

2025- 2029

PARKS AND RECREATION 5-YEAR MASTER PLAN



City of Allen Park
Parks and Recreation
2025-2029

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I. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

A. HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

The area which today includes the City of Allen Park and many of its surrounding communities was originally known as the Township of Ecorse, later changed to Ecorse (Township No. 3 South of Range No. 11 East), as created by the territorial legislature in 1827. This original area contained more than 60 square miles. History illustrates that this area has undergone many changes to result in a complex of municipalities quite distinct in characteristics from the original township. In its early years, much of the Township was forested, swampy and for the most part uninhabited. With the opening of the Erie Canal in New York in the 1830's, settlers came from the east to establish small farms in the wilderness. Owing to its strategic location near the Detroit River that offered a transportation medium for the needs of industry and trade, the small settlements increased rapidly.

On March 16, 1847, the Township experienced a reduction in its size when the residents in the western portion of the Township voted to form the Township from Taylor. The Township was further decreased in area when the Village of Wyandotte was formed in 1855, and similarly in 1903, when the Village of River Rouge was created. In 1876, the portion of Ecorse Township, which today comprises the City of Allen Park, had only 71 homes. At that time, principal property owners were Lewis Allen, Charles Lapham, Frank Moore, John Quant, and Daniel Goodman. Subsequently, Lincoln Park in 1921, Melvindale in 1924, and Allen Park in 1927 were created as villages. Other events that served to reduce the size of Ecorse Township came when a portion of its area (including Ford Village) was annexed to Detroit in 1921. Further reduction took place in 1957, with the incorporation of the City of Allen Park and subsequent annexation by the City of the portion of Ecorse Township lying north of the then Village of Allen Park.

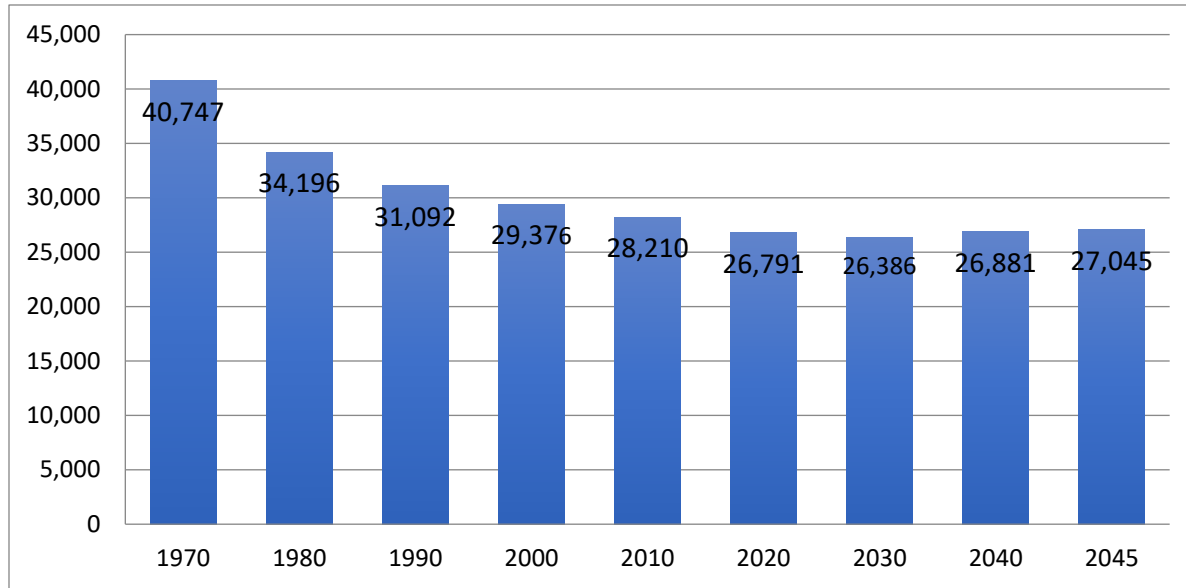
B. LOCATION

The City of Allen Park is in the southerly portion of the Detroit Metropolitan Area, approximately in the center of Wayne County. Four miles to the east of the City, across the Detroit River, lays the Province of Ontario. The Detroit River is part of the St. Lawrence Seaway shipping channel, permitting ships of many nations to serve industrial and agricultural markets throughout the world. Then, miles to the west of the City is the Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport.

Located in the heart of the industrial Midwest between Detroit and Toledo, Ohio with excellent access to several major transportation arteries and Interstate 75, the City is well positioned to host residential, commercial, and industrial activities. The intersection of the Detroit Industrial Freeway, I-94, and the Southfield Freeway, M-39, provide a major access point within Allen Park's city limits. This key location near the region's major employees and private developments, including a portion of the Fairlane Regional Mall Complex, Henry Ford Museum, and Detroit Lions Training Facility, contributes to the City's potential for future growth and development.

C. POPULATION

POPULATION FORECAST



Source: [U.S. Census Bureau](#), [SEMCOG Population and Household Estimates](#), and [SEMCOG 2045 Regional Development Forecast](#)

D. DEMOGRAPHICS

POPULATION AND HOUSEHOLD

Population and Households	Census 2010	Change 2000-2010	Pct. Change 2000-2010	SEMCOG Jul 2018	SEMCOG 2045
Total Population	28,210	-1,166	-4.0%	28,485	27,045
→ Group Quarters Population	171	-135	-44.1%	153	198
→ Household Population	28,039	-1,031	-3.5%	28,332	26,847
Housing Units	12,206	-48	-0.4%	12,241	-
Households (Occupied Units)	11,580	-394	-3.3%	11,508	11,398
Residential Vacancy Rate	5.1%	2.8%	-	6.0%	-
Average Household Size	2.42	-0.01	-	2.46	2.36

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau](#), [SEMCOG Population and Household Estimates](#), and [SEMCOG 2045 Regional Development Forecast](#)

POPULATION CHANGE 2017-2022

Age Group	2017	2022	Change 2017-2022
Under 5	1,557	1,342	-215
5-9	1,494	1,215	-279
10-14	1,513	1,931	418
15-19	1,389	1,614	225
20-24	1,659	1,567	-92
25-34	3,055	3,785	730
35-44	3,773	3,455	-318
45-54	4,174	4,153	-21
55-59	2,103	2,314	211
60-64	2,225	2,033	192
65-74	2,295	2,787	492
75-84	1,251	1,386	-135
85+	918	813	-105
Total	27,406	28,638	1,232
Median Age	42.9	43.5	0.6

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2022 American Community Survey

SENIOR AND YOUTH POPULATIONS

Senior and Youth Population	2017	2022	Pct. Change 2017-2022	SEMCOG 2045
62 and over	5,708	6,104	9.3%	8,014
65 and older	4,464	4,986	8.9%	6,538
➔ 65 to 84	3,546	4,173	8.4%	5,452
➔ 85 and Over	918	813	-8.8%	1,086
Under 18	5,527	6,102	9%	5,120
➔ 5-17	3,970	4,760	8.3%	3,719
➔ Under 5	1,557	1,342	-8.6%	1,401

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau](#), 2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates and [SEMCOG 2045 Regional Development Forecast](#)

FORECASTED POPULATION CHANGE 2020-2045

Age Group	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	Change 2020-2045	Pct Change 2020-2045
Under 5	1,403	1,441	1,363	1,375	1,412	1,401	-152	-9.8%
5-17	3,770	3,670	3,672	3,673	3,710	3,719	-416	-10.1%
18-24	2,192	2,092	2,012	1,959	1,986	1,991	-604	-23.3%
25-54	10,245	9,758	9,777	9,916	10,072	10,079	-1,554	-13.4%
55-64	3,913	3,535	3,082	2,933	3,004	3,317	-724	-17.9%
65-84	4,727	5,494	5,900	5,925	5,775	5,452	1,258	30%
85+	541	503	580	736	922	1,086	433	66.3%
Total	26,791	26,493	26,386	26,517	26,881	27,045	-1,759	-6.1%

Source: [SEMCOG 2045 Regional Development Forecast](#)

RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN

Race and Hispanic Origin	2017	Pct. of Population 2017	2022	Pct. of Population 2022	Pct. of Change 2017-2022
Non-Hispanic	24,713	90%	22,343	78%	-12%
➔ White	23,543	86%	23,283	81%	-0.5%
➔ Black	488	1.8%	1,139	3.9%	2.1%
➔ Asian	129	0.5%	358	1.2%	0.7%
➔ Multi-Racial	520	1.9%	2,645	9.2%	7.3%
➔ Other	33	0.1%	1,213	4.2%	4.1%
Hispanic	2,693	9.8%	3,482	12.1%	2.3%
Total	27,406	100%	28,638	100%	0%

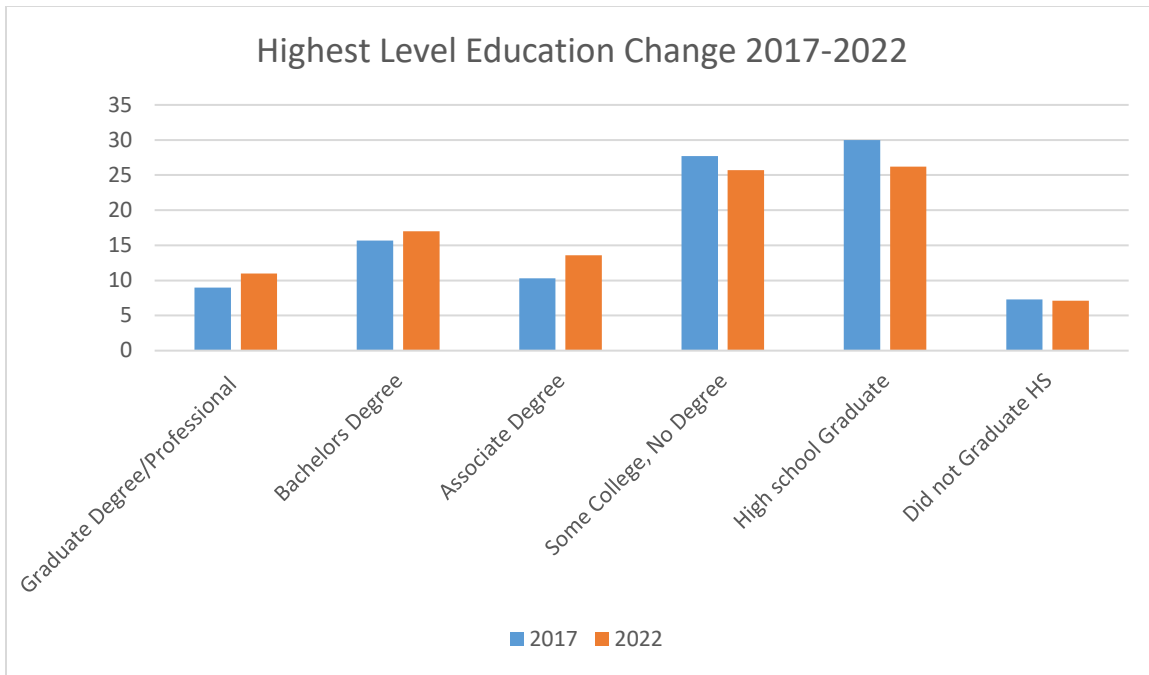
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION

Highest Level of Education	2017	2022	Percentage Point Change 2017-2022
Graduate / Professional Degree	9.0%	11%	2.0%
Bachelor's Degree	15.7%	17%	1.3%
Associate Degree	10.3%	13.6%	3.6%
Some College, No Degree	27.7%	25.1%	-2.6%
High School Graduate	30.0%	26.2%	-3.8%
Did Not Graduate High School	7.3%	7.1%	-0.2%

*population age 25 and older

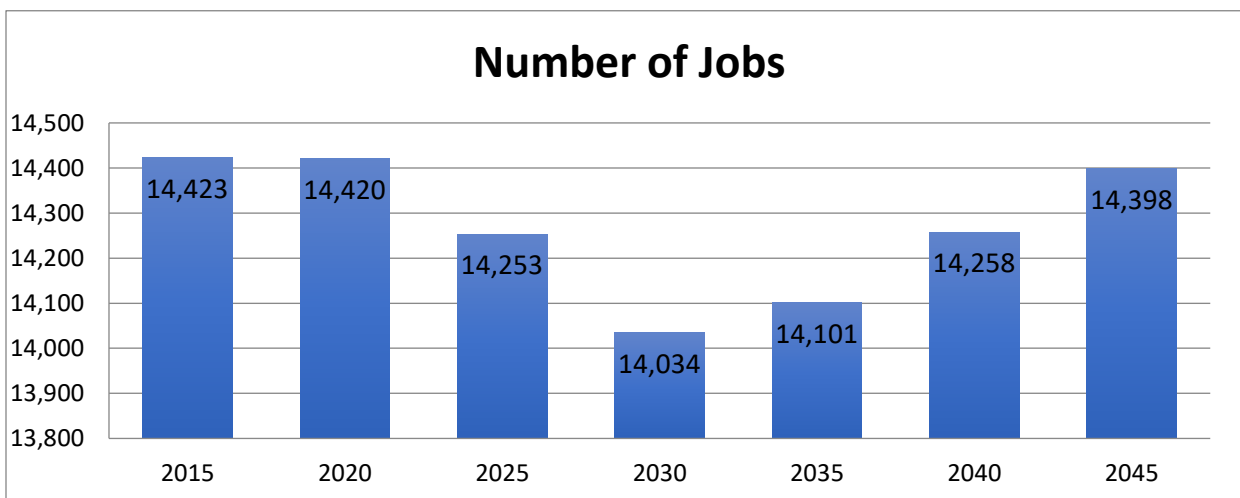
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E. ECONOMY & JOBS

FORECASTED JOBS

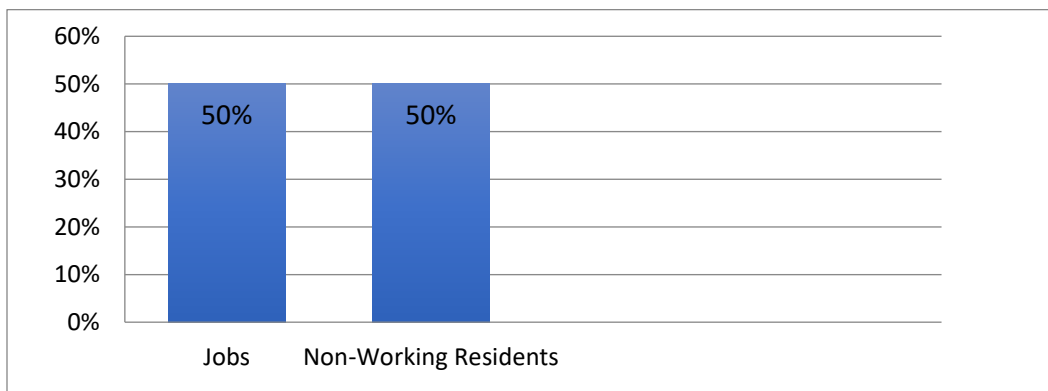


DAYTIME POPULATION

Daytime population

SEMCOG and ACS 2020

Jobs	14,423
Non-working residents	14,328
➔ Age 15 and under	4,999
➔ Not in labor force	8,211
➔ Unemployed	1,118
Daytime population	28,751



Source: [SEMCOG 2045 Regional Development Forecast](#) and [2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates](#)

FORECASTED JOBS BY INDUSTRY

Forecasted Jobs By Industry	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	Change 2020- 2040	Pct. Change 2020- 2045
Natural Resources, Mining, & Construction	593	565	576	587	583	584	-7	-1.2%
Manufacturing	1,089	989	878	809	746	720	-461	-39%
Wholesale Trade	311	316	306	307	301	319	11	3.6%
Retail Trade	1,991	1,952	1,820	1,806	1,737	1,682	-338	-16.7%

Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	527	485	455	444	452	476	-84	-15%
Information & Financial Activities	976	923	920	920	922	907	-115	-11.3%
Professional and Technical Services & Corporate HQ	2,561	2,625	2,634	2,598	2,703	2,744	202	7.9%
Administrative, Support, & Waste Services	1,114	1,118	1,135	1,169	1,201	1,226	122	11.1%
Education Services	770	760	754	761	767	775	11	1.4%
Healthcare Services	1,534	1,576	1,614	1,723	1,839	1,934	492	34.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,790	1,793	1,801	1,833	1,864	1,895	161	9.3%
Other Services	988	976	967	971	970	961	-15	-1.5%
Public Administration	176	175	174	173	173	175	-4	-2.2%
Total	14,420	14,253	14,034	14,101	14,258	14,398	-25	-0.2%

Source: [SEMCOG 2045 Regional Development Forecast](#)

WHERE WORKERS COMMUTE FROM 2016

Rank	Where Workers Commute From	Workers	Percent
1	Allen Park	1,802	15.7%
2	Detroit	938	8.1%
3	Dearborn	594	5.1%
4	Taylor	501	4.3%
5	Lincoln Park	483	3.8%
6	Canton Twp	408	3.5%
7	Dearborn Heights	364	3.1%
8	Brownstown Twp	321	2.8%
9	Livonia	316	2.7%
10	Wyandotte	278	2.4%
-	Elsewhere	5,437	47.5%
*Workers, age 16 and over employed in Allen Park		11,442	100%

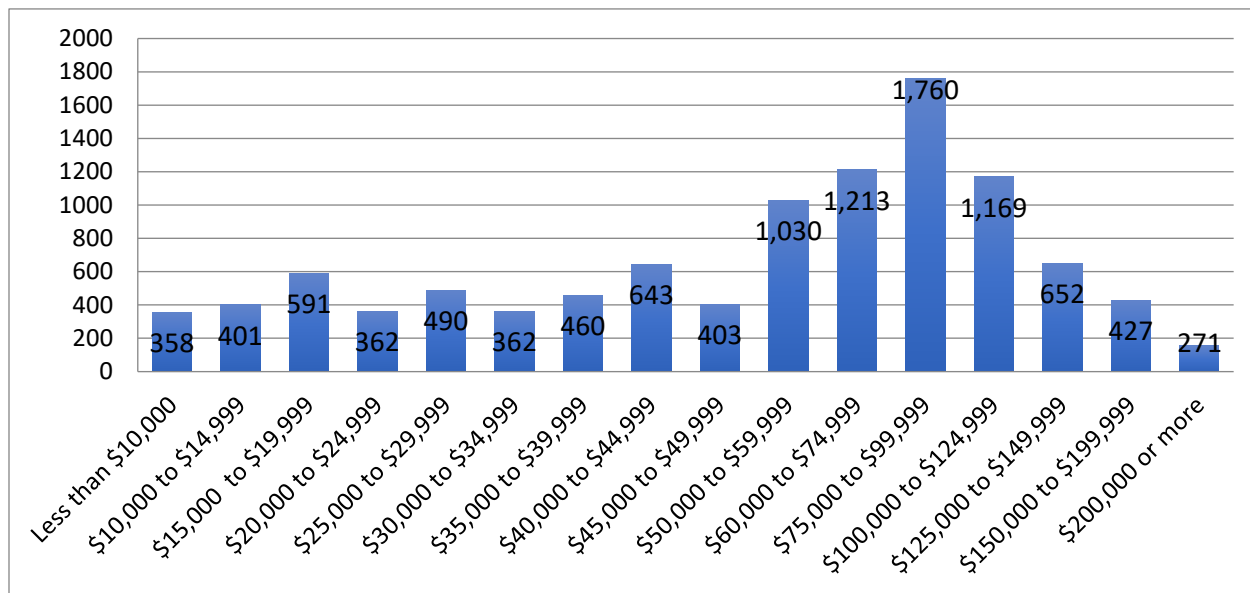
Source: [U.S. Census Bureau](#) - 2016 CTPP/ACS Commuting Data and [Commuting Patterns in Southeast Michigan](#)

WHERE RESIDENTS WORK 2016

Rank	Where Residents Work	Workers	Percent
1	Dearborn	2,301	16.5%
2	Allen Park	1,802	12.9%
3	Detroit	1,697	12.1%
4	Taylor	1000	7.1%
5	Romulus	668	4.7%
6	Southfield	466	3.3%
7	Lincoln Park	449	3.2%
8	Livonia	478	3.4%
9	Wyandotte	362	2.5%
10	Southgate	391	2.8%
-	Elsewhere	4,324	31%
*Workers, age 16 and over residing in Allen Park		13,938	100%

