

Lakewood, Washington 2013 Parks & Recreation and Streets Survey





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Lakewood 2013 Parks & Recreation and Streets Survey

Lakewood Parks & Recreation Department recruited a random sample of registered voter households in September 2013 on a citywide basis to participate in a controlled sample survey concerning parks and street needs and priorities.

800 households agreed to participate and were emailed an invitation to take the survey on-line or mailed a copy of a survey and background graphics. Survey results were compiled for all households that completed the survey on-line and by the mail back option.

Surveys were completed on-line by 185 or 43% of the respondents and by the mail-back option by another 241 or 57% of the respondents or a total of 426 surveys that are accurate to within +/- 4% of the opinions of the general registered participating voter population.

The statistics are rounded and may not add to 100% and do not list undecided, do not know, or refused a response (which generally ranged from 0-3% depending on the question).

Following are the summary results of the survey ranked in priority on a scale of 1 to 5 where 4-5 is the best condition or highest priority and 1-2 is the poorest condition or least priority. For analysis purposes, a 3 rating is considered to be an average condition or priority where the survey respondents could go in either direction (50:50 split) should a specific policy, plan, or program be proposed at this time. The undecided, did not know, or refused were not included in this summary analysis.

Survey participant characteristics

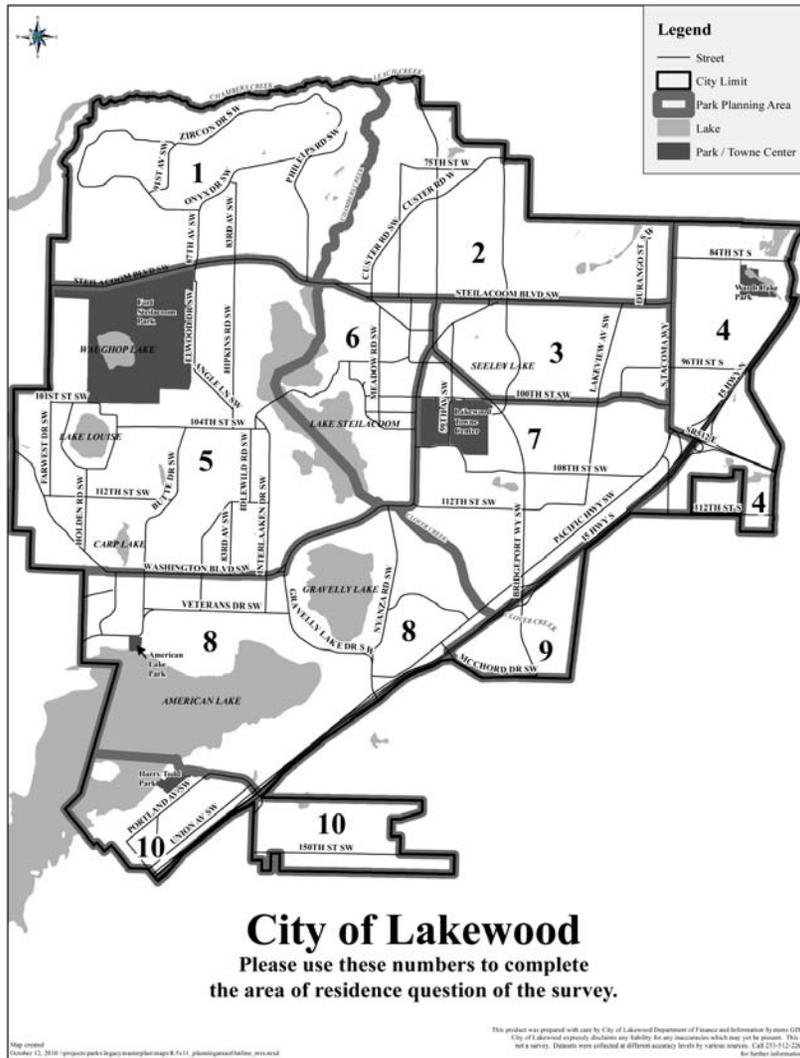
Using the city map on the following page circle the neighborhood you live in?	22%	1
	10%	2
	1%	3
	3%	4

	28%	5
	9%	6
	6%	7
	16%	8
	2%	9
	3%	10
Where do you work?	67% Retired	
	16% Lakewood	
	5% Tacoma	
	6% Elsewhere Pierce County	
	6% Elsewhere	
How long have you lived in the city?	0-1	2-5
	1%	4%
	6-10	9%
	10+ years	86%
Your housing type?	own	rent
	92%	8%
Your age group?	1%	18-24
	0%	25-34
	9%	35-49
	28%	50-64
	62%	65+

Place of residence - the distribution of survey participants closely approximates the distribution of households across the city with larger percentages residing in the larger and more residential neighborhoods compared with those containing industrial or commercial uses or adjacent to Joint Base Lewis McChord (JBLM).

Place of work - the distribution indicates a very large percent of respondents are retired households possibly associated with previous military service. Conversely, a significant percent of the population but likely lower percent of registered voters may be active military that do not identify with Lakewood governance.

Length of residence - heavily favors long time residents, which is likely to be typical of frequent voters and certainly of retired households.



Age groups - were heavily represented in the senior age spans (65+) compared to young to middle age adults (18-49) which is partly a reflection of longer length of residence and the voting propensity of the populations of the city.

Qualifications - even though the recruitment sampling process was statistically random the survey results are overly representative of older, retired, long time residents who are likely to be the most active voters of the city but not as likely to be fully representative of the city population at large.

Age group	% over 18	% survey
18-24	14%	1%
24-34	18%	0%
35-49	24%	9%
50-64	25%	28%
65+	18%	62%

Source: US Bureau of the Census, 2010

For example, 77% of Lakewood's population are over age 18 and eligible to vote of which 25% are age 50-64 compared with 28% who completed the survey in this age group and 18% are over age 65 compared with 62% who completed the survey in this age group. 56% are age 18-49 compared with 10% who completed the survey in this age group. While not all of the younger age groups are likely to be registered to vote and are notoriously less involved in election and election surveys they are nonetheless significantly under-represented in the survey results.

Our experience with similar surveys is that the survey results tend to be typical of the outcomes of elections on the questions being asked in the survey - particularly for off-year elections which are determined by frequent and regular voters - who tend to be older, long time residents.

Election results are less skewed to the opinions of older, long time residents in general elections particularly when issue campaigns are conducted but are generally comparable overall to the trends indicated from these surveys.

Tenure - survey occupants were predominantly owners, which is also likely to be typical of frequent voters.

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Recreation priorities

Of the respondents, 46% household members had participated in Lakewood recreational programs compared with 54% who had not.

In the last year, have any household members participated in recreational programs provided by the City of Lakewood?	46% yes
	54% no

Survey respondents were asked what recreation programs should be offered in Lakewood that their household members would participate in or use on a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is the lowest likelihood and 5 the highest. Following is a rank order list reflecting the highest percent given a 4-5 or high satisfaction score.

Recreation programs - interest areas	lowest / highest		
	1/2	3	4/5
Very high to high participation			
Farmers' Market	8%	18%	74%
High to moderate participation			
Festivals and events	19%	33%	48%
Arts, culture and history classes or programs	34%	30%	36%
Moderate to low participation			
Personal enrichment and education classes	33%	34%	33%
Low participation			
Swimming	45%	23%	32%
Active Living and wellness	35%	34%	31%
Volunteer opportunities	37%	33%	30%
Nature and environmental education	39%	33%	28%
Outdoor sports (baseball, soccer, etc.)	60%	15%	25%
Social services	56%	23%	21%
Indoor sports (basketball, volleyball, etc.)	65%	16%	19%
Bi-lingual programs	77%	12%	11%

The results indicate the largest volumes would occur at the Farmers' Market followed by festivals and events, and arts, culture,

and history classes or programs. The lowest volumes, which could still be significant, would occur for bi-lingual programs and indoor sports.

Survey respondents were asked what age groups in their household would participate in recreation programs offered in Lakewood and marked all that apply.

Recreation programs - age specific programs	no	maybe	yes
For older adults /seniors (60 yrs +)	18%	37%	45%
For adults (40 -60 yrs)	49%	24%	27%
For elementary school youth (K-6th grades)	81%	4%	15%
For young adults (18 -39 yrs)	73%	12%	15%
For high school youth (9th-12th grades)	81%	8%	11%
For middle school youth (7-8th grades)	85%	5%	10%
For toddlers/preschoolers	87%	6%	7%

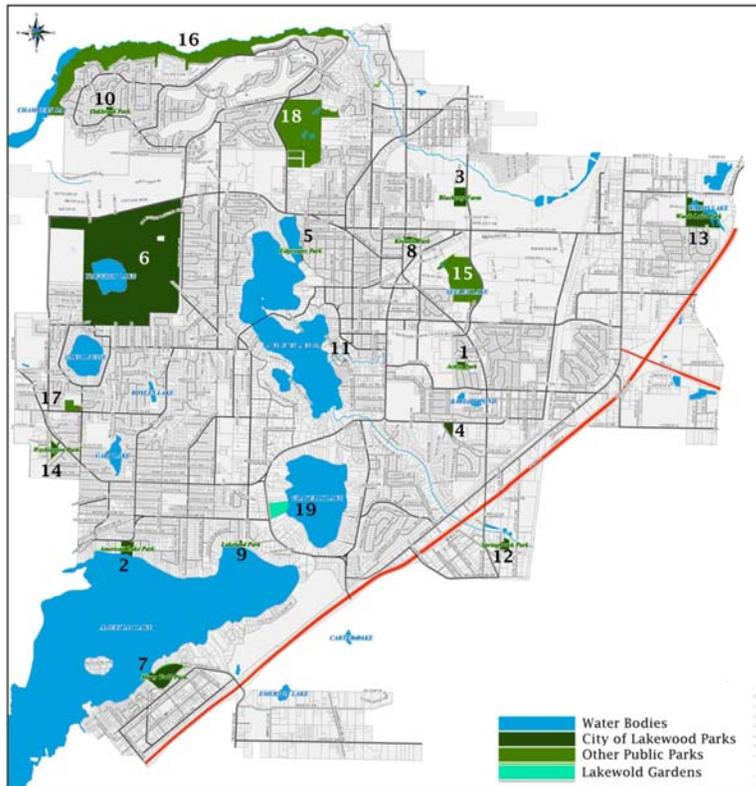
The results closely approximate the age group representation of the survey respondents where seniors and older adults would generate the most interest and toddlers and preschoolers the least. However, the lowest participations would still be significant particularly if the general population, unlike registered voters and thus survey respondents, has a large percent of households with children.

Survey respondents were asked if it requires more money to provide future recreation programs than can be budgeted from current city resources, how would they rate the following methods of paying for them on a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is the lowest and 5 the highest priority option.

Recreation program financing options	lowest / highest		
	1/2	3	4/5
<u>Increase user fees for non-residents</u> - to finance program services?	16%	23%	61%
<u>Increase user fees for everyone</u> - to finance program services?	37%	32%	31%
<u>Reduce the variety, duration or number</u> - of programs to control costs?	33%	37%	30%

Increase city property taxes or create a levy 70% 15% 15%
 - to finance recreation programs, services and events?

A significant majority would increase user fees for non-residents while the respondents were almost evenly split on whether to increase fees for everyone or reduce the variety, duration, or number of programs to control costs. Conversely, a significant majority would not increase property taxes or approve a levy to finance recreation programs, services, or events.



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| Public parks | | |
| City of Lakewood | 8 Kiwanis Park | Pierce County |
| 1 Active Park | 9 Lakeland Park | 15 Seeley Lake Park |
| 2 American Lake Park | 10 Oakbrook Park | 16 Chambers Creek Regional Park |
| 3 Blueberry Park | 11 Primley Park | Other public parks |
| 4 Community Garden | 12 Springbrook Park | 17 Lake Louise School Park |
| 5 Edgewater Park | 13 Wards Lake Park | 18 S Puget Sound Urban Wildlife Area |
| 6 Fort Steilacoom Park | 14 Washington Park | 19 Lakewold Gardens |
| 7 Harry Todd Park | | |

Park priorities

A significant majority of survey respondents indicated household members had used Lakewood parks or recreational facilities (compared to recreational programs) in the past year.

In the last year, have any household members used any Lakewood parks or recreational facilities - for example, Fort Steilacoom, American Lake or Harry Todd Parks or Lakewood Senior Activity Center?	79%	yes
	21%	no

Survey respondents were asked to rate their satisfaction **with EXISTING** parks, recreation, and open space facilities **in Lakewood where 1 is the lowest and 5 the highest**. Following is a rank order list reflecting the highest percent given a 4-5 or high satisfaction score.

	lowest / highest		
	1/2	3	4/5
Quality and Condition - of the development and maintenance of the sites(s) you have visited?	7%	21%	72%
Number of park sites - the number, size and location of existing park and trail sites serving the existing population?	5%	24%	71%
Amount of park amenities - the number of facilities and furnishings in the parks including parking spaces, restrooms, trails, fields, picnic shelters, and other facilities serving park visitors?	7%	25%	68%

Clear majorities were very satisfied with the quality and condition, number, size and location, and amount of park amenities.

Survey respondents were advised that the Lakewood Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department was developing a master plan (**Legacy Plan**) which will determine park facility priorities for the next 6-20 year period. The Legacy Plan may

recommend conserving wildlife habitat areas and developing waterfront access, picnic facilities, trails, athletic fields, community centers, and other sites in the city. Survey respondents were asked to **rate the importance of the following possible improvement proposals**. Following is a rank order list reflecting the highest percent given a 4-5 or high satisfaction score.

	lowest / highest		
	1/2	3	4/5
Very high to high priority			
<u>Environmentally-sensitive areas</u> - protect and provide access to important environmental areas of the city (examples: Fort Steilacoom Park, Wards Lake, Seeley Lake and Washington State Game Farm)	8%	15%	77%
<u>Wildlife habitat</u> - remove invasive species, plant native plants and improve wildlife habitat in existing city parks?	9%	21%	70%
<u>Restrooms</u> - develop permanent restroom facilities at community parks throughout the city?	12%	28%	60%
<u>Off-street trails</u> - develop a system of off street trails within city parks to encourage physical activity for park visitors?	18%	27%	55%
<u>Non-Motorized Trails</u> - create a connected system of city-wide non-motorized trails and bike lanes and partner with neighboring jurisdictions to connect Lakewood to regional trail systems?	24%	24%	52%
High to moderate priority			
<u>Picnic shelters and group activity sites</u> - develop picnic shelters and group picnic facilities at community parks throughout the city?	15%	37%	48%
<u>Historical Barns</u> - renovate and restore the barn facilities at Fort Steilacoom Park to support civic gatherings and special events?	26%	27%	47%
<u>Youth/Adult/Senior facilities</u> - develop a community center facility for all ages in Lakewood?	22%	33%	45%

<u>Waterfront access</u> - develop more waterfront access to area lakes (possibly using street-end right of way)?	27%	32%	41%
<u>Playgrounds</u> - maintain a system of playgrounds within a 3/4 mile radius of all residential areas?	26%	36%	38%
<u>Baseball/softball fields</u> - improve existing fields at neighborhood parks and schools to provide practice or competitive facilities?	23%	40%	37%
<u>Soccer fields</u> - improve existing fields at neighborhood parks and schools to provide practice or competitive facilities?	26%	37%	37%
Moderate to low priority			
<u>Community gardens</u> - develop community gardens in existing city parks or in high density population areas.	31%	36%	33%
<u>Gymnasiums</u> - improve access to existing facilities to provide more playing capacity.	31%	37%	32%
Low priority			
<u>Neighborhood parks</u> - acquire or develop additional park property to ensure all residents have access to an open space within 3/4 mile walking distance?	37%	35%	28%
<u>Urban parks</u> - develop urban park or open space areas for civic gatherings and celebrations?	32%	40%	28%
<u>Basketball courts</u> - develop basketball courts in city parks and schools.	38%	38%	24%
<u>Tennis courts</u> - develop tennis courts in city parks and at schools?	45%	35%	20%
<u>Public Art</u> - Display public art in existing city parks or in other public spaces?	57%	25%	18%
<u>Synthetic turf fields</u> - develop synthetic facilities to allow year round use for competitive games?	56%	27%	17%

Survey respondents gave the highest priorities to the environment, wildlife habitat, restrooms, off-street, and non-motorized trails - activities which appeal to all groups but particularly older age

households.

