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INTRODUCTION

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

The City of New Holstein is located in the southeastern portion of Calumet County seven miles southeast of Chilton and four miles northwest of Kiel. STH 32/57 is the main traffic artery through the city, linking Green Bay, 45 miles to the north, and Milwaukee, 70 miles to the south. Several county highways also serve the city. The Wisconsin Central Division of the Canadian National Railroad provides freight-only rail service.

The topography in the New Holstein area can best be described as gently rolling and is the result of past glacial activity. The city lies near the southeastern end of a major drumlin field, which stretches across the southern portion of Calumet County. The city's east water tower, in fact, is located on a drumlin. Elevation changes within the corporate limits slightly exceed 100 feet. Most of the land lying near New Holstein is in agricultural production. A large stand of upland woods, however, is located about a mile south of the city. Most other wooded tracts near the community are found along streams and other lowland areas, where cultivation of crops is difficult.

POPULATION

New Holstein's population, which nearly doubled during the three decades between 1970 and 1990, has declined slightly since that time (Exhibit 1). The city's population was estimated to be 3,316 in 2010, up slightly from its 2000 population of 3,301.

EXHIBIT 1

POPULATION TRENDS AND PROJECTIONS 1970-2020 City of New Holstein

Year	Population	Percent Change
1970	3,012	---
1980	3,412	+13.3
1990	3,342	-2.1
2000	3,301	-1.2
2010	3,316	+0.5
2020	3,029	-8.7

2009 Estimate: 3,344

Sources: U.S. Census, 1970 - 2020; DOA Estimate, 2009; ECWRPC Population Projections, 2010.

While New Holstein’s population is projected to remain relatively stable during the first ten years of this century, East Central’s most recent projections, which are based on past population trends, indicate that the city’s population will decline between 2010 and 2020, when its population is projected to be 3,029. An analysis of the age distribution of its population shows that New Holstein, like many other smaller communities, has a lower percentage of children and a higher percentage of elderly residents than Calumet County as a whole (Exhibit 2). A comparison of 1990 and 2000 shows that the city continued to follow national trends in the general aging of its population.

EXHIBIT 2

POPULATION COMPOSITION City of New Holstein

Age Group	New Holstein		Calumet County	
	Percent		Percent	
	1990	2000	1990	2000
Under 18	25.2	22.7	30.6	28.6
18 to 64	56.0	56.7	58.4	60.6
65 and Over	18.8	20.6	11.0	10.8

Source: U.S. Census, 1990 and 2000.

LAND USE

New Holstein is a compact community with its corporate area encompassing about two square miles. Only a small percentage of the city’s total land area remains undeveloped and, with the exception of the municipal airport in its southwestern portion, residential development is the dominant land use. About two-thirds of the residential development, including most of the recent growth, is located south of Wisconsin Avenue, which bisects the community. Much of New Holstein’s commercial development extends along several blocks of this thoroughfare. An area of older more compact commercial development is located north of Wisconsin Avenue and west of the railroad tracks, which angles across the northeastern part of the city. Most of the city’s industrial land is in proximity to the tracks.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The following goals and objectives, first developed in 1981 by a Citizens Advisory Committee, have been reaffirmed and/or augmented with each update of New Holstein's Open Space Plan. The goals are desirable conditions to strive for in the future - common ideals of city residents that can be achieved through the actions of local officials, private organizations, and individual citizens. The corresponding objectives specify in greater detail how these desired goals can be achieved. Together, the goals and objectives provide a basis for establishing City policy regarding the future development and management of local park and recreation areas.

GOAL:

To ensure that adequate open space and recreation facilities are provided for and made accessible to all residents of New Holstein.

OBJECTIVES:

- Provide a full range of recreational facilities to serve New Holstein residents on a year round basis.
- Ensure that active and passive recreational areas and facilities consider elderly and disabled citizens in their design.
- Provide park and recreation facilities to serve all existing and future residential areas.
- Preserve structures and sites that reflect the historical and natural heritage of the area.

GOAL:

To conserve, protect, and improve environmental resources of the city and surrounding area.

OBJECTIVES:

- Ensure the environmental and aesthetic qualities of the community are considered when planning for future development.
- Protect existing wooded areas, floodplains, and other unique natural areas from urban development.
- Ensure that future development does not disrupt natural drainageways in the community.
- Protect our resources from invasive aquatic and invasive terrestrial plant species with help from the County's Invasive Species Coordinator.
- Ensure the preservation of trees for the parks and woodland areas of the city.

RECREATIONAL RESOURCES

NATURAL RESOURCES

Jordan Creek, an intermittent stream flowing through the southern and eastern portion of the community, is the sole natural resource of note in the immediate New Holstein area. Its significance is that it drains over 3,000 acres, including the city's entire storm sewer system, and is subject to flooding following heavy rains and periods of extensive snowmelt.

HISTORICAL RESOURCES

The Timm House Historic Site located at 1600 Wisconsin Avenue, owned by the New Holstein Historical Society, is currently the only structure listed on the National Register of Historic Structures (listed in 1996). The Society also owns and operations the Pioneer Corner Museum located at 2103 Main Street. The Society has identified approximately 80 other individual and business properties that potential qualify as local, state or national historic properties or historic districts. Included in this list are residences along Randolph Avenue, Illinois Avenue, the Honeymoon Hill area, the 1800 block of Mason Street, the 2200 through 2400 blocks of Van Buren Street. In addition the most of the buildings located on Railroad and Main streets and the Wisconsin Avenue corridor from the 1300 block to the 2400 block and the businesses in the 2000 block of Calumet Drive are all potential historic sites.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Open space totaling over 160 acres is currently available for recreational use in New Holstein (Exhibit 3). The City maintains nine sites totaling 96 acres, the school district provides 65 acres, and about two acres of open space are available at Divine Savior Catholic Grade School. The location of these existing facilities is shown on Exhibit 4. (1-14)

EXHIBIT 3

EXISTING PARK AND RECREATION ACREAGE BY OWNERSHIP City of New Holstein (Acres)

Map ID	Recreation Area	City	School	Private
10	Kiwanis Community Park	56.2		
14	Kiwanis Prairie (located within Kiwanis Park)	10.36		
9	Kiwanis Park Nature Study Area	2.7		
12	Memorial Park	7.3		
7	Market Square Park	.3		
4	Civic Park	4.8		
3	Funke Memorial Park	7.9		
6	Optimist Park	13.5		
5	Tower Park	1.2		
11	"New" Park	1.7		
1	New Holstein High School & Middle School		49.0	
2	New Holstein Elementary School		16.0	
8	Divine Savior Catholic Grade School			2.0
	TOTALS	95.6	65.0	2.0

Kiwanis Community Park (10)

Located in the southern portion of the city, Kiwanis Community Park is New Holstein's largest park (Exhibit 5). The park is 56.2 acres in size including the prairie area to the south. Over the years, the park's growth has closely followed master plans prepared by East Central Planning. Located in the park are two key facilities, the Community Center and the outdoor Aquatic Center. The 4,100 square foot Community Center has kitchen facilities, two meeting rooms, indoor and outdoor restrooms, and is used extensively by local organizations and is rented for social gatherings. The Aquatic Center which opened in 2009 is a zero-depth/beach entry design. Features include: two runout slides, a dropslide, floor fountain jet play area, interactive play features, a child's slide, shaded sand play area, a diving board, whirlcove and two lap lanes. The bathhouse includes men's and women's restroom/changing areas, a handicap restroom/family changing room, a concession stand, and a party/meeting room. Other park amenities include: a fishing pond with a fishing deck, lighted tennis and basketball courts, soccer fields, restroom/storage building, extensive picnic facilities, three open shelters, play equipment, two recreational softball/baseball diamonds, batting cage, volleyball courts, a nine hole disc golf course, lighted paved walkways and off street parking lots. Pedestrian bridges spanning Jordan Creek are integrated into the walkway system. A 10.36 acre portion of the park was developed with native prairie wildflowers and grasses and connects Kiwanis Park with Memorial Park. The park's trail system extends from Hickory Lane on the north side, to Fur Farm Road on the Southside of Memorial Park, and connects with adjacent residential neighborhoods.

Kiwanis Park Nature Study Area (9)

The Kiwanis Park Nature Study Area occupies a 2.73-acre parcel of woodland across Hickory Lane from Kiwanis Community Park. A system of trails traverses the park but no other development has occurred on the site.

Memorial Park (12)

Donated to the community in 1997, Memorial Park is a 7.32 acre wooded tract, located in the southern portion of New Holstein, and adjacent to the Kiwanis Park prairie. A walking trail extends from the most southern end of the woods along Fur Farm Road and runs north tying into the Kiwanis Park trails and adjacent residential neighborhoods. Restrictive covenants recorded in 1997, bind the property to remain wooded and used for nature study.

Market Square Park (7)

Market Square Park, at the intersection of Michigan Avenue and Railroad Street, is located in what was the original “main street” of the village of New Holstein. The .3 acre park was the original site of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad (Milwaukee Road) passenger depot that serviced the New Holstein area. It provides an attractive space a variety of community events and activities.

Civic Park (4)

Civic Park is located on Park Street in the northern portion of the city. It forms part of a recreational complex, which also includes Funke Memorial Field and the New Holstein Elementary School. A canopy of mature trees graces much of the 4.77-acre site. Facilities include an enclosed pavilion, a large open shelter, two concession buildings, restroom facilities, picnic tables and grills, a three-sided band shelter, lighted sidewalks, and several pieces of play equipment. The play equipment, which provides play opportunities for the adjacent elementary school, has been upgraded within the past few years. Adjacent streets provide ample parking opportunities for park users.

Funke Memorial Field (3)

Located at the north end of Washington Street, Funke Field lies northwest of Civic Park and north of the elementary school. The field was dedicated in June of 1937 to mark the 50th Anniversary of Edward Funke as the instructor of the New Holstein Turner Society. Among the facilities available at the 7.86 acre Funke Field site are two tennis courts, several horseshoe courts, a baseball diamond and a softball diamond. The horseshoe courts are used for adult horseshoe leagues. The park contains open space for two temporary soccer fields and a football practice area. The drive behind the elementary school provides adjacent parking while convenient on-street parking is also available.

Optimist Park (6)

Optimist Park occupies a 13.5-acre site located on Mason Street in the northeastern part of the city. While the former Honeymoon Hill has long served as a sledding and tobogganing hill for local residents, in 1995 the local Optimist Club offered to assist the City to further develop the site to better accommodate year-round recreational activities. A site plan was subsequently prepared by East Central Regional Planning to guide additional development of the park. Present development consists of a shelter/restroom building, an overlook deck, timber staircase, a park sign, bench, horseshoe pits, landscaping, and a small unpaved parking area. Other development planned for the park includes picnic facilities, play apparatus, a sand play area, horseshoe pits, walking trails, a wildflower prairie, and an informal open play area.

