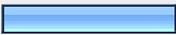


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| What is your age? <span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">Question #1</span> |  | Response Percent                | Response Count |
|---|--|---------------------------------|----------------|
| 18 & Under  |  | 2.0%                            | 4              |
| 19-25   |  | 1.5%                            | 3              |
| 26-35   |  | 14.2%                           | 29             |
| <b>36-45</b>  |  | <b>42.6%</b>                    | <b>87</b>      |
| 46-55   |  | 24.0%                           | 49             |
| 56-65   |  | 13.2%                           | 27             |
| 66 & Over   |  | 2.5%                            | 5              |
|   |  | <b><i>answered question</i></b> | <b>204</b>     |
|   |  | <b><i>skipped question</i></b>  | <b>0</b>       |

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| What is your gender? |  | Question #2              |                |
|----------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------|
|                      |  | Response Percent         | Response Count |
| Male                 |   | 26.5%                    | 54             |
| Female               |  | 73.5%                    | 150            |
|                      |  | <i>answered question</i> | 204            |
|                      |  | <i>skipped question</i>  | 0              |

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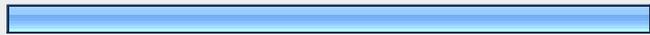
If you have children in your household, what are their ages and how many do you have? **Question #3**

| Number of Children |                          |                   |            |          |          |                |
|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|------------|----------|----------|----------------|
|                    | 0                        | 1                 | 2          | 3        | 4+       | Response Count |
| Age 2 and under    | 21.2% (7)                | <b>63.6% (21)</b> | 15.2% (5)  | 0.0% (0) | 0.0% (0) | 33             |
| Ages 3-5           | 11.1% (6)                | <b>77.8% (42)</b> | 11.1% (6)  | 0.0% (0) | 0.0% (0) | 54             |
| Ages 6-8           | 10.5% (6)                | <b>73.7% (42)</b> | 14.0% (8)  | 0.0% (0) | 1.8% (1) | 57             |
| Ages 9-11          | 10.5% (6)                | <b>82.5% (47)</b> | 7.0% (4)   | 0.0% (0) | 0.0% (0) | 57             |
| Ages 12-14         | 11.3% (6)                | <b>83.0% (44)</b> | 5.7% (3)   | 0.0% (0) | 0.0% (0) | 53             |
| Ages 15-17         | 15.8% (6)                | <b>78.9% (30)</b> | 5.3% (2)   | 0.0% (0) | 0.0% (0) | 38             |
| Age 18 and over    | 16.3% (7)                | <b>48.8% (21)</b> | 27.9% (12) | 7.0% (3) | 0.0% (0) | 43             |
|                    | <b>answered question</b> |                   |            |          |          | <b>163</b>     |
|                    | <b>skipped question</b>  |                   |            |          |          | <b>41</b>      |

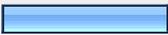
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| How long have you lived in the City of Monona? <span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">Question #4</span> |  | Response Percent                | Response Count |
|--|--|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Less than 1 year   |  | 3.4%                            | 7              |
| 1 - 3 years  |  | 11.3%                           | 23             |
| 4 - 7 years  |  | 12.8%                           | 26             |
| 7 - 10 years   |  | 15.8%                           | 32             |
| 11 - 14 years  |  | 16.7%                           | 34             |
| <b>Over 15 years</b>   |  | <b>38.4%</b>                    | <b>78</b>      |
| I don't live in Monona   |  | 1.5%                            | 3              |
|  |  | <b><i>answered question</i></b> | <b>203</b>     |
|  |  | <b><i>skipped question</i></b>  | <b>1</b>       |

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| Have you or a member of your household visited a Monona park(s) in the past year? <span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">Question #5</span> |  |       | Response Percent         | Response Count |
|---|--|-------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Yes   |  | 99.5% | 202                      |                |
| No  |   | 0.5%  | 1                        |                |
|   |  |       | <i>answered question</i> | 203            |
|   |  |       | <i>skipped question</i>  | 1              |

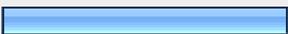
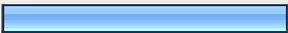
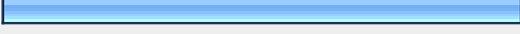
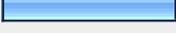
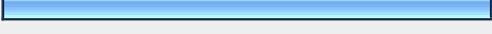
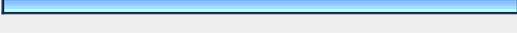
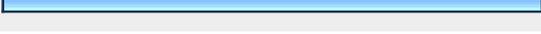
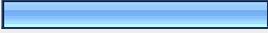
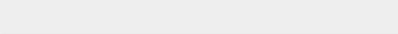
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| How would you rate the existing parks and recreational facilities in the City of Monona? |   |              | Question #6              |                |
|--|---|--------------|--------------------------|----------------|
|  |   |              | Response Percent         | Response Count |
| Excellent  |  | 25.0%        | 50                       |                |
| <b>Good</b>  |  | <b>62.5%</b> | <b>125</b>               |                |
| Fair   |  | 11.0%        | 22                       |                |
| Poor   |  | 1.0%         | 2                        |                |
| Don't Know   |  | 0.5%         | 1                        |                |
|  |   |              | <i>answered question</i> | <b>200</b>     |
|  |   |              | <i>skipped question</i>  | <b>4</b>       |

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| Overall, how well do you think the following facilities, programs and activities provided by the City of Monona are currently meeting the needs of the community? <span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">Question #7</span> |                          |                    |               |                   |                |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------|
|   | Too Many                 | Enough             | Almost Enough | Not Enough        | Response Count |
| Parks (neighborhood & community parks)  | 2.5% (5)                 | <b>82.5% (165)</b> | 12.5% (25)    | 2.5% (5)          | 200            |
| Athletic Facilities (fields & courts)   | 0.5% (1)                 | <b>63.2% (122)</b> | 26.4% (51)    | 9.8% (19)         | 193            |
| Trails (walking, biking, multi-use, etc.)   | 1.0% (2)                 | 28.9% (57)         | 23.4% (46)    | <b>46.7% (92)</b> | 197            |
| Recreation Programs and Activities  | 0.0% (0)                 | <b>61.0% (119)</b> | 26.7% (52)    | 12.3% (24)        | 195            |
|   | <i>answered question</i> |                    |               |                   | <b>200</b>     |
|   | <i>skipped question</i>  |                    |               |                   | <b>4</b>       |