Conversely, survey respondents gave the lowest priorities to synthetic turf fields, public art, and tennis courts - activities which appeal to younger age groups or specific interests.

The low priorities do not mean there is no support for these activities but rather that funding will have to be provided by means, including self help, user fees, and other than funds which require voter approval or at least high public support.

Population growth management options

Survey respondents were advised that by the year 2034, the Lakewood population is projected to increase to 72,000 persons or by 24% more than the existing population of 58,000 persons.

In your opinion, will EXISTING park and recreation facilities currently provided by the city, school district, and other public and private agencies be enough to provide for this growth in population?	32% no
	28% yes
	40% don't know

Survey respondents were split between thinking existing park and recreational facilities would be sufficient or not with a large percent not knowing.

Survey respondents were advised that the **EXISTING** inventory of **Lakewood's** parks, recreation and open spaces is estimated to be worth about \$1,400 per person or \$3,400 for an average single family household. In order to keep up with increasing populations, Lakewood would need to continue to invest this per person/family amount in new park resources to meet the new and increased demands.

Given this fact, survey respondents were asked to rate the following methods for dealing with the impact on parks of new population growth in Lakewood and the methods residents may use to finance park improvements on a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is the lowest and 5 the highest priority.

	lowest / highest		
	1/2	3	4/5
Financing and managing growth			
Submit a bond and/or levy - to pay for acquisition, development, and maintenance of additional parks to offset growth impacts?	30%	27%	43%
Increase city property taxes - to acquire, develop, and maintain park facilities to offset population growth impacts?	63%	21%	16%
Lower standards - provide fewer park facilities or reduce maintenance at current facilities for future populations?	62%	28%	10%

A plurality, but not a majority, rated a bond and/or levy as the preferred method of financing and managing growth whereas a clear majority did not favor increasing city property taxes or lowering standards.

Survey respondents were asked that subject to voter approval, if the City Council proposed **a parks levy or property tax increase** to fund ongoing recreation programs, park maintenance needs and/or to finance new parks and open space improvements, how much would their household be willing to pay per year for each or all funding options.

Dedicated property tax levy for parks	Amt/year	
If a dedicated property tax levy were to be put on the ballot to finance the acquisition, development, operation, and maintenance of all city parks, recreation, and open space facilities and programs , how much , if anything, would your household be willing to pay per year for this source of funding that could only be used for parks and recreation purposes?	15%	\$ 0
	16%	\$ 10
	17%	\$ 25
	22%	\$ 50
	6%	\$ 75
	19%	\$ 100
	5%	\$ 101+

Approximately 15% of the respondents would pay nothing for a property tax levy though the remaining 85% would pay something ranging from \$10 to \$101+.

A majority (52%) would pay more than \$50 a year to finance acquisition, development, operation, and maintenance of all city parks, recreation, and open space facilities and programs.

The response to this question indicates survey respondents, while not favoring bond or levy proposals, may nonetheless be open to such options if the dollar amount were qualified along with the proposed projects.

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Existing Street Infrastructure - Operations and Maintenance

Lakewood has street assets including pavement, traffic signals, sidewalks, and street lights worth about \$200 million. Currently, the city is able to allocate about \$2 million annually to operate and maintain the existing street infrastructure of which \$1 million is needed to operate the traffic signals and street lights.

Street conditions

Survey respondents were asked to rate existing conditions of the following street assets on a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 is the lowest quality and 5 the highest quality.

Street assets	lowest / highest		
	1/2	3	4/5
Traffic signals	8%	30%	62%
Street signs	10%	34%	56%
Street lights	19%	32%	49%
Roadway Striping and Markings	18%	40%	42%
Pavement	19%	46%	35%
Curbs and sidewalks	32%	36%	32%
Gravel shoulders	31%	46%	23%

A majority of survey respondents were satisfied with traffic signals, street signs, street lights, and roadway striping and marking. Respondents were about evenly split on their satisfaction with pavement, curb, sidewalks conditions, and gravel shoulders.

Pavement preservation program -street maintenance

Pavements are similar to other physical assets, it costs less to perform preventive maintenance than to allow the road to fail and then replace it. At a replacement value of about \$135 million, the city's paved roadways are its largest asset. Current funding has street maintenance at a \$4 million per year shortfall.

Given this fact, survey respondents were asked to rate the following city methods for dealing with the shortfall of funds for street maintenance - some of which would require voter approval.

City funding options	lowest / highest		
	1/2	3	4/5
<u>License tab fee</u> - adopt an optional local license tab fee of to be dedicated specifically to street maintenance?	52%	20%	28%
<u>Property tax lid lift</u> - increase the property tax rate (lid lift) and dedicate the additional monies to be spent specifically for street maintenance?	56%	25%	19%
<u>Sales tax increase</u> - increase the sales tax rate and dedicate the additional monies to be spent specifically for street maintenance?	65%	17%	18%

Survey respondents were not supportive of any of the financing measures with predominant majorities opposing all options.

Survey respondents were asked what amount they would be willing to pay on an annual basis if a property tax levy or sales tax or license tab fee were put on the ballot to exclusively finance street maintenance.

Funding amount per household	Amt/year	
<u>If a dedicated Lakewood property tax levy or sales tax or license tab fee</u> - were to be put on the ballot <u>to exclusively finance street maintenance</u> , how <u>much</u> , if anything, would your <u>household</u> be willing to pay <u>per year</u> for this source of funding?	18%	\$ 0
	20%	\$ 10
	24%	\$ 25
	24%	\$ 50
	4%	\$ 75
	8%	\$ 100
	2%	\$ 101+

Approximately 18% of all respondents would not pay any amount compared with 82% would pay something ranging from \$10 to \$101+ or more per year for a property tax levy or sales tax or license tab fee to exclusively finance street maintenance. At least 62% of all respondents would pay \$25 or more per year.

The response to this question indicates survey respondents, while not favoring tax levy, sales tax, or license tab fee proposals, may be nonetheless be open to such options if the dollar amount were qualified along with the proposed roadway projects.

Lakewood street improvements

The city has been providing street improvements in the form of sidewalks, street lights, and enhanced traffic signal operations. These improvements have been mostly funded from grants.

Grants are awarded to the city on a project-specific basis and are generally available for improvements on major roadways (e.g. Bridgeport Way and Pacific Highway). Current funding does not allow for roadway improvements on lower volume neighborhood or collector roads.

Survey respondents were asked to prioritize the following roadway improvements with 1 being the lowest priority and 5 being the highest priority.

Roadway improvements	lowest / highest		
	1/2	3	4/5
Sidewalks on major roadways - such as Bridgeport Way and Steilacoom Blvd.	24%	24%	52%
Sidewalks on collector roadways - such as Washington Blvd and Hipkins Road.	26%	36%	36%
Sidewalks on neighborhood roadways - roadways to connect your home to local schools or parks	40%	24%	36%

A majority of survey respondents gave the highest priority to improving sidewalks on major roadways such as Bridgeport Way and Steilacoom Boulevard. Respondents were about evenly split on

the priorities for sidewalks on collector and neighborhood roadways.

Survey respondents were asked how much, if anything, they would be willing pay per year in a property tax levy or sales tax or license tab fee to exclusively finance sidewalk and street light improvements.

Funding amount per household	Amt/year	
If a dedicated Lakewood property tax levy or sales tax or license tab fee - were to be put on the ballot to exclusively finance sidewalk and street light improvements , how much , if anything, would your household be willing to pay per year for this source of funding?	20%	\$ 0
	25%	\$ 10
	23%	\$ 25
	19%	\$ 50
	3%	\$ 75
	7%	\$ 100
	3%	\$ 101+

As shown, 20% of all respondents would pay nothing while 80% would pay something ranging from \$10 to \$101+ per year in a property tax levy or sales tax or license tab fee to exclusively finance sidewalk and street light improvements. At least 55% of all respondents would pay \$25 or more per year.

The response to this question indicates survey respondents, while not favoring tax levy, sales tax, or license tab fee proposals, may be nonetheless be open to such options if the dollar amount were qualified along with the proposed sidewalk projects.

Comments

Do you have any specific comments or recommendations to make about the proposed park plan or this survey?

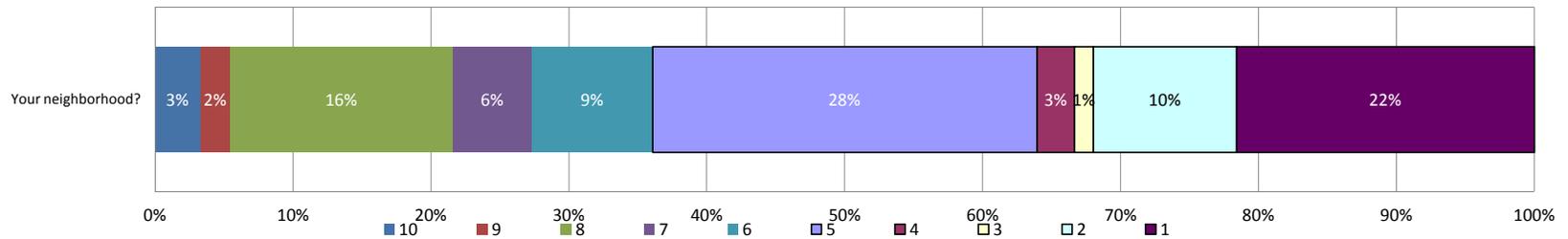
Survey respondents were given an opportunity to provide written comments or recommendations, of which 194 or 46% did. The comments varied widely and are documented in the appendix.

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ABOUT YOU Using the city map below select the neighborhood you live in.

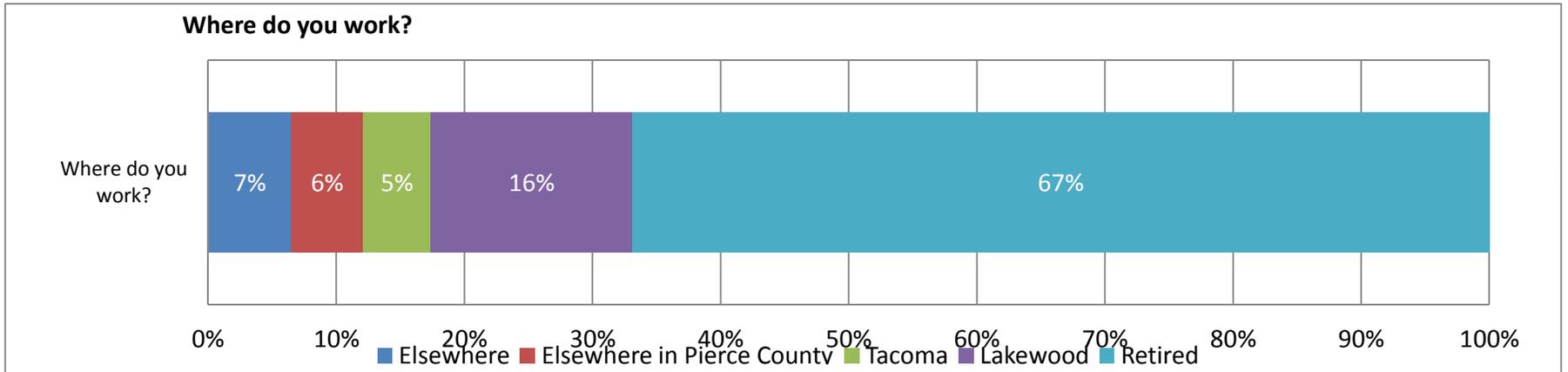
Answer Options	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Response Count	
Your neighborhood?	22%	10%	1%	3%	28%	9%	6%	16%	2%	3%	100%	
											<i>answered question</i>	366
											<i>skipped question</i>	59

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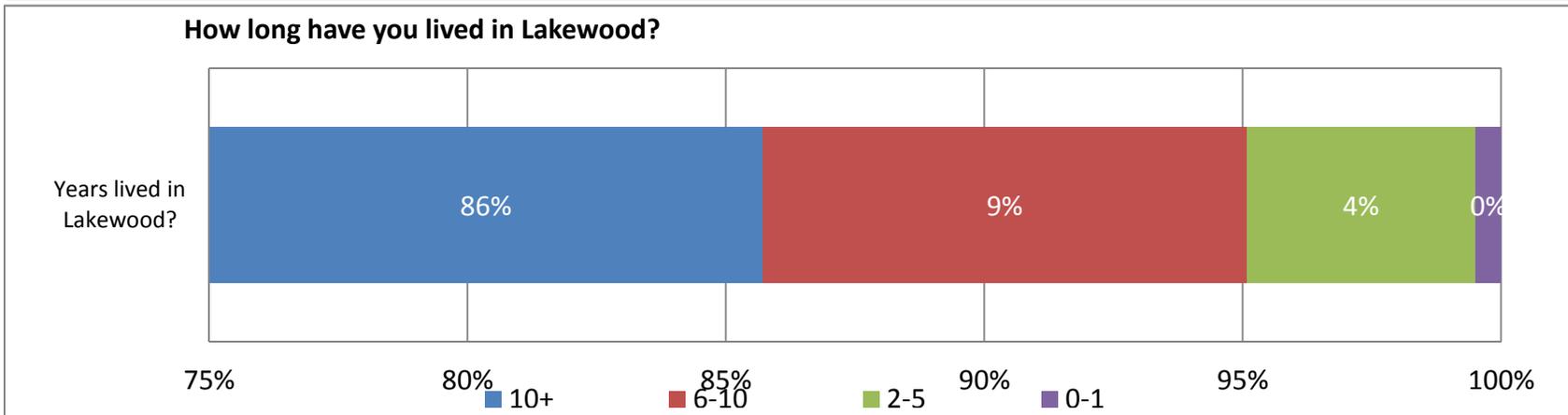
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Where do you work?						
Answer Options	Retired	Lakewood	Tacoma	Elsewhere in Pierce County	Elsewhere	Response Count
Where do you work?	67%	16%	5%	6%	7%	100%
<i>answered question</i>						414
<i>skipped question</i>						12