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau](#) - 2016 CTPP/ACS Commuting Data and [Commuting Patterns in Southeast Michigan](#)

ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOMES



Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates](#)

POVERTY

Poverty	2017	% of Total 2017	2022	% of Total 2022	% Point Chg 2017-2022
Persons in Poverty	1,783	8.0%	2,155	7.6%	-.4%
Families in Poverty	342	6.1%	328	4.5%	-1.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

F. HOUSING

BUILDING PERMITS 2000-2019

Year	Single Family	Two Family	Attach Condo	Multi Family	Total Units	Total Demos	Net Total
2000	3	0	0	0	3	0	3
2001	8	0	0	0	8	1	7
2002	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
2003	3	0	0	0	3	0	3
2004	4	0	0	0	4	1	3
2005	6	0	0	0	6	2	4
2006	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
2007	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
2008	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2009	0	0	0	0	0	12	-12
2010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2013	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
2014	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2015	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2016	0	0	0	0	0	3	-3
2017	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1
2018	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1
2019	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
2000 to 2019 totals	29	0	0	0	29	22	7

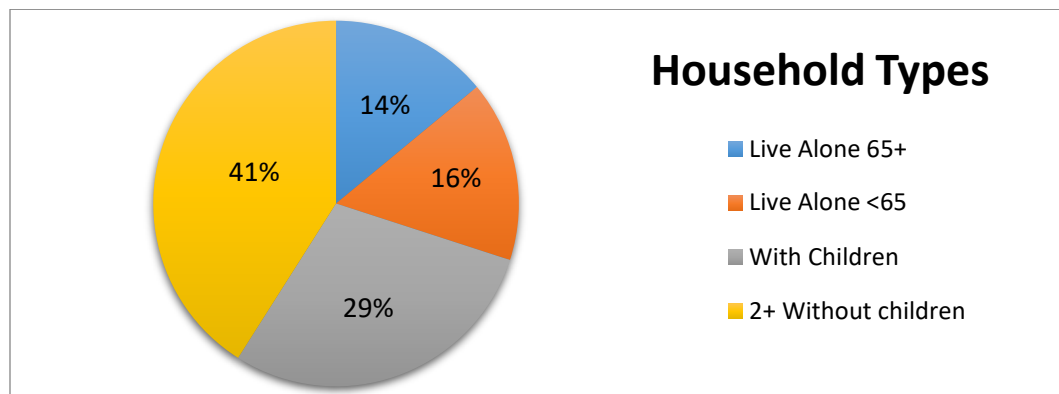
Source: [SEMCOG Development](#)

HOUSING TENURE

Housing Tenure	2017	2022	Change 2017-2022
Owner Occupied	9,244	8,682	-562
Renter Occupied	1,684	2,640	956
Vacant	660	465	-195
Total Housing Units	11,588	11,787	199

HOUSEHOLD TYPES:

Household Types	Census 2000	Census 2010	Pct. Change 2000-2010
With Seniors 65+	4,245	3,611	-14.9%
Without Seniors	7,729	7,969	3.1%
Two or more persons without children	5,036	4,725	-6.2%
Live alone, 65+	1,781	1,654	-7.1%
Live alone, under 65	1,590	1,827	14.9%
With children	3,567	3,374	-5.4%
Total Households	11,974	11,580	-3.3%

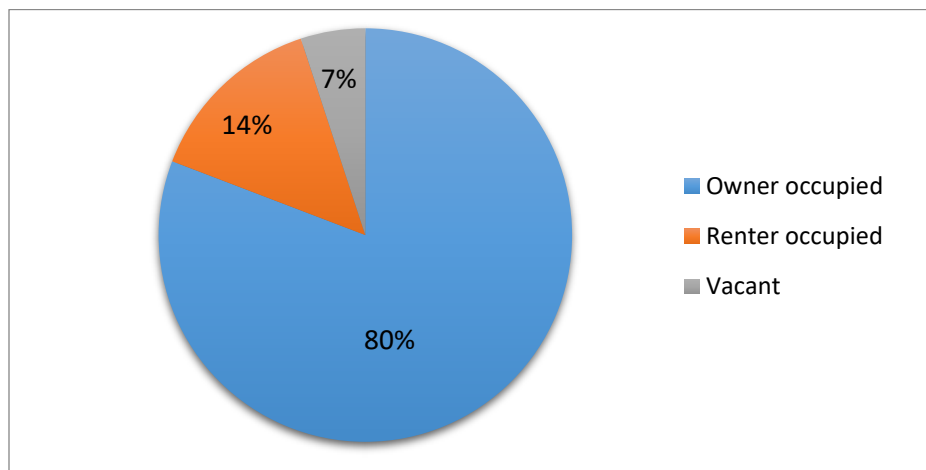


Source: 2020 U.S. Census Bureau and Decennial Census.

HOUSING TYPES

Housing Type	ACS 2010	ACS 2015	Change 2010-2015	New Units Permitted 2015-2018
Single Family Detached	10,914	10,301	-613	0
Duplex	79	87	8	0
Townhouse/ Attached condo	123	163	40	0
Multi-Unit Apartment	974	776	-198	0
Mobile Home / Manufactured Housing	35	27	-8	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Total	12,125	11,354	-771	0
Units Demolished				-5
Net (Total Permitted Units- Units Demolished)				-5

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates.

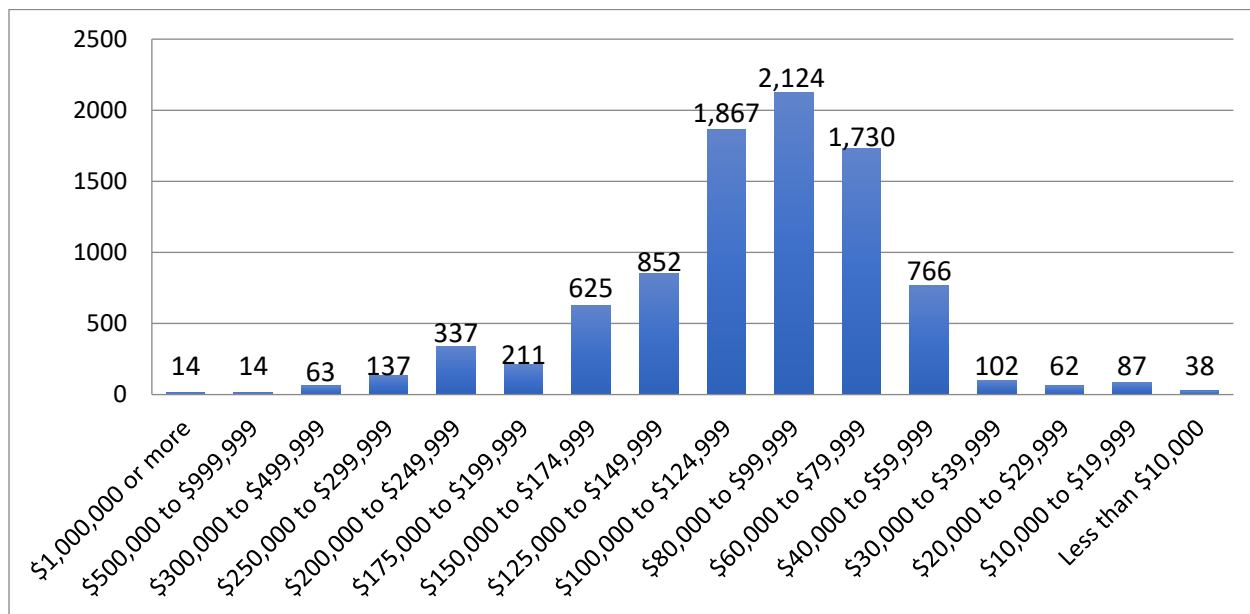


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HOUSING VALUE

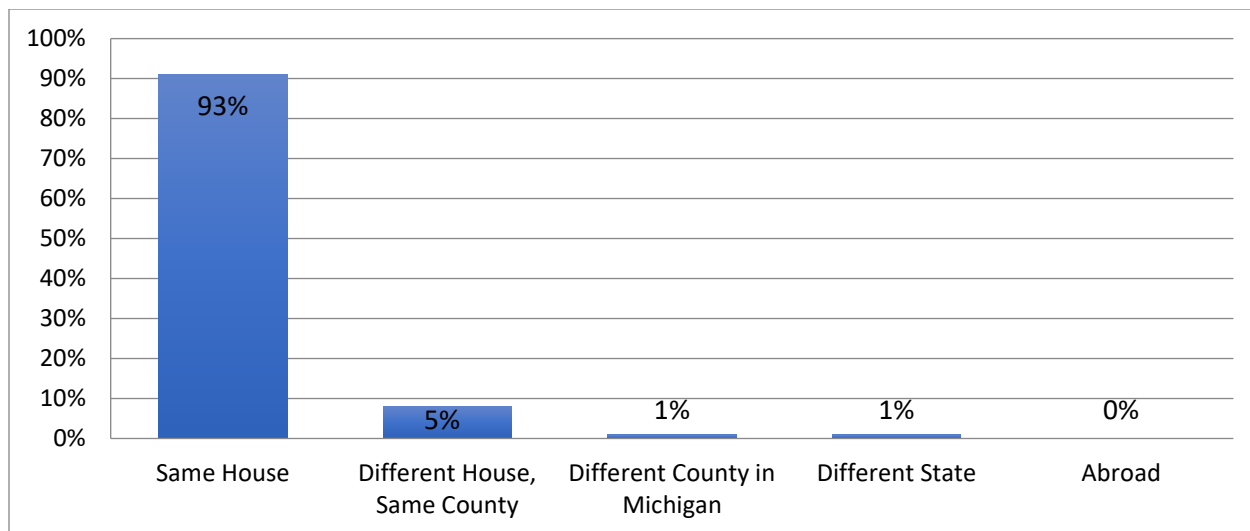
Housing Value	2017	2022	Change 2017-2022	Percent Change 2010-2015
Median housing value	\$108,900	\$169,900	\$61,000	35%
Median gross rent	\$973	\$1,567	\$594	37%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, [2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates](#)

RESIDENCE ONE YEAR AGO



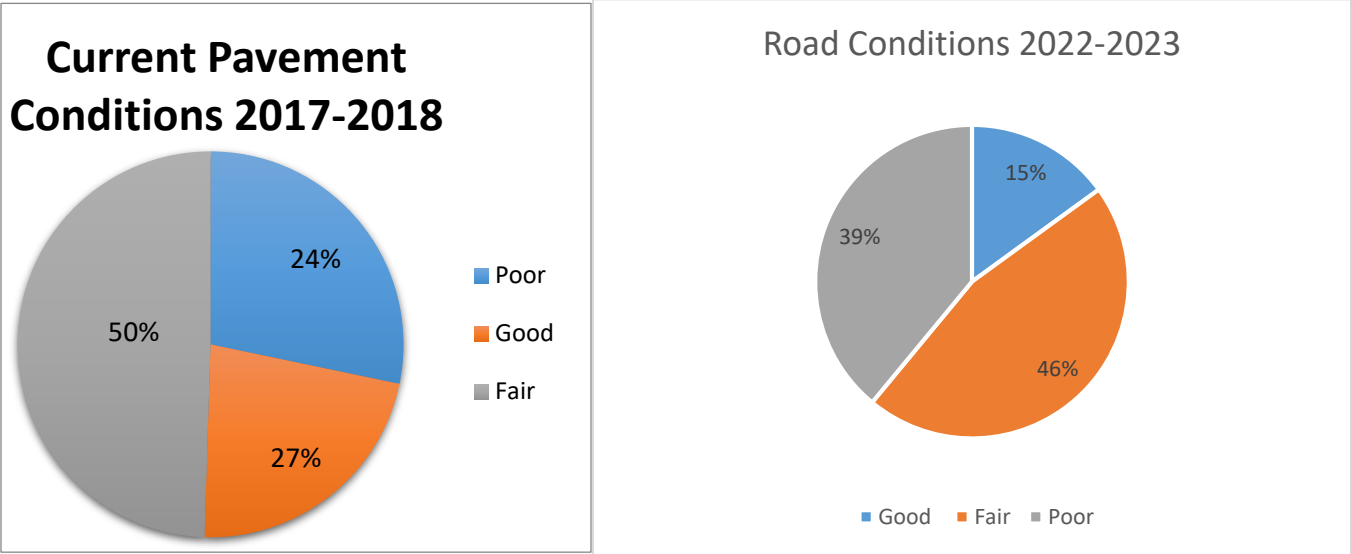
Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates](#)

G. TRANSPORTATION

Currently there are several modes of transportation available to Allen Park residents. The primary mode of transportation is the automobile. SMART, the City of Detroit’s public transportation system provides bus service along Outer Drive, Allen Road, and Ecorse Drive. The Allen Park Community Center also provides community transit to senior citizens within the city limits. Three railroads traverse the city, but are not for passenger use: CN/North America (GTW), Norfolk Southern Corporation, and Consolidated Rail Corporation.

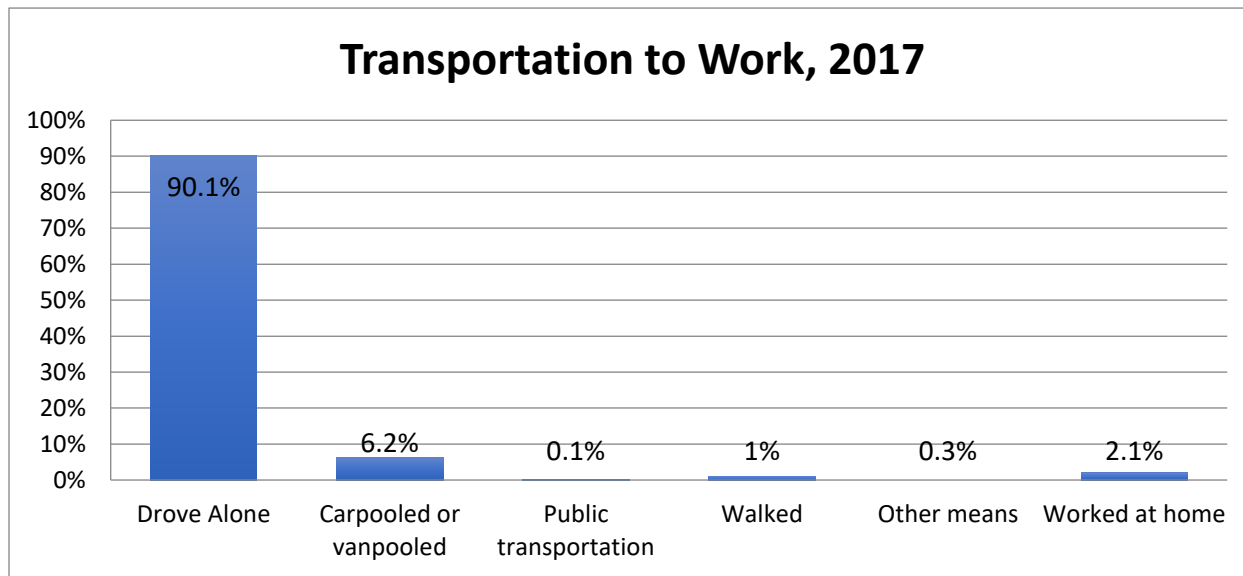
The railroads present physical barriers to linkages between neighborhoods. The expressways are located near the city borders and separate a few neighborhoods from the city as well as separate the city from surrounding communities.

PAVEMENT CONDITION



Source: [SEMCOG](#)

H. TRAVEL



TRANSPORTATION TO WORK

Transportation to Work	2012	% of Total (2012)	2017	% of Total (2017)	% Point Chg 2012-2017
Drove Alone	10,698	89.6%	12,492	90.1%	0.5%
Carpooled or vanpooled	872	7.3%	860	6.2%	-1.1%
Public transportation	24	0.2%	14	0.1%	-0.1%
Walked	119	1.0%	139	1.0%	0%
Biked	60	0.5%	14	0.1%	-0.4%
Other means	12	0.1%	42	0.3%	0.2%
Worked at home	155	1.3%	291	2.1%	-0.8%
Resident workers age 16 and over	11,940	100.0%	13,865	100.0%	0.0%

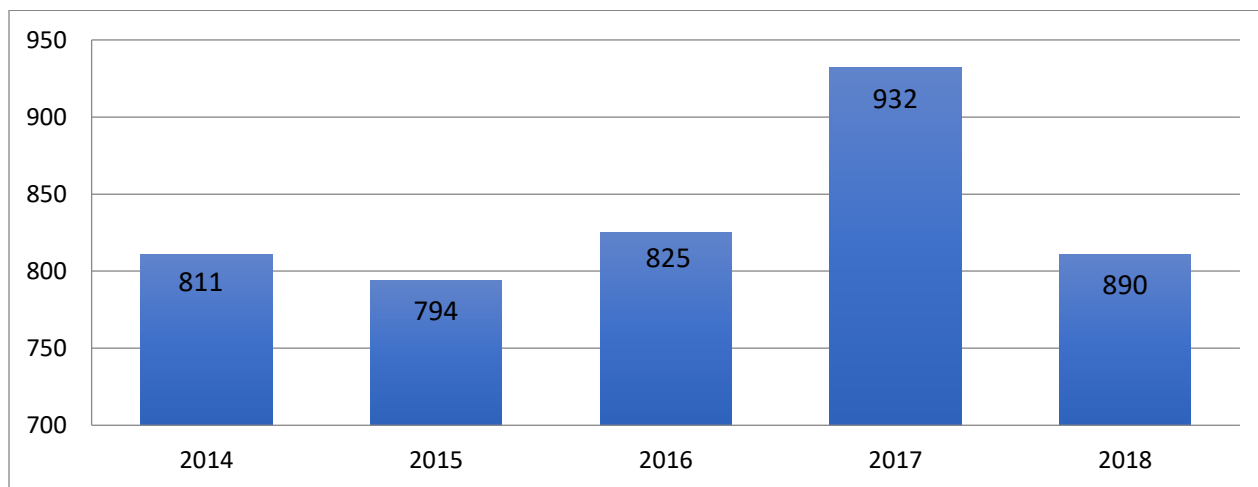
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008-2012 American Community Survey, 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

MEAN TRAVEL TIME TO WORK

Mean Travel time to Work	2012	2017	Change 2012-2017
For residents age 16 and over who worked outside the home	22.5 minutes	21.1 minutes	-1.4 minutes

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008-2012 American Community Survey, 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

CRASHES, 2014-2018



Source: Michigan Department of State Police with the Criminal Justice Information Center and [SEMCOG](#).

