

Section 3 of Ramsey Parks and Recreation Interest Survey: Optional open-ended questions.

Question responses have not been edited for spelling, grammar, or clarity.

Which features, amenities, or opportunities offered by Ramsey Parks and Recreation do you find yourself utilizing or enjoying the most?

***Optional question, 150 responded out of 229 respondents.**

1. Parks, but need updating. We are a young and active family. Trails, paved and courts, tennis, pickleball and basketball
2. Playgrounds
3. Parks
4. Playgrounds
5. Bike trails and parks
6. None because central park is awful. And we have zero neighborhood parks
7. Walking Paths, Playgrounds
8. playgrounds. I also go hiking a ton on unpaved trails but need to travel to neighboring cities for that
9. The Draw concert series if that is part of Parks & Rec
10. Elmcrest park for soccer, emerald lake park for playground
11. Bike paths
12. Parks with playgrounds, some trail parks
13. Dog park, COR concerts
14. Walking paths
15. Walks & biking at Rum River park. Concerts at the Cor
16. Dog park. It's a mess and one of the most used facilities you have. There is no shelter for the humans in summer or winter. You should have a large heated building there to accommodate the people in the winter, restrooms, and water for the dogs year round. Maybe start fresh and build a new one at Elm Crest. Seriously, I bet the dog park has more human hours of use than any play ground or sport court you have in the city. Yet, you allocate very little budget to it. It has a hand me down ratty old bus shelter without power that gets submerged in Ice, and two old picnic tables. Speaking of Ice, the grading is so terrible that all the water moves to the main entrance path leaving us to have traverse 3 inches of glare Ice just to get in.
17. Nice upkeep and safe parks!
18. we occasionally visit elm crest park
19. Parks and ice rinks. Walking trails.
20. The draw, but wish the concerts and events went into the fall. The parks are so tiny and rundown and with the amount of housing being put up non stop the park in our neighborhood is not big enough to meet the demand.
21. Parks
22. I use my local trails most often.
23. Buildings available for reservation. Music in the Park. Park for children to play.
24. We love to go listen to the music each Thursday at the Core
25. Draw concert series- I usually make 1/year
26. Parks and trails
27. Tennis courts and all other amenities at Rivers Bend Park

28. Currently walking paths; but have used the canoe rental and when my children were younger we made use of many of the playgrounds
29. Parks and trails, playgrounds, sports fields
30. Trails
31. Special events
32. Special Events at the CoR
33. Pickleball
34. Outdoor events
35. Playgrounds with kids, walking trails
36. Fitness classes and music on thurs
37. The shelter and playground near the watertower by the golf course.
38. City parks
39. The baseball/softball fields and the pickleball courts at Central Park
40. Not aware of what is available.
41. kayak on Sunfish lake
42. Canoeing and kayaking in Sunfish lake
43. Pickle ball courts
44. Anything related to sports and fitness. We are an active family with children in sports programs.
45. Parks
46. outdoor trails, parks playground for grandkids
47. Paved trails to ride bike (some of them are in pretty poor shape)
48. Parks/playgrounds, and trails (walking with stroller)
49. Sport fields
50. I LOVE Jennifer's yoga class. It's amazing.
51. Trails, parks
52. Kid friendly events
53. Love the free yoga class.
54. Special events and the area Parks, biking/walking trails.
55. Playgrounds
56. Outdoor activities
57. Playground with grandkids and Draw concerts
58. Sports at central park
59. Group fitness dance class, off leash dog park
60. Performing Arts and 55+ programming-partnering with Northern Starz
61. Concerts
62. Playgrounds with grandkids, park trails
63. Free yoga and line dance. Stopped going when we had to prepay
64. We don't currently use . Park by our home I don't trust my kids to go to
65. Wish we had an indoor community center
66. Trails
67. Activities for children
68. Wa I wantlking paths
69. Art related opportunities
70. Walking and biking paths, farmers market, drive-in movies, picnic pavilion at central park
71. Trails, rec areas/centers
72. Paved trail around Elm Crest Park
73. Trails. My frustration is that trails end with no rhyme or reason. It is very hard to ride a bike here. Please connect the trails and maintain the older ones. The one on Sunwood between Bunker and Sunfish is a small example.
74. parks and trails
75. Concerts in the park
76. City Parks for Youth Sports and Dog Parks
77. Parks and trails
78. Playgrounds
79. Playgrounds
80. parks and trails
81. Rental space and park access
82. parks & trails
83. Nature parka
84. Paved path parks
85. Children related
86. Places my kids can play and explore.
87. The paved trails.
88. Boat launch in parks, concerts in the Draw, kids playgrounds
89. Art in the park and youth events
90. Walking paths, dog park,

