

**What recreation facilities/organizations, if any, do you use? (other)**

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- ◆ Library
- ◆ Fish Creek
- ◆ CMC classes
- ◆ Yampa River
- ◆ Steamboat Ski Training Center
- ◆ Decker Park Oak Creek
- ◆ State parks nearby
- ◆ Yampatika
- ◆ Mt bike trails
- ◆ City open spaces
- ◆ Town Challenge
- ◆ River park
- ◆ Howelson Nordic Center
- ◆ Rifle club
- ◆ Ski training center
- ◆ National forest
- ◆ Yoga RX
- ◆ Fishing and hunting
- ◆ Emerald
- ◆ Airport
- ◆ Emerald Mountain trails
- ◆ Off leash areas
- ◆ Off leash areas
- ◆ The woods outdoors where there are no restrictions and not crowded!!!!
- ◆ Hike, fish
- ◆ Touring center
- ◆ Public restrooms
- ◆ Racquetball courts - adults swimming time and locker room
- ◆ Howelsen Hill jumping
- ◆ Ski skate trails at Howelson
- ◆ Ski area
- ◆ New community center
- ◆ XC winter skiing
- ◆ Connecting neighborhood trails
- ◆ Steamboat Grand
- ◆ Rocky Mtn. Master's ski racing
- ◆ Emerald Mtn.
- ◆ Craig dive pool
- ◆ Old Town Hot Springs
- ◆ Howelson Mtn. Biking
- ◆ Depot - dance
- ◆ Turf field

**Why you do not use City facilities (other)**

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- ◆ Too much time and money wasted on outrageous proposal last year
- ◆ No trail west of Steamboat
- ◆ Great outdoors
- ◆ Prefer walking dog on trails off-leash
- ◆ Not interested
- ◆ Drug use at skate park
- ◆ There are other forms of entertainment
- ◆ Too crowded
- ◆ I recreate on my own
- ◆ Prefer hiking outside town, gardening, mountain biking
- ◆ Prefer dirt biking
- ◆ Age; Haymaker too crowded
- ◆ No dogs allowed
- ◆ Dogs not allowed off leash
- ◆ Not interested
- ◆ Texans/some tourists
- ◆ Government has no business in recreation business!
- ◆ Too crowded
- ◆ Live near Clark

**◆ Don't have programs I want**

- ◆ Poor programs and facilities for teens
- ◆ Art classes
- ◆ Disc golf

**Lack of facilities and amenities**

- ◆ Rec center
- ◆ Not enough MTB trails
- ◆ Indoor turf
- ◆ Groomed XC trails, more open time for ice skating with music
- ◆ Good locker room
- ◆ Dog park (fenced)  
Beg. nordic trails, bike trails

**Accessibility**

- ◆ Live 20 mi. north
- ◆ Many programs for children fill too soon
- ◆ Haymaker is too frequently unavailable to locals

**Other INDOOR recreation facilities that would be important to you and your family?**

- ◆ Indoor skate park
- ◆ Dog wash/dog park (fenced)
- ◆ Theater, performances
- ◆ Venue for theater and performances
- ◆ Large music venue
- ◆ Rec center
- ◆ Performing arts venue
- ◆ Indoor fieldhouse throw baseball/soccer
- ◆ Indoor soccer/lacrosse/rugby
- ◆ Squash courts
- ◆ Extend bike trail
- ◆ Pool hall
- ◆ Adult only pool
- ◆ Theater for the arts
- ◆ Ping pong
- ◆ Free tennis courts
- ◆ Additional XC Emerald and Haymaker  
Indoor soccer/lacrosse field

**Other OUTDOOR recreation facilities/improvements that would be important to you and your family?**

- ◆ More golf courses
- ◆ Howelsen Hill
- ◆ Off leash dog trails
- ◆ Connect bike paths
- ◆ Environmental education, youth development center
- ◆ Recreation center to encompass many of the indoor/outdoor facilities listed
- ◆ Concrete skate park
- ◆ Expanded easier cross country trails
- ◆ Community arts theater venue to replace mtn. theater
- ◆ Indoor pool
- ◆ Shaded playgrounds
- ◆ Mountain theater!
- ◆ Horseback trails
- ◆ Preserve Emerald Mtn. No development!
- ◆ Expanded nordic center
- ◆ Bike paths separate from streets/roads
- ◆ Bathrooms
- ◆ Ice rink (use rodeo grounds, they have lights)
- ◆ All weather fields
- ◆ Disc golf - public 18 hole championship course
- ◆ Winter indoor riding facility
- ◆ Play waves for kayaks
- ◆ New playground Whistler Park
- ◆ Racquetball-pickle-ball courts
- ◆ Turf fields
- ◆ Climbing wall
- ◆ Public art: only if elk statues

**Other OUTDOOR recreation facilities/improvements that would be important to you and your family?**

Unpaved trails connecting from town to mountain

Kayak hole/surfing hole

**Other OUTDOOR recreation facilities/improvements that would be important to you and your family?  
Any others not on the list important to you and your family?**

- ◆ Fill the gap between OTHS and facilities available in most rec centers
- ◆ Outdoor ice skating (frozen pond) at Fetcher Pond or the rodeo grounds
- ◆ More ice for ice hockey
- ◆ No - none that should be funded by taxpayers
- ◆ Extend bike path to Heritage Park/Steamboat II and to Rabbit Ears Pass
- ◆ Playground for toddlers indoors
- ◆ Improve facilities for horses and allow public access to them (4H)
- ◆ The core trail really needs to be expanded west to Steamboat II, Silver Spur, Heritage Park and any future development
- ◆ Open space and trails - including areas outside city limits
- ◆ Singletrack!
- ◆ Easy mtn bike and nordic ski trails, drinking water at parks (sic)
- ◆ Community amphitheater
- ◆ A recreational turf field
- ◆ Don't cut down trees and remove grass for sidewalks
- ◆ Renovate existing bathrooms and outdoor structures, shade, trash cans
- ◆ Dance room for tango
- ◆ Additional trails at Howelson Hill
- ◆ Bench's for adults near play area at Little Toots Park! (sic)
- ◆ Undeveloped green spaces
- ◆ Howelsen Lodge area, locker room area for SSWSC kids - get them out of the lodge/fire area
- ◆ The ability to hike with family and leashed dogs, and play disc golf on Emerald Mtn.
- ◆ Delighted that handicapped playgrounds are being considered
- ◆ Extending the core trail/bike path
- ◆ Need more parking at new community center for seniors!
- ◆ Wider bike lanes!
- ◆ It would be nice to have more "share the road" type biker/driver education
- ◆ Add on to the core trail
- ◆ Indoor riding arena
- ◆ Outdoor hockey rink, soccer fields
- ◆ Rodeo arena
- ◆ Large trees, carriage rides, environmentally areas, restrooms, showers (sic)
- ◆ Collaborate with the school district to build a gym (practise) on the Strawberry Park campus
- ◆ Substitute squash courts for raquet ball/hardball; more bike trails
- ◆ Bike paths to Craig/Oak Creek/Stagecoach
- ◆ Outdoor theater
- ◆ Bathroom at Little Toots. Give away too many baseball fields to leagues. Fun sled hill/ice rink for free. Some sort of occasional drop-off care for \$4-6 an hour. Shade at playgrounds.
- ◆ Extended bike paths
- ◆ Indoor play facility for toddlers
- ◆ We could use an indoor playground for the long winters
- ◆ Haymaker should be XC ctr in winter with fees, Howelson XC should be free
- ◆ Intergenerational rec space
- ◆ Indoor walking/jogging
- ◆ Designated swimming holes on the river with good access and deep pools
- ◆ Multi-purpose space for all - dance, gatherings, meetings - current conv. center is fine for this
- ◆ With so many amenities already, private gyms can open and serve most of these needs. No indoor pool! Not with taxes!
- ◆ More free summer concerts!

**Concerns, if addressed, that would increase your utilization of Steamboat Springs parks and rec facilities****Programs I want**

- ◆ B-ball RQ-ball
- ◆ XC skiing
- ◆ Skate
- ◆ Computer classes, yoga
- ◆ Bike racing

**Facilities and amenities**

- ◆ Skate park
- ◆ Exercise facility
- ◆ Rec center
- ◆ Indoor activ. for smaller kiddos
- ◆ Indoor pool
- ◆ Outdoor entertainment venue
- ◆ More dog parks
- ◆ Water fountains
- ◆ More golf, more ice skating
- ◆ Another ice rink, indoor lap pool
- ◆ Somewhere young kids can play
- ◆ Sports complex, rodeo grounds
- ◆ Indoor track
- ◆ Convention center
- ◆ Howelson X-country skiing - world class!
- ◆ Indoor pool
- ◆ Young kids after school program
- ◆ Fetcher Skate
- ◆ Disc golf
- ◆ Skate park improved

**Accessibility**

- ◆ As citizens age, better senior activities and accessibility are important
- ◆ No way to get to any program/activity
- ◆ New entrance for Emerald Fields
- ◆ Bus and bike path to Steamboat II
- ◆ Residents get screwed at Haymaker!
- ◆ Closeness to neighborhoods
- ◆ Bike loop around Emerald Mtn.