CRASH SEVERITY

Crash Severity	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	% of Crashes 2014-2018
Fatal	3	3	1	2	0	0.2%
Serious Injury	12	10	10	12	13	1.3%
Other Injury	124	144	128	155	137	16.2%
Property Damage Only	672	637	686	763	740	82.3%
Total Crashes	811	794	825	932	890	100%

HIGH FREQUENCY INTERSECTION CRASH RANKINGS

Local Rank	County Rank	Region Rank	Intersection	Annual Avg 2014-2018
1	29	125	Allen Rd @ Pelham Rd	32.2
2	120	392	Ecorse Rd @ Pelham Rd	21.2
3	162	521	Allen Rd @ N M39	18.6
4	167	534	Allen Rd @ S M 39	18.4
5	242	750	Roosevelt @ S M 39	15.4
6	256	788	Pelham Rd @ Van Born Rd	15
7	286	861	S M 39 @ Pinecrest Dr E	14.4
8	361	1,056	S M 39 @ Rosedale Blvd	12.8
9	371	1,084	Pelham Rd @ Wick Rd	12.6
10	456	1,310	Allen Rd @ Ecorse Rd	11.2

Source: [Michigan Department of State Police with the Criminal Justice Information Center](#) and [SEMCOG](#)

CRASHES BY INVOLVEMENT

Crashes by Involvement	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Percent of Crashes 2014-2018
Red-light Running	19	19	25	18	19	2.4%
Lane Departure	134	114	96	117	86	12.9%
Alcohol	26	17	13	10	21	2%
Drugs	7	3	9	4	5	0.7%
Deer	3	3	3	0	1	0.2%
Train	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Commercial Trucks/Bus	42	50	59	64	74	6.8%
School Bus	2	4	1	1	2	0.2%
Emergency Vehicle	8	5	5	11	9	0.9%
Motorcycle	4	7	6	9	6	0.8%
Intersection	161	196	220	291	298	27.4%
Work Zone	20	6	19	2	15	1.5%
Pedestrian	5	6	4	2	3	0.5%
Bicyclist	7	5	8	6	3	0.7%
Distracted Driver	0	0	11	44	36	2.1%
Older Driver (65 and older)	122	102	127	130	127	14.3%
Young Driver (16 to 24)	252	261	279	288	269	31.7%

HIGH FREQUENCY ROAD SEGMENT CRASH RANKINGS

Local Rank	County Rank	Region Rank	Segment	From Road - To Road	Annual Avg 2010-2014
1	13	79	N M 39	Dix Ave – Allen Rd	59.8
2	15	91	S M 39	Dix Ave – Allen Rd	57.8
3	216	901	S M 39	Roosevelt – Pinecrest Dr E	24.2
4	265	1,058	Pelham Rd	Ecorse Rd – Pinecrest Dr	22.2
5	280	1,098	Pelham Rd	Allen Rd – Wick Rd	21.8
6	331	1,289	Oakwood Blvd	E Oakwood/ W I 94 Ramp – N M 39 Service Drive	20
7	331	1,289	Ecorse Rd	Pelham Rd – Allen Rd	20
8	353	1,343	N I 75	Goddard Rd – London Ave	19.6
9	387	1,438	Allen Rd	Champaign Rd – Ecorse Rd	18.8
10	437	1,581	Pelham Rd	Allen Rd – Pelham Rd	17.6

Source: [Michigan Department of State Police with the Criminal Justice Information Center](#) and [SEMCOG](#)

I. UTILITIES

Water and sewer services are provided by Great Lakes Water Authority. City of Allen Park is an owner of GLWA and responsible for all maintenance, repair and replacement for sections within the city. Additional utilities that service Allen Park include Detroit Edison (electric and gas), Comcast, AT&T and several streaming services.

J. SCHOOL DISTRICTS

The City of Allen Park belongs to three school districts: Allen Park School District, Melvindale-North Allen Park School District, and Southgate Community School District. There are a total of six elementary schools; two are in the Melvindale-North Allen Park School District and one in the Southgate Community School District. There is only one public middle school and one public high school within the city limits, both of which are in the Allen Park School District. There is also a parochial school with elementary, middle and high school students at Cabrini.

K. TOPOGRAPHY

The Topography of Allen Park is relatively flat. Elevations vary from 605 feet above sea level to 620 feet above sea level. The Topography of Allen Park is similar to other areas in southeastern Michigan formed by retreating glaciers.

L. ENVIRONMENT

WATER, FISH, AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES

Approximately 93% of the land within the City of Allen Park is developed; areas that possess natural features comprise approximately 320 acres, or 7.1%, of the city's land. Of lands that have natural resource value, eighty-eight percent are located in the northern portion of the city and are adjacent to Interstate 94, M-39, and/or the CN/North American (GTW) and the Norfolk Southern Corporation railroads. Pockets of 2, 3, or 7 acre forested wetlands and shrub/grasslands are located in the southwest portion of the city. A twelve acre forested acre is located on the city's southeast side.

- Grass and shrub lands: 63 acres- 20% of land
- Forest: 103 acres- 32% of land
- Forested Wetlands: 154 acres- 48% of land
- Non-forest Wetlands: 0 acres- 0% of land
- Total: 320 acres- 100% of land

There are three rivers that flow east-west through Allen Park. The Rouge River borders the northern city limit, the North Branch Ecorse River roughly bisects the city, and to the south is the South Branch Ecorse River. There are no wetlands within existing park systems. None of the existing parks or recreational facilities are located within the 100-year floodplain.

SOILS AND VEGETATION

The soil is generally hard clay to a mixed clay and sand in texture. Below this layer is tough natural mottled brown and gray clay. This is underlain by a generally stiff moist soft blue to gray with a trace of sand and pebbles extending 40 to 80 feet in depth.

CLIMATE

Allen Park Average Temperature

In the event that the weather data was unavailable for this city, estimates based upon nearby cities were used.

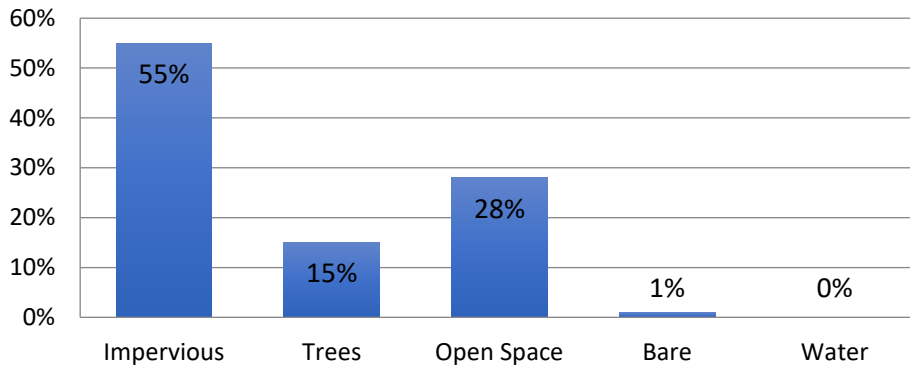
Month	Temp. (min)	Temp. (max)	Temp. (avg)	Precipitation
January	18°F	35°F	26°F	2.4"
February	18°F	36°F	27°F	2.3"
March	27°F	49°F	37°F	2.7"
April	38°F	63°F	50°F	3.2"
May	49°F	74°F	61°F	3.8"
June	59°F	83°F	71°F	3.7"
July	63°F	86°F	74°F	4.0"
August	62°F	84°F	73°F	4.5"
September	55°F	78°F	65°F	3.3"
October	44°F	65°F	54°F	2.5"
November	33°F	52°F	42°F	3.0"
December	24°F	39°F	31°F	2.9"

SEMCOG 2015 LAND USE

SEMCOG 2015 Land Use	Acres	Percent
Agricultural	0	0.0%
Single-family residential	1,553.3	34.6%
Multiple-family residential	62.4	1.4%
Retail	200.2	4.5%
Office	126.7	2.8%
Hospitality	34.2	0.8%
Industrial	264.7	5.9%
Institutional	222	5%
Recreation/ Open Space	165	3.7%
Cemetery	0	0%
Parking	17.6	0.4%
Water	20.9	0.5%
Medical	17.5	0.4%
Extractive	0	0%
TCU	1,533	34.2%
Vacant	267.2	6%
Total	4,484.6	100%

Source:
SEMCOG

SEMCOG Land Cover 2010



Type	Description	Acres	Percent
Impervious	Buildings, roads, driveways, parking lots	2,467.3	55%
Trees	Woody vegetation, trees	669	14.9%
Open Space	Agricultural fields, grasslands, turf grass	1,268.6	28.3%
Bare	Soil, aggregate piles, unplanted fields	58.8	1.3%
Water	Rivers, lakes, drains, ponds	20.9	0.5%
Total Acres		4,484.6	

Source Data

[SEMCOG - Detailed Data](#)

II. GOVERNMENTAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

The City of Allen Park has suffered through a difficult financial crisis in recent years. This crisis caused the city to have an Emergency Financial Manager appointed by the Governor. Although the Emergency Financial manager transitioned out, the City was still in Receivership with oversight from a Receivership Transitional Advisory Board (RTAB). The financial crisis forced the City to eliminate all seven full-time positions within the Recreation Department. In May of 2014, the position of a full-time director of Parks and Recreation was reinstated, however all support personnel were made up of part-time employees. In January, 2017 the city emerged from RTAB oversight and returned to local control. Full-time positions of Deputy Director was created September 2017 and Facility & Maintenance Manager was created May 2018.

A. ROLES OF ALLEN PARK PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

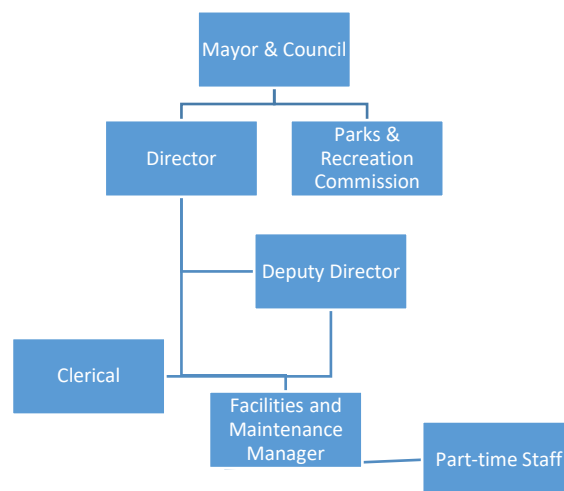
The Allen Park Parks and Recreation Commission is a nine (9) member board that is appointed by the Mayor with approval of the City Council. Each member is appointed to a three year term and each year, three terms expire. Following is an excerpt from the Allen Park City Charter;

Section 15.13: Parks and Recreation Commission: The Council shall by ordinance maintain a parks and recreation commission, of not less than seven members, to oversee and administer City controlled recreation programs and facilities along with all park lands and buildings within or outside the City.

B. DEPARTMENT

The Parks and Recreation Department employs three full-time employees: the Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Center, Deputy Director, and Facilities & Operations Manager. Additional staff is made up of part-time and seasonal employees to handle operations, maintenance, clerical, programming and administrative functions.

ALLEN PARK PARKS AND RECREATION ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

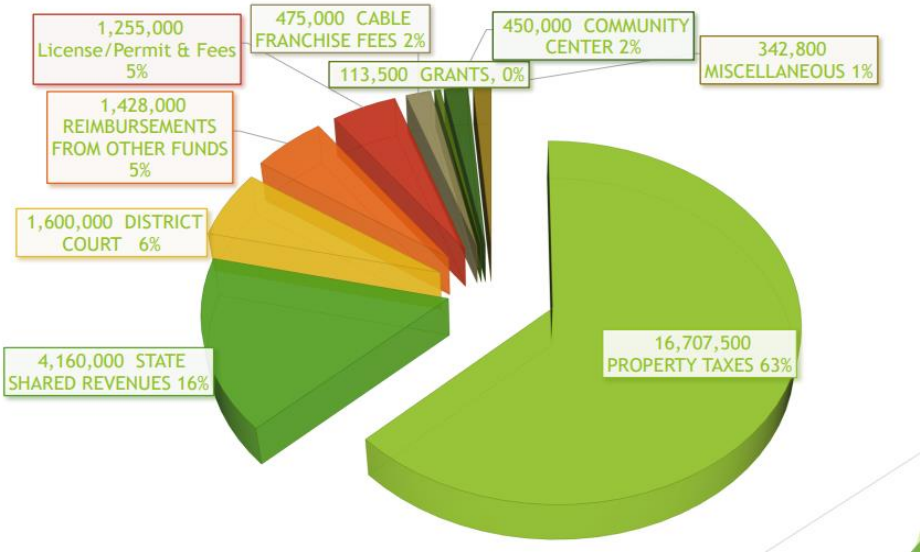


C. ANNUAL AND PROJECTED BUDGETS FOR OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND RECREATION PROGRAMMING

CITIZENS' GUIDE TO LOCAL UNIT FINANCES - City of Allen Park (82-2-010)

1. Where our money comes from (all governmental funds)

FY 2024-25 GENERAL FUND REVENUES \$26,561,800

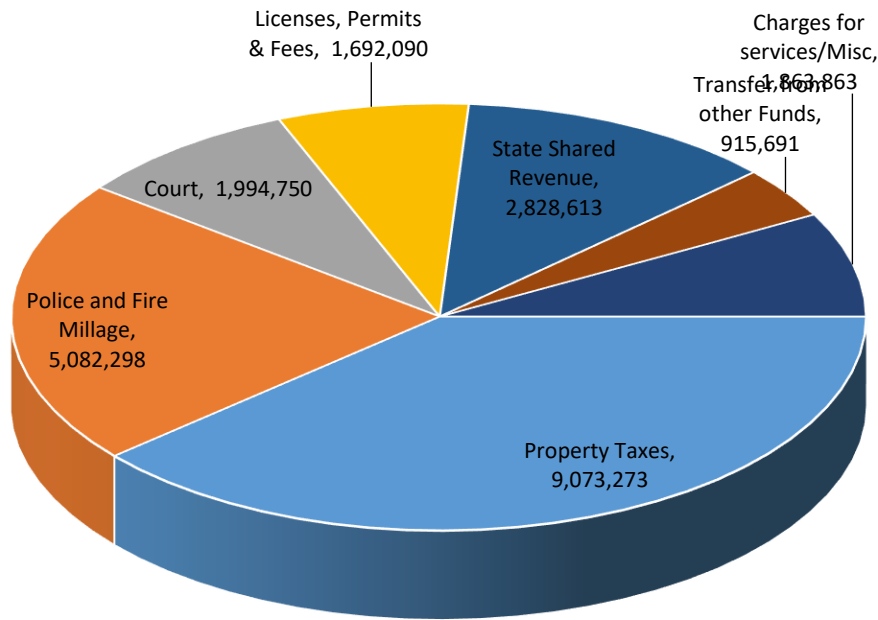


2. 5 year budget comparison

Allen Park	General Fund Budget	Full Time Employees
2019-2020	\$23,450,578	116
2024-2025	\$26,561,800	106

3. Revenue sources

General Fund Revenue \$23,450,578 2019/2020



D. CURRENT FUNDING SOURCES

The Parks and Recreation Department is funded primarily from the City's general fund, which is made up from taxes and fees. For the past 5 years the department has received capital improvement grants from Wayne County through the County's dedicated millage for parks. The fund totaled \$383,000, and was used to re-do two play structures at Brier Rabbit and Gingerbread Park. Also they were also used to re-do three baseball field at Community Park and Champaign Park. The city also has a dedicated millage to pay for the bonds (debt) from the expansion and renovation of the Allen Park Community Center in 2000-2001. The Allen Park Community Center receives user fees for activities and programs that it houses with the goal of matching revenues against expenses.

Additional funds are received from a local foundation and civic organizations for specific upgrades or expenditures within the department. This amount generally totals approximately \$20,000 per year. Another funding source is through the Downtown Development Authority. The DDA has allocated \$178,000 from 2022-2024, resurfacing the tennis courts at both Community Park and Riel Park. The DDA has 5 parks in their boundary lines in which they can supply money for, and they are Pretty Family Park, Community Park, Church Park, Riel Park, and Cunningham Park.

E. ROLE OF VOLUNTEERS

The City of Allen Park has a rich history of supporting arts, culture, and community activities. These activities not only enrich the community but contribute to the City's economic vitality. The City could not sustain these activities without the generous support of our Volunteers. Volunteer work can be a challenging and rewarding experience and provides opportunities to meet many other dedicated people who serve the citizens of Allen Park. We are proud of our volunteers and the valuable services they provide. The following are just a few organizations that actively support the residents of Allen Park and have worked on four 'Community Build' playgrounds:

- APCCF (Allen Park Citizens Civic Fund)
- APAC Baseball (Allen Park Athletic Club)
- Allen Park Bulldogs Football
- Adopt A Garden
- Friends of the Allen Park Library
- Allen Park High School Hockey
- Allen Park Hockey Club/Association
- Allen Park DDA

F. RELATIONSHIP(S) WITH SCHOOL DISTRICTS, OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES OR PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS

Elizabeth Park- This 162-acre Park was the first county park in Michigan, originally a family estate that was bequeathed to Wayne County in 1919 by Elizabeth Slocum's children and subsequently named after her. The park is located on approximately one mile of the Detroit River and features 1,300 feet of riverwalk for fishing and river watching, a Victorian shelter and wedding gazebo, and recreational facilities that include 4 picnic areas with grills, comfort station, ball diamond, in-line skating opportunities, skate park, pony rides, play structures, Marina, kayaking, Chateau on the River, hiking trails, ice-skating and cross-country skiing.

Since it is the oldest park in Wayne County, many of the historic buildings are in disrepair. However, numerous upgrades are occurring at Elizabeth Park. Such as river walks and building rehabilitation, the new wedding gazebo, new pony rings, fitness trail stations and a large new accessible playground. The Elizabeth Park marina provides access to the Detroit River via four deep boat launches and loading wells. As well, a 52 slip transient marina is equipped with utility hook-up, pump station, and shower facilities. The marina is host to numerous regional and national boating and fishing tournaments throughout the season.

Middle Rouge Parkway-Hines Park, another Wayne County Park, stretches 17.5 miles from Northville to Dearborn along a branch of the Middle Rouge River. This linear parkway is, in actuality, a floodplain for the River and is made up of the area surrounding both banks of the river, along with Edward Hines drive that traverses most of its length. Hines Park includes Inkster Valley Golf Course (18 Hole Golf Course, Clubhouse), Lola Valley Park- Redford (Disc Golf Course, Picnic Shelter), Lower Rouge Parkway, Colonial Park- Inkster (Picnic Shelter, Ball Diamond, Soccer Field), Inkster Park- Inkster (Picnic Shelter, Ball Diamond), and Venoy- Dorsey- Wayne (Soccer Fields), Nankin Mills, Haggerty Park, and Northville Recreational Area.

Crosswinds Marsh Wetland Interpretive Preserve- Park of the Wayne County Park System, this facility is located in Sumpter Township approximately 25 miles south west of Allen Park. This 1,056 acre park exists as a

result of wetland mitigation requirements for wetland impacts that occurred at Detroit Metropolitan Airport during airport extension. The result is a successful blend of natural and man-made wetlands offering regional residents an opportunity to observe a variety of wetland environments. Included among the numerous activities in which visitors participate throughout these regional facilities are boating, fishing, hiking, camping, swimming, cross-country skiing, golf, nature study, picnicking, and many other recreation activities.

Lake Erie Metro park- Part of the Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA), this 1,607-acre recreational facility features a panoramic view of Lake Erie along its three-mile shoreline. This park is a top bird-watching site, and an abundance of wildlife and waterfowl inhabit the meadows, marsh and lagoons. Park features include a wave action swimming pool, and 18-hole regulation golf course, a museum and nature center, boat launches, and a marina. The children's play area features a child-size town.

Willow, Oakwoods, Lower Huron Metro parks- Located 17 miles west of Allen Park, a beautiful 18-hole golf course, an Olympic-sized swimming pool, a skate park, a 17-acre pond, a hike-bike trail, a disc golf course, a children's play area, and groomed cross-country ski trails make Willow Metro park an all-season getaway.

Five miles of trails along flat terrain provide hikers the shade and quiet of a mature hardwood forest, the sights and sounds of the Huron River, and the activity found along the "edge" between field and forest. A 700-foot hard-surface trail is ideal for people with disabilities. A three-mile paved hike-bike trail is part of a 15-mile trail system through Lower Huron, Oakwoods, and Willow Metro parks. A five-mile horse trail, open April through October, begins near the railroad track crossing. The nature center features seasonal exhibits, live turtles, and snakes.

Sterling State Park- Located in Monroe County on Lake Erie, this state park provides camping, hiking trails, small game hunting, swimming, picnicking, and playground facilities.

Point Mouillie State Game Area- Point Mouillee is a spit of land that jets into Lake Erie near the mouth of the Huron River. It is one of the largest fresh water marsh restoration projects in the world - the result of a gigantic earth-moving/dike-building project. It consists of wetlands, diked marshes, and river bayous, a great place for wildlife related activities.

International Wildlife Refuge- the first International Wildlife Refuge in North America was established in 2001. The refuge, which includes islands, coastal wetlands, marshes, shoals, and riverfront lands along 48 miles of the Detroit River and Western Lake Erie, will protect and restore habitat for 29 species of waterfowl, 65 kinds of fish, and 300 species of migratory birds in Michigan and Ontario, Canada. The Wildlife Refuge has received national acclaim for its use of public-private partnerships in building this urban refuge.

