

## **Appendix A: Pioneer Park Survey Results and Summary**

**City of Nevada City  
Pioneer Park Survey**



The City of Nevada City is working on a Master Plan for Pioneer Park. We are looking for community input. Please help us by completing this survey by **August 5, 2011**.

- Your survey can be turned in to:
1. City Hall; 317 Broad St., Nevada City
  2. Emailed to [dawn.zydonis@co.nevada.ca.us](mailto:dawn.zydonis@co.nevada.ca.us)
  3. Swimming Pool office (during open hours only please)

**1. I come to Pioneer Park to/for (Check all that apply):**

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Playground                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball               | <input type="checkbox"/> Horseshoes     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Little League games                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Events at Seaman's Lodge | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming Pool                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnics                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I come through the park on my walks | <input type="checkbox"/> The field                |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                        |   |   |

**2. I would like to see \_\_\_\_\_ in Pioneer Park. (Check all that apply):**

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|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bocce Ball       | <input type="checkbox"/> Sand Volleyball | <input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed playground |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog's on Leashes | <input type="checkbox"/> Walk/Bike Path  | <input type="checkbox"/> Designated Dog Area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____     |  |  |

**3. My favorite thing about Pioneer Park is \_\_\_\_\_.**

**4. My least favorite thing about Pioneer Park is \_\_\_\_\_.**

**5. My age is \_\_\_\_\_**

**6. My zipcode: \_\_\_\_\_**  
For 95959 zipcode: I have a  3 digit address  
 5 digit address

**7. My children's ages are \_\_\_\_\_**

**For questions 8-11 use the following scale:**

1=always; 2=most times; 3=sometimes; 4=rarely; 5=never

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8. Pioneer Park is well maintained and clean when I visit.      | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 9. Pioneer Park is safe.  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 10. Pioneer Park is well used by the community.                 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 11. Pioneer Park is a good location for large community events. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

**12. I come to Pioneer Park during the (check all that apply):**

- |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| <u>Winter</u>                               | <u>Spring</u>                               | <u>Summer</u>                               | <u>Fall</u>                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Once/year          | <input type="checkbox"/> Once/year          | <input type="checkbox"/> Once/year          | <input type="checkbox"/> Once/year          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Once/month         | <input type="checkbox"/> Once/month         | <input type="checkbox"/> Once/month         | <input type="checkbox"/> Once/month         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Once/week          | <input type="checkbox"/> Once/week          | <input type="checkbox"/> Once/week          | <input type="checkbox"/> Once/week          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Several times/week |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Everyday           | <input type="checkbox"/> Everyday           | <input type="checkbox"/> Everyday           | <input type="checkbox"/> Everyday           |

**13. Additional Comments can be written on the back of this form.**

**14. Optional**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your time. Surveys will be compiled and evaluated by the Recreation Committee and information and conclusions will be included in the Pioneer Park Master Plan. To follow this process check the city's website: [www.nevadacityca.gov](http://www.nevadacityca.gov)

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## Pioneer Park Survey Results

### Question #1: I come to Pioneer Park to/for (Check all that apply):

	95959 3 digit	95959 5 digit	other	total
Playground	77	35	14	126
Basketball	10	7	8	25
Horseshoes	7	4	5	16
Little League Games	31	25	8	64
Events at Seaman's Lodge	86	33	11	130
Special Events	128	50	18	196
Swimming Pool	95	42	22	159
Picnics	92	30	14	136
Tennis	53	22	5	80
I come through the park on my walks	133	31	12	176
The field	44	17	2	63
<b>Other:</b>				
special events: wedding, soap box derby, children's festival, birthday parties, concerts, Lions Car Show, music in the park	16	4	4	24
dogs/walking dog/let dog play off leash	13	8		21
Play with my kids/grandkids in the creek	4		1	5
Pool/swim lessons/lap swim	3	1	1	5
walk/bike through	3	2		5
I do creek monitoring for Friends of Deer Creek	2			2
kick soccer ball/soccer practice	2		1	3
just sit around	1			1
baseball junior field	1			1
petanque	1		1	2
my friend lives in the park	1			1
never	1			1
picnics/BBQ	1		2	3
rent Seaman's Lodge	1			1
listen to the creek	1			1
ultimate frisbee	1			1
playground	1			1
tennis courts	1			1
circus jam		2		2
hippy dancing		1		1
kettlebells		1		1
rarely		1		1
I used to come for playground & soccer, etc. when kids were little		1		1
bird watching		1		1