**Better parking**

- ◆ Downtown
- ◆ All parks
- ◆ Tennis center
- ◆ Fetcher Pond - paying
- ◆ Old Town hot springs
- ◆ All areas
- ◆ Everywhere
- ◆ Downtown areas and grocery area
- ◆ Library
- ◆ Generally!
- ◆ Howelsen
- ◆ Everywhere

**Concerns, if addressed, that would increase your utilization of Steamboat Springs parks and rec facilities**

- ◆ Everywhere
- ◆ Library
- ◆ Downtown and future growth areas
- ◆ Downtown
- ◆ Whistler
- ◆ Downtown merchants

**Other**

- ◆ Upgrade lifts and lighting at Howelsen Hill
- ◆ No Triple Crown. Other tourist groups are welcome as they respect the city and its residents.
- ◆ Trees around playgrounds
- ◆ Creation and maintenance of mountain bike trails, access and grooming of nordic trails, continue town bike path west to Steamboat 2 for commuters
- ◆ Expand the core trail to the west!
- ◆ Dog park in town
- ◆ Grandma hockey
- ◆ Permanent dog park/trail - or just allow them off leash on Spring Creek Trail
- ◆ Expanded bike trails
- ◆ Another ice rink so girls can practice on FULL ice
- ◆ Dog friendly
- ◆ We desperately need more areas for dogs to run free
- ◆ Take care of current parks
- ◆ Cleaner restrooms
- ◆ Expand trail system
- ◆ Sell all rec facilities to private enterprise and save tax dollars
- ◆
- ◆ Partner with other nonprofits like let all child care go to existing groups - pay them stop the duplication (sic)
- ◆ Intended for residents not paying visitors

### **Comments about funding of parks and recreation programs and facilities**

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- ◆ All parks are used by many people. Property tax is unfair to local res. Small use fee raise for organizations/teams/benefit race series?
- ◆ Does this mean a tax to tourists directly to pay for the parks you build for them?
- ◆ I wish council could look at something different other than new taxes!!
- ◆ Any swimming facility should support itself
- ◆ Would be more inclined to yes if specific projects were identified and was for major capital not just continued operations
- ◆ Need more details
- ◆ Steamboat active lifestyle - it takes money and good city gov. to do things right.
- ◆ Educating the public about HOW this is done will be helpful.
- ◆ Allocation of funds is my main concern. I do not want to see any more tax dollars spent on baseball fields for out of towners. I would much prefer the funds be spent on facilities that locals can benefit from.
  
- ◆ Just feeling overtaxed these days
- ◆ So many people that use/want facilities live outside city limits, I don't think city residents should carry entire burden
- ◆ Voted against last rec center on ballot due to: 1) redundancy of OTHS facilities, and 2) TOO MUCH proposed - need to see just the important things we currently lack - just indoor pool, more gym space - not every wish list item serving a few such as racquetball, etc.
- ◆ What about a privately funded rec center w/gymnasium on the west side of town
- ◆ Need to balance the budget and use what we have - NO MORE taxes or bonds
- ◆ If an extensive/expensive facility is planned, it should be managed with user fees
- ◆ We need to make better use of funds we have and not expand - economics will catch up here!
- ◆ I sense another run for a monstrous sports/rec facility like the one voted down. These are special interest issues! Taxpayer \$ should be spent on necessary services.
- ◆ Create partnerships with metro districts now to provide opportunities for long term benefits
- ◆ Better assessment of needs and where money needs to be spent. No more patching unless it is the only option.
- ◆ What the city "proposal" contains would determine my vote
- ◆ You spend way to much money on what we have already
- ◆ Highly dependent on what was being built. A new rec center? NO! Another sheet of ice at Howelsen? YES!
  
- ◆ If we are going to be a "world class" area we need to have the facilities to support it....it is time to spend to improve!
- ◆ Government is required to provide protection/safety and transportation for its communities. An optional tax for those who use the parks would be much better served.
- ◆ I would support a recreational tax district
- ◆ Depends on facilities included. Last bond issue proposal was over the top and insufficient benefit to residents vis a vis visitors.
- ◆ Audit the S.S. health & rec. Allow a competitor to Alpine Taxi. Audit the city of S.S.
- ◆ No additional tax - such already too high
- ◆ No new taxes! No Triple Crown ball fields! Remove the lights from fields! & rodeo
- ◆ No new tax! The city needs to learn that they can not have it all! We need slow, well thought out growth.
  
- ◆ Would vote no on any property tax increase. Property taxes have gone up too much.
- ◆ The economy has hit lower and middle class families so now is not the time
- ◆ Would vote for proposal to address pressing needs, NOT all things to all people that is beautiful and majestic
- ◆ Maintain what you have. The city is out of control.
- ◆ Do not raise tax's (sic)
- ◆ I question the need for so many employees at parks & rec - empire building, it seems to me

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- ◆ I would NOT be in support of a property tax as homeowners seem to pay enough for tourist to use our facilities as well as the transients that live here
- ◆ No funding for Triple Crown
- ◆ Need for better accounting and use of volunteers
- ◆ A yes vote on funding would depend on what amenities were being proposed. A blanket request for funds would elicit a no vote on my part.
- ◆ Fees should only be charged to visitors
- ◆ We are a destination resort town. We need a wide variety of activities for locals and visitors to enjoy, remember there are plenty of other places for them to go on vacation.
- ◆ It's not the quantity of money being spent - it's how it is being spent - poor design means higher maintenance cost
- ◆ My support of additional taxes would be dependent on how sensible the proposals are
- ◆ I would support funding for a community facility but will NOT support funding for Triple Crown or additional baseball fields
- ◆ I would rather our taxes went to schools and teachers pay (sic)
- ◆ I am against an indoor rec facility
- ◆ Athletic town - ski town U.S.A. Add more venues to allow Olympic caliber training i.e. kayak, ski, run, team sports ect. (sic)
- ◆ No more taxes!! Be more efficient in using dollars that are already dedicated.
- ◆ Working with the school district would eliminate the need for a bond. No rec center!!!
- ◆ Unless a taxing district was first established. Such a district must be representative of those that use any facilities we choose to develop if any.
- ◆ Depends on facilities proposed. To purchase open space - yes. To build rec center - no.
- ◆ Why can't S.B.S. copy the way Breckenridge and Dillon tax the ski and tourist trade to support the city?
  
- ◆ Bonds need to be supported through current incomes (taxes) NOT new taxes, and prioritize what is important - water/sewer, roads/utilities etc.
- ◆ Sales tax
- ◆ Earlier this year I was asked to vote for higher taxes to keep all services. Parks are LOW priority with so many NATURAL FORESTS in the area.
- ◆ No more fields for Triple Crown - put that money into rec center! Keeping fields playable for the children of Routt County. Let Triple Crown go somewhere else.
- ◆ Get rid of all but necessary services
- ◆ No more sales tax! Maybe city property tax.
- ◆ City should maintain facilities and let services be done thru partnering agencies
- ◆ Sales tax - tax users/consumers, not property taxes
- ◆ Only if tax were on property. Would vote no if a sales tax.
- ◆ Would be very interested to know the city budget regarding #13 and #14. Certainly a tax base is necessary - sales or other tax would be more favorable - taxing district should also be expanded (county).
  
