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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

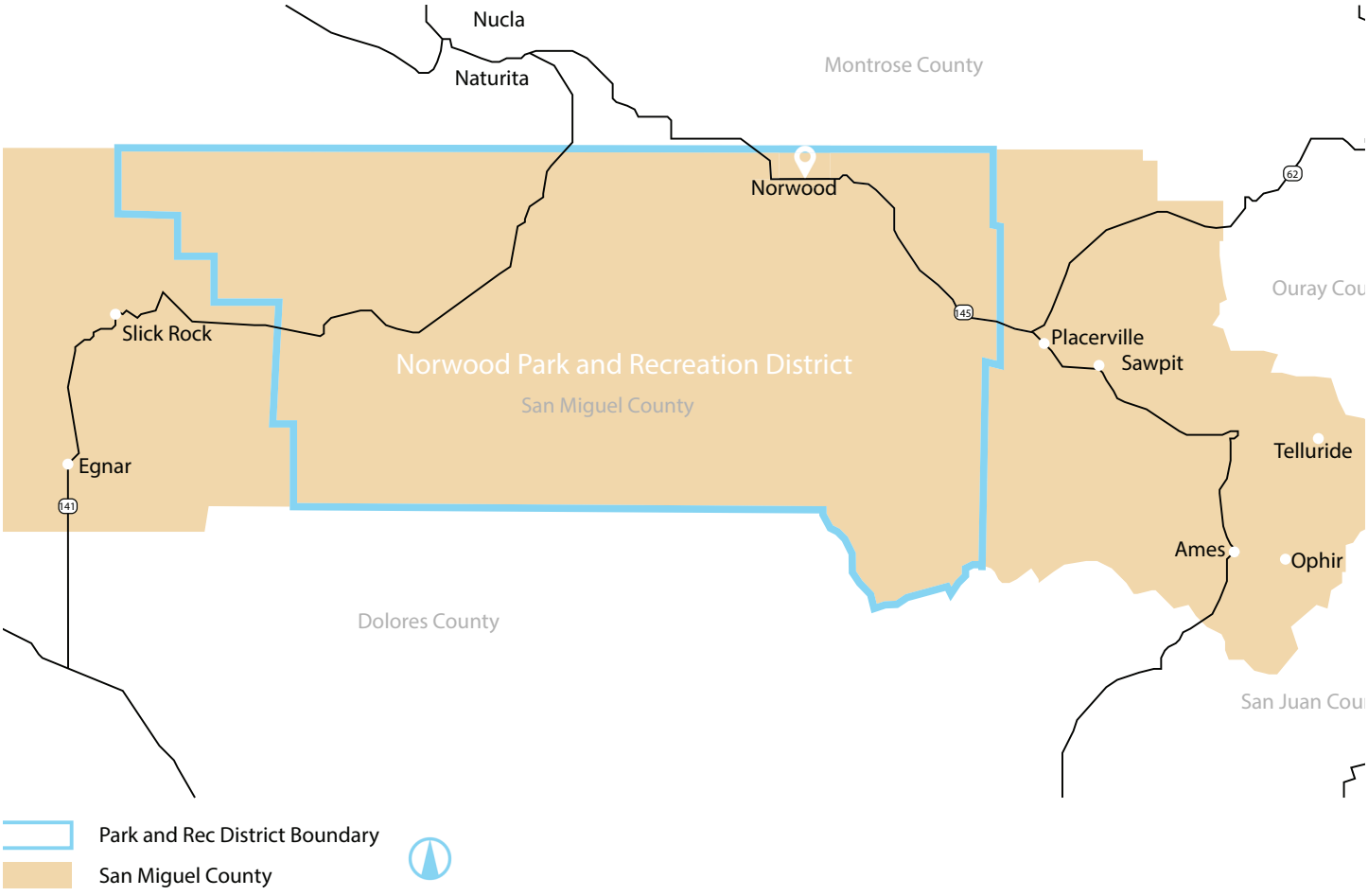
Norwood Park and Recreation District's mission is to provide diverse year-round recreational opportunities through the creation and maintenance of high quality parks, trails, facilities and programs. The district encompasses about 418,500 acres and serves about 1,875 people. While the town of Norwood is the only incorporated town within the District, community members from San Miguel county and beyond benefit from these facilities.

A Park and Recreation Masterplan is intended to guide the development of tangible parks, trails, and other recreation related projects. This document is the summary of the Norwood Park and Recreation District Community Survey. All responses were kept anonymous and combined for the purpose of analysis. These responses are intended to provide community input and guide decision making for the next update to the NPRD Master Plan.

There are three primary sections within this report:

1. A brief summary of who took the survey - this information was compared to San Miguel census data
2. A graphic representation of results from the survey
3. Appendix - this contains all written in responses and matrix table results

NPRD Overview



WHO TOOK THIS SURVEY?

90 respondents

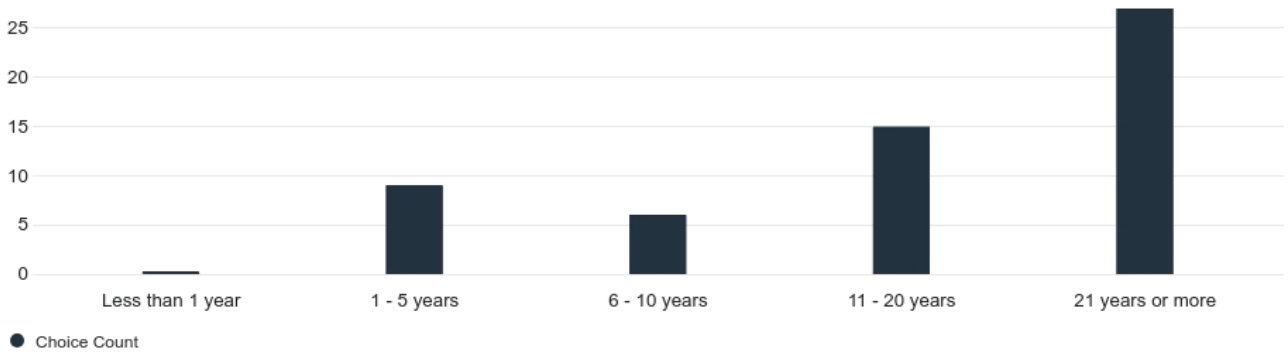
57 fully completed surveys

79% live in Norwood

respondents were also from:

- Unincorporated San Miguel County
- Montrose County
- Telluride or Mountain Village

how long have you lived in the district?



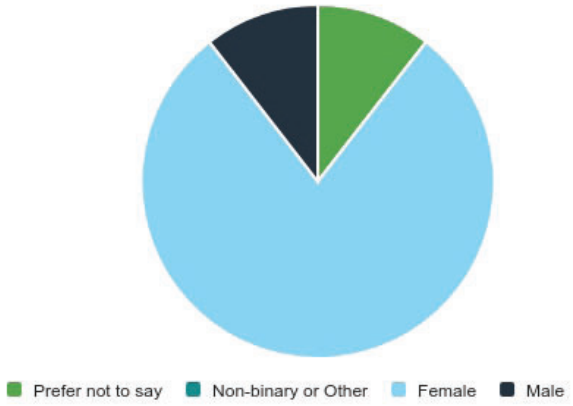
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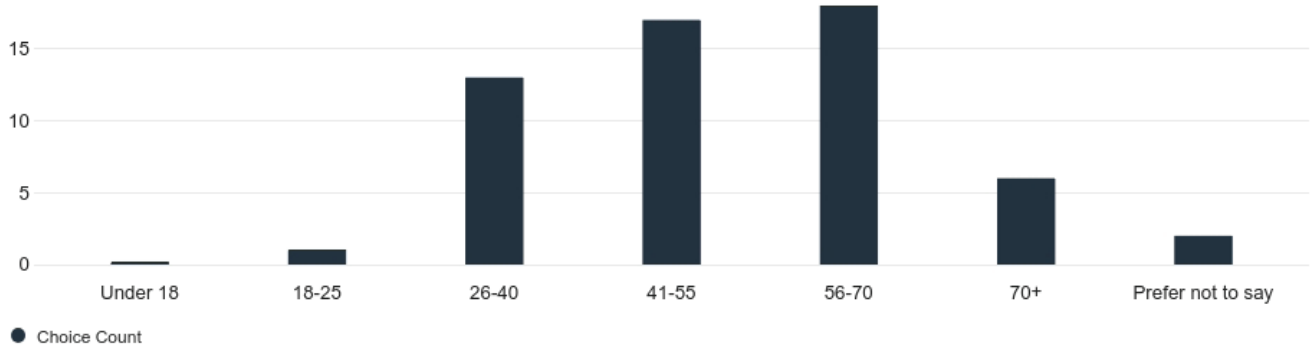
Demographics of survey respondents largely parallel demographics of San Miguel County according to the ACS