	95959 3 digit	95959 5 digit	other	total
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**Other (con't):**

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I feel that there should be as many uses as possible		1		1
children's summer camp		1		1
petanque in the field/play in field/frisbee		3	1	4
This is my park and I love it			1	1
I do not come to Pioneer park (WB survey...lives in Eskaton)			1	1
Radio Control airplanes & cars			1	1
Meet friends			1	1
I don't live in Nevada City (WB survey...lives out of town)			1	1

**Additional Comments (from 95959 - 3 digit):**

next to "tennis"-nice backboard! Thanks!!/would if we could have a backboard for individual workouts

next to "horseshoes" - I never see anyone using these

next to "I come through on walks" - & up river by BBQ

# Pioneer Park Survey Results

Question #2: I would like to see \_\_\_\_\_ in Pioneer Park (Check all that apply):

	95959 3 digit	95959 5 digit	other	total
Bocce Ball	49	19	8	76
Sand Volleyball	29	16	10	55
Enclosed playground	23	8	3	34
Dogs on leashes	65	20	8	93
Walk/bike path	99	34	11	144
Designated dog area	69	23	9	101

## Other:

a dog park area/dogs on leashes/dogs out of playground/fenced dog park	5	2	2	9
dogs off leashes/no pet constraints/free of leash dog play	5			5
the "usual suspects" need to pick up their dog doo	1	4		5
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a big slide like the old green one/more playground things	3			3
more trees/shade in playground	2	1		3
a new surface in the playground - sand is tough & messy for kids	1	2		3
an improved & cleaner children's playground/the children's park re-done	1	1		2
water sprinkler playground	1	1		2
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the fountain going	2	1		3
clean/safe bathrooms/ upgraded bathroom near tennis courts/LL bathrooms need new plumbing	2	3		5
recycling facilities	1			1
better lights at tennis court	1			1
nothing else - keep it simple/maintain what we have	4			4
doggie waste bag dispenser	1			1
landscaping	1			1
drainage in winter so field isn't mud pit/better drainage for Jr. ball field & the tennis courts well maintained/hitting board out of court	1	3		4
creek restoration	1	1		1

	95959 3 digit	95959 5 digit	other	total
<b>Other (con't):</b>				
ropes course	1			1
convert wagon display to open (rentable)				
pavillion with benches & BBQ's	1			1
a soccer field	1			1
parking	1			1
grey-water use (as a greening initiative & demonstration for Nevada County)	1			1
more native plants	1			1
archery	1			1
meander zone for creek	1			1
softball field	1			1
disc golf practice metal cages or small 9 hole	1			1
skatepark	1			1
tetherball courts!		1		1
a berm in front of bandshell - for concert				
lawn seating		1		1
badmiton		1		1
ping pong		1		1
two trees for a slackline somewhere on the grass about 30' apart		2		2
celtic center		1		1
petanque area/courts		3	1	4
more picnic & seating areas around pool & playground		1		1
more picnic tables		1		1
a safe (well patrolled) walking path		1		1
an area that local agility trainers could set up equip		1		1
bicycle pump track		1		1
more parking		1		1
clear trails		1		1
bike park (dirt)			1	1
more concerts	2			2
car shows	1			1
more events (music - fairs)	1			1
more trails/connect creek trail to cemetary/connect to tribute trail	3			3
area for jogging around the ground with joggy path	1			1
would like an adult & seniors only swim times	1	1		2