Tower Park (5)

Located on the west side of Mason Street across from Optimist Park, Tower Park is a 1.2-acre site which serves as the location of the city's east water tower. The site has interesting topography and a well-manicured lawn but provides no recreational facilities. To discourage children from darting across Mason Street as they run back and forth between the two parks, no future development is proposed for Tower Park.

"New" Park (11)

In 2004, the City sold Lions Park and purchased a "New" 1.5-acre park located on the south side of Jordan Avenue in the southeastern portion of New Holstein. The park is intended to serve as a neighborhood park. The parcel is an open turf area. On-street parking is available.

New Holstein High School and Middle School (1)

The high school & middle school is located on the west side of Plymouth Street in the western portion of the city. About 49 of the site's 55 acres are available for outdoor recreational use. Facilities include a baseball diamond with backstop and dugouts, batting cage, two softball diamonds, lighted running track with a shot put discus throwing area, fitness climbing area, football field, soccer fields, a practice football field, and a restroom/concessions building. A small pond is the centerpiece of a nature study area, which also exists on the site. The school gym and fitness center is available for public use at scheduled times.

New Holstein Elementary School (2)

Located on the northwest corner of Washington and Park streets across from Civic Park and adjacent to Funke Memorial Field, the elementary school has about 16 acres available for recreational activity. Facilities include three basketball hoops, chute ball, and open play area with court games and swings. The elementary school gym is also available for public use at scheduled times. There is also a 1/5th mile walking trail with exercise equipment located on the property.

Divine Savior Catholic Grade School (8)

Located in the central portion of New Holstein on the southeast corner of Illinois Avenue and Madison Street, Divine Savior Catholic Grade School contains about two acres of land available for outdoor recreational activities. A paved area with basketball hoops and markings for volleyball and other children's court games as well as recently added playground equipment are available on the site. The school gym is generally not available for public use.






Solomon Trail (13)

The Solomon trail is a paved 2.25 mile facility that currently links the City of New Holstein to Kiel. The project was a joint effort between the two communities. There are no trailheads on the path.
(City of New Holstein 2030 Comprehensive Plan 2007)

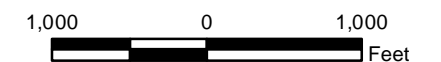
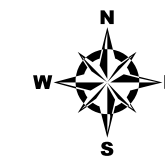
EXHIBIT 4

EXISTING RECREATIONAL SITES

City of New Holstein

-  Trails
-  Parcels
-  Schools
-  Parks/Recreation
-  Prairie

- 1 New Holstein High School & Middle School
- 2 New Holstein Elementary School
- 3 Funke Memorial Field
- 4 Civic Park
- 5 Tower Park
- 6 Optimist Park
- 7 Market Square Park
- 8 Divine Savior Catholic Grade School
- 9 Kiwanis Park Nature Study Area
- 10 Kiwanis Community Park
- 11 "New" Park
- 12 Memorial Park
- 13 Solomon Trail
- 14 Kiwanis Prairie



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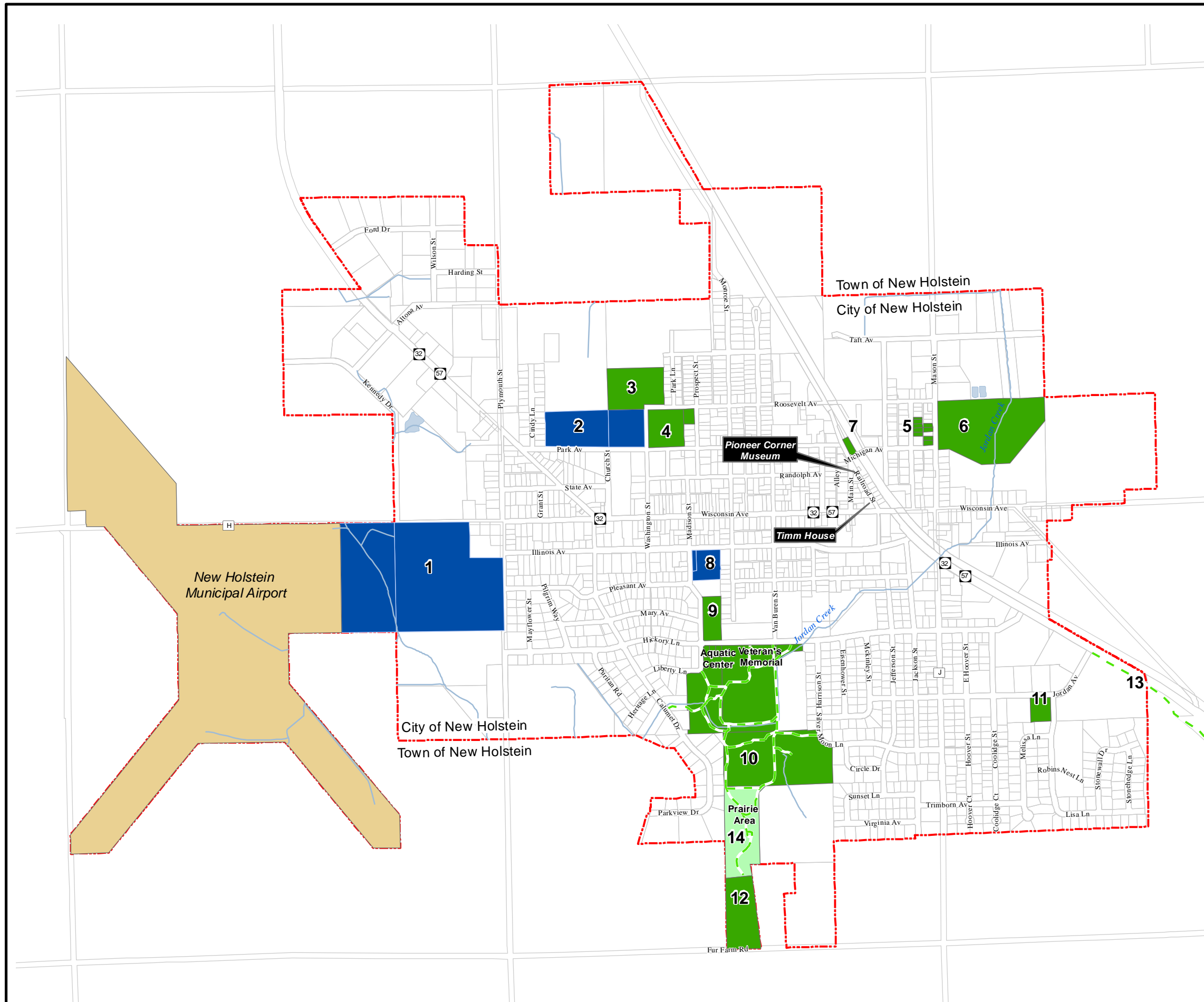







EXHIBIT 5

KIWANIS PARK City of New Holstein

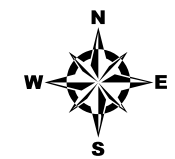
56.2 Acres

Legend

-  Aquatic Center
-  Nature Study Area
-  Prairie Area
-  Park Boundary
-  City Boundary
-  Trails



Sources: Calumet County provided the 2010 basemap data and the 2005 aerial photo base. Park photos taken by ECWRPC, May, 2010.



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Feet

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RECREATIONAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

CHANGES TO PARK IMPACT FEE LAW

Park and recreation needs may include the need for additional parkland to accommodate new facilities, the need for additional parks in areas not adequately served by existing facilities or where new residential growth is occurring, or the need for new or improved park facilities and equipment. While park and recreation standards are useful barometers in identifying and quantifying these needs, the most important ingredient often is citizen input, particularly when assessing the types of facilities identified to be needed to meet local recreational needs. This section addresses recent changes to Wisconsin Statute Section 66.0617 pertaining to park impact fees. A needs assessment that justifies why a fee should be imposed is required under section 66.017(4)a. A municipality can no longer impose a park fee in its subdivision ordinance as a condition of subdivision plat approval. Municipalities have authority under section 66.0617 to impose a fee on new land development for capital costs to construct, expand, or improve park facilities. This includes the cost of land for, among other things, parks, playgrounds, and athletic fields needed as the result of new development. For the purposes of this assessment, a 10-year timeframe (2010-2020) will be used. Ten years is the maximum amount of time a municipality has to expend impact fees that were collected.

LAND NEEDS

A rule of thumb in community recreational planning is that ten acres of open space should be available for every thousand residents. Experience has shown that smaller communities such as New Holstein typically will require slightly higher amounts of land per capita to provide the range of facilities desired by local residents. Given its present and projected population, a range of from 45 to 55 acres would appear to be adequate to meet this need. With over 160 acres of open space presently available in the city, the amount far exceeds projected needs.

LOCATIONAL NEEDS

The location of existing parks and how well they serve existing residential areas are also used to determine if additional parkland is needed. Ideally, each of a community's neighborhoods should have a developed park within its boundaries so that access is convenient and safe for all of its residents. Neighborhood boundaries are usually determined by those natural and man-made barriers that impede safe and convenient pedestrian movement. The route taken by Highway 32/57 as it angles across the city is the major barrier defining New Holstein neighborhoods while the railroad tracks and Jordan Creek form secondary barriers. Together, these divide the city into four general neighborhoods, each of which has one or more recreational sites. Although few developed facilities are available to residents of the northeastern portion of the city, which is served by Optimist Park and Tower Park, plans to expand recreational opportunities at Optimist Park will help address this deficiency.

FACILITY NEEDS

Local park and recreational facilities are perceived as generally providing the range of recreational opportunities desired by New Holstein residents. Many of the facility needs identified by the Park Commission in the city's earlier open space plans have been met. Remaining site-specific needs are proposed as recommendations in the following section. The commission also identified a skateboard park and/or dog park as potential facilities that could be developed in one of the city's parks in the future. As new projects are undertaken, the City should continue to take steps to ensure that both existing and new facilities comply with ADA requirements for handicapped accessibility.

A citizen survey was provided to residents via the www.surveymonkey.com website with a link on the City's homepage. The timeframe for entering was 2 weeks starting from Friday June 18, 2010 to Friday July 9, 2010. Out of the 69 people who took the survey, there was a completion rate of 92.8%. To ensure anonymity, surveys were entered blindly on the web and analyzed from the site.