- ◆ Local tax payers need free access to cross country ski courses and sledding areas
- ◆ Get rid of Triple Crown and free up space on fields
- ◆ I would like to see money spent on developing teen programs for evenings  
Disappointed rec facility didn't pass last time

**What influences your decision to walk or bike to parks/recreation facilities? (other)** \_\_\_\_\_

- ◆ Weather
- ◆ Uphill climb - too old
- ◆ Too much gear/coaching
- ◆ Weather
- ◆ Weather
- ◆ Fuel prices
- ◆ Traffic
- ◆ Evening traffic
- ◆ Shoulder availability
- ◆ What I need to take with me and time available
- ◆ Traffic

**How do you currently get information on recreation services and programs? (other)**

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- ◆ Word of mouth
- ◆ Friends and relatives who work for the city
- ◆ Word of mouth
- ◆ School info sent home
- ◆ Friends
- ◆ Word of mouth
- ◆ Word of mouth
- ◆ Schools
- ◆ Word of mouth
- ◆ School flyers
- ◆ Telephone

**How can we best reach you? (other)**

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- ◆ Friends and relatives who work for the city
- ◆ Word of mouth
- ◆ Flyers sent home with students
- ◆ Word of mouth
- ◆ More advance notice in the Pilot
- ◆ School flyers

**Additional comments or suggestions regarding parks, rec services, trails, and open space**

- ◆ The Howelsen complex is great! SSWSC is great to get the kids active during the winter. It is sure fun to go there after school and see them go.
- ◆ I think you do an excellent job of maintaining existing parks. EXCEPT bridges on bike path are terrible for rollerblading. It is an excellent bike path! The wood on the bridges needs to be brought up to the standard of the remainder of the Core Trail. Thanks!
- ◆ Expand baseball fields, another golf course or expand river bend, indoor gym
- ◆ I would like to see the bike path extended through all neighborhoods. Howelsen Hill needs urgent attention as does teen activities.
- ◆ Steamboat has excellent recreation facilities and we have wonderful hiking surrounding us
- ◆ Please continue to stock poop bags; I would support a newer nicer rec center
- ◆ Stop encroaching existing free space with new developments
- ◆ Have you researched YMCA's - they are much more reasonable than what you proposed
- ◆ Not aware of any programs the city does for seniors. Any added programs payed by taxes MUST be free to residents and those who work in city and schools. (sic)
- ◆ Extend core trail west; improve website - in spring add trail conditions, enhance to have one-stop shop for program info. This is grossly underutilized.
- ◆ Would like to feel safer when riding bike off core trail such as River Rd and streets
- ◆ Frisbee golf tournaments
- ◆ We need more sports fields
- ◆ Make Steamboat more bike friendly. Widen roads and add bike lanes. Also build better skate park.
  
- ◆ I cannot afford additional facilities taxes - stop trying to suburbanize Steamboat
- ◆ Connect sidewalks!
- ◆ I think our town is clean and well maintained. I do think we need a dog park for small and large. Also more free parking.
- ◆ No new taxes - you have enough of our money
- ◆ Routine maintenance of the skate park would be great and better more accesible features in the terrain park at Howelsen Hill would be good
- ◆ I enjoy the facilities tha are available (mostly outside), I don't feel there is a need for additional indoor facilities
- ◆ Get rid of Triple Crown
- ◆ Do not improve fields to satisfy Triple Crown
- ◆ I think you're doing an awesome job - careful - don't overload for the tourist
- ◆ Youth programs are excellent, but the youth facility stinks (Igloo)
- ◆ We live here because we love to play outside. A state of the art indoor rec facility is not necessary - perhaps one with a gym, teen center, and rock wall OR pool would be enough. Our teens need something, I have heard. A small scaled down center to fill in the gaps. Bike lane thru downtown, bike trail to Steamboat 2.
- ◆ Quit trying to add a property tax to the already over burdened property owners to support facilities that they will not or cannot use
- ◆ Start charging "some" for the bus service. Why does it need to be totally free??
- ◆ Need to maintain after developed I.E. weeding all gardens
- ◆ We have some very nice parks - albeit that downtown Denver has more open space than Steamboat. We live in a beautiful diverse recreational area. Our money should be used for necessary services and simple recreation areas that can be used by everyone. Special facilities, i.e. BMX track, should be paid for by those that use them. Taxpayer money should also not be used for issues that only benefit businesses and the greedy Chamber of Commerce i.e. Triple Crown! Thanx for the opportunity to add my comments.
- ◆ Need senior rates, tees and more benches on the Haymaker course which presently is not friendly to seniors
- ◆ Value open space before it's all gone

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- ◆ The kids camps, after school programs, and Howelson Hill operation (incl. Water Sports Club) are incredible for a small town. Kudos to the staff. Given the level of services people demand, we are very lucky. We need to focus on a strategic plan of acquiring the next 50 years of lands, and make partnerships with private entities for operation cost sharing.
- ◆ Better bike lanes around town
- ◆ The survey was a little long
- ◆ You should be running government not running a business
- ◆ It is my opinion that many of the city-run rec facilities are not efficiently staffed. The model used for the tennis center allows the market and economic incentives to make this one of the best run city facilities.
- ◆ If this is important to people let them pay for it. Adopt a property tax that would cover the needs of the people and sales tax for events.
- ◆ Dog park a must (good one in Louisville, CO). Frisbee golf course would be used a lot. Being a middle aged couple we don't use a lot and we definitely don't want a rec center that would probably be full of kids.
- ◆ My children avoid the skate park because of the drug users that hang out there. Security is needed at Howelsen to cut down on this problem.
- ◆ We would like to see more indoor recreation/entertainment during winter for kids and teens who are not on the athletic fast track. If kids are not avid skiers, bikers, etc. there is no place for them. They
- ◆ Please don't waste money on grassy parks and more athletic fields. There are better things to spend funds on. Let's be fiscally responsible instead of overindulging on things we don't need. There is more to life than money, or the potential to make more money.
- ◆ Landscape the median on US 40 between Pine Grove and Walton Creek! Get rid of the grass hill behind Wal-mart. Further develop bike commuter routes within the city. Expand Lithia Park to include the entire hill behind it and make it a leash-free dog park.
- ◆ I would like to see Whisler Park expanded. It is a busy nice park now. There is no other open space on the mountain area. (sic)
- ◆ Get rid of Triple Crown. The parks and trails are unusable when there in town. We avoid town when TC takes it over. (sic)
- ◆ Remove lights from ball fields and rodeo grounds, remove "loud speakers" from fields and events (specifically Rodeo Grounds). Citizens should be able to enjoy peace and quiet at home.
  
- ◆ Keep up the good work!
- ◆ Thank you! I love Howelsen Hill trails!
- ◆ Swings for adults at the parks
- ◆ Better organization of adult rec leagues - more teams - there is at least 15 guys on each coed team
  
- ◆ I really appreciate beautiful trails, parks, fields available. Our city looks beautiful.
- ◆ Would like to see the focus continue on OUTDOOR facilities development and maintenance
- ◆ Add more trails. Passive recreational experiences over active programs and facilities. OPEN SPACE.
- ◆ Most parks maintained extremely well. Medians look awesome - give bonus to median man.
- ◆ We do not use the facilities due to a busy life - do boating, fishing, hiking and other recreation. There is plenty of ways for Routt Co. residents to recreate. (sic)
- ◆ I think SS is doing a good job!
- ◆ I think the core trail should be better used in the winter if you would groom for skiing
- ◆ I think we have a lot of work to do to maintain our BASIC services (i.e. police, not only traffic but also child protection and domestic violence), public water and sewer, planning per Colo. state laws. We
- ◆ Dog park is very important!

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- ◆ Old Town Hot Springs should stay small - it will be fine if another facility is built near the mountain that provides all that this town needs and is lacking - build another near the tennis bubble and get donations from the mountain to start the process. Pocket parks are awesome in the neighborhoods - very community building. How about plowing access to schools on trails already in place.
- ◆ Look at other communities for ideas - check out the Sparks Complex in Westminster! We need Triple Crown here. It keeps families coming.
- ◆ What are OUR needs vs. empire building. Don't spend tax dollars without voter approval.
- ◆ Quit spending so much money researching it and doing surveys that you know you won't use. It's giving false hope to something that should already be being built (a proper rec centr).
- ◆ We need to save more open space in town, or very close. Maybe require each new building project to contribute to a green space fund.
- ◆ Get rid of the bike cops
- ◆ Better river use from down town to Hayden
- ◆ Look at issues that will improve places for the people who live here year round. Not the second home owner or the visitors.
- ◆ For a community with only about 12,000 year round residents, we have a hell of a lot to be thankful for! Parks and Rec does an excellent job! Perhaps reminding folks that this small town simply cannot offer all the facilities of a town of 120,000 may help everyone count their blessings and stop complaining for more. Also, YES to Triple Crown! They have been around longer than most residents!
- ◆ Feel we need indoor pool, track and gym for residents - ie. NOT located at mtn. Perhaps space near ice rink. Do NOT think City should be in child care business. School district is more capable.
- ◆ I am very happy with Steamboat's rec and parks. I would like more bike safety lanes throughout the city.
- ◆ Seems like Steamboat has great programs, encourage anything to benefit kids, special needs,
- ◆ I have long envied other cities that provide water parks and ice skating facilities free to residents. There should be places free of charge to families if they reside and pay taxes in the locale. This would decrease school age crimes and is a great prevention tool by providing alternative opportunities that are healthy and supervised.
- ◆ This summer will demonstrate just how important Triple Crown and soccer tournaments are to the stability of our town - discretionary incomes down - these may be the saving grace
- ◆ I don't use any of the facilities because they are too crowded. "Community facilities" is an oxymoron - these are, for the most part, geared towards attracting tourist dollars.
- ◆ An indoor recreational facility is needed for ALL members of the community, but it should be located DOWNTOWN and not on the ski mountain
- ◆ Expand trails, address sustainability issues
- ◆ If the SS free bus came out to Silver Spur, Heritage Park and Stbt II more people would use the facilities
- ◆ I used to use the bike path but it has been taken over by the walkers/stroller pushers and is almost useless now! The bike path was a great way to make it through town without almost getting killed by the lousy drivers and redneck truck drivers who aim at you! So, put up signs that tell people to make way for bikes - it's a bike path!
- ◆ I would love to see the core trail expand out to Heritage Park! Dangerous to ride bikes on the
- ◆ Moved to Steamboat for the year round outdoor climate - do not want my tax dollars paying for indoor rec
- ◆ Expand core trail bike path to Clark, Milner, Stagecoach, Strawberry Park, Rabbit Ears
- ◆ Keep up the good work - keep expanding/improving as much as you can - open space in Steamboat is becoming more and more important as the city grows!
- ◆ Extend bus to Fish Creek Falls (limited service fine)