78% female

- 11% male
- 11% prefer not to say



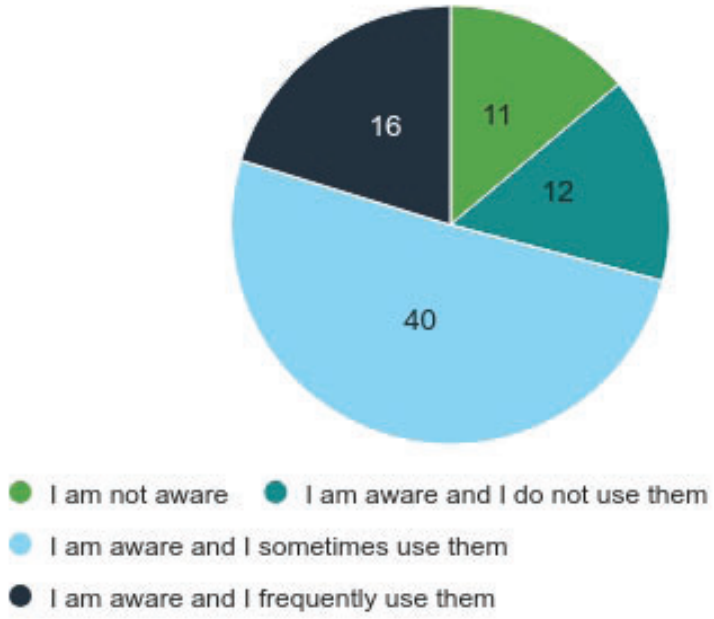
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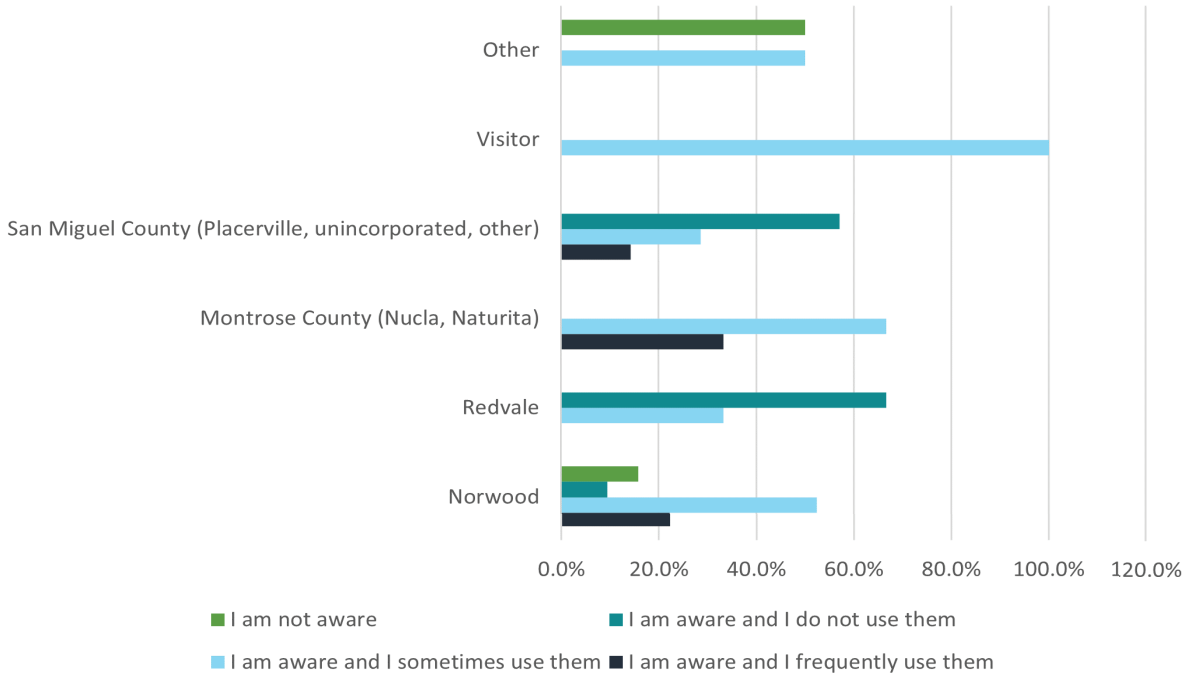


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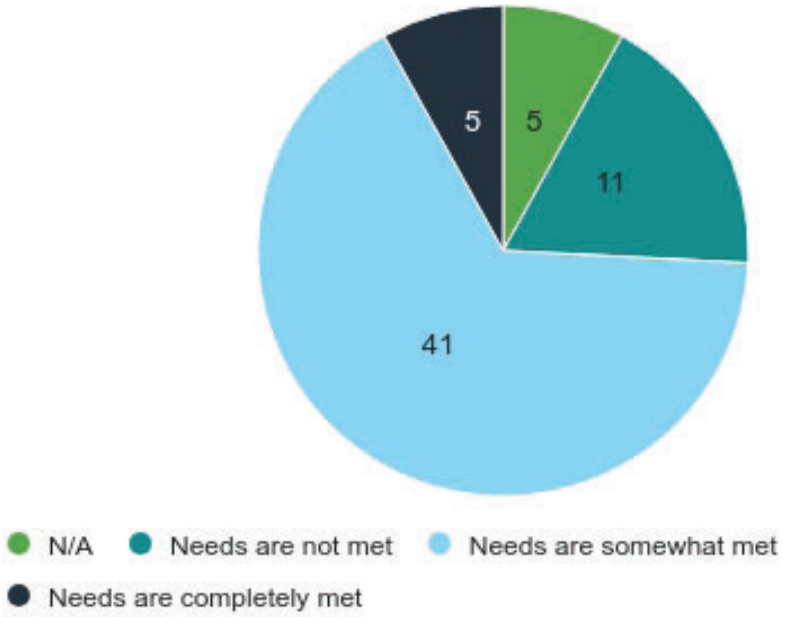
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Are you aware of the year-round opportunities for recreation provided by the NPRD?

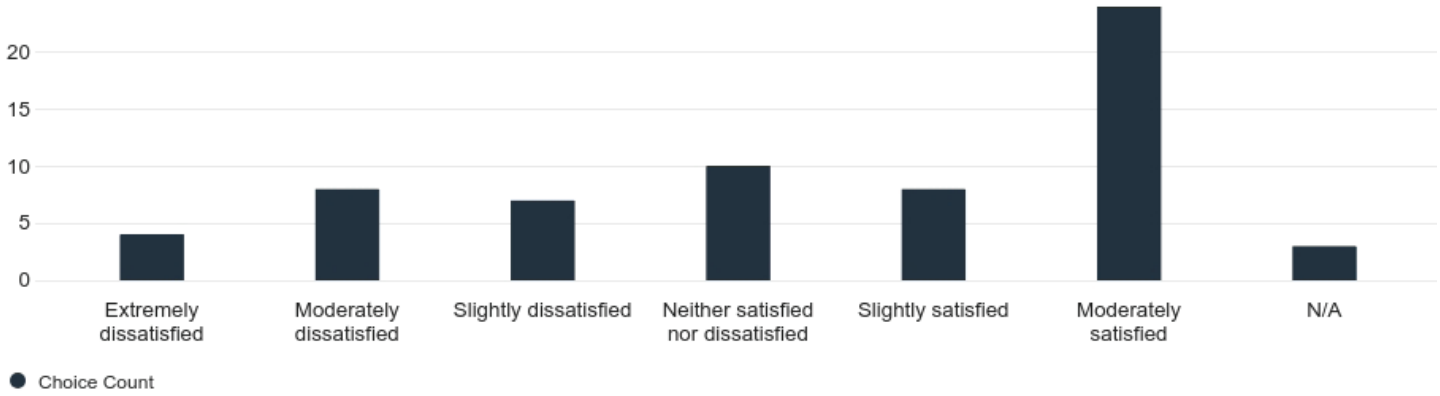




If aware, do you believe the opportunities are meeting the physical, mental, cultural, and social needs of the District residents and visitors?



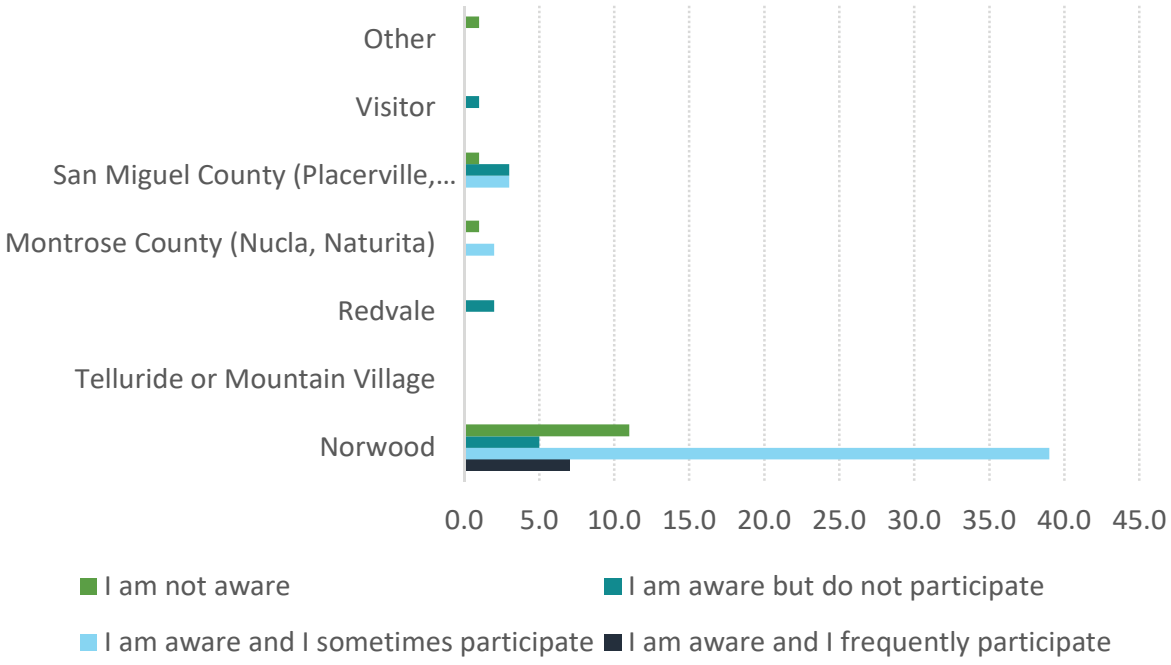
If aware, how satisfied are you with the quality of parks, trails, facilities, and programs offered by the NPRD?