For the most part, residents seemed pleased with the existing facilities but noted they needed some upgrading. Based on the comments, the baseball/softball field(s) needed the most work. Others mentioned bridges, restrooms, concession areas, and more info on the disc golf course. For new facilities, a trail north to Chilton and a dog park were commented on. Recreational programming and staff customer service were also of some concern. Swimming lessons and the use of the aquatic center were high on the list of amenities. Nice playgrounds and a place for individual sports such as walking and biking were also a big part of what residents seem to be desiring.

Fifteen main questions were asked along with a place for residents to provide comments, see Appendix for more detailed results.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The plan recommendations for the City of New Holstein are intended to serve as a guide for the future development of park and recreation areas in the community. They are also meant to meet the existing recreational needs of local residents. Because these needs could change, the recommendations should be reviewed and, if necessary, modified on an annual basis.

PRESERVATION OF UNIQUE ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORICAL RESOURCES:

- **Jordan Creek should be protected from potential encroachment and preserved as a natural drainage way.** New Holstein should continue to enforce its floodplain zoning ordinance to ensure that Jordan Creek and the adjoining land is protected from undesirable development. The preservation of this drainage way, which drains the entire city, is critical.
- **The City should cooperate with local, county and state historical societies in identifying local historical sites and, where appropriate, take steps to have these places enrolled on the National Register of Historic Places.** The impact of future development on these sites should be evaluated and, if necessary, proposals for preserving the sites should be presented. For its part, the City has established a Historic Preservation Committee and appropriate ordinances to encourage renovation and preservation of historic structures.

DEVELOPMENT OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES: (H,M,L – High, medium, low priority)

Kiwanis Community Park. Should funds become available, the following projects should be undertaken at Kiwanis Community Park:

- Obsolete play equipment in the existing playground should be removed, repaired or replaced. **(M)**
- Additional lighted basketball/tennis courts should be constructed as needed. **(L)**
- The existing tennis practice area should be moved to the north end of the 2 tennis courts as to not interfere with basketball play. **(M)**
- Upgrading of the existing volleyball courts should be considered. **(L)**
- The City should work with the County on establishing an invasive species control plan for the prairie. <http://www.calumetinvasivespecies.com/> **(H)**
- Additional path lighting and landscaping should be installed, as needed. **(H)**
- Alternative uses of the skating rink basin should be considered. **(M)**
- Replace, repair bridges crossing Jordan Creek. **(H)**
- Interpretive signage for trail system. **(M)**
- Dog waste bag stations should be placed at the two entrances of the park. **(H)**

Kiwanis Park Nature Study Area.

- Adding interpretive signage along trails in the area should be considered. **(L)**

Optimist Park. Steps should be taken to implement the improvements identified in the park's master plan. These include the following projects:

- A play apparatus/sand play area should be developed. **(L)**

- Picnic facilities should be installed. **(M)**
- A wildflower prairie should be established and miscellaneous landscaping undertaken. **(L)**
- Walking trails should be developed. **(L)**

New Park. The park should be developed to provide picnic opportunities for neighborhood residents. Possible projects include:

- Picnic equipment should be installed. **(L)**
- Play apparatus should be installed. **(L)**
- A small pavilion should be erected. **(L)**
- Tree planting / landscaping. **(L)**

Memorial Park. Utilizing this wooded area for nature study should be established. Potential projects include the development of nature trails with interpretive signage. **(M)**

Market Square Park. The City should continue to explore the construction of a shelter, with a historical reference to the downtown area. **(L)**

Civic Park.

- Upgrade and/or replace obsolete play equipment as the park gets extensive use from school aged children. **(M)**
- Paving of the circular drive next to the restroom facility should be considered. **(L)**
- A tree conservation plan should be considered as there are many mature shade trees that provide adequate canopies during the summer months. **(M)**
- Consideration should be given to the replacement or removal of the grandstand to improve drainage to the site. **(L)**

Kiwanis Park Nature Study Area. No improvements are proposed at this time. The City should work with the County on establishing an invasive species control plan for the study area. **(L)**

Funke Memorial Field.

- Removal of the existing ball field lighting should be completed during the next five years plan update. **(L)**
- Resurfacing of the tennis courts should be considered. **(M)**

Tower Park. No future development is proposed for Tower Park at this time.

Solomon Trail. Development of an off-road trail in the right-of-way along the south side Highway 32/57 between New Holstein and Kiel, the trail provides a convenient and safe link for bicyclists and pedestrians between the two communities. The City should integrate some of its recreational programming with that offered by the City of Kiel.

The City will partner with Calumet County on the planning of the Calumet County connection of the Interurban Trail. The goal of the Interurban Trail is to connect Chicago and Green Bay through a network of multiple use trails. However, missing trail connections exist in Calumet and Sheboygan Counties. In order for Calumet County to complete its segment of the trail, a trail would need to be installed connecting the Solomon and Fox River State Trails. While on a large scale, this trail will connect Chicago and Green Bay on a smaller scale, it will connect Kiel, New Holstein, Chilton and Hilbert. **(M)** *(City of New Holstein 2030 Comprehensive Plan 2007)*

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS OF RESOURCES:

Trail Signage and Safety.

Steps should be taken to ensure that adequate signage is available to direct trail users to New Holstein's various parks and possibly offer safe routes for children to nearby schools. The WisDOT has granting opportunities such as the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program and the Transportation Enhancements (TE) Program funds are available to assist in this development and should be researched. **(H)**

City Tree Inventory.

On a long term, the City should work with the County Forester on collecting tree numbers and species. As a learning opportunity, the City should consider working with school children in collecting the GPS locations and recording of the species of the trees located within the City and its parks. This method could prove to be very beneficial to the Schools, City, and County as funding is at a minimum. **(M)**

New Facilities.

The City should pursue a possible site for a dog park facility. This was noted of some interest by residents who completed the open space and recreation survey. A possible location for the site could be the old city landfill north of Monroe Street. **(L)**

ACTION PROGRAM

Listed below are projects the Park and Recreation Commission would like to see undertaken in the City of New Holstein during the next several year. Program components and their level of priority are meant to serve as a guide to local officials as they develop the city's park and recreation system. Because unforeseen needs and opportunities may cause priorities to change, the action program should be reviewed annually. **(H,M,L – High, medium, low priority)**

FIVE YEAR ACTION PROGRAM 2011-2015

<u>Recommendation</u>	<u>Level of Priority</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>Long Range</u>
KIWANIS PARK							
• Relocation of tennis practice area	M			13			
• Play equipment replacement/repair	M			13	14		
• Upgrade Volleyball courts	L				14	15	LR
• Additional lighted basketball/tennis courts	L				14	15	LR
• Landscaping	H	11	12				LR
• Additional path lighting	H	11	12	13	14		LR
• Replace, repairing of bridges	H	11	12				
• Interpretive signage in prairie	M		12	13			
• Alternative Uses of the skating rink basin	M			13	14		LR
• Installation of Dog Waste Bag Stations (2)	H	11	12				
KIWANIS PARK NATURE STUDY AREA							
• Interpretive signage along trails	M			13	14		
OPTIMIST PARK							
• Play apparatus/sand play area	L						LR
• Picnic facilities	M		12	13	14		
• Wildflower prairie/misc. landscaping	L						LR
• Walking trails	L						LR
"NEW" PARK							
• Play apparatus/sand play area	L					15	LR
• Picnic facilities	L					15	LR
• Pavilion	L					15	LR
• Trees / Landscaping	L					15	LR
FUNKE MEMORIAL FIELD							
• Resurfacing of the tennis courts	M		12	13			
MEMORIAL PARK							
• Nature trails/interpretive signs	M		12	13			

Recommendation	Level of Priority	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Long Range
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MARKET SQUARE PARK

- Shelter facility / Historic Reference L LR

CIVIC PARK

- Upgrade/replace play equipment M 13 14
- Pave circular drive L 15 LR
- Tree Maintenance/preservation M LR
- Grandstand replacement/upgrade M 13 14

TOTAL PROGRAM PROJECTS:

2011 Projects: 4
 2012 Projects: 8
 2013 Projects: 11
 2014 Projects: 9
 2015 Projects: 7
 Long-Range Projects: 15

RESOLUTION NO. 1211

CITY OF NEW HOLSTEIN OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the City of New Holstein has requested that the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission assist the City update its comprehensive open space and recreation plan, and

WHEREAS, the City of New Holstein Park and Recreation Commission has worked closely with East Central in this planning effort, and

WHEREAS, the ***City of New Holstein Open Space and Recreation Plan*** encompasses a general outline and plan for improving the city's park system through the year 2015, and

WHEREAS, adoption of said plan is required for the City of New Holstein to become eligible for cost sharing aid programs administered by the State of Wisconsin, now therefore,

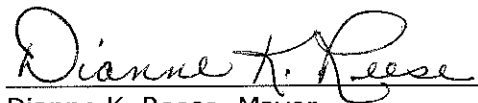
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NEW HOLSTEIN COMMON COUNCIL:

That the ***City of New Holstein Open Space and Recreation Plan*** be adopted as the approved recreation plan for the city.

Roll Call on Resolution No. 1211

Ayes: Nays: Absent:

Passed and adopted this 20th day
of October, 2010.