Over the past six years, the Refuge Gateway has undergone a dramatic landscape transformation from former industrial site to restored wildlife habitat. The site is adjacent to the Humbug Marsh Unit of the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge (DRIWR) and represents the last mile of undeveloped shoreline along the U.S. mainland of the International importance due to documented rare habitats and high biodiversity. This restoration project has been led by Wayne County and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and has dedicated support from city and county governments, local service and environmental organizations, and general community members. Restoration efforts over the past few years have included day lighting Monguagon Creek, utilizing soft-shoreline techniques to restore habitat along the River's edge, developments of public trails, and the planting of large trees and native seed across nearly 40 acres. The goal at the Refuge Gateway is to restore quality coastal habitat, including wetland, prairie, and forest ecosystems, and build roads, parking, and trails required for full public access. Ultimately, the Refuge Gateway will house the future Visitors Center for the DRIWR.

Downriver Linked Greenways Initiative North South Connector- The North South Connector is the 2nd "keystone" project for the DLGI and is one of the segments currently being focused on in order for implementation to continue to progress. The North South Connector is a non-motorized trail planned to connect Lake Erie Metropark (and the East West Connector) to the Rouge Gateway Greenway and the City of Detroit. The connector is planned to generally follow Jefferson Avenue and/or the Detroit Riverfront. Once complete, the trail will

traverse through 8 communities and provide a connection to Grosse Ile, Humbug Marsh, the International Wildlife Refuge Headquarters, historic Elizabeth Park, John D. Dingell Park Belanger Park, and the Fort-Visger Greenway. By its geography, the North South Connector has the potential to integrate into the area's natural, culture and industrial heritage offering users a rich experience of the region's character.

Since the completion of the 2001 DLGI Master Plan, various agencies and stakeholders have been working diligently in forwarding the North South Connector project. Funds were secured for detailed planning work to determine a preferred route, points of connection, easement agreements, and public involvement. Funding was also secured to develop construction drawings for a 3-mile segment from the East West Connector, north to the International Wildlife Refuge Headquarters site in Trenton. In addition, several improvements have occurred at historic Elizabeth Park (Wayne County).

A greenway effort at the northern end of the North South Connector, the Fort-Visger Greenway traverses along the Ecorse Creek to the intersection of Outer Drive and Fort Street. The MDOT plans to construct a side path from Schaefer Highway to the Rouge River as part of the series of Fort Street improvement projects. The historic railroad viaduct and Bascule Bridge over the Rouge River will be remodeled to carry non-motorized traffic as well. Ancillary greenway connections will stem from the primary spine along Visger Street and Electric Avenue to connect with Belanger Park, Edmond Fitzgerald Park and the Neighborhoods or Ecorse, Lincoln Park, River Rouge, and Detroit. *(Resource- Downriver Linked Greenways Initiative Master Plan Addendum June 2008)*

Allen Park Public Schools enjoys a strong reputation for quality instructional programs, a tradition of student achievement, caring staff and a supportive community. Keys to the success of the district are the dedication and commitment of employees at every level and the strong consistent support and involvement of the community.

The district facilities currently include three elementary buildings (grade K-5), one middle school (grades 6-8), and one high school (grades 9-12). A strong partnership exists between the City and School District, allowing the community to benefit from use of facilities and services. Some of these shared amenities included baseball, softball, soccer fields, swimming pools, tennis courts, auditorium, and the ice arena.

Arno Elementary

Located at 7500 Fox Allen Park, MI 48101. This school has 529 students enrolled. Outdoor recreational facilities on the site include a paved black top, playground equipment, and basketball court. A small indoor gymnasium is located inside.

Bennie Elementary

Located at 17401 Champaign Allen Park, MI 48101. This school has 425 students enrolled. Recreational facilities on the site include play equipment and a small gymnasium.

Lindemann Elementary

Located at 9201 Carter Allen Park, MI 48101. This school has 638 students enrolled. Recreation facilities for this site includes a basketball court, play equipment, and a small gymnasium.

Allen Park Middle School

Located at 8401 Vine Allen Park, MI 48101. This school has 892 students enrolled. Outdoor recreational equipment for this site includes a football field, track, soccer field, and ball diamond. A gymnasium and mat room is located on the inside.

Allen Park High School

Located at 18401 Champaign Allen Park, MI 48101. This school has 1,090 students enrolled. Outdoor recreational equipment for this site includes a football field, track, 2 soccer fields, 4 ball diamonds, and 6 tennis courts. 2 gymnasiums, a large swimming pool, and auditorium are located on the inside.

Amusement Centers		
Zap Zone	9751 Telegraph Rd.	Taylor, MI 48180
Pump It Up	25710 Ecorse Rd.	Taylor, MI 48180
Sky Zone	23261 Eureka Rd.	Taylor, MI 48180
Play Atlantis	19400 Allen Rd.	Melvindale, MI 48122
Archery Ranges		
Lincoln Bowmen Archery Club	26245 King Rd.	Romulus, MI 48175
Shooting Range & Archery Center	29500 W. Six Mile Rd.	Livonia, MI 48174
Batting Cages		
Midway Sports & Entertainment	22381 Van Born Rd.	Taylor, MI 48180
Skillbuilder Batter's Box	26960 Van Born Rd.	Dearborn Heights, MI 48125
Bowling Centers		
Roosevelt Lanes	6701 Roosevelt Ave.	Allen Park, MI 48101
Thunder Bowl	4200 Allen Rd.	Allen Park, MI 48101
Skore Lanes	22255 Ecorse Rd.	Taylor, MI 48180
Camping		
Monroe KOA	15000 Tunnickliffe	Petersburg, MI 49270
Sterling State Park	2800 State Park Rd.	Monroe, MI 48162
Camp Dearborn	1700 General Motors Rd.	Milford, MI 48380
Dance		
Janet's School of Dance	20910 Ecorse Rd.	Taylor, MI 48180
Dearborn Dance Academy	22023 Outer Dr.	Dearborn, MI 48124
Dance Avenue	15270 Eureka Rd.	Southgate, MI 48195
Beverly Morrison School of Dance	1518 Ford Ave.	Wyandotte, MI 48192
Diane's Dance Center	1709 Emmons Blvd	Lincoln Park, MI 48146
Taylor Dance-Ballet Americana	22805 Goddard Rd.	Taylor, MI 48180

Golf Courses-Public

Taylor Meadows	25360 Ecorse Rd.	Taylor, MI 48180
Lakes of Taylor	22505 Northline Rd.	Taylor, MI 48180
T P C of Michigan	16200 Rotunda Dr.	Dearborn, MI 48120
PGA Tour	1 Nicklaus Dr.	Dearborn, MI 48120
Gulf Market	13357 Michigan Ave.	Dearborn, MI 48120
Riverview Golf Course	14701 Sibley Rd.	Grosse Ile, MI 48138
Raisin River Golf Club	1500 N. Dixie Highway	Monroe, MI 48161

Gymnastics

Mills Gymnastics	13300 Reeck Ct.	Southgate, MI 48195
Downriver Gymnastics	13777 Eureka Rd.	Southgate, MI 48195
Michigan Academy of Gymnastics	12425 Nixon Ave.	Riverview, MI 48193

III. RECREATION INVENTORY

A. The City of Allen Park maintains twenty-three recreational facilities. Included in the total acreage are facilities that are owned by the City. In addition, residents have access to public and private school facilities, as well as private commercial facilities and county, state and regional facilities. Facilities are presented by ownership classifications in the following sections.

CITY-OWNED PARKS & RECREATIONAL FACILITIES—PUBLIC PROPERTIES / FACILITIES

The City of Allen Park has twenty-two city-owned recreational facilities. The facilities include public buildings, community and neighborhood parks, and parks specifically designed for small children, referred to as tot lots (a multi-use community center and two storage and repair buildings). The inventory of each recreational facility is presented below.

TOT LOTS

The highly urbanized nature of the City means that these types of recreational facilities are on small size lots (less than one acre). There are seven tot lots available in the City, totaling 4.2 acres and ranging in size from 0.3 acres to 0.7 acres. Most of the tot lots are fenced-in for safety reasons and are equipped with play equipment for the use of preschool children. The location of the tot lots satisfactorily serves most of the neighborhoods in the City. The Parks and Recreation Department has upgraded Tot Lot equipment while the lots are well maintained and are visually acceptable.

- Gingham Dog- 0.7 acres
- Ginger Bread- 0.4 acres
- Humpty Dumpty- 0.5
- Briar Rabbit- 0.5 acres
- Rourke Family Park- 0.3 acres
- Sugar Plum Tree- 0.7 acres
- Harold Duda- 0.5 acres (sponsored by Kiwanis Club)

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Eight neighborhood parks/playfields are available in the City of Allen Park totaling 27.3 acres and ranging in size from 1.8 to 5.9 acres. These are so classified because of their location, size, and the types of facilities they have to offer. Only one of the neighborhood parks has restrooms-Riel Park.

- Brand Park is located on the northeastern portion of the City along the intersection of Lawrence and Paris. The site, 4.8 acres in size, was developed with funding by Community Development Block Grant during the 1975-77 fiscal years. Improvements included a ball diamond, shelter and picnic area, in addition to the existing play area, and a paved basketball court. Part of the site is lightly wooded, adding to the overall visual quality of the Park. Twelve shade trees were added to this site.
- Church/Teller Park located on O'Conner and Arlington, was improved during the 1976-77 fiscal year through a Community Development Block Grant. The park site (4.3 acres) includes a ball diamond, a new basketball court, picnic and play areas, plus numerous shade trees have been planted. New playground equipment was installed in 2015 with the Wayne County Parks millage grant.
- Community Park is located close to the City center, having an area of two acres and bounded by Detroit Toledo and Ironton Railroad tracks and Reeck Drain to the West. Facilities include two new tennis courts that were installed in 2023, ball field, playground equipment and picnic area.

- Riel Park is located between Euclid Street to the south, and Hanford Street to the north. The Site has an elongated shape and contains one ball diamond, one tennis court and four pickleball courts, walking/running path, and picnic/play areas.
- Boccabella Park is located on Regina and McLain is the smallest of the neighborhood parks, having approximately 1.8 acres. The park contains one ball diamond, play equipment, and picnic shelter. New playground equipment was installed in 2017 with the Wayne County Parks millage grant.
- Moore Park located along Moore Street, has the same characteristics as Boccabella Park and provides the same recreational facilities and various play apparatus.
- Sudman Park located north of Philomene between Kolb and Courtland. This site was the former site of Sudman Elementary School. This school has been razed and the site is now used as Sudman Park. The park contains playground equipment that was installed in 2015 with a Wayne County Parks millage grant. A pickleball court was added in Summer of 2022. A wiffle ball field was added in 2024.
- Pretty Family Park is located west of Quandt between Thomas and Regina. The park is 3.8 acres in size and contains a baseball diamond and playground equipment. The new playground equipment was installed with the Wayne County Parks millage grant. In September of 2022 through a \$10,000 donation from APAC the baseball field and dugouts were rebuilt.

COMMUNITY PARKS

There are four community parks: Cunningham, Millward, Kennedy, and Champaign. The total area of all parks is 80.4 acres.

- Cunningham Park is located on the southwestern corner of the intersection of the I-94 and Southfield Road, and bounded by the Norfolk and Western Railroad tracks to the north and Reeck Drain to the south. The triangularly shaped site includes approximately 14.5 acres. The Park is not fully developed, and includes a ball diamond, soccer/football field, restrooms, a play area and play equipment for children, and two picnic areas. A parking area is also available on the site. The play equipment was refurbished in Summer of 2024, including painting, pavilion and ADA walkway.
- Millward Park is located on the southeastern part of the City of Allen Park, bounded by the Penn Central Railroad tracks and I-75 to the east and Sexton Kilfoil Drain, in part, to the north. This park is sponsored by the Allen Park Rotary. The facilities in the Park include a ball diamond, three tennis courts, restrooms, paved basketball court, and seven soccer fields (servicing between 600 and 650 children each year), as well as a parking area. This park, as many other parks in the City, provides for active recreation only. The Relay for Life walk has been held at Millward Park. Natural amenities, such as woodlands and visible water, are absent resulting in minimum passive recreation use. (Tree planting program began in passive areas. In 1983 twenty-five units were planted; in 1987-89 twenty more units were planted and in 2017-2019 fifteen more units were planted). New playground equipment was installed in 2017 with the Wayne County Parks millage grant.
- Kennedy Park, approximately 9.7 acres in size, serves that isolated neighborhood of Allen Park bounded by I-94, Southfield Freeway and Outer Drive. This Park is visually attractive because of the availability of trees on the site. It includes a recreation hill, play equipment, and a picnic area. Additional facilities will be required in order to provide for the diversified recreational needs of different age groups. Playground equipment was upgraded in 2016 with the Wayne County Parks millage grant.
- Champaign Park is the largest park in the City with an area of 38 acres and containing a variety of active recreation facilities, including four ball diamonds and eight tennis courts. One of the ball diamonds is lighted for nighttime use. This Park is the only park in the City containing a significant wooded area, providing a pleasant environment for passive use/picnicking. Allen Park High School abuts the eastern boundary of Champaign Park, resulting in an increased use of the Park's recreational facilities by different age groups. Restrooms are provided in the Park. New playground equipment was installed in 2018 with the Wayne County Parks millage grant. A nearly \$400,000 renovation was completed in 2024, including

two completely renovated ball diamonds with Wayne County Park Millage awards, a new parking lot that parallels Pelham Road, a new pathway connecting the park to a shelter as well as the Allen Park High School walkway. A Wayne County Grant also allowed us to purchase new play equipment.

INDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

- Allen Park Community Center: This facility is centrally located, along White Street west of Allen Road, with good accessibility from different parts of the community with more than 70,000 square feet. The use of the Frank J. Lada Civic Arena extends over a period of nine months a year for ice-skating. The facility was expanded in 2005 to include a full size gymnasium, fitness center, and meeting rooms. This has helped to create the need and use for 12 month operations from early morning until late evening. The gymnasium and ice arena had new LED lighting installed in 2023 and 2024, including locker rooms, kitchen, arena office and service areas for the arena. Partially in partnership with DTE on a \$10,000 award. The original bleachers in the arena were replaced with new ADA compliant bleachers in the summer of 2023.

STORAGE AND REPAIR FACILITIES

- CB Recreation Storage Building is located at 6615 Roosevelt, directly behind the Community Center. This site houses all motorized and power equipment used to maintain parks and facilities.
- Brand Park Storage Building is located at the southeast corner of Brand Park. Picnic tables for all city parks are stored and repaired here during the winter.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS- RECREATION SPACE

Public school properties contribute a significant area to the outdoor recreation and open space in Allen Park, totaling 44.2 acres. In addition, they provide complementary outdoor and indoor recreational facilities. The City Parks and Recreation Department has an agreement with the Allen Park School Board to use indoor and outdoor school recreational facilities; however, the schools have the first preference to use their facilities.

There are three elementary school properties, one middle school and one high school. In addition, the district offers a preschool program and before and after school child care. Only one elementary school in the Melvindale-North Allen Park School District is operating and that is Rogers School.

Allen Park has no outdoor public swimming pools, and the City relies entirely on the indoor swimming pools in Allen Park High School and Allen Park Middle School for swimming programs. However, the use of the school facilities is becoming very difficult because of the heavy student use and the school's adult education/leisure programs.

- Allen Park Public Schools Recreation Facilities
 - Allen Park High School- 12.0 acres
 - Arno- 1.0 acres
 - Middle School- 8.0 acres
 - Quandt (park) - 3.6 acres
 - Riley (Ball Field)- 5.9 acres
 - Rogers (Melvindale-Northern Allen Park)- 4.2 acres

PRIVATE SCHOOLS- RECREATION SPACE

There are two private schools in the City of Allen Park: Cabrini Elementary and High School and Inter-City Baptist Elementary and High School. Cabrini School consists of 6.4 acres of educational space and 10.4 acres of recreational space. At this time there are no recreational services offered by the Cabrini High School to the public through the Parks and Recreation Department.

Inter-City Baptist School which is 6.2 acres in size, sits within the over-25 acre campus of Inter-City Baptist Church. Inter-City Baptist School is a private Baptist school in Allen Park, Michigan. It has 284 students in grades K-12. The elementary school is housed in the education wing of Inter-City Baptist Church. The separate high school building houses grades 7-12. The entire educational complex is modern, spacious, attractive, and well-equipped. The facility contains a modern playground for the elementary school, a stage for dramatic productions with updated lights, sound, and curtains, two wood-floor gymnasiums, locker rooms, three athletic fields (one with scoreboard) and recently sodded infield. Inter-City Baptist allows Allen Park Parks and Recreation to utilize and schedule athletic fields during the summer period.

CITY-OPERATED PROGRAMS

In addition to the provision of facilities, the City of Allen Park also provides a variety of recreational programs. Most activities are offered each season. Activities for the youth include baseball/softball, basketball, tennis, soccer, swimming, in-line hockey, skating, dance and gymnastics. Activities for adults include, baseball/softball, basketball, tennis, aerobics, martial arts, dance, yoga, pickleball (indoors and outdoors) and much more.

Program Attendance- 2023

- Ice Skating- 40,039
- Youth Athletics- 110,003
- High School Hockey- 20,524
- Adult Athletics- 3,000
- Wellness Programs- 94,330
- Social Programs/ Classes- 15,639
- Educational classes-4,944
- Special Events and Fundraisers- 16,420

Total-304,899

IV. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS

- A. Reviewing the current 5-Year Master Plan has been an ongoing process and again was reviewed prior to the beginning of this current plan. Most of our goals set in 2019 and forward were accomplished with the only areas unable to reach the goal was due to a lack of funding and/or a revision of the budget to cover more urgent matters.

Parks and Recreation 5-year Master Plan (2024-Current)

UPDATED: August, 2024

Within the current Parks and Recreation 5-Year Master Plan that has been accepted and approved by the Michigan DNR, every item listed under the Six Year Capital Improvement Plan that was approved, has been completed.

Actions completed or exceeded:

COMMUNITY CENTER-

Compressors-top end rebuilt

HVAC roof-top units all working and functional

Lighting Upgraded to all LED in entire community center and Ice Arena

Fitness-equipment repaired and replaced as needed

Concession-freezer, refrigerator, deep fryer, fountain equipment, slush equipment and popcorn machine replaced

Security Cameras added and upgraded

Boiler-original replaced with asbestos abatement along with 3 other boilers replaced due to failure.

Zamboni replaced with Level-Ice (laser guided cutting system). 2016 and 2024.

Flooring in rooms D, E, F and G are replaced

Wall divider repaired

Roof-roof over Hall of Fame hallway replaced

Roof over the full arena replaced

Arena Sound System replaced

Arena walls all resealed and painted.

Arena bleachers completed with 500 feet of secured storage underneath

Gymnasium floor repaired and replaced

Ice Arena Bleachers replaced

Locker rooms (4) have new LED lighting as well as new ceilings. Same for arena office space.

4th pickleball court added to gymnasium.

Auxiliary basketball hoops added for younger players to hone skills during programs.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Senior Citizen Shuttles-2 new vehicles plus one bus replacement and one van replacement

Tools for all operations supplied

Vehicles-New fleet of functional vehicles-5 pick-up trucks, 2 dump truck and 3 vans

Replaced parking lots at Champaign, Millward and Cunningham parks with new asphalt.

Tennis Courts at Champaign Park resurfaced through lease with APPS

Riel Park restrooms repaired and functional

Cunningham Park roof replaced. New walkway to new shelter, with renovated play equipment and EWF base

Champaign Park roof replaced and New Scoreboard installed

Play equipment in parks installed annually

Community Park Tennis Courts (DDA purchase) and pickleball courts installed.

7 Ball Fields at Community Park, Champaign Park #2&3, Boccabella, Pretty Family, Brand and Church-Teller Redone.

New pickleball and tennis courts added, with assistance from the Downtown Development Authority, at Community Park.

New pickleball court at Sudman Park.

New walking path connected to the parking lot to at Champaign Park; allowing pedestrian traffic to link between all Allen Park High School fields, concessions and parking lot.

In addition to this, one tractor and five zero-turn mowers were purchased, along with commercial weed trimmers, edgers, blowers, a field drag machine and trailers needed for the P&R staff to maintain our city parks. This saves approximately \$37,500 per year from using an outside contractor.

I submit here a level of achievement that outperforms our plans and exceeded our expectations.

- B.** Surveying the public for information on their satisfaction or dissatisfaction was imperative for community input. Following is our survey that our constituents were notified via the Parks and Recreation Facebook page, city web site, posted at the Allen Park Community Center, posted at the Allen Park Fitness Center, emailed to all youth athletic organizations and announced at City Council Meetings.