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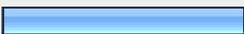
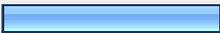
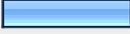
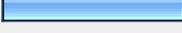
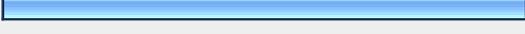
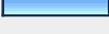
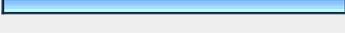
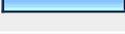
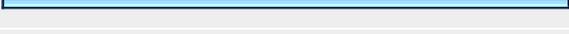
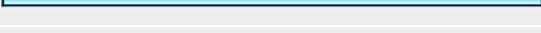
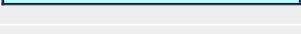
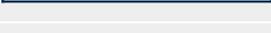
| Which of the following City facilities, if any, have you or any member of your household visited or used in the past two years? (Please check all that apply) <span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">Question #8</span> |  |              |                  |                |
|---|--|--------------|------------------|----------------|
|   |  |              | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Baseball Fields   |     | 43.8%        | 88               |                |
| Soccer Fields   |     | 43.8%        | 88               |                |
| Tennis Courts   |     | 45.3%        | 91               |                |
| Basketball Courts   |     | 16.9%        | 34               |                |
| Volleyball Courts   |     | 7.0%         | 14               |                |
| Skatepark   |     | 20.4%        | 41               |                |
| Winequah Dream Park   |    | 80.1%        | 161              |                |
| Nature Trails   |     | 26.4%        | 53               |                |
| Park Shelters   |  | 75.6%        | 152              |                |
| Boat Landings   |   | 46.3%        | 93               |                |
| Walking & Biking Trails   |   | 50.7%        | 102              |                |
| Outdoor Pool  |  | 79.6%        | 160              |                |
| <b>Neighborhood Parks</b>   |  | <b>83.6%</b> | <b>168</b>       |                |
| Large multi-use parks for both active & passive recreation  |   | 40.8%        | 82               |                |
| Open space within 10 minutes of your household  |   | 61.2%        | 123              |                |
| Other (please specify)  |  |              | 13               |                |
| <b>answered question</b>  |  |              | <b>201</b>       |                |
| <b>skipped question</b>   |  |              | <b>3</b>         |                |

| Other (please specify) |   |                      |
|------------------------|---|----------------------|
| 1                      | Library, Senior Center, Festivals, Organized Recreation   | Feb 19, 2010 7:09 PM |
| 2                      | Firemans Park is great -- one thought would be to have cleaner areas - wastebaskets emptied and offer recyle bins at shelter areas. | Feb 19, 2010 9:01 PM |

| Other (please specify) |   |                       |
|------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| 3                      | disc golf   | Feb 19, 2010 9:04 PM  |
| 4                      | ice skating on the lagoon ... love it!              | Feb 19, 2010 10:17 PM |
| 5                      | Fishing   | Feb 20, 2010 1:23 AM  |
| 6                      | community center                                    | Feb 20, 2010 1:43 AM  |
| 7                      | skating on lagoon                                   | Feb 20, 2010 3:15 AM  |
| 8                      | lagoon ice skating                                  | Feb 20, 2010 11:23 PM |
| 9                      | Lagoon Skating                                      | Feb 21, 2010 7:41 PM  |
| 10                     | walking on the frozen lake                          | Feb 22, 2010 2:04 AM  |
| 11                     | Oneida Park heavily used by our family and visitors | Feb 22, 2010 3:38 AM  |
| 12                     | Community Center                                    | Feb 22, 2010 2:27 PM  |
| 13                     | Dog Park  | Feb 22, 2010 2:42 PM  |

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Which of the following recreational activities are important to you and members of your household? (Please check all that apply) **Question #9**

|                                    |  | Response Percent | Response Count |
|------------------------------------|--|------------------|----------------|
| Baseball                           |     | 37.3%            | 75             |
| Softball                           |     | 33.3%            | 67             |
| Soccer                             |     | 42.8%            | 86             |
| Football                           |     | 30.8%            | 62             |
| Volleyball                         |     | 19.4%            | 39             |
| Kickball                           |     | 15.9%            | 32             |
| Tennis                             |     | 41.8%            | 84             |
| Golf                               |     | 27.9%            | 56             |
| Swimming                           |  | 81.1%            | 163            |
| Basketball                         |   | 36.8%            | 74             |
| Skateboarding                      |   | 15.9%            | 32             |
| Ice Skating                        |   | 52.7%            | 106            |
| Roller-skating/blading             |   | 18.4%            | 37             |
| Disc Golf                          |   | 11.9%            | 24             |
| <b>Walking/Jogging</b>             |  | <b>87.6%</b>     | <b>176</b>     |
| Biking                             |  | 83.6%            | 168            |
| Boating                            |   | 45.8%            | 92             |
| Fishing                            |   | 41.3%            | 83             |
| Activities/Picnics -using shelters |   | 59.2%            | 119            |
| Geo-Caching                        |   | 6.0%             | 12             |
| Playground                         |   | 64.7%            | 130            |
| Other (please specify)             |  |                  | 20             |

|  |                          |     |
|--|--------------------------|-----|
|  | <i>answered question</i> | 201 |
|  | <i>skipped question</i>  | 3   |

| <b>Other (please specify)</b> |  |                       |
|-------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| 1                             | dog walking/dog park   | Feb 19, 2010 7:09 PM  |
| 2                             | I place a high priority in maintaining local beaches!! We have a great space and it's abandoned. Please help   | Feb 19, 2010 7:25 PM  |
| 3                             | Dog walking  | Feb 19, 2010 7:52 PM  |
| 4                             | I don't know what Geo-caching is.  | Feb 19, 2010 7:56 PM  |
| 5                             | The newly designed bike path has much to be desired for bike traffic, foot traffic and vehicle traffice - not user friendly with the bumps and intersection areas. | Feb 19, 2010 9:01 PM  |
| 6                             | After School Program   | Feb 19, 2010 9:20 PM  |
| 7                             | DOG PARK!!!  | Feb 19, 2010 10:19 PM |
| 8                             | Kayaking possibilities when I refer to boating   | Feb 20, 2010 1:27 AM  |
| 9                             | Indoor and outdoor classes such as yoga, tai chi, boot camp, etc   | Feb 20, 2010 1:43 AM  |
| 10                            | Where are the nature trails, WOODS to play/walk in, dog park, any place to walk other than on the streets?   | Feb 20, 2010 11:57 AM |
| 11                            | cross-country skiing   | Feb 20, 2010 12:15 PM |
| 12                            | swim team  | Feb 20, 2010 5:35 PM  |
| 13                            | It would be great to have more park space with dogs allowed.   | Feb 20, 2010 6:02 PM  |
| 14                            | Kayaking   | Feb 21, 2010 2:57 AM  |
| 15                            | Diving   | Feb 21, 2010 4:43 AM  |
| 16                            | public edible landscapes   | Feb 21, 2010 6:51 PM  |
| 17                            | yoga in the parks  | Feb 22, 2010 2:04 AM  |
| 18                            | Cross country skiing   | Feb 22, 2010 3:34 PM  |
| 19                            | Dog walking  | Feb 23, 2010 5:03 PM  |
| 20                            | being able to sit and walk by the lake   | Feb 28, 2010 3:50 PM  |

