

Survey Results: Parks and Recreation

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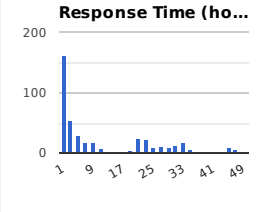
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343 of 478 initially invited (72%)
92 others
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All Responses

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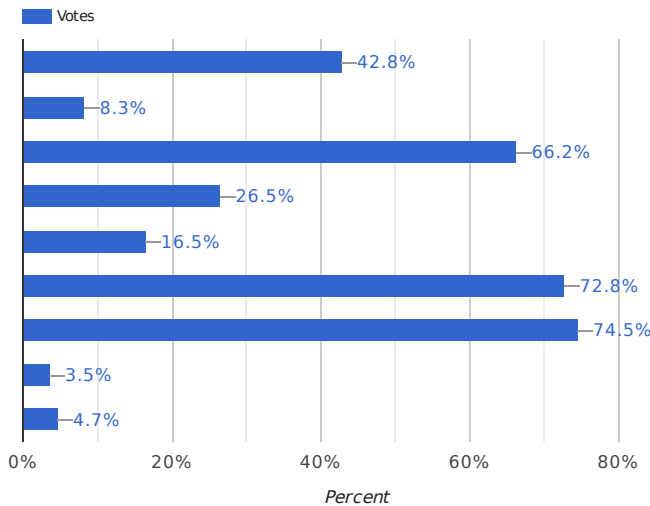
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Target Participants:
All Chanhassen

Q1 In the last twelve months, which of these City of Chanhassen park amenities have you visited, if any? (Choose all that apply)

(423 responses)

Options	Votes (423)
Chan Rec Center	42.8% (181)
Chanhassen Senior Center	8.3% (35)
Lake Ann Park	66.2% (280)
Bandimere Park	26.5% (112)
Outdoor Skating Rink	16.5% (70)
A neighborhood park	72.8% (308)
Trail system	74.5% (315)
None of these	3.5% (15)
Other:	4.7% (20)



park minnewashta
 beach hill
 rice lake marsh
 trail carver susan
 pond kerber

Carver Beach Park

Minnewashta Beach & Fishing Pier-- OUR FAVORITE!!!

Lake Susan, Lake Minnewashta, Lake Lucy,

Lake susan Park

Lake Susan Park

Lake Susan Park, Power Hill Park

Lake Susan, Rice Marsh Lake

Lake Susan Park

Lake Susan Park

Lake Susan Park, Lake Minnewashta, Sugarbush Park

City Center Park, Carver Beach Park, Kerber Pond Park, Kerber Pond Sledding Hill

Lake Susan Park

Lake Susan

Carver Beach

Lotus lake

Kerber Pond Park

Lake Susan, Rice Marsh Lake

Lake Susan, Rice Marsh Lake trail, Minnewashta, other local trails, like the one by Tweet Dental,

Lake Susan Park

Roundhouse park

Q2 The City currently operates the Chanhassen Rec Center in a shared building with Bluff Creek Elementary. The building has a small workout facility, dance studio, one gym/court, and meeting rooms. If the city were to build an expanded Community/Rec Center, which amenities would you be most interested in, if any? (Choose all that apply)

(412 responses)

Options

Votes (412)

Turf Field

I think considering an indoor pool would be something our family would use for year-round exercise.

virtual golf facility

Craft room, game room for playing cards and board games , maybe pool table

indoor pool

Indoor pool

Indoor pool

Indoor Lap Pool and Family Pool

Indoor pool

Fitness classes for all levels - young and old. Additional workout equipment. Showers?

Indoor pool

Indoor pool and Childcare when using workout facilities

Tennis courts indoor

Outdoor play area similar to French Park or Chutes & Ladders

indoor pool

indoor pool

indoor pool

Indoor fields for soccer, lacrosse, etc (like Chaska Dome)

Paddle tennis (platform tennis) courts; space east of current tennis courts at BCE. Fed \$\$\$?

Indoor pool

Archery range

Indoor pool - we're members at Chaska CC

Indoor pool, hot tub, sauna, meeting rooms

Indoor lap pool. There are several high performing swimming clubs in the area.

Indoor pool

Indoor lap pool like Eden Prairie CC

Indoor pool

Indoor and outdoor tennis courts

I would LOVE to see an outdoor pool. A big facility, with slides, etc.

