, 2013 2:16 PM	Trent Woods	
16	Oct 15, 2013 2:08 PM	Olympia	
17	Oct 15, 2013 4:20 AM	Just south of Craven County	
18	Oct 15, 2013 1:02 AM	Pollocksville, Jones County	
19	Oct 14, 2013 10:46 PM	Jones County	
20	Oct 14, 2013 9:50 PM	James city	
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38	Oct 10, 2013 6:12 PM	Trent Woods	
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40	Oct 10, 2013 4:19 PM	Trent Woods, own business property in New Bern	
41	Oct 10, 2013 3:57 PM	Trentwoods	
42	Oct 8, 2013 7:50 PM	River Bend	
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44	Oct 8, 2013 2:24 PM	Trent Woods	
45	Oct 8, 2013 2:08 PM	Pollocksville	
46	Oct 8, 2013 2:07 PM	Pamlico County	
47	Oct 3, 2013 4:27 PM	live in Pamlico but have a New Bern address.	
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55	Sep 25, 2013 8:11 PM	Galloway, NJ	
56	Sep 25, 2013 6:04 PM	James City	



Did we miss anything?
I would like to see a shuttle service for disabled people can use to get to and from these activities.
excellent job
Need more craft programs for the kids
handicap accessible
Having something like the Neuseway Nature center located in Kinston would be a wonderful addition to New Bern.
Nice walking and biking trails with exercise steps to do interval training. Standup paddleboarding and sailing programs.
Better buses or vans
Canoe and kayak rentals like the ones that were once offered at Creekside Park, but just disappeared.
Bike trails that include the shoulder of the roads most commonly used
tennis courts staff
Boat building and sail row paddle programs for youth and adults
Although we are older and no longer can do many sports it is important to offer things for the younger families to do. We would be most interested in good, safe, walking trails.
Clean up and fix up the Greenwood Cemetery.
Put in paddle boat
We need access for boats to be able to dock downtown
increased accessibility for handicapped
Add park benches to sit and enjoy scenery, read a book, and sit and watch children play. Bathroom accessible.
yoga, dance classes
Safety and security- Panic button, regular patrol, security guards, especially for children's playgrounds.
We need attractions for teens - a safe hangout.
Just more walking trails through a beautiful setting. NB is surrounded by beautiful rivers - we need more public access to them.
Would like to see the West New Bern Recreation Center redone
We need a facility that is family friendly for families to enjoy in the summer months. It needs to be affordable and safe for all ages and include: splash park, water slides, lazy river, food, picnic, pavilion. We travel to Kinston and Wilmington for this and that's too far. We need something like this in New Bern. The beach is too dangerous for our young children, but we need to cool them off too!
Outdoor recreation program in department!
Exercise equipment room area at the WNB Rec Center
Guided walks of interesting facts, history, love, etc. Tom Glasbow led a Native Plants walk throughout Latham-Whitehurst. I would like to see more along those lines.

Signed bike lines
Pro/semi pro sports
NOthing to do, no where to go, no job.
Indoor tennis courts
Improved bike lanes on street of city. Sharing the raod not that safe. Bike walking paths would be good.
There needs to be more sidewalks in new bern. Anywhere you can see a fut from heavy use there needs to be a sidewalk there. We also need a mountain bikde course in Glenburnie park and a skate board park. I have land I wil give you for this use.
More classes for seniors - Tai Chi Beading class
Safe city walking access and more parking especially downtown on Craven street
No, however all of these times would be wonderful for the citizens of New Bern
Shooting clays area
The Salvation Army (provides?) the recreation for youth centers especially in Winston Salem.
More beauty- gardens, walks, benches, some tables
Yes ways to get to these places if you do not have a car- safe walk paths properly maintained - MORE MAINTENANCE!!!!
Someplace fun and safe for teens
I live on National Ave. A greenway on Simmons from Oaks Rd to Neuse Blvd would provide a pleasant walking or biking route to a laundry, restaurant, or grocery.
Need more parking areas in the downtown for locals and visitors!!
Golf
Shooting range. I believe it is neccessary to properly train our youth to properly handle guns and gun safety.
Community gardents
More adult community center use with special interest classes
Bridge playing
There are not enough safe streets (mostly due to old and narrow) to bike safely. We remodel the Cunningham bridge crossing the Trent river but we didn't widen it enough to put a bike lane nor a guard rail to protect pedestrians from vehicles? The bridge is more lit than East Front street despite more pedestrian and bike traffic on it. I'm sure this pertains more to the streets department.
My son (age 5) loves to go to the wooden park on pinetree drive near the recreation center. In the summer months it is super hot. A spray fan or an sprinkler the kids can run through would be a great addition.
Keep in consideration more handicap access there is not a single place to fish around New Bern for someone in a wheel chair and a lot of other city building are not accessable.
Pickle ball courts