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| Listed below are several improvements and possible additions that could be made to existing City parks and recreational facilities. Indicate the level of importance each should receive by the City. <span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">Question #10</span> |                    |                    |                    |                |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|
|  | Very Important     | Somewhat Important | Not Important      | Response Count |
| Renovating neighborhood parks & playgrounds  | 43.8% (85)         | <b>44.8% (87)</b>  | 11.9% (23)         | 194            |
| Renovating existing outdoor athletic courts (basketball, tennis, volleyball)   | 26.9% (52)         | <b>50.8% (98)</b>  | 22.8% (44)         | 193            |
| Renovating picnic areas/shelters, adding benches   | <b>41.8% (82)</b>  | 41.3% (81)         | 17.3% (34)         | 196            |
| Renovating existing baseball/softball fields   | 20.7% (40)         | <b>47.7% (92)</b>  | 31.6% (61)         | 193            |
| Renovating existing soccer fields  | 19.4% (36)         | <b>49.5% (92)</b>  | 31.7% (59)         | 186            |
| Linking neighborhood parks with walking/biking trails  | <b>57.1% (113)</b> | 30.3% (60)         | 13.1% (26)         | 198            |
| Adding water fountains & benches to trails   | <b>43.1% (84)</b>  | 30.3% (59)         | 26.7% (52)         | 195            |
| Adding trails to Community Parks   | <b>48.7% (93)</b>  | 31.4% (60)         | 19.9% (38)         | 191            |
| Improving access to Winnequah Lagoon for winter ice skating  | <b>46.0% (91)</b>  | 36.9% (73)         | 17.2% (34)         | 198            |
| Adding a community garden  | 27.3% (53)         | <b>37.1% (72)</b>  | 35.6% (69)         | 194            |
| Creating a dog park  | 32.3% (63)         | 29.7% (58)         | <b>37.9% (74)</b>  | 195            |
| Improving existing outdoor swimming pool   | 40.2% (78)         | <b>42.8% (83)</b>  | 17.0% (33)         | 194            |
| Increasing the visibility of law enforcement at parks  | 21.4% (42)         | <b>43.9% (86)</b>  | 35.7% (70)         | 196            |
| Building Memorials/Naming of Benches   | 8.9% (17)          | 28.4% (54)         | <b>63.2% (120)</b> | 190            |
| Other  | 32.7% (17)         | 13.5% (7)          | <b>53.8% (28)</b>  | 52             |
| Please specify other desired facility  |                    |                    |                    | 48             |
| <b>answered question</b>   |                    |                    |                    | <b>202</b>     |

| Please specify other desired facility |  |                       |
|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| 1                                     | I would love to see the Hickory Hills Traylor Court property become part of Lottes Park.   | Feb 19, 2010 6:58 PM  |
| 2                                     | I would like to know what Nichols school is being used for and if the gym could be open to community members. Same goes for Maywood - if that is closed down - how will that space/gym be used?  | Feb 19, 2010 7:19 PM  |
| 3                                     | Fix/rebuild or do whatever necessary to have a warming house for ice skating-The Maintenance of the ice rink has been spectacular this year...but no bathroom, no warming facility...AT the very least perhaps a soft sided enclosure of the gazebo with a patio heater on a timer inside....  | Feb 19, 2010 7:23 PM  |
| 4                                     | A lot of opportunity, but beaches set Monona apart from many other communities! What happened to staffed warming house for skating? It was supposed to be a major reason for adding the new building. Also, walking trails would be great since there are so few sidewalks.  | Feb 19, 2010 7:25 PM  |
| 5                                     | how about a bike path to Cottage Grove?????  | Feb 19, 2010 7:41 PM  |
| 6                                     | How about some heat at the damn shelter house by the lagoon - - why skate if you can't warm up you idiots?   | Feb 19, 2010 7:59 PM  |
| 7                                     | Yes, please...community garden!  | Feb 19, 2010 8:03 PM  |
| 8                                     | community fitness center   | Feb 19, 2010 8:06 PM  |
| 9                                     | I would VERY much like a local dog park in Monona! I think others would like one as well. :)   | Feb 19, 2010 8:36 PM  |
| 10                                    | I'm assuming renovating does not include on-going maintenance. My preference would be walking/biking trails as a transportation alternative, in addition to linking neighborhood parks.  | Feb 19, 2010 8:36 PM  |
| 11                                    | there are pockets in Monona that don't have any park facilities. With the closure of Nichols school, those of us that are closer to Monona Drive have at least a mile to walk with our kids to get to any park.  | Feb 19, 2010 8:54 PM  |
| 12                                    | With the economic conditions of the nation, and Monona it might be wise to use caution in adding new services which would raise taxes. It might be wise to make better with what we already have. Would private investors be willing to pay for new services and continued maintenance over the next several years avoiding increase in taxes with so many of us that have lost our jobs or have reduced earnings. | Feb 19, 2010 9:01 PM  |
| 13                                    | Monona could really use a dog park, but only if there is land that we could use without too much disruption of existing neighborhoods. Possibly, if there is land over by Menards?   | Feb 19, 2010 9:05 PM  |
| 14                                    | Dream park is getting run down and seems dirty. Some activity to get community together to do maintenance and cleaning?? Schluter Park is a highly used park, especially for smaller children. It needs more maint   | Feb 19, 2010 9:41 PM  |
| 15                                    | Community Garden; I'm on the committee for the garden at St. Stephen's and love it. Not sure if we need another yet or not, but I'm all for it if you get enough response saying yes. We plan to increase the number of plots at ours.   | Feb 19, 2010 10:17 PM |
| 16                                    | get rid of the geese and poop at parks   | Feb 19, 2010 11:06 PM |
| 17                                    | Birch Haven Park swingset needs maintenance  | Feb 19, 2010 11:16 PM |
| 18                                    | adding more gym space,maywood? nichols? in winter, year round if air conditioned, revenue generator?<br>History of youth football is a priority. Exploit it.   | Feb 19, 2010 11:49 PM |

