



# Welcome to the **City of Ephrata**



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## Latest News

### **Input Requested**

*Apr 27, 2007*

The City of Ephrata is currently conducting long term planning efforts. Many residents within the corporate limits of Ephrata can expect to receive a short, twenty one-question survey in their mailbox as part of this effort. The results will be utilized to determine how funding should be allocated among future recreation projects and other city facilities as well as recreation program development and grant writing efforts.

The City is working with the University of Idaho's Social Science Research Unit to conduct a survey regarding resident's recreational wants and needs. All mailings will come from and be returned to the University of Idaho. Upon receipt of the completed surveys the University will then present the results to city staff. The survey will take each participant between five and fifteen minutes to complete. Return postage will be supplied and all answers are kept completely anonymous. The numbers on the survey will be utilized only for University of Idaho staff to mail follow up reminders to those who don't return their completed surveys to them. Upon completion of their report, the University destroys all participant address information.

The University of Idaho staff will mail 1800 surveys to city residents around April 25th. A reminder post card will be sent to addresses that haven't returned completed surveys on May 2nd. The final reminder mailing goes out May 16th to those addresses that still haven't completed their survey. The University will deliver the final survey report to City Staff in mid June.

It is imperative that the University receives as many completed surveys returned as possible. Each survey almost counts twice. First, like voting, each answer contributes to each participant's particular selection or preference. Second, a survey's validity and accuracy is directly correlated to the response rate. The more responses received the more valid the survey is. It is essential that those who receive surveys respond so that city council can understand how the public wishes their taxes be spent and so that long term planning can be achieved.

The "Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan" will include an inventory of recreation facilities, analysis of survey results, alternative options that may be considered, goals and objectives as well as implementation strategies. This plan will be utilized by the City Council, Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission and City Staff in the future development of recreation amenities, facilities, programs, land use regulations and budgeting.

The development and application of long term planning of this nature is vital in the pursuit of grant funds for recreation facilities. The Washington State Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC) requires a long-term plan to be eligible for their grant programs. IAC awards grants through out the state for various recreation facilities, up to \$500,000 in some programs. The city has received grants from IAC for construction of Oasis Park and Splash Zone Community Pool/Aquatic Center. The Ephrata Sportsmen's Association has received grants from IAC for the development of the Boyd Mordhorst Memorial Gun Range. The city's trails and paths committee is also hoping to compete for IAC grant funds in 2008. Thus, public completion of

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### **e-Release**

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this survey is imperative to their efforts as well.

If there are questions regarding the survey, people can contact Barbara Foltz, Unit Manager of the University of Idaho Social Science Research Unit, at 208-885-5952 or Ephrata Recreation Director Ray Towry at 509-754-4601.

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## Parks, Recreation & Open Space Survey



Completed with assistance from the  
**University of Idaho**  
Social Science Research Unit

Additional comments regarding parks, recreation and open space. Feel free to utilize the back of the page if necessary.

The following questions are asked for statistical purposes only. Your answers will remain completely anonymous.

**Q18.** Including yourself, how many people in each of the following age categories live in your household? Please write in your answers.

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ Number of children (age 0 – 12)
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ Number of teenagers (age 13-17)
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ Number of adults (18+)

**Q19.** What year were you born? \_\_\_\_\_

**Q20.** What is your sex?

- A. Male
- B. Female

**Q21.** What part of town do you live in? Please circle your answer.

- A. NE
- B. SE
- C. NW
- D. SW

Thank you for completing this survey. If you would like to include additional comments relating to parks, recreation and open space in your community, please feel free to write additional comments on the back page of this booklet. The results of this survey will be utilized for future decisions in land use, growth and budgeting.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Recreation Director at 509-754-4601 ext. 151.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Your responses will be utilized for planning future projects, maintenance spending, budgeting purposes and future senior, adult and youth recreation program development. Your responses will be kept completely anonymous. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Recreation Director at 754-4601, ext. 151.

In Service,  
Chris Jacobson  
Mayor

**Q1.** Please tell us how important or unimportant having safe and clean parks in Ephrata is to you. Please circle your answer.

- A. Very unimportant
- B. Unimportant
- C. Neutral/ Not sure
- D. Important
- E. Very important

**Q2.** Please tell us how important or unimportant having quality recreation programs in Ephrata is to you. Please circle an answer.

