

# 2010 Park Board Survey

## Results

### 1. How long have you been an Aurora resident?

0-5 years..... 5%

6-10 years..... 7%

11-20 years ...19%

**over 20 years.. 69%**

### 2. How many live in your household?

**Over 55 without kids48%**

Under 55 with kids 22%

Under 55 without kids 17%

Over 55 with kids 13%

### 3a. Please rank which park you use most using a scale of 1 to 4. One being the most used and 4 being the least used.

**Oak Park 35%**

White Park 29%

Crosby Park 19%

Baldwin Park 14%

South Tot Lot 2%

North Tot Lot 1%

### 3B-Which park ranked least and why

## White Park

### 4. What do you enjoy most about this park

41%	Pool
16%	Ballfields
7%	Pavilions
6%	Playgrounds
5%	Location
5%	Tennis
4%	Walking in it
4%	Shade
4%	Skate Park
3%	Basketball Court
2%	Green Space
2%	Picnic Area
1%	Volleyball
1%	Something for all ages

**5. What improvement would you like to see to expand its usage**

57%	Fix pool
10%	Fix or improve playground equipment
6%	Walking paths
4%	Restrooms open
3%	More / better parking @ ballfields
3%	Landscaping
2%	Improvements to pool such as: More for tots, waterslide, handicap access
2%	Fix Tennis nets and improve the court
1%	-Control lights to save energy -Pool more family friendly -Pond like Monett -Better entrance to the Park -Improve Skate Park -Benches at Skate Park -Longer pool hours -More benches -Pavilion screened in -Gas Cooking area -Community Center in the Park -Remove Skate Park -Covered Picnic Area

**6. In 2007, the pool entry fee was \$2. Would you support a higher entry fee in order to improve the pool facility?**

**Yes 78%**

No 22%

**7. What improvements you would like to see at the pool facility to expand its usage**

<b>10%</b>	<b>Water Slide</b>
<b>10%</b>	<b>Longer Hours</b>
<b>10%</b>	<b>Tables &amp; Chairs with umbrellas, Shaded area</b>
<b>8%</b>	<b>Adult Swim/ Seniors hours(late afternoon/ evening)</b>
<b>8%</b>	<b>Parking</b>
<b>7%</b>	<b>Easier Entry</b>
<b>5%</b>	<b>Update Dressing Rooms/ Bathrooms</b>
<b>5%</b>	<b>Expand concessions, vending machine(cuts out theft and handouts)</b>
3%	Family Oriented pool times
3%	More disciplined professionalism among staff
1%	Basketball net for pool
1%	More little kids stuff
1%	More play equipment
1%	More access to swimmers from non-swimming parents
1%	Benches for parents/ friends to watch swimmers
1%	Open all year
1%	Aquatic Center – new location
1%	Place for Picnics
1%	“Dog Night”

**8. What improvements in services at the pool would you like to see offered? (example: swim lessons, aerobics, pool parties)**

37%	Swim lessons
32%	Water aerobics
19%	Pool parties
6%	ADULT aerobics *warm water *any senior activities
3%	Adult swim times
2%	Expanded hours
Other notes	City Wide FREE open swim
	Life saving classes
	Qualified swim instructors
	Walking lanes
	Water park
	Extend the season
	Better lifeguards
	Affordable prices for lessons, admission etc.

**9. What do you enjoy about having a Skate Park in your town**

56%	Good response (gives kids something to do-keep off streets)
16%	Nothing – don't like
9%	No opinion
6%	Enjoy watching skaters
3%	Noisy
3%	Concern of drug activity
3%	Get rid of it
2%	Trashy
2%	Move to Baldwin
Other	Foul Language No safety equipment Hours not enforced Wrong crowd in residential area Needs better monitoring Not needed Too congested – needs more space Still have skaters on the streets Only facility around

## **Crosby Park-**

### **10. What do you enjoy most about this park**

<b>29%</b>	<b>Covered Picnic area</b>
<b>28%</b>	<b>Playground equipment</b> <b>*liked variety</b>
<b>20%</b>	<b>Pavilion</b>
<b>7%</b>	<b>Picnic area</b>
<b>6%</b>	<b>T-ball field</b>
3%	Location
2%	Feels like neighborhood park
2%	Enjoy watching kids play
1%	Open restrooms
1%	Large trees
1%	Large space to play
Other	Eat lunch in car at park – nice to look at
	Quiet, clean
	Electricity @ water at Pavilion
	BBQ area