91. The kids enjoy happy days and the fireworks, parade. We love seeing the Crown Jewel draw concert every year
92. Kayaks, trails
93. Pickleball courts
94. Paved paths and neighborhood parks/playgrounds
95. Tennis courts.
96. Walking paths and playgrounds
97. Splash pad -baby swing Titterud park
98. Neighborhood playground
99. Parks
100. youth sports
101. playgrounds
102. Music at the COR, parks and trails, bike paths and trails, festivals and special events. Rum river access. Bunker lake.
103. Trails
104. Pickleball courts
105. Playgrounds
106. Things for kids
107. The Draw
108. Walking trails
109. Summer concerts, playgrounds, Happy Days , ARAA sports, RRAC art programs
110. The paved walking/bike paths
111. the walking and biking trails.
112. None right now
113. Bike trails and parks
114. Parks and trails
115. paved biking/walking trails, pickle ball courts
116. The parks are in poor shape. I wish they were in better shape and as the mother of a child with Down syndrome, I would like to see more accessible play available. The bike paths are in terrible condition.
117. Trails
118. Natural spaces for hiking or walking
119. We like Happy Days and events like that. Wish there were more playgrounds by our house (not the association one nearby), and trails. Also wish we had a public pool and/or splashpad.
120. Parks and bike trails
121. Kayaking at Sunfish Lake
122. Parks, sidewalks/trails/wooden boardwalks
123. Rivers Bend park
124. None
125. Baseball fields
126. Paved trails & Dog park
127. None. The playgrounds near me are old and unsafe.
128. Walking/biking trail by my house
129. Bike trails and Ice skating
130. Bike paths and parks
131. Paved trails for biking and running but so many are in an awful state of disrepair
132. Nothing
133. Yoga outdoor learning
134. Bike yrails
135. Central Park and walking trail/boardwalks
136. Walking trails
137. I enjoy bringing our family to the local parks and walking trails. Our family greatly enjoys the recently repaved trail at Elmcrest however the local city playground are not fun and almost unsafe. The old wooden structure at Rivers Bend should've been replaced. We have seen two different playgrounds in our previous city of Andover replace their equipment, both were in seemingly fair condition but the city updated the equipment! Unfortunately, many residents take to social media to bash the playground, I appreciate seeing this survey TO ASK residents where we want to see improvements. Ramsey has many young families also. What do young families want? They want a local place to go with children to play! Other local

cities have a splash pad, Champlin, Otsego, Elk River. Let's do better. Thanks

138. Playgrounds

139. Playgrounds

140. paved trails, events at the park

141. Public parks and walking paths

142. Playgrounds

143. Yoga, happy days, music at the park

144. Music in the park

145. Elmcrest Park, craft fairs, art classes

146. I am unable to participate in most offerings due to scheduling conflicts

147. Not many because there's so few available

148. Neighborhood parks and paved trails

149. Trails ---music in the Cor

150. The playgrounds

How satisfied are you with the variety of activities and programs currently available? Are there any particular offerings you would like to see expanded or included?

**Optional question, 119 responded out of 229 respondents.*

1. Better parks!

2. Outdoor music with food trucks

3. More kid events

4. Not very

5. Moderately satisfied. Community would likely benefit from community center(pool/indoor activities center)

6. Not

7. I would love to see a community center or splash pad where the community families can gather for free to play.

8. no comment

9. Not very aware of programs, but interested in participation

10. Unsure, I haven't searched for this information.

11. Not!

12. Not applicable.

13. Need more kid sports activities

14. Aquatics for 55+

15. Expand the dog park.

16. I am not. I would LOVE a community center like shoreview or coon rapids splash pad. Champlin has great parks as well.

17. Not very satisfied

18. There isn't enough availability in the evening

19. I am satisfied.

20. Would love to see more programs for seniors

21. Not satisfied when compared to other similarly sized cities. Smaller cities seem to have more recreational amenities than Ramsey. I would like to see a community center with pool, outdoor archery course, single track bike course