Dianne K. Reese, Mayor



Michael J. Stutz, City Clerk

APPENDIX

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2010 Park and Rec Survey Results

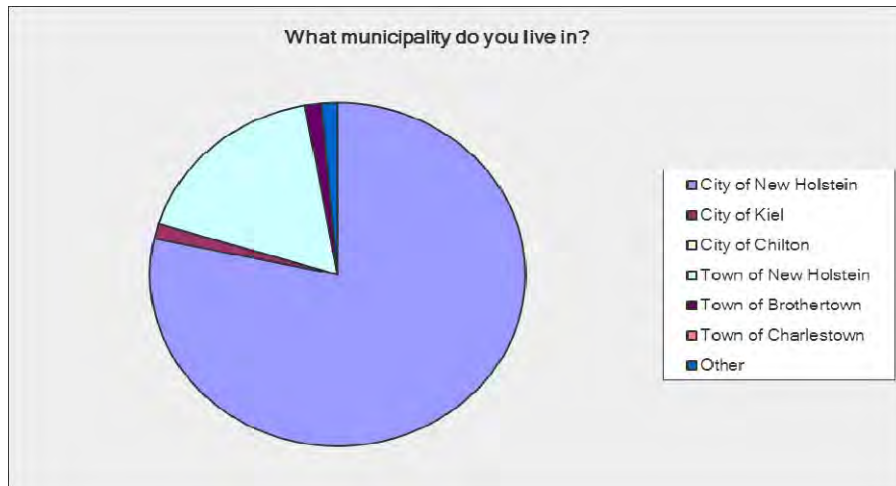
Survey conducted online at www.surveymonkey.com
From Friday June 18, 2010 – Friday July 9, 2010

Total Started Survey: 69
Total Completed Survey: 64 (92.8%)

NH Parks & Rec

1. What municipality do you live in?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
City of New Holstein	78.3%	54
City of Kiel	1.4%	1
City of Chilton	0.0%	0
Town of New Holstein	17.4%	12
Town of Brothertown	1.4%	1
Town of Charlestown	0.0%	0
Other	1.4%	1
answered question		69
skipped question		0



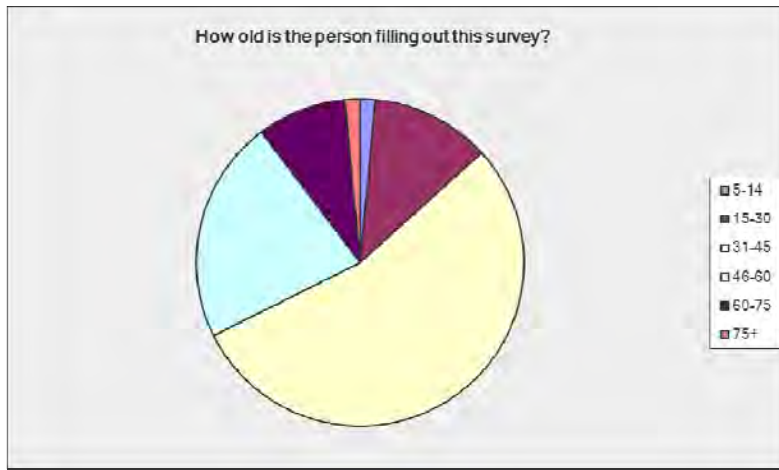
If other municipality please specify:

Answer Options	Response Count
	1
answered question	1
skipped question	68

Number	Response Date	Response Text
1	Jun 23, 2010 7:19 PM	Town of Marshfield

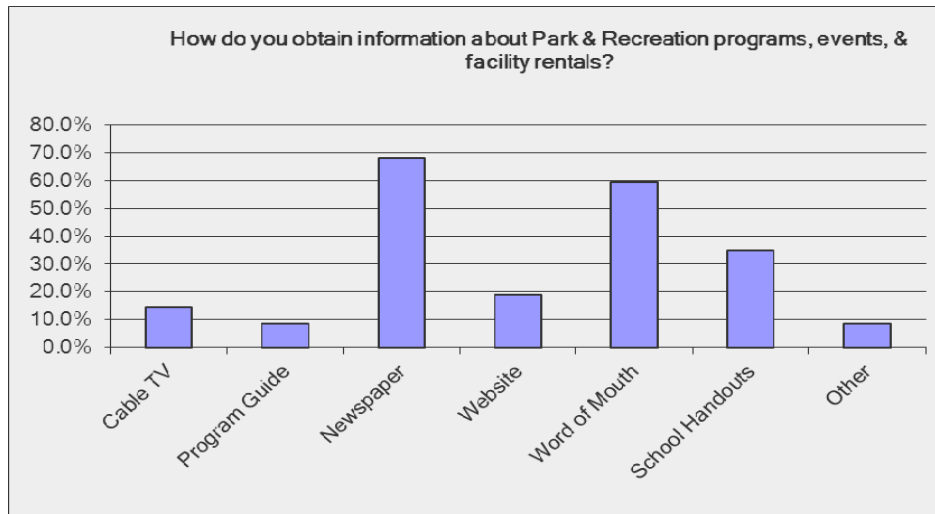
2. How old is the person filling out this survey?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
5-14	1.5%	1
15-30	11.8%	8
31-45	54.4%	37
46-60	22.1%	15
60-75	8.8%	6
75+	1.5%	1
answered question		68
skipped question		1



3. How do you obtain information about Park & Recreation programs, events, & facility rentals?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Cable TV	14.5%	10
Program Guide	8.7%	6
Newspaper	68.1%	47
Website	18.8%	13
Word of Mouth	59.4%	41
School Handouts	34.8%	24
Other	8.7%	6
answered question		69
skipped question		0



If other source, please specify:

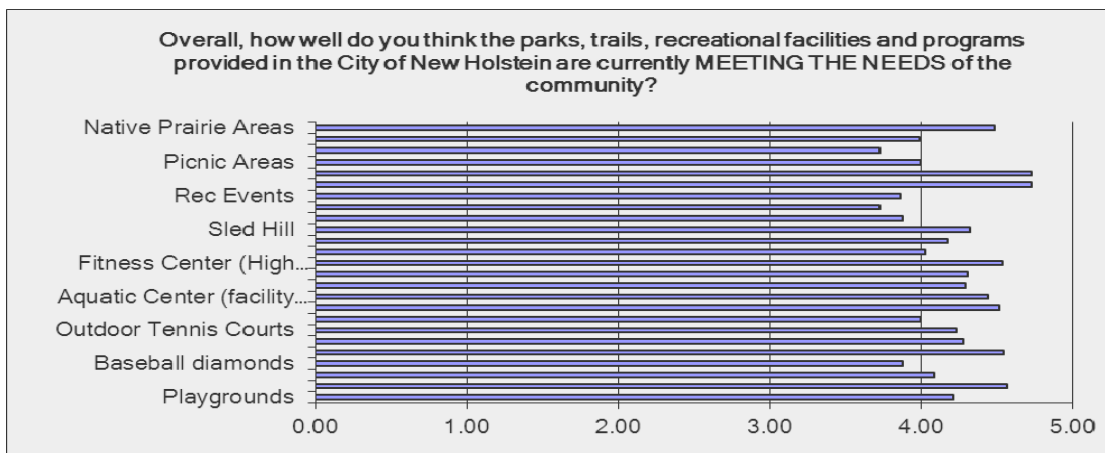
Answer Options	Response Count
	6
answered question	6
skipped question	63

Number	Response Date	Response Text
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1	Jun 23, 2010 2:38 AM	Call City Hall where Casey or Lori answer my questions and provides information
2	Jun 23, 2010 12:56 PM	Word for other parents
3	Jun 24, 2010 6:10 PM	NOTIFICATION BOARD OUTSIDE FIRE STATION
4	Jun 30, 2010 12:58 AM	City Hall Although, my children attend the Catholic School in New Holstein and don't always get the info handed out at the Elementary School.
5	Jul 2, 2010 2:19 PM	Could improve on this.
6	Jul 3, 2010 11:34 AM	Tempo, Interent

4. Overall, how well do you think the parks, trails, recreational facilities and programs provided in the City of New Holstein are currently MEETING THE NEEDS of the community?

Answer Options	Not At All	Not Very	Somewhat	Mostly	Completely	Not Sure	Rating Average	Response Count
Playgrounds	0	1	9	31	25	0	4.21	66
Disc Course	1	5	11	14	10	26	4.57	67
Pavillions	0	0	14	34	18	1	4.09	67
Baseball diamonds	0	10	16	20	16	6	3.88	68
Soccer Fields	2	0	5	15	38	4	4.55	64
Outdoor Basketball Courts	0	4	13	21	18	11	4.28	67
Outdoor Tennis Courts	0	3	16	20	17	10	4.23	66
Outdoor Volleyball Courts	6	11	11	10	7	22	4.00	67
Horseshoe Pits	3	6	10	12	6	30	4.52	67
Aquatic Center (facility only)	1	1	4	25	35	2	4.44	68
Swimming Lessons / Events	1	3	8	25	22	7	4.29	66
Meeting Rooms Availability	1	2	13	23	15	13	4.31	67
Fitness Center (High School)	0	2	6	19	34	6	4.54	67
Paved Trails	0	1	18	26	22	0	4.03	67
Unpaved Trails	0	4	10	28	18	6	4.18	66
Sled Hill	1	1	7	29	21	6	4.32	65
Concesssions for events	0	8	16	24	12	6	3.88	66
Rec Programs	0	7	22	21	9	5	3.73	64
Rec Events	0	5	20	26	9	6	3.86	66
Senior Programming	4	7	6	7	4	38	4.73	66
Senior Transportation	5	4	8	8	3	38	4.73	66
Picnic Areas	0	3	14	31	18	1	4.00	67
Park Restrooms	0	8	18	26	14	1	3.73	67
Park Shelters	0	4	13	30	20	0	3.99	67
Native Prairie Areas	0	2	8	24	18	13	4.49	65
<i>answered question</i>								68
<i>skipped question</i>								1



5. RATE HOW IMPORTANT you feel the following Parks, Trails, Recreational Facilities and Programs are to you and your family.

	Not At All Important	Not Very Important	Somewhat Important	Very Important	Extremely Important
Playgrounds	0	1	13	20	27
Disc Course	10	27	16	7	1
Pavillions	0	4	22	21	13
Baseball diamonds	3	9	16	20	15
Soccer Fields	3	8	18	15	15
Outdoor Basketball Courts	6	11	21	17	6
Outdoor Tennis Courts	9	16	19	14	3
Outdoor Volleyball Courts	10	16	20	9	6
Horseshoe Pits	25	23	10	3	0
Aquatic Center (facility only)	1	0	14	25	24
Swimming Lessons / Events	1	6	6	21	29
Meeting Rooms Availability	6	9	20	19	5
Fitness Center (High School)	1	5	18	15	24
Paved Trails	0	3	12	27	20
Unpaved Trails	3	6	12	20	19
Sled Hill	2	7	19	23	11
Concesssions for events	1	8	27	17	9
Rec Programs	1	7	13	20	19
Rec Events	0	6	14	23	17
Senior Programming	20	13	11	11	8
Senior Transportation	19	13	15	9	5
Picnic Areas	1	4	22	21	13
Park Restrooms	0	2	10	27	21
Park Shelters	0	2	19	24	15
Native Prairie Areas	9	9	19	11	14

Note: Programs listed in blue were notably the most important to residents. The numbers in yellow show the top responses.

5. RATE HOW IMPORTANT you feel the following Parks, Trails, Recreational Facilities and Programs are to you and your family.