**Additional comments or suggestions regarding parks, rec services, trails, and open space**

- ♦ There is plenty of government land (county, state and federal) located a short distance from Steamboat Springs. Why does the city think it needs to provide more?? Let the public utilize other lands that are set aside for recreation. And, PLEASE no more taxes. More tourists we do not need!!
- ♦ Where's the bathrooms? Too intent on catering to tourist and not mindful of residents who pay for them.
- ♦ Get rid of Christian Talli!!!! he's SO RUDE and offensive to everyone. Very poor reflection on city! Stop using our money to pay people to play, instead of work. Stop being wasteful - do your jobs instead of sending stupid surveys - stop wasting our money on equipment, plants, etc. that you don't take care of - pay employees a decent wage, fire useless employees and hire ones who work.
- ♦ We live in the largest natural gym I have ever seen. We do not need "indoor" stuff. If all the new people want this, they can go back to CA, NJ or whatever. Use money and time/effort to make your already great Emerald, Spring Creek, River better. Why are you catering to people who want SSP to be like some city? Artificial grass on high school field, come on. We live in a ski/racnh town where you do not need to play soccer or baseball in early spring. These are summer/fall sports. I live here for the mountains not team sports or what have you. The winter sports club has all the "team" needed to develop character in kids. We need bike paths too, more of them so we can safely and more enjoyably ride a bike. Thanks for this opportunity to express my opinion.
- ♦ I am against a large recreation facility in this community mainly because of the carbon footprint such a building would require. We have abundant natural recreation and this should be our focus. Granted - I do not have children.
- ♦ Great space near Ice Haus/Mt. Werner Bridge for sale - would be great park addition/open space. Bike trails to west Steamboat need to be completed.
- ♦ Doing fine - keep maintaining parks at current level - don't add new ball fields - work with public works to increase BIKE trails, paths, bike routes, bike lanes, etc. The most important thing you can do!
- ♦ When the pool promised prices would not go up - and things - classes - would be better if we voted down the rec center - that was a big mistake!!! The pool is terrible - dirty, no place for adults, too many kids, bad showers/locker room. Way to old of male kids to be dressing with adult. Very - very disappointed in the (illegible) remodel!!! (sic)
- ♦ Put flowers out in the highway flower beds - full of weeds!
- ♦ Need to live within budget
- ♦ There are enough facilities and could be used for other things - assisted living places and senior/disability living places - affordable financially. Stop being as hungry and think about others.
- ♦ We have about the right level - no new city facilities needed
- ♦ We need a pool like Boulder has/west side! and a place for young kids to romp in winter everyone
- ♦ Free teen activities
- ♦ Could you consider building (there is a facilitate in Loveland that can build custom anything for \$100/sf) a structure like house w/housing n top for youth directors. You could put it in the Howelson parking lot - cool rooms w/TV, pool tables, table tennis, big couches, etc. Coordinate sport/casual events. (sic)
- ♦ You need to combine city funds with fundraising and corporate donations, shouldn't be all taxpayer burden
- ♦ Spend less of our money on bueracratc waste, excesses, and outside "consultants/experts!!" (sic)
- ♦ They do a good job with what have and could have more outdoor stuff

**Additional comments or suggestions regarding parks, rec services, trails, and open space**

- ◆ Emerald Mnt does NOT need a road access up it to a proposed ski lodge. If a person can't get themselves up there they have no business being there. If Emerald Mnt gets developed it will RUIN Stmbt. It's just an excuse to put a bypass in. The bypass should have gone where the library is. The city screwed up and now it wants to distroy something truely special and historic about Steamboat. KEEP EMERALD WILD. (sic)
- ◆ Outsource programming - focus on facilities and infrastructure. The current model is too expensive and can be done cheaper by nonprofits! SSP&R does a great job but it's time for a change. I think the community center or ice rink or tennis center is a great example - you built it. Let a main anchor tenant manage it and control the use - you set policy and let them run with it. Outreach more to less fortunate groups to maintain the mix.
- ◆ You are doing a very good job
- ◆ Need a mtn. bike trail to traverse Mt. Werner just above the house line and bottom of the Forest perhaps linking lower Rabbit Ears Pass to the Elk River. St. George, UT just added a new park called "Hidden Valley;" it wasn't large but included several user-friendly features: basketball, tennis, playground, restrooms, water feature, walking path, grassy areas.
- ◆ I am very pleased with the recreation facilities here for the most part. I feel as a tax payer I should be able to access a cross country ski course and sled area for free. I also think the city should maintain more bike routes and shoulders for safe biking.
- ◆ My highest priority would be preserving and protecting from development as much open space/recreational space as possible
- ◆ Not enough parks in residential areas, not enough covered picnic shelters
- ◆ More trash cans needed around public areas
- ◆ You must address citizens west of town - Silver Spur, Heritage and Steamboat II. Haymaker is TOO expensive, has limited times for citizens, too much like a country club.
- ◆ Are there any plans to put sidewalks up Hilltop Pkwy and Fish Creek/Tamarack? Families need better winter access to town.
- ◆ Disc golf will be cheap to add, and will use unutilized space
- ◆ I would like to see additional hiking trails, like Spring Creek
- ◆ I am perfectly satisfied with what I know about city parks, but I don't know much. If we are going to be stuck with Triple Crown, then we need to add facilities.
- ◆ Spend less on the high number of flowers throughout city; free noric skiing at Howelsen; improved trail maintenance for mountain biking in Emerald (sic)
- ◆ Overall, for the size of our community, there is an outstanding offering of activities. The information about activities is well communicated and prices are very reasonable.
- ◆ Website should be updated more often. Try to find info about city activities (specifically summer concerts) and it's out of date.

I do not wish to see a massive sports complex built within the city limits of Steamboat Springs. If such a thing is built, it should be outside of town; a good ways too!

See community rec centers such as Avon and Breckenridge as good models, even Lakewood Work more with public groups to develop trails for nordic skiing and mountain biking

**What recreation facilities/organizations, if any, do you use? (other)**

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- ◆ amphitheatre
- ◆ bike sidewalks
- ◆ disc golf course on mountain
- ◆ Emerald trails
- ◆ Free Concerts
- ◆ Howelsen Trails
- ◆ Old Town Hot Springs
- ◆ Rita Valentine Park
- ◆ Rotary Park Boardwalk
- ◆ Yampa River
- ◆ Yampa River

**Why you do not use City facilities (other)**

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- ◆ designated for a specific use (no use sharing of facilities)
- ◆ just a note that to use the core trail and living out side of town, I need a place to park my car al
  
- ◆ Keep the dog police on a leash
- ◆ not interested in recreation in Steamboat Springs
- ◆ use haymaker, not interested in other programs. Would rather get away from the crowds into the back
- ◆ work out on my own

**Don't have programs I want**

- ◆ pilates
- ◆ pilates, horseback riding
- ◆ rec center/fitness center

**Lack of facilities and amenities**

- ◆ bathrooms
- ◆ indoor pool, indoor running track
- ◆ leash-free dog areas
- ◆ need additional ice at the rink
- ◆ rec center/fitness center/lap swimming area
- ◆ SS needs a Fieldhouse/Rec Center
- ◆ Velodrome