22. Kayak lessons, kayak rental options, more hikes/walks, snowshoe rental and group walks, nature walks

23. More walks, exploring the area

24. Community center with a pool like the YMCA

25. Somewhat

26. Slightly satisfied.

27. More outdoor live music and food trucks

28. Not aware of programming. Youth programs, camps, etc.

29. More fitness classes in the evenings - Zumba was my favorite

30. Not too much
31. More pickle ball courts
32. I would love to see a sports/recreational center available to community members. Our only option is Adrenaline and that can be expensive. We keep building apartment buildings downtown and it's disheartening that we haven't built any parks or brought in any meaningful business. Stop building apartment buildings!
33. Okay
34. pretty satisfied
35. N/A
36. The ability to ride a snowmobile to the trails from north of bunker lake blvd.
37. I would like more for my age group
38. I'm honestly not aware of any programs.
39. I wish there were more art classes.
40. Programs for youth/teens. More parks in newer neighborhoods.
41. I think it's fine. Well-rounded and something for everyone.
42. Ramsey offers very little compared to other areas that I seek out regularly
43. More
44. Not great
45. Need community park and dog park at COR
46. I would take more pickleball classes. I don't know if there are any leagues offered by the city, but that might be fun.
47. More senior outdoor programs for physically active.
48. Could use more
49. Don't often check as I'm not usually interested
50. Indoor community center with a pool
51. very little. Would love to see more youth camps and activities offered during the summer. Many surrounding communities have them and we have had to go through them in previous years
52. Didn't know there were any
53. More adult or 55+ art classes, book clubs, card clubs
54. As an active young adult, I'd love to see more fitness opportunities like group exercise classes or a rec center with a gym and/or pool. I also work with youth sports and health/fitness so this would provide potential job opportunities for me. There also doesn't seem to be much of a young adult "scene" in Ramsey - it would be great to see more social opportunities for those in their 20s/30s or specifically for couples as well.
55. Ramsey rec center, up keep on our current trails
56. I don't feel like we have much offered.
57. sports needs attention
58. outdoor concerts
59. Would like to see more off leash dog parks and hiking/biking trails
60. Love Happy Days. Would like to see more family-friendly events.
61. We need more playgrounds that are safely accessible in neighborhoods for families to walk to.
62. Very satisfied
63. ARAA could do a lot more for our kids.
64. Satisfied- more outdoor/ adult sport
65. Moderate
66. Not at all. We end up traveling to other cities cause Ramsey does nothing for its community.
67. Our neighborhood playground is far from our home and rather small. There's nothing for kids to do in the winter. We need a rec center.
68. Good amount!
69. Indoor Swimming Pool with Swimming Lessons and open swim times

70. Would like to see Zumba or high intensity work out options added.
71. There could be more. Maybe an egg hunt or a fall festival, a carnival like other cities with rides and food trucks.
72. Satisfied
73. More Pickleball courts
74. We often need to leave Ramsey for activities and programs - so not extremely satisfied.
75. Senior stuff and special Events
76. There are plenty of options for me
77. fairly satisfied
78. Soccer for younger kids
79. Satisfied
80. Senior programs and trips. Senior fitness and social programs. Water fitness.
81. senior center
82. More recreational classes & more pickleball
83. Would be nice to have more youth sports in ramsey vs. Anoka. Also a community center would be amazing (like andovers)
84. There is not much offered, when I look at cities like Champlin- lots of offerings
85. Satisfied. More events. I liked the story on the signs that was posted around The Draw. Have a kids dj for one of the draw concert series nights
86. What I have seen is good, just need ti hear about it more often
87. Need an indoor rec space for families to stay active in the winter
88. I haven't had a chance to utilize these since living in Ramsey
89. Not very satisfied. Feel Anoka had way more options
90. More wellness and fitness offering
91. I am unaware of any activities and programs currently.
92. Not enough trails walking paths
93. More in the summer for kids when school is out.
94. not very satisfied. I would like to see a lot more options and variety
95. Satisfied
96. None
97. Good mix given city size
98. If there is a program available, I am unaware. There needs to be more publicity if there is
99. I'm sad that the paved trails don't all connect to each other and that there are places where they turn into a dead end. I'm also sad that they removed the wooden boardwalk on the pond behind my house
100. Great for the kids
101. We tend to use more parks/nature areas in Anoka because we are in the SE corner of the city...there just aren't many options in Ramsey except Elmcrest.
102. None
103. Wish we had lifetime ymca or community center like everyone else
104. I think more would be welcome,more adult options, classes, entertainment options
105. Community center with fitness classes
106. More exploratory sports for younger kids 3-4 year olds
107. More neighborhood playgrounds, community center.
108. Would love to see festive events for Halloween, Xmas lights, vendors along paved trails.
109. Semi satisfied. I love the outdoor parks, but I have to drive to maple grove for an indoor playground and indoor pool. I pay over \$500+ per year for a community membership in a different city. There are no indoor pools, indoor splash pads or outdoor splash pads available in Ramsey. No indoor playgrounds either.

- 110. Not at all, would love park and rec/sports opportunities for my kids
- 111. N/a
- 112. Feel there could be more
- 113. Would love to see a calendar of events in the ramsey resident if there isn't already
- 114. Not sure what the offerings are
- 115. Meh. Could do a lot better. I find myself traveling to other cities as they offer much more.
- 116. For someone who does not partake in activities, what I see posted on social media appears that there are quite a lot of various activities.
- 117. Every week workout class for seniors

- 118. I wish there were more things available for early childhood (ages 6months - 2/3 years)
- 119. Indoor swimming lessons/pool

Are there any challenges you've encountered or suggestions you have in terms of accessibility, scheduling, or the overall experience of participating in our Parks and Recreation activities?