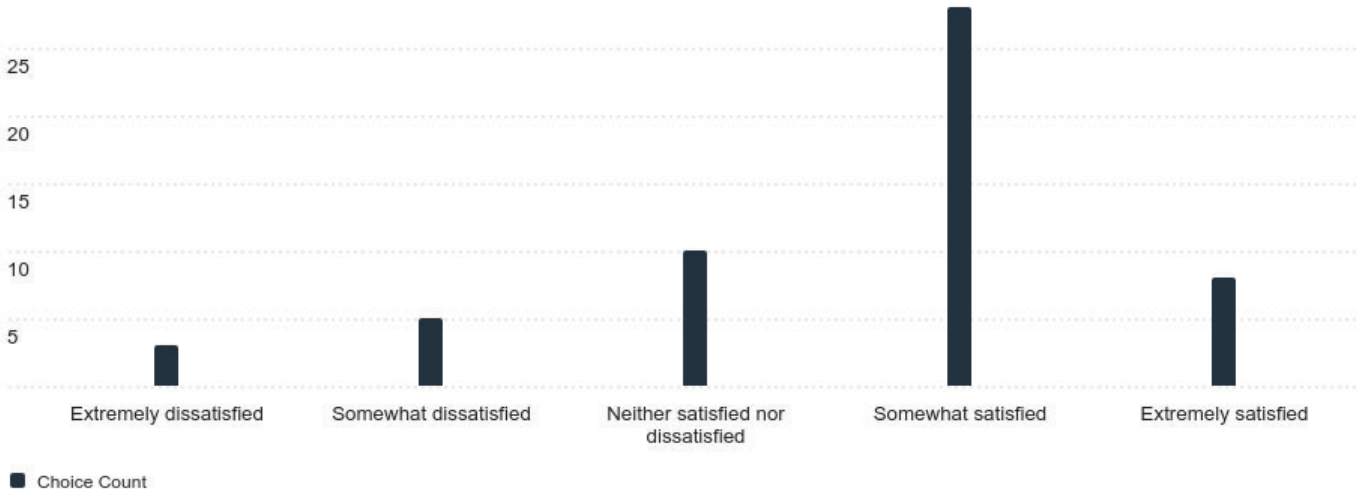
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Are you aware of the programs and events offered by NPRD?

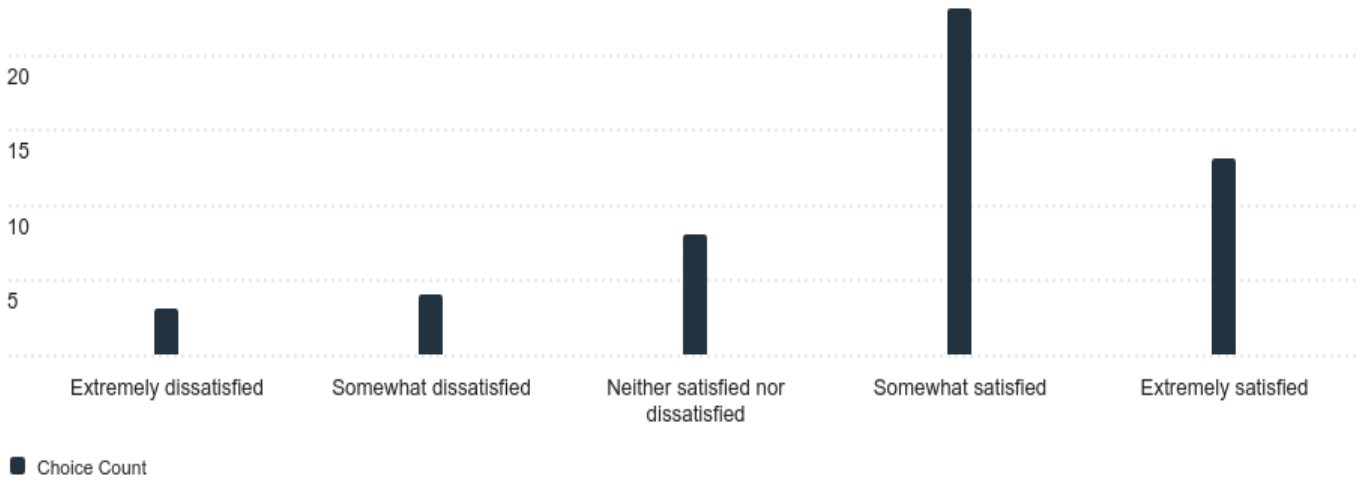




If aware, are you satisfied with the diversity and frequency of programs and events offered by NPRD?



If you participate, are you satisfied with the quality of programs and events offered?



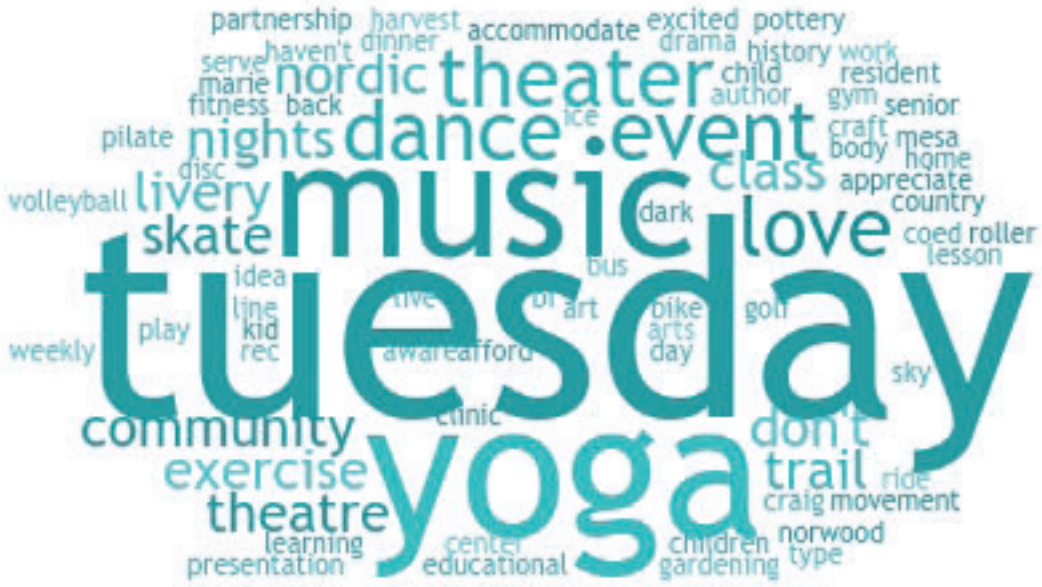
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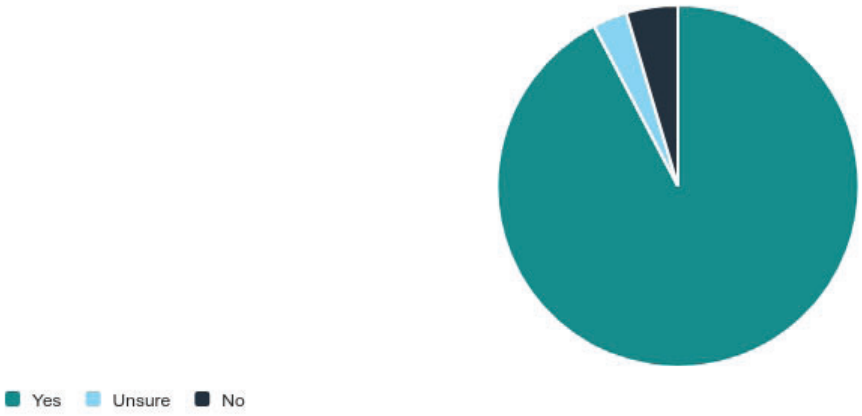
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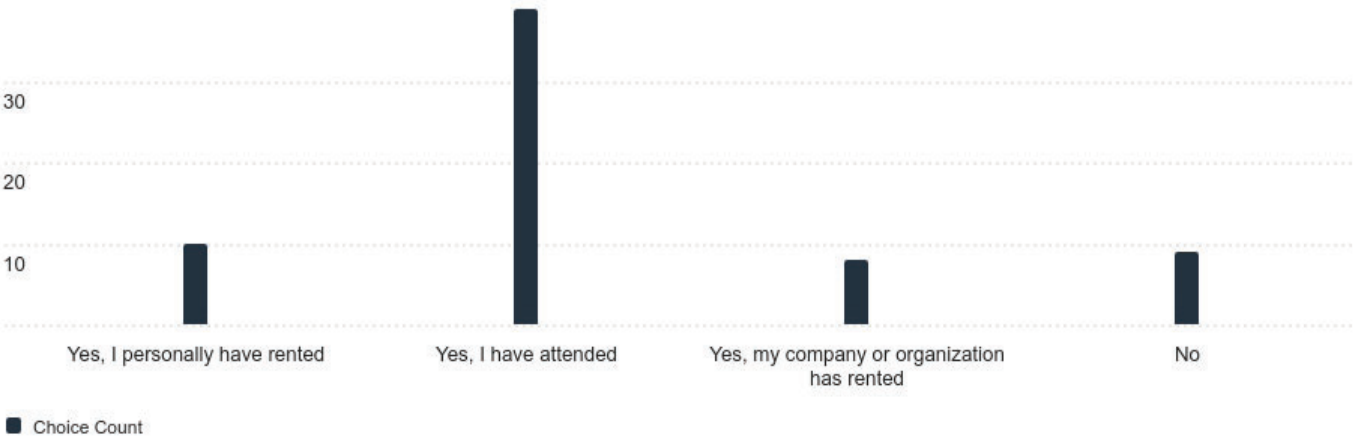
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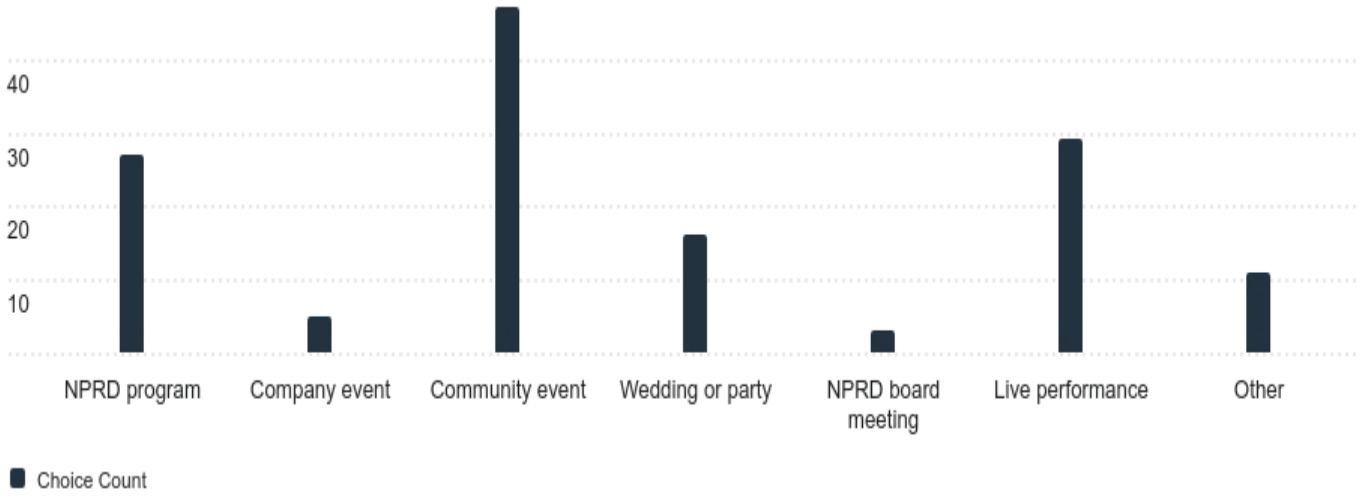
Are you aware of the facilities (i.e. the Livery, the Oliver House, or the Yard) available to rent provided by the district?