| Please specify other desired facility |  |                       |
|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| 19                                    | Edible Landscape, shoreline restoration and wetland plants in creek and lagoon to remediate water quality and runoff. Contouring of land in Winnequah Park so rain runoff goes into creek and not into our backyards. Natural habitat for wildlife and beauty. Water conservation. Mowing plan and implementation improved/changed dramatically. Community gardens, including perennial gardens.   | Feb 20, 2010 12:07 AM |
| 20                                    | open rec facility time during the winter   | Feb 20, 2010 2:47 AM  |
| 21                                    | Splash Park  | Feb 20, 2010 3:18 AM  |
| 22                                    | There is a community garden at Monona United Methodist Church. That church is LOOKING for ways to be involved in the community. Try partnering with them, advertising better, and increasing low-cost teen programs. Now that the kids are bused out, it is imperative that the library, local churches, Youth Center, and rec center start coordinating and offering programs (not just facilities) to bring these kids together. Harry Potter for high school kids isn't a great draw. | Feb 20, 2010 11:57 AM |
| 23                                    | Forget the dog park, allow leashed dogs in parks (with some rules).  | Feb 20, 2010 5:35 PM  |
| 24                                    | I think that green spaces could be better designed to incorporate more environmental elements such as outdoor art, a labyrinth, a simple stage or amphitheater, or a tower/scenic overlook. A suggestion would be to look at the landscape designs of Jens Jensen, and the development of his plans in Goodman Park in Madison.  | Feb 20, 2010 5:40 PM  |
| 25                                    | warming shelter for ice skaters at winnequah lagoon  | Feb 20, 2010 6:21 PM  |
| 26                                    | fixing water soaked parks - My husband has an easy solution and wonders why it is not done   | Feb 20, 2010 6:31 PM  |
| 27                                    | what's the story on the facility by lagoon? Is it ever open? can it be used in winter?? can people rent it for partys etc?   | Feb 20, 2010 11:23 PM |
| 28                                    | Except for Winnequah, feel other parks have gotten shabby; would like to see Schluter cleaned up like the park my kids spent hours at and at least sitting areas at the smaller parks(that have such wonderful views. If having memorial benches would help raise funds, I would support. Pool also needs to be warmer-my grandkids froze last summer and I couldn't even go in because of my arthritic condition (r/t to the cold)  | Feb 21, 2010 4:47 PM  |
| 29                                    | We need to plant more trees,shrubs and establish gardens. What could we do to beautify our city? I work at the gazebo in the summer, planting, pruning, and weeding. It helps to make the park a fun place to visit.   | Feb 21, 2010 4:58 PM  |
| 30                                    | public edible landscapes   | Feb 21, 2010 6:51 PM  |
| 31                                    | Warming house for the lagoon ice skating   | Feb 21, 2010 7:41 PM  |
| 32                                    | Jogging track somewhere in Winnequah park, splash park similar to Middleton's, disc golf in winnequah park   | Feb 21, 2010 7:48 PM  |
| 33                                    | Basketball court needs are not being met - few places to play.   | Feb 21, 2010 8:02 PM  |
| 34                                    | I think there should be a bike/walking path throughout Winnequah Park along side of the lagoon. It could start over on the west side of Winnequah Park near Mathys Rd and follow the lagoon all the way around back to Emily Derer Diamond   | Feb 21, 2010 10:45 PM |
| 35                                    | Not enough walking trails linked to each other that you don't have to walk on the road. would like to see more walking/running trails not on the major roads, streets are too busy, not enough sidewalks   | Feb 22, 2010 2:40 AM  |
| 36                                    | Oneida Park is useless as a shelter and surrounding park space. If it wasn't for the neighborhood association, the playground would not have been improved. We need the city to make this park a priority and deal with the flooding. Nor does it need to be an ice skating rink in the winter. We have the lagoon for that.   | Feb 22, 2010 3:38 AM  |
| 37                                    | Bathrooms at the parks.  | Feb 22, 2010 2:42 PM  |
| 38                                    | Warming shelter for ice skating!!! I can't take my 3 little kids skating on the lagoon because there's no where for them to warm up/use a bathroom. I drive to Madison (Vilas and Tenney) to use their facilities instead.   | Feb 22, 2010 4:51 PM  |

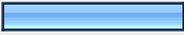
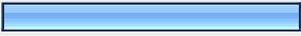
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|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| 39                                    | Improvement of the existing Sand Volleyball Courts by adding boundary lines, better nets to allow for easy adjustment to Women's and Men's height.  | Feb 22, 2010 6:43 PM            |
| 40                                    | A large fenced dog park within walking distance of Monona would be wonderful! What about on Broadway or at Winnequah, Maywood or Nichols school.  | Feb 22, 2010 7:46 PM            |
| 41                                    | Example of whats needed in Maywood Park. . . . More SHADE trees need to be planted. These were promised when the old cotton woods were cleaned out, but never completed. Sun can cause many skin cancer problems.   | Feb 22, 2010 8:50 PM            |
| 42                                    | love the idea of disc golf. would love to see walking trail around Winnequah park   | <del>Feb 23, 2010 1:45 AM</del> |
| 43                                    | I have brainstormed a walking loop to be added to the parks in central Monona. It would be an asphalt or otherwise paved trail that loops the exterior of the entire park system and crosses over Nichols in doing so- I think I figured you could get a two??? mile loop in there. With our senior population and families I think this would be a great addition and should not really require any additional land. The loop would just run around the parks - down healy ( on the grass) and back along the lagoon/river- crossing Nichols and winding around pool/fields etc. You could possibility allow walking running and maybe?rollerblading?<br>Trail may have to be "closed" during ball games (or helmet required:) - also could be plowed in the winter to allow for a safe outdoor walking area. (Sidewalks are not adequately shovelled.)<br>I have a 4 year degree in Park and Rec and think about these items often- Have often considered sitting on the Parks board. I would be happy to review my idea in more detail with a city administrator at any time.<br>*I also think it important to let poeple know exactly how long the "loop" is so they can plan their work-outs accordingly. Something like this may also encourage "Walking groups". |                                 |
| 44                                    | Please, please, a dog park!!!! Isn't there some space somewhere along the Broadway corridor or down near the public works garage?   | Feb 23, 2010 5:03 PM            |
| 45                                    | With the closure of Nichols school a critical play area was destroyed. It would be appreciate if the City could try and establish a playground in this green space.   | Feb 24, 2010 4:37 AM            |
| 46                                    | Geese control. It is an embarassment to have other communities come to Monona to play youth soccer or football games on fields inundated with goose crap. You hear plenty of negative comments about this situation at the games.   | Feb 25, 2010 1:47 PM            |
| 47                                    | Connecting to the Madison bike trails to provide a loop around the lake...AND   | Feb 25, 2010 11:28 PM           |
| 48                                    | DOG PARK! DOG PARK!<br>easy access to lakeside parks  | Feb 28, 2010 3:50 PM            |
|                                       |   |                                 |

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| What funding sources would you support to fund park land acquisition, development or redevelopment, and maintenance of park facilities? PLEASE RANK YOUR TOP THREE PRIORITIES - #1 FIRST CHOICE; #2 SECOND CHOICE; #3 THIRD CHOICE -CHOOSE ONLY THREE) <span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">Question #11</span> |                    |                   |                          |                |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
|   | 1st Choice         | 2nd Choice        | 3rd Choice               | Response Count |
| Park User Fees  | 24.4% (31)         | <b>38.6% (49)</b> | 37.0% (47)               | 127            |
| Donations   | <b>69.3% (131)</b> | 18.0% (34)        | 12.7% (24)               | 189            |
| Property Tax  | 26.2% (37)         | 31.2% (44)        | <b>42.6% (60)</b>        | 141            |
| Sales Tax   | 13.7% (13)         | <b>47.4% (45)</b> | 38.9% (37)               | 95             |
| Bond Programs   | 14.4% (13)         | <b>43.3% (39)</b> | 42.2% (38)               | 90             |
|   |                    |                   | Other (please specify)   | 12             |
|   |                    |                   | <b>answered question</b> | <b>200</b>     |
|   |                    |                   | <b>skipped question</b>  | <b>4</b>       |

| Other (please specify) |   |                       |
|------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| 1                      | i'm not familiar with Bond Programs   | Feb 19, 2010 7:24 PM  |
| 2                      | We cannot afford any more property tax hikes in Monona. The MGSD is already threatening to raise taxes.   | Feb 19, 2010 9:05 PM  |
| 3                      | Focused donations (i.e. neighborhood fund for XYZ park, etc.)   | Feb 19, 2010 11:16 PM |
| 4                      | work for use  | Feb 19, 2010 11:49 PM |
| 5                      | The ones in which I checked nothing, I did not know enough to make a decision. DReam Park specifically needs updates, repairs.  | Feb 20, 2010 1:27 AM  |
| 6                      | Don't need to spend more on annual basis than already spending  | Feb 20, 2010 4:31 PM  |
| 7                      | Regular events/fundraising  | Feb 20, 2010 5:40 PM  |
| 8                      | Didn't understand "sales tax"; what about some grant funds-doesn't Monona know how to do that? Lots of business in Monona that might donate; also general foundation money does exist in Dane Co. | Feb 21, 2010 4:47 PM  |
| 9                      | We already pay property taxes. Isn't that what those taxes are partially used for?  | Feb 22, 2010 3:38 AM  |
| 10                     | Friends groups/volunteers   | Feb 22, 2010 2:27 PM  |
| 11                     | If Monona was to create a dog park, there could be dog park tag fees just like in the city of Madison, people would pay to have a space that they could let their dogs off leash                  | Feb 22, 2010 4:27 PM  |
| 12                     | Monona DOES NOT need any more parks just concentrate on better job of maintaining.  | Feb 22, 2010 8:50 PM  |