****Optional question, 99 responded out of 229 respondents.***

- 1. No
- 2. That's not a lot here
- 3. Parks aren't always kept up to the same standard(weeds, age of equipment and upkeep of parks (Bear park needs serious attention))
- 4. No
- 5. No comment
- 6. Parking
- 7. More info
- 8. Not applicable.
- 9. Grading and facilities at the dog park suck.
- 10. When booking a pavillion, the partial taken (Yellow) does not allow for booking the other times of the day, or knowing what is available.
- 11. They are very limited and crowded.
- 12. Lack of programs and classes to bring the community together.

- 13. The concert series at the draw is great but it would be nice to continue into the fall
- 14. No
- 15. Sometimes I don't get the information regarding upcoming events. Email blasts would be good.
- 16. No
- 17. No
- 18. Hwy 47 trails gap between 158th and alpine. People don't know the back way and with no shoulder there it's really dangerous
- 19. Special needs adaptive items
- 20. It would be nice to have more completed paved walking and biking paths in Ramsey
- 21. Communication
- 22. Just the above mentioned.
- 23. Na

24. No
25. Crossing streets with our bikes, even with a walk sign, can be a bit scary because motorists are not watching for us.
26. Snowmobile trail access
27. I have limited mobility at times, so its not always practical to go out to events
28. Never come across any programs, but I think it'd be good to consider local school schedules when programming events that are intended for families and youth.
29. No
30. There are many sidewalks or trails in Ramsey but since none of them are connected it feels like travel on busy roads like St. Francis and Nowthen is needed. Please connect the trails!
31. Not for activities, but the kayaks on Sunfish could improve. For seniors it's a bit of a challenge utilizing the canoe or kayaks from the dock. Wish there was a way to walk in from the water's edge, but weeds make it too difficult. Tried to take a friend with some mobility issues who could kayak, but water access was prohibitive.
32. No
33. Not sure
34. No
35. Keep older parks maintained better.. Brookview sign for park needs replacing and picnic table area , walk area needs to be better maintained to go down towards river from parking area. Lots of kayaking there.
36. Online payment was difficult and not refundable
37. No
38. NA
39. No
40. I wasn't aware our parks and rec offered things for the community members as suggested in this survey. We typically go to Elm Creek for that but it would be nice to have things closer to home!
41. When trails and side walks are plowed in the winter no consideration is given to accessibility. There are large ridges that no one can get over easily. Think about the American Disabilities Act; are we compliant?
42. sports is an issue in Ramsey, doesn't get high priority
43. no
44. Need the ARAA Dome
45. Days, times. Weekends work best.
46. No
47. Parks and playgrounds are too far from residential neighborhoods to safely access with children unless we drive. Our paved walking paths and trails are not connected and utilize dangerous busy roads with traffic.
48. Community center that you can use the space for group meetings Free of charge - sign ups and responsibly for the space meaning registration is acceptable BUT there is no free spaces to conduct in-person meetings
49. No
50. None
51. ARAA board & city counsel both have too many personal agendas
52. No
53. Finding things to do in town is hard
54. There's nothing for kids in the winter.
55. The inflatables during happy days are awful. The lines are outrageous. I wouldn't mind some ticketed carnival rides like in Champlin.
56. No
57. Outdoor covered Pickleball courts
58. No
59. Lights at the tennis courts in Central Park and River's Bend would be very helpful.