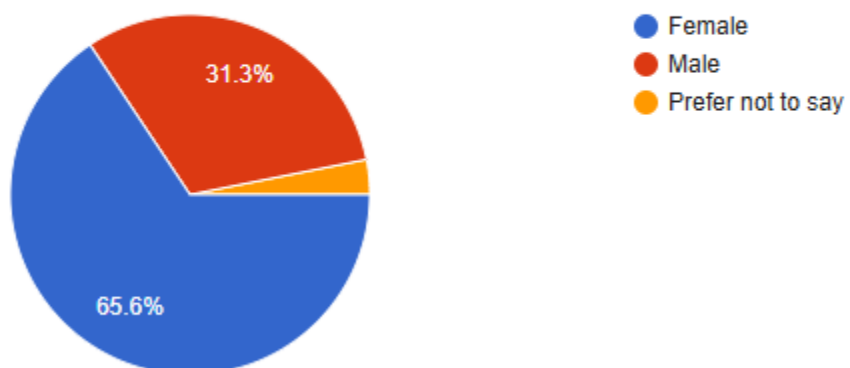
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61 responses



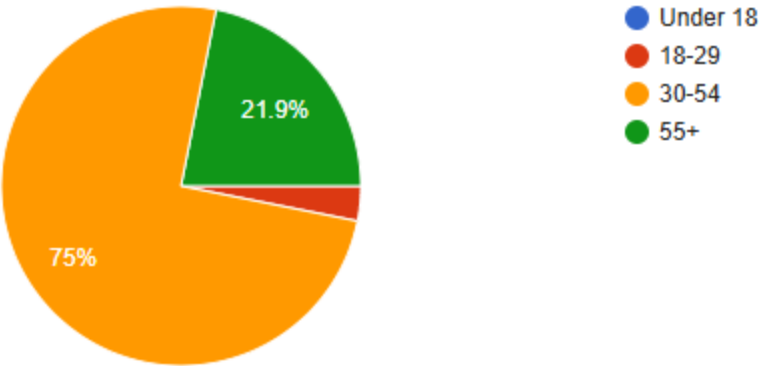
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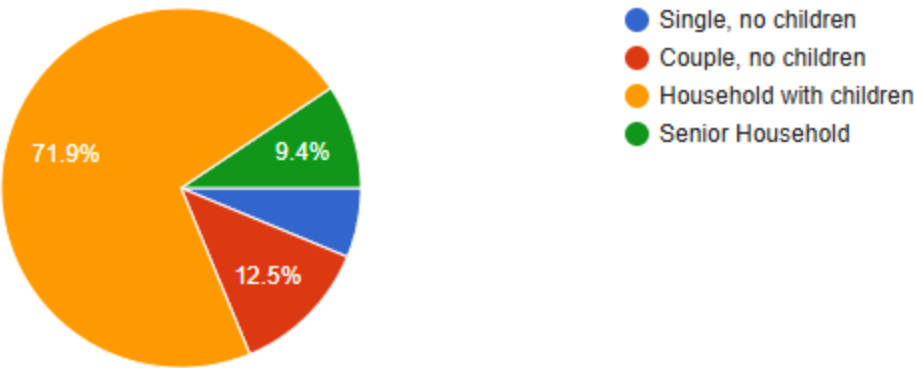
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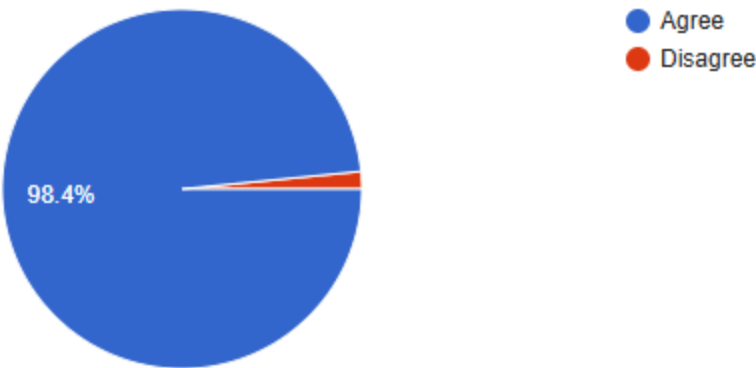
Question 4: How would you describe your household?

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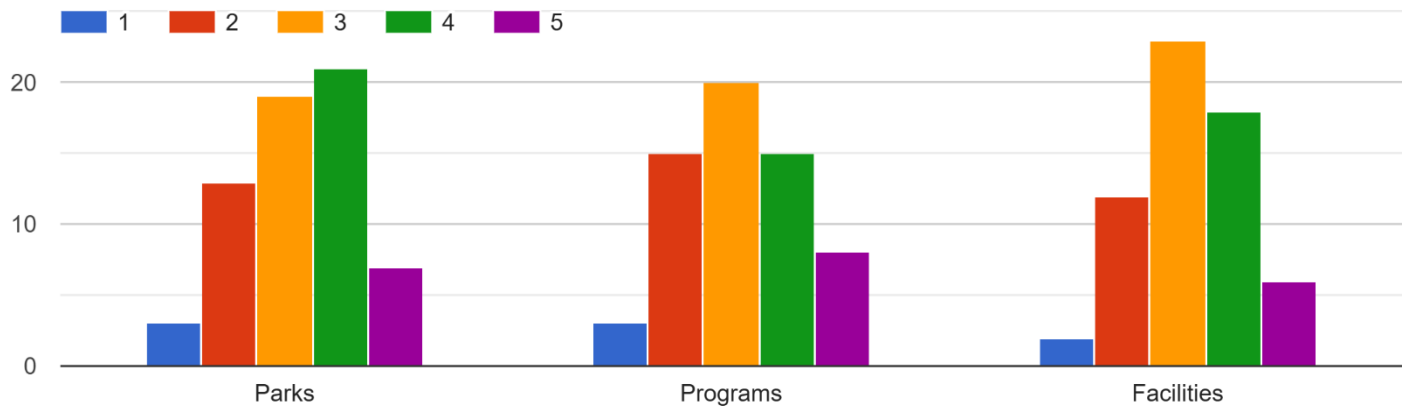


Question 5: Parks and Recreation facilities and programs are important to the quality of life in Allen Park.

64 responses

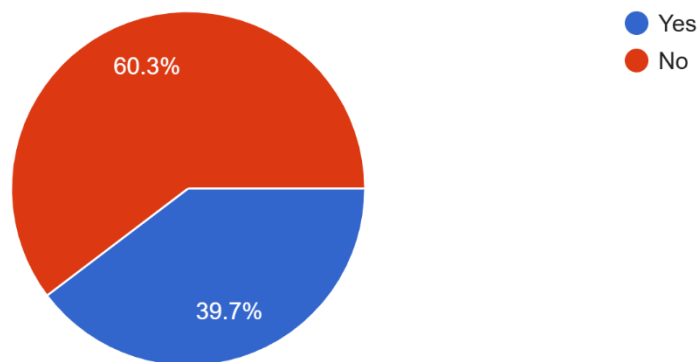


Question 5A: How would you rate our Parks, Programs and Facilities? (1 being low, 5 being high)



Question 6: Do our existing facilities and recreation programs meet your needs?

63 responses



Question 7: If No, why or why not? 33 responses

Too high a focus on hockey. Everyone else...too bad

Need clean bathroom facilities

My daughter would love to do figure skating and I would prefer to pay our city's program instead of anothers

There should be more programs for children. The communication is lacking on getting the word out about the programs that are currently offered. We also need more community based events. We have a good base, but nothing ever changes. It's been the same for a couple years now. There should be the scarecrow decorating contest again for residents/groups..maybe have the businesses so skeleton decorating, bringing more attention to the business owners.

The farmers market is lacking due to the space that is provided. It could be so much more and so better! The old movie site would be a great place for the market. Make it on Saturday or Sunday so families can enjoy a few hours out of the house, right here in town.

My family really misses having a basketball court to go to within the city that's playable. I'd love to see the one at Millward fixed. We also have to go to other cities often for water features, so it would be nice to see a small splash pad within our city. Our parks also need benches by the play areas, which many cities have (and a very few of ours do too). I often see grandparents at the park sitting on the edging or struggling to stand for long periods of time.

We need a splash park

More children programs are needed

Need more days for pickleball

Combining girls and boys for basketball has discouraged girls from continuing with the sport. It would be different if the teams were even, but most of the time teams have only had maybe 2 girls. And they are often ignored. My daughter used to enjoy playing basketball, but we had to take her to another program where she could be on a girls team so she could continue to develop her skills.

Old

Would love a splash pad for my kids, more recreational activities for children 3 or 4+ (basketball/soccer)

We need a Splash Pad and updated playgrounds with tracks for walking, strollers, etc. My family goes to other cities for these things. Would love to be able to stay in Allen Park for them.

I care for my grand children and I feel AP could do more. A splash pad like Woodhaven at Champaign Park would be nice.

Open skate times are during the day when parents are at work and kids are at school; no splash pad, pool or parks with water features; no park equipment for seniors; no indoor pool; inadequate workout/gym facilities - need more machines and equipment; need more walking/hiking/biking trails; need better landscapes outdoor spaces

Need more youth programs. Also could use bike lanes to make biking around town safer for all. Somewhere the youth can hang out such as a skatepark or bike park. Bike racks at parks where they can be locked instead of laying for someone to steal. Parks are great if they evolve with age and are not only for littles. There is no space for teenager's, maybe a courtyard at the middle school instead of just sports facilities. With no more malls, dollar shows, or cheap options for these teens, the options are slim.

Some ball field bathroom options and cleanliness could use some extra attention

I coach a travel softball team and was told I can only rent the field if 75% of my roster was Allen Park students. There are plenty of fields in the city that could be used for our needs. Additionally, the quality of parks for children can be hit or miss. There is plenty of opportunities for better development of parks and fields alike to better serve families.

I would like to see more program activities offered for kids.

Nothing adequate as far as bike paths or bike lanes.

Not enough open programming for younger adults, nor enough activities / programs for kids

There isn't a good variety. Our community center lacks so many amenities that other cities have.

Programs done during the summer are great! The facilities always seem to be run down, not taken care of, or not working.

No disc golf course

Splash pad, more updated parks

the tennis court and bathrooms at Millward park are in horrible shape.

We usually go to other cities to better parks

We need parks with walking trails. Was a huge thing when I lived in Dearborn. Surprised not to really see that in southern AP by Cabrini

I wish there were more things for elementary aged students.

litter

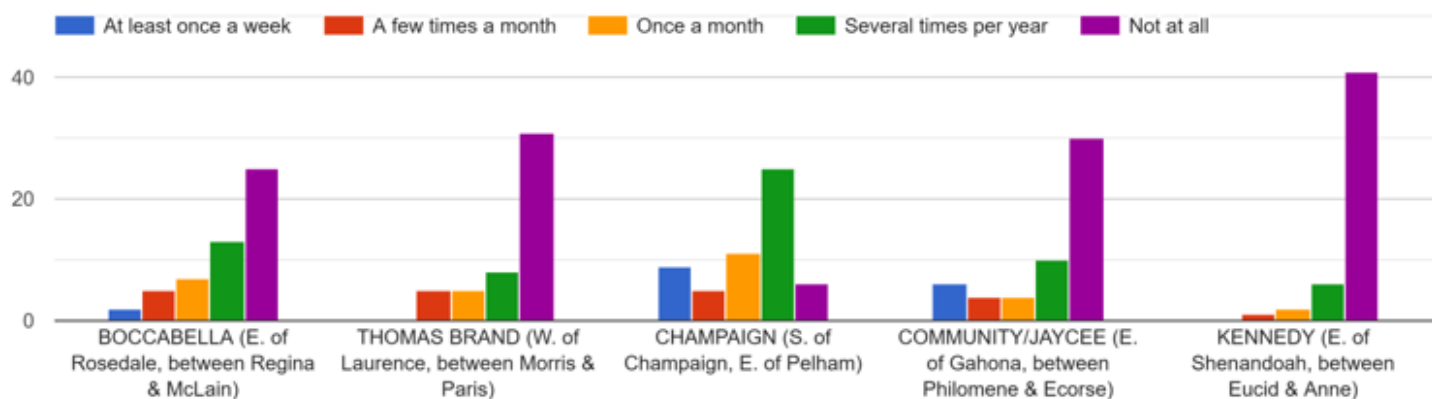
We need a pool at the fitness center

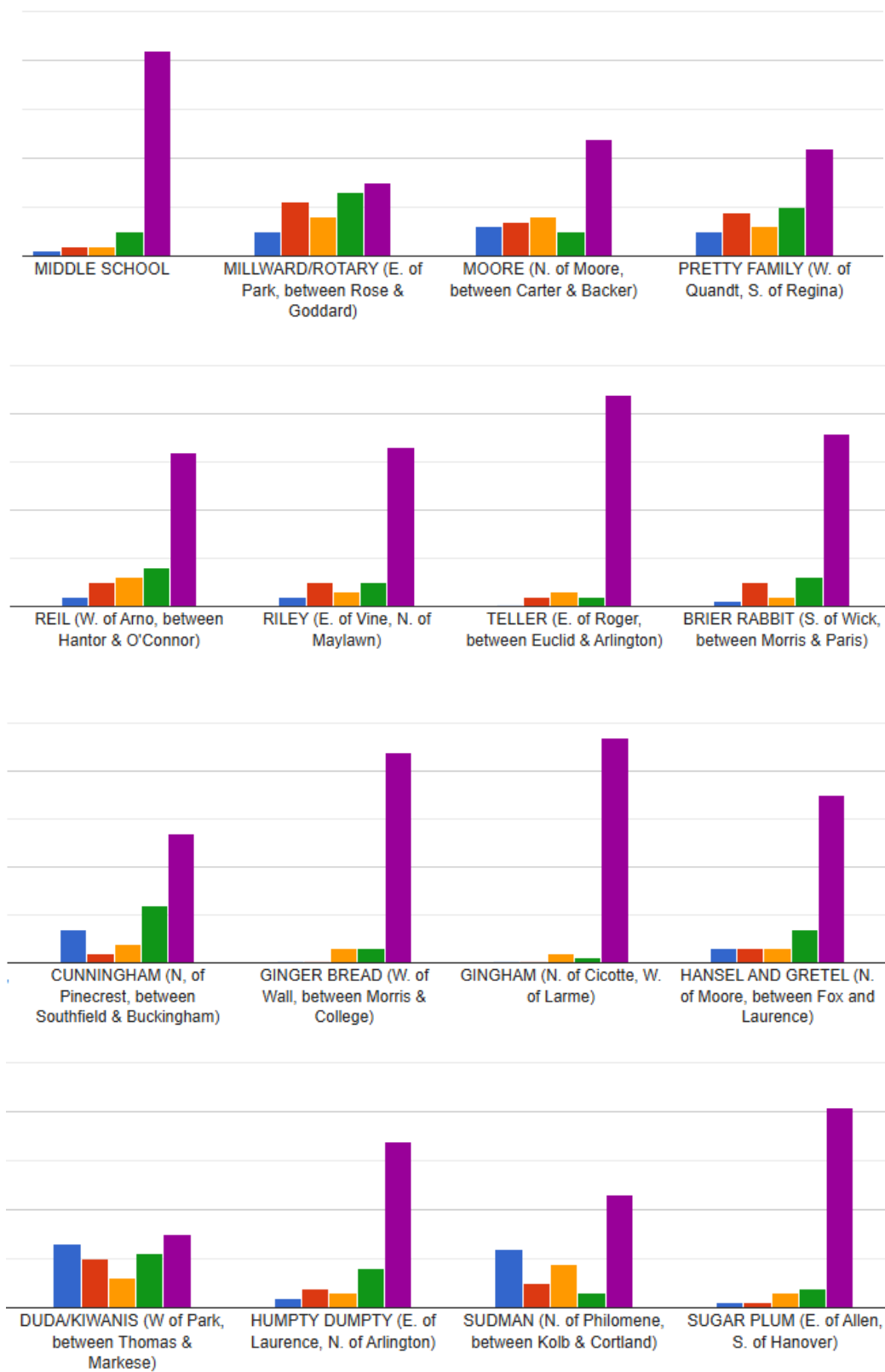
We'd love a pool and natural areas!

Millwork park basketball court is terrible

Not enough seating for parents, picnic areas

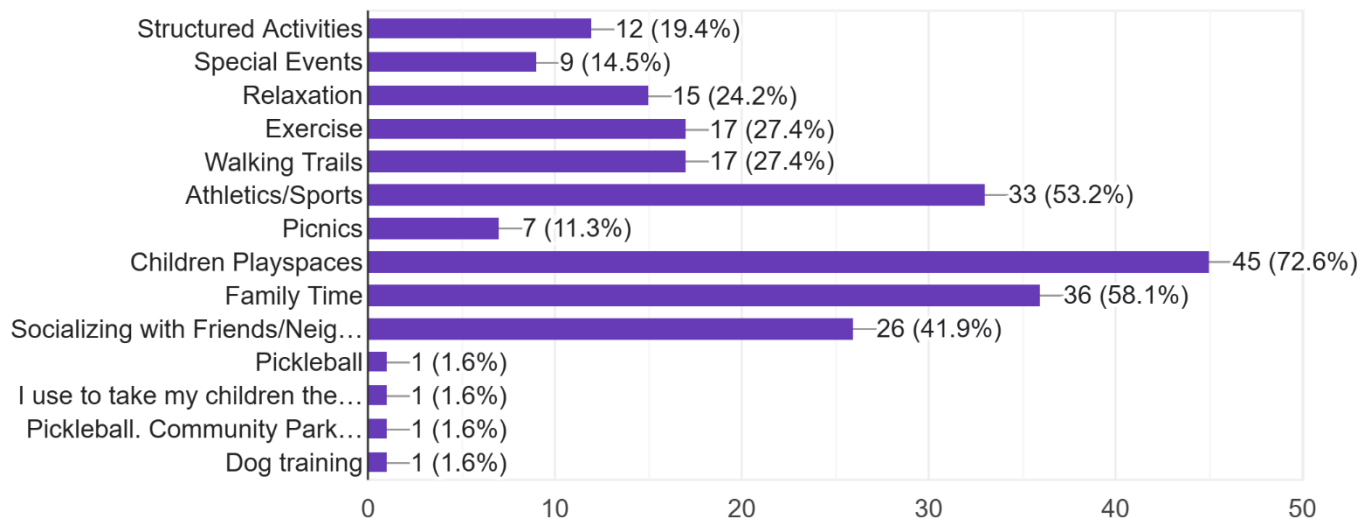
Question 8: How often have you or a member of your household visited a park located in the City of Allen Park? 33 responses





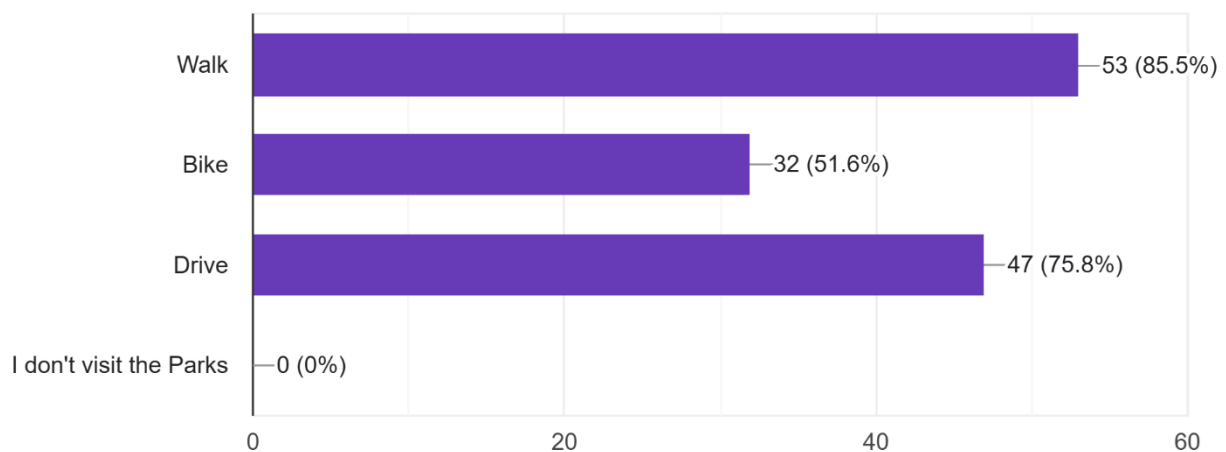
Question 9: Why do you visit our parks?