Indoor pool

Indoor 50 meter Pool

Weights

Indoor pool

Deperately need more basektball courts!!

Fitness space with a broad range of weight machines and cardio machines

Swim lessons

Indoor pool, exercise equipment with a view (windows, volleyball)

CHANHASSEN NEEDS AN INDOOR ICE RINK!!!

Fitness floor with equipment

Improve the weight room!!

Indoor pool

indoor pool
Indoor swimming pool, theater,
Indoor pool
Indoor pool
Indoor "family" pool with installations for kids
Indoor pool/water park, monthly fees as opposed to pinch card
indoor pool
Larger workout area
Indoor pool
A good workout area with a good variety of different machines. More machines than the present ones.
Indoor pool, only if no further from downtown (We have Silver Sneakers & can use EP Rec Center)
Workout equipment, meeting/gathering space
Would love to have a winter walking space and would frequent the location daily.
Indoor 50 meter pool
Indoor pool
Indoor pool
Indoor pool
Indoor Pool
Indoor pool
Gym with weight or cardio equipment
Indoor pool with lap lanes!
Indoor pool
Quiet yoga, meditation, or massage area
Expanded weight room with free weights (olympic style) and squat rack.
At this time we probably wouldn't use these amenities but I certainly see the value in them all.
More fitness equipment for classes
it's minnesota, why would you consider an outdoor pool. An indoor pool would be of interest
Indoor pool, indoor water park, outdoor splash pad, curling center to attract regional tournaments
Indoor pool
Water park

Q3 Below is a list of possible parks projects that have been named as priorities through past community engagement and planning efforts. How would you allocate \$100 across this sample list of projects?

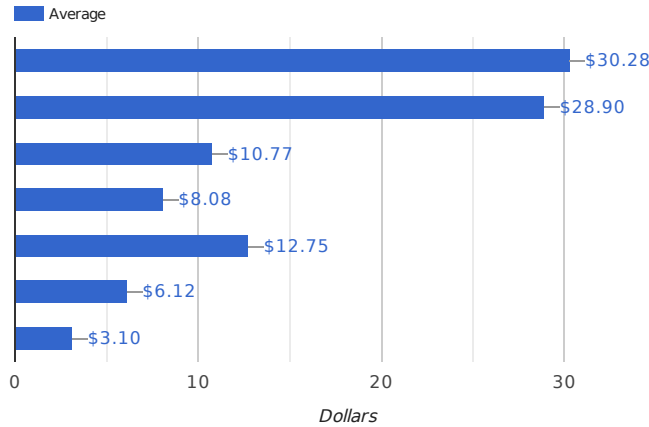
(373 responses)

Options	Average (373)
Maintenance and upgrading of neighborhood parks	30.3%
Lake Ann Park expansion of trail and boardwalk system	28.9%
Splash pad	10.8%
Indoor ice	8.08%
Permanent bathrooms at more parks	12.7%

Options

Average (373)

Convert some athletic fields to turf and add lighting	6.12%
None of the above	3.1%



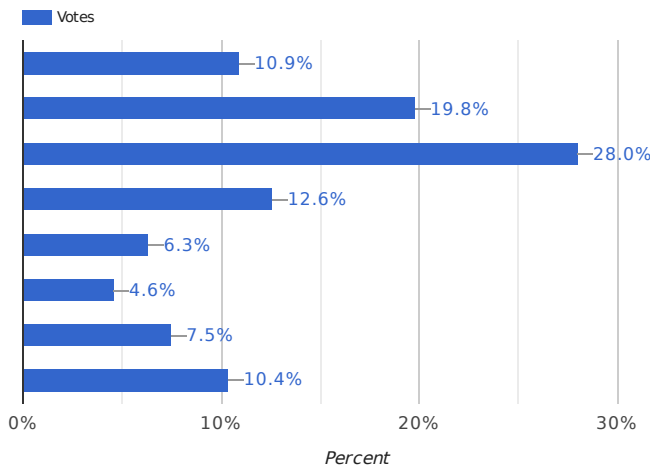
Q4 How much would you be willing to spend to expand the recreation amenities available through Chanhassen's parks system?