60. Pathways don't all connect, so our kids are forced to bike or walk on busy roads with (and without) us.
61. Titterud park is not Infant toddler and barely preschool Friendly
62. None for me
63. No
64. No
65. No
66. No
67. No
68. No
69. Not activities, but I find the trail system to be disconnected. I have to get onto two-lane highways (Armstrong, Ramsey Blvd, etc) to jog or bike a complete loop. It's dangerous.
70. I'm not sure this is the right place for this question, but we take our grandkids to Central Park. Will the new school negatively impact the availability of the park for our community at large?
71. Need more evening items
72. No
73. I'm not sure how recreation activities are publicized. I don't know about them unless I randomly look at the City website or happen to see it on Facebook
74. I'd like to see more accessibility in the parks in terms of playground equipment.
75. Too much organized sports make parks inaccessible
76. Parks are not always kept up or cleaned up and they should be checked more frequently. Some of the bike trails need upkeep/maintenance
77. No
78. Programs that are interesting are often only offered during standard working hours. Not all of us are housewives.
79. Fix the snowmobile trails, they are overgrown, poorly marked and not maintained
80. No
81. It seems the city ignores or abandons older 20+ year old parks and trails and only cares about new parks and housing developments. That is sad and unfair
82. I'd like Ramsey to provide more access to the river for average people who don't own property on the river.
83. No
84. None
85. Trails have gaps in spots which forces you onto roadway, which is dangerous due to the high speed& inattentiveness of some drivers
86. Nope
87. Main challenge is disrepair of some parks. Also, surprised that there were no swings at Central Park. Not a lot of things for kids under 2 like some other city parks.
88. N/A
89. There are no indoor pools or playgrounds. They can't be accessible if they're not there.
90. No
91. During summer it was really nice when we did yoga at the park
92. No challenges
93. We love walking through elmcrest and live right off of 167th. But there's no sidewalk so we end up walking for a bit on the busy road. Would love to get a sidewalk there.
94. No and I have no suggestions
95. Yes. Sometimes not accessible for deaf or hard of hearing people
96. How to do so, and what is the "right" means of doing so. I want to contact someone about my neighborhood park, but I don't know where to start.
97. No

98. Difficult to find

99. N/a

Considering our community's growth, what unique needs or preferences do you believe should be prioritized in future recreation initiatives?

**Optional question, 113 responded out of 229 respondents.*

1. Figure our ways to keep people in Ramsey.
My family visits surrounding cities for restaurant choices and beautiful parks because Ramsey is outdated or lack of choices for vibrant offerings.
2. Large park/splashpad in the COR
3. Pickle ball courts
4. Places for kids/families to go
5. Upkeep of current parks and trails as well as improvement of those
6. Playgrounds, splash pads, community center.
7. Amenities for children, families and seniors to play in town (everyone goes to other cities to get these amenities currently).
8. Get kids outside & away from their phones
9. Community center
10. Cultural programs, history programs with county historical society, outdoor activities like mountain biking or birding
11. Community Center (not the industrial soccer place) - something more substantial (like a YMCA or Shoreview Community Center)
12. Community center, sports center, things for kids
13. We need more places for families to take our children to play. There are no community centers, libraries, or splash pads to take our children to. It's beyond frustrating to see more industrial buildings or multi family housing get built when we do not have any where in this city to take our children to play, other than outdoor parks.
14. Biking trails/ wider shoulder along Hwy 47 so bikes are safer!!
15. You should focus on serving the people who are here now and pay the taxes. People move to Ramsey to escape larger cities. Why does the cities staff insist on promoting growth and spend our tax dollars in anticipation of growth the people that live here never asked for? Seems like you use our tax dollars to satisfy developers.
16. Family/ Group events are great and things for kids to do.
17. COMMUNITY CENTER/PARK, SPLASH PAD
18. Pool, splash pad, indoor climbing maze and community center
19. A community center, more restaurants, road improvements and more for the kids in the community
20. Children focused activities.
21. Less home building so close together. A grocery store besides Coborns.
22. Recreation for youth
23. Special needs sports
24. Outdoor/Indoor recreation centers, retail and restaurant spots
25. Community Center
26. Community center with indoor pool
27. Disc golf
28. Invest in our youth and giving them a space to play.

29. keeping open spaces, not building in every available lot
30. I would recommend centering initiatives with families in mind.
31. Parks and trails need to be enhanced/expanded
32. seniors and youth
33. Parking availability, accessible trash/recycling bins, better marketing. I've lived in Ramsey since 2000 and have never heard anything about any recreational programs.
34. Sports dome
35. Keeping the COR function and fun will bring people in, but really outside of the COR I feel like Ramsey loses the shine. The roads are horrible, and many neighborhood parks are not maintained.
36. Events/activities for youth. Splash-pad, pool, community spaces.
37. I'd like to see more Public Art and landscape architecture incorporated into our parks and common areas. Raise the bar on aesthetics for walking trails and street corridors, especially along the MRT, etc.
38. Indoor rec area, pools parks, movie nights. Holiday events. Arts and crafts for children
39. Youth activities
40. Biking/walking paths to connect the city neighborhoods better.
41. No
42. 55+ programming
43. More bike lanes and paths that connect the city to the various amenities.
44. Community center
45. Major hum like ymca or planet fitness
46. Indoor community center with a pool
47. We should have an indoor community center, water parks,
48. Adult and 55+ art programming
49. Maintaining a rural feel and not over condensing recreational areas; providing enough parking; providing more indoor opportunities for winter months
50. A nature center!
51. Make our community more walkable (handicap accessible). Wider side walks
52. compare other neighboring communities, need a community/rec center
53. Would like to see some major improvements in older parks. The continued removal of park amenities from older parks like tennis courts and such and giving all the new perks to the Core area is extremely frustrating for the residents who have lived here for years and built the community. Why does everything need to be in the core? put a water park in the older neighborhoods!
54. ARAA Dome
55. Keeping plenty of nature preserved; trails/sidewalks expanded
56. Make sure every neighborhood has access to paved trails and safe, engaging playgrounds.
57. Usable Community center, like in Andover you can walk safely indoors with a free pass as resident, outside people pay a small fee which was fine enough PLUS space for Free group meetings to residence
58. Playgrounds, splash pads - there are so many young families who have to travel outside of Ramsey for these amenities.
59. More park space (pickleball, disc golf) and more programs for all ages
60. Dome & sports complex
61. Variety to address all needs
62. Youth
63. You're trying to grow the town with no infrastructure for growth. Either leave it a small town or give people the luxuries