Not at all important		
Answer Options	1	Response Count
Playgrounds	0	0
Disc Course	10	10
Pavillions	0	0
Baseball diamonds	3	3
Soccer Fields	3	3
Outdoor Basketball Courts	6	6
Outdoor Tennis Courts	9	9
Outdoor Volleyball Courts	10	10
Horseshoe Pits	25	25
Aquatic Center (facility only)	1	1
Swimming Lessons / Events	1	1
Meeting Rooms	6	6
Availability		
Fitness Center (High School)	1	1
Paved Trails	0	0
Unpaved Trails	3	3
Sled Hill	2	2
Concesssions for events	1	1
Rec Programs	1	1
Rec Events	0	0
Senior Programming	20	20
Senior Transportation	19	19
Picnic Areas	1	1
Park Restrooms	0	0
Park Shelters	0	0
Native Prairie Areas	9	9

Not very important		
Answer Options	2	Response Count
Playgrounds	1	1
Disc Course	27	27

Pavillions	4	4
Baseball diamonds	9	9
Soccer Fields	8	8
Outdoor Basketball Courts	11	11
Outdoor Tennis Courts	16	16
Outdoor Volleyball Courts	16	16
Horseshoe Pits	23	23
Aquatic Center (facility only)	0	0
Swimming Lessons / Events	6	6
Meeting Rooms Availability	9	9
Fitness Center (High School)	5	5
Paved Trails	3	3
Unpaved Trails	6	6
Sled Hill	7	7
Concesssions for events	8	8
Rec Programs	7	7
Rec Events	6	6
Senior Programming	13	13
Senior Transportation	13	13
Picnic Areas	4	4
Park Restrooms	2	2
Park Shelters	2	2
Native Prairie Areas	9	9

Somewhat Important		
Answer Options	3	Response Count
Playgrounds	13	13
Disc Course	16	16
Pavillions	22	22
Baseball diamonds	16	16
Soccer Fields	18	18
Outdoor Basketball Courts	21	21
Outdoor Tennis Courts	19	19
Outdoor Volleyball	20	20

Courts		
Horseshoe Pits	10	10
Aquatic Center (facility only)	14	14
Swimming Lessons / Events	6	6
Meeting Rooms	20	20
Availability		
Fitness Center (High School)	18	18
Paved Trails	12	12
Unpaved Trails	12	12
Sled Hill	19	19
Concesssions for events	27	27
Rec Programs	13	13
Rec Events	14	14
Senior Programming	11	11
Senior Transportation	15	15
Picnic Areas	22	22
Park		
Restrooms	10	10
Park Shelters	19	19
Native Prairie Areas	19	19

Very Important		
Answer Options	4	Response Count
Playgrounds	20	20
Disc Course	7	7
Pavillions	21	21
Baseball diamonds	20	20
Soccer Fields	15	15
Outdoor Basketball Courts	17	17
Outdoor Tennis Courts	14	14
Outdoor Volleyball Courts	9	9
Horseshoe Pits	3	3
Aquatic Center (facility only)	25	25
Swimming Lessons / Events	21	21
Meeting Rooms	19	19

Availability		
Fitness		
Center (High School)	15	15
Paved Trails	27	27
Unpaved Trails	20	20
Sled Hill	23	23
Concesssions for events	17	17
Rec Programs	20	20
Rec Events	23	23
Senior Programming	11	11
Senior Transportation	9	9
Picnic Areas	21	21
Park	27	27
Restrooms	27	27
Park Shelters	24	24
Native Prairie Areas	11	11

Extremely Important		
Answer Options	5	Response Count
Playgrounds	27	27
Disc Course	1	1
Pavillions	13	13
Baseball diamonds	15	15
Soccer Fields	15	15
Outdoor Basketball Courts	6	6
Outdoor Tennis Courts	3	3
Outdoor Volleyball Courts	6	6
Horseshoe Pits	0	0
Aquatic Center (facility only)	24	24
Swimming Lessons / Events	29	29
Meeting Rooms	5	5
Availability		
Fitness		
Center (High School)	24	24
Paved Trails	20	20
Unpaved Trails	19	19
Sled Hill	11	11
Concesssions for events	9	9

Rec Programs	19	19
Rec Events	17	17
Senior Programming	8	8
Senior Transportation	5	5
Picnic Areas	13	13
Park Restrooms	21	21
Park Shelters	15	15
Native Prairie Areas	14	14

Question Totals	
<i>answered question</i>	66
<i>skipped question</i>	3

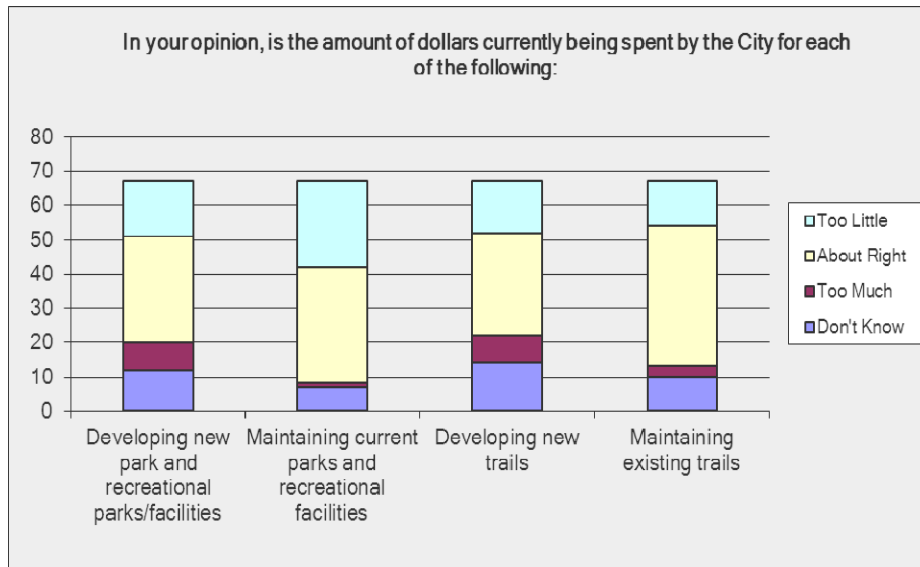
6. The City of New Holstein is responsible for managing a variety of city services, such as law enforcement, emergency services, street maintenance, etc. as well as parks and recreation. If you were responsible for budgeting \$100 of taxpayers money, how would you spend it? You may allocate the entire amount to a single item or distribute it, based on your personal needs.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Parks, Natural Areas, Trails & Rec./Aquatic Facilities	64.2%	43
Recreation/Aquatic/Senior Programming	44.8%	30
Public Administration/Planning	17.9%	12
Law Enforcement	56.7%	38
Fire & Emergency Services	64.2%	43
Code Enforcement	13.4%	9
Sidewalks, Street Maintenance (includes snow removal)	53.7%	36
Library Services	32.8%	22
<i>answered question</i>		67
<i>skipped question</i>		2



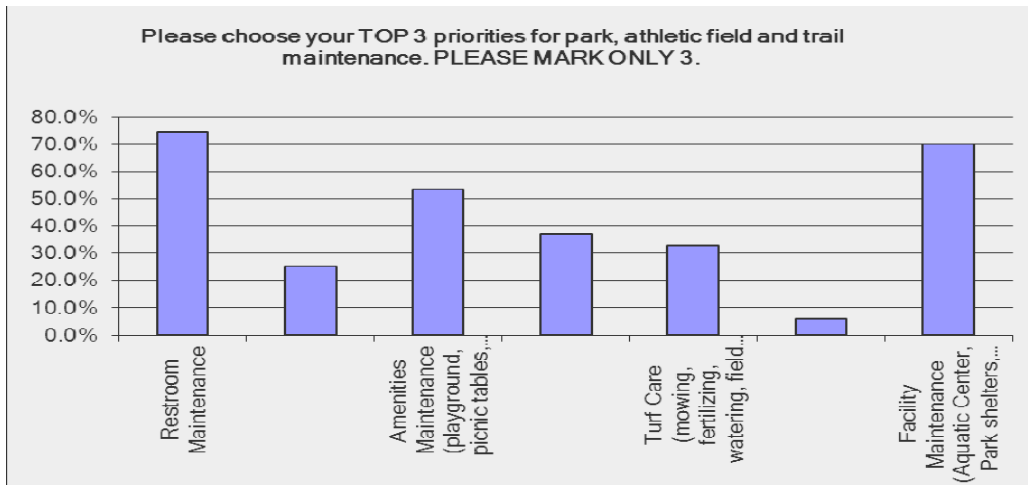
7. In your opinion, is the amount of dollars currently being spent by the City for each of the following:

Answer Options	Too Little	About Right	Too Much	Don't Know	Response Count
Developing new park and recreational parks/facilities	16	31	8	12	67
Maintaining current parks and recreational facilities	25	34	1	7	67
Developing new trails	15	30	8	14	67
Maintaining existing trails	13	41	3	10	67
<i>answered question</i>					67
<i>skipped question</i>					2



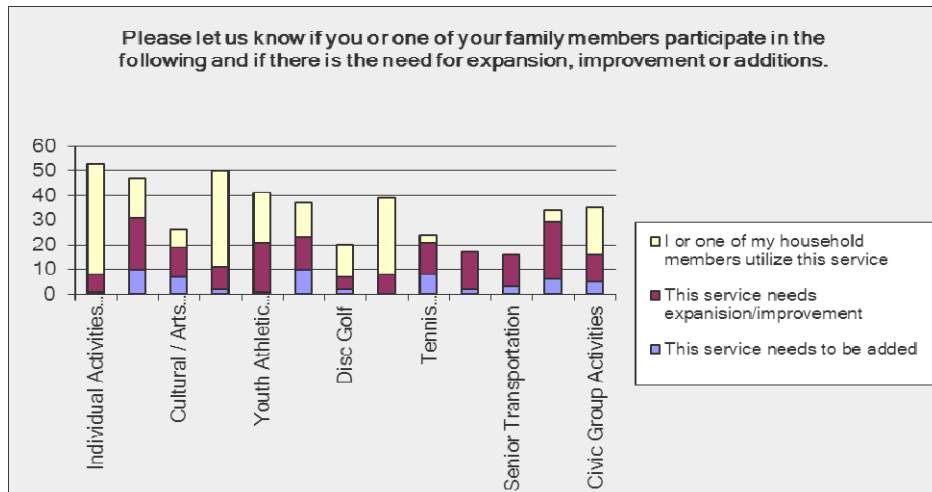
8. Please choose your TOP 3 priorities for park, athletic field and trail maintenance. PLEASE MARK ONLY 3.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Restroom Maintenance	74.6%	50
Trash Pickup & Removal	25.4%	17
Amenities Maintenance (playground, picnic tables, etc)	53.7%	36
Trail Maintenance (snow removal, surface repair, etc)	37.3%	25
Turf Care (mowing, fertilizing, watering, field prep, etc)	32.8%	22
Tree Care (pruning, replacement, etc.)	6.0%	4
Facility Maintenance (Aquatic Center, Park shelters, etc)	70.1%	47
<i>answered question</i>		67
<i>skipped question</i>		2