	95959 3 digit	95959 5 digit	other	total
<b>Other (con't):</b>				
a diving board in swimming pool	3	1		4
pool hours/times of year pool is open extended/ year round lap swimming	4	1		5
more seating/benches at the pool	1			1
water slide	1			1
pool resurfaced			1	1
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better patrols by law enforcement	2			2
no smoking around park at all!	1			1
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more picnic tables	1		1	2
an improved & cleaner picnic area	2			2
cover over big serving area to the left in largest picnic area	1			1
a cover to protect from sun & rain - eastern most picnic area	1			1
community picnics		1		1
movies		1		1
more music on stage		1		1
more children's summer camps		1		1
smoking area			1	1
bridge & chess club			1	1
chess tables			1	1
recycling cans			1	1

**Additional comments:**

Next to "enclosed playground" - yes/keep kids in & dogs out!/okay how it is/covered?	x		
next to "dogs on leashes" - in playground/No	x		
next to "designated dog area" - if big/yes/no	x		
next to "walk/bike path" - along the creeks/extended along the creek	x		
next to "dogs on leashes" - No		x	
next to "designated dog area" - keep 'em there!; dog park		x	

## Pioneer Park Survey Results

Question #3: My favorite thing about Pioneer Park is \_\_\_\_\_.

	95959 3 digit	95959 5 digit	other	total
creek/stream	37	9	5	51
trees/greenery/nature/woods/grass/landscaping	24	6	5	35
swimming pool	22	12	13	47
open & simple - minimal development/open space/openness	19	4	3	26
beauty/beautiful setting/nice setting/cool	21	8	4	33
convenience/location/proximity/accessibility/availability/close to town/close to home	35	7	2	44
events/children's festival/concerts/soap box derby field	15	5	4	24
playground/play area for young children/tot lot	13	3	3	19
condition of park/clean/generally well kept	11		2	13
	10			10
there is something for everyone/variety of activities/multi-use	11	3		14
throw ball for dog/dogs can run/dog off leash/let dog play	11	3		14
picnic area	8	1	1	10
safe/neighborhood feeling park/overall atmosphere	5			5
tennis courts	5	4		9
That it's there! Hurray/that we have it!	5	1		6
bandshell	4	2		6
the large size	4			4
everything!/all of it/Pioneer Park as is	4	1	1	6
Little Deer Creek walk behind picnic tables	3	3		6
ball field(s)/little league	3	6	1	10
the people/friendly	4	1	1	6
Seaman's Lodge	2	2	1	5
it's a park/parks are great	2			2
part of my walk/walking-if dogs wer not loose	4			4
quiet/peaceful/the tranquility	3	5	1	9
limited rules & regulations	1	2		3
easy bathrooms	1			1
is used so much	1			1
Tennis & grassy area was a favorite until the problems in #4 (vagrants, drug use, dog not on leashes) took over. I can't remember the last time we used park. We go to mine in GV or Auburn dog park instead.	1			1
rustic feel		2		2
cleanliness		1		1
available facilities		1		1
playing with friends		1		1
movies		1		1

	<b>95959 3 digit</b>	<b>95959 5 digit</b>	<b>other</b>	<b>total</b>
remoteness		1		1
it is available for those who enjoy a city park		1		1
there is seperation between picnic areas and other areas		1		1
it has been used by so many children		1		1
the grounds		1		1
good for kids to play			1	1

## Pioneer Park Survey Results

Question #4: My least favorite thing about Pioneer Park is \_\_\_\_\_.