(414 responses)

Options

Votes (414)

Nothing	10.9% (45)
\$1 to \$50 per year (\$0 to \$4 monthly)	19.8% (82)
\$51 to \$100 per year (\$5 to \$8 monthly)	28.0% (116)
\$101 to \$150 per year (\$9 to \$13 monthly)	12.6% (52)
\$151 to \$200 per year (\$14 to \$17 monthly)	6.3% (26)
\$201 to \$250 per year (\$18 to \$21 monthly)	4.6% (19)
More than \$250 (\$22 or more monthly)	7.5% (31)
Not Sure	10.4% (43)



Q5 Any other comments or suggestions about Chanhassen Parks and Recreation amenities?

(130 responses)

nature maintain current facility space well
 live center indoor also field
 thank like court trail need see please
 area ann love park lake chan
 go chanhassen look pool expand
 make great city use community
 bathroom better amenities improve walk

No

Handicap accessible ramp down to Carver Beach on Lotus Lake is needed

Property taxes are too high already. We're already looking at a large, upcoming assessment for street repairs. We could not afford any more increase in property taxes for new amenities.

We have lived in Chanhassen for almost 20 years and remain shocked that we don't have an indoor ice rink, pool, or indoor walking track here. Even though our children are now grown and no longer living in Minnesota, we still would like to see these enhancements made - for our own good as active adults and for the benefit of younger families.

Reservable indoor Pickleball courts!

Love all the trails & parks-- thank you! Add stop signs by busy parks and trails-- like the Roundhouse Park. Repair out of order street lights-- at Roundhouse Park. Maintain & repair sidewalks promptly. Add native plants and grasses to increase natural habitat. Stop using chemicals (pesticides) at the parks-- this is where our children play & native animals need to survive.

Our ball and soccer fields are not up to par compared to other cities of our size. We need better fields and flush bathrooms with concession options.

LOVE the idea of permanent bathrooms at parks! This would be very helpful for families with children who can be unpredictable with their bathroom needs! 😊

Expand fishing piers and bank areas for fishing

We are Sr's and use ECC daily since Chan does not have facilities. How much more we could spend may depend on what out property tax increase looks like...

Park & Rec does a good job of providing a variety of interesting opportunities for kids thru seniors but why not consider leaving some of the events to the private sector/businesses community rather than competing with them on certain holidays such as Halloween and Christmas.

Currently our family doesn't go to the Chan Rex center because of the out dated facilities. If that were to get renovated, we would look into becoming members.

I think the reimagined rec center with pools and senior center, indoor running tracks etc all in one place, is one effective way to deliver on the "city for life" dream. We just have to figure out a way to pay for it.. I also think that an event center as part of the complex could generate income for the city.Tie the EDC to the event center and have them find customers who would rent the space for events such as receptions and business meetings...

I think Chanhassen does a great job with Parks & Recreation. Thank you!

I think with our growing community, having an improved community center is something to definitely consider. It just doesn't meet the expectations of what a community center should be and because of that, it is not used by many who live here.

Let's emphasize our parks and recreation systems to truly make this the best city to live in. Upgrade what we currently have and create new opportunities at all parks in the system, eventually. Many nearby cities are building inclusive playgrounds that allow accessibility for everyone. Lake Ann would be a good location for that. Better parks with more amenities will get more usage. People don't like to use old and poorly maintained facilities.

We currently take swimming lessons through the City of Eden Prairie, and other camps through EP or Minnetonka district. It would be awesome to see an improvement in offerings through the City of Chanhassen. I would love to spend the money supporting Chanhassen, not another city. Also, Sugarbush Park is in need of an upgrade for sure!

Chanhassen needs to continue to maintain and expand its "green space" every chance possible, but acquiring land (such as the Lake Ann acreage) is useless unless we install the promised trails.

Please stop spending money.. times are hard enough right now.

Was there supposed to be a skating rink at Bandimere Park? How about staffed warming houses for ice rinks?

Would love to upgrade our rec center! Right now a lot of programs we are looking to do with our kids are not held through city of Chan or the Chan rec center. We go spend our money in Shakopee or Chaska to use the rec services we are missing in Chanhassen

Pick up the garbage more often and cut the grass

Outdoor pool!

Help further connect Chanhassen to the regional trail system. Biking paths (recreational) help connect our communities!

An indoor pool would be great too! And big indoor play park with a big bouncer would be amazing- we are really lacking in the indoor park department in this area

Great job as always. Chan Lions MIGHT be interested in partnering with Park and Rec for a project.