Park exercise stations
Safe walking track for ladies
more paved bike lanes PLEASE!!
only that there are many parks that have fire ants that need to be addressed. Also, some equipment is rusted and old.
Would love Greenways!!
Better and more Bike trails in and around New Bern. Too many riders have to share the road with Motorized Vehicles. A dangerous event.
A huge need in New Bern is bike lanes.
Traveling to different Cities, Whitewater rafting, Zipline
exercise classes for working people, such as yoga or zumba
Roller rink
camping Jogging track
The city needs a Recreation Center and large park on the East side of town across the river.
If there were more lights and security at Lawson Creek Park during winter hours when it gets dark early so runners could run in safety and serious bikers could also get there exercise in safely and in a well lit area.
side walks are desperately throughout the city
Apparently race is a big factor in whatever decision you make. You've asked my race twice (#5 & #7). Are you catering to the people in the projects with an ultimate plan of trying to get them off the streets? It'll take more than a park!
You need an Indoor Facility in the Pleasant Hill Community. As New Bern boudaries expand so should the accessibility to all it's resources. Our children do not have safe indoor facilities within walking range.
5k Mud Run
walkway to Lawson's Creek Events at Lawson's Creek
Bicycle trails that are not next to roadways
sidewalks....
Multi-purpose trails or sidewalks outside city
Ceramics area
Posting of ALL events in Union Pt. Park would be helpful to those just wishing to avoid the park on those days/evenings. There have been times when we just want to walk our dogs and can't because of an unannounced event going on in the park. Very disappointing. This also has an effect on our plans in town on those dates, as it gets very crowded.

What team sport have you or a member of your family participated in since January 2012?

None, my grandson played football for NBHS.

Soccer and basketball

T-ball, spar boxing, volleyball

dodgeball, relay races, softball, putt putt, bike riding

football

Baseball

tball and softball

football, basketball, track

basketball and track

football, basketball

football

football

wrestling and t-ball

na

bowling league

Adult Kickball Adult Softball

Soccer, basketball, golf

Foot ball

soccer

None

basketball

Volleyball beach, volleyball indoor

Fencing

Canoe- water sport.

soccer

Swimming class

tennis, swim team, basketball

Senior games

basketball

Softball, Soccer, T-ball

Softball, golf

none

(tennis and volleyball camps) After the camps, it would be nice if there was a weekly game to practice and enjoy what has been taught.

tennis

None

football and soccer

Walking groups

none

baseball, basketball, football

bowling

soccer

biking and walking

bowling

Tball - children's soccer

None, but participated in many before 2012.
golf
None
football
Softball, tennis, volleyball
None
Bike MS ride
None
soccer
soccer, baseball, football
soccer
Volleyball
Baseball
Softball
Baseball and basketball
Lacrosse, volleyball, basketball, dance, cheerleading, & swimming.
Volleyball. Soccer.
Babe Ruth Girls Softball. Kickball for adults.
golf, swimming, and hiking
soccer and basketball
swimming and yoga
recreational volleyball
Adult kickball and adult softball leagues. (co-ed)
baseball and soccer
yoga
basketball, kickball, softball, soccer, and volleyball
Babe Ruth Soft Ball / Baseball
N/A
Lacrosse
Soccer, baseball, volleyball
Tennis, bike riding, sailing
Kickball and bowling
Swim Team, bowling team, & cycling
Soccer
NONE
gymnastics
LAX
Baseball, football, volleyball, basketball, cheerleading, and soccer
None
Gymnastics
none
Volleyball
Swimming, running
Soccer
None
cycling
soccer

What program would you like NBPR department offer?

All sports programs.

T ball team

Crafts - Home economics, bible study, and things for the elderly.

Teen program, after school care program, fitness/health programs. There needs to be more things for the children to do so they can stay out of trouble.