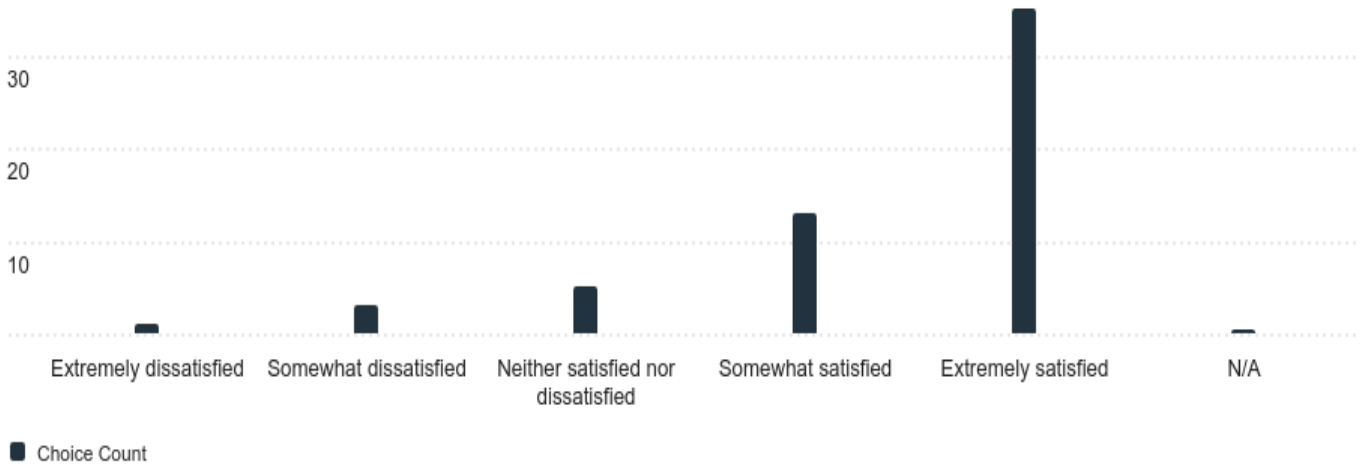
Have you attended an event at or rented one or more of these facilities?



If yes, what was the purpose of the attendance? Please select all that apply.



If yes, were you satisfied with the quality of the experience?



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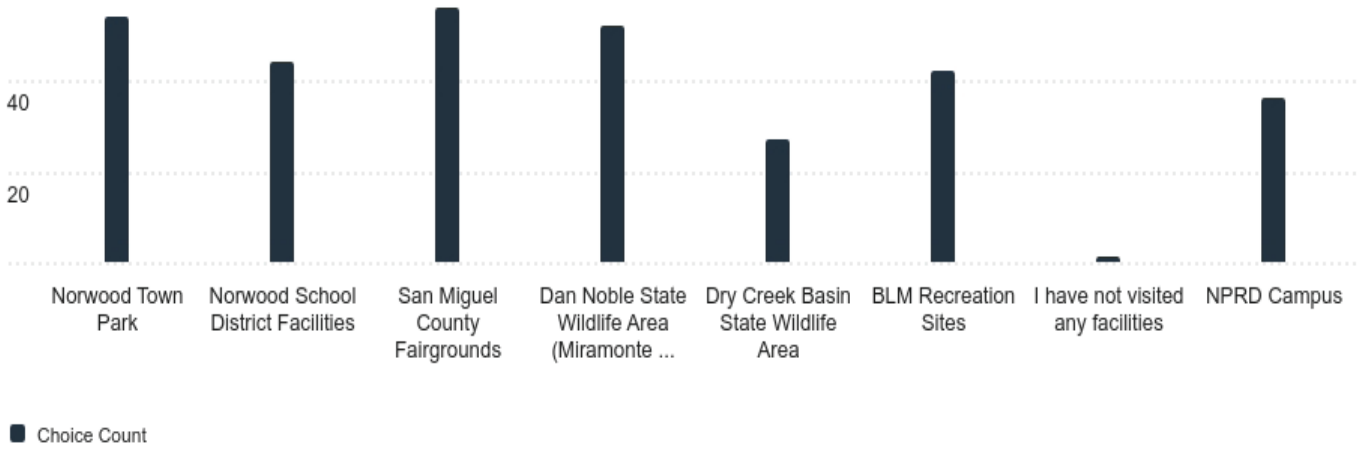
Please share any comments about the facilities available.

1. **Amenities** - Multiple requests were made for updates to amenities within the facilities including to bathrooms, technology, and water fountains

2. **Reservation Process** - Respondents expressed concern over ease of reservation process and responsiveness from the facilities

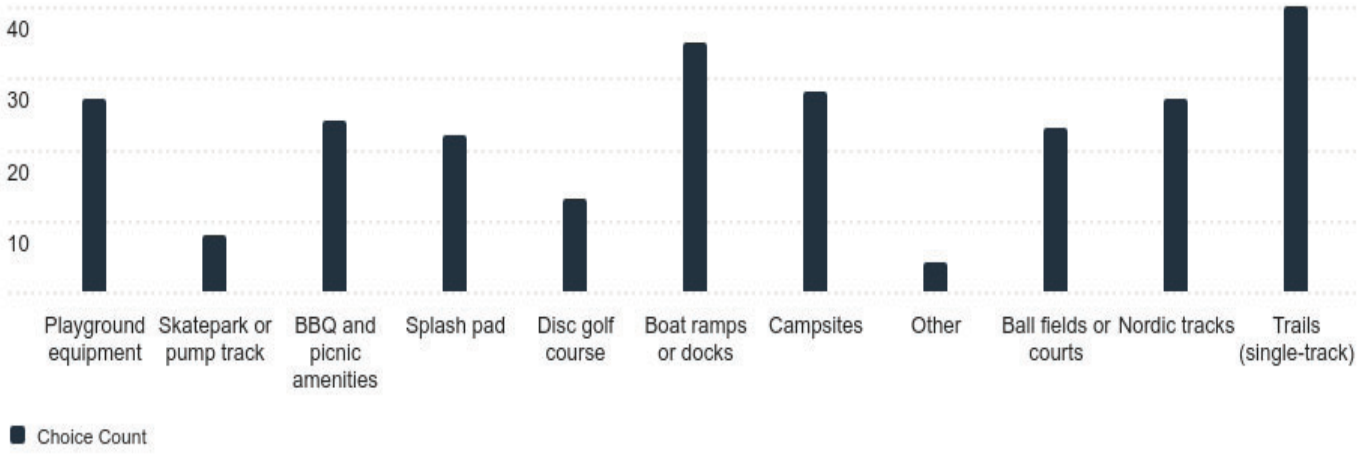
3. **Appreciation** - The overwhelming majority of responses indicate that community members appreciate the NPRD facilities and believe they are community assets

Of the available parks and recreation facilities, which have you visited? Please select all that apply?

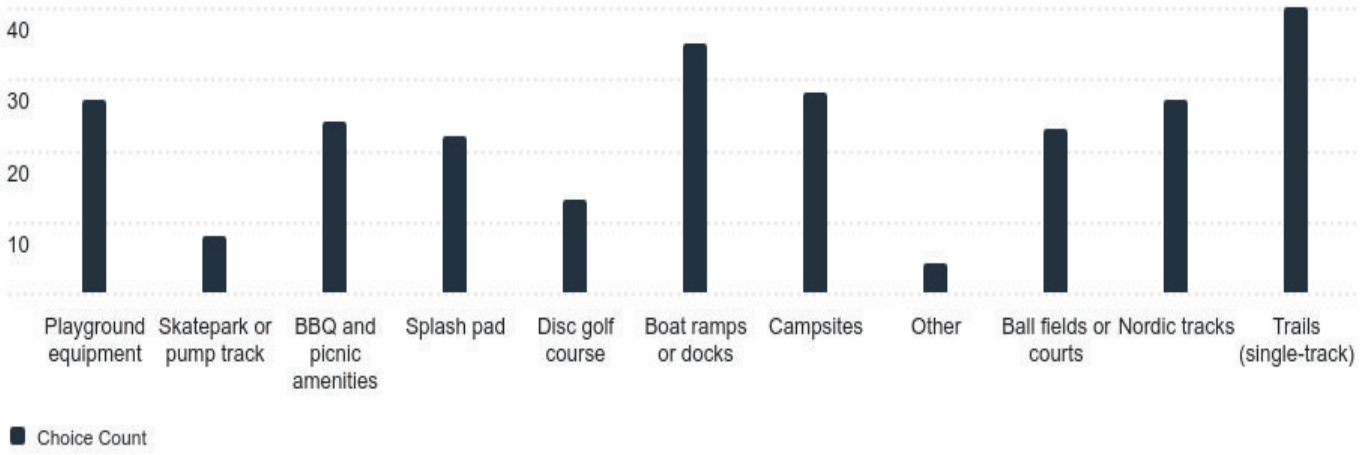


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If you have visited, what facilities do you use? Please select all that apply.