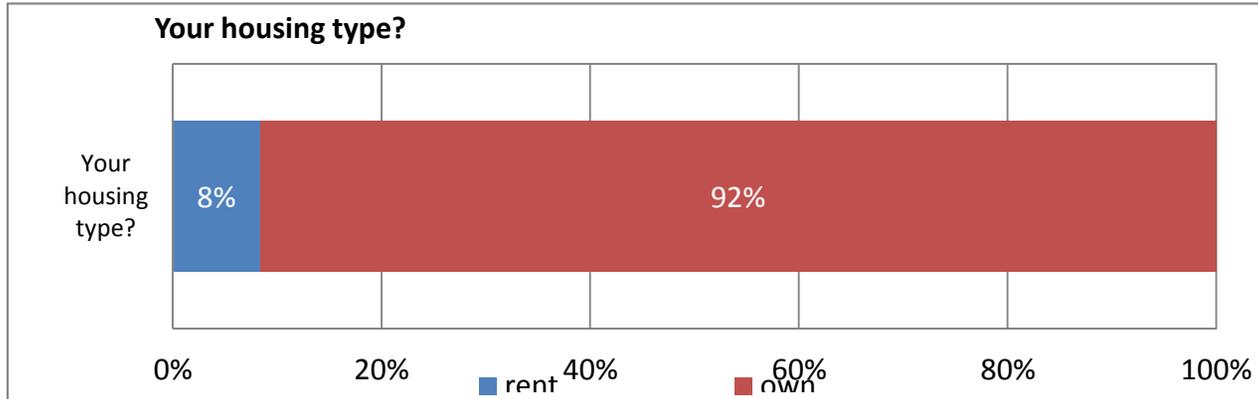
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How long have you lived in Lakewood?					
Answer Options	0-1	2-5	6-10	10+	Response Count
Years lived in Lakewood?	0%	4%	9%	86%	100%
<i>answered question</i>					406
<i>skipped question</i>					20



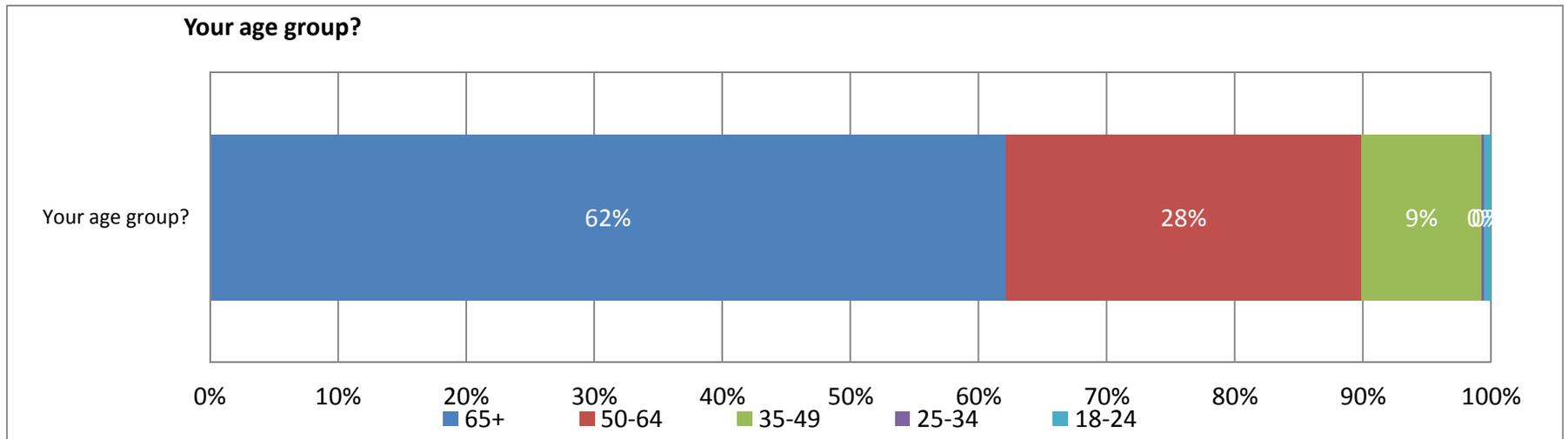
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Your housing type?			
Answer Options	own	rent	Response Count
Your housing type?	92%	8%	100%
<i>answered question</i>			383
<i>skipped question</i>			43



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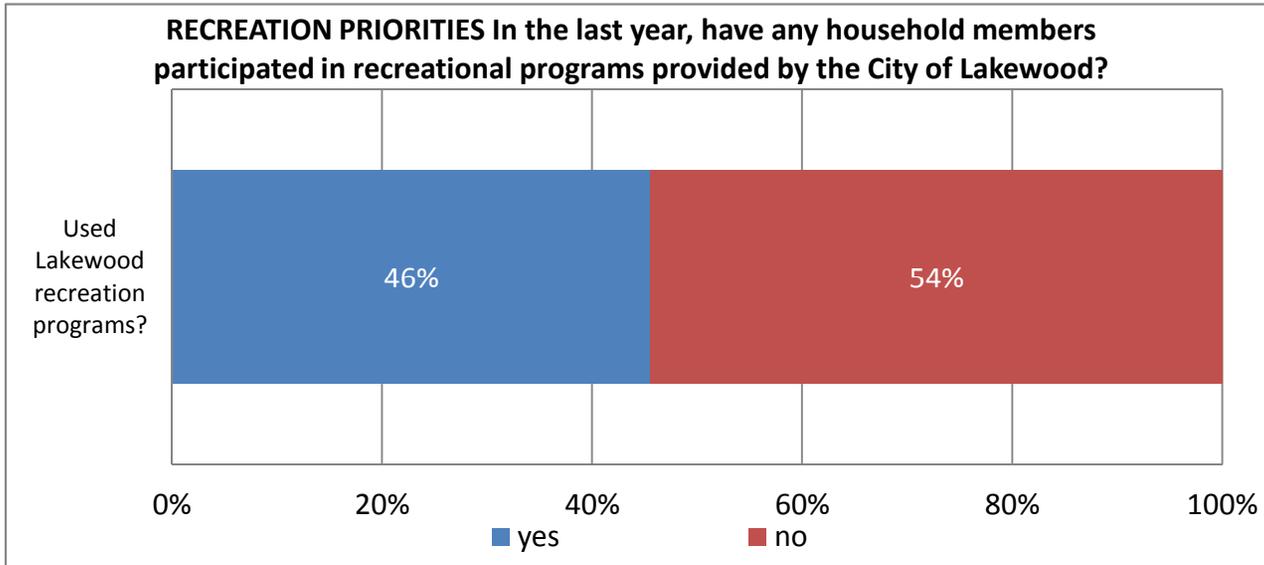
Your age group?						
Answer Options	18-24	25-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Response Count
Your age group?	0%	0%	9%	28%	62%	100%
<i>answered question</i>						415
<i>skipped question</i>						11



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RECREATION PRIORITIES In the last year, have any household members participated in recreational programs provided by the City of Lakewood?

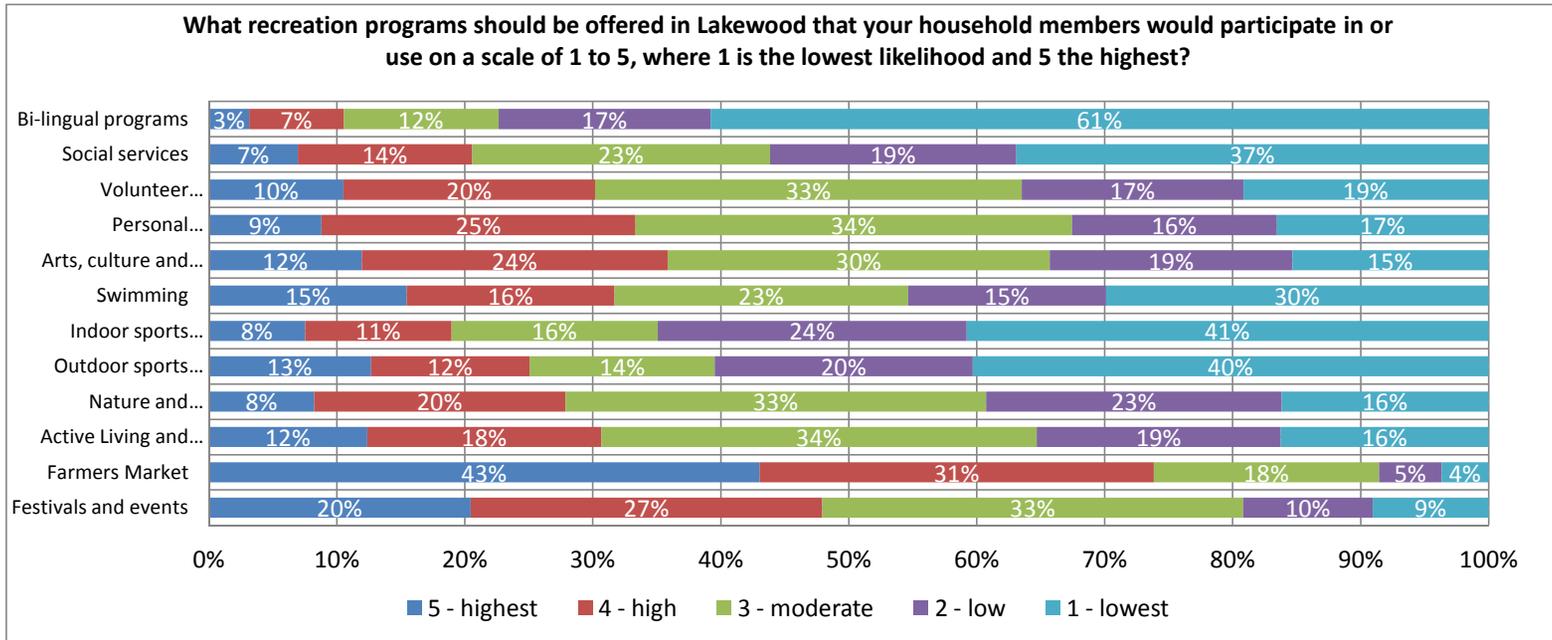
Answer Options	no	yes	Response Count
Used Lakewood recreation programs?	54%	46%	100%
<i>answered question</i>			395
<i>skipped question</i>			31



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What recreation programs should be offered in Lakewood that your household members would participate in or use on a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 is the lowest likelihood and 5 the highest?

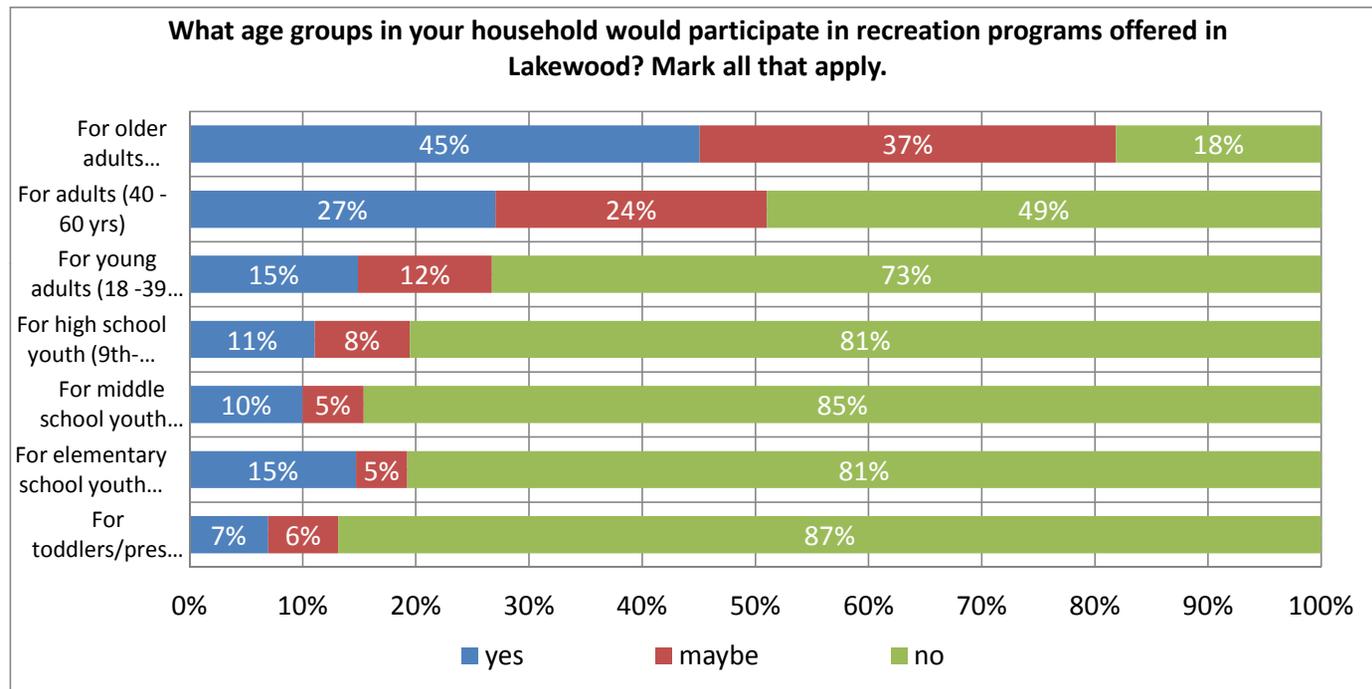
Answer Options	1 - lowest	2 - low	3 - moderate	4 - high	5 - highest	Response Count
Festivals and events	9%	10%	33%	27%	20%	100%
Farmers Market	4%	5%	18%	31%	43%	100%
Active Living and wellness	16%	19%	34%	18%	12%	100%
Nature and environmental education	16%	23%	33%	20%	8%	100%
Outdoor sports (baseball, soccer, etc.)	40%	20%	14%	12%	13%	100%
Indoor sports (basketball, volleyball, etc.)	41%	24%	16%	11%	8%	100%
Swimming	30%	15%	23%	16%	15%	100%
Arts, culture and history classes or programs	15%	19%	30%	24%	12%	100%
Personal enrichment and education classes	17%	16%	34%	25%	9%	100%
Volunteer opportunities	19%	17%	33%	20%	10%	100%
Social services	37%	19%	23%	14%	7%	100%
Bi-lingual programs	61%	17%	12%	7%	3%	100%
<i>answered question</i>						421
<i>skipped question</i>						5



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What age groups in your household would participate in recreation programs offered in Lakewood? Mark all that apply.