WNB - Senior programs, WNB after school care. Cheaper "Y" memberships.

Include many great activities in our area for no fees (free).

Programs for young children about health and fitness, mentoring sessions about self esteem, bullying, and team work.

More adult golf lessons that can work around the average working persons schedule. Fitness classes and kayaking programs.

Concerts at Union Park, Kayaking at Lawson Creek and Glenburnie parks.

I would like to see more soccer fields or more football fields so they would not have to practice on county soccer fields. I would like to see Putt put or par 3 golf.

basket making, knitting, and crocheting

tennis and staff

Ceramics - Stanley White Center needs art and crafts

Kayak, sail, canoe, boat building

More free concerts in the park. We had to travel to Kinston and Swansboro this past summer. If they can offer free music so can New Bern, you did so 8-10 years ago!! Mumfest is good but its only once a year.

basketball time for older adults (50-55+ league)

West New Bern Volleyball

More outdoor, free concerts in Union Point Park and kayak/canoe rentals.

Shopping trips to Smithfield

We were asked a few years back on a skateboard questionnaire, but nothing happened. If we had a site for teens to skateboard it would be an asset. Why are we allowed to sell skateboards if teens have no place to use them. Everything in the city is geared around seniors. You can see our youth walking and carrying their skateboards. Instead of building more homes on every vacant lot lets build something that may keep some of our youth out of trouble. A city without youth is really no city at all. They finish school and leave mostly because there's nothing to offer the youth, just seniors. I say to all seniors of New Bern, "Lets help keep some youth around. It will make a big difference."

Swimming Pool for residents (free or cheap) outside city limits.

golf programs

More programs for teens like basketball to keep them out of trouble. We also need walking trails in New Bern.
golf course and lessons
All water related programs
Days trips to West New Bern Recreation.
Creative arts, leadership programs for grades 4*12, walking programs with trails and a sound selection of festivals, musical programs, etc. to encourage cross- cultural interests.
Indoor tennis for season of rain. Movies for children and adults in poor weather.
gardening flowers and vegetables
Definitely need a skate park, but not sure where. Teen dances would give the teens a safe, drug free place to go with guarded entrances.
potters wheel (pottery)

Currently I am happy with how everything the way it is.
kayak put in area
bike trails
Nothing! You have wasted enough money. Tired of seeing Union Point with dog poop!!!
Walking paths and exercise equipment that would help young and older people. You are never too old to learn and grow.
Marked walking trails through fields, woods, etc.
More restroom (handicapped) for less agile older people at Creekside (not protta potties).
More playground equipment for children at Union Point Park and basketball courts for teens.
fishing area
upgraded bathrooms and more grills
Live music
A park for dogs large enough to have a fenced in area for small dogs, medium dogs, and big dogs. The 3 areas provide safety for dogs and owners of the dogs.
Put in dog waste bags and waste containers at all parks please; and more tennis courts.
Restrooms for the kids.
Rock climbing wall and water facilities.
We joined the Senior Citizens in Glenburnie Park. It was boring, so I didn't go back. The one in little Washington had classes for senior that arranged trips to Alaska and other neat places.
Glenburnie Dog Park - more shade trees and seats and a small dog section. New gate lock system and key pad.
A boat ramp dock for Union Point and Glenburnie Park.
Union Point is beautiful but sometimes parking (across the road) is blocked during special events.
Pond- boat pond
tennis courts and pickle ball courts
Expanded security, lighting, and cleanup.
Nothing needs to be added.
pool
Tennis courts and bathrooms at D.E. Henderson
Union Point cycling trails
Minor league baseball stadium or concert venue
Benches placed under trees for shade- all benches at Union Park are in the sun. Decorate the Large gazebo at Christmas - this can be seen and enjoyed coming into town over the bridge.