**Accessibility**

- ◆ ski hill lifts crowded often by WSC

**Other INDOOR recreation facilities that would be important to you and your family?**

- ◆ indoor go cart racing
- ◆ music venue for concerts
- ◆ new skate part
- ◆ NO video gams, maybe games like pingpong, etc.
- ◆ public rifle range
- ◆ Theater
- ◆ Velodrome

**Other OUTDOOR recreation facilities/improvements that would be important to you and your family?**

- ◆ interconnected bike and cross country ski trails
- ◆ off-leash trails and open space areas
- ◆ Plastic on small jumps
- ◆ spring creek is the best dog park

**Other OUTDOOR recreation facilities/improvements that would be important to you and your family?  
Any others not on the list important to you and your family?**

- ◆ Additional Golf Course
  - ◆ As listed above - the most important would be off-leash trails. I would also probably use a public skeet/sporting clays range, although 3/4 Circles fills the need.
  - ◆ bike paths
  - ◆ free ride bicycle area for learning mountain bike skills and tricks. This could be fairly small scale with nothing over 4' off the ground. It would be huge with kids and adults wanting to extend their mountain biking skills. It should be surrounded by soft material, i.e. grass, sand, etc.. Check out the one in Whistler, B.C. I'm pretty sure it's in a town park not owned by the ski area.
  - ◆ I like that spring creek is a dog friendly trail! Thanks for letting us take our dogs and bikes and kids up the trail. It is well maintained and fun and is already a good dog park.
  - ◆ I think that we are a very active community. With population/tourism/gas prices increasing, trails and bike paths need to be kept up and improved to provide a safe alternative to walking/biking on busy road ways. ; I grew up here and there was very little to do unless you had \$\$\$. The youth of our community need inexpensive organized activities that aren't only sports minded. The camps provided by Parks and Rec were wonderful for my children.
  - ◆ I think the areas we have are sufficient for what we need we need to maintain what we have. I am not against getting more or less facilities, but it needs to be done intelligently.
  - ◆ Keep up Howelsen Hill!
  - ◆ Leave recreation facilities to the free market
  - ◆ Live theater space, true class space for dance and arts
  - ◆ Multi-use athletic fields - not just baseball fields need to be added.
  - ◆ paved and unpaved trails that are interconnected
  - ◆ Steamboat needs an indoor facility that would accommodate a large variety of activities. It should have a Field Turf field that would be big enough to play soccer and practice baseball. It also should include weight training and aerobic facilities plus indoor basketball courts (at least 4). Our outdoor facilities are world class...our indoor facilities are embarrassing!
  - ◆
- Still don't quite understand why a public/private partnership opportunity, like a YMCA, hasn't been considered to address the needs that you are studying. Many people grew up swimming and exercising indoors at these types of facilities in other areas. A YMCA, or similar entity, could be a good option.

**Concerns, if addressed, that would increase your utilization of Steamboat Springs parks and rec facilities****Programs I want**

- ◆ after school program
- ◆ more biking
- ◆ pilates

**Facilities and amenities**

- ◆ Expand Core Trail
- ◆ Fieldhouse
- ◆ indoor that is not in a school
- ◆ Indoor Velodrome
- ◆ interconnected trails for cycling, and cross country skiing around the city
- ◆ more biking
- ◆ more swimming/fitness facilities
- ◆ off-leash areas for dogs
- ◆ rock climbing wall

**Better parking**

- ◆ downtown, rec center

**Other**

- ◆ Additional mountain bike trails and paved trails
- ◆ another sheet of ice is needed
- ◆ better lighting after events at Howlerson Hill
- ◆ I think it is pretty good.
- ◆ I wouldn't use any
- ◆ Performance space, arts classrooms

### **Comments about funding of parks and recreation programs and facilities**

- ◆ any tax increase should include a mixture of property tax and other taxes, so that the locals and tourist both pay for these improvements they both can benefit from.
- ◆ As with all government programs, efficiency is my greatest concern. Adding facilities that pay for themselves like Ice rinks and an Indoor Velodrome should be highest in priority.
- ◆ City should not collect any money at all for parks and recreation
- ◆ Completely depends on the type of tax, size of tax, and new facilities that would be provided by tax.
- ◆ funding additional or improved facilities and amenities should be done in such a way as to spread the burden to all potential users, like county residents, and tourists. A sales tax is would be a lot easier to accept than a property tax increase. I answered the previous questions in this survey based on our lifestyle/recreation preferences not necessarily in the order of what we would be willing to pay for with increased taxes. That said, we would always support paying for increased open spac
- ◆ I am NOT in favor of additional sales taxes - they are regressive and promote unwanted and undesirable development.
- ◆ I would not support a Property Tax unless it had a specific goal and a sunset clause.
- ◆ I would only support city bonds if the facilities were truly for public access and not limited by additional fees associated with their use.
- ◆ I'd need more information as to what you're spending now, how it is distributed, how efficient the current plan is etc before voting on taxes etc
- ◆ If City of Boat is financially helping Old Town Hot Springs at all, they must STOP! OTHS is a company to make money. Locals don't get any pricing breaks or benefits. They offer swimming, excercise equipment and classes and they charge for them.; ; Same with Strawberry Hot Springs they charge a fee to cover expenses and make some money.; ; City of Steamboat needs to provide recreational opportunities for it residents.
- ◆ If Triple Crown wasn't impacting the parks so much the maintenance and upkeep would be significantly reduced.
- ◆ Increase user fees to pay for facilities.
- ◆ It needs to fit in functionally and in proximity with what we already have, i.e. Howelsen Hill and Old Town Hot Springs.
- ◆ It's hard to tell without a proposal. Our property taxes have gone up so much that I don't think it should go in property taxes because I believe that Parks and Recreation is a huge part of our quality of life and community
- ◆ No new property taxes!
- ◆ Not sure if the City is responsible for all of the activities. I grew up with YMCA's and other private entities that did not depend on tax dollars.
- ◆ Our community is a very giving community. Fund raising/pledging rather than raising taxes (communicating with tourist and second homeowners) could be a better solution. Those of us who work more than one job to live here area already taxed on a regular basis.
- ◆ Sorry but our property taxes are just high enough. Sell cenntennial hall to Jim Cook and let the city council meet at the botanic park. That will raise enough money to fund all the parks and buy them drinks after the meeting. They also might make quicker choices at the meetings.
- ◆ The way I understand it, is that everyone inside city limits is paying through taxes, while a lot of people live outside are using it. It does not seem a fair system. People using the facilities should be paying for them.
- ◆ This community needs to better balance the funds received from the ski area. The "cash cow" is being milked and the funds seem to be going into the community first rather than improving the infastructure around the ski area that produces a vast majority of the revenue. The city is getting a little piggy.
- ◆ We currently have many parks. I feel they currently meet the needs and then some. Some of the money spent on that could be spent better on something else.
- ◆ We have an incredible natural recreational oportunities in and around Steamboat. I am not generally interested in paying for additional indoor facilities.

**Comments about funding of parks and recreation programs and facilities**

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- ◆ Your last question is vague. For open space & natural areas acquisition I would definitely vote yes. For "built" parks, I would likely vote no.

**What influences your decision to walk or bike to parks/recreation facilities? (other)** \_\_\_\_\_

- ◆ don;t use them
- ◆ time
- ◆ Weather
- ◆ weather
- ◆ Weather
- ◆ Weather & mosquitos
- ◆ whether there is a bike path-currently none to West stmbt! BIG downer!!!!-it's unsafe to ride on 40

**How do you currently get information on recreation services and programs? (other)**

- ◆ call
- ◆ don;t use them
- ◆ Personal contact with parks staff
- ◆ phone
- ◆ word of mouth

**Additional comments or suggestions regarding parks, rec services, trails, and open space**

- ◆ Both news and radio are SOOOO expensive! A good web page would be great.
- ◆ Develop sports complex.
- ◆ dog leash laws are not enforced well enough - loose dogs can be a hazard to bicyclists and hikers as well as household pets on trails near homes
- ◆ Focus more of your energy on the citizens of your community.
- ◆ I think you guys are doing a great job and I feel like you always give as much as you can and go above and beyond the call of duty. Especially Jeff Nelson!
- ◆ Keep working on adding to the core trail with the west end as a priority.
- ◆ May not be a "park" but there needs to be easily accesible public restrooms downtown and probably at the mountain base. Summer visitors should be provided with convenient picnic tables.
  