### **11. What improvement would you like to see to expand its usage**

<b>28%</b>	<b>Playground equipment – something for older kids –maybe sandbox</b>
<b>22%</b>	<b>Restrooms –open, cleaned, one by pavilion</b>
<b>8%</b>	<b>Walking or bike trails thru park</b>
<b>8%</b>	<b>More trees</b>
<b>5%</b>	<b>More covered picnic areas</b>
<b>5%</b>	<b>Pavilion expanded or additional one</b>
4%	Keep it clean
4%	Painting update
4%	Control parking off grass (putting up post/ fencing and marking parking spots)
4%	Power wash Pavilion and equipment regularly
1%	Water fountains
1%	Splash Park
1%	Improve handicap accessibility
1%	BBQ pits
1%	Improve ballfield with seating
1%	Better signage
1%	Walking bridge over ditch to the East

## Oak Park-

12. What do you enjoy most about this park

#1 Farmer's Market

#2 Playground

#3 covered Picnic Area

#4 Gazebo

13. What improvement would you like to see to expand its usage

33%	<b>Bathrooms</b>
10%	<b>Music , bands, dances</b>
9%	<b>More covered picnic areas</b>
7%	<b>More playground equipment (items needed for babies /smaller children)</b>
8%	<b>Improve parking</b>
5%	<b>Water fountains</b>
5%	<b>More shows (Crafts, car shows, carnivals, Dawg Days )</b>
3%	More safe with fence around
3%	More benches
3%	Better handicap accessible
3%	Better signage
3%	Better sidewalk / walking trail
3%	BBQ grills / cooking areas
1%	More farmer's market
1%	Replace wood mulch
1%	Kiddie pool
1%	Replace trees that were lost
1%	Cleaner

## Baldwin Park-

14. What do you enjoy most about this park

<b>39%</b>	<b>Soccer</b>
<b>34%</b>	<b>Baseball / softball</b>
<b>11%</b>	<b>Gun Club</b>
<b>9%</b>	<b>Open area to play</b>
3%	Radio Control Field
1%	Covered picnic area
1%	Good for young kids
1%	Locations
1%	paring

15. What improvement would you like to see to expand its usage?

<b>17%</b>	<b>Walking trails to main part of city</b>
<b>13%</b>	<b>More playground equipment</b>
<b>7%</b>	<b>Improve parking</b>
<b>7%</b>	<b>Lights mainly for soccer</b>
<b>7%</b>	<b>Offer programs to attract people to the Park-bird watching, nature programs</b>
6%	More covered picnic areas, tables
6%	Plant shade trees
4%	Location is pool
4%	Improve road thru park
1%	Bleachers for soccer, gun club
1%	More Gun club information
1%	Fence around playground equipment
1%	Fishing pond
1%	Decrease vandalism
1%	Fix scoreboard
1%	Better handicap accessibility
1%	Sink dugout so ballfield seen from all 3 sides
1%	Improve signage
1%	Better restrooms
1%	Dog park
1%	Expand hours
1%	Block area to mines

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## General Information

**17. What suggestions do you have in regards to keeping our parks clean**

- #1 Increase trash cans
  - #2 Volunteer programs (adopt a park)
  - #3 Enforce closed times with times posted
  - #4 Use community service people
  - #5 Pick up trash more often
  - #6 Better police patrol
  - #7 Sign of warning if caught littering / penalty
  - #8 Have owner clean up after their dog/ penalty
  - #9 Someone to watch parks at night
  - #10 Utilize dog catcher to check on trash
  - #11 Ball teams clean before they leave
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**18. What suggestions do you have regarding parking**

22%	<b>Little League Parking Improvements -maybe close South Street</b>
17%	<b>Need more parking</b>
14%	<b>Paint designated Parking spots in marked parking areas</b>
8%	<b>Poor parking @ White park</b>
8%	<b>Better parking @ Baldwin</b>
6%	Need better handicap parking, hard to push wheelchair
6%	Pave lots
6%	Better parking @ Oak Park
3%	Curbing @ Oak Park with sidewalks
2%	Overall pool
2%	Gravel lots
2%	Tennis parking needs improved
2%	Put up posts so people won't park in the grass
1%	Make White park entrance look better. Just see huge parking lot
1%	Move all ballfields to Baldwin-then no problem