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| The most important consideration regarding future parks in Monona is: <span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">Question #12</span> |   |  | Response Percent         | Response Count |
|--|---|--|--------------------------|----------------|
| Quality of facilities in design and construction   |  |  | 27.8%                    | 55             |
| Number of facilities   |  |  | 1.5%                     | 3              |
| <b>Maintenance of facilities after construction</b>  |  |  | <b>46.0%</b>             | <b>91</b>      |
| Preservation of natural areas  |  |  | 24.7%                    | 49             |
| Other (please specify)   |   |  |                          | 16             |
|  |   |  | <b>answered question</b> | <b>198</b>     |
|  |   |  | <b>skipped question</b>  | <b>6</b>       |

| Other (please specify) |   |                       |
|------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| 1                      | recognizing Monona Ridge cultural history   | Feb 19, 2010 7:09 PM  |
| 2                      | Like having heat in a winter shelter!   | Feb 19, 2010 7:59 PM  |
| 3                      | Quality of course should be considered with new designs but if the equipment etc. is not maintained properly, it is a disservice to the community that helped pay for it and a waste of money         | Feb 19, 2010 8:29 PM  |
| 4                      | Would be nice to be able to access all the areas that are currently not accessible because surrounded by homes  | Feb 19, 2010 9:28 PM  |
| 5                      | Dream Park and Shluter Park!  | Feb 19, 2010 9:41 PM  |
| 6                      | green methods!  | Feb 19, 2010 10:17 PM |
| 7                      | The balance between preservation of natural areas, and facilities/development to enjoy them.<br>Should not be either/or, but work together.   | Feb 19, 2010 11:00 PM |
| 8                      | Steven Construction ban. Hire a professional supervisor of construction, it is worth it.  | Feb 19, 2010 11:49 PM |
| 9                      | Preservation of natural areas is a <b>**Very close second.</b>  | Feb 20, 2010 1:27 AM  |
| 10                     | Programs WITHIN the existing facilities   | Feb 20, 2010 11:57 AM |
| 11                     | Don't need additional parks, preserve what there is   | Feb 20, 2010 4:31 PM  |
| 12                     | We need to focus on maintaining what we currently have. Eliminate parks that get no use. Increase useability on our current parks (basketball courts, play grounds, etc).                             | Feb 20, 2010 5:31 PM  |
| 13                     | It does not matter if it is new or old. If it is not taken care of it looks (and can be) junky.   | Feb 20, 2010 6:31 PM  |
| 14                     | If you can't take care of what we have, then I don't support future parks. A good example is Oneida Park, another is the poor condition amd deterioration of the wood and features at the Dream Park. | Feb 22, 2010 3:38 AM  |

| Other (please specify) |   |                      |
|------------------------|---|----------------------|
| 15                     | I think when there is an opportunity to acquire park land, the City needs to act quickly. I would like to see a park area developed for the neighborhood by Nihol's school. | Feb 24, 2010 4:37 AM |
| 16                     | Monona has plenty of parks. Just keep maintaining what we currently have.   | Feb 26, 2010 5:56 PM |

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The following statement is intended to identify your opinion concerning the role of parks and recreation. Please respond by selecting the most appropriate answer. **Question #13**

|  | Extremely Important      | Important  | Less Important | Don't Know | Response Count |
|--|--------------------------|------------|----------------|------------|----------------|
| The role of parks, recreation and open space in Monona today is: | 65.6% (126)              | 30.7% (59) | 3.1% (6)       | 0.5% (1)   | 192            |
|  | <i>answered question</i> |            |                |            | 192            |
|  | <i>skipped question</i>  |            |                |            | 12             |

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How do you gain information on Parks and Recreation programs and events? (Please select all that apply) **Question #14**

|                                     |  | Response Percent         | Response Count |
|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------|
| Word of Mouth                       |  | 54.5%                    | 110            |
| Program Guides                      |  | 63.9%                    | 129            |
| Flyers                              |  | 30.2%                    | 61             |
| Newspaper                           |  | 23.3%                    | 47             |
| City Website                        |  | 53.5%                    | 108            |
| <b>E-Mail</b>                       |  | <b>69.3%</b>             | <b>140</b>     |
| Social Networks (Facebook, Twitter) |  | 8.9%                     | 18             |
| TV                                  |  | 2.0%                     | 4              |
| Other (please specify)              |  |                          | 7              |
|                                     |  | <b>answered question</b> | <b>202</b>     |
|                                     |  | <b>skipped question</b>  | <b>2</b>       |

| Other (please specify) |  |                       |
|------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| 1                      | Jake's emails keep us up to date!  | Feb 19, 2010 9:41 PM  |
| 2                      | Posters at the library   | Feb 20, 2010 12:44 AM |
| 3                      | community herald   | Feb 20, 2010 1:27 AM  |
| 4                      | The emails are great, but should include information from more agencies and have more offerings. | Feb 20, 2010 11:57 AM |
| 5                      | Generally get little or no information   | Feb 20, 2010 4:31 PM  |
| 6                      | Neighborhood Association   | Feb 22, 2010 3:38 AM  |
| 7                      | Info sent home in school folders   | Feb 22, 2010 4:51 PM  |

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| Please share any comments that you think would be helpful in determining how best the Monona Parks and Recreation Department should serve the community: <span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">Question #15</span> |  |                |
|---|--|----------------|
|   |  | Response Count |
|   |  | 74             |
| <i>answered question</i>  |  | 74             |
| <i>skipped question</i>   |  | 130            |

| Response Text |  |                      |
|---------------|--|----------------------|
| 1             | A dog park would be a huge improvement. A study of Monona history would be of great interest.  | Feb 19, 2010 7:09 PM |
| 2             | I think Jake has been a godsend---he has gone above in beyond in every aspect. He is in fact our greatest resource. Innovative, willing to listen, willing to try new stuff (concerts in the park come to mind...) and he gets things done in a timely fashion.  | Feb 19, 2010 7:23 PM |
| 3             | Having the programs and classes for younger kids between 5 and 8 after 5 would be helpful. Also, a warming house to skate at the lagoon would be a great addition.   | Feb 19, 2010 7:31 PM |
| 4             | Listen to Jake Anderson, he's done a wonderful job, we love Jake!  | Feb 19, 2010 7:34 PM |
| 5             | Would love to see a designated area for dogs. We see a ridiculous amount of unleashed dogs at the park, and no one is enforcing this. While we don't mind the idea of dogs at the park, people unleashing their dogs in open park areas is unsafe and unfair to those of us dog owners who abide by the no dog rule. I believe allowing leashed dogs at the park and having enclosed areas where dogs could be unleashed would cut back on the amount of illegal dogs at the park and create a more consistent amount of legal dogs at the park, which would help alleviate the ongoing goose problem. | Feb 19, 2010 7:49 PM |
| 6             | I think having more places for families to gather and picnic would be nice. The shelters at Winnequah and Ahuska are nice. Providing more picnic tables spread out a bit would be nice. I think more trees could be planted in Winnequah park where the amusement park is set up for the 4th of July celebration. This doesn't have anything to do with the parks, but while your asking about how to make Monona more welcoming, which is what the parks do, I think Monona should think about remodeling the Community center so that it functions more like the Goodman Center.                     | Feb 19, 2010 7:56 PM |
| 7             | I think there is A LOT to be gained in the way of business and city culture and reputation by including some serious recreational / green space along Monona Drive. If we could make it inviting to bikers, runners, walkers, shoppers,....wow ! We really don't have any main street feel and our sense of community and those things that it affects, suffers because of it. We would be absolutely unwise to not renovate Monona Drive without incorporating those much needed changes.   | Feb 19, 2010 8:13 PM |