	95959 3 digit	95959 5 digit	other	total
vagrants/bums/loiterers/shady characters				
/boozers/homeless/thugs/irresponsible people/transients	49	19	2	70
bogginess of field/soggy field	21	12		33
dogs not on leashes/running loose/unruly dogs	15	8	3	26
bathrooms - need to be re-done/cleaned/maintained/are funky	10	4	2	16
drug use/illegal activities/questionable activities	10			10
parking - not enough	8	2	5	15
trash/litter	7			7
dog poop	7		2	9
nothing - we love it!	5	2	2	9
safety sometimes	4		1	5
poor maintenance/lack of maintenance	4	2		6
too many people/crowds	2			2
people disregarding the smoking ordinance	2		1	3
no twisty slide/no big slides	2		1	3
no jogging path/not enough paths for stroller	2			2
pool season & hours too short	2			2
seasonal	1			1
uninspired design - expecially creek isn't shown to advantage	1			1
loud radios	1			1
late night baseball noise	1			1
I dislike the attitude of the little league team members & parents who feel that they "own the park" when their games are being played. I don't use the park during little league season.	1			1
need more advanced play equipment	1			1
dusty	1			1
playground area	1			1
the location of the basketball courts and the fact that people can park on them so one can't always play basketball	1			1
I wish it was larger	1			1
limited	1			1
no bike trail to & from town	1			1
no place to play soccer	1			1
sand in playground	1	1		2
the drinking fountains don't work	1			1
no diving board	1			1

	95959 3 digit	95959 5 digit	other	total
registration process for swim lessons - need online or mail in	1			1
vandalism	1			1
sometimes trashy beyond playground towards creek	1			1
loosing tennis balls in creek	1			1
the lower parking lot	1			1
the playground is lame (better when I was a kid)	1			1
unevenness of terrain	1			1
some areas feel old/broken	1			1
lack of interesting gardens	1			1
lack of enforcement/police presence re:drug dealing & homeless sleeping there	1			1
police circling looking for trouble	1			1
the children's playground - unclean		1		1
where BBQ is located		1		1
more flowers/shrubs		1		1
kids should get in pool free		1		1
not easy for seniors to walk		1		1
the concrete channel creek is in at ballfield & restrooms		1		1
no fire toys allowed		1		1
people who abuse it		1		1
the music - need more local - progressive bands		1		1
noise		1		1
no walking paths			3	3
no chess or bridge groups			1	1
no smoking rule			1	1
no recycling cans			1	1
big grass field			1	1
pool is seasonal; should be covered			1	1
more bathrooms			1	1
wet grounds			1	1

**Pioneer Park Survey Results**  
**Question #5: My age is \_\_\_\_\_.**

**95959 - 3 digit**

0 to 5	1
6 to 10	1
11 to 15	2
15 to 20	2
21 to 30	2
31 to 40	24
41 to 50	33
51 to 60	54
61 to 70	<b>60</b>
71 to 80	24
81 to 90	6
91 to 100	2

**95959 - 5digit**

0 to 5	0
6 to 10	0
11 to 15	2
15 to 20	0
21 to 30	3
31 to 40	6
41 to 50	18
51 to 60	<b>25</b>
61 to 70	23
71 to 80	7
81 to 90	0
91 to 100	0

**other**

0 to 5	1
6 to 10	1
11 to 15	1
15 to 20	1
21 to 30	6
31 to 40	5
41 to 50	10
51 to 60	<b>12</b>
61 to 70	2
71 to 80	1
81 to 90	0
91 to 100	1

# Pioneer Park Survey Results

Question #6: My zipcode: \_\_\_\_\_

		Water Bill	Soap Box Derby	Summer Nights	Other
95959 (3 digit)	214	173	13	2	26
95959 (5 digit)	84	31	31	1	21
Other zip codes	49	7	17	5	20

**TOTAL: 347**

# Pioneer Park Survey Results

Question #7: My children's age's are \_\_\_\_\_.