**19. Please rank the top 5 structure / facilities in importance to you with 1 being most important and 5 being least.**

- 26% .....Swimming Pool
  - 9%.....Pavilions / Shaded Picnic Area
  - 9%.....Playground Equipment
  - 8%.....Restrooms
  - 7%.....Walking trails
  - 6% .....Trash Cans
  - 5% .....Parking
  - 4% .....Recreation Center
  - 4% .....Water fountains
  - 4% .....Landscaping
  - 3% .....Softball
  - 3% .....Horseshoe Pit
  - 2% .....Outdoor Grills
  - 2% .....Volleyball
  - 2% .....Basketball
  - 2% .....Concessions
  - 2% .....Skate Park
  - 2% .....Fishing area
  - 0% .....Tennis
  - 0% .....Golf
  - 0% .....Horse trails
- (What was highest ranked 2<sup>nd</sup>)

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- 13%.....Walking trails
  - 13%.....Playground Equipment
  - 10%.....Restrooms
  - 9 %..... Swimming Pool
  - 6%..... Pavilions/ Shaded Picnic Area
  - 6% Water Fountain
  - 5% Softball
  - 4% Tennis
  - 4% Recreation Center
  - 3% Landscaping
  - 3% Basketball
  - 3% Concessions
  - 3% Skate Park
  - 2% Golf
  - 2% Trash Cans
  - 2% Fishing area
  - 2% Horseshoe Pit
  - 2% Outdoor Grills
  - 2% horse trails
  - 1% volleyball
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20. Please RANK the top 5 services in importance to you with 1 being most important and 5 being least.

31%.....Farmer's Market

13.5%...trash control

11.5%... lessons

11.5%... preparing fields for play

8%..... outdoor concerts

8%.....exercise sessions

7%..... league play

3.5%..... Day Camp

3%..... dances

3%..... tournaments

## Activities

21. Please indicate which season you would be interested to participate in the following **activities** if offered.

<b>Shooting /gun Range</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Water aerobics</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>Aerobics</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>Baseball</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Soccer</b>	<b>7%</b>
Sand volleyball	6%
Tennis	6%
SkatePark	6%
Softball	6%
Basketball – indoor	6%
-outdoors 3 on	5%
Horseshoes	5%
Radio control	4%

25. What improvements to the current facilities do you feel are needed.

<b>44%</b>	<b>Open pool</b>
<b>21%</b>	<b>Bathrooms (one @ Oak Park)</b>
<b>5%</b>	<b>Walking/ biking trails</b>
<b>4%</b>	<b>Handicap accessibility</b>
<b>4%</b>	<b>Water fountains</b>
<b>4%</b>	<b>Enclose the pool</b>
<b>4%</b>	<b>Update / add to pavilions</b>
2%	Fence Oak Park
1.5%	Industry
1.5%	Improve Signage
1.5%	More trees
1.5%	Night security
1.5%	More playground equipment
1.5%	More decorations
1.5%	Keep current facility
1.5%	Keep clean

**22. Would you be interested in Disc Golf ?**

21% Yes

**79% No**

**23. Would you be interested in a BMX Track?**

19% Yes

**81% NO**

**24. Please list any other activities or lessons you would like to have offered**

Most asked – Swimming lessons and aerobics tied

Walk trails

Music / Dance

Crafts

**26. What new facilities would you like to see offered in the future?**

38%	New pool
18%	YMCA
12%	Indoor Pool
6%	Walking Trails
4.5%	Bathrooms & Bathroom @ Oak Park
3%	Pond / Lake
3%	Mini Golf
1.5%	Skating Rink
1.5%	Exercise / Training classes
1.5%	Better handicap facilities
1.5%	Badmitton
1.5%	Outdoor Movies
1.5%	Indoor Soccer
1.5%	Water Fall
1.5%	Water Fountains
1.5%	Industry

**27. Do you know when the Park Board meets?**

26%Yes **74%No**

**28. If No, how could the Park Board better inform the community?**

Newspaper- (AA shopper, articles, community Calendar)

Radio- (Community Calendar)

Distribute Flyers @ heritage harmony House, Businesses, on walking trails

E-mail Cable TV Letter School – list of activities & meetings

Sewer bill Marquee signs Area Business put up sign