| Response Text |   |                      |
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| 8             | <p>It would be great if more attention was paid to maintaining the quality of equipment already purchased. The public walkway for Maywood Park needs to be improved--at the very least mowed routinely instead of only being mowed when I call to report it hasn't been done. The equipment placed in Maywood Park was great, but no one bothered to fix the rocking airplane playground equipment when it was reported broken. Graffiti was later marked on the slide equipment, was there for a long time, and as far as I know (haven't been there since it has snowed) is still there. Basketball courts need better backboard and hoops at Maywood and Frostwoods. Bathrooms at Schluter stink beyond the building they are housed in. The Dreampark needs a major facelift of broken equipment. If Maywood School closes, parks in Monona will have to have a much bigger positive impact to help keep attracting families to Monona. If we only have one elementary school, it will be even more important that our parks are gorgeous, useable and stand out to passers by. Thank You</p>   | Feb 19, 2010 8:29 PM |
| 9             | <p>I think that the job that the staff is doing is great. The first year we had our son in the t-ball program it was a little unorganized, but since the change over in who is running the programs now I think they are doing an outstanding job. Keep up the good work and I look forward to the improvements and additions.</p>  | Feb 19, 2010 8:32 PM |
| 10            | <p>I think Monona is a wonderful place to live. I believe the community could be best served by having healthy places for activities, i.e. parks, pools, etc. I would like to see a dog park. People that live in Monona, drive to the East, or West side, or down by the Aliant Energy Center to walk their dogs and go out to lunch, so that is \$\$ that could be received in Monona.</p>  | Feb 19, 2010 8:36 PM |
| 11            | <p>Please fix your list so people can unsubscribe</p>   | Feb 19, 2010 8:45 PM |
| 12            | <p>Voluntering ones reasources can mean a variety of things. Time, talent and financial giving come to mind..</p> <p>A sound plan and a progressive design will draw attention. Thanks for your initiation of such a worthwhile and important concept.</p>  | Feb 19, 2010 8:53 PM |
| 13            | <p>I would love to see some of the parks getting priority to have updated equipment and fix what is existing. Some is borderline "accident waiting to happen" and would love to see it improved before new is added.</p>  | Feb 19, 2010 8:54 PM |
| 14            | <p>It has been with pleasure that I have had the opportunity to volunteer gardening services at the Monona Library. On average my daughter and I weeded, pruned and watered the specific garden areas around the library for one summer. We both learned more about the insects in the garden and plant types. It was a great expereince -- physical activity, emotional well-being and worthy participation in the community.</p> <p>Possibly the same could be done to monitor and do simple maintenance of the park shelters. Volunteers could assist in simple maintenance and upkeep at the Parks shelters and grounds. Volunteers could sign up according to their interests and choose a park or two that they would be willing to pick up litter and see that trash and recycle containers are in good condition. Volunteers could sign up to paint shelters, picnic tables. Also, volunteer to visit shelters in spring for a spring clean up. Signing a waiver releasing the City from any legal action due to injury, etc.</p> <p>It would be nice to have posted in the shelters the physical street address of the shelter, phone number of contact for situations requiring immediate attention related to the shelter (such as keys for the bathroom).</p> | Feb 19, 2010 9:01 PM |
| 15            | <p>My whole family enjoys the parks in Monona and the recreation programs that are provided. Another basketball court or a dog park would only enhance the already fantastic park system that we have.</p>  | Feb 19, 2010 9:05 PM |

| Response Text |   |                       |
|---------------|---|-----------------------|
| 16            | Thank you Jake for making the ice skating a reality at the lagoon. My wife and younger son go there frequently. I think it's been a wonderful addition to what Monona offers. Also, love the pool. We always buy a season pass. We liked the idea of the outdoor movies. Too bad two of the three were rained out. Keep up the great work. It's truly appreciated.  | Feb 19, 2010 9:22 PM  |
| 17            | Would be nice to be able to access all the areas that are currently not accessible because surrounded by homes  | Feb 19, 2010 9:28 PM  |
| 18            | I would like the activities options sooner. Sometimes I feel we get notices the week before something is to start. We signed up with the Y for some programs because we didn't think they were available in Monona. Even if a notice went out at the beginning of the year of what was being planned, we would plan accordingly and sign up through Monona Park & Rec. vs. the Y.   | Feb 19, 2010 9:35 PM  |
| 19            | Monona has great parks and the department does a great job. I love all the activities there are for my kids.  | Feb 19, 2010 9:41 PM  |
| 20            | With two children under 2 years of age, we spend a lot of time at the parks, keeping them clean, safe and maintained are most important to us.  | Feb 19, 2010 9:42 PM  |
| 21            | I wols like to see better maintenance of the outdoor pool and locker room areas.  | Feb 19, 2010 9:49 PM  |
| 22            | The Parks located on Monona could use some work. We are a beautiful city located on a lovely lake and our lake parks do not reflect that.   | Feb 19, 2010 10:11 PM |
| 23            | Personally, I think we have plenty of park and rec options going on right now .... I love them, don't get me wrong. In these economic times, I think it is wise to shore up/complete what we currently have (eg. the warming house) and not venture into anything new unless it has a proven high payback and or low cost (e.g. a community garden.)<br><br>Thanks for all you do!  | Feb 19, 2010 10:17 PM |
| 24            | More lake accessibility - canoe/kayak launch areas - dog park   | Feb 19, 2010 10:19 PM |
| 25            | Without sidewalks on most streets, there is a real need for walking trails.<br><br>Unlike Madison, Monona does not have much public waterfront---the few who own the waterfront here should not take precedence over the many who do not, and so the needs of the many to enjoy what little public waterfront there is should be a high priority. The difference in perspective, moving here from Madison, was dramatic---the lake property owners here have a much larger voice in the city council than the majority who aren't. The lakes belong to all. | Feb 19, 2010 11:00 PM |
| 26            | Charge Cottage Grove equal upchages for non-residence. or more.   | Feb 19, 2010 11:49 PM |
| 27            | I would love to be a participating community member in the planning of more natural habitat, edible landscape (fruit and nut trees), perennial gardens and remediation of creek, lagoon and lakefront shoreline.  | Feb 20, 2010 12:07 AM |
| 28            | I think you're doing a great job! I love living in Monona! Keep up the good work!   | Feb 20, 2010 12:16 AM |
| 29            | The parks were one of the main reasons I chose to buy a house in and move to Monona! It would be great if the Parks and Rec Dept could work with the committee that is trying to attract new families to Monona.  | Feb 20, 2010 12:44 AM |
| 30            | Thanks for the survey, nicely done.   | Feb 20, 2010 1:43 AM  |
| 31            | I cannot stress enough how walking paths would be an asset to our community...especially since we have no sidewalks!!! But also for the nature and quietness!   | Feb 20, 2010 1:55 AM  |