- ◆ Newspaper is free to all, best way to reach the most
- ◆ Overall I love the activities the city puts together. Greenup/Cleanup is our favorite. ; I wish Howelsen Hill made it easier to purchase a one day ticket for xcountry, perhaps a ticket machine? Combining tickets with hot dogs and chocolate is making it too hard to purchase. Losing the spur of the moment.
- ◆ parks are not needed in a rural area like this
- ◆ please extend the bike path WEST! Indoor activities for little kids would be great for new winter moms. and definately work on communication. I think there is probably a lot of good stuff out there, but it's not getting passed on to as many people as it could!!!! Including me :)
- ◆ THIS SURVEY TAKES TOO LONG TO COMPLETE.
- ◆ Through Steamboat Springs, the river and parks along the trail seem to be the most utilized. I use the core trail almost daily to bike from the south side to the west side and up Elk River Road. Loading/unloading of rafts have blocked the trails for both bikes and pedestrians. River races also clog the trail with spectators and make the flow difficult. Instructional signage to be courteous to moving "traffic" during these events may help (isn't it crazy that people need to be reminded to
  
- ◆ Trails and open space take relatively little maintenance, compared to buildings, and provide the most basic forms of enjoyable exercise that every age can take advantage of, ie. walking, cycling, cross country skiing, and running. Maybe even more importantly trails being used as transportation routes can make the basic trips throughout the city an enjoyable experience. Interconnected trails, paved and unpaved, from every edge of the city should be our highest priority.
  
- ◆ We have to much traffic, we need better public transportation, an alternate route through downtown, paid parking and a parking structure downtown.
- ◆ We need a dog park, but we also need leash-free trails and swimming areas. I am tired to having to watch for bike cops to throw a ball for my dog.
- ◆ Year round trails are very important. Both paved and unpaved. Interconnecting existing trails is very important.

**Resident:**

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- ◆ 7 MONTHS HERE

**Ethnicity:**

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- ◆ American
- ◆ Caucasian/Asian
- ◆ citizen of the planet.
- ◆ Danish
- ◆ Swiss!

**What recreation facilities/organizations, if any, do you use? (other)**

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- ◆ Community Center
- ◆ concrete skatepark
- ◆ dog park
- ◆ Flat Basketball court-full length
- ◆ howelson mountain bike trails
- ◆ MT BIKE TRAILS
- ◆ Rita Valentine Park
- ◆ silver spur park
- ◆ Town Challenge Bike Race
- ◆ Yampa River
- ◆ Yampa Riverside benches

**Why you do not use City facilities (other)**

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- ◆ Bike path and lanes
- ◆ city owned turf field
- ◆ go camping/hiking outside town
- ◆ golf Tennis too expensive
- ◆ HH is old and crowded
- ◆ location to home
- ◆ need another sheet of ice
- ◆ no concrete skatepark
- ◆ no interest
- ◆ not interested
- ◆ use what we want

◆ **Don't have programs I want**

- ◆ adult learning/fitness
- ◆ concrete skatepark
- ◆ indoor pool, rec center
- ◆ Indoor Swimming Pool
- ◆ MORE FOR KIDS
- ◆ skate boarding
- ◆ skate programs
- ◆ summer kids art programs
- ◆ Yoga

**Lack of facilities and amenities**

- ◆ 2nd sheet of ice needed
- ◆ A chairlift that works in the winter at Howelsen
- ◆ a concrete skate park
- ◆ a family oriented recreation center
- ◆ another ice rink, enclosed turf field
- ◆ another sheet of ice
- ◆ Community Rec Center
- ◆ concrete skate park
- ◆ concrete skatepark
- ◆ concrete skatepark
- ◆ dog park, indoor lap pool, indoor walking track
- ◆ gym space, indoor track, indoor pool
- ◆ gym/work out facility/dedicated lap swimming pool, community garden
- ◆ IGLOO, REC CENTER

- ◆ Indoor Pool
- ◆ indoor pool, Rec center
- ◆ indoor rec center
- ◆ not enough ice at the rink
- ◆ not enough skating ice
- ◆ playgrounds are old
- ◆ poor skatepark
- ◆ PROPER Mt bike trails, Skatepark
- ◆ rec center
- ◆ would liketo see a recreation/pool/exercise equipment

**Accessibility**

- ◆ Howelsen Hill 1 access point - pain in the butt
- ◆ no bike path from our area

**Other INDOOR recreation facilities that would be important to you and your family?**

- ◆ Artificial Turf Fields
- ◆ Concrete skate park
- ◆ Concrete Skatepark
- ◆ concrete skatepark
- ◆ decent skatepark
- ◆ expand trails west
- ◆ Improved skatepark
- ◆ Indoor Diving Well
- ◆ indoor multipurpose fac
- ◆ indoor skatepark
- ◆ Ladies Self Defense Classes
- ◆ or outdoor ice rink
- ◆ outdoor ice rink
- ◆ performance stage
- ◆ South Routt Activities

**Other OUTDOOR recreation facilities that would be important to you and your family?**

- ◆ Add ice rink/expansion
- ◆ another sheet of ice
- ◆ concrete skate park
- ◆ concrete skatepark
- ◆ expand bike trail to Steamboat II
- ◆ expand trails west
- ◆ Expansion of Core Trail
- ◆ extended core trail west
- ◆ ice rink
- ◆ improved restrooms
- ◆ Neighborhood Outdoor Ice Rinks
- ◆ Nordic Center
- ◆ Outdoor Ice skating
- ◆ Outdoor sheet of ice?
- ◆ Recreation center
- ◆ SHADED play structures
- ◆ South Routt Facility

**Other OUTDOOR recreation facilities that would be important to you and your family?****Any others not on the list important to you and your family?**

- ◆ a flat full length basketball court (with all lines clearly visible) is much needed. As well as better design in the skate park setup. Skate parks are such a big part of modern youth. It is truly one of the most inexpensive ways for a child to be active. \$130 is the most one would pay for a skate board setup, and with the combination of balance, coordination, and strength it takes will only help our youth. DROP THE STEREOTYPES OF SKATEBOARDING! and give these kids a place to truly progress
- ◆ A Nordic Center / lodge is very important to bring together the trail system
- ◆ access to the bike paths..especially out to heritage park!!!! get it connected!
- ◆ An indoor recreation center that would host multiple indoor activities and some outdoor activities that are needed!
- ◆ Bike trails over Lincoln connecting Old Town to the existing bike path.
- ◆ Children's Museum
- ◆ Childrens museum & public meeting room space.
- ◆ concrete skatepark and mountainbike freeride terrain at Howelsen
- ◆ expand trails west of town to Heritage Park, SB II, and Silver Spur
- ◆ extending the core trail to the west...include Silver Spur access to the core trail
- ◆ Extending the Yampa Core trail to the west neighborhoods like Heritage Park, Silver Spur and Steamboat II is very important. We have no bus service and no safe biking access to
- ◆ I believe that extending the Core Trail is important for recreation but also for other reasons, like getting a few cars off the roads in town. Right now in the Steamboat II are there is nearly 400 homes with basically one reasonable option for getting into Steamboat - driving. The regional bus and walking or bike riding along US40 are both options, but are not very attractive - especially when kids are involved.
- ◆ I would like to see a rec center in town.
- ◆ Improved Rodeo Facility
- ◆ Indoor competitive swimming pool with play features as well, that can be used all year long and especially in the winter. A diving well, too.
- ◆ Indoor Field House for Lacrosse, Soccer, etc.
- ◆ indoor turf field
- ◆ It would be to our advantage to consider an indoor field house. Many spring sports begin in the middle of our winter. It can be used for basketball, lacrosse, soccer when there is snow still on the ground
- ◆ Outdoor ice rink next to Howelson as soon as possible!
- ◆ Places that can double for the needs of children and adults, nice skatepark, open spaces, swimming pool, rec center, more stuff for parents to do with children in the winter months.
- ◆ PLACES WHERE FAMILIES CAN GET TOGETHER !
- ◆ Please Please Please add another ice rink, even if it's not covered!!
- ◆ Rec center!
- ◆ Recycling bins at all public areas for trash as well as bear-proof trash recepticles.
- ◆ Redreation center
- ◆ SHADED play structures for kids. There are NO outdoor play structures that are shaded or shielded from rain. An indoor play space would be great but even to be able to have your child play outside out of the BLAZING sun would be healthier!
- ◆ The playgrounds & parks for children in this town are terrible! The existing ones need to be replaced and new ones created with shade and swings. The bike path needs to be extened to west of town so those living in these areas can ride bikes with children without going on the highway.
- ◆ The quality of each item is important. We have a skatepark but it's junk compared even to other smaller towns. Build the amenities RIGHT not with band aids and duct tape.
- ◆ theater - performance stage