- A. Very unimportant
- B. Unimportant
- C. Neutral/ Not sure
- D. Important
- E. Very important

**Q3.** How important or unimportant is it that every household have reasonable access to a Park/Open Green Space?

Circle your answer.

- A. Very unimportant
- B. unimportant
- C. Neutral/ Not sure
- D. Important
- E. Very important

**Q4.** Approximately how many times during the past year have you or a member of your household used each of the following City parks or facilities? Please circle your answers.

Facility	Number of Times Used in the Past Year					
	None	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-25	26+
A. Splash Zone	None	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-25	26+
B. Ephrata Sports Complex	None	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-25	26+
C. Skate Park	None	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-25	26+
D. Lion's Park	None	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-25	26+
E. B. Mordhorst Gun Range	None	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-25	26+
F. Oasis Park/Golf Course	None	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-25	26+
G. Lee Park	None	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-25	26+
H. Parkway (Bambino) Field	None	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-25	26+
I. Sun Basin Plaza (Rock Park)	None	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-25	26+
J. Ephrata Recreation Center - ERC	None	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-25	26+
K. Division Street Trail	None	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-25	26+
L. Nat Washington Way Trail	None	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-25	26+
N. Beezley Hill Trails	None	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-25	26+
O. Airport Trails	None	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-25	26+

**Q15.** Of all the options listed in Q14 from the previous page, which is the most important to you? Please circle one.

- A B C D E F
- G H I J K L

**Q16.** How much would you be willing to pay for the facility that is most important to you? Circle one answer.

- A. Special levy of \$20 per household
- B. Utility tax at X% of residential utility bills
- C. Property tax levy of \$0.10 per \$1,000 valuation of home
- D. Property tax levy at \$0.50 per \$1,000 valuation of home
- E. Property tax levy at \$1.00 per \$1,000 valuation of home
- F. I would be willing to make a private donation, but do not support an increase in taxes
- G. I would not support any of these options

**Q17.** Listed below are some possible goals for recreation programs in Ephrata. Please indicate how you feel about each goal: Strongly disagree, Disagree, Doesn't matter, Agree (should be done within 5-10 years), Strongly agree (should be done within 5 years). Please circle your answer.

	1 = Strongly Disagree	2 = Disagree	3 = Neutral/ Not Sure	4 = Agree	5 = Strongly Agree
A. Ephrata needs to develop more tourism.	1	2	3	4	5
B. Ephrata needs more programs for Pre-school aged children.	1	2	3	4	5
C. Ephrata needs more programs for grade school aged children.	1	2	3	4	5
D. Ephrata needs more programs for Middle School aged youth.	1	2	3	4	5
E. Ephrata needs more programs for High School teens.	1	2	3	4	5
F. Ephrata needs more programs for adults.	1	2	3	4	5
G. Ephrata needs more cultural and arts programs.	1	2	3	4	5
H. Ephrata needs more active/sports programs.	1	2	3	4	5

**Q11.** In the past year, have you or someone in your household driven out of town to use recreation facilities not available in Ephrata?

Circle your answer.

- A. **YES**, Go on to Q12                      B. **NO**, Skip to Q14

**Q12.** What facilities did you use?

\_\_\_\_\_

**Q13.** How far did you travel to get to those facilities?

\_\_\_\_\_ (number of miles)

**Q14.** Please tell us how important or unimportant each of the following possible improvements to recreation facilities in Ephrata are to you. Please circle your answers.

	<b>1 = Very Unimportant</b>	<b>2 = Unimportant</b>	<b>3 = Neutral/ Not Sure</b>	<b>4 = Important</b>	<b>5 = Very Important</b>
A. A community center offering various activities and classes.	1	2	3	4	5
B. Preserving Beezley Hill for natural, open space.	1	2	3	4	5
C. Indoor recreation and gym space.	1	2	3	4	5
D. Upgrades to existing parks, i.e. bathrooms, playground equipment.	1	2	3	4	5
E. Building more parks.	1	2	3	4	5
F. New performing arts center.	1	2	3	4	5
G. Maintenance for existing parks.	1	2	3	4	5
H. Building more trails.	1	2	3	4	5
I. A place for after school activities.	1	2	3	4	5
J. Indoor walking/running track.	1	2	3	4	5
K. Equestrian facility	1	2	3	4	5
L. Indoor soccer facility	1	2	3	4	5

**Q5.** Approximately how many times during the past year have you or a member of your household used each of the following Ephrata School District facilities for recreational purposes? Do not include attending regular, school-related functions. Please circle your answers.