## 95959 - 3 digit

0 to 5	53
6 to 10	44
11 to 15	21
15 to 20	30
21 to 30	52
31 to 40	25
41 to 50	21
51 to 60	6
61 to 70	0
71 to 80	0
81 to 90	0
91 to 100	0

one golden retriever is our

## 95959 - 5digit

0 to 5	17
6 to 10	22
11 to 15	22
15 to 20	7
21 to 30	16
31 to 40	12
41 to 50	3
51 to 60	0
61 to 70	0
71 to 80	0
81 to 90	0
91 to 100	0

adults - used a lot in past - now

## other

0 to 5	4
6 to 10	13
11 to 15	10
15 to 20	8
21 to 30	7
31 to 40	2
41 to 50	7
51 to 60	0
61 to 70	0
71 to 80	0
81 to 90	0
91 to 100	0

# Pioneer Park Survey Results

## Question #8 - 11

95959 - 3 digit

1 = always; 2=most times; 3=sometimes; 4=rarely; 5=never

	1	2	3	4	5
#8 Pioneer Park is well maintained and clean when I visit.	51	111	28	7	5
#9 Pioneer Park is safe.	50	99	38	11	2
#10 Pioneer Park is well used by the community.	83	74	33	8	5
#11 Pioneer Park is a good location for large community events.	106	70	14	4	9

### Additional Comments:

#8 overall (circled a 2)

toilets (circled a 2)

restrooms - won't use these - often "druggies" are in or around these (circled a 4)

bathrooms are disgusting (circled a 5)

bathrooms (circled a 3)

has improved (circled a 3)

#9 "dogs" (circled a 4)

restrooms (circled a 4)

not at late night many transients (circled a 3)

dogs not on leashes/transients near creek (circled a 3)

almost always except lower parking lot/picnic area sometimes has people parked in vans/cars that make me feel unsafe (circled a 2)

creek area feels sketchy (circled a 2)

#10 not in back picnic area (circled a 3)

#11 yes if it were upgraded & improved

could use more parking (circled a 1)

except when the lower field turns into a mud swamp (circled a 2)

most large community events are fine - if a bit noisy it's just a short time and/or just happy family type noises - totally ok! But as a neighbor whose deck is right above the picnic tables, I wonder if anyone ever monitors excessive continuous loud noise that sometimes goes on for hrs? Ex. 5/7/11 Mad Dash = live band & vocalist played from 9-2:30 at the Gold Country Lions Club "Thanks for the Poker Run Riders". the band was on e thing & probably would have been ok by itself, but even with all my doors & windows shut & the TV on, I could still hear every word the vocalist sang right into the mike for hours. Is there any recourse for a neighbor to get someone from Parks & Rec or to turn down the volume a bit when it's necessary? Thank you!

## Pioneer Park Survey Results

### Question #8 - 11

95959 - 5 digit

1 = always; 2=most times; 3=sometimes; 4=rarely; 5=never

	1	2	3	4	5
#8 Pioneer Park is well maintained and clean when I visit.	15	45	12	9	2
#9 Pioneer Park is safe.	19	37	20	2	3
#10 Pioneer Park is well used by the community.	30	30	19	6	5
#11 Pioneer Park is a good location for large community events.	46	25	1	5	6

#### Additional Comments:

#8 good except bathroom (circled 2)

#9 not convinced (no # circled)  
at night (by 5 - circled 2 & 5)  
big issue for me if alone (circled 3)  
sometimes some people seem questionable (circled 2)

#10 I think it could be used more (circled 1)

#11 parking is the problem with large events (circled 4)  
parking?! (circled 2&3)

## Pioneer Park Survey Results

### Question #8 - 11

Other

1 = always; 2=most times; 3=sometimes; 4=rarely; 5=never

	1	2	3	4	5
#8 Pioneer Park is well maintained and clean when I visit.	15	19	5	6	1
#9 Pioneer Park is safe.	9	18	4	5	3
#10 Pioneer Park is well used by the community.	12	13	2	5	4
#11 Pioneer Park is a good location for large community events.	16	12	5	2	4

#### Additional Comments:

#8 except bathrooms (circled 2)  
bathrooms (circled 3)  
excepting bathrooms (circled 2)

#9 transients & druggies (circled 4)  
during day (circled 3)

## Pioneer Park Survey Results

Question #12: I come to Pioneer Park during the (check all that apply):