**Other OUTDOOR recreation facilities that would be important to you and your family?**

- ◆ We are in need of a larger space at the ice rink, and another sheet of ice.
- ◆ We NEED an indoor playground besides the one at McDonalds for our children to play during the winter months!!!! Our winters are way too long for these kids to have only one indoor playground in town.
- ◆ We need to do a better job of simply providing our young hockey players the opportunity to play "pick up" hockey outdoors, without having to pay \$9 a pop and without the time constraints imposed by the schedule at Howelsen Ice Arena.
- ◆ What would it take to establish some programs in South Routt?
- ◆ While Athletic fields are very important and we need more this IS NOT A REQUEST FOR MORE BASEBALL FIELDS FOR TRIPLE CROWN - we need more multi-use fields. You should have asked seperately for more baseball fields and more athletic fields because people may want more multi purpose but not more baseball!
- ◆ with the ridiculously high number of people in this town, both adults and children, who play and/or participate in hockey, we are in desperate need of another sheet of ice. i recently attended a user group meeting for the ice rink - and EVERY group that currently uses the rink wants more ice time. everyone. that is big income to the city and it should be a top

**Concerns, if addressed, that would increase your utilization of Steamboat Springs parks and rec facilities****Programs I want**

- ◆ adult learning/art
- ◆ Bike trails to outlying areas, Heritage, Stmbt II etc
- ◆ boys & girls club
- ◆ concrete skate park
- ◆ indoor competitive pool
- ◆ kids art
- ◆ NO MORE
- ◆ rec center, swimming
- ◆ recreation center
- ◆ skatepark concrete
- ◆ swimming-what city doesn't have it??
- ◆ Yoga

**Facilities and amenities**

- ◆ 2nd sheet of ice; extend core trail
- ◆ 2nd sheet of ice=more users
- ◆ A concrete skate park
- ◆ a concrete skatepark
- ◆ additional sheet of ice
- ◆ additional sheet of ice
- ◆ additional sheet of ice - outdoors next to arena
- ◆ Additional sheet of ice and some "austere" outdoor neighborhood rinks
- ◆ an indoor recreation center
- ◆ Another ice sheet
- ◆ another sheet of ice
- ◆ basketball
- ◆ bike trails in the city (ski mountain to town)
- ◆ Children's Museum
- ◆ concrete skate park
- ◆ concrete skatepark
- ◆ define and maintain open space
- ◆ dog park
- ◆ Feild House
- ◆ ice rink/rodeo grounds
- ◆ IGLOO
- ◆ Indoor Aquatics
- ◆ indoor pool
- ◆ indoor pool
- ◆ more ice for hockey
- ◆ outdoor rink
- ◆ professionally designed skate park facilities
- ◆ rec center
- ◆ rec center
- ◆ Recreation center
- ◆ Recreation Center
- ◆ safe good concrete skate park
- ◆ second sheet of ice
- ◆ skatepark
- ◆ skatepark improvements
- ◆ turf fields or indoor field

**Concerns, if addressed, that would increase your utilization of Steamboat Springs parks and rec facilities****Accessibility**

- ◆ core trail expanded west
- ◆ Good bike access so that I can bike to do errands- ie good bike paths on both sides of the highway
- ◆ hard to get golf or tennis times
- ◆ overcrowded
- ◆ walking or bike paths from downtown and fish creek falls area

**Better parking**

- ◆ Downtown
- ◆ downtown
- ◆ most facilities
- ◆ please address parking in your long term plan for all parks
- ◆ ski town and whistler parks
- ◆ whistler, little toots

**Other**

- ◆ add ice then add turf field
- ◆ concrete skate park
- ◆ concrete skatepark
- ◆ Dog Park
- ◆ dog park
- ◆ Indoor swimming pool
- ◆ new skatepare
- ◆ Open (undeveloped) space, interconnected trail system
- ◆ Preserve Rita Valentine Park and adjacent plot as passive open space
- ◆ quality of facilities and programs
- ◆ second sheet of ice
- ◆ Teen Programs

### **Comments about funding of parks and recreation programs and facilities**

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- ◆ A dedicated tax for recreation need to include both city and county.
- ◆ All residents should share the burden le: property type tax
- ◆ Continue to maximize what we have. Expand & improve existing facilities rather than "start over." Ex-Add outdoor sheet of ice we have existing infrastructure. Convert 1 field to turf, possibly cover. Be efficient, stop the MASSIVE projects.
- ◆ Depends on the amount of money requested and what the funding mechanisms actually turn out to be. I dont mind a portion of my tax dollars going to Parks and Rec, but I wouldnt support a substantial property tax as was proposed for the rec center.
- ◆ Depends on what's going to be funded. Not interested in new facilities if a second sheet of ice and / or neighborhood ice rinks, specifically to support more "pick up" type youth hockey activities and, as well, expanding the practice ice that is available to the SSYHA, is not a priority. I support the construction of an indoor pool, but specifically voted against last year's recreation initiative because it included nothing about expanding our ice rink facilities.
- ◆ fundraising is the best way. there is so much money in this town. all one needs to do is ask.
- ◆ Have city council get developers to help underwrite projects.
- ◆ I believe the city operations could be managed more efficiently and be more cost effective
- ◆ I need more information to answer these questions.
- ◆ I thought we answered the last two questions already during the last election with a resounding "NO". Who is behind the continued use of city parks and rec dollars to not take "NO" for an answer?
- ◆ I would only vote "yes" for proposals that interest my family.
- ◆ I would only vote yes on a sales tax - I would absolutely vote no on a property tax.
- ◆ I would vote yes on a tax of some sort if it were really well explained and had a beginning and end that was well explained and limited.
- ◆ I wouldn't support a tax for funding more triple crown.
- ◆ It is tough to answer any of these questions when I live in South Routt and would love to see more programs available to our youth here instead of having to drive to Steamboat.
- ◆ It seem that a majority of the \$ is spent on a minority of the facilities that the locals really use. A smaller population uses the more high end of high dollar facilities while a large percentage of the population use the open space, playgrounds, trails ect.. I could be totally off but this is what it looks like from a local person using the facilities around town.
- ◆ Let the guests who use our area as a vacation spot pay for the new facility tax them since we already have to pay dearly to live here . From my understanding it worked for Summit in Silverthorne
- ◆ My opinion and vote would be determined by WHAT facilities were being expanded. I don't think I could give a blanket answer without knowing the money would be put to use in a facility that matters to our family.
  
- ◆ only if included building a rec center
- ◆ prefer sales tax increase to build new rec center
- ◆ property tax
- ◆ Question is too open-ended. I would not vote for unrestricted taxing authority - I would like to know how the funds would be used. The current Parks & Recs. administration has demonstrated repeatedly their inability to manage funds responsibly. Perhaps with a change in management and more details about funding requests I might have a change of heart.
- ◆ Rearrange the existing budget to provide more teen programs and let private business fill in the gaps. I do not want to be taxed for entities that I cannot afford the time and money to use, such as the tennis bubble and the golf course.
- ◆ sales tax seems to work best in this town.
- ◆ Sales tax should support recreation. Our citizens as well as tourists utilize facilities, and sales tax is shared by both.
- ◆ Sales tax!, not property tax
- ◆ spend more \$\$ to gain access to parks for the west steamboat residents...silver spur....bike path expanded to silver spur

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- ◆ STOP trying to add more recreation activities. This area has plenty for adults and children and teens. There is a limit on how much you can TAX us. Get realistic!
- ◆ Supporting the tax increase would certainly depend on where monies would be spent.
- ◆ Survey is too long
- ◆ The City needs to pay some it's employess a better wage before it continues to provide everyone a playground.
- ◆ The Parks and Rec questions need to be placed in the context of all the needs of the City. Maintaining existing infrastructure, education, safety are all important. The next several years will be financially difficult, and we have already committed to significant expenses for the Library, the Community Center. Now is not the time to be talking about spending more, but rather where can we better manage what we have.
  
- ◆ There definitely needs to be more cooperaton with private developers and the city.
- ◆ Think the library was a waste of money and Soda Creek should have been built with the other schools.