Frankfurter and hamburger stand with soda cans for same and the fishing pier extended into the bay or river.
GREENWAYS AND BIKE LANES!!!!!! Almost none of these parks here are easily accessible by bike or walking, you have to cross major intersections/drive to safely get to the parks.
Water for kids to play in when it gets hot outside
Outdoor swimming facility close to downtown with slides and swim lanes.
Additional restrooms are needed.
Dog parks at Creekside. Bike tails that allow for family rides - either nature or paved.
More dog areas
Shelter with lots of picnic tables like Creekside. Upgrade the basketball courts & have tournaments. Stop neglecting and add a/c to indoor gyms so that people don't pass out during summer time usage. Deepen the city pool and add water park features so that adults can enjoy it to justify the existing large, vacant, and expensive "bathtub" that we currently have.
Clean up and patrol park at end of Ave A (Donald Miller Park)
Little sprinklers for the kids.
Make sure landscaping plantings are maintained at Union Park i.e. weeded regularly.
Walking trails
Museums to attract tourist to this area. For instance, Aurora has many visitors to its Fossil Museum.
Nature and environmental programs city wide.
Nothing comes to mind. They are usually very tidy. Your grounds crew does a good job. Next question 22, when my children were smaller I wished there were more fenced parks. We would drive to Trent Woods. Kidsville has always bothered me that I would lose visual line of sight and that there are multiple exits opening to the road - but enough people use it anyway!
I like the family movies, but I would like family movies that aren't all cartoons. Also need better advertising, I have missed some not knowing when they were.
Make an effort to get a minor baseball team class A into New Bern, a stadium like Kinston's' facility. We have plenty of property in and around New Bern.
Gallows for hanging members of the NC legislature.
I would like to see SAFE bicycling paths connecting parks and areas of lower traffic. Paths should be WIDE enough to accommodate adult tricycles with baskets for shopping and secure stations to lock them up. Many cycle handlebars are wider than the bicycle areas we have.
I would like to see small shelters at Union Park.
All of the parks need bathrooms, soda machines, and healthy snack bars so more people can enjoy the parks. After you have rested you can purchase something to drink, use the restroom, or get a quick snack. All must be clean!
Mary White needs improvement and better upkeep.

Changing tables for babies
Less flooding areas in the parks - too much mud!
More waterfront activities
mile markers, outdoor exercise equipment/information plaques
Greenway/bike trails that are safe routes for families to stay off roads that are more than a mile long.
Mountain Bike trails - Glenburnie Park Camping, hiking, bike trails, horseback riding trails - New Park
Greenways!
Restroom at Lawson Creek Park; more shady areas at Union Point
Walking trails. Tennis Courts- definite shortage so anywhere
Water Fountains
more shelters
WI-FI
Many of the amenities listed are already supported by the county, why is there a need to duplicate services?
Outdoor grills
Decent & safe boat ramps
Upgrade and renovate existing. For example replace lights in existing light fixtures.
Concessions, Music/Concerts (good music not boring orchestra), Movies, Walking.
None
refreshments
More shelters and grills. Non Residents should be charged a fee to enter the parks.
Frisbee golf at Lawson Creek
Anything family oriented.
More bright lights when it gets dark early - possibly 2 or 3 emergency telephones installed
24 hour access - is that considered an amenity? I know it would make PD's life more difficult, but life doesn't dry up at dusk.
People still need a place to gather.
Another dog park / a running (leash free) area
Better maintenance of the parks would be good.
Union Point is widely used by many and can benefit from additional benches. Place them at areas throughout the park, not just facing the waterfront.

What do you like best about the parks and recreation in New Bern?

Everything is good for now.

Everything.

Nothing, I really don't use facilities.

I really don't know much, but I do see that a lot of the parks are not being utilized by the children around the area. It causes a problem, trash left in front of and in the back of houses, car windows being broken, gas tanks being tampered with. New Bern needs activities that will grab interest in all the children and it needs to be free so they can participate.

They are fairly safe and clean.

You need to expand hours and days at the new pool. The weather is still very HOT after they close for the summer. Also, you need to stay open later when days are longer.

It would be nice to have a variety of wonderful things to do for our children of low income families.

It gives family and kids a place to go and have fun. I don't have young kids but my kids have kids and we need good playgrounds and parks all my grandkids.

The Parks in New Bern are okay, but going into 2014 there needs to be some change and advancement.

It gives me a local place to take my kids to have fun.

Them all right!!

I like the fact that each park is different and it is a safe and clean place for me and my children.

I like that the parks are safe and clean for me and my family to play in.

They are good places for kids.

That they are clean and safe all the time when me and my kids are there. I would just like to see a nice playground closer to where I live.

They all are great parks!