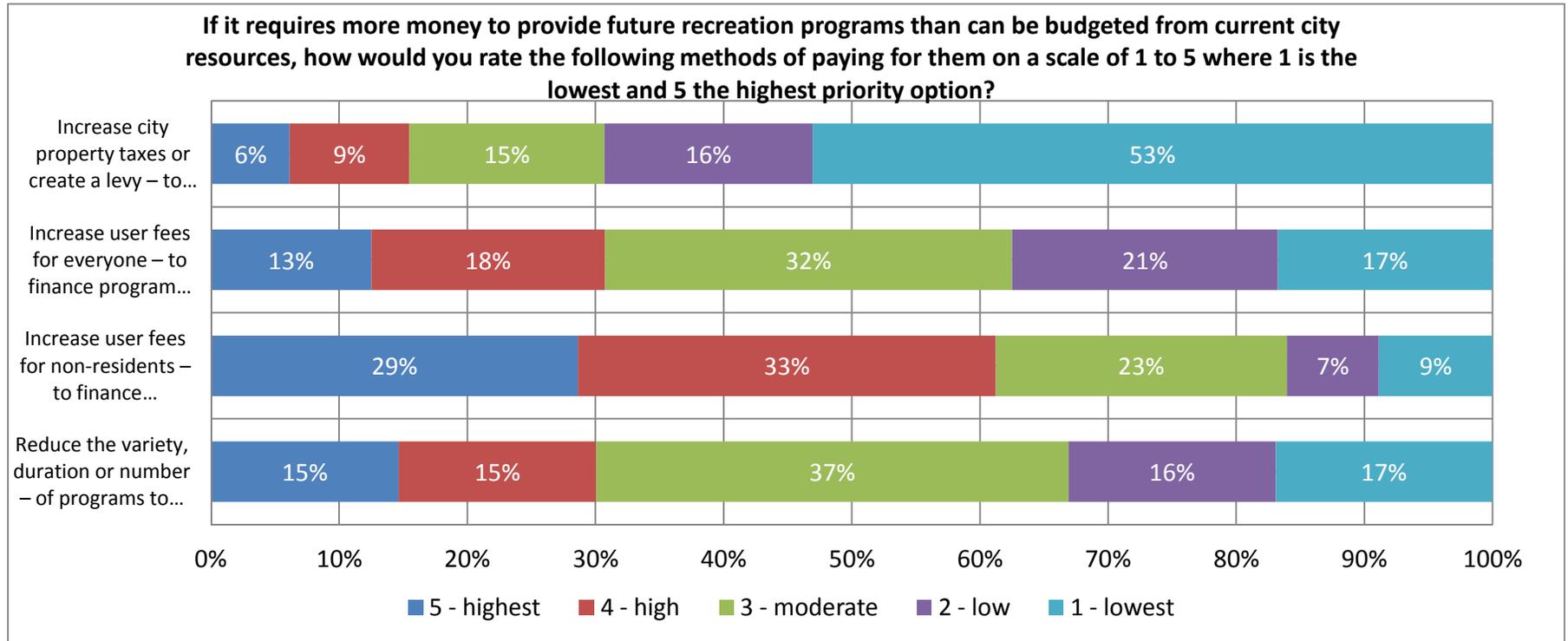
Answer Options	no	maybe	yes	Response Count
For toddlers/preschoolers	87%	6%	7%	100%
For elementary school youth (K-6th grades)	81%	5%	15%	100%
For middle school youth (7-8th grades)	85%	5%	10%	100%
For high school youth (9th-12th grades)	81%	8%	11%	100%
For young adults (18 -39 yrs)	73%	12%	15%	100%
For adults (40 -60 yrs)	49%	24%	27%	100%
For older adults /seniors (60 yrs +)	18%	37%	45%	100%
<i>answered question</i>				421
<i>skipped question</i>				5



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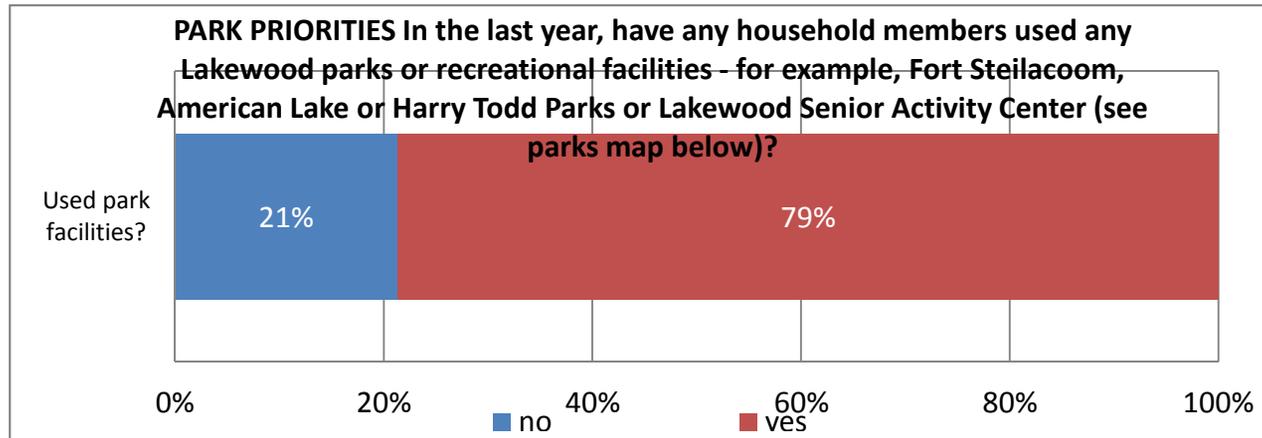
If it requires more money to provide future recreation programs than can be budgeted from current city resources, how would you rate the following methods of paying for them on a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is the lowest and 5 the highest priority option?

Answer Options	1 - lowest	2 - low	3 - moderate	4 - high	5 - highest	Response Count
Reduce the variety, duration or number - of programs to	17%	16%	37%	15%	15%	100%
Increase user fees for non-residents - to finance program	9%	7%	23%	33%	29%	100%
Increase user fees for everyone - to finance program	17%	21%	32%	18%	13%	100%
Increase city property taxes or create a levy - to finance	53%	16%	15%	9%	6%	100%
<i>answered question</i>						419
<i>skipped question</i>						7



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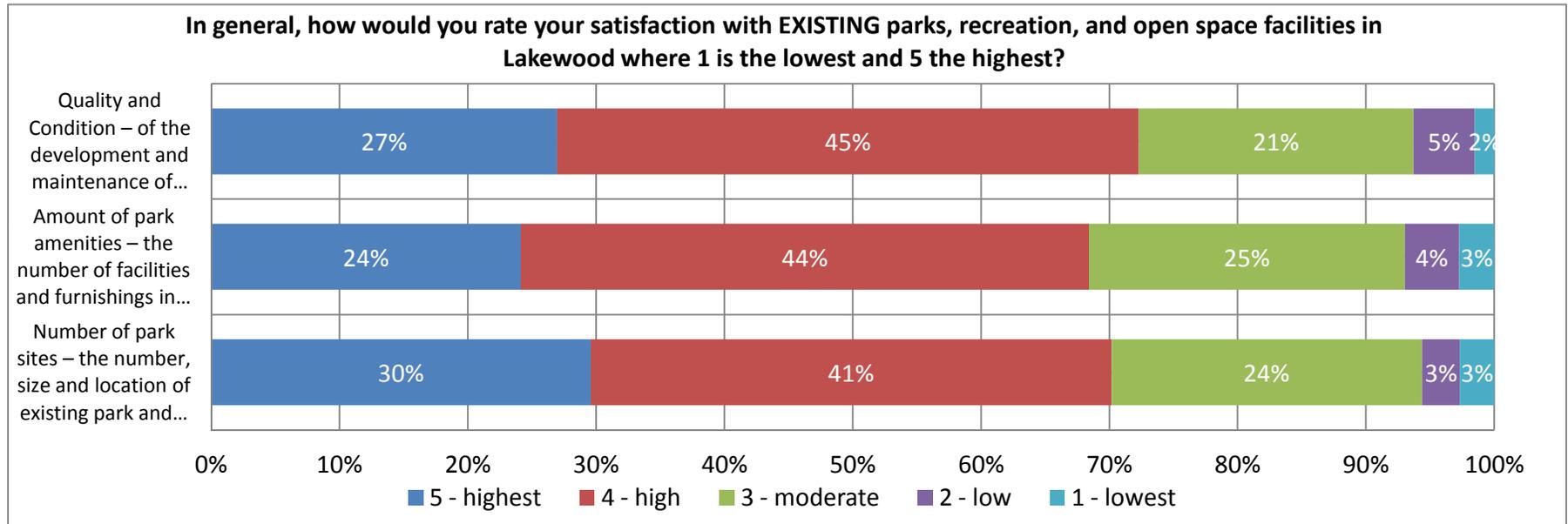
PARK PRIORITIES In the last year, have any household members used any Lakewood parks or recreational facilities - for example, Fort Steilacoom, American Lake or Harry Todd Parks or Lakewood			
Answer Options	yes	no	Response Count
Used park facilities?	79%	21%	100%
<i>answered question</i>			422
<i>skipped question</i>			4



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In general, how would you rate your satisfaction with EXISTING parks, recreation, and open space facilities in Lakewood where 1 is the lowest and 5 the highest?

Answer Options	1 - lowest	2 - low	3 - moderate	4 - high	5 - highest	Response Count
Number of park sites - the number, size and location of	3%	3%	24%	41%	30%	100%
Amount of park amenities - the number of facilities and	3%	4%	25%	44%	24%	100%
Quality and Condition - of the development and	2%	5%	21%	45%	27%	100%
<i>answered question</i>						412
<i>skipped question</i>						14

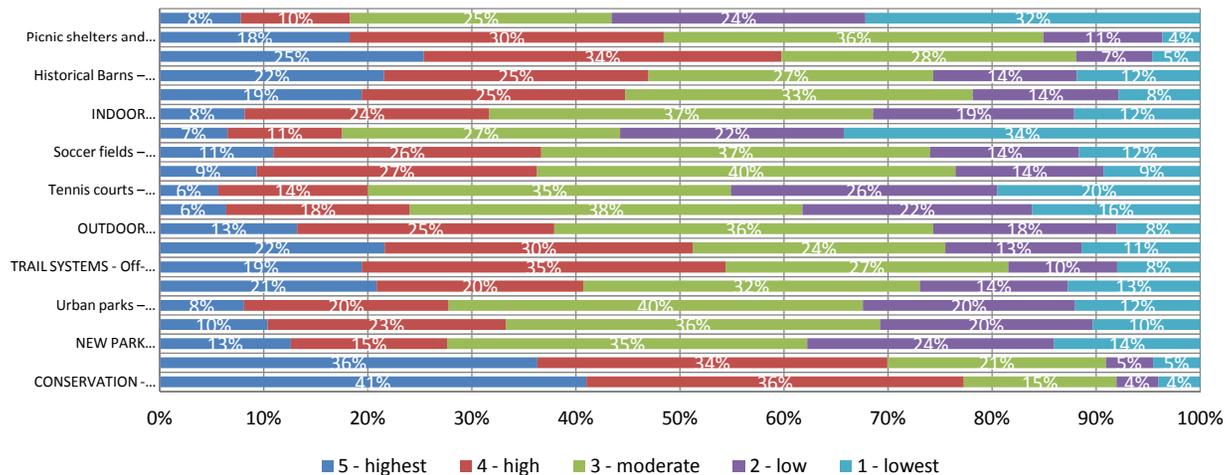


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The Lakewood Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department is developing a master plan (the Legacy Plan) which will determine park facility priorities for the next 6-20 year period. The Legacy Plan may recommend conserving wildlife habitat areas and developing waterfront access, picnic

Answer Options	1 - lowest	2 - low	3 - moderate	4 - high	5 - highest	Response Count
CONSERVATION - Environmentally-sensitive areas - Wildlife habitat - remove invasive species, plant native	4%	4%	15%	36%	41%	100%
NEW PARK RESOURCES - Neighborhood parks - Community gardens - develop community gardens in Urban parks - develop urban park or open space areas	14%	24%	35%	15%	13%	100%
Waterfront access - develop more waterfront access to TRAIL SYSTEMS - Off-street trails - develop a system of Non-Motorized Trails - create a connected system of city-	10%	20%	36%	23%	10%	100%
OUTDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES - Playgrounds - Basketball courts - develop basketball courts in city parks	12%	20%	40%	20%	8%	100%
Tennis courts - develop tennis courts in city parks and at Baseball/softball fields - improve existing fields at Soccer fields - improve existing fields at neighborhood Synthetic turf fields - develop synthetic facilities to allow	13%	14%	32%	20%	21%	100%
INDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES - Gymnasiums- Youth/Adult/Senior facilities - develop a community center	8%	10%	27%	35%	19%	100%
Historical Barns - renovate and restore the barn facilities	11%	13%	24%	30%	22%	100%
SUPPORT FACILITIES - Restrooms - develop permanent Picnic shelters and group activity sites - develop picnic	8%	18%	36%	25%	13%	100%
Public Art - Display public art in existing city parks or in	16%	22%	38%	18%	6%	100%
	20%	26%	35%	14%	6%	100%
	9%	14%	40%	27%	9%	100%
	12%	14%	37%	26%	11%	100%
	34%	22%	27%	11%	7%	100%
	12%	19%	37%	24%	8%	100%
	8%	14%	33%	25%	19%	100%
	12%	14%	27%	25%	22%	100%
	5%	7%	28%	34%	25%	100%
	4%	11%	36%	30%	18%	100%
	32%	24%	25%	10%	8%	100%
	<i>answered question</i>					424
	<i>skipped question</i>					2

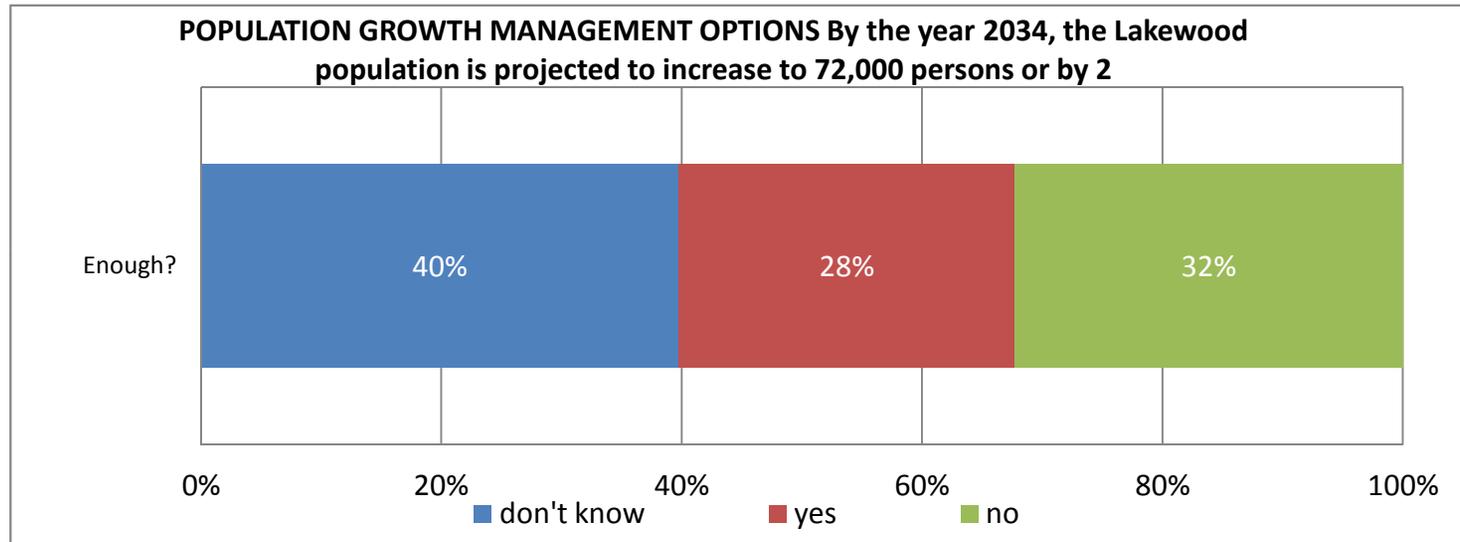
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POPULATION GROWTH MANAGEMENT OPTIONS By the year 2034, the Lakewood population is projected to increase to 72,000 persons or by 24% more than the existing population of 58,000 persons. In your opinion, will EXISTING park and

Answer Options	no	yes	don't know	Response Count
Enough?	32%	28%	40%	100%
<i>answered question</i>				415
<i>skipped question</i>				11