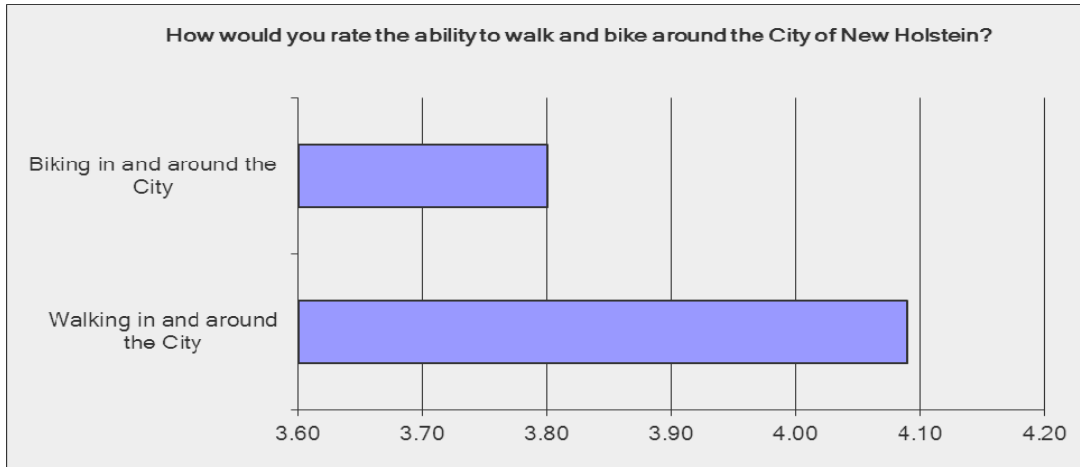
9. Please let us know if you or one of your family members participate in the following and if there is the need for expansion, improvement or additions.

Answer Options	I or one of my household members utilize this service	This service needs expansion/improvement	This service needs to be added	Response Count
Individual Activities (biking, hiking, etc.)	45	7	1	53
Special Events (concerts, brat frys, etc.)	16	21	10	47
Cultural / Arts programs	7	12	7	26
Leisure Swimming	39	9	2	50
Youth Athletic Leagues	20	20	1	41
Adult Athletic Leagues	14	13	10	37
Disc Golf	13	5	2	20
Swimming Lessons	31	8	0	39
Tennis Programs/Leagues	3	13	8	24
Senior Citizen Programs	0	15	2	17
Senior Transportation	0	13	3	16
Teen Activities	5	23	6	34
Civic Group Activities	19	11	5	35
<i>answered question</i>				67
<i>skipped question</i>				2



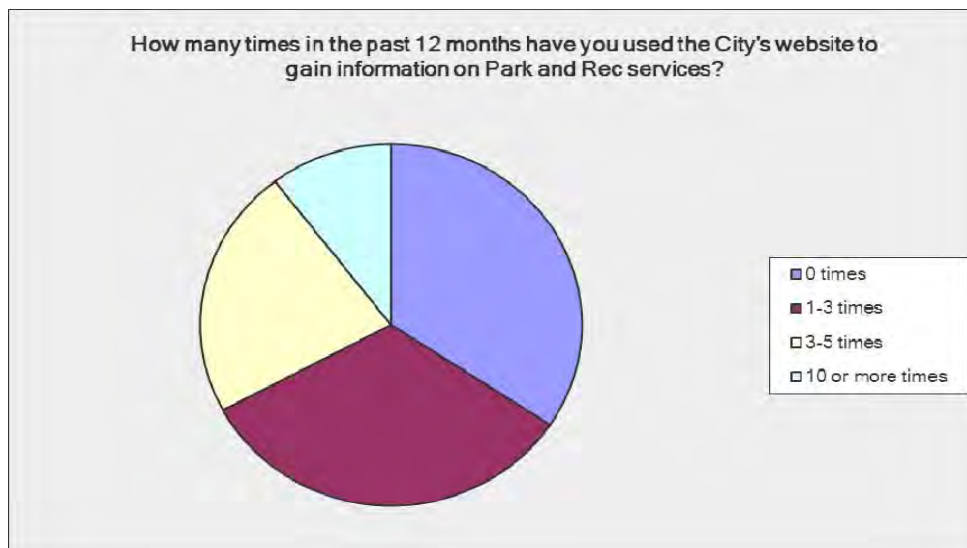
10. How would you rate the ability to walk and bike around the City of New Holstein?

Answer Options	Poor	Fair	OK	Good	Excellent	Rating Average	Response Count
Walking in and around the City	0	3	13	26	25	4.09	67
Biking in and around the City	1	8	15	20	21	3.80	65
<i>answered question</i>							67
<i>skipped question</i>							2



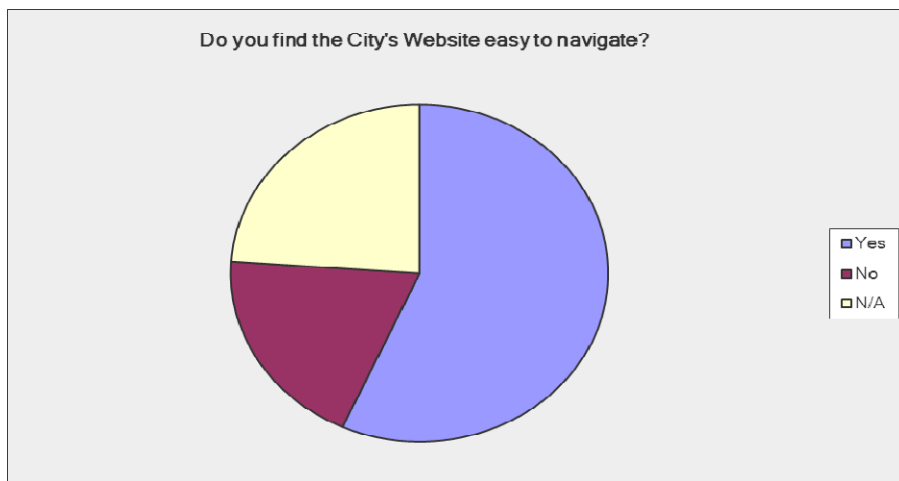
11. How many times in the past 12 months have you used the City's website to gain information on Park and Rec services?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
0 times	34.3%	23
1-3 times	32.8%	22
3-5 times	22.4%	15
10 or more times	10.4%	7
<i>answered question</i>		67
<i>skipped question</i>		2



12. Do you find the City's Website easy to navigate?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	56.7%	38
No	19.4%	13
N/A	23.9%	16
<i>answered question</i>		67
<i>skipped question</i>		2



13. If any, what other information would you like to see on the City's Webpage?

Answer Options	Response Count
	17
<i>answered question</i>	17
<i>skipped question</i>	52

Number	Response Date	Response Text
1	Jun 21, 2010 2:05 AM	all sports schedules
2	Jun 21, 2010 8:47 PM	Great informational resource! Keep up the good work!
3	Jun 23, 2010 1:10 AM	Upcoming events, area events
4	Jun 23, 2010 2:38 AM	Event and facility (Aquatic Center) schedules and costs should be easier to find.
5	Jun 23, 2010 2:42 PM	A link to this survey! I couldn't find it. Maybe a master list of the various youth city club activities (how soccer and baseball schedules overlap). Even Mapquest maps to away games.
6	Jun 24, 2010 1:27 PM	Pictures updated more often and to make them clearer.
7	Jun 24, 2010 2:49 PM	current happenings calendar
8	Jun 24, 2010 6:10 PM	Have to dig to find info. Try to find the address for the aquatic center - it is nearly impossible. There are too many links and they don't necessarily get you to the info you were seeking.
9	Jun 24, 2010 6:50 PM	Post the aquatic center prices on the front page where it is easy to see.
10	Jun 26, 2010 1:44 PM	You have to hunt to find the prices. Could not find this survey from your website, you can't migrate a website after being invited there, you will loose your audience. Had to type in survey site manually. What's with the goofy selection for the answers in question 7. Two steps to select a number???? Its not worth answering
11	Jun 28, 2010 11:52 PM	sign up for alerts so people can be alerted by email of events going on in New Holstein
12	Jun 30, 2010 2:14 PM	The addition of the program booklet was a great idea.
13	Jul 1, 2010 9:58 PM	

Can you post articles or rec standings on the web site?

14 Jul 2, 2010 2:19 PM

Baseball schedules, sign ups and Baseball Association Info Aquatic Center - appears it is still under construction/planning by the link. "Information" page is outdated. It would be nice to have the brochure further up in the site, as most people going to the site now are seeking hours, fees, and facility availability.

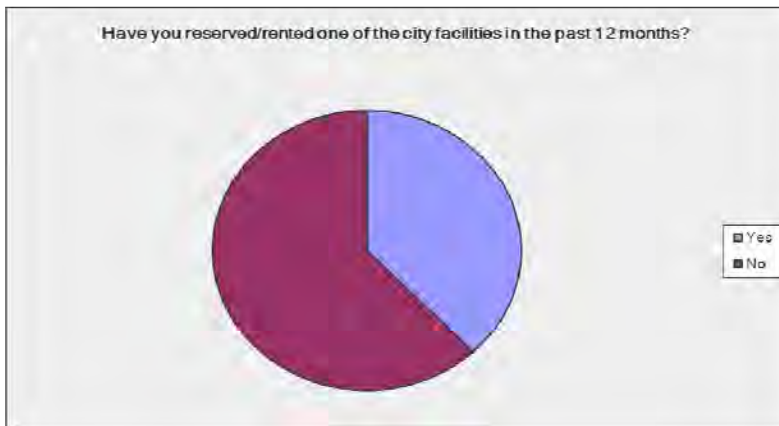
15 Jul 3, 2010 11:34 AM

16 Jul 4, 2010 2:35 PM

A suggestion area

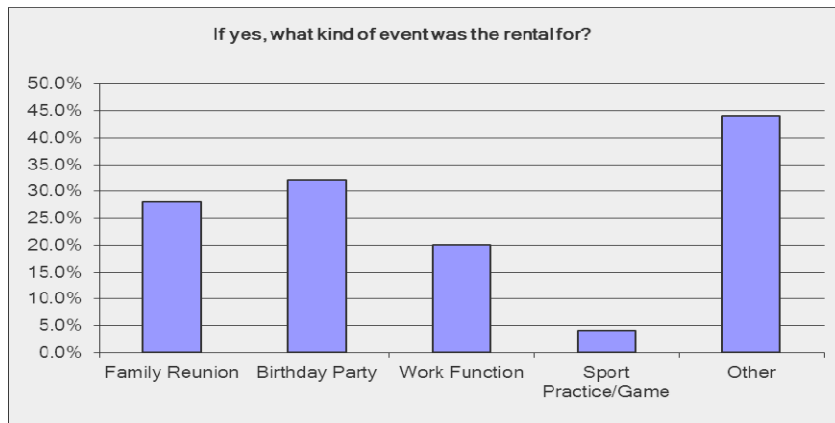
14. Have you reserved/rented one of the city facilities in the past 12 months?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	37.9%	25
No	62.1%	41
<i>answered question</i>		66
<i>skipped question</i>		3



If yes, what kind of event was the rental for?