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What are the greatest near-term priorities for facilities in the District over the next 5 to 10 years?

1. **Highest Priority** - **Completion of the Norwood Town Trail** with a mean score of 3.98 out of 5.00

2. **Lowest Priority** - **Regulation sized courts** with a mean score of 2.52 out of 5.00

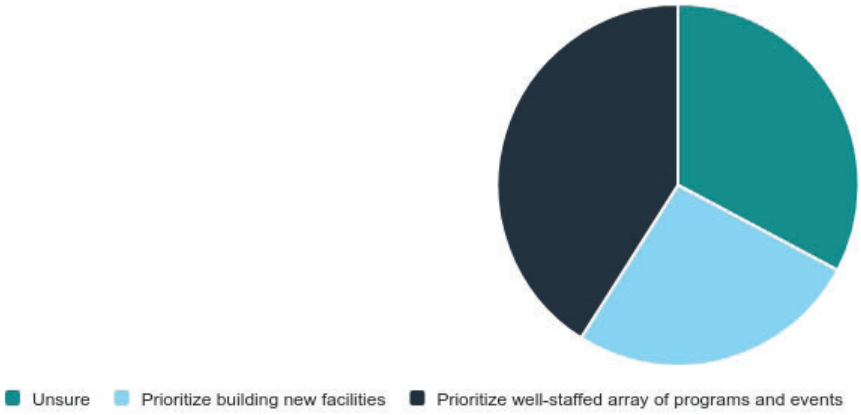
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1. **Highest Priority** - **Indoor Recreation Center** with a mean score of 3.97 out of 5.00

2. **Lowest Priority** - **Golf Course** with a mean score of 1.64 out of 5.00

Respondents were asked to rank each of the available options for facilities from very low to very high priority. Values were assigned to compare and contrast results. Available options were reflective of existing master plan goals as well as other park and recreation amenities.

Is it a higher priority to provide a well-staffed array of programs and events or save up to build facilities?



Are there any other comments you would like to share regarding recreation facilities?

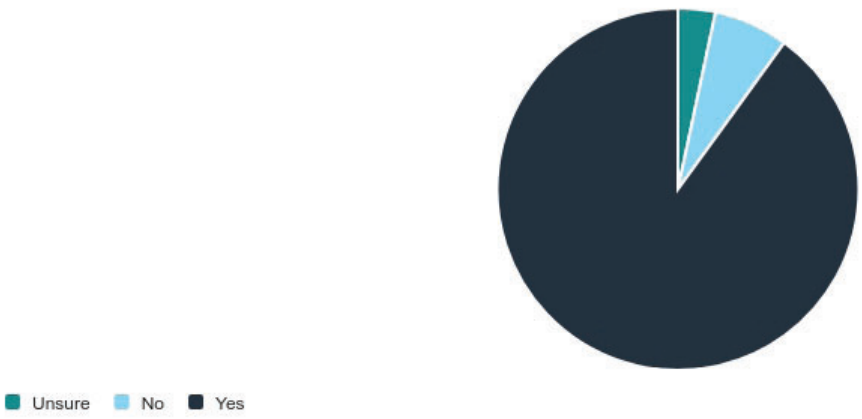
1. **Pool** - The most repeated response was the desire for a pool within Norwood. Community members specify an outdoor pool would be more affordable.

2. **Inclusive programming** - respondents indicated that programming for individuals over 65 and fully accessible spaces and programs are important.

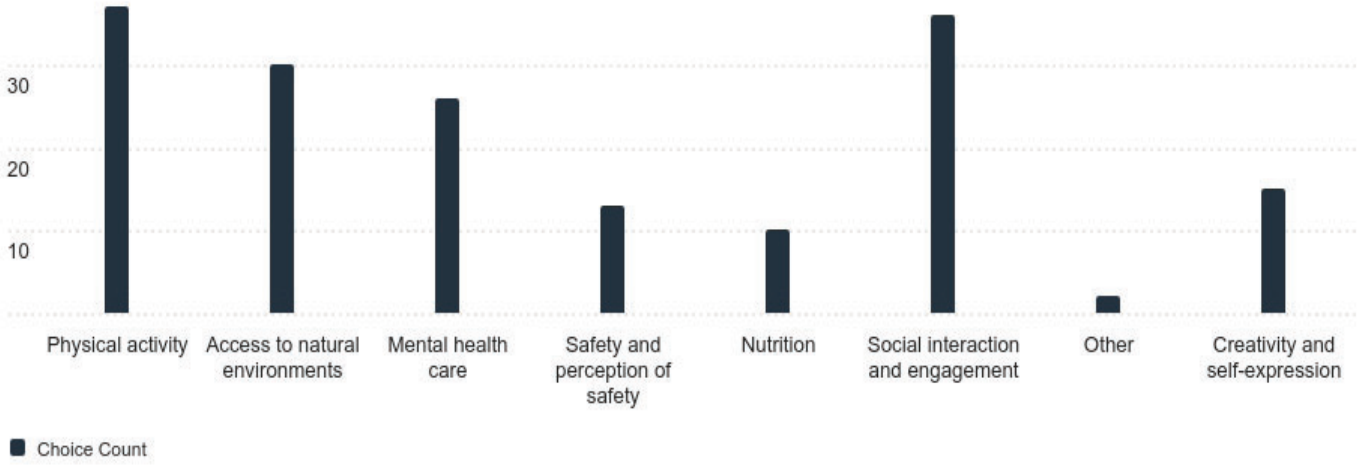
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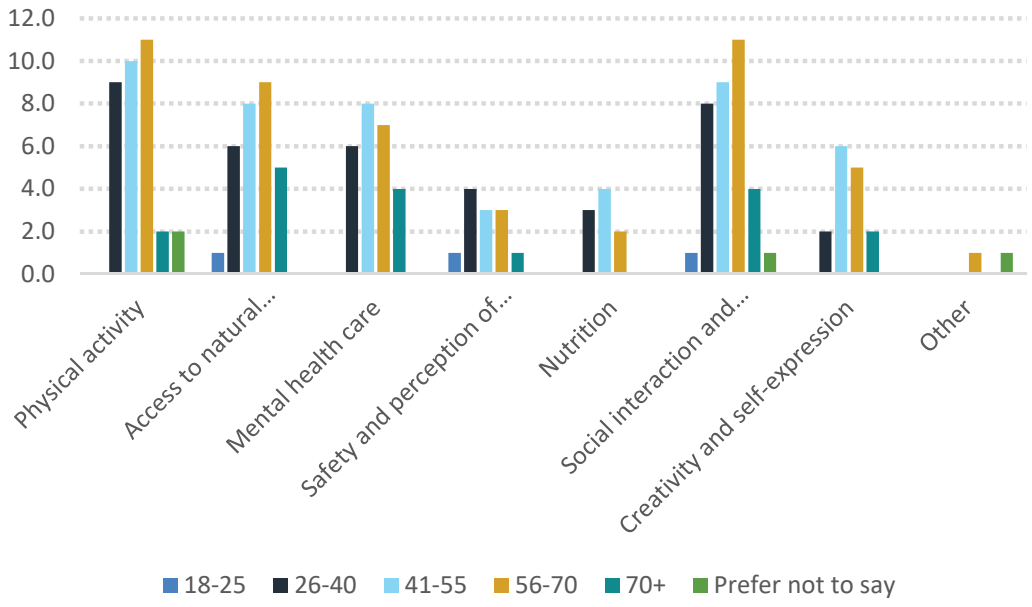
Are you aware of the benefits of green space and outdoor recreation for overall health and wellness?



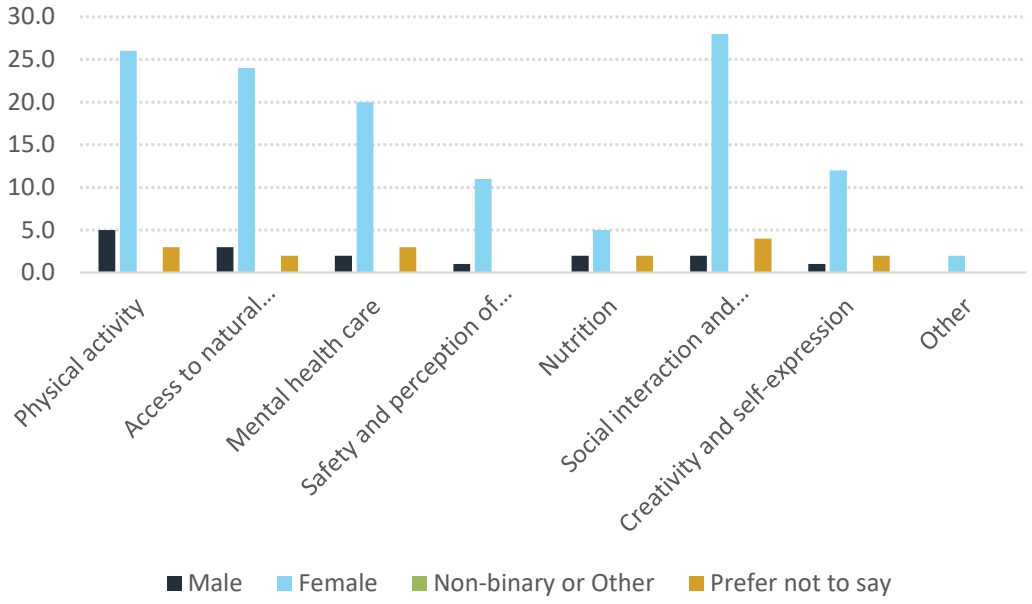
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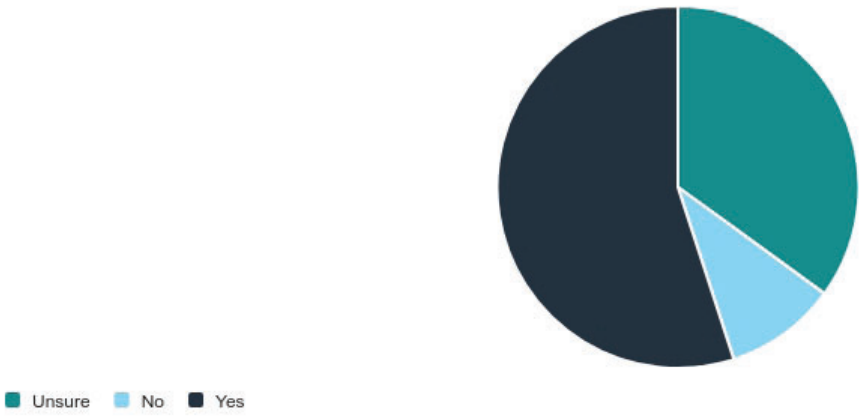