I like that you are asking for community input. New Bern has it really going on downtown. I would like to see the Parks Dept. really step it up and allow for more access the water by adding more activities on or near the water like kayaking, sailing, fishing, etc. Take advantage of the incredible natural resources we have here.

Ability to work with Parks and Recreation managers and personnel when using a Parks and Recreation facility, especially Union Park and Lawson Creek Park.

We don't use parks and recreation areas very much, but we do enjoy the existing facilities occasionally. New Bern Park and Recreation Dept. does a very good job keeping all these places up- Clean and safe.

Well maintained parks with seats, gardens and trees. Thank you! Baggies and garbage receptacles to help people clean up after their dogs.

The continued upkeep to Lawson Creek, Union Point, and Glenburnie Parks are nice additions. Hopefully this continues

I have 3 grandchildren ages 14, 12, and 4. They have participated in the camps. Two visit during the summer, and they would enjoy some activities. The volleyball and tennis camp and pool time afterward was excellent
They are improving all the time
Pleasant staff
They are well maintained and clean
Easily accessible!
A place for young people to expend energy, learn/improve skills, and socialize. Some needed for special needs, poor.
They are well maintained and have adequate parking at the larger ones.
Not too much! Most of the best facilities are not accessible to blacks. That pool you build was a waste of tax payers money. Then the pool at the YMCA children (all) cant use!
More outdoor events
They are generally free and somewhere nice to visit.
Union Point and Lawson Creek Parks are so beautiful. They are well maintained, clean, and the view of the river is awesome. Your first glance and you know you are in a special place. New Bern is a unique and historical place. Many educated and talented people have come from New Bern. I am a native born in New Bern in a home that was once on the grounds of the Tryon Palace gardens. Lottie Lockey. Christian Writer, God's work through poetry since 1953 from the "Holy Spirit of Life, Love, Family and Country." Lottielockey@yahoo.com
I like our parks but they are a bit limited. Creekside has a kind of/ sort of walking trail, but its really not. I have enjoyed renting canoes at Creekside. I used to go to Bob Marley kind of concerts and people would dance and have fun with their children. Out in the park there where events with art tables for kids, magician shows, lemonade stands with cookies. Arts and crafts for sale. A themed event like a Renaissance Festival in the park.
Not much. I just moved here and do not find the park very user friendly. I have a difficult time finding a place to walk, my dogs. Also, I love to kayak which seems to be a popular thing here but the boat docks are too high for kayaks! Everything seems geared toward large boats.
Good fields for baseball, soccer, etc.
No opinion due to fact I don't use the parks.
They contribute to make this area a great place to live.
Cleanliness and accessibility, but we need more parking!
Taking trips, doing arts and crafts, watching the birds, play equipment for kids, walking trails, outdoor grills, shelter at Lawson park, and outdoor sports fields.
Most of them are clean and well kept.
They are in scenic locations on the water that you can fish and crab - good for children and adults.
Shade and cleanliness.

Well maintained parks - especially enjoy and use dog park at Glenburnie Park, but there needs to be another dog park at west end of town.
Good boat ramps except the ones at Union Point Glenburnie.
The lack of crowding and natural environment.
The variety and the number of choices we have to pick from - we are lucky.
The parks that I use are clean and well kept!
Good availability and convenience in terms of the location of my house.
Good sit down areas. I am able to sit and enjoy the scenery.
Handicapped or not use. Many good programs offered
Clean and well maintained.
Clean, neat, well maintained, and accessible.
We are fortunate to have them and to have such variety. For the most part they are well maintained, although litter is always a problem (as it is in the city itself). Don Miller Park has deteriorated very seriously. Originally intended for community water access it is now a dangerous area in which drug activity and homeless individuals are frequent sights. Condom wrappers, cigarettes, liquor bottles reappear as soon as neighborhood volunteers pick up the trash, which we do weekly. Detective Miller lived in the neighborhood -- we miss him still, and recall that he would not have been pleased to see a neighborhood park that is unsafe. Thanks for offering the survey --
It is available to all concerned citizens. Just need to have more events that the teenager can get involved in, more hands on things.
bathrooms
You did a great job with this survey. I hope all types of people take time to answer and are willing to pay postage or hand deliver it.
senior games
There is always a park convenient to your location.
Convenient locations, scenic views, and always open to public at no charge.
They offer a wide variety of activities for all ages. They also seem to take good care of the grounds.
Note that we've just moved to town (one month ago), so we have no experience here.
Like Union Pt. Park, I would really like the new park on S. Glenburnie to be developed with bike and walking paths.
Mr. Hardison works hard at providing the best all award facilities and his staff do the same. They really do care.
There are a lot of parks that provide access to one of our best resources: the Trent and Neuse river and their tributaries.
Ball fields and senior games
A place to take grandchildren to play.