| Response Text |   |                       |
|---------------|---|-----------------------|
| 32            | <p>I think a dog park in the Monona area would be wonderful. I also feel strongly that we need to keep the integrity of our current parks and open space and maintain them as best we can. As a family that bikes a great deal, we would love to see more bike friendly paths/trails in Monona. The Lake Monona route runs through the city, but is poorly marked, not enough bike lanes etc. We are always asked while out walking where the bike paths are and what the route is. For visiting folks, this is not really clear.</p> <p>We love Monona but would also love more under 3 aged activities. Seems to be a lot of children in that age bracket, but not enough programs to support those families.</p>   | Feb 20, 2010 2:08 AM  |
| 33            | We definately need help on the soccer fields. Soccer is such a popular sport for a lot of kids to participate in but the current fields sure are in need of a little TLC.   | Feb 20, 2010 2:42 AM  |
| 34            | More programs for young children (ages 2-8) at times that work for working parents.   | Feb 20, 2010 3:18 AM  |
| 35            | I feel it's incredibly important to maintain a high level of programming in the rec department and would completely support a new multi-purpose building. If they close yet another school in this community, we need to have SOMETHING to attract people to Monona. I would gladly pay more in property taxes to support new Senior/community center as it would benefit such a wide range of ages.  | Feb 20, 2010 4:50 AM  |
| 36            | If I go into the Community Center, I see posters for activities, but I wish they were advertised on the emails better. I usually scan the book, but it is the emails that prompt me to sign up. I wish there was more cooperation between the MUMC church/ two schools (not forgetting our bused out teens) / library /community center / Dream Park and lagoon (i.e. all the great groups on The Hill) in terms of programs offered, space used, and most importantly information dissemination. Soccer fields are nice, but programs and nature trails are what bring together people of different ages and interests and make the community strong.  | Feb 20, 2010 11:57 AM |
| 37            | Tours of other highly ranked communities, or facilities of interest.  | Feb 20, 2010 12:15 PM |
| 38            | <p>Maywood Park is a wonderful community park that is used a great deal by many community members. I would like to see the basketball courts kept more useable by having the hoops and courts receive regular maintenance.</p> <p>The lawn at Maywood Park needs to be mowed more frequently. Often times the grass gets very tall which renders the park not usable. We are out there every day playing some type of athletic activity. I also hold practices there in the spring. Having the lawn kept at a manageable level is very important.</p> <p>Finally and most important, the drainage in the park must be addressed immediately. Water remains standing in large ponds directly behind my house every spring. I have asked the city to address this issue with no response. The retained water poses problems with mosquito breeding and flooding in my back yard. This also leads to increase water levels which have a direct impact on water in my basement. Please use every available resource to address and remedy this issue.</p> | Feb 20, 2010 3:33 PM  |

| Response Text |   |                       |
|---------------|---|-----------------------|
| 39            | <p>Important to maintain what there is. No need to add more.</p> <p>Keep Monona pedestrian and bike friendly. Better marked pedestrian and bike routes would be a great start. No more bike only "sidewalks" like there is on Winnequah Road and Bridge Road--I have been commuting by bike for years and that is an awful design and very unsafe for bikes. It's cheaper and safer for bikes to have a bike lane on the side of the road than those special sidewalk areas. I'm sure they were well intended but they do completely the opposite of what is desired.</p> <p>No need for additional sidewalks, stop lights or stop signs. They won't make Monona more pedestrian or bike friendly, just add to more wasted gas, time, and money.</p> <p>More adult swim times or early mornings would be great!</p> | Feb 20, 2010 4:31 PM  |
| 40            | Out doors is very important for all ages in Monona.   | Feb 20, 2010 5:09 PM  |
| 41            | <p>The small "parks" along Winnequah (and other interior streets) are not necessary. Those should be sold so City doesn't have to maintain them.</p> <p>There should be lights (with timer switches) on the parks that have basketball or volleyball areas.</p> <p>Dream Park shelter should be open for winter sports.</p> <p>We should eliminate Monona law enforcement and contract with Madison. All our law enforcement does is give tickets by the Mayor's house on Winnequah.....waste of money.</p> <p>Parks may become a moot issue of Monona loses their control on schools. If we become known as an "aging" community we will lose our kids thereby losing the need for parks. We can then focus on activities that appeal to the retired population (fishing, dog parks, water aerobics, etc)</p>      | Feb 20, 2010 5:31 PM  |
| 42            | <p>Could you re-do the Lake Monona bike loop though Monona with improved signs, maps and following the lake shore.</p> <p>As a former youth soccer parent, the goose poop in the parks is a real problem. Please encourage the geese to move to Waunakee.</p> <p>Jake Anderson continues to provide innovative and varieties of activities that are a great benefit for the City. Keep up the good work.</p>  | Feb 20, 2010 5:35 PM  |
| 43            | <p>I think that parks and recreation areas should be used all year round. Why was the shelter at Winnequah Part not constructed to be a warming shelter for ice skaters? The old one was.</p> <p>Promote fitness and fight childhood obesity via parks and programs.</p>  | Feb 20, 2010 6:21 PM  |
| 44            | <p>We are extremely pleased with the current staff of the recreation department. They are working hard on a daily basis to make our community a wonderful place. Please support them and the initiatives that they recommned.</p>   | Feb 20, 2010 8:09 PM  |
| 45            | Keep and maintain all green space in Monona.  | Feb 20, 2010 9:41 PM  |
| 46            | All Monona Parks and Rec facilities are very satisfactory, but any improvements would be very fun and exciting!   | Feb 21, 2010 4:43 AM  |
| 47            | Please keep in mind additional noise and lighting impacts on neighborhood residences with facilities/fields. Evening lighting of parks and amplified events leave nearby homes with no way to avoid the light and/or noise.   | Feb 21, 2010 6:42 AM  |
| 48            | Remembering the community consists of many adults without children who seek recreation in their lives as well.  | Feb 21, 2010 12:37 PM |
| 49            | Under #10. I feel Monona's summer program for kids is great, although would like to see some extension into second half of summer-too loaded upend.   | Feb 21, 2010 4:47 PM  |