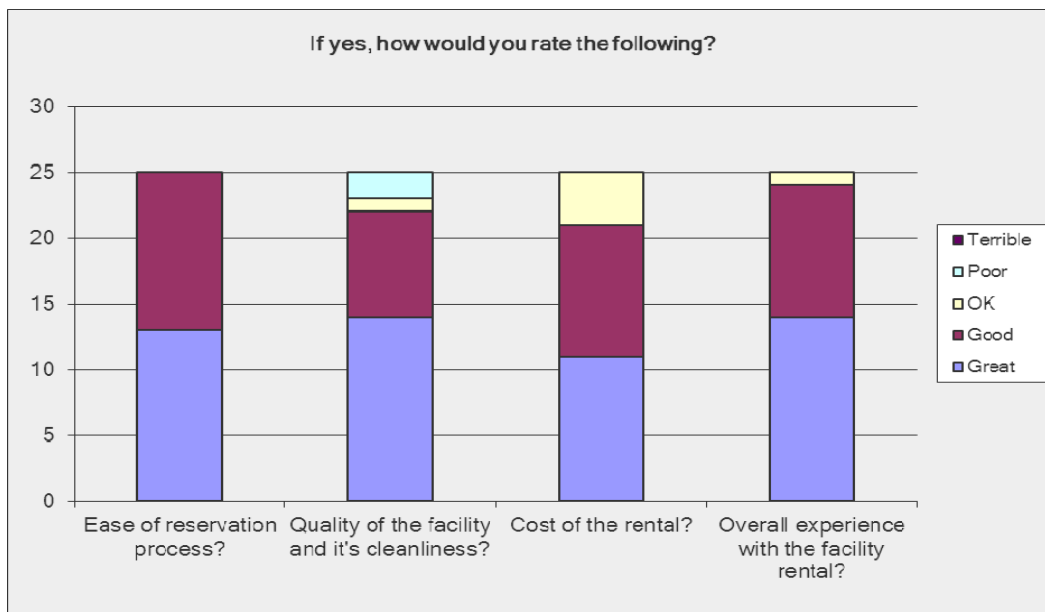
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Family Reunion	28.0%	7
Birthday Party	32.0%	8
Work Function	20.0%	5
Sport Practice/Game	4.0%	1
Other	44.0%	11
<i>answered question</i>		25
<i>skipped question</i>		44



If yes, how would you rate the following?

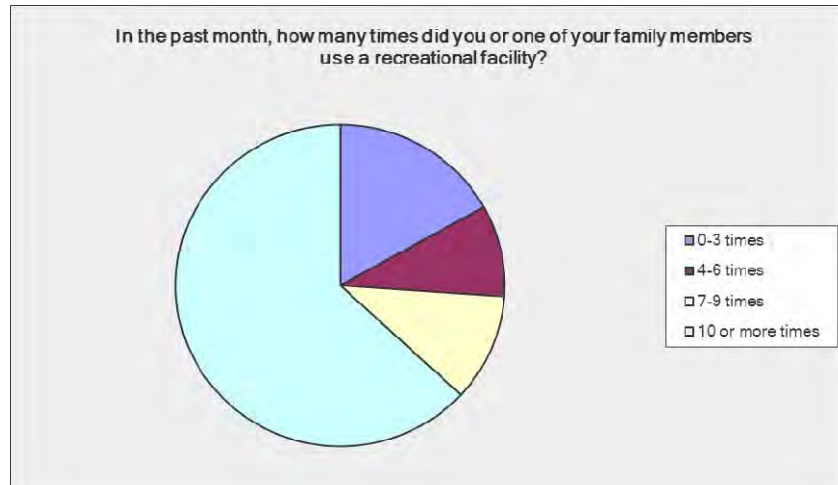
Answer Options	Terrible	Poor	OK	Good	Great	Response Count
Ease of reservation process?	0	0	0	12	13	25
Quality of the facility and it's cleanliness?	0	2	1	8	14	25
Cost of the rental?	0	0	4	10	11	25
Overall experience with the facility rental?	0	0	1	10	14	25
If it was not up to standards, what can we do better?						9
				<i>answered question</i>		25
				<i>skipped question</i>		44

Number	Response Date	If it was not up to standards, what can we do better?
1	Jun 21, 2010 8:47 PM	I just love working with the girls at City Hall, they are a bunch of go getters.
2	Jun 21, 2010 9:26 PM	We used Civic Park
3	Jun 23, 2010 2:38 AM	The Community Center floor could be cleaned more frequently.
4	Jun 23, 2010 10:39 PM	Community Center needs to be kept cleaner. Ever since Mrs. Zoellner retired, the floors have not been kept clean.
5	Jun 24, 2010 2:49 PM	New Holstein has some of the nicest Park Facilities around. The visitors at our function were impressed that a small town had such nice places for family events.
6	Jun 24, 2010 6:01 PM	Casey and Lori are a delite to work with. Very pleasant and always willing to help me. The cleanliness of the Community Center is terrible. The people hired to do the cleaning need a detailed job description and their work needs to be checked regularly before they are paid for services.
7	Jun 27, 2010 6:28 PM	We are fortunate to have such a nice building and the poor condition shows a real lack of city pride.
8	Jul 1, 2010 9:58 PM	Can be tough to book a shelter at certain times of the year! There were plenty of picnic tables, but the floor was full of dirt and natural debris. When a shelter is rented, it would be nice to have it clean/swept.
9	Jul 3, 2010 11:34 AM	Also, there were no instructions offered as to garbage disposal/removal.



15. In the past month, how many times did you or one of your family members use a recreational facility?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
0-3 times	16.9%	11
4-6 times	9.2%	6
7-9 times	10.8%	7
10 or more times	63.1%	41
<i>answered question</i>		65
<i>skipped question</i>		4



If so, how did you use that facility? Check all that apply.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
For Personal Use (walking trails, biking, playgrounds, etc.)	90.2%	55
For Business Use (events, meetings, etc.)	11.5%	7
Sports Leagues (play fields, games, etc.)	57.4%	35
A Civic event (Lion's, Kiwanis, American Legion etc.)	11.5%	7
Aquatic Center (swim lessons, leisure)	72.1%	44
Community Center (classes, etc.)	31.1%	19
Other (please specify)		3
<i>answered question</i>		61
<i>skipped question</i>		8

Number	Response Date	Other (please specify)
1	Jun 28, 2010 11:52 PM	Excercise, party at community center
2	Jul 9, 2010 4:14 PM	Pavillion - graduation party The baseball diamonds need some attention. The fields are to hard when the weather is dry and to soft when the weather is wet. Kids are falling down and hurting themselves & sliding into bases is impossible because the fields are not groomed properly . The swimming pool is nice fore playing around, however those who what to learn how to swim need areas to do so. There is only 2 lap lanes that discourage people from going to the pool for lap swim and I personally go to the kiel pool instead because of this fact.
3	Jul 10, 2010 3:25 AM	

Please provide any other comments to help us improve the Parks and Recreation services for the City of New Holstein.

Answer Options	Response Count
	36
<i>answered question</i>	36
<i>skipped question</i>	33

Number	Response Date	Response Text
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| 1 | Jun 18, 2010 4:45 PM | <p>The City of New Holstein has excellent Park/Rec facilities and programs and should be commended. They make the city a very attractive community for raising a family. Need more space and updates to accommodate the growing baseball/softball and football programs-trouble with enough field space, not enough or easily accessible equipment storage space. Current recreation staff need to be more organized. Need more communication between organizations and recreation department so roles and responsibilities are clear. Kiwanis park concession-more space and hot water. Kiwanis park bathrooms need update. Funke field could use improved concession area. Baseball field maintenance needs more attention- weed control, needs more/better dirt brought in, larger shed for field maintenance equipment to be kept on-site. Need improved rec department basketball plan-no need to duplicate school/rec programs at older age levels, need better plan for younger age groups to focus on teaching skills (there is currently nothing for kids grades K-3). Start a city rec department youth flag football program, instead of having the YMCA coming into town-the high cost discourages many from participating.</p> <p>Question whether the management of both the rec sports and aquatic center management is too much for one employee in the rec department.</p> |
| 2 | Jun 21, 2010 2:05 AM | <p>I think you need to look into why the city and the school district both offer the same basketball program for middle school aged kids. There aren't enough kids to go around that are interested in it to have a team for both city and school</p> |
| 3 | Jun 21, 2010 9:26 PM | <p>There are a lot of team practices and games currently going on between baseball/softball/soccer, etc. It's nice that ALL fields are available for use. If there is no game or no practice designated on a particular field, it SHOULD be available for a team to practice on. (Recently informed that a field we used for the team was someone's 'baby' and should NOT be used for practice. Our field was unavailable due to all the rain.....if it's not in use...it should be able to be used. I can see if someone was making ruts, but to just have kids running on it?...) It is very difficult to get on a baseball diamond with all the teams....it's nice that the soccer fields are available to help the KIDS out..because it is about them...right? Lights on the baseball diamonds would be an added bonus as well. When the kids don't start until 6:15; it can turn into a long game. Having the option to use lights would be nice instead of having to call a game before it's finished.</p> |
| 4 | Jun 21, 2010 10:42 PM | <p>I don't think it's fair for the Rec Director to tell the instructional baseball league that they now have to start their games earlier than what was originally told to us just because adult kickball is being played down at Kiwanis</p> |
| 5 | Jun 22, 2010 12:33 AM | <p>Park now instead of Funke field like they were originally supposed to play. I'm sure I'm not the</p> |

only parent
that has to rush home from work just to make it to the game on time. There are many that are coming just in time or a few minutes late because of this.