	95959 3 digit	95959 5 digit	other	total
<b>Winter</b>				
Once/yr	34	19	11	64
Once/mth	75	32	10	<b>117</b>
Once/wk	39	13	3	55
several times/wk	18	6	5	29
everyday	9	0	0	9
<b>Spring</b>				
Once/yr	14	9	11	34
Once/mth	60	28	12	<b>100</b>
Once/wk	58	18	6	82
several times/wk	52	24	6	82
everyday	8	1	0	9
<b>Summer</b>				
Once/yr	10	6	5	21
Once/mth	44	17	11	72
Once/wk	56	23	6	85
several times/wk	81	34	16	<b>131</b>
everyday	11	1	1	13
<b>Fall</b>				
Once/yr	17	10	6	33
Once/mth	50	20	12	82
Once/wk	64	30	8	<b>102</b>
several times/wk	51	17	6	74
everyday	8	1	0	9

### Additional Comments (from 95959 - 3 digit):

Limit my use because dogs loose!

We belong to a club that meets in Seaman's Lodge certain months of the year on Saturday nights.

Depending on events I want to take part in/could be in other time of year

I would come more often, but I am not in Nevada City much of the time, as we have another home in the Bay Area.

## Pioneer Park Survey Results

### Question #13: Additional Comments

#### 95959 - 3 digit

Some of the new playground equip is nice - though a little big for small kids. Swings are a bit low for bigger kids. More shade would be nice - fertilize trees! :) Please fence it in to contain small kids and keep dogs out. Fountain area that is no longer functional could be something new? Splash pad? Quiet seating area? Be great to extend Tribute Trail path along rest of Little Deer Creek - and restore this section of creek.

I think Pioneer Park is a great resource. Since I don't walk a dog or play with kids, I don't get over there much, but when I do, am grateful for it's presence. I'd probably go more for events if they were there more. I also like that it's easy biking distance.

\*wished all the windows at Seaman's Lodge opened! Great place for events. \*wished the park could be used for 4th of July when parade in Nevada City \*Could use covered areas on both sides where picnics are held. \* up grade bathrooms \*Adult swim classes have been very popular this year could use more equipment for them. Also more times??

My 3 sons are grown but growing up; they learned to swim in the pool, played little league, went through cub scouts and Boy Scouts at Seaman's Lodge, attend numerous picnics and special events in the park. Pioneer Park is a special part of Nevada City. It is always there welcoming you. In addition to so many things my wife & I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary there & I also celebrated my 70th birthday there.

A very good park overall  
would be nice if swimming pool were open longer (hours).

Please increase parking and improve safety!  
clean & open bathrooms are important

\*Please note we only live in Nevada City part time, so please bear that in mind for our opinions. Thx.  
Close down that outdated filthy, unsafe restroom. Really, port-a-potties would be cleaner & discourage low lifes from hanging out in them. That area of the park needs more intense lighting at night, I know of rapes happening there at night.

clean it up & maintain what we have - don't invest more money until we can maintain what we have - All dogs on leash - pick up pool -

Loved the Hippy Dippy Dancing on Monday eve while the band practiced

We responsible dog owners (who pick-up after our dogs & are engaged with our dogs behavior) really enjoy having a grassy, happy park in which our dogs can romp & play with their dog toys or their dog playmates. The park is lovely, and my dogs so enjoys playing frisbee or ball, and jumping intot he creek to cool off. I respect the park and always pick-up after my dog (and myself). Thank you

Baths need maj. Tuning up!

Maintain/repair: bathrooms, drinking fountains, fencing, parking areas, weeding/trimming trees & bushes, picnic area

## **Pioneer Park Survey Results**

### **Question #13: Additional Comments**

**95959 - 5 digit**

Visits to Pioneer Park are also one of the few times my dog gets to play freely with other dogs. Please do not establish/enforce an "All Dogs on Leash" rule.