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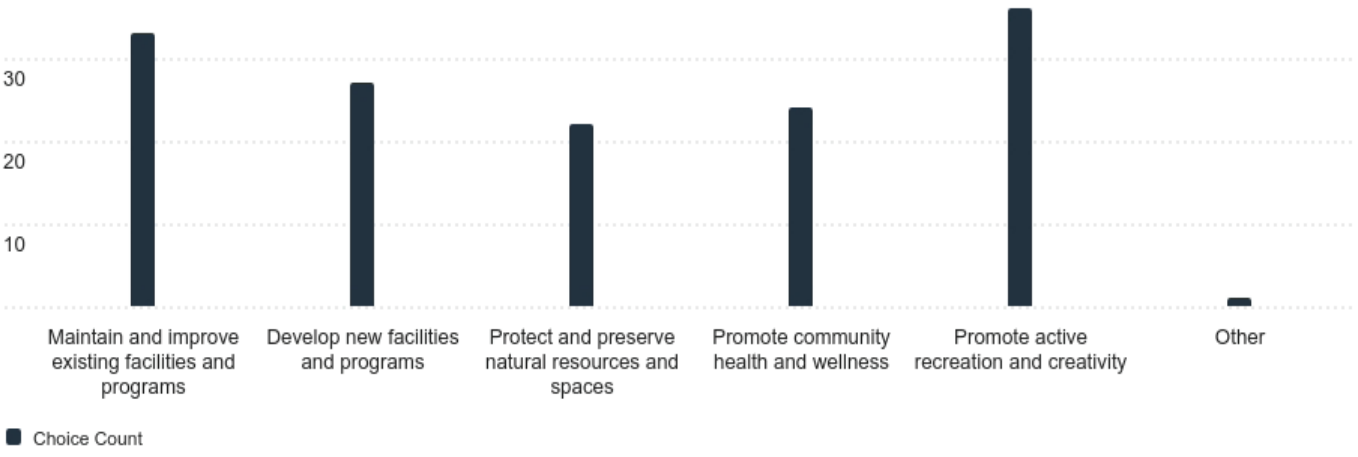


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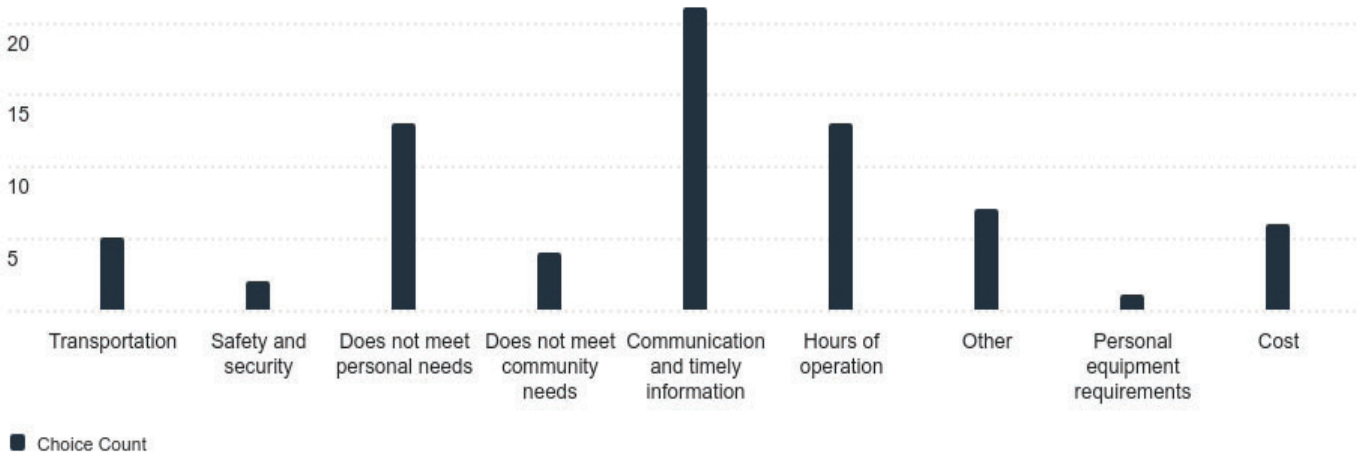
Would you like to see more programming and information specifically regarding healthy communities at NPRD facilities?



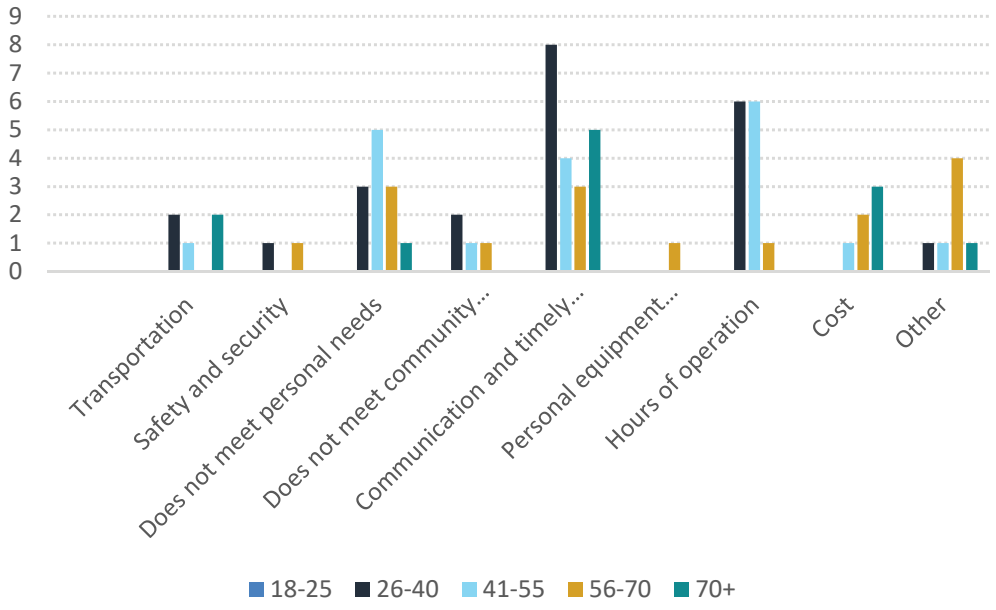
What do you see as the top priority for the Norwood Park and Recreation District? You may select up to three.



Are there any barriers that prevent you from accessing facilities and programs? You may select up to three.



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What five words would you use to describe how the mission, facilities, and opportunities contribute to quality of life and a healthy community?



Are there any other comments regarding the Norwood Park and Recreation District you would like to share?

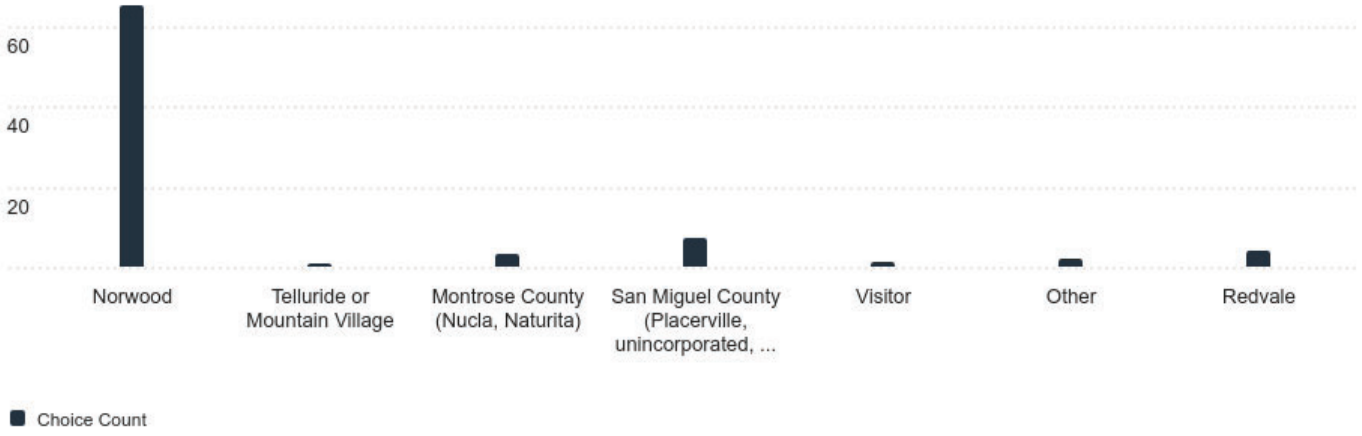
1. **Thank You** - The most repeated response was expressing gratitude towards everyone who has worked hard to make running NPRD possible.

2. **Facilities** - respondents indicated that programming surrounding the fairgrounds, library, and trail systems could be improved.