Why can't the city and the school district get together and decide who should run a basketball program for middle school kids. Last winter the school had a hard time getting enough players as did the city, some of the teams were canceled because there weren't enough kids for a team. If we work together maybe there will be enough for one team from the city.

Is the gymnastics program going to be offered again in New Holstein?

Why can't the city run the flag football program for the younger kids instead of the YMCA? Maybe some of the high school boys would like to help coach and earn service hours. Chilton does it that way and from what I hear it works great, the older boys have fun with as well as the younger boys. The city could take care of registration and let the boys coach. I have been attending ball games and soccer games and the bathrooms need HELP.No soap in the bathrooms, Tables are a mess, benches need improvement. Could some of this be fixed during the winter months. We do not have plows out every minute.

Also I have seen mopeds driving on the bike trails.

Those young people who are trying to provide some sports for our kids and to teach them some discipline are not given enough credit. They are not babysitters for those parents who do not want to get involved.

We have many kids in groups looking for things to do to finish school, I am sure we could find them some brushes and they could paint.

we need businesses in our community and unless we fix up our community to make it look like we care to others that visit, we will not get anyplace. We have enough trees, we have spent plenty on the parks, now

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lets do some fix ups and BE PROUD of what we have and make it look good. I feel that the pond doesn't get the attention it needs. It used to be such a pretty pond and has started to look scummy and unkept. I feel so much time and energy is focused on the soccer fields, yet there are

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so many other areas of the park that need attention too. Our parks and trails are fantastic; the aquatic center is awesome. The fitness opportunities in New Holstein (High School Fitness Center, trails, Strong Women Program, aquatic center, tennis, baseball, basketball, soccer areas) are superb. I have no suggestions for improvements, but perhaps these healthy lifestyle

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amenities could be used more effectively to promote the City and attract businesses and residents.

Plenty of time is placed into making sure that the soccer fields are taken care of, while the baseball diamonds quality diminishes. More time into the field, dugouts, etc. should be done. All fields even... Funke Field. There are plenty of students working in the pool facilities... this would be great work and extra hours for them.

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It would also be so nice to have umpires that show up on scheduled games, instead of relying on parents because no one shows up. The mess of the tree removal in the woods south of the prairie is an eyesore. I think it needs to be cleaned up and the trail through there also needs to be cleaned up and maintained. The bridges over the creek in Kiwanis Park need to be replaced. They are very crooked and steep. I would also like to see and anti-slip

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surface on them. The park benches through out the city need some sprucing up also. Put nets on the volleyball poles... about time there were signs put up for the disc golf... got sickning going to other towns since there course was better and marked, but now it is nice there are signs for it. I would

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love to see more physical/exercise activities for adults to participate in (aerobic classes, zumba, tennis, basketball, volleyball, kickball) something for adults for fun... I feel that some of the bridges in the park really need some repair. The one bridge near the aquatic center appears to be tipping more and more each day. I also feel that there should be more activities locally for

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children under 5. I currently drive my children to other cities for more reasonably priced educational options. I feel the baseball diamonds need to be next on the cities priorities of re-vamping. The soccer fields are great,

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the aquatic center is great, but the ball diamonds are in need of help. The City should consider adding additional Recreational Programs. Everything seems to be focused on Soccer and Baseball. What about offering adult league sports? Arts and crafts for young and old. We have the building space and a lot of talented and experienced residents who may want to host these events. Sports for the under 5 age group, I currently travel 15 miles to enroll my child in these types of programs. The current

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recreational lady is very unorganized, and doesn't add any additional programs. a number to call where someone would be more readily available to answer questions regarding programing and to be a more of a resource for coaches, expanded concession stands to keep up with surrounding

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communities. The aquatic center is a great asset for the city. It brings people in and they will hopefully spend money in the city. Trails are nice too. Some sidewalks do not have the ramp going into the street (just curbing) which makes it hard if you have children biking (who aren't old enough to be on the road) or for pushing strollers.

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Some of the buildings at the Civic Park (near City Hall) appear to be in disrepair. The playground near the elementary school is excellent. I think the city overall does a good job with the funds available. The baseball fields and concessions need upgrading. The holy land and Kiel have better fields and concessions. You also need to do something with New Holsteins recreation director. She is very

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unorganized, seems like she has too much on her plate, and it also appears as though her main passion

- is the pool, which is fine but then just have her responsible for the pool. --- I have seen many people be frustrated.
- The paved trail on Kiwanis park in the east side needs to be pulverized and repaved. There are humps, dips, and cracks that small children cannot navigate. Civic park seems to be neglected where the tennis courts and horseshoe pits are. They could use a little attention.
- sidewalks through out town could use some work. A large sign for frisbe golf so you know where the couse starts.
- Parks and recreational services and buildings that are well kept up give a very favorable impression of our city.
- On question # 6 you asked how the city meets the needs of the community in several areas. Well you listed Outdoor Volleyball.All we have and have had in a long time is a big sandbox were a volleyball court should be. There is NO net and there hasn't been one in years. Me and my daughter bike or drive to Kiel to use there volleyball court(they have a net!!!). we also have volleyball games with the family once or twice a month in Kiel because New Holstein again has no net. Please can someone look into a volleyball net, this would make it alot easier for me to practice with my daughter (age 12) to get ready for 7th grade volleyball in school.
- The city has excellent park and recreation facilities and programs. The Aquatic Center is fantastic and is an attractive feature for the community.
- I think that the girls softball should have catchers mitts because the boys have one and I don't think that it is fair. I also think that the swimming teachers should come in the water to show us if we don't know something.
- We do have nice areas in New Holstein for everyone. Our family spends a lot of time at Kiwanis park for soccer and baseball. The soccer fields are great, never have a problem with them. I would rate the facilities of the baseball fields as very poor. The up-keep of it is horrible (lawn mowing and dragging of the diamonds, and maybe adding some sand).
- we need a fenced in dog walking area
- we need a skateboard area for the youth
- having nets on the volleyball courts would be nice and repair to the tennis courts by the Elementary school is needed. Having new trails around NH to Chilton or around town/country roads would be nice with marked mileage on the trails would be great.
- New Holstein has beautiful parks, especially Kiwanis and the walking trail south of the pool thru the woods.
- We walk this trail everyday about 10 months of the year. It would be nice if there were dog poop bag stations along the trails, we carry our own but maybe it would help others who forget. This is a way to keep our park clean. More garbage cans along the trails and sidewalks also. It would also be nice if in the winter the outside trail thru the park would be blown of snow to make walking easier, just a thought.
- It is important to maintain the large park we already have. However if there is a thought of adding anything a Doggie Park might work---however NOT a doggie swim time at the Aquatic Center.

The existing rec programs may need better managing. Possibly the existing manager is overwhelmed and needs to get help and split duties.

The maintenance of the parks seems to have gone down in quality due to less staff. Could a person specializing in Park care be hired?

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New Holstein has one of the best parks systems for a community its size anywhere. Keep up the great work!

The parks in the City of New Holstein are a real asset to the community. They are attractive, well maintained, and offer wonderful facilities (i.e. shelters, restrooms, playground equipment, plenty of green space).

Promote Langenfeld pond and keep it stocked, if possible.

Trails within the city parks are nice but not a necessity. There are plenty of sidewalks to walk on and good roads to bike on. However, a bike trail connecting NH and Chilton would be great. The trail to Kiel is wonderful.

The addition of the disc golf was a good idea. It would be nice to have a map of the course to pick up; could maps be available at Aquatic Center or Community Center?

Does the city rent out equipment for use at Kiwanis Park? Could the Aquatic Center rent out soccer balls, volleyballs/nets, discs during the summer months?

The shelters and Community Centers seem to be booked up quite a bit. Any thought of adding another building?

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Has Parks & Rec thought of adding trips to their program? Perhaps a trip to a baseball game, concert, etc. Baseball diamonds need to be kept in the same condition as the soccer fields. One sport should not be a priority over the other. The diamonds are in poor condition with lots of weeds again this year. Very

sad that we have such large beautiful parks but when it comes to the up keep of our ball diamonds and fencing we don't even compare to the Holyland diamonds. Finally baseball is coming back and in

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order to keep the numbers up we need to make our diamonds appealing to all. I would love to see New Holstein be in THE leader of "Green". Chip Osborne has spoken many times

in the state of Wisconsin on organic turf care. (<http://www.osborneorganics.com/chip.html>)

I would use the parks much more frequently, if I did not have to worry about pesticide residue (in the air and on the grass). I purposefully do NOT take my grandchildren to the parks, because I do not know what is on the grass. (<http://www.beyondpesticides.org/schools/resources/by%20topic.htm>)

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Last night, my husband and I were at the pool. As the relaxing evening breeze drifted across the pool, I could smell pesticide/herbicide wafting in the air. (I know, I still grapple with what all may be IN the pool!)

I would be more than happy to be involved in advancing New Holstein into the 21st century, safely, for all involved.

Thank you,

Mary Growe

There should be a parcel of land designated for off-leash dog walking/running. The area should be fenced in and include cans to place dog waste. This would encourage pet owners to use only the certain area, therefore, the poop issue in the parks now would be lessened. It works well in other communities. And, since the nearest areas are in Fond du Lac and the Appleton area, it would attract local people. We often see dog walkers from Chilton and Kiel at the Appleton dog park. It's a shame that someone locally isn't getting the business we go elsewhere to meet our needs. We visit the stores, restaurants, and gas stations on these trips to these other communities and gas is always in Appleton. But, it would be more convenient and better for our town if we and the Kiel and Chilton dog walkers wouldn't have to leave town to enjoy being in a community. We need to be more welcoming!

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The Aquatic director needs to be replaced! I don't like her attitude and rudeness when it comes to complaints. She thinks she's never wrong, and she does no wrong. She is never held accountable for her short-comings or actions.

Also, the Aquatic center is supposed to be a "family" place. Then why are the lifeguards allowed to wear piercings on their nipples?

Also, the lifeguards are apparently allowed to "horseplay" when the the pool is going to close. They can push each other into the pool while the patrons are getting out of the pool? The Aquatic director

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says it is ok for the lifeguards to do that.

I Think there should be some oversight on the aquatic center, not enough supervision by mature adults.

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Too many high school/ college kids screwing around and worrying about the other employees versus the kids and adults at the pool.

1. Improve the baseball diamonds

2. Improve the kids baseball programs

3. Improve swimming lessons structure; I went and watched swimming lessons last year and there was 5 minutes of instruction and the rest of the time was playing around on the slides.

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