School Facility	Number of Times Used in the Past Year					
	None	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-25	26+
A. Grant Gym	None	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-25	26+
B. Grant Playfield	None	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-25	26+
C. Columbia Ridge Gym	None	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-25	26+
D. Columbia Ridge Playfield	None	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-25	26+
E. High School Gyms	None	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-25	26+
F. High School Playfields	None	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-25	26+
G. Beezley Gym	None	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-25	26+
H. Beezley Playfield	None	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-25	26+
I. Parkway Cafeteria	None	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-25	26+
J. Middle School Classroom	None	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-25	26+
K. Middle School Cafeteria	None	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-25	26+
L. Middle School Gym	None	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-25	26+

**Q6.** Please tell us which of the following categories BEST describes a reasonable walking distance for your family to reach a park. Please circle one answer.

- A. Less than five minutes  
 B. Between five and ten minutes  
 C. Between ten and fifteen minutes  
 D. Between fifteen and twenty minutes  
 E. More than twenty minutes

**Q7.** Please indicate the importance or unimportance of each of the following park structures or equipment. Please circle your answers.

Amenity	1 = Very Unimportant	2 = Unimportant	3 = Neutral/ Not Sure	4 = Important	5 = Very Important
	A. Open Green Space/Grass	1	2	3	4
B. Picnic tables	1	2	3	4	5
C. Picnic shelter	1	2	3	4	5
D. Basketball courts	1	2	3	4	5
E. Playground equipment	1	2	3	4	5
F. Trees	1	2	3	4	5
G. Attractive landscaping	1	2	3	4	5
H. Permanent bathrooms	1	2	3	4	5
I. Portable restrooms/Port-a-potties	1	2	3	4	5
J. Drinking fountains	1	2	3	4	5
K. Water faucets	1	2	3	4	5
L. Bike racks	1	2	3	4	5
M. Nature paths/Trails	1	2	3	4	5
N. Exercise paths/Trails	1	2	3	4	5
O. Trash cans	1	2	3	4	5

**Q8.** Approximately how many times in the past year has someone in your household used any of the City's trails or paths? Circle your answer.

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|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| A. Never                       | D. At least once a week      |
| B. A few times during the year | E. Daily, weather permitting |
| C. At least once a month       | F. Daily, rain or shine      |

**Q9.** Please indicate your level of satisfaction with each item in the City Parks (not including school district facilities), on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 meaning very dissatisfied and 5 indicating you are very satisfied. Please circle your answers.

	1 = Very Dissatisfied	2 = Dissatisfied	3 = Neutral/ Not Sure	4 = Satisfied	5 = Very Satisfied
	A. Quality of grass or turf	1	2	3	4
B. Quantity of grass or turf	1	2	3	4	5
C. Playground equipment	1	2	3	4	5
D. Playground safety	1	2	3	4	5
E. Quality of sports fields	1	2	3	4	5
F. Number of sports fields	1	2	3	4	5
G. Bathrooms	1	2	3	4	5
H. Trash cans	1	2	3	4	5

**Q10.** Please tell us how important or unimportant each of the following types of trails or paths are to you, again circling your answers.

	1 = Very Unimportant	2 = Unimportant	3 = Neutral/ Not Sure	4 = Important	5 = Very Important
	A. A trail that leads me downtown	1	2	3	4
B. A sidewalk that leads from my home to main trails.	1	2	3	4	5
C. Sidewalk from home to downtown.	1	2	3	4	5
D. Trail leading from park to park.	1	2	3	4	5
E. Unpaved nature trails.	1	2	3	4	5
F. A trail offset from the street.	1	2	3	4	5
G. A trail I can walk my dog.	1	2	3	4	5
H. Bikeable trails.	1	2	3	4	5
I. ADA accessible trails.	1	2	3	4	5