- or growth. Community center parks family programs etc
64. In planning new areas and in maintaining existing areas for recreation opportunities we would like to see the use of public art and consistency in beauty and function in the entire city, not just some areas. We would like to see better use of our rivers. It would be interesting to include educational tidbits about the area along walking trails, railings along difficult walking trails and beautiful benches. It would make walking easier for the older population.
 65. Cultural awareness and activities for kids.
 66. Upkeep of paved biking trails and ones that connect.
 67. Indoor Swimming Pool with Swimming Lessons and open swim times
 68. A recreation center with indoor and outdoor activities
 69. Trails
 70. More options for seniors to stay healthy inside and outside
 71. Green space, paved paths, and neighborhood parks are important. Considering all of the families moving into the city, though - it seems that youth activities would be a top priority too.
 72. We need more decent restaurant options.
 73. Family friendly activities
 74. I have none.
 75. not sure
 76. Summer camps for elementary age kids
 77. green spaces
 78. More swimming opportunities. Like a regular recreation center with a pool. More social opportunities for seniors...
 79. Recreational opportunities for all ages.
 80. Community center, Ramsey youth sports
 81. Recreation center and parks
 82. Youth
 83. Try to balance new development with keeping some open green spaces
 84. When roads are redone, make sure to connect the paths. Too many people still text and drive - I had to hit the ditch once on Variolite to avoid a driver with a phone in their hand. Had they extended the path to Alpine I would have been a safe distance away from the lanes.
 85. A splash pad! More parks that are built better and offer rooms to rent
 86. Swimming area / splash pad / indoor Rec area
 87. A community center would be nice. Programming for kids would be great. More parks and some better maintained bike paths.
 88. A community center for rec and sports gathering
 89. We used to have a beautiful boardwalk near our house. I guess at one time it even had a wooden swing. I would love to see a wooden boardwalk built across our neighborhood pond. Our neighbors would love this and use it. We bought our house loving this boardwalk and it's been taken down...
 90. Would love to see a community center space (indoor) available to rent or a splash pad for kids vs having to travel to Champlin, Coon Rapids, Andover or Shoreview
 91. Activities and programs for child-free adults.
 92. Stop building more housing!!!!
 93. Joint programs with youth and seniors. Bind the groups
 94. Look at Andover. So many nice paved biking/walking paths and trails and city parks
 95. Preserve natural areas/parks that are used for more than sport fields

- 96. Community center
- 97. A community center similar to the one in Andover would be amazing! This is something all ages could enjoy.
- 98. Yes
- 99. Rec/community center, indoor play space
- 100. Rec center with swimming
- 101. Some good restaurants, not fast food
- 102. Better parks, activities for youth
- 103. Updated playgrounds and a splash pad, see Elk River near Lake Orono....
- 104. Love to see a couple disc golf courses, maybe an exercise park with body weight machines.
- 105. The splash pad and community center sound awesome. More neighborhood parks too.
- 106. Affordability is huge.
- 107. Splash pads, pools and indoor playground.
- 108. Indoor community center
- 109. Community center
- 110. Indoor rec options. Indoor space. Indoor pool. Build it like Shoreview and Monticello, they will come.
- 111. Parks and activities
- 112. Family oriented programming
- 113. Indoor pool, for swimming lessons and community center (like maple grove or shoreview)

Are there any untapped natural or built spaces in our City that you believe could be utilized for recreation or leisure activities?