62 responses

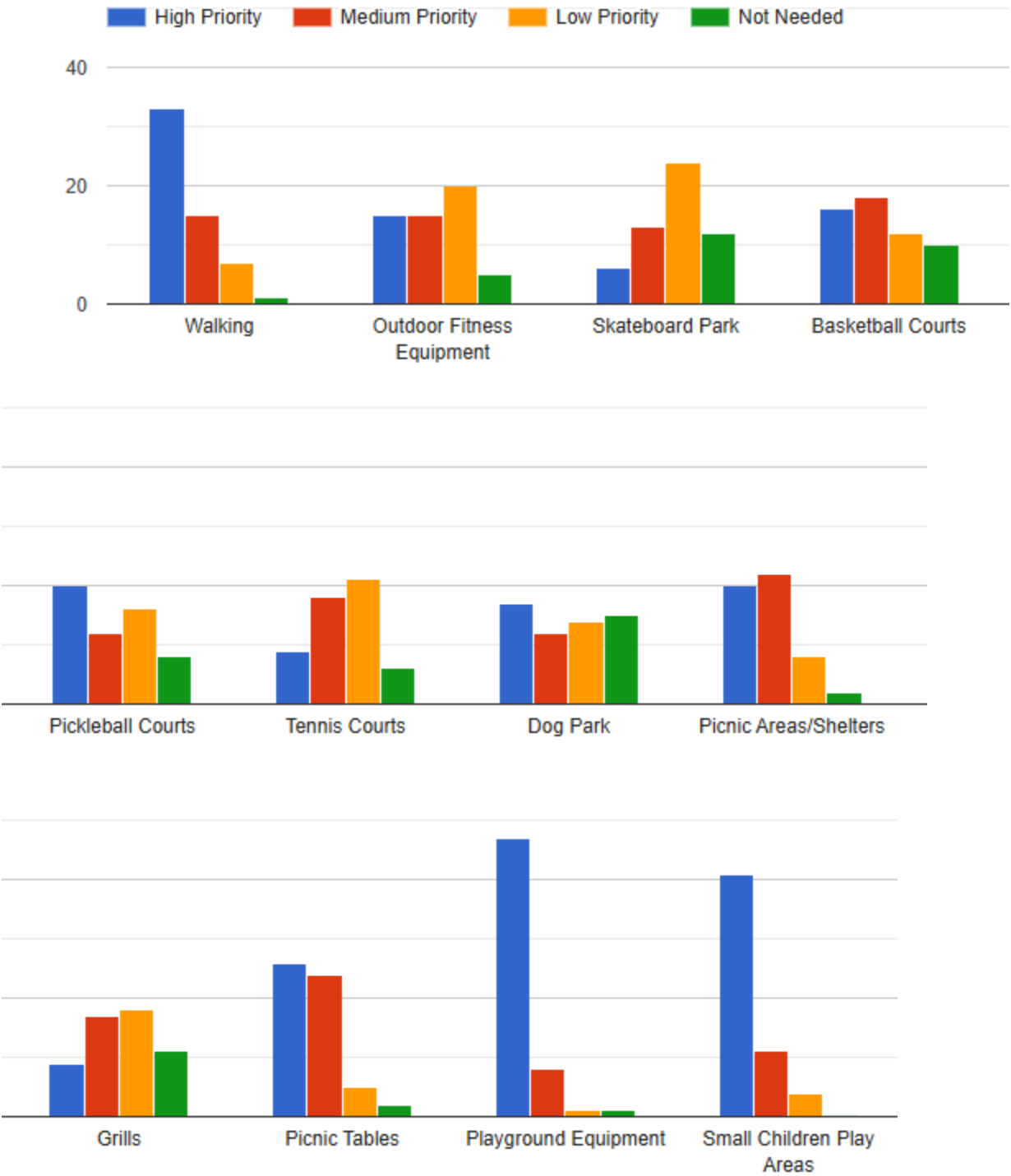


Question 10: How do you get to our Parks?

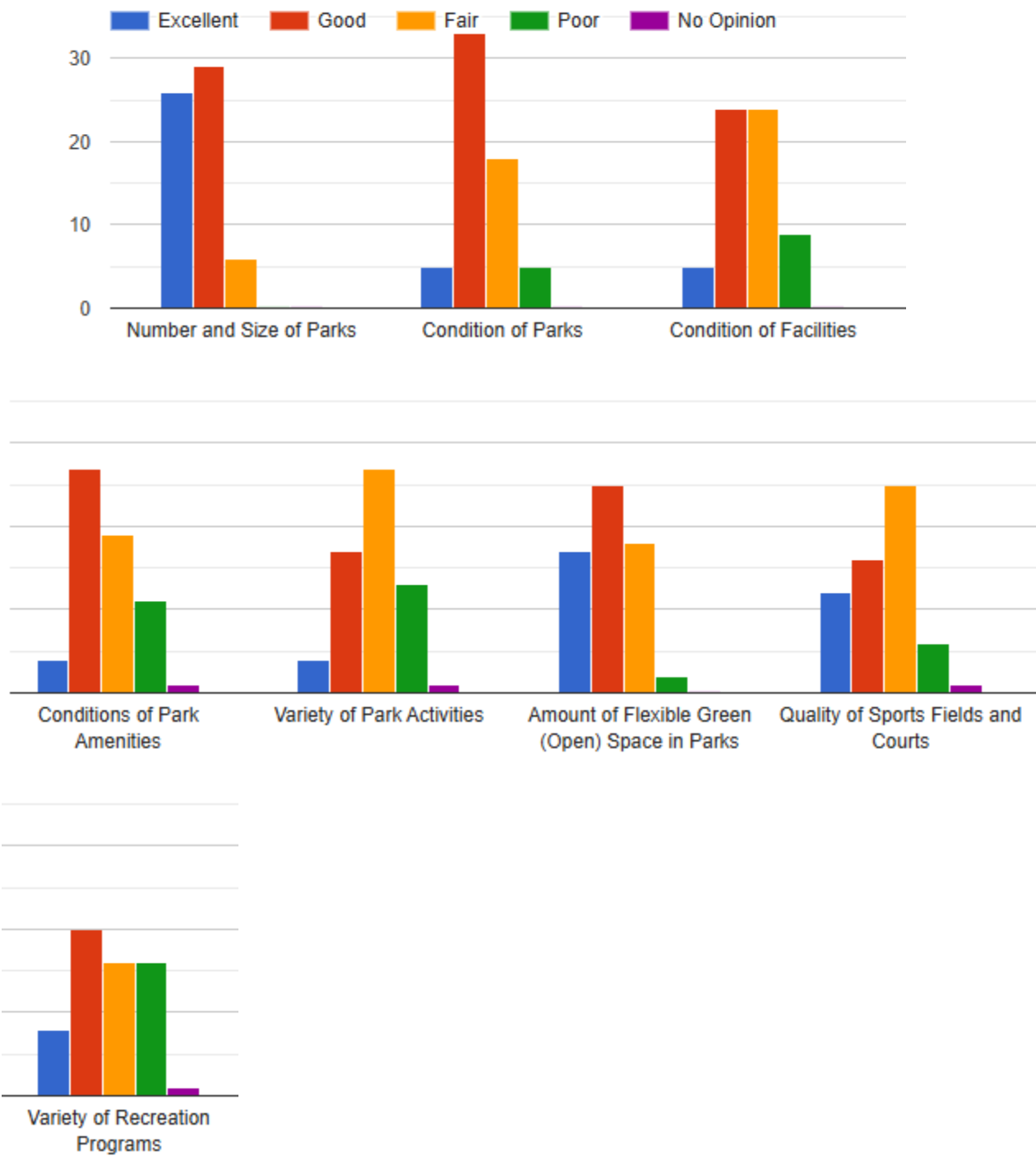
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Question 11: What amenities would you like to see added to our Parks?

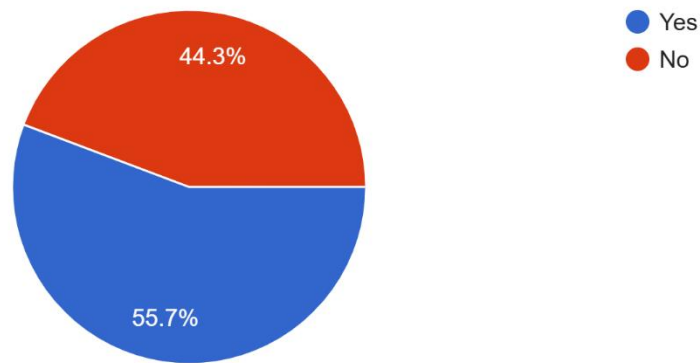


Question 12: How would you rate the following?



Question 13: Do you use our Community Center?

61 responses



Question 13A: If NO, why? 25 responses

I go to a bigger gym

No program that interest me

There are not activities that would bring us there. Have specialized kids events..check out other community centers and see what they offer.

Don't know much about it

Unsure of availability of basketball court

There are not enough programs for my kids ages.

Would like to use gym but either busy or too much money

We've been there on occasion for birthday parties. I don't really know what there is to do there besides ice skating.

No programs interested In

Not sure

Cost for what is offered. Dearborn offers way more for compatible cost.

Gym pricing and area did not fit my needs.

Too expensive and no pool recreation is offered

Have not needed to yet

Not enough programs for young adults or families there.

No time

There isn't enough there.... Very few activities

We have our own work out equipment so we do not need to go for that. We have gone to and have done activities that the activity center has offered.

No interest in community center

fitness center too expensive and you removed the softball/baseball hitting cage

I just don't make it there

Too far

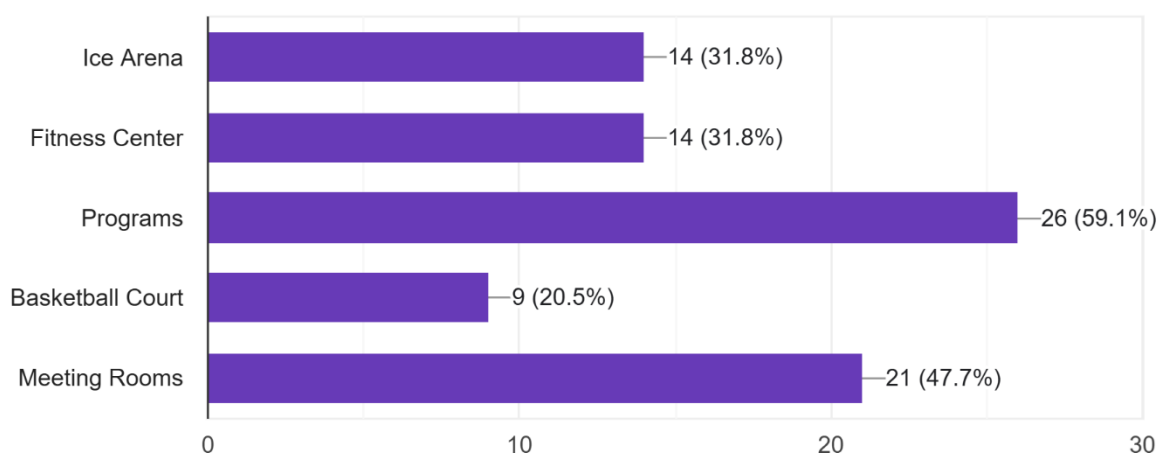
sidewalk path is littered with glass and other trash.

Haven't had the opportunity to yet (just moved here last year)

Not enough activity options for young adults

Question 14: When visiting the Allen Park Community Center, what activities do you participate in?

44 responses



Question 15: Besides a Fitness Center, Ice Rink, Meeting Rooms, what other amenities would you like to see at our Community Center?

30 responses

Pool

Outgoing, friendly staff. Talking through glass or to someone on the run is off putting

Indoor play area

Another rink or pool

More senior based activities

I kind of talked about this, but add more activities for kids that are not just sports. Fun dances, or special events, crafting for young kids based on holidays, little things that.

A second floor where the gym and workout area could be and a second sheet of ice where the gym is. Big answer I know!

Exercise classes

Batting cages with automated pitching.

None

Movies.

Indoor turf

More evening programs for families

Splash pad

Pool, larger track? More exercise equipment

Pool, bigger track

Sauna, enhanced fitness area

A pool, some rock climbing equipment, indoor play area

Ability to swim at a pool. Ice time would be nice to since open skate is difficult to get to.

Pool, open gym times where you just get to go and play basketball no need to have it rented or be on a team.

Children events

Wallyball courts, pool, better fitness center

More sports programs or sport clinics for kids. More advanced workout programs for adults.

N/A

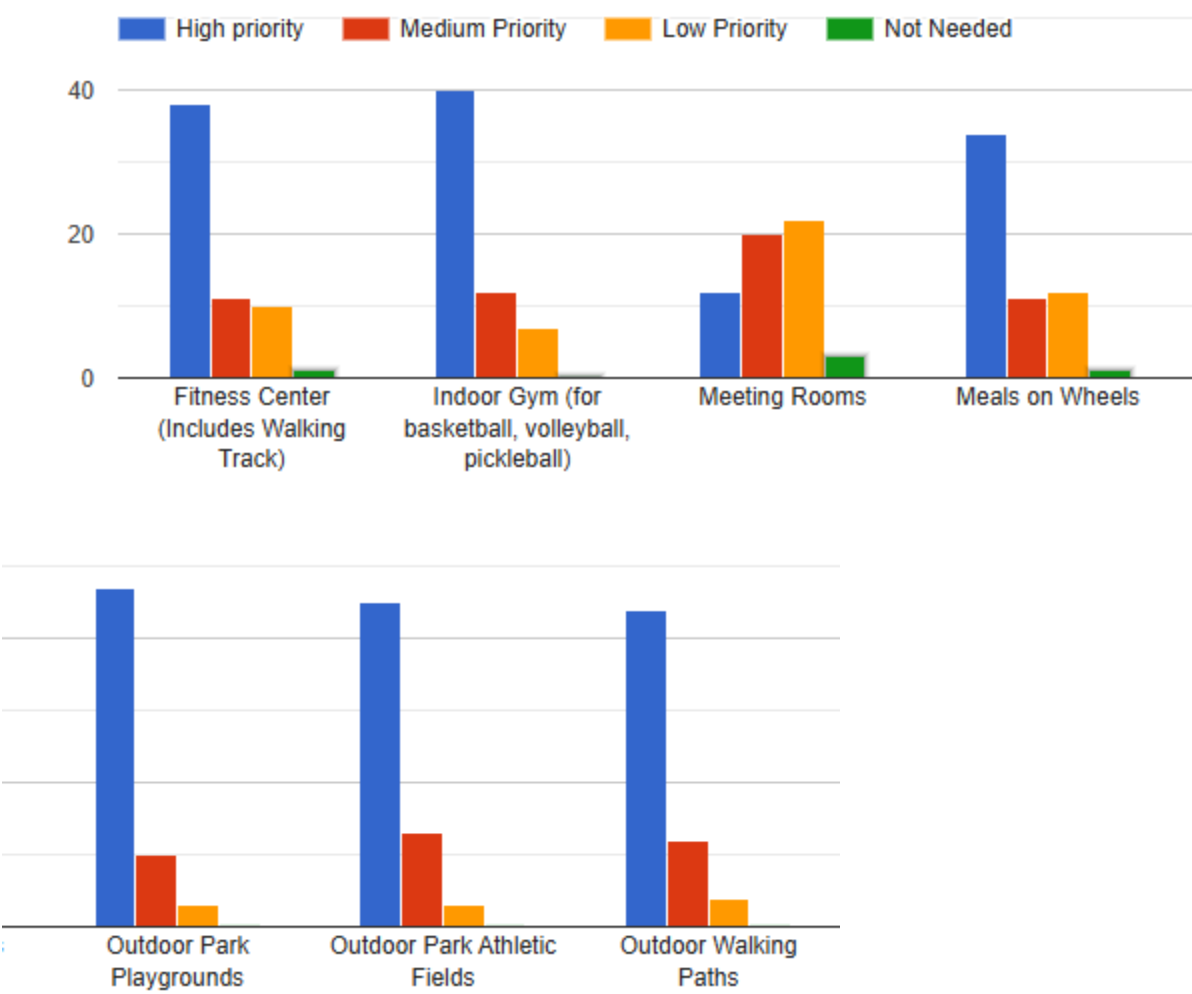
a pool to swim laps would be awesome.

Elementary volleyball

A pool!

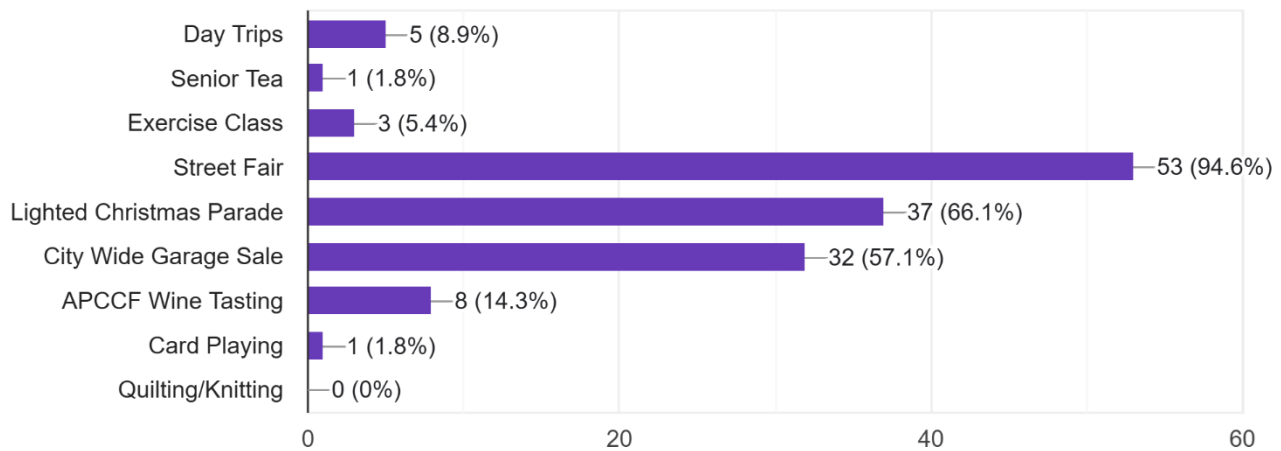
Workshop opportunities/classes

Question 16: Please indicate which of the following recreation facilities are important to you for Allen Park to plan for and maintain?



Question 17: What events have you attended in the last 12 months?

56 responses



Question 18: What Special Events would you like to see happen in Allen Park?

20 responses

Computer classes for Seniors

more summer programs for children

Fireworks for Independence Day

A better farmers market that would take place on the weekend

More events for families and kids that are not just geared towards the younger children.

More summer programs for kids

Block party, kids play groups,

Road Rally. Puzzle Races. We had an ice cream eating contest one time maybe 10 years ago at the historic house. That was a lot of fun and a big turn out.

Organized family events

more events for all ages; get the license to carry alcohol walking downtown; more events monthly like Wyandotte

Pie eating contest. Wheelie contest.

Unsure

A downtown district similar to Wyandotte.

More parades/ family enjoyment events / events for kids

Children events

More things for kids

More things like adult beverage tasting, food tasting. Food truck rallies. More classes like cooking classes, quilting or knitting classes.