Clean facilities
I really haven't been that often to answer correctly.
I like how they have great potential, that's about all I can say, sadly.
Outdoor events when the weather is nice. We need smaller community attractions year-round for locals, smaller festivals and attractions that are accessible and not over-crowded. Why not concerts at the convention center instead of pole dancing?
Creekside- closeness and playground
I like our existing parks and the number of them. We just need additional programs and perhaps some better facilities.
Community building
The parks are very clean, well mowed, feel safe, and there are several parks offered in all corners of the town. You should team up with the Sun Journal and have them do a series of articles that educate us on what we do have and how to access it. Make maps available, fees that exist, and goals for future. Who is in charge and who to share ideas with. The newspaper can communicate all this like they did SWISS BEAR.
They are well kept.
I am 102 years old and my answers reflect this. I feel we should be focusing on young families and what they need. What would bring these people to New Bern. Jobs bring them here - we can keep them here. Bike friendly roads pathways.
The maze at Kidsville at the West New Bern Recreation Center.
We are blessed to have the facilities we have for a community of this size.
Generally nice park.
I enjoy the variety of the parks. They are all very different. If we want to go by the shade we often go to the park by the first Baptist church and cow cafe, if we just want to take a walk by the water and go on swings we head over to the gazebo area. Our favorite is the kidsville park on pinetree drive.
I believe Parks & Recreation does the best with what they are appropriated, I feel they need more staff and funding- it is hard to do a 100 man job with 25 men.
They are beautiful and well maintained.
I think they do a good job although I don't use facilities much. I have avoided the pool because of so many children and would like some adult time set aside there.
Water access in multiple parks - plenty of parking available.
Can I say what we like least? Maintenance, flowers, and signage at Union Point (and nearby landmarks) have deteriorated remarkably. Terrible impression for tourists. Budget needs to adjust priorities.
The amazing potential we have here.

Suggestions... Would like to see more resources for ALL citizens, not just lower income families. Just because family is above poverty line does not mean they are not struggling. UTILITIES, rising cost of groceries, and all other rising expenses are hurting everyone. We're not able to offer our kids many things because of rising cost. But there seem to always be more offered for poverty stricken areas.
New Bern parks offer clean grounds and upgraded equipment. The town takes pride in the facilities and offers a welcoming feel to newcomers and visitors. Children and parents feel safe and our grounds say, "Welcome to New Bern, you can all use your next home!"
Adequate playing areas for kids.
Amazing how clean and user friendly our parks are- keep up the good work. Also in #20 did not see Creekside mentioned we use that a lot for walking.
accessibility
1. SAFE 2. CLEAN 3. Outdoors associated with the water even if only for the aesthetics. (You don't have to get in the water to enjoy it).
You are doing a great job! Keep up the good work but thanks for acknowledging the opportunities for improvement!!!
They take advantage of the natural beauty of the area.
They are clean!
Most are well kept with equipment in good working condition. Bathrooms are for the most part clean and stocked with soap and toilet paper.
There is a variety of facilities and programs, but they are not as well publicized as they should be.
They are open to new sports & expanding existing facilities.
THE REST ROOMS AND THE NEATNESS (UPKEEP) OF THE PARKS.
Clean and well-manicured, thanks!
Lawson Creek is pretty good. I think there is a lack of water access for canoes and kayaks launching, with all of this water is kind of a black mark. Please push to get this lake beside Glenburnie on the map!
No comments
There has been a great improvement to facilities and programs thanks to Thurman Hardison.
They are neat and clean.
Dog park at Glenburnie. Kayak put ins. Boat launches.
Youth programs
There are a variety of activities, but there just not a lot of them.
Clean well maintained parks.
I like the availability of the parks and how many we already have.
New Bern is beautiful and has much to offer with the river and our park areas.

As I said, the rec centers do not exhibit a safe atmosphere. Some of the parks can use more lighting, especially in light of recent robberies in NB.