**What influences your decision to walk or bike to parks/recreation facilities? (other)**

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- ◆ do what we want
- ◆ environmental
- ◆ I drive but don't own a car -- free city bus, don't you know?
- ◆ no access in silver spur
- ◆ No trail from Steamboat II
- ◆ season
- ◆ should be consolidated facility
- ◆ The car traffic sucks
- ◆ time
- ◆ time
- ◆ time to get there
- ◆ weather
- ◆ What type of gear can I carry

**How do you currently get information on recreation services and programs? (other)**

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- ◆ friends
- ◆ mail
- ◆ mail
- ◆ mail from City
- ◆ School
- ◆ schools
- ◆ The Local
- ◆ word of mouth
- ◆ word of mouth

**Additional comments or suggestions regarding parks, rec services, trails, and open space**

- ♦ A bike trail connecting Steamboat II area and the city. The highway is dangerous to walk or ride (especially for youth).
- ♦ A concrete skate park would be the best investment for Steamboat Parks & Rec. This facility would get more use than any of the other parks and would satisfy a large percentage of kids/teens & local adults. Forward thinking towns all around Steamboat have had a concrete skating facilities for years, and the amount of daily use by the community is staggering. Steamboat was one of the first towns in Colorado to have a skatepark, now we are the only resort town without a concrete skatepark.
- ♦ additional sheet of ice would be extremely beneficial. Due to the long winters, an artificial turf baseball/soccer/lacrosse would be very beneficial.
- ♦ An indoor field house would be a great addition as well as another sheet of Ice at Howelsen Hill.
- ♦ Another Sheet of Ice at Howelsen Ice Arena for all the user groups we have. It would allow the programs to expand to their full potential
- ♦ Being the town that we are, bosting about all of our Olymians & Olymic training clubs and facilities for all sorts of different sports, We really need a concrete skate park!!!
- ♦ clean the old sewer lagoons out that was meant to be done years ago so we can get the bike trail in and park build back there, with the disc golf, open spaces picnic areas, possible river access, and most importantly a modern concrete skatepark.
- ♦ Consider responses received from previous community surveys
- ♦ Designate Rita Valentine Park as an Open Space Park.
- ♦ expand bike path to silver spur so that these residents can access town and parks in a safe manor
- ♦ Expand bike trail west and south. Many people live west of town in Steamboat II, Heritage, Silver Spur. ; Thanks
- ♦ expand ice rink hours, build bike path to west end of town, as far as golf course.
- ♦ Get the Open Space plan finished and approved. Part of that needs to be the preservation of Rita Valentine Park and the adjacent plot as passive open space in perpetuity. If that means creating a conservation easement, then do it promptly. The community needs stakes in the ground. Preserving open space, and dealing appropriately with transportation so that Old Town is maintained, and remains pedestrian friendly, are the most important first issues to be dealt with.
- ♦ Get together with running program - would think that could be added to parks & rec. We were voted #1 in country last year in trail runner magazine. And Colorado Runner's Magazine voted us #1 in state.
- ♦ HH is a gret facility and needs to be expanded to accommodate our growing community. we also need an indoor multi purpose center...for teens and youth, for sports, parties and meetings and indoor fitness
- ♦ I feel the Igloo is a disgrace. I actually pulled my daughter from the program last fall. The facility is in terrible condition and I was not very impressed with the staff.
- ♦ I live in Steamboat II and would like to be able to bike to town, however I do not want my children riding on Highway 40. When will the bike path come out west?
- ♦ I think our skate park is the only facility that is not on par with our other wonderful facilities.
- ♦ I think Steamboat needs to keep as much open space as they can for people to enjoy the out of doors and nature.
- ♦ I think you couold do a better job communicating...when a family signs up for one program... there should be an email or letter in the mail to reming people to sign up for next year...etc.
- ♦ I would like to see the city support an indoor multi-purpose recreational facility for our community.
- ♦ I would love to see a huge recreation center and a concrete skate park

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- ◆ It seems that Whistler Park is in dire need of new playground equipment and equipment that is age appropriate! ; ; The slide at Emerald Park does not seem to be "safe"? ; ; There needs to be more sidewalks that connect to the bike path so it is safe & easier for all to access.; ; The city truly needs an indoor recreation center on the lines of many other mountain communities, (jogging track, indoor pool, multi purpose room, rock climbing wall, etc...) with an outdoor pool, basketball courts
- ◆ Keeping kids on the right track involves giving them activity choices that they're interested in. Expanding programs to meet the needs of the community, particularly kids, is worth whatever it costs.
- ◆ Light up the bike path at night!!!! I have tried twice this year to go to City Sponsored events on my bike instead of driving, only to find myself almost being killed both times on the way home. I WILL NOT ride my bike to city sponsored events anymore. I will drive my car because it is just too dangerous to ride my bike home on the bike path in the dark. Such a bummer.
- ◆ Lots of needs, even more wants. We need to look at what brings in revenue, not just to our Parks & Rec. department but also City sales. Think about economic engines (soccer, hockey, lacrosse and yes TCS tournaments) when thinking about additions. Also alternative transportation is extremely important, let's step this up and help with the traffic problems. More bike and pedestrian trails connecting ALL neighborhoods in and even BEYOND the city limits.
- ◆ Maybe place seasonal program guides at prime locations in town, such as grocery stores and library.
- ◆ More affordable activities to our kids! ; Steamboat needs to be more biker friendly! ; We have a desperate need for more water and indoor facilities where everyone could get together!
- ◆ My only concern is the City's little league program and the lack of practices once the games start and the lack of basics taught.
- ◆ Need another sheet of ice.
- ◆ NEED TO FAST TRACK A SECOND SHEET OF ICE DUE TO THE HIGH USE
- ◆ Overall, they are great! They have been and should continue to be a priority, a source of pride, and a feather in our City's cap!
- ◆ Parking structure at Emerald, Rodeo/ howelson and at Ski town/ meadows
- ◆ Please build a second rink (outdoor is fine) with more locker space for rent. Please put restrooms at each public park in the city.
- ◆ Seasonal Bus service to Haymaker golf course. A number of employees already ride bikes on a less than safe Hwy 40. The bus is close already where it turns around. Go the extra distance.
- ◆ Should revamp town challenge to make it more user friendly to true novice riders. Really time to take a hard look at who you are serving and who you want to serve with this activity
- ◆ Spend more money to maintain Howelsen Hill Ski Area.
- ◆ STOP STOP STOP
- ◆ survey too long
- ◆ Take care of current facilities (parks, trails, landscaping, medians, etc. before you add any new facilities.  
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- ◆ tennis is the one I feel is too expensive. Youth programs need a new facility, I do not want my kids in the Igloo. For a Recreation Center with indoor pool, gym space... Need to expand core trail to Heritage Park!
- ◆ THANKS...KEEP UP THE GREAT JOB AND GOOD LUCK

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- ◆ The city needs to fully consider adding a second sheet of ice. The refrigeration system was initially built with 2 sheets in mind. Ice time is very difficult to come by and the city and many of its residents would really benefit from the additional available ice and the income it would provide.
- ◆ The City of Steamboat Springs does a great job; however, when visiting other areas, we seem to be a bit behind in the quantity and quality of most of our facilities.
- ◆ The city's priorities with regard to the next phase of development at Howelsen Ice Arena are confused. Priority should be placed on providing more ice --- whether indoors or outdoors --- as opposed to additional locker room and office space.
- ◆ The youth in Steamboat Springs have excelled in ice skating and hockey and it seems important to help build the program. If you have ever visited the ice rink, you know that there is only about an hour and a half twice a week for public skating and some of that is when the kids are in school. Last winter the kids had less than 2 hours of public skate time during off school hours.
- ◆ We desperately need another sheet of ice next to the arena for our overcrowded hockey program. It should be modeled after Breckenridge's facility with an outdoor/covered but open on the sides facility that uses the indoor facilities at the current rink and the Igloo (which needs to be replaced with a decent facility). The other priority should be new access to Emerald Park - it is terrible for EVERYONE the way it exists!
- ◆ We need a competitive indoor pool more than any other thing.
- ◆ We need a real rec center and especially indoor aquatics for our community. It is embarrassing not to have such a facility.
- ◆ We need another sheet of ice for the expanding programs both youth and adult here in SBS. :)
- ◆ We need the concrete skatepark to be at Howelsen.
- ◆ We need to support things we do best and not try to be all things to all people ---especially at tax payers expense.
- ◆ We really need a second sheet of ice, covered preferably or just a roof (no sides) for better ice time for all participants, would increase ice arena participation.; ; Really really really need an indoor play gym for toddlers, youth.
- ◆ we still need an indoor rec center and a dog park
- ◆ With current economic conditions, additional expenses for new construction of facilities should be kept at minimum and try to upgrade existing facilities, parks, etc.
- ◆ Work in conjunction with private developers who are willing to support city projects. There are several...
- ◆ would really like access all the way out to silver spur/heritage park area. It would make it so much easier to access the parks and town.