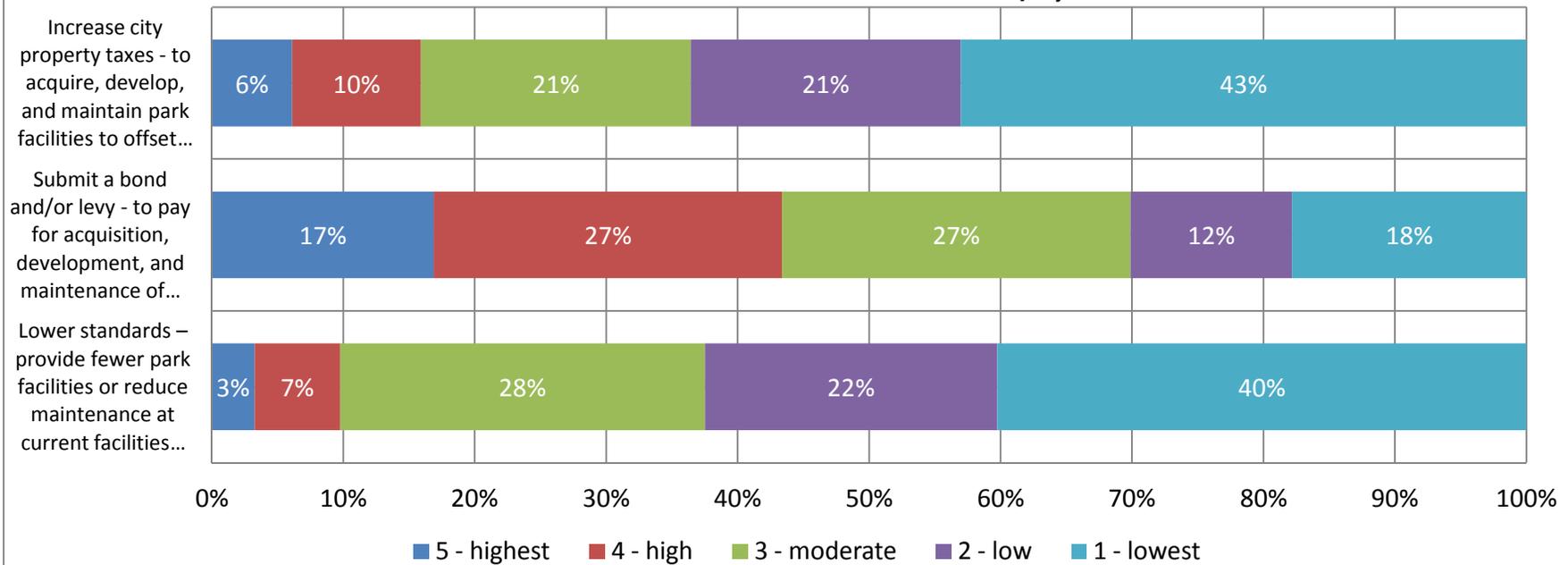


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The EXISTING inventory of Lakewood’s parks, recreation and open spaces is estimated to be worth about \$1,400 per person or \$3,400 for an average single family household. In order to keep up with increasing populations, the City would need to continue to invest this per person/family amount in new park

Answer Options	1 - lowest	2 - low	3 - moderate	4 - high	5 - highest	Response Count
Lower standards - provide fewer park facilities or reduce	40%	22%	28%	7%	3%	100%
Submit a bond and/or levy - to pay for acquisition,	18%	12%	27%	27%	17%	100%
Increase city property taxes - to acquire, develop, and	43%	21%	21%	10%	6%	100%
<i>answered question</i>						419
<i>skipped question</i>						7

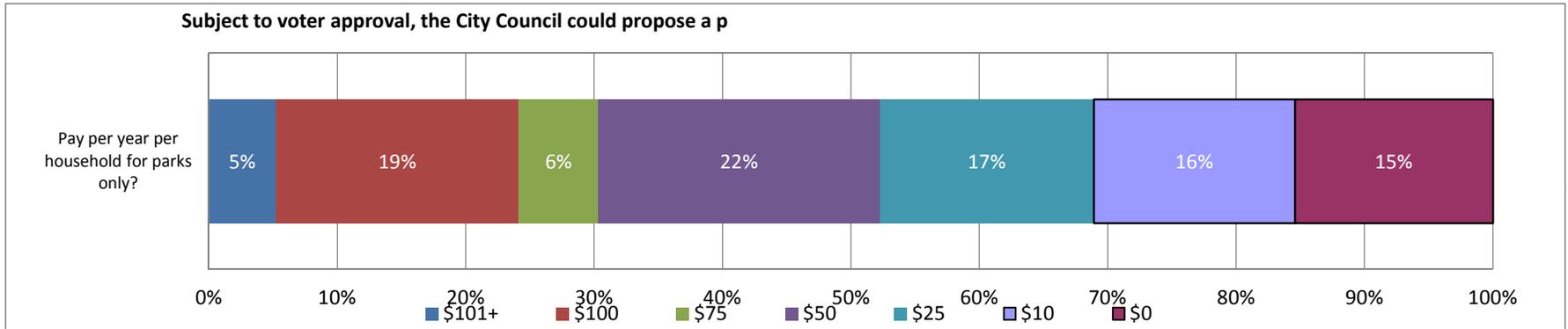
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Subject to voter approval, the City Council could propose a parks levy or property tax increase to fund ongoing recreation programs, park maintenance needs and/or to finance new parks and open space improvements. If a dedicated property tax levy were to be put on the ballot to finance the acquisition, development, operation, and maintenance of all city parks, recreation,

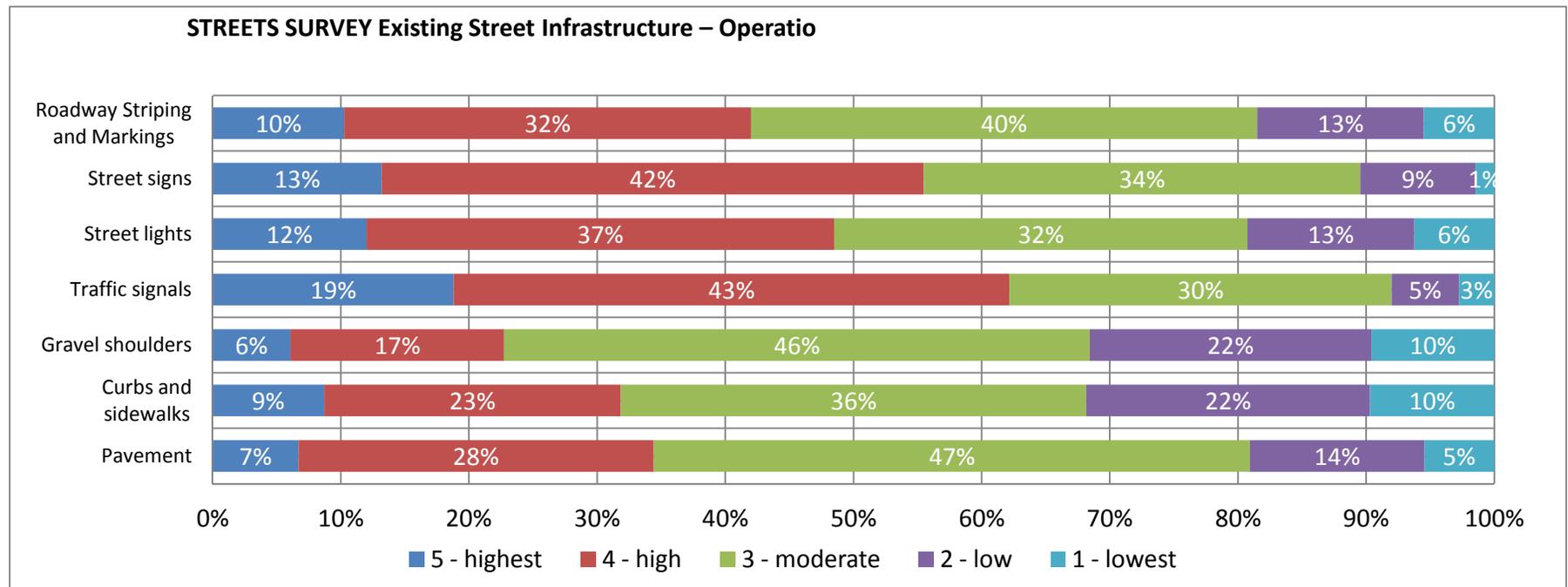
Answer Options	\$0	\$10	\$25	\$50	\$75	\$100	\$101+	Response Count
Pay per year per household for parks only?	15%	16%	17%	22%	6%	19%	5%	100%
	<i>answered question</i>							402
	<i>skipped question</i>							24



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STREETS SURVEY Existing Street Infrastructure - Operations and Maintenance Lakewood has street assets including pavement, traffic signals, sidewalks, and street lights worth about \$200 million. Currently, the city is able to allocate about \$2 million annually to operate and maintain the existing street

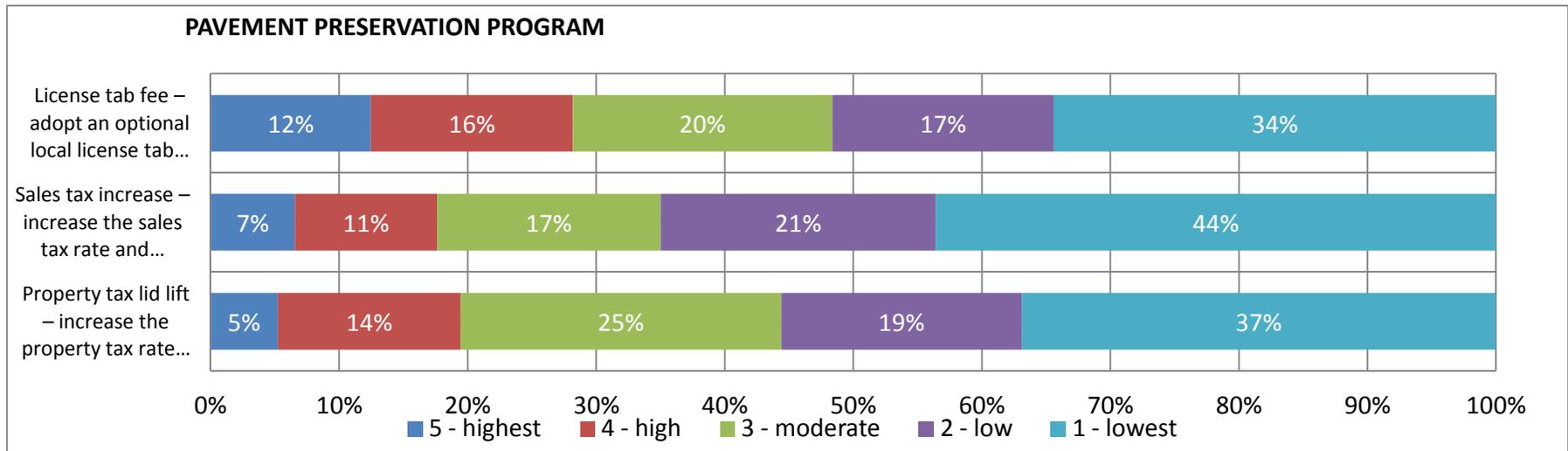
Answer Options	1 - lowest	2 - low	3 - moderate	4 - high	5 - highest	Response Count
Pavement	5%	14%	47%	28%	7%	100%
Curbs and sidewalks	10%	22%	36%	23%	9%	100%
Gravel shoulders	10%	22%	46%	17%	6%	100%
Traffic signals	3%	5%	30%	43%	19%	100%
Street lights	6%	13%	32%	37%	12%	100%
Street signs	1%	9%	34%	42%	13%	100%
Roadway Striping and Markings	6%	13%	40%	32%	10%	100%
<i>answered question</i>						407
<i>skipped question</i>						19



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PAVEMENT PRESERVATION PROGRAM - STREET MAINTENANCE Pavements are similar to other physical assets, it costs less to perform preventive maintenance than to allow the road to fail and then replace it. At a replacement value of about \$135 million, the city's paved roadways are its largest asset.

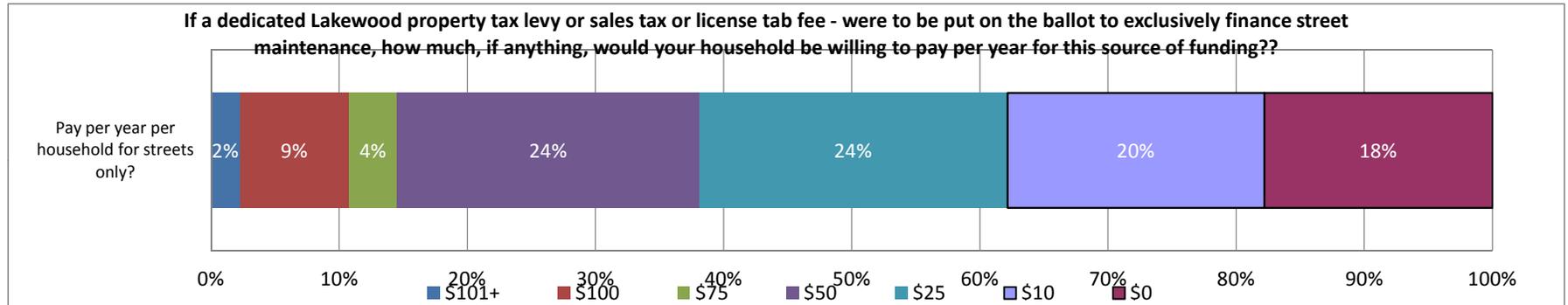
Answer Options	1 - lowest	2 - low	3 - moderate	4 - high	5 - highest	Response Count
Property tax lid lift - increase the property tax rate (lid lift)	37%	19%	25%	14%	5%	100%
Sales tax increase - increase the sales tax rate and	44%	21%	17%	11%	7%	100%
License tab fee - adopt an optional local license tab fee of	34%	17%	20%	16%	12%	100%
<i>answered question</i>						409
<i>skipped question</i>						17



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If a dedicated Lakewood property tax levy or sales tax or license tab fee - were to be put on the ballot to exclusively finance street maintenance, how much, if anything, would your household be willing to pay per year for this source of funding??