Indoor tennis with coaching, lessons, and court rentals would be awesome! Interconnected wooded trails to be able to walk longer distances in natural settings would be wonderful too!

The city needs to do a better job of budgeting within its current tax revenue and other sources to support our community's needs vs. assessing residents for roads or these types of projects.

please add an indoor pool and fitness center similar to Chaska Community Center, it is a wonderful example.

Please devote maintenance funds to improving deteriorating paved paths. Thank you!

Would like to see a path along bluff creek drive to connect to trail system (dangerous to walk along bluff creek on that hill.) not sure of that is Chan or Chaska.

Would be willing to volunteer labor to lower cost in achieving these goals

An outdoor pool would be awesome

Chanhassen falls well behind our neighboring communities like Eden Prairie and Minnetonka for parks/rec. While we have some great neighborhood parks, even those are often not supported by sidewalks (making them not walkable from the communities they are intended to serve) and don't have adequate bathroom facilities. Families should feel safe going to and from parks as well as enjoying them. Same with our trails which are often crumbling and unsafe for use (potholes, roots, etc). Thank you for taking the time to assess our recreational space. The more we can bring our community together through shared spaces the stronger we will be; more likely people are to stay.

Love the trails

Eden Prairie has a wonderful Community Center. I'd like us to have one as nice as that.

Find suitable replacement for the Lake Susan archery range that was eliminated a couple years ago

Given foot traffic/use for current rec. ctr., weight/exercise room is adequate size. Really endorse idea of City investigating viability of paddle/platform tennis. See Deephaven Parks and Rec. Haralson Park: <https://www.cityofdeephaven.org/parksandtrails>

Maybe better enforcement of keeping dogs in yards and on leashes by public trails? It's scary for me with toddlers when owners think they have control (but don't) of their dogs. Have a couple spots of trails near Chan HS where dogs don't stay in their yards.

As "the #1 place to live", it is embarrassing that we don't have a better "rec" center. We are members at Chaska Community Center because our Rec Center does not have adequate amenities. Chanhassen NEEDS to build a stand alone rec center with full amenities!

Trail maintenance (clean-up and resurfacing) are #1 priority. The trail system is one of Chanhassen's largest advantages and if they deteriorate, it will become a large negative disadvantage.

With the land available around the current Rec Center, I think the city should consider an expansion of the current Rec Center. Neighboring communities make their Rec Center a destination while the Current Chan Rec Center offers the basics.

I am concerned that the Lake Ann trail expansion could take on a life of it's own. I would prefer a narrower trail made of aggregate or similar material vs. an asphalt trail that would potentially contaminate the lakes and could become a maintenance headache. A smaller simple bridge would also be better vs. a large contraption that would detract from the natural setting that the park currently has.

Not sure what timeline is for trail system near Lennar development, but looking forward to that.

Thank you to all our City Workers, Committees, and Volunteers who make Chan great place to live and play in!

Love the bike trails and fully support any upgrades to those. We will also start using the senior center more and expect that as our population ages, this will be greater need.

Inflation is an obvious concern and it seems to be rising rapidly, therefore, I do not believe this is a good time to be spending money on 'new' things (which will also cost money to maintain). I'd say we should be working on improving/fixing/maintaining what we already have.

We currently pay to use Eden Prairie Community Center as the facility as a nice gym and fantastic pools. Would definitely switch over to the Chanhassen one if they had a lap pool. Lake Ann is a wilderness hidden gem, would hate for it to be ruined by changing it too much.

An expanded rec center, indoor ice or a pool are big projects with large annual maintenance cost. In addition, the cost to build is very high at this time. It is not an opportune time to undertake a large construction project of this type.

With our winter being so long, we need more indoor tennis courts. We could also use a few outdoor tennis courts (maybe hire tennis trainers etc?)

The Rec Center is a joke. We should have a true "Community Center"

Please build out the Lake Anne trail/boardwalk! And possibly connect Sugar Bush Park to the Bluff Creek Preserve for a contiguous trail-way all the way to Lake Anne.

Later boat rental hours on Lake Ann

If you're going to build a "water park," please GO BIG! Something every age group can enjoy. Not just a splash pad for toddlers. Make it big enough to get visitors for other cities. Make it a destination spot.