**Optional question, 78 responded out of 229 respondents.*

- 1. Yes! Take note of the update outsego community park and figure out how to do something similar. "More than half of the city boards the rum and Mississippi river." Central Park, take maple grove and copy it. I was very disappointed by our city park and the not capitalized opportunity. Look at Champlin Andrew's Park as idea in our area. And Lions park off Hanson, find ways to create these in our area so I stay here and spend my money and time here versus going to these area.
- 2. Keep up on the parks we have and make them nicer
- 3. The COR area needs continuous development for residents
- 4. Central Park could be completely re done
- 5. Don't Know
- 6. Rum River excursions
- 7. I don't know
- 8. I don't think destroying natural landscapes for human entertainment is a good idea.
- 9. I don't know, but literally please stop with the multi family housing and industrial buildings. Stop being so greedy and take care of the current people that live here.
- 10. Not sure what the status of the old landfill is, but I'd like to see the hill utilized for sledding or mountain biking or hiking or something. Also, there is a vacant lot in Brookfield (~7068 170th Trail NW) that the city might use with the pond access or to set up a

communal fire pit /public space with a good view.

11. Unsure.
12. Would prefer natural areas stay natural.
13. The Old Town Hall building
14. Much of the Cor
15. I liked the summer yoga classes outside at the cor
16. The old dumping site can be a great sledding space
17. Right downtown but we keep building apartment buildings instead. :)
18. By holiday on hwy 10
19. No
20. We recently discovered the trail that runs parallel with Highway 10 along the river that potentially could have more trails added to it. This may be something Anoka and Ramsey could work on together. Just a thought.
21. All of them
22. Not sure
23. I would LOVE more walking paths in the northwest corner of Ramsey. It's a suicide mission walking on Baugh.
24. None
25. Ramsey is bordered by two rivers and yet walk-in/biking access anlong our rivers is limited to very few people. We need to preserve and improve trails and access along our natural waterways.
26. Idk
27. No
28. Northern Starz Center for the Performing Arts has a wonderful Event Center that can be used during daytime hours for business meetings; also for community events.
29. Bike path along Green Valley Road that would link to one on 47- it could lead people over to Rum River Central Park. I also think Ramsey and Elk River should work to connect their cities more with bike paths.
30. Years back there was supposed to be a trail from Ramsey elementary to sunfish lake for educational purposes..
31. Central Park needs a new playground
32. NA
33. We should have a place like Elm Creek! I would happily volunteer at a place like that to help keep trails maintained.
34. Holding ponds were built on the corner St. Francis Blvd. & Alpine without replacing all the trees. We need more trees. Leave natural spaces if you can't figure out how to not to make them look like an English garden.
35. add a rec/community center
36. N/A
37. Outdoor water feature for kids
38. An empty lot in the Brookfield neighborhood along 170th trail would make a nice area for a small playground.
39. Dont know
40. Central park could be a haven for Softball in the northern communities. It could bring in teams 5 months a year to better bolster the community. Local business could benefit greatly from better Organizational skills & leadership !
41. No
42. Leave nature alone
43. The Mississippi River. Maybe a nice upper scale restaurant along with some walking trails..
44. I believe there are plenty of vacant buildings that could be purchased and torn down so that an indoor swimming pool could be built.
45. More bike trails
46. No
47. More covered Pickleball courts...lots of teens, families, and seniors want to play more
48. Titterud park has a lot of Unused space

- 49. I can't think of any.
- 50. not sure
- 51. trott brook trail
- 52. Not sure. Ramsey is building too many housing developments which don't seem to include the regular citizens.
- 53. Better trail access to Elm Crest Park from River Pines Neighborhood
- 54. No
- 55. The COR could use a community recreation center with a pool, sports courts, fitness area, splash pad, rooms for activities
- 56. I don't think so.
- 57. I'm sure there are.
- 58. We do not have any recreational leisure spaces
- 59. Keep as many natural features as possible! Don't clear out trees or other wildlife to build more!
- 60. Lots of land near the COR. Land near Brookside Elementary.
- 61. Not sure where but would love to see more trails!
- 62. None
- 63. Fix the snowmobile trails, they are overgrown, poorly marked and not maintained.
- 64. None come to mind immediately
- 65. The pond behind our house could be a nice park
- 66. Safe bike paths...options to cross 47 and 5, etc.
- 67. A trail along Trott brook between nowthen blvd and 47 would be nice
- 68. No
- 69. ?
- 70. August Heights Park is empty/removed and I wish it had a new playground. Big unused space!
- 71. Not that I know of.
- 72. Would love to see a paved trail along the river that could connect to Anoka.
- 73. No
- 74. Not sure
- 75. Unknown
- 76. Not that I'm aware of.
- 77. ? What's available?
- 78. Not that I know

Any additional comments or input you would like to share in regards to recreational opportunities in Ramsey?