Answer Options	\$0	\$10	\$25	\$50	\$75	\$100	\$101+	Response Count
Pay per year per household for streets only?	18%	20%	24%	24%	4%	9%	2%	100%
	<i>answered question</i>							399
	<i>skipped question</i>							27

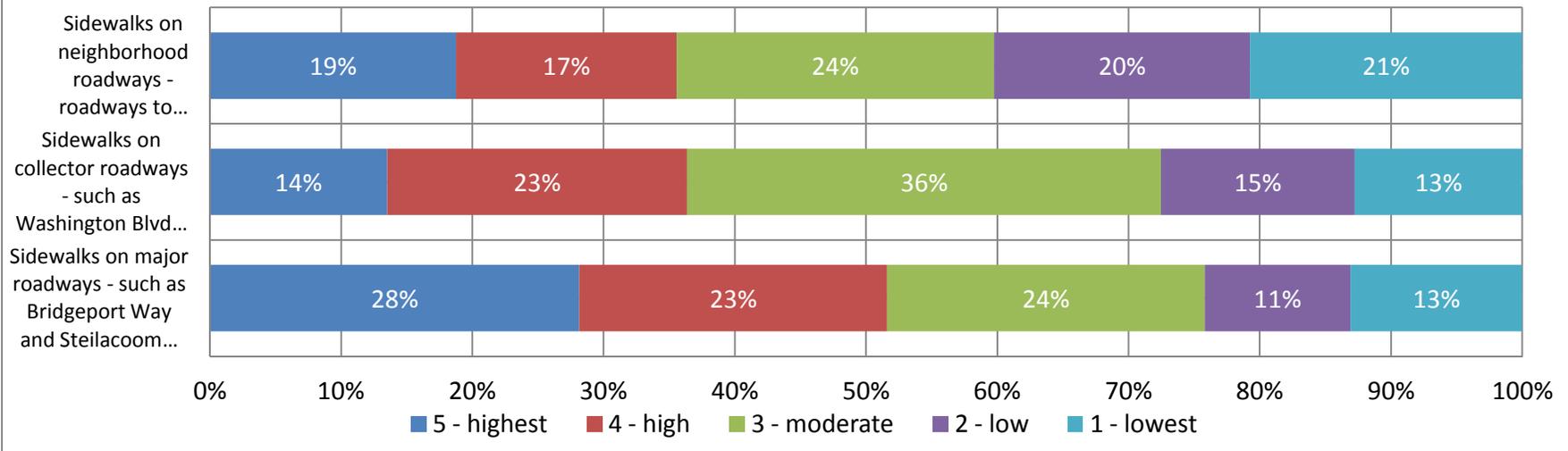


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LAKWOOD STREET IMPROVEMENTS The city has been providing street improvements in the form of sidewalks, street lights, and enhanced traffic signal operations. These improvements have been mostly funded from grants. Grants are awarded to the city on a project-specific basis and are generally

Answer Options	1 - lowest	2 - low	3 - moderate	4 - high	5 - highest	Response Count
Sidewalks on major roadways - such as Bridgeport Way	13%	11%	24%	23%	28%	100%
Sidewalks on collector roadways - such as Washington	13%	15%	36%	23%	14%	100%
Sidewalks on neighborhood roadways - roadways to	21%	20%	24%	17%	19%	100%
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<i>skipped question</i>						17

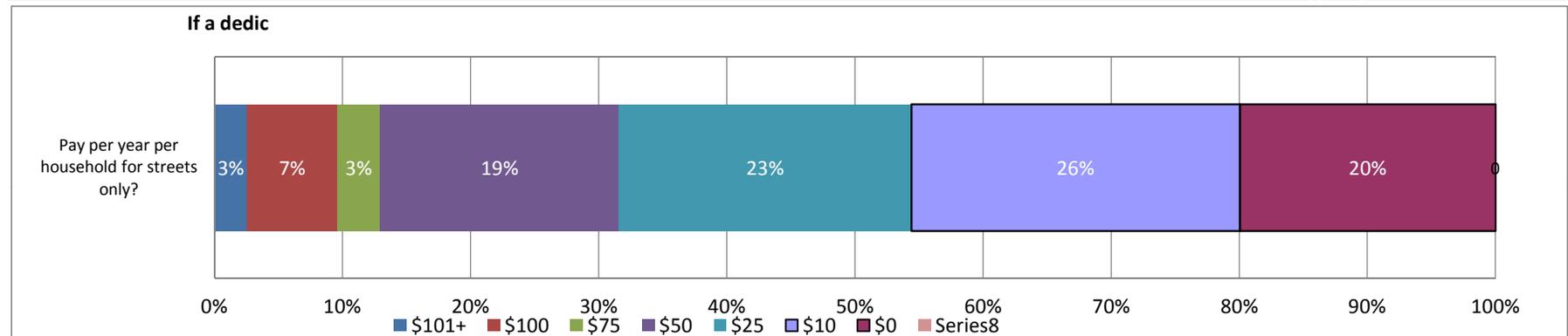
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If a dedicated Lakewood property tax levy or sales tax or license tab fee - were to be put on the ballot to exclusively finance sidewalk and street light improvements, how much, if anything, would your household be willing to pay per year for this source of funding?

Answer Options	\$0	\$10	\$25	\$50	\$75	\$100	\$101+	Response Count
Pay per year per household for streets only?	20%	26%	23%	19%	3%	7%	3%	100%
							<i>answered question</i>	386
							<i>skipped question</i>	40



Lakewood Parks & Recreation and Streets Survey Comments

Reduce salaries at City Hall/City Council. Lay off staff at City Hall or reduce salaries to include Mayor, City Manager, Council and others. Let the State take care of State Game Pak. Contract Park management to County. Use DOPE profits from proposed Lakewood DOPE shops to finance parks. Contract Public Works to County.

In the section listed as Dedicated property tax levy for parks, the respondent has written, "Not practical." Under the section for support facilities - the respondent has circled Restrooms and written: "Underground much cheaper - working good in Oregon. Under the picnic shelter and group activity sites - the respondent has written "Fort Steilacoom Park and existing others ok." Under the category Public Art, the respondent has written Library know could use space colonial center."

Under the category Financing and managing growth, the respondent indicated 'later' for maybe not assessing fees at this time, but maybe later.

Respondent wrote he/she had lived in Lakewood for 68 years.

Other comments: Parks - Fort Steilacoom - good + most other parks.

Residential roads poor - shoulders very bad - County did better - many pot holes. Corner by my house had two storm drains. I kept clean - worked well - so you put in number three. I called about putting in 3rd one, but you put in any way! Now I see you covered up one. Area north east corner of DeKoven and South Alferetta.

Under the category of Population growth management options - - the fourth paragraph - the first sentence words 'Given this fact' are circled and the respondent has written "This is NOT fact."

I feel better use could be made of the work release labor i.e. the weeds on the east side of Nyanza - the entry way to Lakewood Towne Center.

Please remove those speed bumps on Interlaken, Lake Steilacoom Drive and Tower. Their only benefit is to the wheel alignment shops.

The park's maintenance employees are excellent - Jay, Stephanie.
Places where there are two traffic lights for one lane. Not sure why this is, but would it save \$ to have only one traffic light if there is only one lane? My kids point this out all the time.

Anyway, Washington Park is great! A nice 'secret place' we 'discovered' a few years ago with our child's baseball team. Nothing fancy, but good and clean. Thank you! (Smile faces drawing.)

I would like to see some wildlife brought back to the Game Farm on Phillips Road. I loved hearing the male pheasants in the morning on the way to work. It has been a long time since I have seen or heard an upland game bird on that property.

Seeing pheasant and quail there would really be exciting. Take up a collection for that and I am in it big time.

I love Lakewood Georgie Douglas 10-2-13 Thank you

The painted markings at the street light at Farwest and Steilacoom Blvd are ridiculous. Assumes citizens are stupid and are such an eyesore STOP STOP STOP STOP! doing this to our streets. Nothing is said about security/protection of new or existing facilities - some of my answers regarding equipment/trails were influenced by this (think vandalism.) We view Fort Steilacoom Park as a Lakewood treasure and a good reason to stay in the community, but have concerns about people's

safety and vandalism.

I have never been opposed to the red light cameras - figure they save lives. I don't know how much, if any, revenue they provide, but would suggest that be considered as a source of revenue, if applicable for roads and sidewalks. (One of the reasons I supported the move to make Lakewood a city is the desperate need for sidewalks in our community - glad to see them being built.)

I prefer wilderness areas in the parks as opposed to shelters and sports facilities.

This survey is using the Delphi technique to get users to agree to city improvements which are in line with U.N. Agenda 21. I am not interested in paying for any of it. Preventative street upkeep would be nice and are necessary however whatever street funds the city has had available were not used in my neighborhood where the streets are literally falling apart. It's way past time for this city to get their act together and be responsible with the tax payers' money, tighten their belt and make careful decisions. Let's have a survey on crime. It's rampant!

It would be nice if roads that have heavy bus (city and school), garbage trucks get better maintenance.

No new taxes - No new taxes - No new taxes

As a Rotary club of Lakewood member, I know that a couple of projects we wanted to do for the city have been turned down or postponed.

Keep up what we already have. Thank you for asking public opinion.

Return 108th to a thru street. Tired of going around or thru town center.

I walk - hike in Ft. Steilacoom Park once every week. I swim in Lake Louise in the summer.

I really feel that low income residents should not have to pay to use parks. I feel all sales on the internet should pay sales tax!!!!

The walking trail around Waughop Lake has dangerous potholes.
Sidewalks enhance property values as well as safety for people.

Dogs are overtaking a lot of parks. We feel the parks we used are well maintained and lovely.
Take back the sidewalk right-of-ways that have been 'landscaped' like so many roads have. Issue parking tickets to the vehicles parked in sidewalk right-of-ways and put the fines into the construction of curbs and gutters and the sidewalks.

I think it is absolutely essential to provide poop bags in the dog park(s), as well as other public areas where dogs are walked. At present, people seem to be encouraged to provide old grocery bags, which are an eyesore at the Fort Steilacoom dog park entrance. In most places, what is being done in a spirit of 'goodness' would be considered littering.

If this cost a little bit, so be it. The City has the power to tax for essential services.
Property taxes are too high now, and will cause us to move out of Lakewood as soon as we can sell our house. So an increase in property taxes would be intolerable.

Thanks for spelling this out.

Many sidewalks going to nowhere paid by builders not by city?

The city needs to work with the state to reopen care access to the wildlife refuge/game farm. Nobody will buy a discovery pass to go for a walk. Living in Oakbrook, need desperately to provide better sidewalks and paths and better street lighting. Certain uncontrolled intersections need better marking and lights many are difficult to find on winter mornings.

A tax for visitors is usually counterproductive. Traffic light settings could be improved. Left turn lights

should all use the caution light going from green to turn many don't. Use of reflectors should increase priority over paint for lanes. Overall this city is better than most.

Increase sales tax to make it equal for all community members.

Recreation: Partner with YMCA and JBLM

Parks: Add a couple of spray grounds at lesser used parks and low income areas

Partner with churches for community garden

Partner with CPSD so teams can use ballfields on a fee basis to take pressure off of FSP

Parking is a big problem at FSP on weekends. Find other venues for events such as CPTC or Hudtloff Middle School.

Streets: Steilacoom Blvd is a big problem. Too many people from the Town of Steilacoom use it.

Share maintenance costs. Install a roundabout at Custer and 88th and John Dower. Force all traffic to use Hipkins light by removing light at McDonalds and block left turn like they do in U.P. 75th and Custer is another good place. Sidewalks and bike lanes the length of Steilacoom Blvd and Custer to connect to Bridgeport to get to Towne Center.

Seems to me in order to get the most citizen input more citizens should know about the survey and have an opportunity to respond. Perhaps city staff and citizen volunteers could have gone to these locations on a Saturday and actually connected with folks who were there enjoying the parks. No one I spoke with knew of this survey.

Youth Sports Programs are important and worth every penny spent. Wonderful parks, perfectly maintained within 3/4 of a mile of every residence are a dream. If there is a shortfall for street maintenance then why in the world would the city be entertaining any thoughts of additional parks?

No!

Sorry but I don't know anything about local parks. I am a disabled senior and rarely go to the park except for American Lake Park.

Do what you can with the current budget. Do NOT raise parks.

I think we have adequate amount of park facilities maintenance should be the priority.

I don't use parks or walk the sidewalks. I have never seen anyone walking along Hipkins Road and I travel that street daily.

On parks and roads I would suggest proper maintenance only with restricted funds. On parks specifically maintenance of current parks and facilities until funds have improved. Most of the damage is done by poor setting of access plates and repairs to work done by PSE and others cutting up our streets and not repairing them properly. We should be stricter about this. They are tax payer's streets not PSE.

Seems to me Lakewood is awfully concerned with Parks and Recreation improvements. Good idea but the city can't even take care of road improvements in this city. Where do you think the money is going to come from for park and recreation improvements??? Five pages of park and recreation and only two pages for roads and streets? Priorities are...road conditions in Lakewood SUCK. I have lived in this area for 7+ ears not once has the main drive to McChord Gates been resurfaced. Not to mention all the back roads full of potholes.

Every time the city of Lakewood needs money the City Council wants to tax to death the small

businesses and property owners which includes me.

Eliminate some of the wasteful social welfare programs. I cannot qualify for food stamps, I am retired and on a fixed income I am still under medical care for my cancer and cardiac control.

If I was black or Latino I would be able to qualify for all sorts of public assistance since I am Caucasian I do not qualify for any sort of assistance. I developed cancer when I was 70, SSI expires at 66 meaning to qualify for SSI I would have to be under 66 years of age.

When I applied for food stamps the clerk told me that I should take out a 2nd 3rd mortgage on my home.

My property taxes are too high. All the city council knows it tax and spend. I see roads being repaired and a few months later look like a bulldozer tore them up. I see people at the welfare office driving 2012 or 2013 new motor vehicles and receiving welfare. Our taxes on utility bills and cable billings are very high and you folks have placed surcharges on your surtaxes charged in the utility billings.

Stop trying to tax small businesses owners and home owners to death. Small businesses are leaving Lakewood because you the City Council are taxing them to death. Shame on you.

The access road to Gravelly Lake should be open to the public. The lake should be available to all not just the rich people who live around the lake.

We could pay for better street lighting in all neighborhoods. Increased usage makes dark roads dangerous. We see more renters and speeders. Increased sidewalks in our residential area eliminate parking so I would separate improvement for lighting from improved sidewalks in any levy request. They are very different. I do not want to give up parking. Also there are many deer. I would like to see wild areas for them not exactly parks but green left for natural wildlife and would support a levy to provide the same. Haven't used the farmers market but plan to. Community gardens and farmers markets are great ideas.

In my opinion, police, fire and streets are more important than parks.

Streets and parks are important. I have lived in Lakewood for over 60 years and have witnessed many changes, some good and some bad. I was very active in saving what is now Ft. Steilacoom park from development.

I was very involved before and during the time of incorporation. I realize and embrace the diversity of our population. As I look back over the past 14 years I am saddened by the missed opportunities to enhance the beauty of our city. The lack of landscaping green spaces street trees etc. The removal of trees, especially our native trees is disappointing.

What happened to the placing of underground wiring on our major streets? All of this was part of the original plan for our city. Another concern is the lack of follow-through on the regulations on signage.

Comparing Lakewood to other smaller communities in the Puget Sound Area we rate a C- or D for being attractive, clean, and inviting to visitors. I believe parks are an important consideration but improving and solving other concerns are also. Our city does not impress people while there are lovely well kept areas the main city area does not. An attractive clean good business and Tax dollars. I love Lakewood and would hope to see some positive changes for generations beyond mine. Parks yes, but cleaning up and making Lakewood beautiful is first without tax dollars.

Yes & Thank You.

Be careful how you spend other people's money (mine) on a bunch of stuff that many of the residents of Lakewood don't want, need, or will use

Very interesting and thought provoking survey!

You may call Gary Fulton at 584-4972 who pays for our lights in Hill Terrace or anyone else that might be home and have a conscience about paying yearly our Home Owners bills.

Add more restroom facilities to the large dog park.

Any time we're talking about the public's money, the public would like to be sure you are spending our money carefully. As my Dad used to say, "Don't waste the family's resources." I would like to suggest that the city send out work crews of community offenders to pick up the amazing amount of trash on our streets. Just that one little project would reap great benefits.

Do not call homes after 8:00 pm. I was contacted at 9:00 pm and didn't appreciate it.

We need to concentrate on pavement improvement on our city streets.

Partnering with the Clover Park Schools to create a park/playground for the communities is a very good idea. Possibly having community work parties (volunteer) would cut down on the costs. This would need to be publicized and a sign up to sure that enough people would show up.

Maintain the Senior Center which currently provides a variety of programs and activities of great importance to us older people.

To obtain funds for parks, sidewalks, etc it should not be always placed on the property owners when everyone uses and benefits from them, but the burden of funding should involve all residents of the community.

Too much dependence on property taxes -

Property Tax Lid Lift - No Property owners pay - no work done in my area

No No No property tax. Use sales tax - everyone will contribute - Depending on property tax for everything is disproportionate.

Lakewood is blessed with such a great City Council. Our police force, streets, neighborhoods, excellent signage, traffic control, etc.

You are doing a great job & keep up the good things that Lakewood stands for.

Thank you for asking for my contribution.

No

1. Secondary & Tertiary roads need better attention

2. Parks are more than adequate - upkeep is primary area requiring attention.

Improve access to Arrowhead from I-5, to abate the bottleneck effect of Washington Blvd (heading south) in the after work hours (if possible.)

Don't "over urbanize." Lakewood is a military (transient) community to a large degree. Learn the lesson of the Lakewood Mall; never could support a flagship store.