Adding indoor and outdoor pool options would be great, also adding trash cans along more of the trail system would be wonderful!

we appreciate living in a city with such wonderful and well maintained parks and trails

I strongly support a new recreation center. It needs an Indoor/outdoor 50 meter pool and an indoor outdoor play pool with slides. This will pay for itself with local swim teams and lessons. I would also consider additional kids amenities bounce gym or climbing wall. Finally, I'd consider an indoor soccer / football field or tennis courts.

What is going on with the trail at Rice marsh lake?

Chanhassen has beautiful parks... I hope we can keep them.

I feel very fortunate to live in a community that is always looking to add value to living in such a beautiful and giving community. Lake Ann is a beautiful hidden gem with a number of unique zones to enjoy. Adding an indoor ice option would put us on par with Chaska, Minnetonka, and Victoria for community amenities.

An indoor facility that has a walking track and an indoor ice arena would be a welcome addition to Chanhassen. An indoor pool would be nice too!

Being no parking is allowed on Coulter Blvd, a small parking area on Coulter, like for say 10 cars. There's a spot on the South side between Galpin Blvd and Century Blvd. That or shift the yellow strip 4-5' to 1 side and allow parking on 1 side of Coulter. Doing so would allow more access to the natural areas and trails there.

Need to improve the baseball fields so Chan can host youth tournaments. Also would love to see more indoor basketball courts added for youth associations to use

I love the extensive trails for walking and biking. These should be maintained as a priority.

The parks are well maintained with excellent facilities. Trees planted at Roundhouse Park 4-5 years ago are very nice but need grass removed at base and mulch to keep mowers from hitting trunks and damaging bark.

Love our parks and would Love to see the chanhassen green space continue to GROWb. Walking/biking trails, pickleball and tennis. Paddle boarding! Plant more trees!!!

More playground equipment at parks!

Trails and lake access are most important to me. Improved parking at Rice Lake Marsh would be appreciated. It's very limited.

I would love to see Chanhassen have it's own indoor ice facility. I would also love to see an improvement to the soccer fields (i.e. better maintenance of the fields, new goals, possibly lights and permanent bathrooms). These are a big deal to families with children.

Would be great to have bathrooms (or portable toilets) available at more parks year round.

No

out door lighting on soccer fields and the addition of a football field with lights would be wonderful

We would love to see Chanhassen do something for the arts in its community center. Art classes could be offered and a gallery space would be wonderful

We love the walking paths! They are one of Chanhassen's greatest assets! Please continue to maintain and expand them. Please continue to prioritize parks and green spaces, especially as development expands.

The parks and amenities are a huge draw for Chanhassen and we need to make sure we are continuing to offer a top notch experience.

Please add more pickle ball courts. The few city courts are always crowded with a wait. This is a very accessible, life-long sport that should be encouraged through the city.

Replicate Eden Prairie but have an indoor track

Indoor pool/splash pad/water park should also be on the list

I have visited every one of our wonderful neighborhood parks. We use the trail system around round House Park and Minnewashta Parkway daily. I have read how neighboring communities big Community centers struggle financially and I'm not sure we need one here. There are many indoor and outdoor pools as well as indoor skating options.

Bluff Creek Elementary should be expanded into the rec center area and a new rec center should be built. Residence have to use Lifetime and other city community centers to get what they need.

Finishing the Lake Ann loop and adding a splash pad would be huge for Chanhassen families. Keep the trails natural- packed and stroller friendly but no pavement to keep the nature feel.

Reserve athletic fields for Chanhassen community teams and keep them maintained so they are areas we can be proud of as a community.

Indoor pool

The parks in Chanhassen are so fun! My still e-learning 4th grader was so excited to get together with her bestie (also an e-learner this year) to play at Lake Ann Park playground & also a neighborhood park, as well as sledding at a neighborhood park this winter! :) Thanks so much for providing fun outdoor spaces to enjoy! Also would love if there was an outdoor pool as would be safer to swim outside if Covid cases rise again.

Chanhassen has great parks and amenities. I feel an expanded indoor space at the rec center for kids sports, a pool, and activities would be a great asset for the community and future residents.

I very much appreciate our parks and trails. During the winter my use diminished but the maintenance crews did a great job keeping the trails clear when I could walk/thank you!!

I would love to have a set up similar to EPCC

The Rex Center really needs an upgrade. Both Chaska and EP have far superior community centers. Having an outdoor pool would be a game changer. We can't all afford LifeTime.