Well-maintained grounds - lawn care and trash picked up. Playground equipment for children to get exercise. Ball fields

I love Union Point, however I am not a fan when it's closed off to special events. The park should be for everyone. We all pay taxes!

There are a lot of parks and I like that!

The Parks are generally kept clean, both on land and near the docks.

They are very well maintained. The maintenance staff for the outdoor parks are very friendly and work hard!

You do a great job!

THE VARIETY, THE OPENNESS, AND SIMPLICITY

James Bullock

I am the founder of A Dog's Dream Dreamer's Foundation I have been working on building a dog park in ENC I have talked with Sabrina Bengel & other cities in the area. Please contact @ 910-545-5195

The Parks Dept. does a fine job of keeping the parks tidy.

3. If you live in the City of New Bern, what Ward are you in? Not sure of your ward, go here for a map: [click here](#)

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	Response Percent	Response Count
Ward 1--Sabrina Bengel	26.8%	102
Ward 2--Victor Taylor	11.8%	45
Ward 3--Dennis Bucher	19.7%	75
Ward 4--Johnnie Ray Kinsey	12.1%	46
Ward 5--Bernard White	6.6%	25
Ward 6--Dana Outlaw	22.9%	87
answered question		380
skipped question		183

4. Your gender (check one)

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	Response Percent	Response Count
Male	37.2%	204
Female	62.8%	344
answered question		548
skipped question		15

5. Your race / ethnic group (check one)

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	Response Percent	Response Count
African American	16.8%	90
Asian	0.9%	5
Hispanic / Latino	1.3%	7
Caucasian	80.9%	433
Other (please specify) Show Responses		8
answered question		535
skipped question		28

6. How long have you lived here (check one)?

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answered question	530
skipped question	33

8. Total number of persons, including yourself, living in your home that fall into the following group FEMALE

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13 to 17 years old Show Responses	0.84	32	38
18 to 25 years old Show Responses	0.84	37	44
26 to 40 years old Show Responses	0.95	103	108
41 to 54 years old Show Responses	0.96	120	125
55 to 70 years old Show Responses	1.01	198	197
Over 70 years old Show Responses	0.93	101	109
answered question			519
skipped question			44

9. Check by your age group

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	Response Percent	Response Count
Zero to 12 years old	0.0%	0
13 to 17 years old	0.0%	0
18 to 25 years old	2.5%	14
26 to 40 years old	18.1%	100
41 to 54 years old	22.9%	126
55 to 70 years old	35.8%	197
Over 70 years old	20.7%	114
answered question		551
skipped question		12

10. Your estimated household income for last year (all money combined) please check:

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	Response Percent	Response Count
Less than \$19,999.00	8.2%	40
\$20,000.00 to \$28,999.00	9.8%	48
\$29,000.00 to \$39,999.00	11.2%	55
\$40,000.00 to \$49,999.00	10.6%	52
\$50,000.00 to \$74,999.00	24.3%	119
answered question		489
skipped question		74

12. Please mark your level of interest in having or having more of the following:
nature/family oriented

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	No interest	Some interest	Most interest	Rating Average	Rating Count
amphitheater	7.7% (33)	46.7% (201)	45.6% (198)	2.38	430
bird watching areas	30.6% (120)	45.4% (178)	24.0% (94)	1.93	392
botanical gardens	15.3% (66)	45.1% (194)	39.5% (170)	2.24	430
camping area--hook ups	35.7% (135)	37.0% (140)	27.2% (103)	1.92	378
camping area--primitive	43.3% (151)	34.1% (119)	22.6% (79)	1.79	349
dog park	27.5% (112)	40.5% (165)	31.9% (130)	2.04	407
community garden	21.6% (92)	47.2% (201)	31.2% (133)	2.10	426
gazebo	22.5% (92)	49.8% (203)	27.7% (113)	2.05	408
greenways	16.3% (70)	41.3% (177)	42.4% (182)	2.26	429
large group picnic area	15.3% (66)	47.7% (205)	37.0% (159)	2.22	430
nature preserve	10.0% (44)	40.1% (176)	49.9% (219)	2.40	439
open green space	9.5% (41)	45.1% (195)	45.4% (195)	2.36	432
picnic shelters for families	8.4% (38)	46.0% (207)	45.6% (205)	2.37	450
sunbathing area	49.7% (168)	29.9% (101)	20.4% (69)	1.71	338
walking trail	4.3% (21)	31.9% (157)	63.8% (314)	2.60	492
wildlife viewing area	11.2% (45)	42.5% (171)	46.3% (186)	2.35	402
answered question					543
skipped question					20