One of the prime reasons we moved here is the rustic appeal. Lots of trees, nice lawns & "no sidewalks"! We hardly use the parks but pass by them every day & they add to the ?? of the neighborhood. Ft Steilacoom Park has a tremendous sports program on weekends.

Know money is short but please stay away from any more bonds or license tab increases. Sales tax, maybe.

I want more and still pay the same.

1. As far as I can see, the streets and sidewalks here in my area are in good condition. Thank you for maintaining the.
2. Outdated "garage sale" signs are still a problem. Can the City of Lakewood enforce taking these signs down at the end of the garage sales?
3. Can the City do something about old "abandoned" unused vehicles left on the property? Corner of Vernon St SW and Moreland Ave SW are two old pickup trucks. These have been there for many years and the neighbors say they've seen vagrant men sleeping in them. This is a danger to people living in the neighborhood.

We would hope that any new improvements would not result in the mess made on Hipkins Road. It was made dangerous by making the road curve back and forth with curbs close to road. In the Washington fog and rain, you can see how many curbs have been hit. This was a total waste of taxpayer dollars.

Add roundabouts more landscaping street trees, etc. Like U.P.

Landscape islands in streets

Lakewood business owner for over 30 years.

My phone #253-985-0655. Thanks. Bob

Paint used for white/yellow stripes on many roads/streets has 'faded' to the point they 'disappear.'
Dangerous on our dark nights - even on rainy days.

Preventive maintenance is lacking big time. I.e. intersection 96th and South Tacoma Way; 512 and South Tacoma Way; Bridgeport intersection at McChord.

Improvements are ongoing. The frustration for me is to see a newly paved street being torn up because a utility needed to be updated.

Take the time to review with all departments that have equipment in, under, over or along any route that is to be improved. If the equipment is anywhere near replacement do it while everything is torn up and finish all at once.

Move power underground if possible to cut back on storm damage.

No sidewalks on side streets

No new taxes or levies or assessments. Parks as they are, are being well utilized and maintained.
Street lights on Interlaken Drive SW. The lights that are up were purchased years ago by homeowners.

You've spent money to have bicycle lanes and up-keep for them: Bicycle lanes are redundant! Sure the o-so-few bicyclists or pedestrians, who use them, could safely share the wonderful - mostly unused sidewalks already provided by the taxpayers.

Lived in city 65 years. Am almost 92. I am sure that the fact that I live alone and am elderly has influenced my choices.

Maintain the potholes(fill the potholes).

Our grandchildren love Primley Park.

Street lights and sidewalks are desperately needed on 75th due to increased pedestrian traffic generated by Wal-Mart. A small venue to support the arts (music & theater (would be a plus for the City of Lakewood.

We appreciate Ft. Steilacoom park and the on-going upgrades. We think the Park & Recreation Dept. is

going a tremendous job at this facility. We use the park on an almost daily basis and thoroughly enjoy the opportunity. We see people of all ages using the park for a wide variety of activities. Kudos also to the people who maintain the park. It is truly a community jewel.

P.S. It should be possible to simplify the paperwork required to rent the shelters at the park. The amount of paper to use the facilities for one day or less seems excessive.

Parks need police patrols to assure the miscreants don't destroy public property. This stupid state has the reputation of permitting drugs to be consumed at large, heed my recommendation of police presence in parks! Drugs are destructive to people and property. Ex Customs Agent.

Congratulations on street signs large enough to read. Need more lights on streets.

I believe Edgewater Park (#5) could use permanent sani-cans or bathroom facilities as well as better signage for parking. Ft. Steilacoom Park is excellent. Thank you!

Ft. Steilacoom Park should be developed as central place for the Lakewood community to meet. A permanent building in the park should be built to be used for the farmer's market and community events. The Farmer's Market should be held in the evening and include music (such as Steilacoom does). Invite food trucks to participate during the farmer's market and events in the park. Open up the Lake's High School swimming pool so it can be used on the weekends. Have a community vegetable garden in the park and give the proclude to the food banks. Lease garden areas out so area residents can grow their own food. Re-pave the walkway around the lake so it is easier for the public and disabled to use.

I'm 88 years old & have no interest in all this & told the one who called me. This survey is just hog-wash. I wouldn't waste my time. Send this to someone who will answer all these sill questions. Use the money you have.

In my opinion the City of Lakewood has done a poor job of overall street maintenance. I have lived in my home since 1968 (bought it in 1958) and the street - Veteran Drive - I live on have never been improved since I've been here. It is a main thoroughfare used by ambulances, fire trucks, police cars, school buses and water craft going to the boat ramp at the park. Lack of sidewalks gives no protection for pedestrians walking to the park. Road lacks bicycle lanes and paved shoulders. We have had several accidents with one fatality. This is the main road to the Veterans Hospital and the back road to JBLM. I am a member of the Lake City neighborhood watch committee.

Reduce Street light use by adding motion detectors or less hours-suggest 1 to dawn.

Pavement is the hardest surface to walk on and sometimes hurts legs and feet. Much prefer the ground (dirt, etc) for walking areas - trails and such. Prefer seeing more natural ground and areas.

No comments

The traffic signals are not set to work properly. It would be good if the city could adjust them to stay green when no traffic is going through. In particular, it would be good if the left turn lane had lights that worked saying left turn yield on green.

A lot could be done with Fort Steilacoom Park. It has great potential. It needs more parking.

I was thinking Ft. Steilacoom Park could make facilities for the homeless population.

I am not sure how practical this idea is.

Because I am 92 I feel that my opinions are not as valid as the general population. I am a single person.

Regarding question #14 - Sidewalks on major roadways - the survey respondent wrote "Sidewalk

around Gravelly Lake.

The survey is too long!

Hipkins Road between Steilacoom Blvd and Nixon Street needs patch work! I called public works 4 years ago and nothing happened. There is a bad road on Gravelly Lake Place between North Street and Nyanza. There are potholes throughout Lakewood not being fixed! This should be priority one.

Thorough Survey.

I am not an employee of the city or relative or friend of one. I appreciate what our new city has been able to do in recreation and city maintenance. I often go to Towne Center and shop there frequently.

I think the farmers market was very good this summer and bought produce there often. Lakewood is not a rich city so what we have is especially valuable. Thank you for everything you people are able to do.

Personally, I have the funds to support your efforts to improve our city.

Under question #19 - survey taker answered "Bank" like the bank owns the house?

Oak trees around Seeley Lake Park are dangerous in my opinion.

Park and Recreation

Often smaller community parks are not used but very little. Better to maintain larger parks with more activates and better facilities as they are often full of people on any given day that is nice.

Taxes in general

I used to strongly believe in dedicated taxes and over the years have learned that a dedicated tax is only as good as those enforcing the dedicated part. All too often dedicated means until it is voted to the general fund. We have seen these both at state level funding and the federal funding levels.

Why should we now believe that the city would be truly dedicating a tax for good?

- * Non-Residents of Lakewood need to pay a user fee to use parks.
- * Trail System in Ft. Steilacoom Park is great; however mountain bikes have a tendency to erode trails.
- * Keep open space in Ft. Steilacoom Park - great asset for City.
- * Lakewood needs to enforce right-of-way on streets in Oakbrook. Owners have planted shrubs, etc. and you have to walk in the street. This area is supposed to be kept clear/clean.

Something needs to be done about the lack of parking for the swim/boat launch area at Edgewater Park. My husband and I would like to suggest making Edgewater a one way street, leaving one lane for parking.

I live in Oakbrook and it seems to me that the City of Lakewood does not want to pay any attention to our neighborhood. We need lights! And walkways it is very dark in the winter time. Why should we have to pay for it everywhere else you fix the street. I walk with my dog every day the cars racing on Onyx and Lincor we need walkways and we need a new Post Office.

We live on a fixed income raising taxes makes life difficult!

First of all, I feel this survey is too complicated to start with. Then you mail me a self-addressed envelope with no stamp on it. That's the least you could have done after all the time it took to go thru this survey.

I'm looking at my property tax statement and the City is getting less money than the fire department. We should cut their wages and big retirement program.

Then we are still paying money for the port of Tacoma. That could be used here in Lakewood. The port should be self supporting by now.

I feel parks should be open to all citizens free of charge. Baseball, soccer Clubs should pay a fee to use the facility when they play. I play golf at Fort Steilacoom and pay each time I play.

Hope to NOT see my property tax increase, we pay enough!

Marked both age categories 50-64 and 65+ I entered 50-64 since only one answer is accepted by the computer.

Bike riding, a great option for CO2 reduction is totally unsafe in most areas of Lakewood. Bike lanes are a MUST - Steilacoom Blvd is dangerous!

I am against providing Lakewood with any additional revenue because it is ripping off its residents every month with it's or the county's unlawful Lakewood franchise agreement fee pertaining to the sewer service.

Recommend installation of sidewalks and street lights throughout Area 1 in Lakewood.

I don't see most sidewalks being used. Please spend the money on street improvements.

I do not see any projects that address cutting expenses; all want to increase taxes, what about?

1.) Cutting down on traffic stop signs. (Ye old right of way-saves gas.)... (illegible)
2.) City Employees, Benefits or "Perks" Let's get real, we Retired people are on a fixed income, NO!!! Additional income is expected, yet ALL everyone wants to do is increase our expenses!
Anyway, thanks for letting me vent!

From a Mom that cares: I love on 88th St SW between Custer St and Steilacoom Blvd. There is no sidewalk. I have a son that's disabled and drives a wheelchair and when he goes out he drive on the street. From Phillip Rd to Custer School, the sidewalk is not assessable to people with wheelchairs and that is very sad. We are a town that cares.

(On the questions that dealt with existing facilities and growth in the future - both the no and the don't know answers were checked. I entered don't know into the tally.

We are strongly opposed to ANY further development of the Chambers Creek for public use. The recent enhancements at Kolayashi Park have produced:

1. unsupervised public use of the stream. People urinate in it and classrooms of school children visit to play in protected salmon runs on both Leach Creek and Chambers.
2. increased robberies and vandalism adjacent to the public spaces.
3. Habitation of secluded areas by homeless people in tents
4. noise: screaming and loud music are frequent in summer

Though I think it's commendable to plan parks that will meet estimated growth of the community, I think it is more important to keep current parks properly maintained and kept clean.

I have used FSP two times this summer for club events and it was wonderful to have the facility all clean and accessible.

Good safe sidewalks in neighborhoods near schools are most important to me as are streets with properly maintained services.

I will be interested in learning how the community responds to this survey.

I believe that the most fundamental government services are to provide good safe streets and roads and other infrastructure such as sewers.

Unfortunately, prior to cityhood, these services were neglected for decades. (Fortunately we at least had an excellent Lakewood Water District for decades, although they got it wrong on fluoridation.)

Although, I am willing to pay more in taxes or a levy for parks & roads, that would be a hard sell at present in election. There is already a good deal of resentment about Lakewood taxes on telephone, cable TV and natural gas, act.

Consider revising the intersection of Custer and 88th Street
make do with finances now available do not increase taxes or fees
need side walk on onyx

Wrote under New Park Resources under Off Street Trails and Non-Motorized Trails: Nice, but cost prohibitive.

The survey is too long.

Acquire and "bank" open space for parks and recreation needs and develop as funds become available.

Evaluate and update traffic signals which do not respond to the prevailing traffic patterns during most of the daytime hours. E.g. hold traffic at the light when no cross traffic in sight and then hold the cross traffic when it appears. Wastes time, gas and tries the patience of many drivers.

Trails that will encourage people to ride bicycles to work or to do shopping will benefit both the riders and the environment. They will also help change social attitudes.

Read my lips, NO NEW TAXES!!!

Event publicity: relating to 2. The farmers' market is the only event that I heard about prior to its closing. (I however went to the Steilacoom farmers market because the Lakewood market was only open while I was at work.)

Removing invasive species-my family has invasive plants on its property. Since there wasn't much guidance from Lakewood or Washington, we have slowly been reducing this by mechanical means. We are motivated to comply; I suspect others are not, particularly since support is so slim.

Why 3/4 of a mile to playgrounds? Why not a mile? Does this include Cloverpark school system playgrounds?

There are indoor recreational facilities?

14. I walk a lot, and, except for major roads, I satisfied to have a descent traffic shoulder to walk on.
no

STOP RAISING TAXES AND START CUTTING EXPENSES STOP ADDING NEW PROJECT UNTIL WE CAN AFFORD THEM.
WE DONT NEED NEW SIDEWALKS, STREET LIGHTS, ART, OR BEATIFICATION PROJECTS.

My problem with having home owners pay for parks/improvements. Etc. What about all the renters?

How about an entrance fee. Token amount...say \$0.50 cent user fee. Everyone would be willing to pay that amount to get into and out of our area parks...Thanks for listening...

Employ people with experience in their field. solutions to street problems - e.g. Onyx "street calming" was designed(?) in a vacuum by novices w/poor communication, and look what you got. If that is an indication of our future street mentality-then use your money to hire talent and sensibility first! Sidewalks on John Dower Road eliminated shoulder parking for park users, resulting in dangerous conditions.

When speaking about funding and using the word "dedicate", it is a weasel word which funds can easily be used for other than what it was intended. But if funding is to be "earmarked", that is used only for what it is earmarked for, it is not so easy to move those funds to other projects.

Need to create sidewalks on Gravelly Lake Dr SW where there are presently only trails through homeowner lawns, especially to link the few existing sidewalk areas with bus stops. Even simple asphalt paths would be better than walking in the street, and would enable motor scooters/wheelchairs/child strollers. The handicapped & teens from Lochburn School must find it impossible to reach a bus stop or a shopping area in some places.... (I.e. Gravelly Lake Dr. from Bridgeport to 59 St. to reach bus stops/shopping area at/near intersection of Bridgeport/Gravelly Lake Dr. /59 St.and up to Steilacoom Blvd.)

I totally disagree with raising taxes to keep up with population growth. More people pay more taxes. As property values go up what I pay goes up. I don't need property tax rate increases on top of that. Sales taxes: Everybody uses the term "the tax rate increase is only 1/10 of 1 percent". Three or four entities requesting 1, 2 or 3/10s of a percent increase each year adds up to a totally unacceptable level. The answer to every problem is not more money!!! Overall I am very happy with the status quo in Lakewood but am not opposed to tweaking a few areas.

* Think of a way to eliminate goose droppings as they make picnicking and playing/walking on the grass difficult.

* Make wooden bridges safer to walk across. Currently the bridges are slippery causing folks to slip and even fall. This is especially dangerous at Wards Park with all the seniors visiting. As we are aware this age group has less balance skills to stop themselves from falling.

* Put more benches and trashcans along the trails.

My son goes to school at Lakes High School. His Cross Country team holds a yearly event that brings in a great deal of money to the city of Lakewood once a year. I know other sports teams also use this park and spend their money in Lakewood while attending these events. I also love the Lake Steilacoom Dog Park. I would support these areas 100%. I am retired due to a disability so the park is my only way of talking to other people and enjoying the easy access to all of the parks fine qualities.

I believe sidewalks and streetlights in local neighborhoods would be of great benefit for both safety and ease of access to various facilities.

Thanks for taking the time and effort to solicit input. Good Luck

The main streets in Lakewood are well maintained, probably due to grant money. However, residential streets often have pot holes for some time before they get repaired, and more street lights would be good also. Parks are important, but more people drive than use parks.

Some questions could not be answered due to being inappropriate for my situation.

Lakewood should seek military impact funds for the significant wear that JBLM has on our community roads and freeways. They do not pay sales tax for purchases on the base to contribute to our roads and schools - or anything that Lakewood residence has to fund. My commute is horrible because of JBLM traffic.