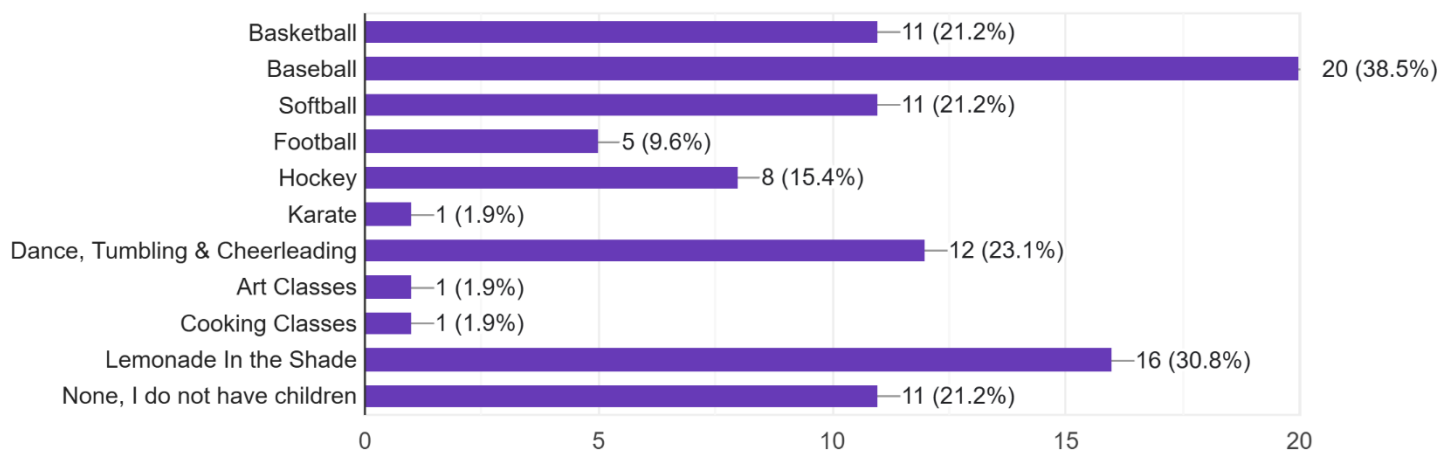
Octoberfest

Maybe more extra holiday events like wyandotte crawls

Markets and fairs

Question 19: What youth programs have your children participated in during the last 12 months?

52 responses



Question 20: What other children's programs would you like to see offered?

25 responses

yoga for children, craft classes

Figure skating

Art classes, cooking classes, mixed sports for toddlers/younger kids. Things that the YMCA offer..

Drawing or painting in the winter months.

Summer programs, rec sports, weekly crafts

Soccer

A skate park and/or bike park.

Swimming Classes. Whiffle Ball

Music

Basketball for 3/4 year olds

Evening concerts... The concert at the parks is always during nap time. Same with the children's programs at the library. They are always in the middle of the day during naps. They need to be first thing in the morning.

Ice skating lessons... not hockey specific, music/instrument lessons

More basketball options. Biking.

Soccer, swim lessons

Robotics

Tot

More cooking classes

Karate, volleyball, swim lessons,

Programs geared towards young children / toddlers / those not in kindergarten yet.

Ninja classes, flag football

Archery classes. Gardening classes. Building workshops like they do at Home Depot.

Basketball for younger than 3rd grade.

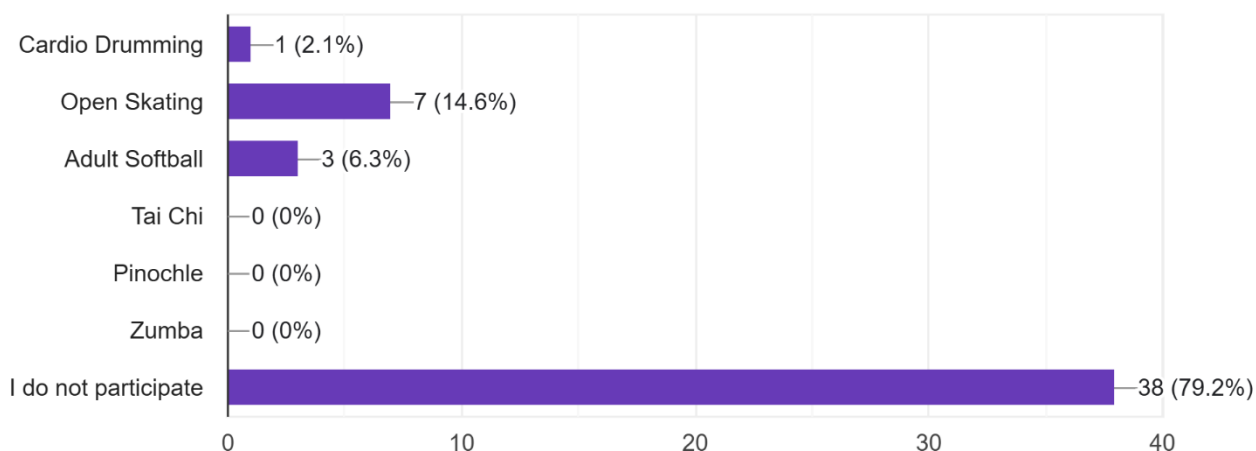
N/A

Volleyball, lacrosse

More hands-on nature activity

Question 21: What Adult programs have you participated in during the last 12 months?

48 responses



Question 22: What other Adult programs would you like to see offered?

16 responses

Bingo

Jazzercise

Yoga

Pilates, yoga, boot camp

Basketball

Better sticks and pucks times

Walking Club. Kick Boxing.

Adult kickboxing

Painting and crafts

Softball League

More fitness classes

Not sure

Baking or cooking classes, more exercise classes that are a little more challenging. Sewing/ crochet classes. Card games are great! I didn't even know those were offered.

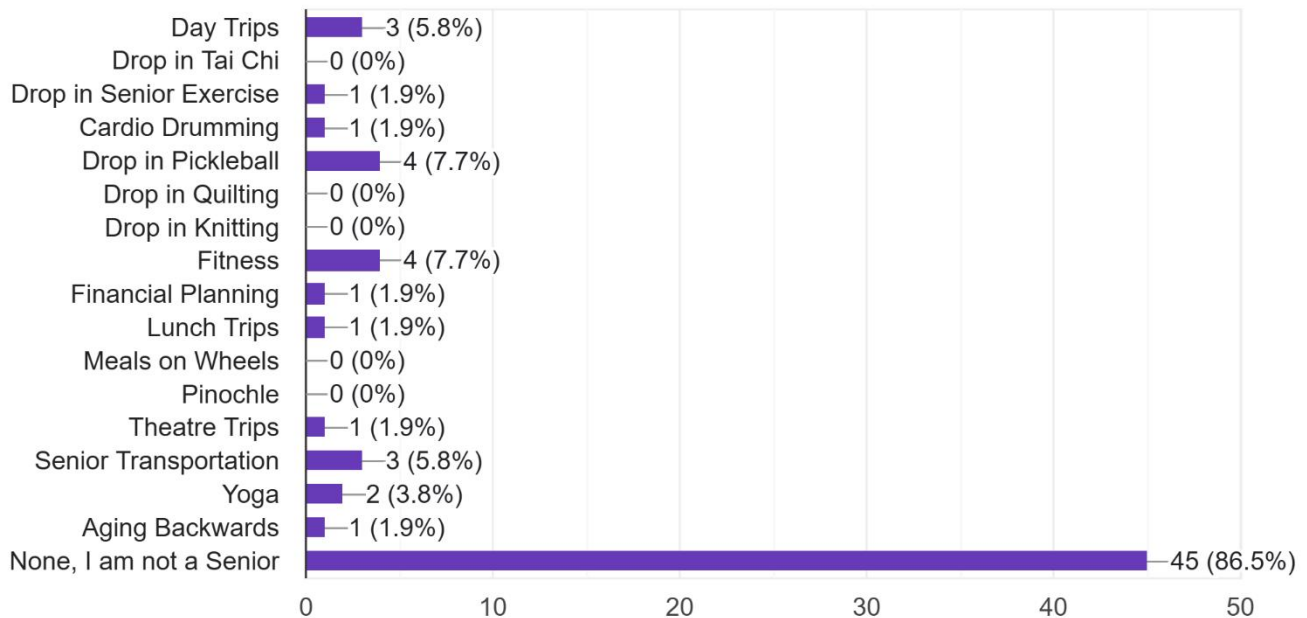
Disc golf

N/A

creative workshops/classes

Question 23: What senior programs (age 55+) have you participated in during the last 12 months?

52 responses



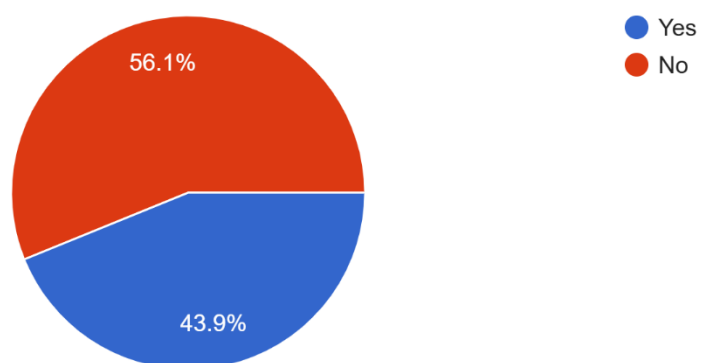
Question 24: What other Senior programs would you like to see offered?

2 responses

Euchre tournaments

N/A

Question 25: Did you know there is a SMART bus transportation service that will transport Seniors (age 50+) for medical appointments, shopping, ban...nd activities at the Allen Park Community Center?
57 responses



Question 26: The Recreation Department offers a mobile recreation program that brings equipment and crafts to neighborhood parks. What additional equipment or program ideas would you like to see added to the mobile recreation program?

17 responses

More children musical concerts

More structured, "pick up" style games and sports

None

I think it's a great program the way it is .

I think it would be a great kick off to have the Exotic Zoo hold the first rec program of the summer, pass out flyers with future dates and get the community engaged at that first mobile rec program so the rest were well attended.

Teach skills and drills of various sports in the summertime

Soccer nets; sidewalk chalk

More organized activities and workers that play with the kids

Have it more structured and more staff. More of a camp like option. For a fee have kids attend for 2 to 4 hours and parents can leave them

Unsure

More organized games. Different activities

I think this is a great program, I think it suffers more from lack of people coming to participate.

Loved the weekly crafts in the parks when it was happening

More bathrooms and shelters at parks

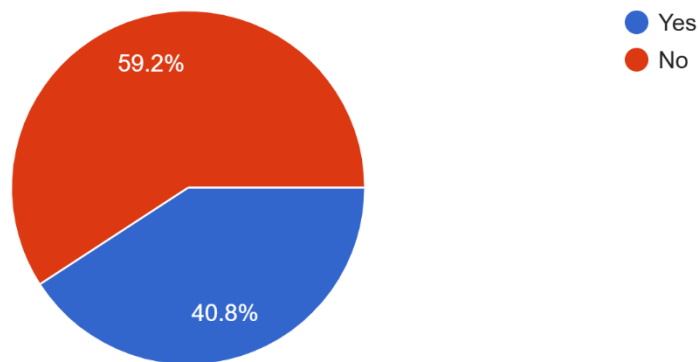
N/A.

Pokemon themed, things in the early evening for working families

Was not aware of this, my kids love crafts

Question 26A: Have you allowed the children in your family to participate in the mobile recreation program?

49 responses



Question 26B: If No, why?

23 responses

My children are grown

Ni children

no children

Didn't have time

The days did not work out

My children are in there teens. Is there a teen part of the mobile rec program?

No idea what that is

Seemed boring

Was unaware of program

I did not know about it

Didn't know they had any

We were busy on days/times it was happening

I didn't even know about it

when these things have taken place we have no been home due to them only happening on certain days. Or we do not have the knowledge that they are happening.

Didn't know of any

Unaware of the program

No children

Times are during the day when we are at work.

No knowledge of the program.

No Children

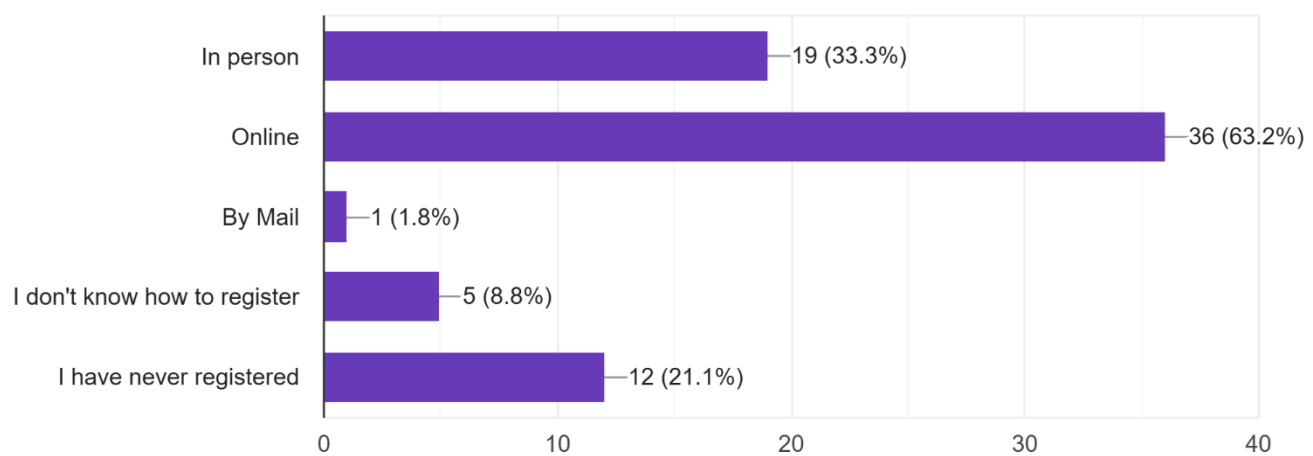
Did not know about it

Didn't know about it!

Not aware

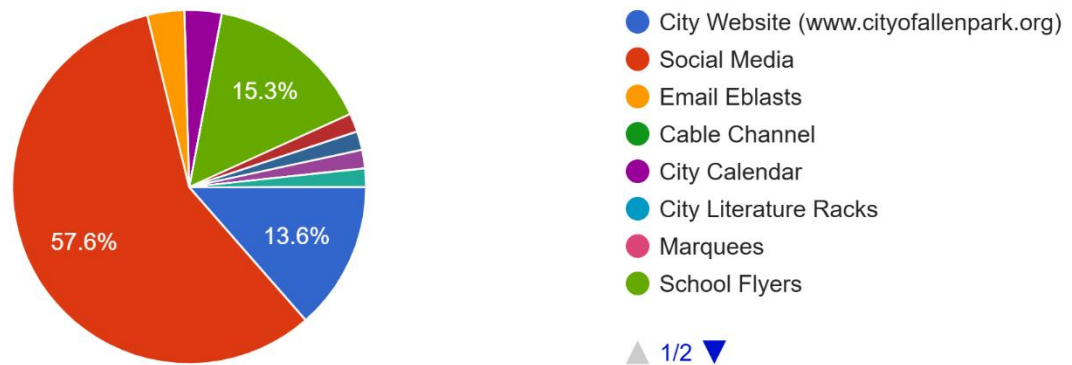
Question 27: How do you register for programs with Allen Park Recreation?

57 responses



Question 28: What's the best way to inform you of our events, programs, and services?

59 responses



Question 29: Do you have any other suggestions or comments about Parks and Recreation in the City of Allen Park?

25 responses

A space for a splash pad would be wonderful in the summer

Keep up the great job

I think they're GREAT!!!

The social media is lacking big time. It's the best and easiest way to communicate with residents. Really, there should be no reason that the city is not utilizing it .also, the flyer look like they are from the early 2000's. There should be postings at least every other day and more programs should be offered. Get more committees that residents can join to help facilitate more changes. Pathways, parks, kids programming, special events. It takes a lot to make this stuff happen and I'm sure there are many residents that would participate if you offered. Also, I know this isn't parks and rec, but speaking of pathways, we really need to repaint the lines on park avenue. Install pedestrian crossing signs for the cars the are constantly down park, having cars yield to pedestrians. Sometimes it's so hard to cross and not safe. Allen park has so much potential and we are not excelling! We can do it together as a community with the local leaders,.someone has to make it happen at the top first.

I would love to see an electronic sign on Roosevelt with all of the programs and events owned by the community center. I'm not sure why the library has one over the community center, which is in a much busier area and has many more programs to advertise. I also would like to see seating areas at the baseball fields improved.

Milward park has potential but the basketball courts are in shambles. Soccer goals would be great with nets attached. Invest in accessible playscape equipment that could become a destination park (Ex: new development at Crowley Park in Dearborn). Cunningham Park is long due for an upgrade. Consider building a splash pad.

Stop putting Port a potties in the parks.

Dog park needed

My kids have loved growing up here. I do feel like as they are teens now, there are less options for them. Same thing with adults. There is a big focus on young kids and seniors.

I would love to see a splash pad somewhere in the city. Also, the old baby swings are dangerous in some parks and need to be replaced. My baby fell right through one because of the old chain.

I like the addition of Pickleball courts. It would be nice to have an updated playground at Gahona Park for the kids to play at while the adults play pickleball. Champaign Park should be the premier park in the city, but it isn't very nice. The nicest park is Millard... Nice playground, track, and pavilion. We definitely need a Splash Pad somewhere.

Splash pad! Pool!

Need to reamp the website. It is outdated.

I think soccer nets in some bigger parks. The wiffle ball field was amazing and got used a ton this summer so keeps that up

Utilizing the lot between Hanover and Horger (unsure who owns this land)

Cunningham could have an awesome walking track around it. The residents of that neighborhood would really utilize it.

Cunningham Park seems severely neglected compared to the other large parks within the city, it would greatly benefit from a walking track around it. Recent paint and woodchips have made the play ground look much better but it's still lacking overall for as large as the park is.

Would love to see a pool even a small one somewhere in the city not related to school so it can be used during the school times. And a fenced in dog park- also even if it's small it's better than nothing and would be great for the dogs in the city.

Updating and fixing the basketball courts at Millard park is an huge must!! Also cleaning up the concrete and removing the wooden poles on the ground. A lot of kids play there at that park and at the baseball field and can get hurt easily. Updating or adding to Moore park. Lots of kids and students from Lindemann use that park and would love to see more playground equipment or updated equipment. Updating Champaign park with better playground equipment especially by the baseball fields so little ones have a fun place to play. Maybe even a small track would be amazing for the kids. I notice a lot of residents have dogs in Allen park, a nice dog park would be amazing to have in the community! Or even adding a large track somewhere in the community for people to walk at. Having a splash pad for the kids would also be amazing to have in Allen park!! Lots of space near Riley, Champaign park or even by the Bethesda church for a splash pad, walking track or dog park! My family and I are new to Allen park and moved here because of the amazing schools and sporting programs! We love the community and have noticed a lot of residents were born and raised here which is so amazing! So all these upgrades and adding things would really add so much more for the residents to truly enjoy!

Update playgrounds

fix the tennis courts at millard park

Update the parks with the super old equipment like Moore park

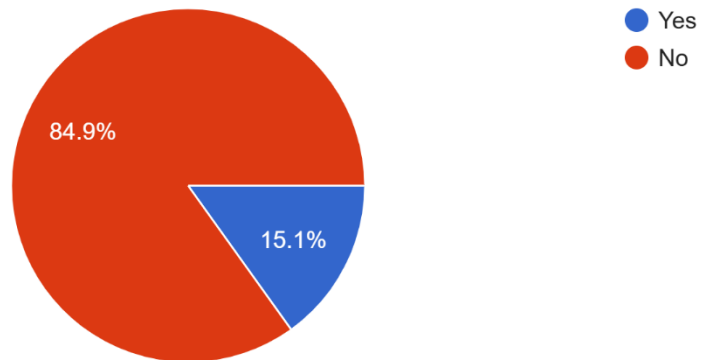
I think that having some biking and running areas would be great.

Keep improving the parks, doing great the last few years

Repair Millward parks' basketball court!

Question 30: Would you like to be contacted in order to discuss your opinions further?

53 responses



TOP 5 ANSWERS FROM THE OPEN RESPONSE QUESTIONS IN THE SURVEY

Question 7- If our existing facilities and recreation programs don't meet your needs, why or why don't they?

33 responses

1. Parks and Community Center are not maintained/ play equipment needs updating 15/33
2. Would like a splash pad/ community pool 8/33
3. Need more programs for children 7/33

Question 9A- Why don't you use the Community Center?

25 responses

1. Fitness center needs updating or is too expensive 6/25
2. Not enough programs for specific age groups 5/25
3. There is nothing there of interest to me 4/25
4. There isn't enough advertising/ communicating of all the programs and classes offered 2/25
5. Don't have enough time to 2/25

Question 15- Besides a Fitness Center, Ice Rink and Meeting Rooms, what other amenities would you like to see at our Community Center?

