

MIAMISBURG PARKS AND RECREATION SURVEY
Preliminary Findings
July 1, 2005

1. How long have you lived in Miamisburg?
 - 2% Less than one year
 - 19% 1 to 5 years
 - 12% 6 to 10 years
 - 16% 11 to 20 years or
 - 51% Longer than 20 years?

2. How important do you consider Miamisburg's parks to the quality of life in the city? Would you say they are:
 - 68% Very important
 - 29% Somewhat important
 - 2% or not at all important
 - 1% DON'T KNOW

3. How important are Miamisburg's parks to your household's quality of life? Are they:
 - 34% Very important
 - 52% Somewhat important
 - 13% or not at all important?
 - 1% DON'T KNOW

Please tell me if you are very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with the following:

		Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Don't know
4.	Maintenance and cleanliness of the parks	57%	33%	3%	1%	6%
5.	Safety while using the parks during the day and evening hours	57%	31%	1%	2%	9%
6.	The parks contribution to the overall appearance of Miamisburg	69%	26%	2%	1%	2%
7.	Overall, how satisfied are you with Miamisburg's City Parks?	67%	29%	1%	1%	2%

8. Do you feel there are enough parks near your home to meet the needs of your household and the needs of your neighbors?
 - 85% YES
 - 13% NO
 - 2% DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE

I'm going to read a list of facilities. After each one, please tell me if you feel that the facilities currently available in Miamisburg meet the needs of the community, falls short of meeting those needs or exceeds what is needed.

ROTATE LIST		Meets the needs	Falls short	Exceeds	DON'T KNOW	Most important
9.	Walking or biking trails to provided more connections between neighborhoods, parks and businesses.	64%	26%	2%	7%	34%
10.	Space for creative and performing arts	47%	38%	2%	14%	19%
11.	An indoor pool	17%	68%	4%	11%	21%
12.	Gymnasiums for sports and special events	40%	48%	2%	11%	19%
13.	Exercise space	56%	32%	1%	11%	11%
14.	Child care areas	36%	21%	1%	42%	11%
15.	Space for youth ages 6 to 12 to gather after school	35%	31%	1%	33%	34%
16.	An indoor walking track	22%	61%	1%	16%	13%
17.	A dedicated youth football field	48%	33%	3%	17%	22%
	Don't know					8%

18. Which two of the facilities I just mentioned do you think are most important to the future of Miamisburg?
[MARK ONLY TWO IN LAST COLUMN ABOVE]

On another topic...

19. How important do you consider the programs and activities offered by the Miamisburg Parks and Recreation department to the quality of life in the city? Would you say they are:

62% Very important
35% Somewhat important
1% or not at all important?
2% DON'T KNOW

20. How important are the programs and activities to your household's quality of life? Are they:

30% Very important
50% Somewhat important
20% or not at all important?
1% DON'T KNOW

21. Overall, how satisfied is your household with the programs and activities offered by Miamisburg's Parks and Recreation department? Are you:

45% Very satisfied
48% Somewhat satisfied
3% Somewhat dissatisfied
1% or very dissatisfied
4% DON'T KNOW

22. Over the past 12 months have you or any member of your family participated in any Miamisburg Parks and Recreation programs?

48% YES
51% NO
1% DON'T KNOW

23. What is the main reason no member of your family has participated in any of the Parks and Rec. programs?

- 34% Scheduling conflicts /did not work into my schedule
- 41% Too old/infirm
- 16% Other reasons
- 9% Don't know/can't think of anything

I'm going to read a list of recreational programs. After each one, please tell me if you feel that the programs currently available in Miamisburg meet the needs of the community, falls short of meeting those needs or exceeds what is needed.

ROTATE LIST		Meets the needs	Falls short	Exceeds	DON'T KNOW	REFUSED	Most important
24.	Recreation services for senior citizens	62%	12%	3%	23%	0%	26%
25.	Programs for people with disabilities	18%	27%	1%	55%	0%	10%
26.	After school programs for children	28%	34%	1%	37%	0%	30%
27.	Teen programs for ages 13 to 18	27%	39%	1%	33%	0%	29%
28.	Adult sports programs	51%	23%	2%	24%	0%	3%
29.	Youth sports programs	70%	8%	8%	14%	0%	12%
30.	Youth fitness programs	41%	27%	1%	31%	0%	7%
31.	Environmental education programs for all ages	33%	35%	2%	29%	0%	5%
32.	Creative and performing arts programs for all ages	38%	41%	2%	19%	0%	10%
33.	Wellness and fitness programs for adults	60%	23%	2%	16%	0%	13%
34.	Aquatic programs for all ages	65%	17%	7%	11%	0%	7%
35.	Community special events	74%	15%	5%	6%	0%	6%
36.	Family programs where adults and children participate together	43%	30%	1%	26%	0%	31%
37.	Life skills programs	29%	27%	0%	43%	1%	8%

38. Which two of the programs I just mentioned do you think are most important to the future of Miamisburg?
[MARK ONLY TWO IN LAST COLUMN ABOVE]

39. An important part of the city's plan to strengthen downtown Miamisburg is the plan for the Downtown Riverfront Park. The park will create a place for people to gather downtown for shopping, dining, recreational activities and community events. How important is the Downtown Riverfront Park project to the future of the City of Miamisburg? Do you think it is:

- 40% Critical to the city's future
- 51% Important, but the city will do well without it
- 8% or not important at all
- 1% DON'T KNOW

40. How do you receive most of your information about the Parks and Recreation department and programs they offer? [MARK ALL THAT APPLY]
- 73% CITY NEWSLETTER – *CIVIC FOCUS* -- AND MAILINGS FROM THE CITY
 - 2% *THE CENTER POST* – LISTS SENIOR CITIZEN PROGRAMS
 - 3% *KNAPSACK/BACKPACK* – FLYERS DISTRIBUTED THROUGH THE SCHOOLS
 - 0% MARQUEES AT SYCAMORE TRAILS, IN LIBRARY PARK
 - 7% *DAYTON DAILY NEWS*
 - 20% *MIAMISBURG NEWS*
 - 3% NETWORK T.V. NEWS
 - 1% LOCAL RADIO
 - 9% WORD OF MOUTH: FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND STUDENTS
 - 3% CITY EMPLOYEES INCLUDING PARKS & REC. EMPLOYEES
 - 8% DIRECT MAIL FROM PARKS AND REC.
 - 0% INTERNET/WEB SITE
 - 1% CABLE TELEVISION/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNELS
 - 4% OTHER:
 - 2% RECEIVE NO INFORMATION
 - 1% REFUSED

I have just a few final questions to help classify this interview...

41. Do you, or any member of your household, belong to a fitness club, gym or recreation center?
- 38% YES
 - 62% NO
42. Into which of the following groups does your age fall?
- 2% 18 to 25
 - 11% 26 to 35
 - 17% 36 to 45
 - 22% 46 to 55
 - 20% 56 to 65
 - 16% 66 to 75
 - 12% Over 75
43. Are there any children under the age of 18, living in your household?
- 32% YES
 - 68% NO [SKIP TO END]
44. Are the children in your household: [MARK ALL THAT APPLY]
- 39% Preschool age
 - 40% Elementary schools age
 - 26% Middle School age
 - 40% or high school age
45. GENDER
- 47% MALE
 - 53% FEMALE