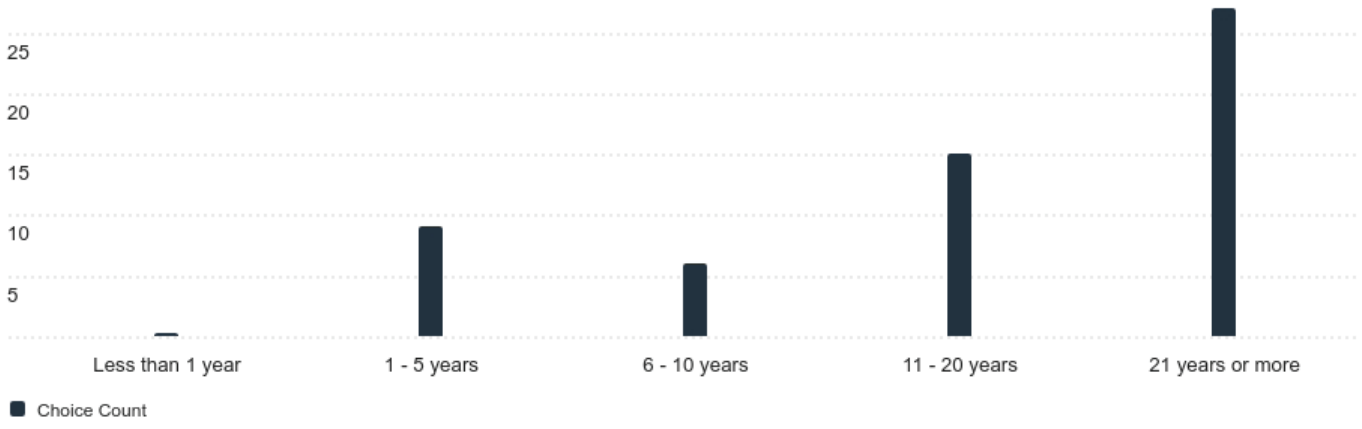
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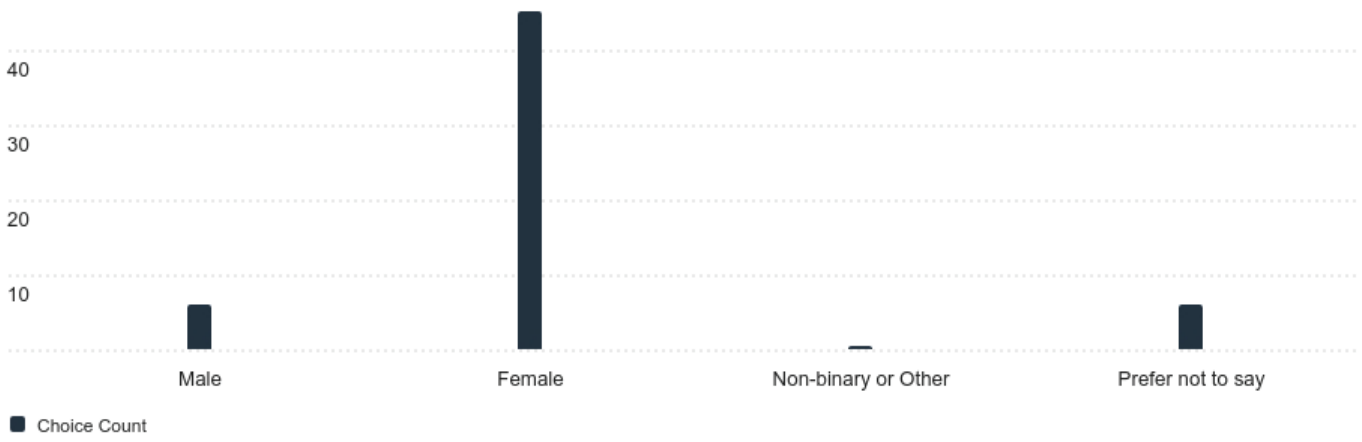
What is your county or town of residence?



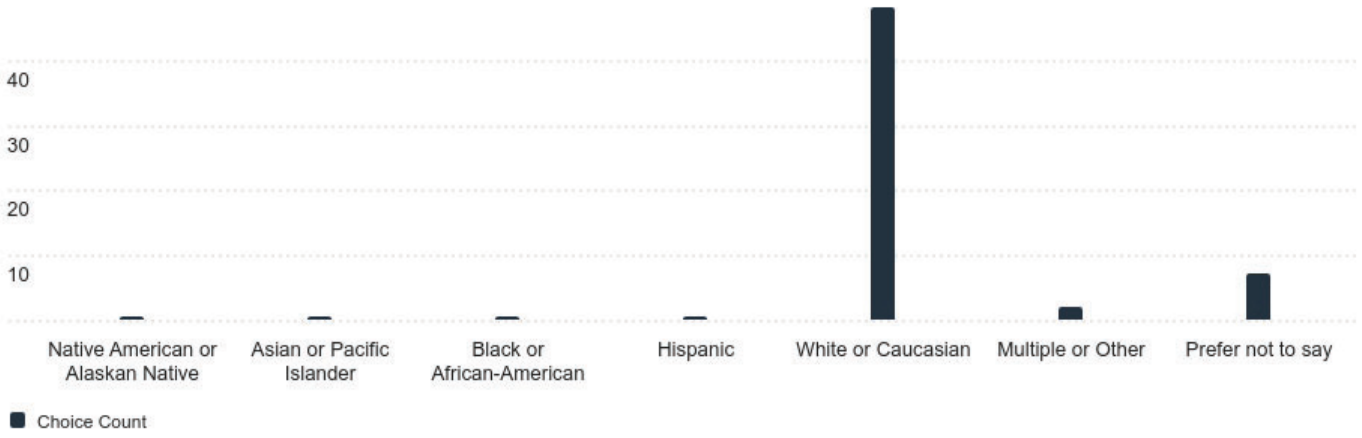
How long have you lived in or near the Norwood Park and Recreation District?



Which best describes your gender?

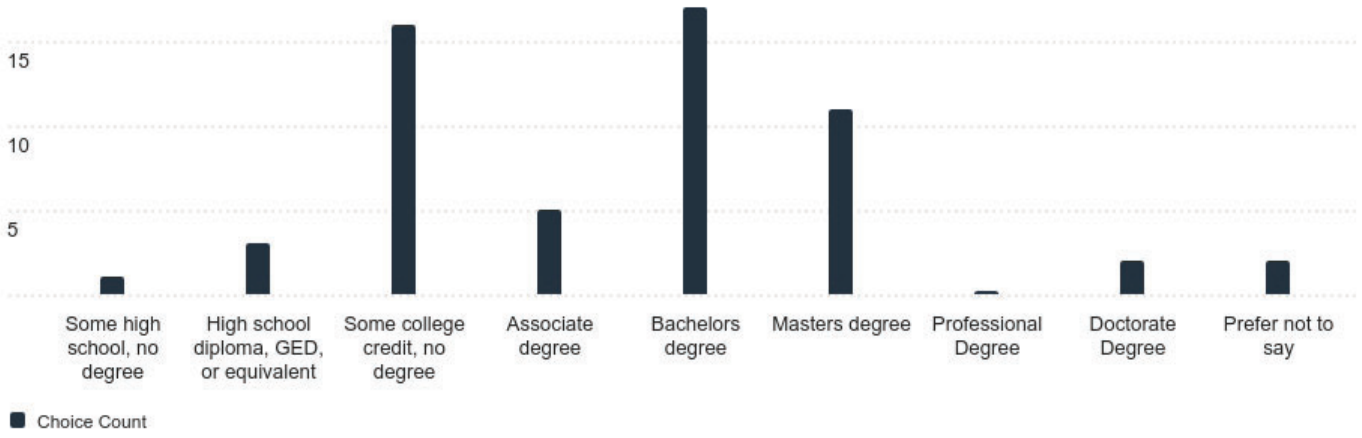


Which best describes your race or ethnicity?