Please bring back the diving board

Pioneer Park safety is my number one concern when improving/maintaining this facility. I would like to see rubber mats replace the sand/rocks currently under the equipment. I would also to see an enclosed playground with enforced rules for no dogs. Both improvements would improve the quality of play as well as overall safety of the playground! Thank you

Parks are an important part of any community. They provide a respite, a place for community events, a place for recreation. We are please to see people taking advantage of the swimming pool and band concerts during the summer...would like to see more community events. Plant some more flowers/shrubs. PS Dogs are ok - just keep on leash and clean up after them (we always do)!

Can the park be expanded in any direction?

## **Pioneer Park Survey Results**

### **Question #13: Additional Comments**

**Other**

put dog park up at the airport!

I'd come more if you had a dog park

no smoking 24/7

Everyone at the pool is always friendly & helpful.

Reasons for Bike Park - it brings business to the bike shop nearby - keeps kids from destroying the city and having to repaint hand rails - keeps the kids active

I LOVE the water exercise and I hope you'll add more classes during day - such as 9:30 & 10:30am. I LOVE the Dead Beats & would love more concerts like that. Thank you for all you do.

The storms this winter really did havoc to the trees which gave us shade - plant some trees/ provide shade structures - people would stay a lot longer if they weren't getting so much sun.

more police less burns

# **Staff Analysis Report of Pioneer Park Survey**

## **Goals for the Pioneer Park Master Plan Survey**

What does the community like about Pioneer Park?

What does the community NOT like about Pioneer Park?

Who's using the park?

What are the needs/wants of the community in relation to Pioneer Park?

How can we optimize use of the park?

## **Results of the Survey**

The complete survey results are attached (exhibit A). The items that had the greatest responses are in bold.

Most written responses are typed verbatim from the surveys. Similar responses from different surveys may not have been typed in but were tallied. For example: "wet field" and "soggy field" may have been tallied as 2 responses to "wet field".

## **Interpretation of data**

When evaluating the responses, staff looked at the total tallies for all 347 completed surveys received, not just Nevada City residents. There were several reasons for this. The type of information that we were attempting to gather was regarding the use of the park. The park is used by many non-residents and these are the people who rent our facilities and pay to participate in our programs. Also, after compiling the surveys – we realized that some of the surveys in the "95959-5 digit address" group responded on a survey from the water bill mailing; which means that even if they do not live within City Limits, they may own property within City limits.

The top 3 reasons that the community comes to the park is for:

- Special Events
- Walks through the park
- The swimming pool

The responses for the top 3 favorite things about the park are:

- The creek
- The swimming pool
- It's convenient location

If able to add something to the park, respondents overwhelmingly chose a walk/bike path followed by a designated dog area. The thing that survey respondents liked least about Pioneer Park was people who are dealing drugs or make them feel unsafe. This was followed by the muddy field and dogs that are running loose.

The average age of the person completing the survey is 55. The average age of respondent's children (and grandchildren) is 18.

Survey respondents felt that the park is well maintained and clean most times. The bathrooms were mentioned several times as the area that might not be well maintained and clean. The respondents also felt that the park was safe most times. Dogs running loose and some people at the park were listed as the reasons that people do not feel safe in the park. Surveys show that the park is always well used by the community and is a good location for large community events. One concern with large community events is the lack of parking spaces.

It was not a surprise to find that the park is used more heavily in the summer months, followed by fall and less use occurring in the winter and spring.

The additional comments vary on topics from safety, dogs, maintenance, suggestions for the swimming pool and ideas for special events.

### **Connection**

The survey results show that the public likes the park as it is. They like the creek, the beauty and the openness of the park. Although there were approximately 75 different things that the public would like to see added to the park, maintaining what is already there and keeping its simple design stood out as what is most important to those who responded to the survey. The muddy condition of the field and the bathrooms were the top maintenance concerns. Respondents largely choose a walk/bike path and a designated dog area as the 2 things they would most like to see added to the park. The undesirable behaviors of some people who frequent the park is what many respondents listed as their least favorite thing about the park.

Optimizing use of the park would happen through continued efforts to maintain the park, keep facilities clean and safe and promoting the use of the park for social gatherings and community events.