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- 1. Nija parks like in Golden Valley. Fun restaurants and brewery like in Anoka. Ramsey is prioritizing new homes and businesses but not keeping up with ways to keep in the borders or looking to come here. Happy to give more suggestions. I plan on being here for many years till my kids are out of the house, but the choices around don't get me excited to explore and do more around the city. Don't want to be blunt just want to see Ramsey on the map more with as much opportunity as there is.
- 2. As the number of homes continues to grow, so does the need for community play space. Excited for the sports dome coming and would love to see a splash pad in town. In the summer we traveled to 8-10 locations to get wet

and none of them were in Ramsey.
Quite often our trip includes lunch or ice cream and those monies are being spent in other cities instead of in Ramsey.

3. Keep the rural feel. The wildlife in Ramsey will be an amenity that people will pay extra for
4. No
5. Stop being so greedy and take care of the current people that live here.
6. As there are TONS of new homes being built we need things to entertain children and grow a community feel. Many other cities have great parks with toddler & older kid sections, splash pads and ball fields, concession stands. We have VERY limited parks and they are in desperate need of repair and expansion.
7. Provide a QR code on a sign that links to ways to contact parks and Rec for maintenance issues or comments/suggestions/concerns with the parks. So many people turn to Facebook to complain instead of having an easy way to let the city know of the issue.
8. I appreciate all the efforts by the city to make Ramsey the best city to live in! Thank you!
9. Ramsey is a great city to live in and I appreciate what it has to offer.
10. I think the biggest positive would be if the ARAA Dome were to be built in Ramsey. I know there are roadblocks with a particular property owner, but I have heard a lot of people that are frustrated that it is not getting done at this point.
11. Upgrade or repair bike trails
12. its a nice town, we live by a nice trail along the river and would like to see this kept. Central park is nice and offers many recreational activities!

13. Because my girlfriend (and resident of Ramsey) and I have really gotten active with biking this summer, it would be helpful if there were easy to follow trail maps or apps. Maybe there are and we just aren't aware of them. We have said that we should volunteer for the Parks and Recreation to see if some of the trails could be improved so our butts would not get so beat up.

14. No

15. Love that you're thinking about this and looking for ways to continue to improve!

16. No

17. No

18. I would like to see the old Ramsey city hall and small space around it turned into a space that could be utilized maybe for art class, history of Ramsey parks walk thru museum, or even a sign out front for historical site and have it looking nice, decorated for holidays, flowers in summer, etc

19. I grew up in Ramsey and have lived here most of my life; seeing all the growth has been amazing and exciting! Thanks for asking residents and weighing our opinions about our visions, preferences, & concerns for this fast-growing city! Whatever changes are made, I hope the character, family focus, and small town community feel of the city are never lost.

20. Consider art. The decorative fences are nice. Can we add memorial and fountains in the Core area? Can we add murals? Is there a need for a handicap accessible playground?

21. hunting opportunities shown

22. Like I previously said spread some of the new to the older areas of Ramsey. The whole community pays for these but for

- some reason everything gets built next to the Core
23. Would love a youth running or track & field program
 24. Rented Elmcrest building-Gentleman cleaned restrooms before our event but would have been nice if toilet paper was stocked. None in all almost all stalls in both restrooms
 25. Needs more people involved who do not have personal agenda's.
 26. No
 27. Embrace being a suburb
 28. Thank you
 29. Please don't let the scourge that is pickleball steal our tennis courts from us.
 30. Thank you for all you do!
 31. I do not.
 32. great place to live
 33. Would love to have a Lifetime Fitness or YMCA in the COR
 34. No
 35. No
 36. Thanks!
 37. No.
 38. I am happy to offer feedback.
 39. If you ever build a community center, I highly suggest a rock climbing and bouldering space. It would be great for residents, but would also attract people from outside Ramsey, because there are no available climbing facilities in the north metro.
 40. We used to have a beautiful boardwalk near our house. I guess at one time it even had a wooden swing. I would love to see a wooden boardwalk built across our neighborhood pond. Our neighbors would love this and use it. We bought our house loving this boardwalk and it's been taken down...
 41. Fix the snowmobile trails, they are overgrown, poorly marked and not maintained.
 42. Like that Happy Days is in the Fall.
 43. I liked the yoga classes but not at Central Park bldg.
 44. I would like more bicycle trails and destination park/splash pad like maple grove.
 45. No
 46. Need walking trails all the way up and down Ramsey Blvd
 47. Thank you for asking. Hope you get some useful responses!
 48. N/A
 49. I would love to see more options for pools in Ramsey so that we can keep our kids safe with swim lessons here at home.
 50. N/a
 51. Need more stuff to do
 52. Please leave the natural spaces that exist alone. I hate to see all of this new development happening. If I had wanted to live in Maple Grove, I would've moved there.
 53. Bike paths would be great!
 54. Like to see more natural art through out our city
 55. There is a lack of public pools or any pool near or around Ramsey