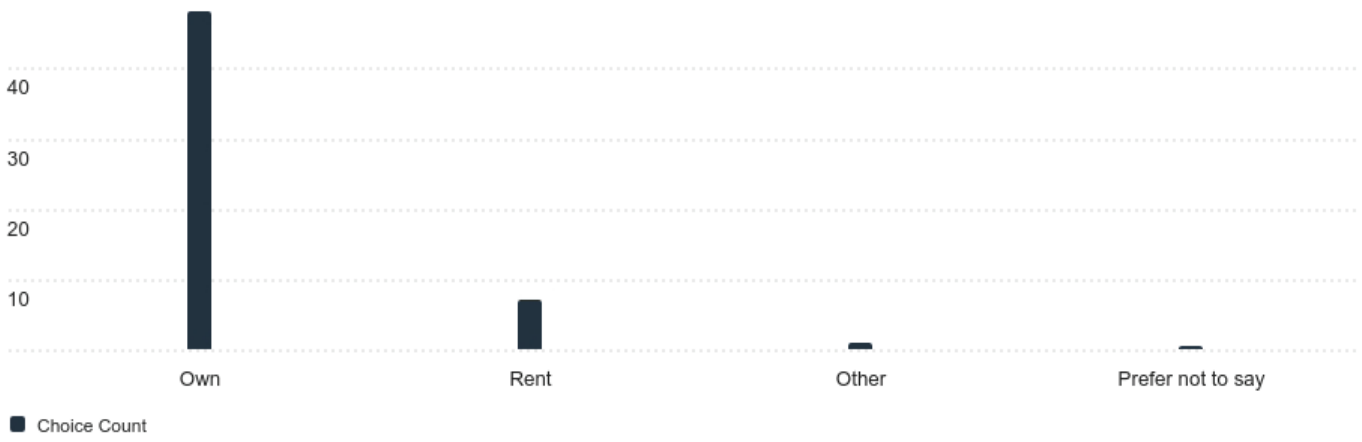


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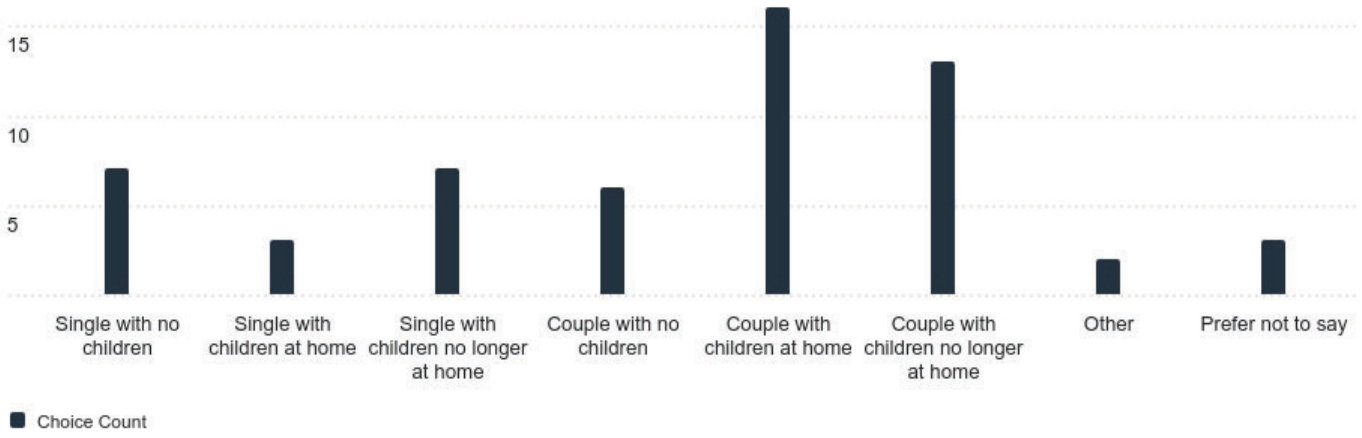
What is your highest level of education?



Do you rent or own your residence?



Which of these best applies to your household?



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A gym
More summer programs for kids / soccer
Line Dancing, Film Festival
Regular occurring theatre related and choir
N/A
Fine Art, Clay, Painting, Plein Aire, Coordination with library programs
Skill building - watercolor, fly fishing
Ukulele lessons/jam sessions
More bands and/or dancing at the livery
More walking ang hiking trails
arts programming; swimming;
Maybe a senior walking/hiking club
Equine experiential learning for leadership, mental health, confidence, team building that also seeks diversity(ages, income,race)using fairgrounds), etc in all program
Looking forward to music venue this summer, more early evening dancing opportunities for families, latin,country; films, community discussion groups about local interests, educational programs, support arts programming, outdoor education, health, cooking wellness programs
I would like to see more middle aged programs events and also teen programs and events to give them something to do in this small town
More kid and family events at times that work for families. An updated town park!
I can't answer this, having no clue what you currently offer.
Swimming
Culinary, options for high school kuds
Events that offer inclusion to all.

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yoga
Tuesday events, Dance Nights, Yoga, Harvest Dinner, Plays, Live Music, Craig Childs events!
Movement and Theatre at the Livery
N/A
I was aware of more art back in the day, trail ride clinics, whole body fitness and exercise that serves seniors and they can do at home after learning
Dark sky partnerships. I love the try it Tuesday idea
Theatre for kids
Exercise classes and an affordable gym.
theater
Try it Tuesday
Music on the Mesa
Music arts
Don't know
Yoga/pilates
Try it Tuesdays! Music! Theater! Yoga!
Same as above.
Dance
Later events to accommodate residents who work outside the community
Livery events
Love try it tuesdays, love the bike trails and nordic trails, excited about more music to come

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Please repair the water fountain!

It was a live music venue. People standing kept talking during the performance making it difficult to enjoy the music.

How about a community pottery kiln/studio?

Beautiful facility! Not used enough

cozy (O. House), spacious and comfortable (Livery).

Happy that we have even small venues probably need to keep up what we have and contemplate what other spaces are available, what is available for large gatherings?

Wonderful facilities

It's a nice enough community space. I didn't know it was controlled by the NPRD. The bathrooms desperately need some updating, and there's no flat space in the yard for tables.

The library times are too limiting. They don't fit/match community needs.

Love the price and location of the facilities

Let's update the tech in the Livery.

Would love to learn more about these spaces!

I love the quaintness and it's reasonable.

Booking the buildings was hard to get a person to respond to requests. Seems better recently

considering the size....it's a very useful facility.

Reservation sign up could be easier (i.e. on-line, responsive follow up, if necessary assistance with sound or projector); I wish it was easier and cheaper for nonprofits to rent out the Oliver House for small meetings in the dining room

I absolutely love the Oliver House.

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Field	Min	Max	Mean	Standard Deviation	Variance	Responses	Sum
Regulation sized courts	1.00	5.00	2.52	1.02	1.04	58	146.00
Regulation sized fields	1.00	4.00	2.59	0.94	0.89	59	153.00
Refrigerated ice rink	1.00	5.00	2.87	0.96	0.92	60	172.00
Completion of Norwood Town Trail	1.00	5.00	3.98	0.91	0.84	61	243.00
Playground equipment	1.00	5.00	3.53	0.99	0.98	60	212.00
Picnic and BBQ amenities	1.00	5.00	3.07	1.04	1.08	59	181.00
Dog Park	1.00	5.00	2.82	1.27	1.62	60	169.00
Multiuse trails	1.00	5.00	3.80	1.00	1.01	59	224.00
Regional trail interconnection	1.00	5.00	3.70	0.88	0.77	57	211.00
Meeting and community spaces	1.00	5.00	3.50	1.04	1.08	60	210.00
Upgraded performance space (indoor and outdoor)	1.00	5.00	3.47	1.09	1.18	60	208.00
Local artists gallery	1.00	5.00	3.08	1.18	1.39	61	188.00
Fitness center	1.00	5.00	3.73	1.09	1.20	60	224.00
Climbing gym	1.00	5.00	3.22	1.08	1.17	60	193.00
Other	1.00	5.00	4.35	1.01	1.03	20	87.00

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Indoor recreation center with pool, fitness center, etc.	1.00	5.00	3.97	1.24	1.54	61	242.00
Open space preservation	1.00	5.00	3.66	1.20	1.43	58	212.00
Senior center	1.00	5.00	3.53	1.00	1.00	59	208.00
Community running track	1.00	5.00	2.81	1.11	1.24	59	166.00
Trails and trailheads within district	1.00	5.00	3.81	0.98	0.97	59	225.00
Regional park	1.00	5.00	3.24	1.11	1.23	59	191.00
Nature Center	1.00	5.00	2.81	1.11	1.22	58	163.00
Nordic center and/or warming hut	1.00	5.00	3.18	1.06	1.12	60	191.00
Golf course	1.00	5.00	1.64	0.94	0.89	58	95.00
Disc golf course	1.00	5.00	2.57	1.10	1.21	58	149.00
Outdoor community pool	1.00	5.00	3.65	1.17	1.36	60	219.00
Arts center with rehearsal and classroom space	1.00	5.00	3.10	1.23	1.52	60	186.00
Other	2.00	5.00	3.83	1.21	1.47	6	23.00

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I have wished for a long time that the Norwood area would have a community rec center / pool

Not today?

With more activities happening at the Livery it seems affordable to have the heat at 65 for more comfortable activities. Even on a fair day in February it took over 30 mins to warm up from 60 to 65 degrees.

If you are socially inclusive it has to be both new facilities and well staffed programs. Programs are more important for 60+ and facilities more important for 20-50 year olds.

A recreation center with a oool would meet the most high priority needs.

As handicapped accessible as possible

Accessibility for all should be a priority

present facilities seem adequate.

Less “alcohol” events. More interactive fun.

A recreation center with pool/fitness is way beyond what this community can afford. An outdoor community pool is much more obtainable and a fund for this has been created. West Montrose Rec is doing a great job providing community programs with very little money - how can we learn from them. The Livery Campus is great - lets make the most of that, including adding a catering kitchen.

I know that I have already said this, but please build a swimming pool in Norwood. I will use it all the time!

New facilities need staffing so staffing is more important

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Convenient, Diverse, Affordable, Enjoyable, Accommodating
Creative and physical activities bring a community together
Source of theatre and music venues, simple exercise opportunities!
Personal, humble, non-controlling
Grateful, gather, together, strong, sharing
Community happens when people participate
Anytime community plays together's Great!
Creativity, activities, wellness, community.
creative expression, community building, connection
Youth, gathering, nature, arts, programs
Government should support community wellness
Main mission of good government
Non-existence; distance; irrelevant; lame; unknown, barriers
outdoor recreation, free space, activities, events
Happy, healthy mind and body. (Heh, can't believe I nailed that in 5 words.)
Keep on growing.
Inclusivity,
interesting , diverse, affordable, convenient, exciting.
Gathering place, Fun comfort zone.
community gathering space, new experiences, active lifestyle

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Are there any other comments regarding the Norwood Park and Recreation District you would like to share?

Please share any comments about the facilities available.

Please repair the water fountain!

It was a live music venue. People standing kept talking during the performance making it difficult to enjoy the music.

How about a community pottery kiln/studio?

Beautiful facility! Not used enough

cozy (O. House), spacious and comfortable (Livery),

Happy that we have even small venues probably need to keep up what we have and contemplate what other spaces are available, what is available for large gatherings?

Wonderful facilities

It's a nice enough community space. I didn't know it was controlled by the NPRD. The bathrooms desperately need some updating, and there's no flat space in the yard for tables.

The library times are too limiting. They don't fit/match community needs.

Love the price and location of the facilities

Let's update the tech in the Livery.

Would love to learn more about these spaces!

I love the quaintness and it's reasonable.

Booking the buildings was hard to get a person to respond to requests. Seems better recently

considering the size.....it's a very useful facility.

Reservation sign up could be easier (i.e. on-line, responsive follow up, if necessary assistance with sound or projector); I wish it was easier and cheaper for nonprofits to rent out the Oliver House for small meetings in the dining room

I absolutely love the Oliver House.

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