30 responses

1. More programs (i.e. classes, open gym, open skate...) 11/30
2. Pool 9/30
3. Updated fitness center 6/30
4. More indoor equipment (i.e. play area, courts, rock climbing...) 5/30
5. Another rink 2/30

Question 18- What Special Events would you like to see happen in Allen Park?

20 responses

1. More children's programs (i.e. play groups, summer programs) 7/20
2. Organized events for all ages (i.e. contest, food and beverage related...) 7/20
3. Holiday events/parades 4/20
4. (Farmers) markets 2/20

Question 20- What other children's programs would you like to see offered?

25 responses

1. Classes/lessons classes (i.e. art, cooking, swim, skating...) 11/25
2. Sports (i.e. Basketball, volleyball, soccer...) 10/25

3. Music 2/25

Question 22- What other adult programs would you like to see offered?

16 responses

1. More fitness classes (i.e. kickboxing, jazzercise, yoga, Pilates) 7/16
2. Creative workshops (i.e. crafts, painting, sewing, crochet) 3/16
3. Organized sports (i.e. basketball, softball) 3/16

Question 24- What other senior programs would you like to see offered?

2 responses

1. Euchre tournaments 1/2

Question 26- The Recreation Department offers a mobile recreation program that brings equipment and crafts to neighborhood parks. What additional equipment or program ideas would you like to see added to the mobile recreation program?

17 responses

1. Make it more structured (i.e. games, sports drills, a camp-like structure) 5/17
2. - More concerts 1/17
 - More equipment 1/17
 - Partnerships 1/17
 - Themed events 1/17

Question 26A- Why haven't you allow the children in your family participate?

23 responses

1. Didn't know about it 11/23
2. No children 6/23
3. Times/days didn't work 5/23

Question 29- Do you have any other suggestions or comments about Parks and Recreation in the City of Allen Park?

25 responses

1. Clean/ maintain parks and update equipment 11/25
2. Splash pad 6/25
3. Dog park 2/25
4. Improve on communicating of programs running in the Community Center 2/25

V. DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

Results of the Public Input are listed in the above Survey Results. Following an initial draft of the plan, the plan will be available for review by the public with an opportunity for additional input. Following this a Public Hearing will be established for additional input.

VI. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The assessment of recreation needs and priorities combined with existing recreational opportunities contributes to the formulation of community goals and objectives for the provision of recreation. Goals and objectives represent the purposes for a community's role in providing recreation to its residents as well as outline the direction that the community's efforts should take in the long term. Goals are the general targets for which a community aims for while objectives are the specific steps that can be taken toward that goal. A recreation plan identifies those actions that can be undertaken to implement the objectives and fulfill the community's goals.

The goals and objectives for the City of Allen Park in meeting the recreation needs of residents are outlined below.

Goal 1:

To enhance the quality of life in the City by providing appropriate recreational facilities responsive to the needs of residents, the City will:

Objectives

- Provide recreation activities and service that will encourage participation by all residents.
- Improve existing recreation facilities to more effectively fulfill the needs of area residents and to encourage regular use of these facilities.
- Develop certain recreational facilities as identified at public meetings, and establish priorities for their development.

Goal 2:

To provide high quality recreational facilities that efficiently utilizes available resources.

Objectives

- Utilize design, construction, and maintenance practices that maximize the benefits provided for the resources expended.
- Due to recreation facility limitations, prepare an analysis of each park to maximize space and activity relationships.

- Whenever feasible, take advantage of other resources for the development and maintenance of recreational facilities, such as non-local funding sources.

Goal 3:

To promote the coordination and cooperation of other public agencies, private enterprise, citizen groups, and other interested organizations in the improvement of recreational opportunities for City residents.

Objectives

- Encourage the participation of volunteers in the development of recreational facilities and parks.
- Utilize public and private sector cooperation in the promotion of recreation and the improvement of recreational opportunities.
- Coordinate recreational projects with the school system.
- Encourage the linkage of neighborhoods through the development of passive parks within the community.

Goal 4:

To maintain efficiency while accomplishing our goals, being cognizant of budgets and grant opportunities.

Objectives

- Monitor on a monthly basis, expenditures and planned expenditures.
- Being aware of long-term trends while being aware of alternatives that will help reach our goals.

Goal 5:

To continually improve the opportunities for recreation in the City by reassessing community recreation needs, trends, and characteristics.

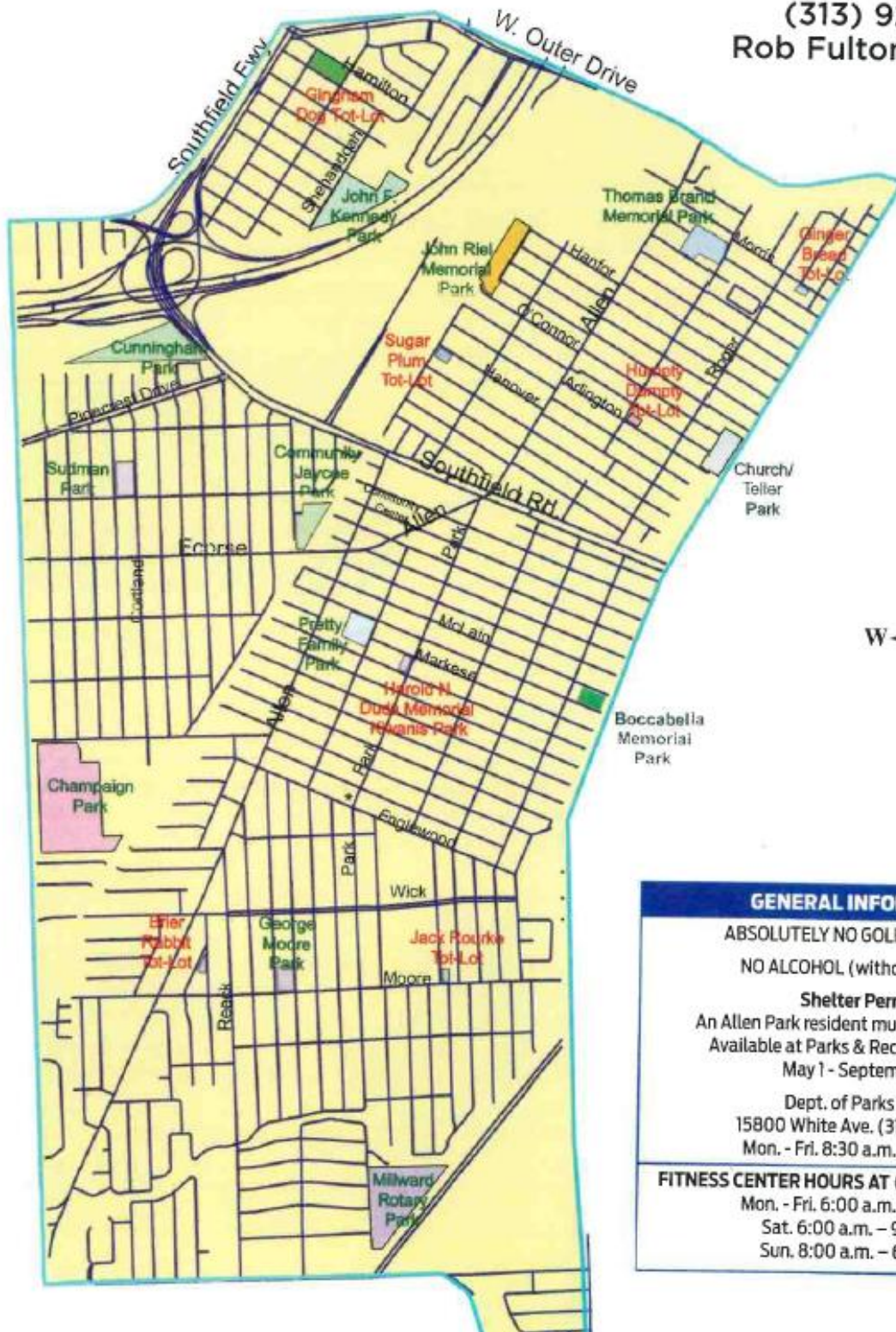
Objectives

- Periodically update this recreation plan.
- Monitor the effectiveness of the City's efforts in fulfilling identified goals and objectives.

In order to accomplish these goals, an assessment of existing facilities, and necessary repairs and improvements was developed for a long-term capital improvement plan. The following plan was presented to the City Administration and approved with some modifications.

Allen Park Parks and Recreation PARKS AND AMENITIES

(313) 928-0771
Rob Fulton - Director



GENERAL INFORMATION

ABSOLUTELY NO GOLF OR VEHICLES

NO ALCOHOL (without a permit)

Shelter Permits:

An Allen Park resident must apply in person.

Available at Parks & Rec. for a fee of \$50

May 1 - September 30

Dept. of Parks & Rec.

15800 White Ave. (313) 928-0771

Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

FITNESS CENTER HOURS AT COMMUNITY CENTER

Mon. - Fri. 6:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Sat. 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sun. 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

5 year Capital Plan							
Department	Description	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	Funding
Police	MDT replacement/OSS Software upgrade	10,000	10,000	5,000	2,500	30,000	General Fund
	Police car replacement	165,000	165,000	170,000	175,000	200,000	budget if no forfeiture funds avail
	Upgrade of equipment License Reader	10,000	10,000	20,000	5,000	10,000	budget if no forfeiture funds avail
	Upgrade of technology - Guardian Tracker	40,000	25,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	budget if no forfeiture funds avail
Fire	Fire Station Improvements	170,000	125,000	55,000			General Fund
	Ambulance						General Fund
	Fire Engine /Pumper				1,400,000		?
	Power Stretcher/Loader		70,000	70,000			General Fund
	Firefighting Equipment	22,500	125,000			100,000	General Fund
							General Fund
	Ball Field Repairs	50,000	45,000		50,000		General Fund
	Dump Truck			100,000			General Fund
Community Center	Fitness Center-workout equipment	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	General Fund
	Zamboni	105,000					General Fund
	HVAC				115,000		General Fund
	Tree Truck					300,000	General Fund
Department of Public Works	Small Dump Truck			65,000			General Fund
	Large Dump Truck	224,000					General Fund
	Chipper	55,000					General Fund
	Mowers (2)		30,000				General Fund
Rubbish	Gas Tank Removal	30,000					General Fund
	Leaf Vacuum	138,000					Millage Rates
	Vehicles/Computers/Data convert/Softw	15,000	15,000			25,000	Building Department
Water & Sewer							
	Water Main-Replacement		927,000	945,000	1,000,000	1,100,000	User Rates
	Lead Service Replacement	900,000	100,000	100,000	150,000	150,000	User Rates
	Small Dump Truck		75,000				User Rates
Sewer	Gas Tank Removal	30,000					User Rates
	Supervisor Truck					50,000	User Rates
	Ford Explorer	50,000					User Rates
	Sewer Vactor	155,000	155,000	155,000	155,000		User Rates/payment plan
Basin	Sewer Lining	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	350,000	User Rates
	F 250 pickup replacement	80,000		80,000			User Rates
	Basin	100,000		300,000		400,000	User Rates
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		887,500	611,000	496,000	1,758,500	651,000	
TOTAL WATER & SEWER		1,615,000	1,557,000	1,880,000	1,605,000	2,050,000	
TOTAL LIBRARY		-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL BUILDING		15,000	15,000	-	-	25,000	
GRAND TOTAL FOR CAPITAL		2,517,500	2,183,000	2,376,000	3,363,500	2,726,000	

VII. ACTION PROGRAM

A. COMMUNITY CENTER

Based on the 2010 Standards for Accessible Design, the Community Center is 100% Barrier Free and fully compliant with current standards.

There has been much improvement over the past five years in the maintenance, repairs and replacement of equipment that was due and overdue. Our intent is to continue to provide a safe, clean and fully compliant facility. The ice arena is now ADA compliant at the entrance as well as the bleachers; installed 2023.

A new roof with a 30-year warranty was installed in 2021 with the funds coming from a grant through the Ralph Wilson, Jr. Foundation. The grant was written by the Allen Park Citizens Civic Fund.

We also intend to follow advice from our survey and public input by utilizing the Community Center for additional programming and events. With more than 300,000 visitors last year, we expect programs and events will increase our attendance to a new level.

Our offerings to Senior Citizens has increased as well. We continue to house the Wayne County Meals-on-Wheels program.

B. Parks

The Community Parks of Champaign, Millward, Kennedy have all had new playground equipment installed within the last five years and are all barrier free and ADA compliant. Cunningham Park had older playground equipment that was completely stripped of its paint and repainted (2024). A new ADA walkway was installed to the play area as well as the shelter. We are seeking grants and funding to replace existing equipment with an “Inclusive” playground at the remaining 4 parks that haven’t been updated.

The Neighborhood Parks of Boccabella, Church/Teller, Reil, Sudman and Pretty Parks had new playground equipment installed over the past seven years and are all barrier free ADA compliant. Brand, Community, Rourke and Moore Parks have older outdated play equipment and will be replaced as grants and funding allows.

The Tot Lot Duda was a project funded by the local Kiwanis Club. The new play equipment was installed 7 years ago and is an “Inclusive” park with poured in place rubber and wheelchair inclusion. Sugar Plum play equipment was replaced 8 years ago and is barrier free ADA compliant. Humpty Dumpty was completed three years ago and we installed 3 ½“ safety tiles as the safety surface. This will also be barrier free ADA compliant. The remaining Tot Lots include older equipment and will be replaced as funding allows.

C. Recreation

When the city went under the control of an Emergency Manager in 2012, the entire Parks and Recreation department was eliminated. Ten years ago the P&R Department began with one full time employee. After three years, an additional full time employee was added and another 6 months later. After more than two years without maintenance or repair of parks and facilities, the immediate priority was to clean up existing assets and make them safe. The current Allen Park Parks and Recreation Five Year Master Plan on file with the State DNR has every item completed that was submitted under the previous 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan that was approved. Only two items were not approved due to lack of funding.

As evident by the public input from our survey, we must focus our attention to communications and events for the community, utilizing all of our assets. A mobile recreation program/activity was implemented in the Summer of 2020. Concerts in the Park, Music for kids and activities have attracted visitors of the community as well as surrounding cities.

D. Summary

The Five-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan has been an important tool for our department. Presenting our plans and direction, listening to the community and planning a budget to reach our goals, has helped us reach those goals. We are reliant on local taxpayer General Fund revenues, grants, donations, gifts and volunteers for success. Allen Park is classified as an Urban Cluster Community. There is no waterway or trailway that flows through the city. This has made it difficult to obtain state DNR grants because we lack these priorities the DNR considers high priority. We continue to seek funding help outside of the DNR. Over the past five years, we have received approximately \$1,000,000 into our department of non-General Fund revenues. We will continue this process to provide the Allen Park Community the Parks and Recreation services they deserve.

Wayne County Parks Millage allocations will continue to be used to replace old and non-compliant playground equipment.

VIII. LOCAL ADOPTION OF MASTER PLAN

All local plans and documents submitted to the State of Michigan should have both public input and approval from the governing bodies. This is a requirement of the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources and also solidifies the direction of the Parks and Recreation for the next five years, and for many years in the future.

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan will be presented to the Allen Park Parks and Recreation Commission on January 27, 2025. The Plan was also submitted to the city planner for review and input.

ALLEN PARK PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Bruce Antioch-Chairman (term expires 12/31/27)

Margaret Leskosky -Vice Chair (term expires 12/31/25)

Tina Righetti-Secretary (term expires 12/31/27)

Luke Brithinee (term expires 12/31/26)

Anne Zagunis (term expires 12/31/25)

Richard Lindow (term expires 12/31/27)

Janine Rossman (term expires 12/31/25)

Brad Cruts (term expires 12/31/26)

James Perry (term expires 12/31/26)

Parks and Recreation Director- Rob Fulton

Parks and Recreation Deputy Director- Kyle Kar

Facilities Manager- Evan Taylor

A public hearing was set by city council for Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. The Plan was made available at the Office of the City Clerk in the Allen Park City Hall, the Allen Park Community Center and the Allen Park Public Library for public inspection. It has also been posted on the City of Allen Park website and the Parks and Recreation website. At the Public hearing, the Parks and Recreation Director summarized the plan and questions were addressed. A copy of the public hearing notice and meeting minutes can be found in the appendix.

At the regular City Council meeting on January 28, 2025, Parks and Recreation requests approval of the 2025-2029 Master Plan.

ALLEN PARK CITY COUNCIL

Gail McLeod-Mayor

Nancy Knick-Mayor Pro Tem

Matthew E. Valerius-Council

Dennis Marcos - Council

Michael I. Mizzi-Clerk

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Gary Schlack- Council

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Tim Estheimer-Treasurer



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FIVE YEAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

As part of our 2025-2029 5-year Master Plan for Parks and Recreation, we are submitting a list of accomplishments and successes from the previous 5-year plan that expires December, 2024.

- Champaign Park parking lot, ball diamonds #2 and #3 completely regraded and top dressed. An additional walking track that connects the parking lot to the walking path behind the high school football field and the shelter at Diamond #3. Most of this was funded with a Wayne County Parks millage grant from fiscal 2022-23 and 2023-24. A fence was added to block the parking lot from the play area.
- New dugouts were installed at Diamonds 2 and 3 at Champaign Park.
- The ice rink bleachers were replaced; from wood to aluminum and storage was added under the bleachers.
- With the collaboration of Allen Park Public Schools and the Allen Park Athletic Club Pretty Family ball diamond was renovated. P and R added a fence to enclose the park
- Recreation hill and new play equipment at Kennedy Park.
- Renovated play equipment at Cunningham Park, new ADA compliant walkway to the shelter as well as new mulch and ADA access to park play area.
- Millward Park bathroom roof.
- Church-Teller, Community Park, Pretty Family Park and Boccabella Park ball diamonds have been completely graded and renovated; including regrading, remeasuring of all base lengths and mound lengths to proper playing distances.
- Added a pickleball court at Sudman Park.
- Community Park now has a two-court combination of pickleball and tennis courts.
- Riel Park now has, with the financial assistance from the AP DDA, four new pickleball courts as well as a new tennis court.
- We have added an ADA compliant walkway to the courts at Riel as well as a new cement slab under the shelter, with access from the walking track.
- The Community Center gymnasium, ice arena, locker rooms, bathrooms (4), multi-purpose rooms (7) and main lobby lights have all been converted to LED lights with partial reimbursement/rebates from DTE Energy.
- Flooring has been replaced in multi-purpose rooms D, E, F and G.

- The main recreation office has been completely renovated with carpet, paint, ceiling tiles and LED lighting.
- We have added new workout machines, including elliptical, rowing and treadmills, to the Fitness Center.
- Increased our recreation basketball program to more than 175 student-athletes.
- Our Learn-to-Skate program continues to thrive with more than 110 participants.
- Fill-the-rink dasher-board advertising was started and more than 35 local businesses support our goals by advertising in the arena.
- We have started replacing all aging park signs in the city parks.
- 15 of the 19 parks' equipment has been replaced leaving 4 parks that will stay on our radar to renovate/replace as money permits.
- Outdoor recreation programs for children include Lemonade-in-the-Shade (3 times per Summer, Mobile Recreation (7-week program), Children's concerts (3 per year).
- Concerts in the Park have been relocated to the Community Center parking lot (3 concerts per Summer).
- Offer a 4-week basketball program each November for children ages 3 to 8 called Drills and Skills for Littles
- Have increased our Senior Program offerings to include, but not limited to, casinos, theatres, museums, restaurants, parks, breakfasts with the Mayor and lunches ahead of the Super Bowl, and Tiger games. Several senior teas and Pinochle, yoga, stretching and agility classes.
- We hosted two Michigan High School Athletic hockey regional and quarterfinal playoff games.
- Continue to support and house the Wayne County Meals-on-Wheels project.
- Offer card playing, stretching programs, tai-chi, karate, dance, tumbling and cheerleading throughout the year.
- Our collaboration with the local clubs is strong with support and partnerships including: Allen Park High School
 - Allen Park Cabrini Schools
 - Allen Park Athletic Club
 - Allen Park Junior Football-Bulldogs
 - Allen Park Hockey Club
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