13. Please mark your level of interest in having or having more of the following:
Indoor Facilities

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	No interest	Some interest	Most interest	Rating Average	Rating Count
arts and crafts room	23.1% (102)	45.4% (200)	31.5% (139)	2.08	441
banquet room with kitchen	30.2% (119)	44.4% (175)	25.4% (100)	1.95	394
answered question					532
skipped question					31

13. Please mark your level of interest in having or having more of the following:
Indoor Facilities

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woodworking shop	38.5% (137)	40.5% (152)	22.9% (86)	1.86	375
volleyball courts	34.1% (126)	37.9% (140)	27.9% (103)	1.94	369
answered question					532
skipped question					31

14. Please indicate your interest in having or having more of the following: water-related facilities

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	No interest	Some interest	Most interest	Rating Average	Rating Count
boat ramps	18.0% (74)	34.8% (143)	47.2% (194)	2.29	411
boat/canoe/kayak rentals	11.0% (47)	35.6% (152)	53.4% (228)	2.42	427
canoe/kayak put in area	12.9% (55)	34.7% (148)	52.3% (223)	2.39	426
fishing areas	12.4% (54)	32.5% (141)	55.1% (239)	2.43	434
fishing dock or pier	10.8% (47)	31.8% (139)	57.4% (251)	2.47	437
answered question					492
skipped question					71

15. Please mark your level of interest in having or having more of the following:
Outdoor Facilities

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	No interest	Some interest	Most interest	Rating Average	Rating Count
archery range	40.8% (139)	37.8% (129)	21.4% (73)	1.81	341
baseball fields--youth	29.5% (117)	36.8% (146)	33.8% (134)	2.04	397
basketball courts--outdoors	33.9% (131)	33.2% (128)	32.9% (127)	1.99	386
batting cage	34.2% (124)	38.8% (141)	27.0% (98)	1.93	363
bike trails	9.2% (41)	32.8% (147)	58.0% (260)	2.49	448
BMX bike racing track	49.4% (168)	27.1% (92)	23.5% (80)	1.74	340
bocce ball courts	41.2% (140)	41.2% (140)	17.6% (60)	1.76	340
answered question					540
skipped question					23

15. Please mark your level of interest in having or having more of the following:
Outdoor Facilities

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tennis courts	26.9% (105)	40.8% (160)	32.2% (126)	2.05	391
vending park	49.7% (165)	32.8% (109)	17.5% (58)	1.68	332
volleyball courts	33.8% (124)	39.8% (146)	26.4% (97)	1.93	367
water splash park	27.5% (108)	31.0% (122)	41.5% (163)	2.14	393
answered question					540
skipped question					23

16. If there is something that we missed, please add it here:

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Response	Count
Show Responses	132
answered question	132
skipped question	431

17. What team sport has you or a member of your family participated in since January 2012 (excluding school sports)? List all team sports.

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Response	Count
Show Responses	201
answered question	201
skipped question	362

18. What program would you like to see the New Bern Parks and Recreation Department offer? List the desired program(s) and site preferred.

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Show Responses	168
answered question	168
skipped question	395

21. What amenity would you like to see added to these existing parks? List the park and the addition desired. [Download](#)

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Show Responses	177
answered question	177
skipped question	388

22. Is there a need for a playground designed especially for the physically and sensory challenged (a.k.a. boundless playground)?

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	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	41.5%	211
No	8.9%	45
Don't know	49.6%	252
answered question		508
skipped question		66

23. To build, expand or renovate park and recreational facilities, which of the following would you support? Mark all that apply.

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	Response Percent	Response Count
Additional facility user fees	37.8%	176
Additional program user fees	35.5%	165
Charges for staff services (e.g., for events)	44.5%	207
Increase in the Parks & Recreation Department budget	68.2%	317
Ear-marking certain Parks & Recreation revenue for special projects	54.4%	253
answered question		465
skipped question		98

24. What do you like best about the parks and recreation in New Bern? (limited to 200 characters)

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	Response Count
answered question	244
skipped question	319