Make city more walkable and bikeable, easier and safer to cross streets and highway 5 to get downtown. Also, the \$100 allocation exercise did not allow me to allocate money to a pool. We need a public pool and community center preferably in the center of town.

Thank you for thinking through ways to bring in more excitement to the city!

Pickleball courts need to be resurfaced and turning tennis courts that are just deteriorating into pickleball courts.

More disc golf courses would be nice, especially if there are elevation changes. Bike trails are important to our household.

An improved Chanhassen Community is really needed. Especially as the town is expanding "Avandia" and there are few places to go that is truly community feel. Expensive Lifetime fitness isn't really an option for those 50 years and older. It's more for the younger single people with money and want to pick up dates.

Bathrooms at parks continue to be a problem as vandalism and cleanliness is an issue when your trying to take a small child who has to go RIGHT NOW. I understand it's costly but take the biggest ones and out it there. I am by meadow brook and that portable is awful.

An outdoor pool in Chanhassen would be amazing!!!!

Need to do more maintenance on the trail system

I'd really like to see a public indoor and outdoor pool. Or obtain rights to use the Pioneer Ridge indoor pool for lap swim, water aerobics classes, etc. Thanks.

How about we lower taxes versus spending more?

The trail system desperately needs maintenance! There should be a survey and the worst ones ripped up and repaved. The west side of Powers from 5 to Lake is atrocious!

More beginner Pickleball times please! Also more natural trails would be great.

Eden Prairie is a model of connected walkways and parks that we can learn from.

Can't wait for the loop trail around Lake Ann !! High Priority for everyone who loves the outdoors !!

I am very excited about the Lake Ann trail extensions.

Our soccer fields need upgrading compared to all surrounding cities. It is very apparent when we travel to other sites in the metro. Please consider investing in these fields.

The baseball fields at Lake Ann have so much potential. There should be built in seating at Field 1 where the big hill is. I think Bloomington Kennedy high school has something similar. Seems relatively easy to do and would make a huge difference.

The parks should be useable and well maintained

Love our parks and trail systems. It is why I have lives in Chan for 35 years! Thank you.

Another dog park

A detailed map of all of our trail system, and those that connect to other trails, including available parking near trailheads. Perhaps this exists and I'm just not aware of it.

Our parks are important to me. Please prioritize keeping them maintained and upgraded where needed!

Love the trails and parks - a community pool would be phenomenal to add and a great complement to the lakes.

We have excellent options. My view is that maintaining the current options is a good use of resources, and I don't see a need to expand.

I would like to see more passive recreation and conservation areas. I would like to see the trail system include non-paved trail routes.

Thank you for continuing to gather citizen input. We live here and use our parks daily!

It would be great to get lights in the tunnels that go under highway 5, especially near bluff creak where children are walking. Even one light in the middle would help. Perhaps solar is an option? And building and improving trails are always a good option- they are very well used in our area!

Consider other facilities nearby and their cost. For example, LifeTime at approximately \$150/month. And the amenities at Lake Minnewashta Park which is free, and the Landscape Arboretum.

More overpasses and tunnels to make access to parks easier

Please create permanent restrooms in parks

I love our parks, especially walking and biking trails. I would like to see more trails that connect to downtown Chanhassen so that our community is more accessible to walkers and bicyclists.

Cut pool

Would love to see the trail built around Lake Lucy!

This is a beautiful community. Please ensure the projects are high quality rather than cutting corners.

Please never use those tiny rocks in playground updates like the ones at Sugarbush Park! We have great parks.

Let's have what Chaska has. After all, we are the #1 best small town in America.....

If you expand trails please don't pave. Too expensive to repair. Dirt more natural and better for bones.

Some of the playgrounds at parks are looking pretty shabby

All my kids play ball so we see many parks and fields around the metro. It feels like we are the only city that has no permanent bathrooms in our nicest ballpark (Lake Ann) that host many tournaments including State Tournaments.

This referendum seems to be a solution in search of a problem. It is an unwarranted effort driven by the park commission and council, not by residents. Shouldn't put much if any weight in these "FlashVote" responses as they are opt-in based responses, not randomized sampling of residents. Recommend not moving forward with the referendum.

We love our Chanhassen parks and trails! Thank you for all you do!

Right now Chanhassen does the bare minimum. If we want to become more we need more attractions, such as water park, boardwalk around lake Ann, educational trails. Make an entire day of coming to Chanhassen.