Need to fix timing of signals for Washington Blvd to be shorter intervals and Vets dr. Longer intervals!

Thanks for the proactive planning!!!

With the down economy, and poor employment picture, it would not be wise to raise taxes but to use the tax funds already being collected to maintain the roads, parks, etc. The tax rates now are excessively high and if they increase many of us in Lakewood will have little choice but to cut our losses and move to more tax friendly area.

I would like to see new strips on our roads. The arrow indicators on the roads are almost gone. I wish the main roads in Oakbrook had lighting. I would like to see reflectors on the lines down the middle of the main roads in Lakewood.

I love the forward looking planning and willingness to consider increasing revenue to pay for needed improvements. Please keep the Farmers Market; it's a wonderful addition to our city!

I'm very proud of Lakewood, but would be even prouder if we had better walking trails, sidewalks and less car traffic.

You have done an excellent job on Fort Steilacoom Park. The Dog park there is a jewel, Keep up the good work and continue to do it well.

The roads in Lakewood are well maintained. As are the traffic lights. Keep up the good work this is a good place to live

None

I love living in the Lakewood community.

We want our road swept and in winter, cleared of snow. We do not want an entire lane shared with cyclists. We hate the traffic light timing. We don't mind waiting if cars are going through but hate waiting 30-40 seconds waiting at an intersection when there is no cross traffic!

It was promised when Hipkins rd was redone that there would be a sidewalk from one end to the other @ least on one side. What happened to that?

Please include ditch improvements and/or cleaning. I am concerned about water runoff from ditches on Lake Louise DR SW. Many of the ditches around the lake can only carry about 1/2 ditch capacity because they have not been cleaned out. Erosion has deposited soil into the ditches and we are concerned about flooding. We are at 563 Lake Louise DR SW.

Thank you to all the hard workers who I see working to improve streets.

Can I help get a grant so we could have an accessible sidewalk around the lake for children walking to school and seniors getting exercise? I would be willing to help with that effort.

Thanks again to all that you have done to improve Lakewood. We know it is not easy with funding being so tight,

Would like to see and/or participate in ecology, biology, science programs for kids and adults. Whenever I go to zoos, aquariums, etc., I give impromptu talks and demonstrations to others.

I don't see any references to investing in or maintain security at parks. I live near Active Park, which is supposed to be closed at dusk, but people are there well after dark. I am not proposing a fence or other barrier, but I do think the plan should include assessing appropriate access or use of each park.

When money is not available and the city is as transient as Lakewood maintaining seems more important than growth at this time.

I did not answer the questions regarding the amount of money I would be willing to pay. From the rest of my answers, it should be clear I would certainly be willing to pay. The amount is not relevant until we know what we are getting for it. Simply, I did not like the question. Also, I would not support a tax levy that would impact other special districts, specifically, the fire district. This could occur if either proration became necessary.

I do appreciate being asked to fill this out however. It is important for the community to maintain both these assets. Thank you.

Keep up the good work!

Sidewalks, larger street signs, school zone flashing lights (not just little signs hidden by overgrown trees); additional street lights in some of the darker areas should be priorities. With such a fluid military presence, stable Lakewood homeowners always get left footing the bills for long lasting projects. I believe that the city should provide infrastructure NOT programs. If you build park, playground or ball field, people will figure out how to play on it. They don't need you to organize them or supervise them. With the exception of lifeguards and maintenance/cleanup personnel, we don't really need any park staff. Improvements should be made by community service clubs and fund raising similar to the play structure in Ft Steilacoom Park. The city needs to live within its means, not keep looking for more money to spend. We all have to do that. The streets are fine. Less government is always better.

My highest health and convenience priority would be to finish the bike trail connecting Lakewood to Downtown Tacoma (and other areas??).

No

Traffic light needed at 86th & Custer!

More Yoga classes for seniors, please.

Love the Farmers' Market. Expand this, please.

My grandson, when he visits, appreciates the playground at the Ft. Steilacoom park.

Love and am a member of Lakewood Gardens. I saw them on the parks map, but are they really part of the budget for Lakewood?

None

Ft Steilacoom Park is among the best in the region from a size and facility standpoint; however invasive species, overgrowth, etc detract from the experience associated with hiking/walking. Second point, the side streets, neighborhoods would benefit from sidewalks - as would the health of the population that would get out and walk/bike ride instead of driving. Roads/streets as they are today are not safe for me or my children to use and unfortunately our residents can sometimes drive aggressively...

We have the Lakewood YMCA - which is why I would not spend precious tax dollars for another facility. How about joining with Metro Parks and Recreation? I take classes through them. Collaborate! Build some tennis courts and get some lake front access at the smaller lakes

I think that the most important thing to improve in Lakewood is the sidewalk system to accommodate for biking and walking around the community. For some reason we seem to have a lot of sidewalks that lead to nowhere. On walks with my children this summer, we ended up on many sidewalks that ended in the middle of very busy roads. We would love to be able to walk/bike to the store for groceries and for fun; however it is scary to think of how close the cars come to my children when the sidewalks end with no warnings!!

The other major concern is regarding the Southgate School that is scheduled to close in another year or so. We are hoping that this property will continue being used as a playground for the neighborhood kids. When school is not in session there are always kids playing at this school playground. It would be a horrible loss for our neighborhood if this were no longer available. It has been a great asset to our small Southgate community and part of what helps to keep this neighborhood a nice place to live.

Quit building sidewalks were no body walks and put them in neighborhoods where the people live. Put the damn utilities underground. Trees here are very shallow rooted, and our evergreen trees have very brittle limbs. It rains and the wind blows, guess what I have NO power. As a reminder, when this town was created, you said you would not raises taxes, LIARS. A rose is a rose, and a franchise fee is a tax.

None

RE: More park space: Parks do not seem to be over utilized now. Please publish park utilization data and survey results. Also, why do people avoid using parks? Example: Fort Steilacoom Park big toy has sight hazards and children are difficult to watch and parents fear abduction.

Mary is an incredible staff member, do what you can to keep her on!

Reduce traffic speed on Nyanza Rd SW and Gravelly Lake and construct a separate walk/jog/bike path around Gravelly Lake incorporating the two roads. This is an extremely popular walk/run/bike circuit with no sidewalks or (in many places) shoulder access way and the traffic does not adhere to the 35 MPH zone and in many locations uses the "third" lane as a passing lane!

One of my priorities is improved street signs--on all the signs, and brighter street lights

1) The motto if you build it they will come isn't always true with sidewalks in Lakewood. Very few additional people actually use the upgraded sidewalks than when the street edge was gravel. The people who walk there are now generally are the same ones who walked there before. Concrete sidewalks are not as environmentally friendly as packed down gravel. In many of Lakewood's local neighborhoods it is safe to walk along the edge of the road. On city streets I have notice boxes to monitor the actual amount of traffic. Perhaps prior to upgrading to an expensive new concrete sidewalk have volunteers monitor the actual amount of foot traffic in a feasibility study. I think citizens would help do this in order to facilitate local government in being a good steward of limited tax dollars. Another way to save money is to just put sidewalks on one side.

2) Use existing properties/facilities rather than purchasing/building more.

3) Do not sell the street ends that run into the lakes to the abutting property owners. These people already have access to the lake and often it is their wish to prevent local residents from utilizing these areas because they find the locals to be a disturbing element rather than their neighbors. Just review comments from past forums made by these abutting property owners. Once these parcels of land are gone they are gone forever and their value will only increase over time. These street ends are a great public asset in a city called LAKEWOOD! If developed into parks they should be walk down/to sites with zoned permit parking within 2 blocks to keep the property owners in the immediate area happy. (I know this has helped the local neighbors to Tacoma General/Mary Bridge deal with unwanted parking.) This approach would not be nearly as severe as that of the area surrounding Edgewood Park. If local residents had real and multiple options to accessing the lakes then perhaps the kids would not have to hang out on the bridge going over Lake Steilacoom in the summer months--the signs threatening the \$1000 fine does not seem to be much of a deterrent to changing the existing unsafe conditions for both drivers and pedestrians. Since the city already owns these plots, maybe a trial study could be undertaken to test the validity of the concept of community access to our city's lakes. On Westlake Ave SW the street end is used as a "walk to" access by many of the local residents. Several neighbors keep a path mowed in order to walk their boats down to the water's edge. Our home of 26 years is the closest non-lake-front property to this site and there never have been any "people" issues. Also this area offers wildlife a mini-refuge in the midst of manicured lawns.

4) We are big park users--for the past 18 years our family has walked our dogs the 3/4 of a mile to and from Fort Steilacoom Park daily for either a stroll in the woods, around the lake, up the hill thru the old apple orchard, and now a romp in the off leash dog park. A less is more approach that utilizes an environmentally friendly model is the approach our family would appreciate Lakewood planners taking.

Running bike lanes through residential neighborhood rather than following the direct main arteries is a safer and ultimately wiser/cheaper approach. Again a trial route through local neighborhoods could evaluate the effectiveness of the idea and promote a sense of community. In the new neighborhoods that will be built to accommodate the expected influx of people, require the developers to establish the playgrounds within 3/4 of a mile build streets with a sidewalk on just one side, create bike lanes physically separated from motorized traffic. The future holds the potential opportunities via impact fees and mandates. The present however requires objectively documenting actual needs within the context of existing fiscal and physical resources. Our city's leaders, officials, and employees then have a responsibility to implement programs/projects based on good stewardship, demonstrating to Lakewood's citizenry their accountability and integrity in these difficult times.

Stop wasteful spending. Require full value. See too much loitering of personnel

Instead of installing sidewalks on neighborhood roadways, why not widen roadways to include bike or walking lanes with the roadway. It would be cheaper to put in bike lanes instead of a separated sidewalk.

The city should prioritize its spending BEFORE considering ANY tax and or fee increases.

Need to facilitate bike paths. I moved here 20 years ago with the hope that biking to my job in downtown Tacoma would become a viable commuting option. It never did due to the lack of bike lanes and paths. With Pierce Transit cutting service and car traffic increasing, we need to facilitate easier bicycle commuting

Regarding question 9, regarding population growth and the cost of \$3400 per household: if we're getting more households, shouldn't those additional households proportionally add to the revenue from sales and property taxes? Unless there's a reason that it doesn't work this way -- more people pay more taxes -- then I see no need to use any of these three methods.

Sidewalks & Water quality issues--first.... Thanks.

Thank you for asking for citizen input

We don't need more taxes right now, even if for a good cause. We should not be adding to park maintenance costs (with more complex facilities) unless we can manage properly what we now have. What about developing a volunteer program so citizens/schools/churches could donate some time on tasks to improve the parks.

Please do not plan any more infrastructure (per the old Steilacoom plan), trails or biking activities in Steilacoom Park. The bicycle people do not respect existing trails in the park and are constantly "blazing" new trails. We have seen too many special interest groups take pieces out of this park for their own purposes and the "whole" has not been respected or left natural for future generations. We are blessed to live so close to this beautiful park, but have seen so many changes over the years. Especially the increase in trails. Eventually, we will have all trails and no habitat.

Sidewalks on Washington blvd SW

I live on the border of region 5&8.

I live on Custer Rd + 88 The traffic noise is terrible from small cars like Honda with very noisy Mufflers as they accelerate full throttle after stopping for the red light. Most other cars no problem

Steilacoom Blvd street improvements should be a priority. There is no bike lane and no pedestrian right of way in many places. Often people have to walk on the street on this busy road. Youth using the skateboard park are in the street. It truly is amazing that there hasn't been a major accident/fatality on this street. I would consider riding my bike to work if Steilacoom Blvd was a safe road for biking or even had sidewalks.

We need a spray park in Lakewood. We also need a public, outdoor swimming pool!

Our other priority should be getting around safely without a car.

When using the park near my house, I notice each time the few people present. I think a survey specific to measure "use" should be conducted for each park. The resources should then be directed according to use.

Look at school sites and see if the school district will partner on park developments. Play grounds spray parks.

I do not trust any official to use any supposedly designated tax funds to be used for that purpose only. still waiting for sidewalks on Old Military Road.....it's been a long wait and still nothing from Gravelly Lake Drive to Steilacoom, about 1.5 miles. Lighting on this stretch of road is also poor with gang graffiti on cedar fencing and boarded up homes (Old Military Rd and 112th St E.) I've seen people almost hit by passing traffic due to nonexistence of any sidewalks.

Thank you for taking the time to hear what residents have to say.

Sidewalks on side streets destroy the "park-like" setting of many of our neighbors and are more cost that can ever be recovered in increased value to the seller when homes are sold.

A change needs to be made to the vehicle left hand turn blinking yellow arrow on major roadways. I regularly walk to work and have had at least a dozen close calls at intersections near the Lakewood Towne Center such as the intersection at Gravelly Lake Drive and Lakewood Towne Center BLVD. What is happening is that cars are given the signal that they may turn left after yielding to oncoming traffic while at the same time pedestrians who are crossing Lakewood Towne Center BLVD are given the green light to cross. Most vehicle drivers look for oncoming traffic but fail to look for people in the crosswalks and I have had these close calls when a car makes a quick left and slams on their brakes mere feet away from me when they realize that I am in the crosswalk. This is especially problematic at night.

Taxes are already too High! Only people who use these facilities should be made to pay for them. Charge an admission fee to use the parks! Make parents pay to enroll their children in schools. Put extra gas taxes in place to pay for streets! Don't put extra taxes on our homes to pay for these items, and certainly no extra fees for our vehicles! We pay our share

The amount I would be willing to pay would depend on some of the decisions about how the money would be spent. For instance I would be willing to contribute money to pay for sidewalks down Angle lane leading to the park, but not on Steilacoom blvd where they seem to be fine, or Hipkins where there was already a half way done job. The more impact in the areas I live and use, the more willing I am to help fund.

Population increase to 72,000 by 2035 has no basis, Lakewood's population has stayed at 58K to 59k for at least 25 years and at this time we only have 8% of our space that is undeveloped. Unless we get 14,000 new apartment dwellers we will not get to that level and if this city allows 14,000 new apartment units in Lakewood, I will spend every single dime I have to get everyone involved with those decisions to thrown out of our government. Lakewood does not need anything, but apparently the city has a very expensive list of wants that will squeeze many that live here, except of course, the apartment dwellers that don't pay property taxes. Do not raise our taxes for your wants. I was born and raised here...65 years; I pay right now \$2,332 for schools, no kids in school and \$1,543 for the fire dept. that allows employees to retire at \$185,000 a year. And now you want more to come out of my taxes for want again...oh yes... someone else's ideas of what Lakewood could look like if only.....

I'm impressed that C/Lakewood is doing a commendable job of managing needs within resource constraints. With all the relatively low-income, we've sufficient wealth to INVEST in our future through

the continuing season of perceived national stagnation that defeats courage toward progress. Let's take responsibility for ourselves and go forward. THANKS for a thoughtful, well-balanced survey. bob w

Although I am happy to answer the survey, I really think we elect folks to study these issues and make informed decisions rather than putting things out to the people. Our streets are clearly deteriorating. To me they are the highest priority of anything in the survey because with neglect they will just get worse.

Continue to seek feedback from citizens ...

Think more. Spend less. Cut off dead weight.

The growth of our park system must be accompanied by security and safety growth also. At this time, many of us cannot go to our neighborhood park for fear of unwanted attention by hooligans and fools who act in threatening and indecent manner. It's okay to report these contacts after the fact. We won't bother anyone any longer. To avoid it in the future, we won't try to use the park at all but will support the use of it by others who are brave enough. It's very sad. I have lived on this property since 1938. How our dear city has changed.