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| 50            | In the high use areas, creating public perennial edible landscapes would enhance everyone's enjoyment of the space whatever the reason or purpose they have for using it. It is a win, win, win for everyone. It makes all residents feel as though they are cared for, which enhances quality of life.  | Feb 21, 2010 6:51 PM  |
| 51            | I feel Monona has a perfect amount of parks. However, I feel the parks Monona has should be maintained or repaired back to their original state. I do not feel Monona needs to add any more parks but rather add to the existing parks or add new equipment to the parks. I also feel Monona should have a shelter that could be used 12 months out of the year not only 6. The new shelter at the Dream Park looks nicer than the old shelter but is not as useful to the community. Why wasn't it equipped with heat so it could be used as a shelter in the winter? Or even go one step further so it could be rented for events all year around?   | Feb 21, 2010 7:41 PM  |
| 52            | In order to keep young families interested in being a part of this community, we think there needs to be more programming for children under 3. DeForest has an open gym in the old high school gymnasium, Madison has several open gym's at the various neighborhood community centers, and Sun Prairie has Wiggle Time for gross motor development. These all operate only in the fall and winter months and most are pay-per-visit.   | Feb 21, 2010 7:48 PM  |
| 53            | Jake is doing a great job!!!<br>But the Ahuska soccer field needs SERIOUS attention: Full of ruts & holes that fill up with water and trip up players, and grass maintenance should be a priority.   | Feb 21, 2010 8:02 PM  |
| 54            | love the parks and playgrounds and everything, wish there was more!  | Feb 21, 2010 9:32 PM  |
| 55            | I would like to see beginning gymnastics classes offered for preschool and early elementary age children.  | Feb 21, 2010 9:58 PM  |
| 56            | Walking/Bike paths n Wnnequah park along side of the lagoon  | Feb 21, 2010 10:45 PM |
| 57            | I am pleased with the number of parks Monona has but feel that more can be done to improve the structures in some of the parks. The Dream Park needs some improvements. I am pleased with the number of programs since Jake has taken over. He has done a great job!!!   | Feb 21, 2010 10:49 PM |
| 58            | For the small size of Monona, the park space is more than adequate. The lagoon and green space surrounding it is our greatest blessing. There are also several small "quiet parks" (as we like to call them) that are gems. They are well maintained and I do not see the need for improvements. We are so grateful for the ice skating on the lagoon this winter - especially that the entire lagoon is groomed - it's just beautiful! Maybe one day, if affordable, the shelter could actually rent skates and sell concessions. I am also impressed with the many improvements in the rec dept - it is very noticeable. There are so many activities to choose from! My personal opinion is that we should emphasize the simple, traditional sports and games and not always try so hard to make things "new" and "cool" to attract kids. Its more important to focus on having enough opportunities for as many different age groups as possible. We have had a few not-so-great experiences with leadership in the summer programs where the staff seems to be there, not for the kids, but for themselves. It would be great if the young people who are hired to teach/lead classes in the summer were people who really want to work with kids and don't just need a summer job. I know this is a problem everywhere, but just an encouragement to set the bar as high as possible. Overall we are very grateful for the parks and recreation in our wonderful city. My husband is a life-long resident of Monona and we have raised our 9 year old son here. Keep up the good work! | Feb 21, 2010 11:08 PM |
| 59            | Continue to clear lagoon for ice skating; winterize shelter.   | Feb 22, 2010 3:08 AM  |

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| 60            | <p>I feel strongly that Oneida Park has been overlooked for several years. We have lived across the street from the park since 1987. Except for the neighborhood coming together to raise money for playground equipment, and keep the sump pump running during flooding season, I don't see any contributions by the city. We have raised our family here and would have been proud to use the park and shelter had the facilities been maintained. The park is not well maintained, the grass left to grow way to long (due to the soggy ground no doubt). It is embarrassing and a health hazard.</p> <p>I think it is time to take care of the parks we have and make them proud places for families and visitors to use. If we can't take care of what we have, we have no business adding more parks or recreational facilities.</p> <p>The second area needing resolved is the warming house for the lagoon. I have tried to keep current with the issues and the finger pointing and feel it just needs to be resolved. Nobody is benefiting from the delays.</p> | Feb 22, 2010 3:38 AM |
| 61            | Keep up the great work, Jake! We're so happy to have you in Monona!   | Feb 22, 2010 3:59 AM |
| 62            | <p>Net the common area around the concession/bathrooms for the softball season to prevent injury from flying softballs.</p> <p>Improve the lake access areas</p>  | Feb 22, 2010 4:02 PM |
| 63            | <p>Monona has an exceptional opportunity to continue to be a vibrant and vital community. When the weather is nice, it's critical for a city to have its citizens out and about, enjoying lots of different recreational activities. A thriving parks and recreational scene makes the community more enjoyable and desirable, fosters increases in property values, and provides lots of options for people of all ages. When it comes right down to it, there isn't a lot that separates thriving communities from those that are dead or dying. This is one of those things.</p>   | Feb 22, 2010 6:39 PM |
| 64            | <p>I would like to see a warming house/ outdoor skating like at Tenney Park. I think public should be more informed about events etc. when we first moved to Monona we received a newsletter which was helpful and informative. I also think a large fenced area for dogs to run and play would be great! Most of the other nearby communities have much better soccer and ball fields than we have. I also feel the upkeep at the beaches could be improved.</p>   | Feb 22, 2010 7:46 PM |
| 65            | <p>The ice skating rink at the lagoon is a great addition. I would like to see it better maintained for the figure skaters. Thanks.</p>   | Feb 22, 2010 8:21 PM |
| 66            | <p>In most communities the size of Monona, the Parks are the heart of the community and have a positive effect on the "selling" of the community. They should be the PRIDE of the city/</p>   | Feb 22, 2010 8:50 PM |
| 67            | *I think there enough playgrounds now! (And I have little kids)   | Feb 23, 2010 3:43 PM |
| 68            | <p>I think the best parks are a combination of "passive" free play areas and structured facilities to attract a broad range of ages. In other words, they may have a playground, picnic tables but also tennis courts and soccer fields and but are open for all to come and enjoy.</p> <p>Again, I hope that a portion of the green space around Nichols school can be developed into a park for children. There is not another nearby park and the school district removed the playground equipment. There is also a nice access trail from the neighborhood behind the school.</p>   |                      |
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| 70            | Keeping Jake the Director of Monona rec. Department. He is wonderful and has been a great asset to Monona. His ideas and future organization to our community has been wonderful. Hope we can keep him for a long time. Thanks for all your hard work Jake.   | Feb 24, 2010 10:43 PM |
| 71            | You're doing a great job. There have been so many improvements. Thanks for the ice skating this year.   | Feb 25, 2010 11:28 PM |
| 72            | Drop the lousy Sideway plan and just paint lanes in the road (like Winnequah has) to connect and promote the use of the parks. Vast majority of pedestrian traffic is Bikes and they shouldn't be on the sidewalk anyway.   | Feb 26, 2010 5:56 PM  |
| 73            | There used to be a playground at Nichols school. It has been destroyed. This was an area 2 minutes from my house and one in which my family played at 3-4 times per week. Nothing has filled the gap where this park used to be. I would very much appreciate if there were another park in this area or somewhere close to this neighborhood.  | Feb 26, 2010 10:14 PM |
| 74            | I think it's unconscionable that the Winnequah Park Shelter is not available for ice skating. My wife and I have gone ice skating about 2 dozen times so far this winter, and always (with 2 exceptions) we've gone into the City of Madison to skate, usually at Tenney park. It provides a warm area to get ready, and the parks dept puts a lot of time and effort into making the ice the best as it can. They flood the surface each night, ensuring that it's going to be reasonably smooth for skating. I would like to skate locally, but to be honest I am willing to travel to Madison for a better ice skating experience. | Mar 1, 2010 2:44 AM   |